

2019 MCC Creative Writing Contest

Second Place - Fiction Category

"Situation Lizard" by Hannah DeVries

I wrote as I flopped onto my bed.

*Something happened today  
really sure what to think of the whole thing. I went to the*

*would be named Noah, but just recently a few more big things have happened. One of these events happened on the fourth of July. By then*

Jamie walked in then making us both stop talking. We shared a lot, but any of the stuff that had been going on with chameleon. She knew I used to like him, but she the things that had happened lately.

Looking at Diana

That comment sent Diana and I into a fit of laughter that lasted for about ten minutes every time one of us were able to calm down the other would start laughing and it would start all over again!

Jamie continued to look confused which did not help us to stop laughing either. Once we were finally able to calm down, I began explaining everything to her. After that night Diana and I started referring to everything that happened with Noah and I as Situation Lizard.

Weeks passed and not much happened between Noah and I. Somehow, we always ended up sitting next to each other during Bible study and I started to wonder if he was doing it intentionally. We talked when we saw each other and became pretty good friends, but I continued to deny with everything in me that I might like him, even the slightest bit. I always told Diana I would deny liking him until he asked me out. Unfortunately for me he was still as much.

The whole thing remained fairly uneventful until November came around. I had volunteered to be the counselor for the girls at a youth retreat that Pastor Dave was doing. The lady that had originally planned on going had gotten sick, so I offered to do it. I loved working with kids. I was even going to school to become a teacher and the retreat was over the weekend so I at I failed to realize, however, was that Noah now attended the same church as Pastor Dave.

I arrived at the campsite early so that I could get settled before 00000912 0 62 n72 0 2 (Or D)79 making us bd

We talked through  
all loved him and flocked to him for his attention. Something was different about him tonight too. Just the way he was laughing and talking with me. I was normally so comfortable with him but tonight his laugh was putting butterflies in my stomach.  
quickly, but after the speaker talked and left it was time to take the girls back to the cabin for bed.

The next morning, we all ate breakfast together and then went out to the lake to go ice skating. Sitting on a bench, I smiled as I watched two of the littlest girls from my cabin struggling to help each other slide around on the ice in their boots.

behind me and turned to answer.

I looked at him stunned for a second. not sure I could trust what I was hearing.

A blush started to creep its way up his neck, and it was all the answer I needed.

Then I quickly added,

He asked, but I just looked at him and laughed and with that I took off running.