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Charlotte: So tell me about the trip Maya how was New York City? Did you and Carl get to know each other better?

Maya: Yes we did the trip was… okay. ever since Carl invited me to New York City I had been ***marking the days off*** the calendar. Well I had been hoping to have a romantic trip with Carl, but you know that Lucy decided to come along.

Charlotte: Yes I know, you told me. Did she ruin the trip?

Maya: Kind of, but I know she didn't do it on purpose. Anyway, I had been worrying things might not turn out the way I wanted ever since Lucy invited herself to come along.

Charlotte: I have to admit that I'd been getting a little worried too. I'd been thinking that something like that might happen. Please tell me about it.

Maya: First Carl and I wanted to have a romantic dinner, so we made a reservation at a fancy restaurant. I had been encouraging Lucy to go to a ***Broadway*** show so that Carl and I could be alone. Lucy bought a ticket for the show but then said she needed to get dinner.

Charlotte: ***Tell me she didn't*** go to the same restaurant as you!

Maya: Not at first. She said she wanted to try food from a street vendor she had seen. ***We went our separate ways***, then when Carl and I sat down to dinner, Lucy ***showed up***. She had been walking around for a while trying to find something to eat. She decided she didn't want to eat food from a street vendor, so she came to check out the restaurant. We had been enjoying our time together so much before she ***showed up***.

Charlotte: Did you get any ***alone time*** with Carl?

Maya: I tried! I had been waiting for Carl to get up from the table as I didn't want to embarrass Lucy in front of him. When he went to the bathroom I told Lucy I had been looking forward to ***spending time*** with Carl on the trip.

Charlotte: Was Lucy ***understanding***?

Maya: I thought she was at first. She nodded and told me that she had been watching Carl and I together, and we seemed like the ***perfect match.***

Charlotte: What happened next?

Maya: I had been ***keeping an eye*** on the time and I told her that she didn't want to
be late to the show. Lucy left the restaurant to go to the ***Broadway*** show. Carl and I enjoyed the rest of our dinner together, then we decided to take a romantic walk on the Hudson river. We had been dreaming about seeing the Statue of Liberty ***all lit up*** at night, for a long time. We walked in that direction

Charlotte: That sounds so romantic. I'm glad you finally got some ***alone time*** with Carl.

Maya: We had been walking for some time when Carl took my hand; he had been leaning towards me trying to kiss me, when Lucy called. She didn't like the ***Broadway*** show, so she left early. She had been riding the ***subway*** when she had the idea to call me. She asked where Carl and I were so I told her. She decided that she would visit the statue of liberty with us. Carl had been getting more and more irritated with Lucy, but that was too much for him.

Charlotte: Why didn't you just tell Lucy that you wanted more ***alone time*** with Carl?

Maya: I couldn't because Carl had been standing there and had been listening to everything I said. i was way too embarrassed to say all that in front of him.

Charlotte: So did you two ever get to kiss?

Maya: Yes… sort of. It was kind of funny. The next day, Lucy wanted to go to
central park. She'd been looking for things to do when she saw a ***carousel***. She thought that it would be fun for all of us to ride it. Carl and I climbed onto the ***carousel*** next to each other and Lucy chose to ride right behind us.

Charlotte: And you kissed on the ***carousel***? I had been hoping for a more romantic story than that!

Maya: The ride had ended and I had been trying to get off the ***carousel*** but my leg was stuck on the horse! Carl came over to help me. He tugged on my shoe trying to get it unstuck. Lucy had been watching, then she wanted to help and tried to push me off. She pushed me into Carl and we both fell on the ground.

Charlotte: is that when you kissed?

Maya: Yes we kissed by accident. I would have liked a more romantic moment but it was okay. The rest of the trip, Lucy followed us. Every place I said I wanted to go, Lucy said she had been planning on visiting too.

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Charlotte: Wow, so I guess Lucy was with you the whole time! At least she helped you have your first kiss with Carl.

Maya: Yes, she's a great friend and a very nice person, and I'm sure she meant well, but good intentions can sometimes do more harm than good. Next time I plan a romantic trip, I'll make sure I don't tell anybody about it.

Vocabulary bank:

- **marking the days off -** Counting down the days
- **Broadway -** A place where plays and theatre is performed
- **'Tell me she didn't' -** 'I don't believe it!'
- **We went our separate ways -** To go in different directions. To split up.
- **showed up -** Arrived
- **alone time -** Time on your own, or with just one other person.
- **spending time -** Doing something.
- **Understanding -** Caring.
- **perfect match -** Two things/people who are meant to be together.
- **keeping an eye -** Watching carefully.
- **all lit up -** Covered in bright lights.
- **subway -** Underground railway
- **Carousel -** A spinning merry-go-round with fake horses that you can ride.