

Sound

Sight

Smell

Taste

Feel

The broken stars

Next to the crowd of children playing in the park, Joseph sat on a park bench with his book in hand. He looked very concentrated, changing pages every minute. The weather was beautiful, and the birdsong was a **gentle symphony**. On his bench, he could **see everything** that was going on around him: children playing with their little ball, girls playing hide-and-seek next door, parents keeping an eye on their children.

With the book in his hands, Joseph, absorbed in his reading, didn't fail to admire the blue sky and the trees with their whispering leaves. With the sun casting shadows on the ground, he sometimes looked up from his book to see people passing by, families, children, old people or even young men and women of his own age contemplating the peaceful beauty of the park, who were sure to say hello. As he continued to turn the pages of his book, a beautiful brown-haired girl, moving delicately forward, approached the bench where he was sitting. The girl's face lit up with a **shy** smile as she met Joseph's gaze. However, like everyone who passed by Joseph, she paused and discreetly greeted him. He didn't hesitate to return her greeting with a warm smile, though he remained surprised and pleasantly touched. Of all the people who passed by and greeted him, it was only this one who left him astonished and **happy** at the same time. The **gentle** and **humble** girl soon went her own way, leaving behind a young man, a trace of mystery in his mind. As for Joseph, he was curious and couldn't stop watching her walk away, then return to his book with a gaping smile still on his lips.

His eyes gently followed the lines on the paper, but his mind was elsewhere. Who was this young woman with such a **sweet scent**? He sighed and glanced briefly in the direction she had gone, as if hoping to catch a glimpse of her. He smiled, realizing that she was no longer there and closed his book. It was time to go home. Tomorrow, classes started again at the university and he had to prepare.

Yet Joseph wasn't anxious and **excited** at the same time, this young woman's face fixed in these thoughts.

Arriving at the bus stop, immersed in his book, he saw her, a shopping bag in her hand. Determined not to miss his chance, he approached her and said nervously:

“Hey, were you at the park earlier?”

She turned and, seeing Joseph, smiled and timid. The young woman was dainty, her brown hair fell on her shoulders and her blue eyes were full of mischief.

“My name is Valeria and yours?”

Caught in his thoughts, the young man had forgotten to continue the discussion by being curious.

“Joseph!” He replied, scratching his head not wanting to be bossy. Coming without a discussion plan was not a good idea. With the stress, he could no longer improvise.

The two looked at each other without saying another word as a bus arrived. Valeria waved at him and started to leave.

“Wait, do you want to see each other again?”

She found herself briefly and said to him “Tomorrow, at the park after class” with a smirk.

The bus left with a deafening noise that Joseph didn’t even notice. Tomorrow he could see her again and nothing could please him more.

The next day, the weather was fine and the sun was shining like summer. In the park, a robin chirped while gathering a few twigs to make its nest. Joseph sat with his head down, watching the little bird, waiting for Valeria. A cloud had invited itself to the rendezvous and cut off the sun’s rays, which were warming Joseph.

It passed and the sun was able to shine on Joseph’s face again. He raised his head, closed his eyes and soaked up its gentle rays of light. As he warmed up, a new shadow appeared, not a cold one, but a warm one. He opened his eyes and admired the beauty of the person standing before him, Valeria. She had come that day, the next day and many more...

They had been seeing each other almost every day for 2 years now. Their love was sweet and sincere. They became very close and spent a lot of time at each other’s houses. On this key date, two years after they first met, they chose a beautiful flat and moved in together.

From then, what had been perfect love, quickly took a different way. They stopped going out, they stopped getting on, and they stopped charming each other. Months went by and the relationship took on a bitter taste. Joseph was nearing the end of his studies and had to work hard before the exams.

One evening, while Joseph was working, Valeria came to see him, and their biggest argument ever broke out...

After all these problems, their love story ended. Valeria quickly recovered from this relationship and quickly returned to her lifestyle with a new lover.

For his part, Joseph was desperate. He thought he had found the woman who would share the rest of his life with him and everything reminded him of his previous relationship.

This love disappointment, added to the pressure and stress of study, made Joseph sad to the point of forgetting to eat some times. His mental and physical situation was getting worse day by day, until one day he realized that life was worth much more than that. He knew that it wasn't his fault and that he had to get over this relationship.

He started going out and making new friends, discovering new activities like cooking but above all he started going to gym. He became a better version of himself every day, learning from what he experienced and taking care of his health and his mind. He was very serious, creative and ambitious, which made him very wealthy. Joseph was happy about how far he had come and what he had become. This relationship made him stronger and he had never been happier. It won't be long before he meets a new girlfriend.