

20. A CAMPUS LOVE STORY

Ellie and Abel are charming and successful BYU students, but unlucky in love. They are currently in their dorm rooms, wistfully staring out their windows and slightly annoyed at the happy couples they see.



**FIND ELLIE IN HELAMAN HALLS
AND ABEL IN HERITAGE HALLS**

Ellie and Abel are both a bit glum, since they will be heading out alone that evening to complete class assignments.



**WHERE DOES ELLIE GO
FOR HER HOMEWORK
ASSIGNMENT?**

It turns out that Ellie and Abel are in the same General Education humanities class and their assignment is to attend a performance at the Arts Building: *Swan Lake*, presented by the BYU Theatre Ballet. Their seats happen to be next to each other. They enjoy the ballet immensely: like them, it is romantic and a little sad.



**WHERE DO ELLIE AND ABEL
GO AFTER THE PERFORMANCE?**

Since they both liked the ballet, Ellie suggests they continue their conversation at a nearby location: the Creamery. They discover that they both enjoy one of BYU's more obscure flavors: "Fluffernutter." Ellie sees this as a sign—ice cream compatibility is very important to her. What are the chances? Curious about Ellie, Abel proposes a study session for their upcoming midterm exam.



**WHERE DO THEY GO FOR
THEIR STUDY SESSION?**

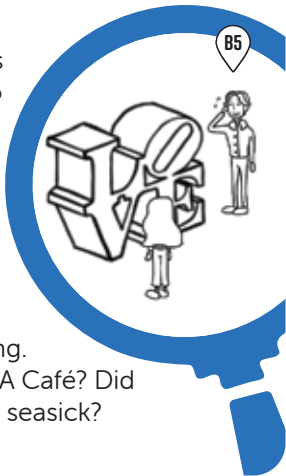
Ellie and Abel study diligently outside near Heritage Halls and end up getting the exact same score on their midterm. Abel sees this as a sign—numerical compatibility is very important to him. Luckily for him, their professor's relentless assignments provide another excuse to spend time together. Where does their homework take them next?



**FOLLOW ELLIE AND ABEL TO
LEARN ABOUT THEIR NEXT
HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT**

Neither Ellie nor Abel knows much about art, but they do know what they like: spending time with each other.

The semester ends, and another begins. Abel (now a huge art fan) is leaving the museum, his insides churning. Was it something at the MOA Café? Did the Cubist exhibit make him seasick?



**WHY IS ABEL SO NERVOUS?
WHERE IS HE GOING?**

Abel meets Ellie in the JFSB courtyard as she gets out of her Victorian literature class. In front of a delighted crowd of bystanders, he reveals an engagement ring. Reader, she marries him. Their spring wedding is shortly followed by another momentous occasion: their graduation from BYU.



**LOCATE ELLIE AND ABEL
IN CAPS AND GOWNS AT THE
GRADUATION CEREMONY NEAR
THE MARRIOTT CENTER**

After graduation, Ellie and Abel leave Provo for their future adventures, but BYU holds a special place in their hearts. As they drive away from campus, they promise they'll stay loyal, strong, and true, wear the white and blue, and visit in a year or two.

It takes a little longer: ten years later, they return, still driving the same reliable car they owned when they left.



BYU HAS APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY LIVING ALUMNI?

- ☐ A 1,875
- ☐ B 50,000
- ☐ C 450,000
- ☐ D 1,050,000



ABOUT 450,000

Approximately 8,000 students receive their degree every year. Having entered BYU to learn, they go forth to serve in all 50 states and across the world.



With the 2024 announcement of BYU's new School of Medicine, more degrees are on the way!

**FIND THE CAR COMING ONTO
CAMPUS FROM THE WEST**

Ellie and Abel (and kids!) pull into the visitor parking lot by the Hinckley Center. They show their family all over campus. They know the kids will love the Bean Museum and the Creamery, but for Ellie and Abel, there is one stop they want to make first....



**WHERE IS THE SPECIAL
PLACE ELLIE AND ABEL
TAKE THEIR KIDS?**

Although BYU's campus is a communal space, its places have countless private meanings. Like Ellie and Abel, those who study and work here fill its different locations with treasured memories. Throughout the year, the university welcomes back thousands of visitors who return to relive those memories and share them with their loved ones. Take a look at this campus map—which of these places have been (or will be!) the setting for your own Cougar Tales?

