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We first met in 2004 when we were both working at _____ Noun Foundry. Steve had recently been promoted to cleaning room supervisor and I worked in the front office. Even in his dirty foundry clothes, I was instantly attracted to him. Since he worked second shift and I worked during the day, we didn't see each other very often, but we were both always on the lookout for each other. He drove this obnoxious purple escalade, so I always knew when he was at work. To my friends I started calling him my "work boyfriend", and to him and the rest of the guys at Badger, I was "office Emily".

A couple years later when I turned 21, we ran into each other a few times downtown Winona. On one occasion he was leaving Winona to go La Crosse. He asked me if I wanted to come with him, so I did. I had never been to La Crosse before, so I was like a kid in a candy store. He brought me to all sorts of different bars and introduced me to some of his friends. It was the first time we held hands - very exciting. Haha. Towards the end of the night we ended up at a bar called The Helm. We found a spot on the second floor and just talked and talked. We both say that's when we fell in love with each other.

That night was followed by an official date. We went to Outback for dinner and then went to Riverside Park. At first the conversation was slow and I was worried that we only got along so well the first time because we were drinking! But somehow it all came together.

Shortly

after that first date we officially became a couple, and then not long after that, we moved in together. A few (ok, many) years later, he surprised me by bringing me back to Badger, where is all began, and asked me to marry him.