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Heather: We _____Verb Past Tense_____ in college. Well, "_____Repeat Last Verb Past Tense_____" is a bit of a stretch.

Leighton: I remember talking to a girl taking notes on co-ed behavior around a keg at an EBF happy hour

Heather: But being so engrossed in my anthropological work, I am fuzzy on the details of this encounter. As luck would have it, we met again at a Friday the 13th party in November, 2009.

Leighton: I had just had ACL replacement surgery, but stood (leaned) for an hour to keep talking to her because the conversation was so interesting. We continued our conversation on our first date a few days later.

Heather: I told him that I would be leaving the country in four months with the Peace Corps, but he was undeterred. We kept dating until, in March 2010, I moved to Kyrgyzstan, where I taught English, took up rural village life, and developed a distaste for sheep.

Leighton: Assuming Heather would be the one that got away, I took to city life with occasional sojourns to a very dusty desert. Although email was a challenge --

Heather: Yeah, I literally had to hike a mountain to get service.

Leighton: --we kept in touch. When Heather returned to California in August, 2012, I met her at the airport. She was so beautiful I was speechless.

Heather: We spent our first morning back together in Dolores Park. I got a really nice sunburn. By the time we left, I nearly matched my red dress.

Leighton: A week later, we drove to Burning Man)'(

Heather: I was already packed for my next teaching adventure in Chile, and one night cocooned in an art installation's web of zip ties, Leighton asked to follow me to the (southern) end of the world.

Leighton: She said yes.

Heather: Thus began six months of navigating Santiago's city streets, the Atacama's alpine deserts, and Patagonia's glacial peaks together. We discovered a mutual taste for Pisco sours, Malbec wine, and Peruvian food; practiced our salsa moves; and attempted to learn Chileano

Leighton: We returned to San Francisco in 2013, and Heather moved into the venerable El Castillo.

Heather: After three awesome years in which we developed a shared love for the dance floor, the climbing wall, and

good coffee, we planned a trip to Thailand together.

Leighton: Before heading to the airport on the morning of June 20th, over our ritual cup of morning coffee, I popped the question. Would Heather Thai the knot with me?

Heather: I said yes!

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