

The Blue House

Sarah and Mary are best friends. Sarah and Mary like to go shopping, to watch movies, to go dancing, and many other things two nineteen-year-old girls do together.

In the summer, Sarah met a boy named Brad. They met at the coffee shop near Brad's university, because Brad worked at the shop. He was so handsome that Sarah fell in love with him **immediately**! Mary was very happy for her friend. Everyone was **content** for one year.

One night, Mary went to the pet store. She had a pet cat, and her cat needed a new bag of food. At the store, she saw Brad. Brad held a plastic bag, and he was walking to his car.

Mary talked to Brad. "Hey! How are you?"

Brad looked surprised. "Hi, Mary! I'm good. What about you?"

Mary said, "I'm good too. It's so late at night! Why are you at the pet store?"

Now, Brad looked nervous. "No reason. I have to go now. Bye!"

Brad drove away in his car. Mary was very confused, because Brad did not have any pets! Mary texted Sarah, and she asked if Sarah would meet with her the next day.

Mary asked, "Sarah, does Brad have a friend who owns a pet?"

Sarah was surprised. "No, he doesn't. Why do you ask?"

Mary explained that she saw Brad last night, at the pet store. When she finished, Sarah was **concerned**.

Sarah said, "But why did he go to the pet store?"

"I don't know," Mary replied. "I asked him, and he just drove away! But because you are my best friend, I am going to **find out** why!"

Mary started to **investigate** Brad. Mary looked at his Instagram and Twitter accounts, but everything looked normal. Mary decided to wear a **disguise**, and she sat at the coffee shop, where Brad worked. Mary watched him make coffee, sweep the floors, and talk to customers. Everything looked normal.

Then, at noon, Brad took a lunch break. He drove away in his car. So, Mary drove her car and followed him. After a few minutes, Brad stopped at a blue house. Brad got out of his car, and he went inside the house. For one hour, he did not leave the house!

Mary called Sarah on the phone. "Sarah, come here now! Does Brad have a friend with a blue house?"

Sarah's voice was angry. "No, he doesn't! Brad must have another girlfriend!!"

Sarah came to the blue house. Mary and Sarah walked to the door and knocked. Both girls were very angry. Brad opened the door, and he looked shocked!

“Sarah, why are you here?” he asked.

Mary said, “We are here because you are **cheating** on Sarah!”

Brad looked confused. “I only have one girlfriend, and her name is Sarah!”

“We think you’re lying,” Sarah **accused**. “Who lives in this house?”

Brad said, “My aunt lives here, with Grace.”

Sarah started to cry. “So you are cheating! Is Grace your other girlfriend?!”

Brad shook his head. “No, *this* is Grace. Grace! Come here!”

A dog came out of the house. It was a very cute golden retriever, and the dog looked very happy. The dog woofed at the girls.

Sarah and Mary were **relieved**.

Brad said, “I am taking care of Grace for one week. That is why I saw Mary at the pet store.”

Sarah said, “Oh, I’m so happy! I know you’re not a liar, Brad. I love you!”

Brad kissed Sarah. “I love you too, Sarah.”

Mary said, “I’m so sorry, Brad. I hope you can forgive me.”

“That’s okay, Mary. I will text you both later. Bye!”

Sarah and Mary were happy, and they drove to the mall together. Brad and Grace went back inside the blue house.

Brad went to the kitchen. He gave Grace a bowl of dog food. At the kitchen table, a blonde girl was sitting.

“Does Sarah know we’re dating?” the blonde girl asked.

Brad kissed the blonde girl. “No. She still does not know.”

The blonde girl smiled. “Great!”