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I Know You Love Me - It's OK to Skip the Chocolate

Saturday, February 11, 2017



It wasn't always this way. Feb 14, 1964 my boyfriend of 8 months brought me the biggest box of candy I had ever seen. It was a HUGE valentine box, 2 feet wide. I even knew how much it cost because I passed that "homemade chocolate" candy shop every day on my way to high school and the box was the centerpiece of the window display with the price right there, front and center.

I knew it cost \$25 which was just about his week's earnings from his part time job. That sealed the deal. Either he really loved me or at least he was trying to impress me or maybe my parents. Remember that 53 years ago \$25 was the equivalent of \$250 today.

We went to prom



We got married

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There have been a half century of Valentines Days since then. Sometimes we paid attention to the significance of Feb 14th and sometimes we had other priorities.

We have always agreed on one thing. We're very thrifty.

4 years ago the title of my blog was "Love at 50% Off" because the box of candy Joe would buy me looked just as pretty and tasted just as good on February 15th.

Eventually Joe read "The Spark Solution" and evolved into a "stealth sparker." Now neither of us need a big box of candy. After all, the percent reduction is only in money not calories.

So how about this? My early valentine.



Those are a pair of "compression" running socks that my nearly 70 year old feet will enjoy long after Valentine's Day itself.

I think they demonstrate a love that is



"spark worthy" and ever evolving.

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TRUE LOVE!
1161 days ago



INCH_BY_INCH



Well Said!
1451 days ago



BOREDA



Lovely story, and such a good message!
1468 days ago



AMBER461



Awesome story, thanks for sharing.
1490 days ago



WHYTEBROWN



Awwwwwww. So sweet.
1555 days ago



ISABELLE84



Awww! How sweet!
I also asked my bf to not buy me chocolate this Valentine... instead, we're going to spend a weekend in a spa =)
Thanks for the story, it's warming on that cold day!
1569 days ago



1STBUCKETITEM



You and your hubby are charming and inspirational. Wonderful moments shared and remembered. You have discovered that Valentine's Day is everyday of the year!
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MORTICIARAVYNN



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JUNEAU2010



Beautifully written! I love the pictures! GREAT blog!
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HMBROWN1



Beautiful story!
1572 days ago



ANNIESADVENTURE



What an awesome story. Great socks.
1573 days ago



KRISSY82



Sweet! Such a nice gift. :) Thank you for sharing those pictures!
1574 days ago



CD3113429



I LIKE IT!
1574 days ago





PIICE8
Y'all are too cute for words
1575 days ago



KACEYSW
Awesomeness! It's about moments, not things!
1575 days ago



LOSEDAPOUNDS
Lovely post! I must say you two make quite an attractive couple! It's it great how we evolve. I too would rather celebrate with compression socks. Well, I'd feel better doing it at least.
1575 days ago



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PRNCSCUP1-2FULL
Love at 50% off! You are so cute! I always love reading about you and your beloved! I feel the same way.... I love you, you love me, let's eat what we need to eat! No chocolate! No fancy dinner! Thanks for sharing your love for and from Joe with all of us! happy Valentine's Day!
1575 days ago



ARTJAC
Well Said!
1575 days ago



IMAWRKNPROGRESS
Nothing beats a gift from a Valentine who really gets you!
1576 days ago



SUSMANNIE
and they are PINK
1576 days ago



KATIE3908
Love your story!!
1576 days ago



2BDYNAMIC
Happy Valentine's Day and I am wondering if you were wearing those dynamic socks today
LOL!
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LBBUTKO2017
Well Said!
1576 days ago



CD4199227
Sweet story and I hear you on the candy! UGH
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BUTTONPOPPER1
Beautiful blog, beautiful couple! You were clearly meant to be together! Thanks for sharing your lovely story!



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IDICEM
Well Said!



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CD15569762
That is such a beautiful blog:) A lovely love story.
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BLUEFOO




Love the socks.
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EGRAMMY



 How wonderful!
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CD17306117



Love it. Thank you for sharing.
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HYATT1








Cute
1576 days ago



CD10676776



   photos.  for sharing. 
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ELSIEO62



Precious, absolutely precious! Thank you for sharing your pictures, your story and a peak into the secret of your long marriage. . Investment in each other
1576 days ago



KILTORE



A sweet story. I tell my husband not to get me candy too.
1576 days ago



CAROLYNJ18



Excellent idea!!
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KITTYHAWK1949



no doubt about it--he really, really loves you. thanks for sharing
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MARYM1962




awesome - he was absolutely a "keeper!"
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CKOUDSI617



I LOVE this story (AND the pictures)! Thank you!

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CHAYOR73



How beautiful!!
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IDREAMOFRUNNING



 Love, Love, Love!   Happy Valentine's Day!
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POLSKARENIA



A card and roses, every year. Chocolates, no thank you!
Love your story !
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DOUGDC

In my marriage, the candy is optional, the cards are not. I've got my card ready for tomorrow.
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SYLPHINPROGRESS

Joe is one of the most lovable men on Earth. Ever. Forever.
1577 days ago



YELLOW09RED



on your award for this blog.



Happy Valentine's day to you and Joe. Have a Loving day.



Debbie

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BEATLETOT

This is such a ridiculously sweet blog! And no calories!
1577 days ago



GMA7436



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CERIUSLY

I was going to comment here yesterday but can't remember if I did or not. I love your blogs!

This one is so sweet. Marriages like yours are an inspiration!
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STEVIEBEE569



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JUDYDSJOURNEY

Thank you so much for sharing this story. True inspiration!
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Inspirational!
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