

Episode 2: The Honeymoon Stage

Narrator:

Welcome to *Play it by Ear*, a podcast for extensive listening designed for English language learners. This is the second episode of *The First*. This story is made for people who are learning English at an intermediate to advanced level. Extensive listening means listening to English that is very easy to understand. If you have trouble understanding this story, please ask us questions on alleande.com. We have a PDF version of this conversation on the website as well. Previously on, *The First*, Michelle met Tyler for their first date. It went well. This episode happens a month later. Now, let's start listening to *Play it by Ear's* story, *The First*. This second episode is called *The Honeymoon Stage*.

(Day, outside Michelle's apartment)

(knock on the door)

James: Hey!

Michelle: Hey! Come in!

James: Long time no see. I brought you milk tea.

Michelle: Thanks! Sit down, sit down. Oh my god I have so much to tell you.

James: I wonder what it could be! It's been like a month since I've last seen you! Where did you go?

Michelle: Well... I've been busy.

James: With who?

Michelle: Surprisingly enough, that guy Tyler that I went on a date with.

James: You forgot me because of that guy? He must be amazing.

Michelle: Don't say that, you know you're still my best friend!

James: I'm your only friend!

Michelle: Shut up! I don't like many people!

James: Oh, but you like this guy...

Michelle: Yeah, well I guess I do... We're officially dating!

James: (scoffs) Excuse me. You're what!!!

Michelle: Yeah, since a week ago... Tyler is my new boyfriend.

James: (scoffs again) He's your WHAT?

Michelle: Come on, you saw how hot he is! Plus we get along really well. I've never felt this way before!

James: Because you never had a boyfriend before...

Michelle: Hmm, What do you mean? I thought you'd be excited for me!

James: Well, how many dates did you go on before you started officially dating?

Michelle: Well, he's a full time student and he has a part-time job, so only three.

James: Only three?

Michelle: What? I usually don't go beyond the second date.

James: True, but these days people usually go on more than three dates before they decide to start dating.

Michelle: Well, I'm also busy, too. It's been nice to take a break and spend time outside of class.

James: Uh-huh

Michelle: Graduation is making me crazy.

James: You can hang out with me!

Michelle: It's not the same!

James: (sigh) Did you tell your mom yet?

Michelle: No, Not yet, I don't want to tell her. She always wanted me to have a boyfriend of the same race.

James: (sigh) I think you should get some advice from another female friend.

Michelle: Well, like you said, you're my only friend!

James: True. Well, at least tell me about this guy.

Michelle: Well, he was in the military, but now he's getting a degree in physical therapy.

James: Oh, so you're both in the medical field.

Michelle: Yeah, oh! and he loves travelling, just like me.

James: Mhm

Michelle: We've both been to Laos and Vietnam.

James: Ok, enough of the resume. How does he treat you?

Michelle: Well, on our first date, he was really confident, which I liked. He could understand my jokes.

James: Ok...

Michelle: The rest of our dates were at fancy restaurants that he paid for.

James: So he has money. Is it because of the military?

Michelle: Yeah! I like a guy who will spend time and money on me. I'm tired of dating broke college students.

James: That's good at least.

Michelle: Yeah, and he even surprises me at the library with food and stuff.

James: I do that, too!

Michelle: Well do you give me back massages while I'm working on my graduation paper?

James: Ew, no thanks.

Michelle: (laughs)

James: All touching aside, you think he's nice?

Michelle: Uhm, well, I've never met a guy who treated me like this before.

James: That's what they all say.

Michelle: Why're you so negative about this?

James: I'm not trying to be negative. I'm just worried that you're in the honeymoon stage too fast.

Michelle: The what? The honeymoon stage? That's only for married people.

James: The honeymoon stage happens when a couple is really happy when they first start dating. It can be for married people too.

Michelle: Eww, I don't want to think about marriage now. I'm too stressed already

James: But in the honeymoon stage, people can't see the bad things about the other person. They love everything, and spend all their time together. (cough) And not with their best friend.

Michelle: Umm, am I not spending time with my best friend now?

James: That's not what I mean! Plus, I had to bring you milk tea to bribe you!

Michelle: Well, I'll make sure to hang out with you more.

James: You better.

Michelle: Besides, I like being in the honeymoon stage. He's a good guy, you should meet him.

James: Fine, I'm curious about this guy anyways

Michelle: He'll be free this weekend... I think...

James: Alright, it's a date.

Michelle: Haha, Don't try to steal my man!

James: Don't worry, I have my own relationship drama to tell you.

Michelle: Ok, Tell me everything.

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That's the end of our second episode of *The First*. Do you think Michelle started dating Tyler too fast? Let us know at alleande.com. Tune in next week for the next episode of Play it by Ears' story, *The First*.

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