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Sitting down, letting foam-tipped waves lap at their feet, a young couple watches the evening sky stretch itself taut against the darkening horizon.

Past crushed beer cans and the sodden embers of last night’s bonfire, next to broken shells and cigarette butts, they lock fingers.

They hold each other as close as the tide clasps the shore, unsure of what happens next.

There is a shy glance, a shared giggle.

They kiss. The sand, still and mute, is their only witness.