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TALL STRONG EMMA



One afternoon, Jeff, the hero of our story and 20 year old college student, was in the college library, looking for a book he needed...


Ah, there it is!

Dammit! Can't reach it...!

Need a hand?

Oh... I think I got it, but thanks...

Well you don't *look* like you got it...


This the one you want?
Yes, the big brown one...

Let me grab that for you. Oh, Weissman's Collected Criticisms. Are you in English literature too?

Eh, yes... but... we're two weeks in the academic year and I have never seen you...? And I certainly would have...

... would have noticed me huh? Yeah, I get that a lot. Well, I'm on an athletic scholarship and I had to be in Europe for an international competition...

Anyway, here's your book...

I see. What...

If there's anything else, I'm sitting over there, like you saw... Phew, think I'm gonna take off this sweater. Think the AC broke or something...

Okay, see you later. And... thanks


NNNNNGGGGHHHH
LOVE IN SPACE

Another book on the top shelf that you need?

Yes, if you...

Hold on, be right there...

This one here...

Hmm, let's see...

Actually, I think you can manage to take that one yourself.

Huh, what do you mean? I wouldn't ask help if I could reach it...

I dunno... maybe you wanted to see me up close in my t-shirt?

Eh... I just need the book actually...

Tell you what, you try to get it, but if I see you're cheating, and you can reach it, you buy me a really expensive dinner tonight, ok?

Ah, this doesn't make sense, but... ok...

But what do I get if I really can't reach it?

Then I'll get the book for you, of course. Now get to it, Mister!

Nonsense boy! You can stand more on your toes!

See, I can't reach it!


I AM standing as much on my toes as I can. I can't reach it, I'm telling you. I wouldn't have called you if I could...
Hmm,

NOW can you reach it, boy?

WHAT THE...


Hey! Put me down, now!
Sure, get your book first.


I have it.
Good.


So I'd like to dine at Winston's tonight.
Huh? What are you talking about? You just lost the bet!

I told you you could take the book yourself, didn't I? And you just did... So I won...

What?? That's bullshit!

Winston's baby. Say yes, or I'm not putting you down...

Hell no! You can't keep me up here forever anyway!

You're right baby. But not for lack of strength. Just because I'm too impatient. So I've got a better idea...


I'll just walk you down like this, where more people can see us...
What?? No! Don't do that! Put me down!


Put me down, you're crazy!
There's no escape until you say yes. I'm taking you downstairs right now...

Ok! Ok! You win! Now put me down!

Attaboy!


So you're buying me what?
Dinner at Winston's. Tonight.

That's confirmed right?
Cross your heart?

YES! Put me down NOW!

Boy, what a girl has to do to be asked for dinner here!

Huh? What...

We'll talk tonight. You make the reservation. Seven thirty. We'll meet there, ok?

Ok, I guess...



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