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He shook his head. "No, and in fact, I prefer they didn't. That way, I get to eat my noodles in peace and not worry about somebody taking unflattering pictures of me as I eat. Hopefully not with a noodle hanging from my mouth."

"I'm sorry," Riley said.

"It's not your fault that some people can't help themselves."

Riley took a deep breath. The conversation seemed to drag his mood down. The smile was completely gone. "So, do you like it? Acting?"

"I do, yes," he replied, the smile returning to his face. "I've been doing it now for the past ten years or so."

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He chuckled. "This is the part where you get to ask me whatever you want."

Riley took a deep breath and thought for a moment. What would she ask, she wondered? She wondered if it bruised his ego, meeting someone who had no idea who he was. Perhaps Gareth felt the same way when someone didn't recognize him. Back then, no one did.

"People usually answer questions more truthfully when they're under pressure," Riley said. "So now it's rapid-fire question time. I'll take the first answer that comes to mind. Ready?"

Ashe frowned as if he didn't understand what she meant. But Riley didn't want to give him time to think. He could improvise if he had to, lie if necessary.

"Morning person or night person?"

"Night person," he replied, a smile forming on his lips.

"Are you funny?"

"Unfortunately, no."

"Do you consider yourself serious then?"

"Unfortunately, yes. In fact, tonight, someone just called me an old fart."

"If you could be any cartoon character, who would you be?"

"Pepe La Pew."

"If one song were to describe your life, what would it be?"

"*I Don't Want to Miss A Thing*."

"Aerosmith! That's my favorite band! And did you know that they're playing in Atlantic City—"

"Next question or it's my turn," Ashe warned, arching an eyebrow.

"What do you like best about your job?"

"Being someone I'm not—for a time."

"What don't you like about your job?"

"That you're only as good as your last movie."

"When did you last get laid—No! I mean, when was the last time you lied? Lied! Lied, not laid!"

Ashe chuckled, then forced himself to be serious. "Just before I got into that elevator with you."

"Was that an answer to the first question or the second?"

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Review
"If you love **well-written, beautifully conflicted chic-lit**, you're gonna love Liz Madrid's book. I read it serially on the fabulous Wattpad where I discovered this lovely, warm-hearted writer. **She brings to this adorable, yet serious, yet light-hearted romance a deep humanity that defines the novel and its author**. Discover Ashe and fall in love with him the way I did and then see how hard it is to find that love, trust it and fall in love again." - Mary L. Tabor, author of *The Woman Who Never Cooked*

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From the Author

Loving Ashe started out as a short story prompt on my blog about what happens in an elevator. I expanded it a year and a half later for **NaNoWriMo 2014** and serialized it on Wattpad, where it was chosen as one of the featured stories for Sour Patch Kids' **Sour Then Sweet** campaign. It's a sweet contemporary romance with a dash of mystery. It's about falling in love again, letting go of the past in order to move on, and it's set in one of my favorite cities, New York.

Book 2: Loving Riley is scheduled for release on July 2016

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About the Author
Liz’s start in storytelling got its rocky start in 8th grade when the “play” she was writing landed her in the principal’s office for being a bit on the NSFW side. Since then, she’s done penance by writing romance and chick lit – though now and then, she does sneak in a naughty bit here and there. When she’s not penning her books or blogging about her muses, she maintains a private massage therapy practice in Manhattan Beach, California. She lives in a century-old house with her family, a Chihuahua, and way too many books. Sign up for Liz's newsletter at http://lizdurano.com

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