

Battletoads?

You enter the local retro games store after being hesitant for years thinking all the retro games you want could be easily found on the internet, but this one store has a listing of the very game you can't find anywhere else. You open the door and enter but you're blinded by the juxtaposition of being outside with the picture-perfect clear sunny sky and walking indoors to a dimly lit store with everything from the shelves, carpet, and even the decorations being a dark gray color. Once your eyes adjust to the sudden change you look towards the very back wall of the store where the counter is located and what you see is a short brown girl with a bob cut and what appears to be sheep horns on the side of her head protruding from her hair. The girl is on the phone with an irritated look on her face and on the counter next to the corded phone is a whole stack of Nintendo Entertainment System Cartridges almost half of her height.

Your mind is now flooded with thoughts if coming to this store really was a good idea but at the same time you never saw a girl like her before and you may never see a girl like her ever again if you walk out. You push forward moving one foot forward at a time with your nervousness making you want to turn back but it would be rude of you to just step inside a building and just walk right out with no rhythm or reason. The closer you get to the counter the more your mind gets taken over by a new feeling, a feeling you never felt, the girl at the counter made you feel love at first sight as stupid as that may seem. You think to yourself "No way that I, an epic gamer would believe in something like love, And then I saw her face, Now I'm a believer, And not a trace, Of doubt in my mind, I'm in love."

The Girl at the counter hangs up the phone still annoyed but notices you coming close so she adjusts her glasses and her posture to look more proper then she clears her voice to give her all in a proper customer service voice to say, "Welcome to Gamer Store where we take you back to the past to play all the games that you had a blast playing! Are you looking for a specific game in particular or are you window shopping?". You could tell that although she isn't in the best mood at the moment she is still friendly. Still, with your newly found confidence you breathe in and begin to ask, "Hey I was wondering if you had a copy of Battletoads?..." You stop your question as you see her face shift from a customer-friendly smile to back to annoyed. Still, she's trying to maintain her cool.

Taking a second to ready herself the girl replies, "Funny you would say that when the last 24 phone calls were from people asking if we had Battletoads, and yes we do have that game." She puts her hand on the stack of games on the counter and spreads them across the counter to show that every single game on the stack was Battletoads. "I guess I wasn't the only one looking for it." You reply while chuckling as you're not sure how to continue the conversation. Trying to get to know her, you look at her uniform to see a name tag with "Kyubalt" well written in marker. "Well, I would like to take one of these copies of Battletoads off your hands if you'd like Ms. Kyubalt." You say hoping it doesn't bother her. Kyubalt lets out a chuckle and replies, "You know out of all the people asking for this game You're the only one who came to the store to buy it."

Kyubalt rings you up on the counter with the game. Your eyes wander to the other games on the shelves and behind the glass case. While searching for something to talk about you notice Kyubalt has a lot of Dragon Quest Pins on her nametag and Uniform. A spark has been lit in your mind and you ask her about the pins. “It’s not a very well-kept secret that Dragon Quest is one of my all-time favorite games... hehe.” She replies with a slight chuckle. Both You and Kyubalt are talking more and more about retro games. Time sneaks away from your grip as you discuss Dragon Quest, Dwarf Fortress, and Mother 3.

The Conversation ends with a sudden realization from Kyubalt that it's almost time to close the store for the day. Even with the sun outside setting covering the whole outside in an orange hue neither of you want this time spent together to end. Without thinking for too long Kyubalt asks, “You wouldn’t mind if we hung out at your house right?”. This question leaves you petrified not knowing what to say. “Well sure, I just have to get dinner before you come over..” You respond with a nervous laugh.

The Scene cuts from the store to Your house where you’re doing last-minute cleaning and cooking the first proper meal you had since you moved in. Even with the newfound stress of having a sudden at-home dinner date with the cute girl at the game store, you persist with multitasking a thousand different things. The Doorbell rings, and not even a second pass you drop everything just to answer the door to see Kyubalt in a new change of clothing from the work uniform to a dark knitted sweater, skirt, and thigh-high socks. You greet and welcome her into your house and lead her to the dining room table with the food you have set ready to serve. The mood is perfectly set, the lighting is dim but shows just enough to make the scene romantic, and the aroma of canned spaghetti and scented candles you just bought from the store on your way back leaves the whole house smelling great. You pull out a chair for her and when she takes her seat, then you go to the opposite end to take your seat and now the date begins. Your conversation from before continues but with no barriers like employment or being in a public setting allowing maximum yapping to commence.

The time passes even faster than before with the night being young and the plates of spaghetti being empty. The conversation slows down but even after talking in the store and now at your own house You and Kyubalt still want to be together for a little while longer. You suggest that the two of you go to the living room to spend the rest of the night just hanging out in big quotation marks. The two of you are now just sitting on the sofa you have with the television on with random shows and movies playing but that isn’t the important part. Kyubalt is slowly dozing off. You bring her closer to you so that she can lean on you to rest for a bit. “I would much rather have the both of us be comfortable...” Kyubalt says with a little more energy than she was displaying before. She then stands right back up to face you to say “How about you just laid down on the couch.” You follow her order lay flat on your back and then suddenly “WWAAAHHHH” Kyubalt screams as she pounces on you to plant her face right on your chest asserting herself as the little spoon.

You feel her warmth radiating from her body on top of you. She snuggles you and then starts snoozing while you embrace her. It almost starts feeling like heaven on earth and you start falling asleep but then you just now remember that you left Battletoads back in the very store you went to buy it but were so caught up with Kyubalt...