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Theirs was a good relationship, if you could even call it as such. It was the sort of thing that an outsider would call 'significant,' something done in sepia ink, or a silent film, with very few words involved altogether. A pretty picture, something nice to look at, but that must be boring to live.

But an outsider couldn't have understood it. Because an outsider couldn't understand that they were not just subtle and soft. Though Michel was gentle and quit, he gave Emma flowers as vibrant as her red hair, and poetry as wonderful to her as that of Castaneda or Blake.

It might look like silence would click with them, that it would be a comfortable thing to fall back on -- and it was. But if you strip off the sound, you miss all the reading out loud in the library at night, and softly spoken conversations, that often ended in mischievous eyes and frequent smiles.

There was something to be said for being content in understated security. There was nothing boring about that. But an outsider simply couldn't have understood that. And maybe there was a bit of romance in that too.

Love is a very strange, complicated thing to an outsider. But nothing could be simpler to them.