

*Roger's Return* excerpt

A small velvet box slid across Jackie's menu and into her line of sight. She smiled at it. She had wondered when Roger was going to give it to her. She had seen him pull it out of his dresser drawer. She had also seen him tuck an envelope into the same drawer, but then they left for Manny's and there was no time to question his actions. Her gaze met his.

"Happy anniversary." Roger's jet black hair had just enough wave in it to give it a little body, and his dark eyebrows almost shadowed his eyes, giving him an air of mystery and danger.

She could hardly believe it had been a whole year. They'd had a few rocky times as any normal couple would, but overall it was a great year. "I love it."

He chuckled. "How do you know? You haven't even opened it."

"I love it because it's from you."