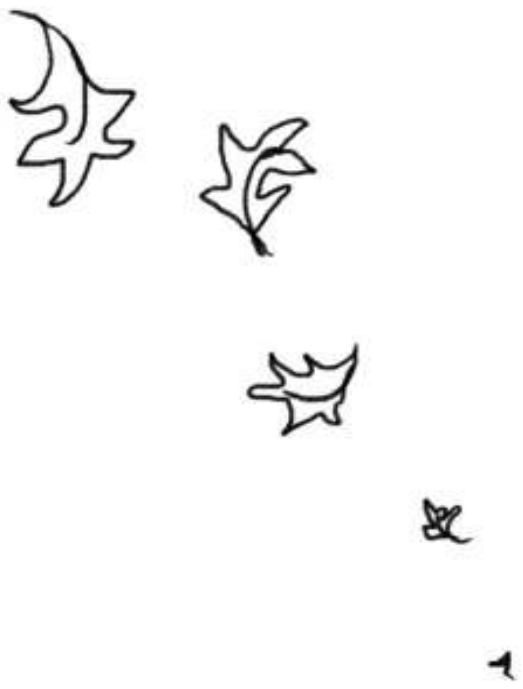


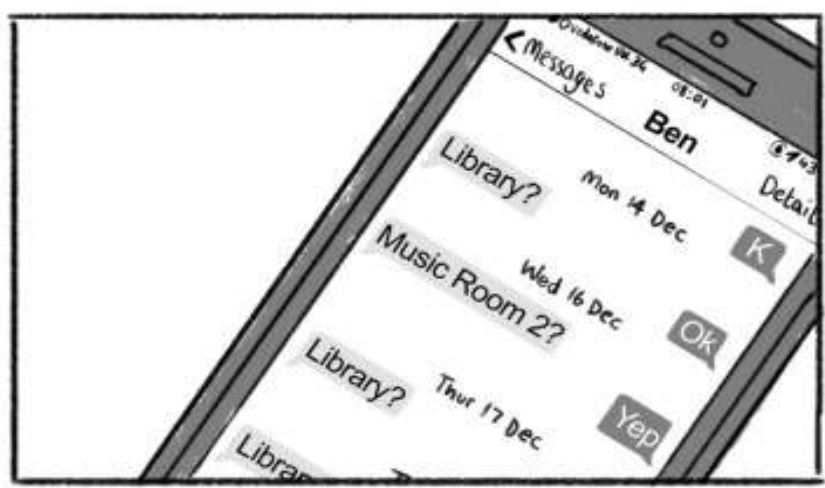
HEARTSTOPPER

VOLUME 1

ALICE OSEMAN



January



TICK



TICK



TICK



TICK

TICK



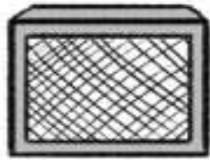
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TICK



TICK





beep

beep

beep

Charlie, that was only the first bell-

Yeah... I've gotta go

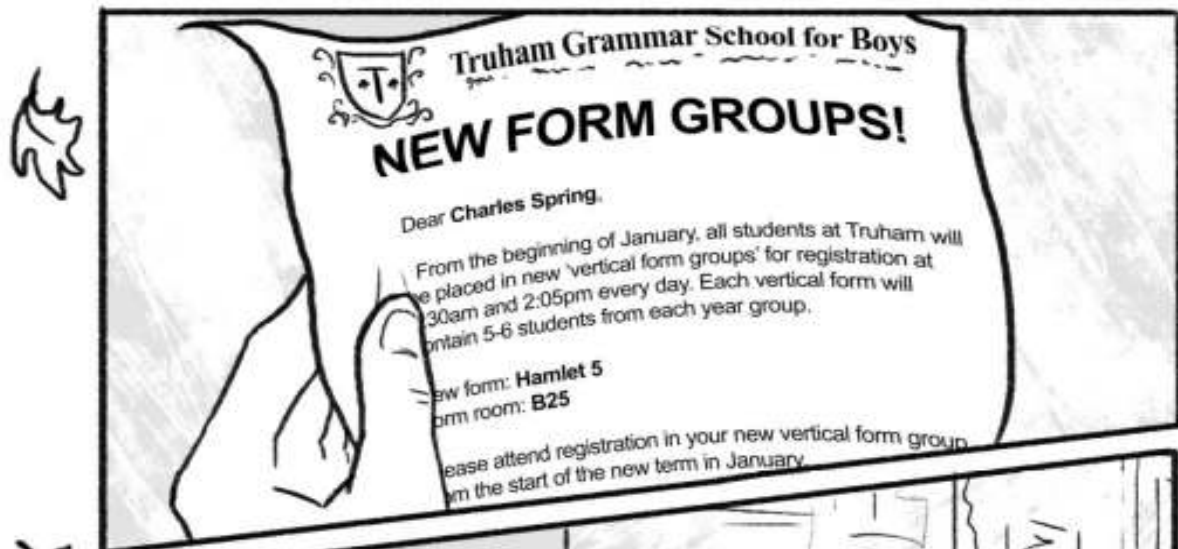
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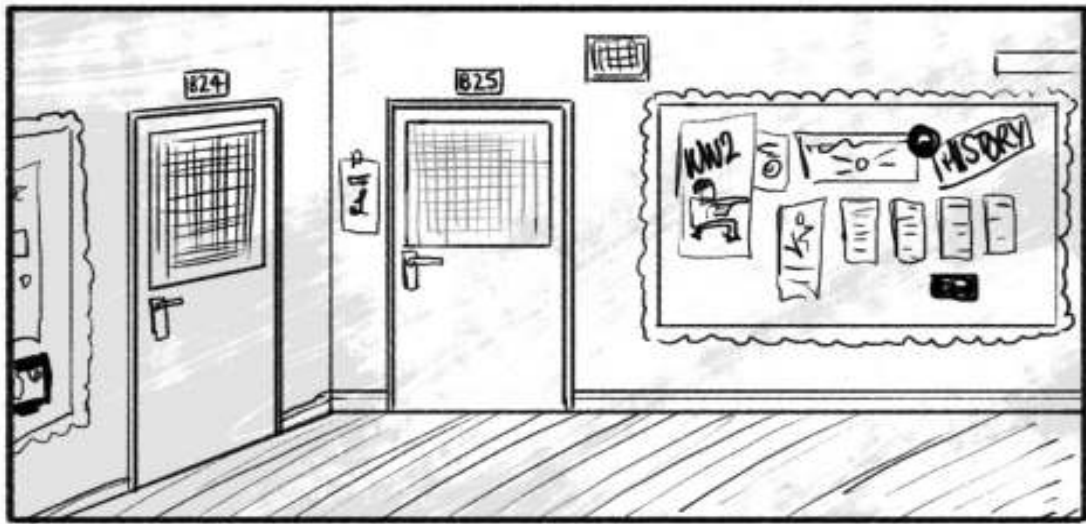
Sorry

BEN

CHARLIE











Well,
if it
isn't
Charlie
Spring!

Happy
New Year!



Hi Mr
Lange







A COMIC BY
ALICE
OSEMAN



1. MEET









Er...
Charlie?







Hopefully I'll miss some of first period... I have double science



Ugh! Who d'you have?



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Er... yeah?

TAO XU (FRIEND)



But he's one of the rugby lads! He's friends with Harry Greene, for God's sake

So? Nick's really nice!



COME ON. He's a fucking chav. He calls everyone 'mate' and probably throws food at people on the bus.

...he doesn't call me 'mate', though





You have a crush on him

WHAT.



That's not-
I'm- I don't
just fall for
any boy who's
nice to me



..hahaha..







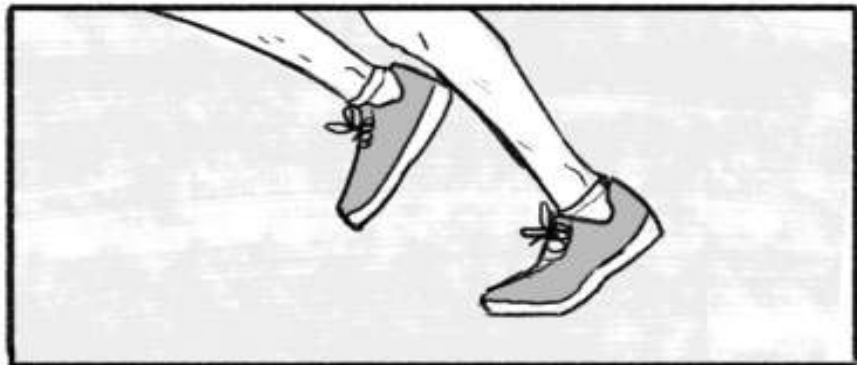
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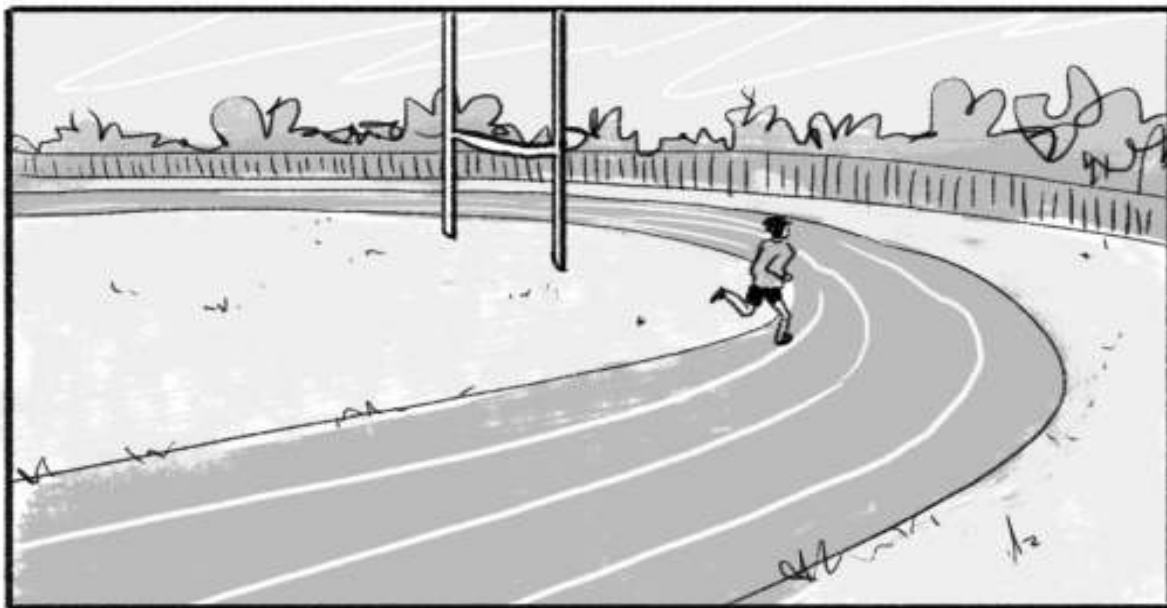


February



Monday 1st February. 10H/11H P.E. (Physical Education)







NICK!



Yeah?

What are you staring at?



Nothing



NICK!



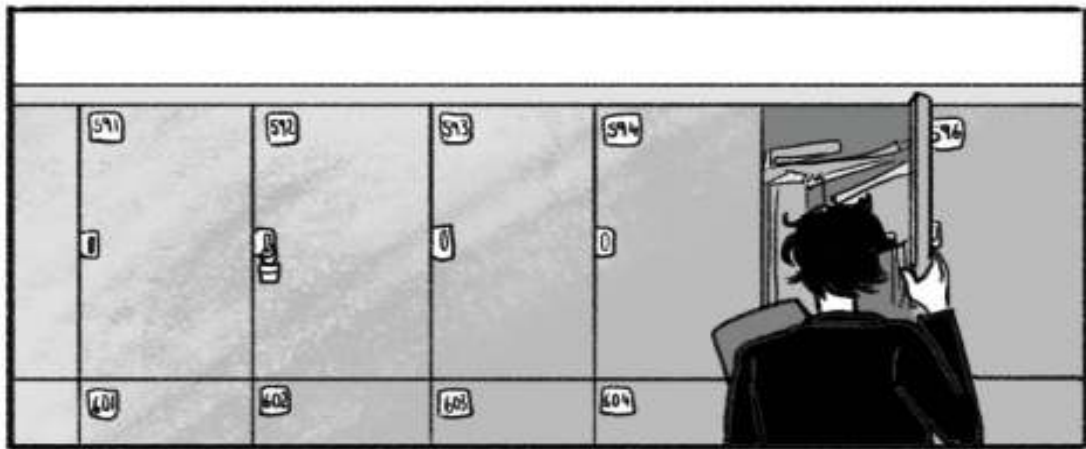
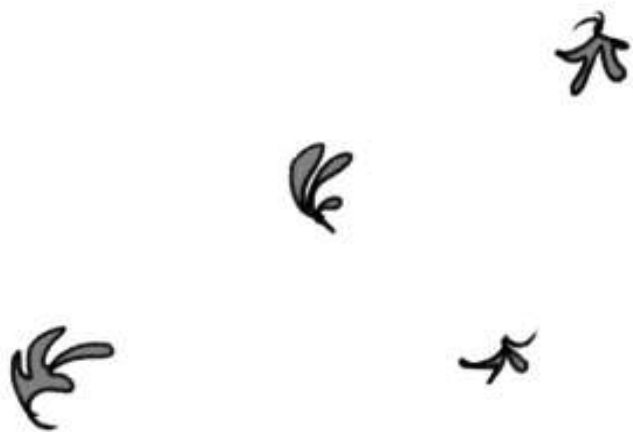
Yeah?

What are you staring at?









Hey,
Charlie



I need
to talk
to you.





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CHARLIE?









So...
anyway...



I have
something
to ask
you!



Charlie, you may not know this, but I'm gay too, and I'm in love with you. Will you go out with me? I want to be with you forever



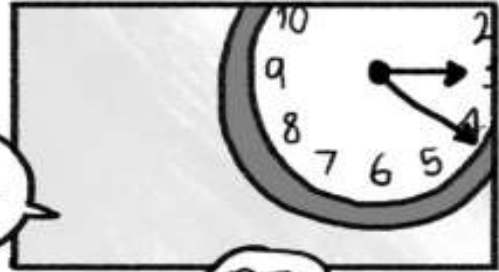


- beep -





ONE WEEK LATER...



Charlie Spring, though?



Why him, though?

?



!!

He's a fucking stick

Like, I know he's popular, everyone loves him, but can he even play?

!



I'm sure he's a nice guy, but we actually want to be good!



Does he even like sports? Everyone knows he's gay-

CREAK



Hey!







I hope you're prepared for me to be absolutely crap.

You might be better than me, for all we know!



CHARLIE SPRING!!

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... So we've covered passing and scoring...



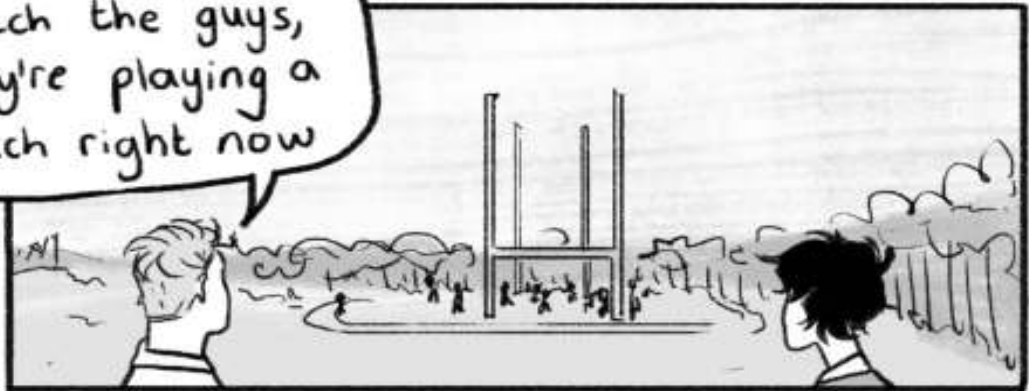
We've got about 15 minutes left, so -

- do you want to give Tackling a go?

..Tackling?



It's not too hard
-watch the guys,
they're playing a
match right now



You just have to
take the player with
the ball down by
grabbing them
below their
shoulders



Want to
give it
a go?





I am definitely way too weak to do that



Excuse me - where is your 'can do' attitude?



Give it a go. Just run at me. I won't dodge!



Go onnnn. I bet you can do it.



..Fine



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That was perfect!

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Was it!?!



Let's try it again while running!





ONE WEEK LATER



Well all I knew about him was that he's gay 

Mate, I don't actually think being gay makes you bad at sports. 



I never said that!! Anyway, I can see why he's popular. He's managed to fit in really well. 

Yeah... he's just a really cool guy! 😊







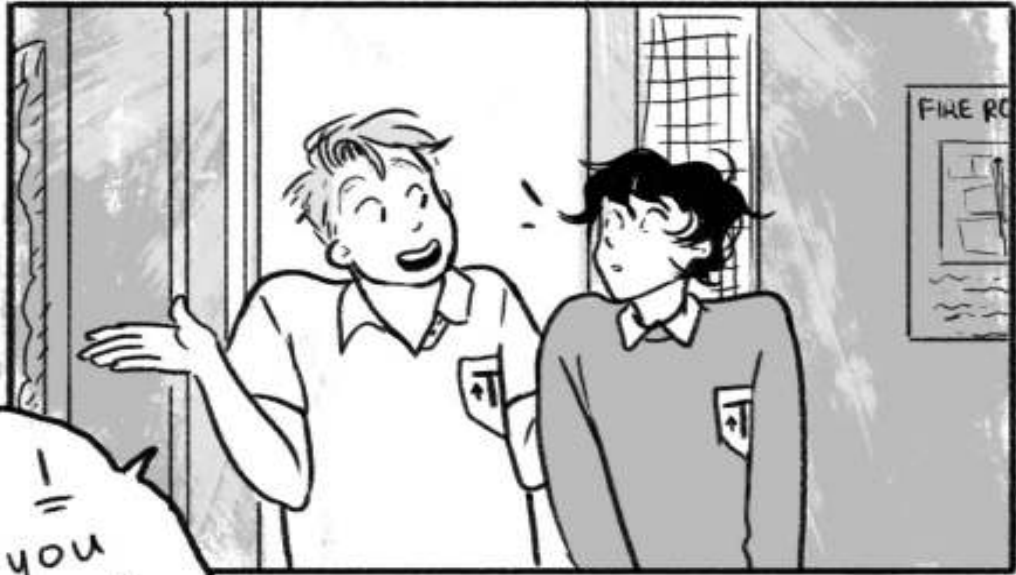


It's silly.



All of the older boys kinda remind me of the people who used to bully me.





Well I
like you
and want
you on
the team!

Haha!!
Good!

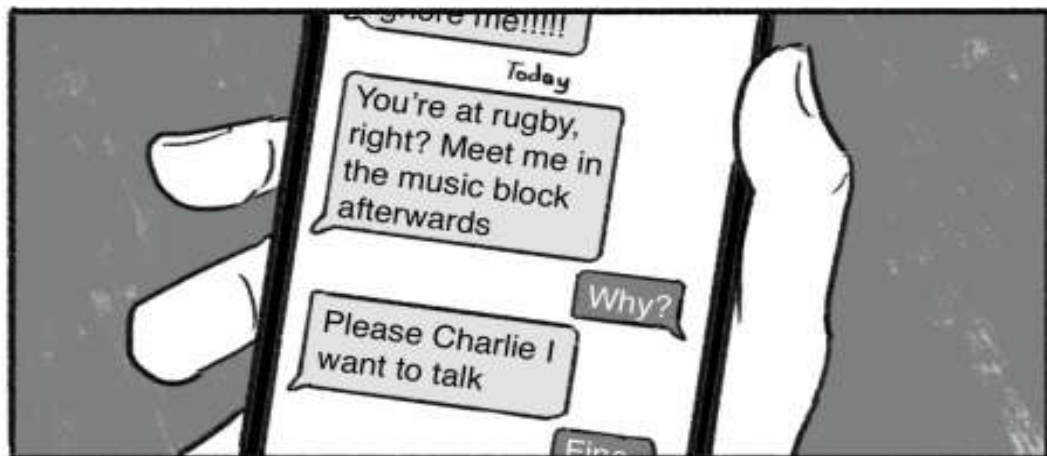


"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"

















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Don't touch me

GOD what is your problem? I'm trying to be nice



I said I don't want to meet up with you anymore -

Yeah, I don't believe you!

...what??

I think you're scared of us getting caught





Why would I be scared? Everyone in the school already knows I'm gay! **YOU'RE** the one who's scared of getting caught! You're not even my boyfriend! I've seen you with your girlfriend at the school gate!!



You don't give a SHIT about me. You just found the nearest guy who was willing to make out with you and went for it!

YOU went for it too. Don't be angry at me for not wanting to come out yet.





I'm not angry about that! I'm angry because you never even slightly cared about my feelings at all. We only ever meet up when you want, where you want-

When you feel like making out with a boy!



I could be ANYONE!
You don't give a shit!

That's obviously not true



It is true! You just heard the rumours about me and was like "Oh good, there's finally a gay boy I can safely get off with"!!

























I just... kind of followed you... You seemed really stressed out while we were getting changed.



I just started getting worried... er... so... yeah.

FIVE MINUTES EARLIER





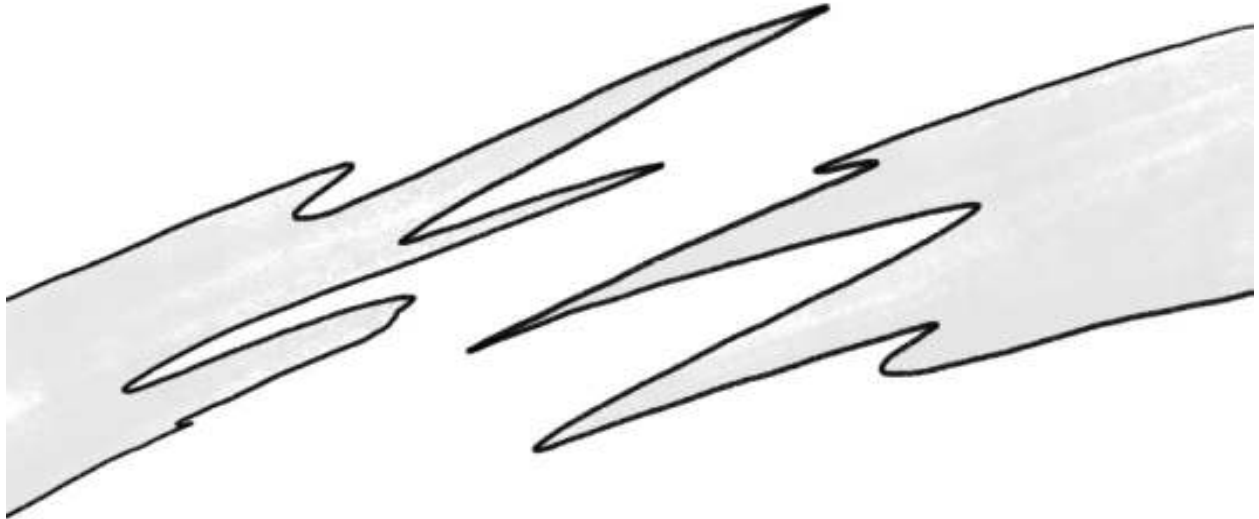


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Come on,
we'll get
locked in
if we
stay here
much
longer



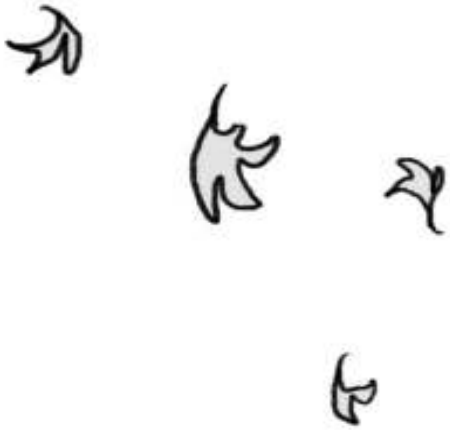






2. CRUSH





tap
tap tap



"Hey, did you hear
some Year 9 has
come out as gay?"



TEN MONTHS AGO...



"Yeah, d'you know Charlie Spring from 9H? Apparently he's gay."

"It's going round the whole school."



"Where did you hear that?"



"He's been getting a lot of shit for it, I think."



gaylord
faggot
Ew don't touch him
so gross
gay

"I mean, this is an all-boys school! What did he expect?"



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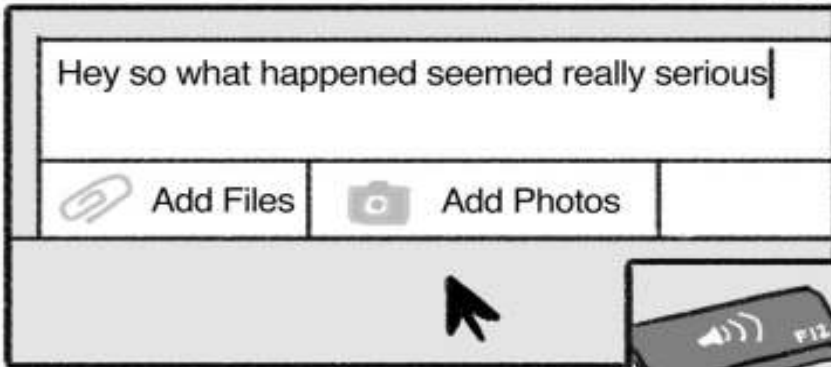
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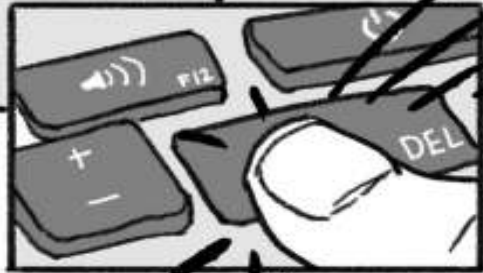
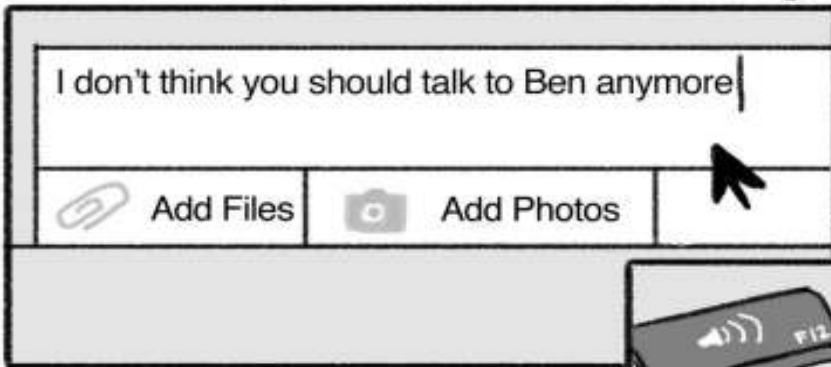


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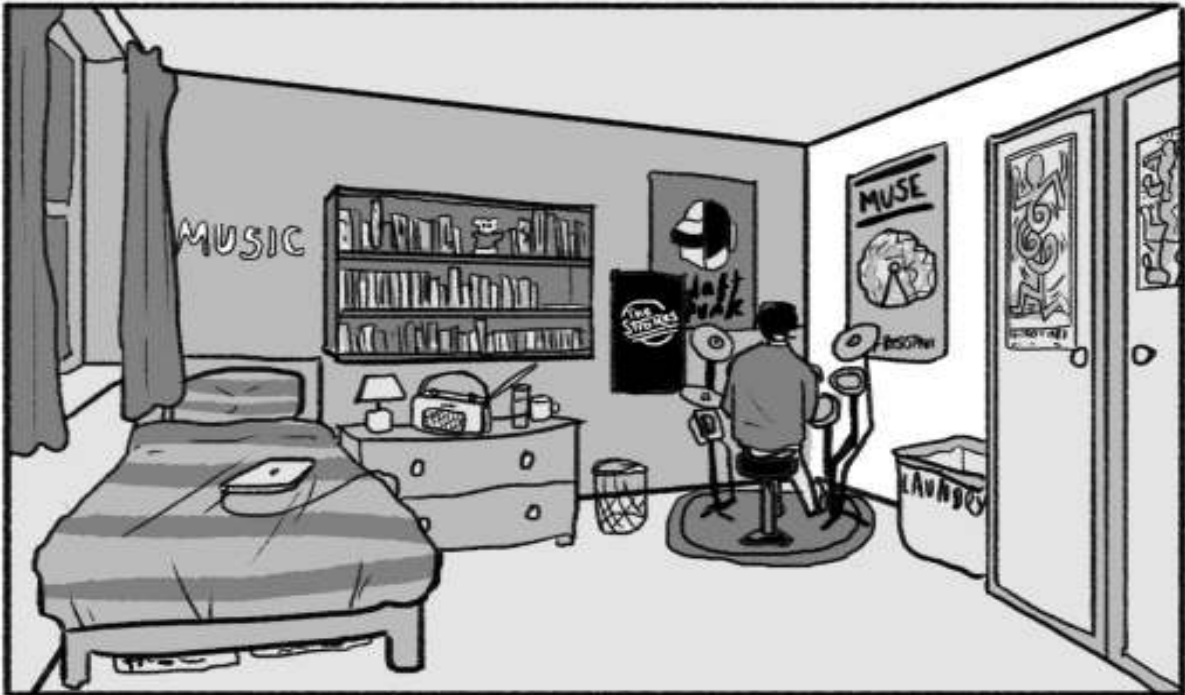
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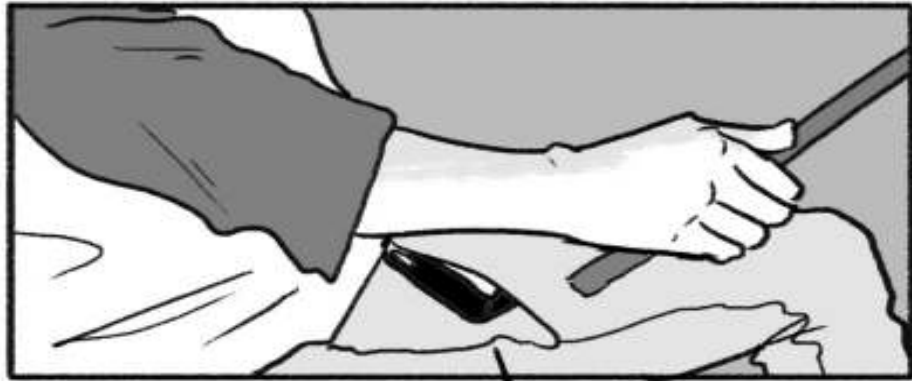
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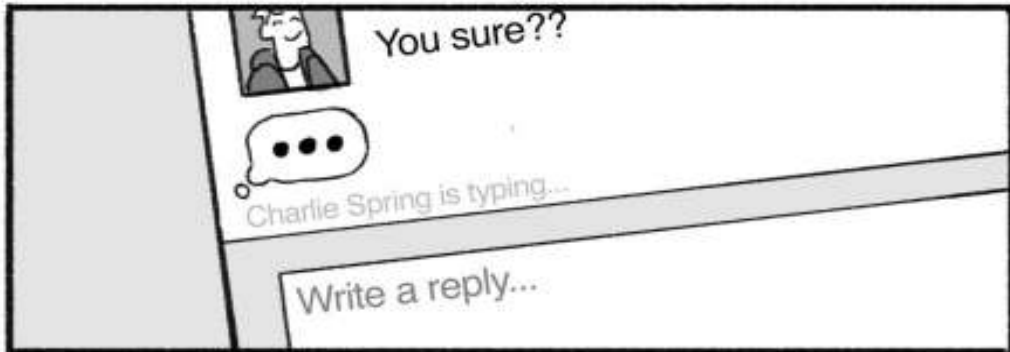


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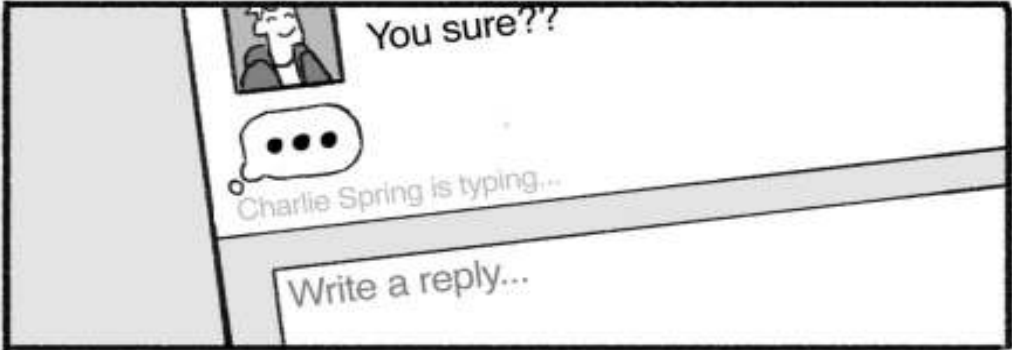
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FIVE MINUTES LATER







But you don't have to
If you don't want to
But I am your friend and I do care



Charlie Spring

Okay

Might be a bit of a long story lol



Nick Nelson

I don't mind!!

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< Back Nick Nelson

And yeah, we just continued to meet up sometimes at school before form. And like... I was so excited about it. I thought I had a boyfriend, or, like, I was having some big romance... But I slowly started to realise he was just using me for someone to make out with... because I was the only gay boy he knew...

and then in January I found out he had a girlfriend as well. Some girl from Higgs school. I don't know if he's bisexual or gay or whatever but it doesn't really change anything. He was just using me.



I tried to end it but he just kept pestering me. I thought I'd just meet up with him one last time to tell him to leave me alone but... yeah. That didn't go well I guess haha



Nick Nelson

FUCK I hate Ben so much. I knew he was a dick, but... jesus.
Please don't ever talk to him again

Charlie Spring

I definitely won't!!!!

Nick Nelson

I will kick his ass if he tries to come near you





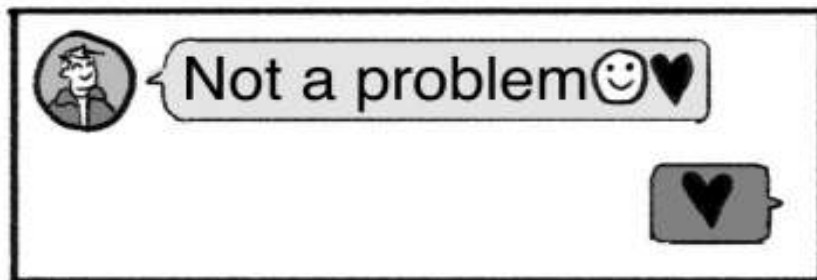
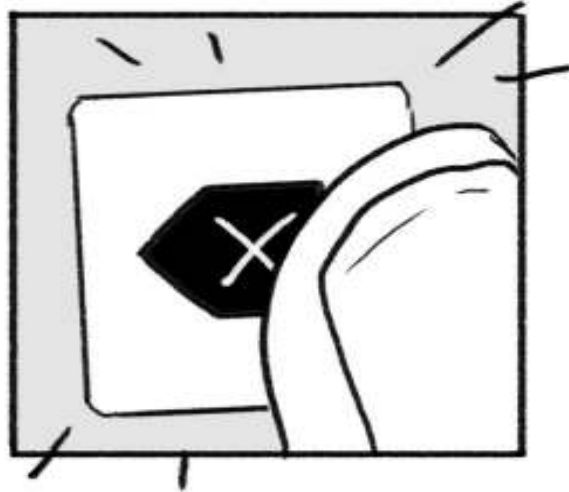
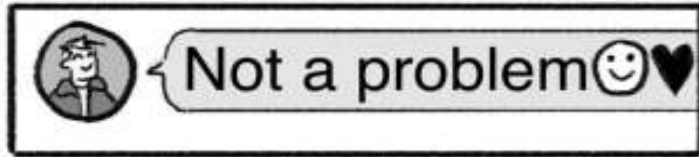
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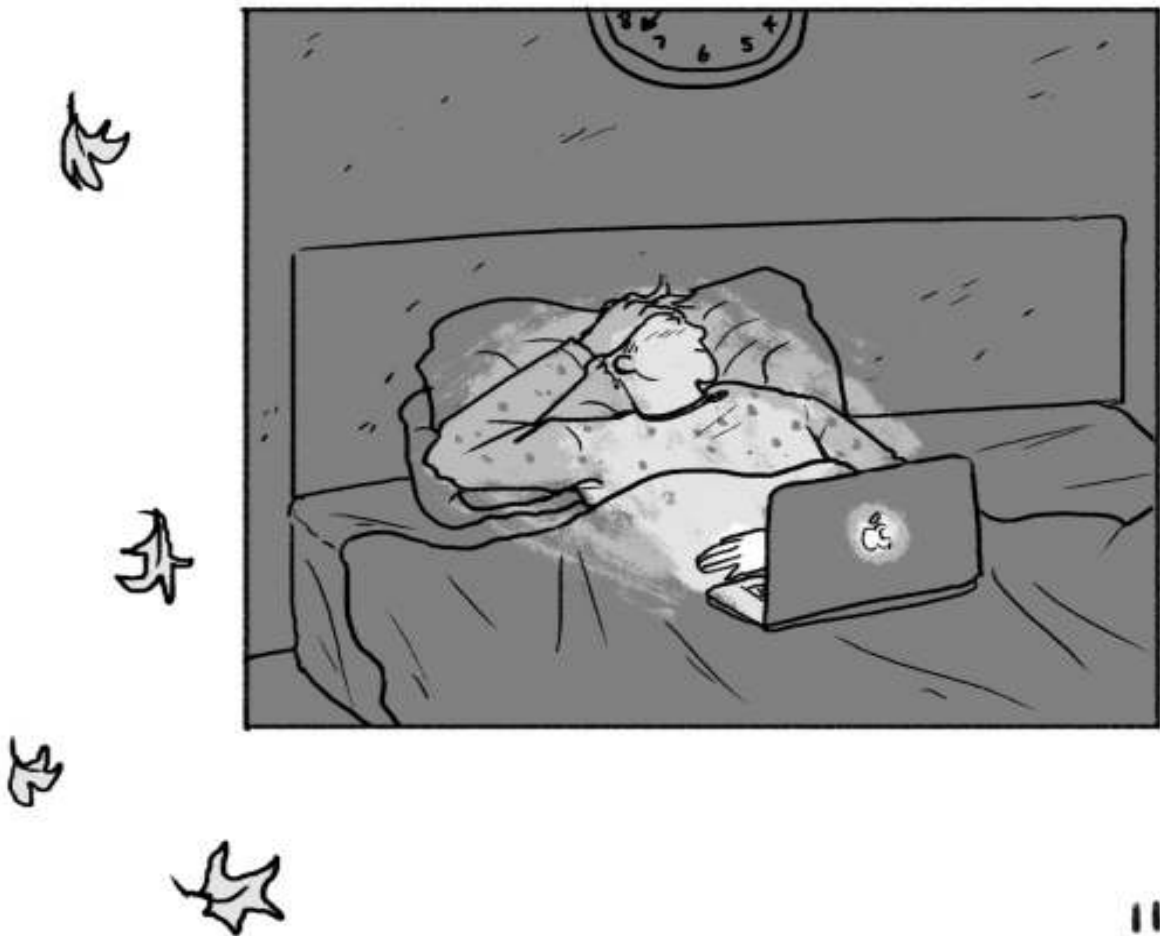
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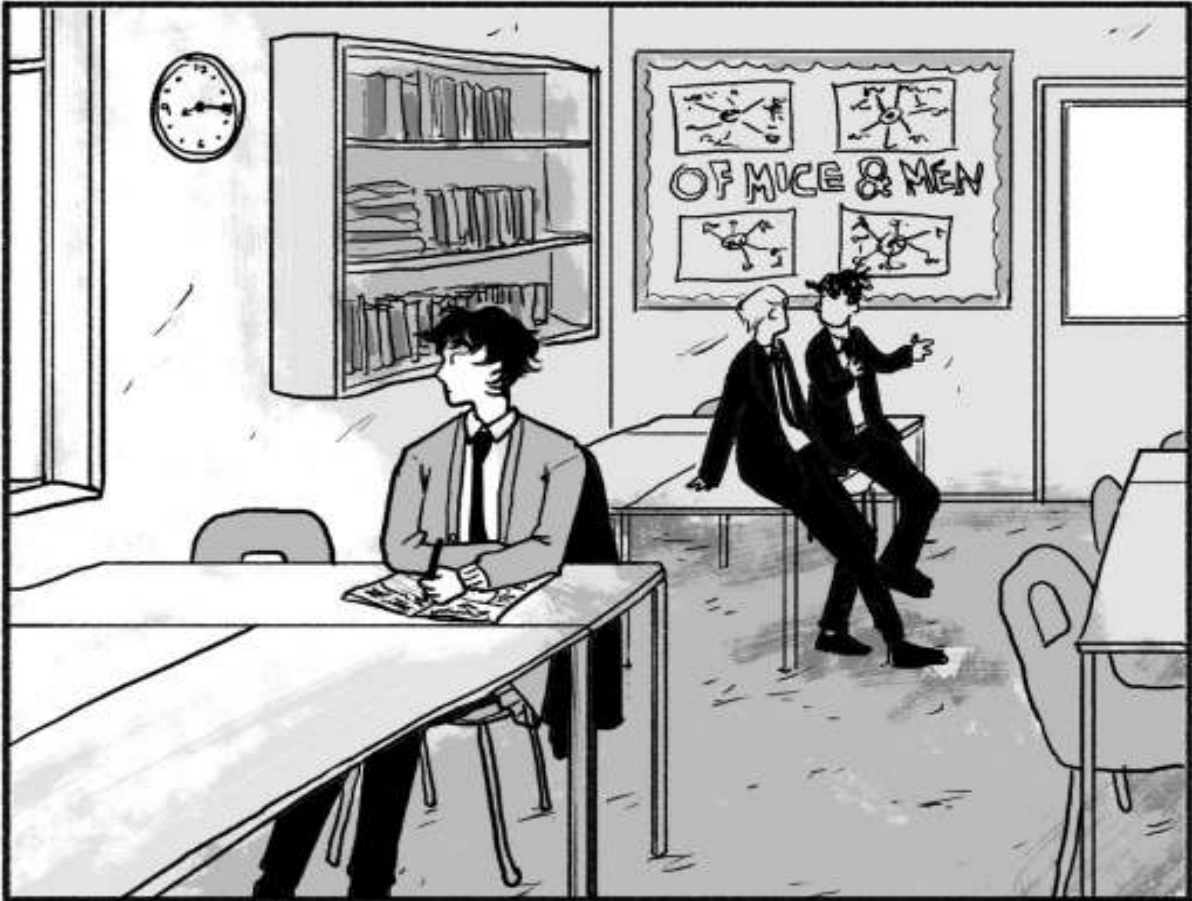
Well...

both





Should I
have told him
all that?





Maybe he won't want to be friends anymore -





Charlie, what
the FUCK is
going on!?









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You're just causing yourself pain!





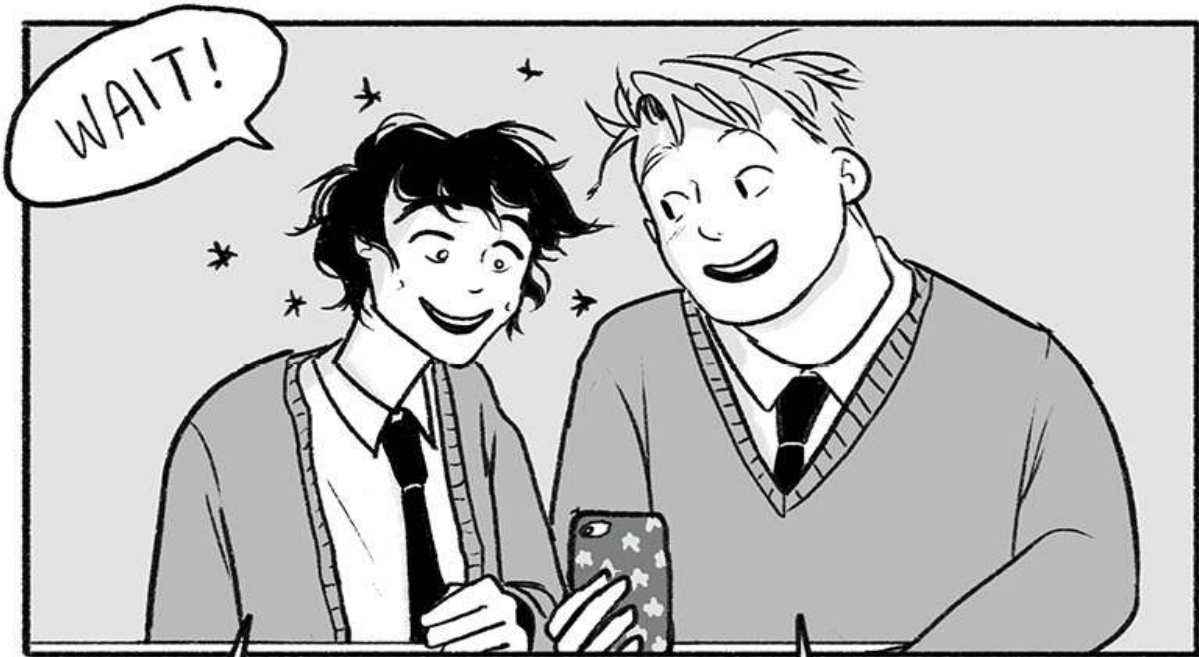
Yeah, it took me like 3 hours to bake it all but my nan loves Cheese cake, so...

Wait, I think I've got a picture of it-

Oh! That's just my dog, haha



MARCH



You have a dog?

Yeah! Her name's Nellie ♡



She's pretty old but I love her

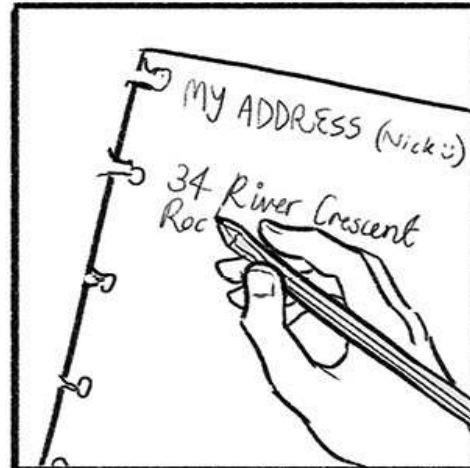
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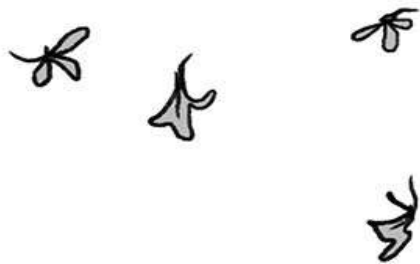
I wish I had a dog. My parents don't like animals.



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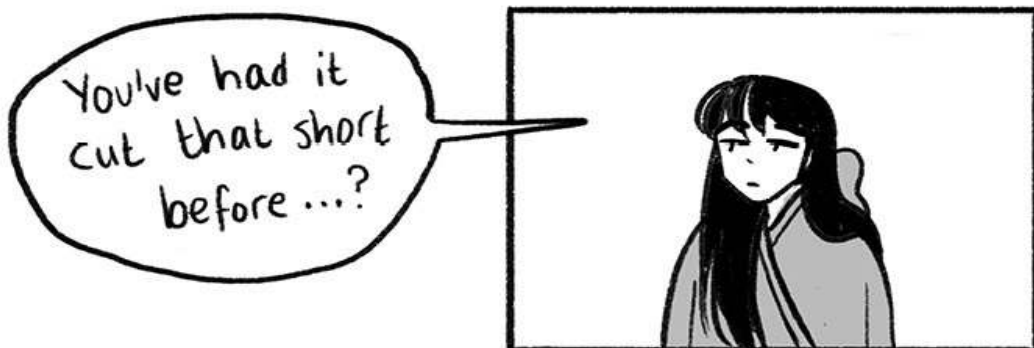




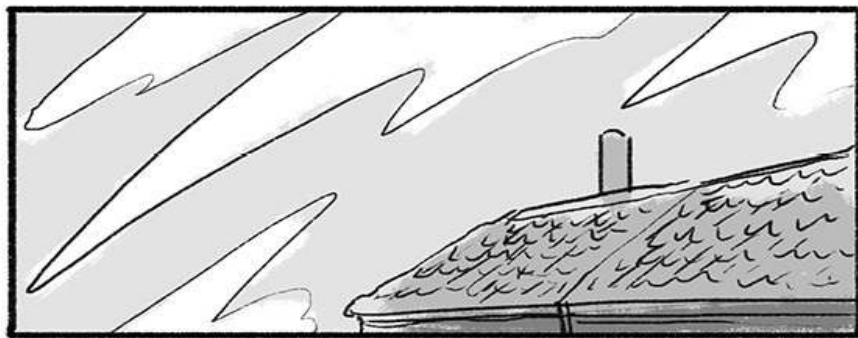


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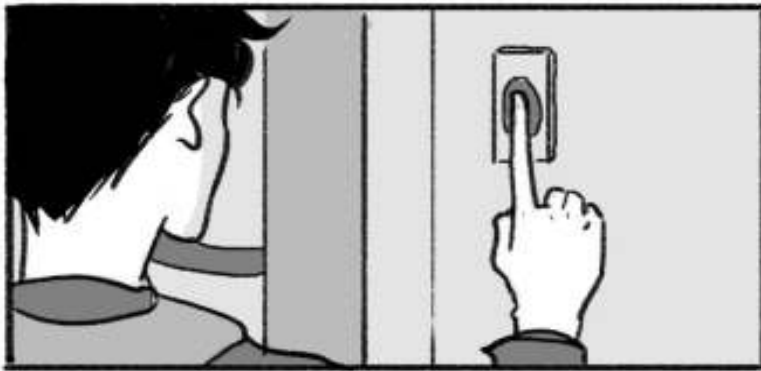






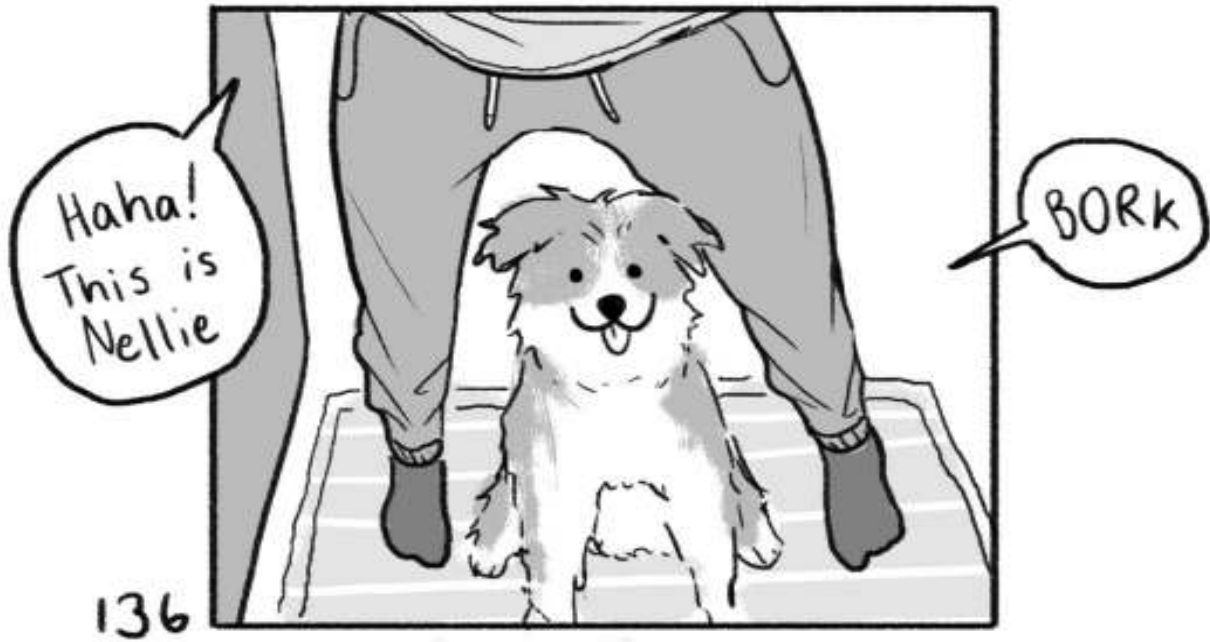






DRRRRING





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I-is it bad?



No no!
No! It- you
look- erm-
great



OKAY COME
IN OR NELLIE
WILL THINK
WE'RE GOING
FOR A WALK

Okay













It's
snowing











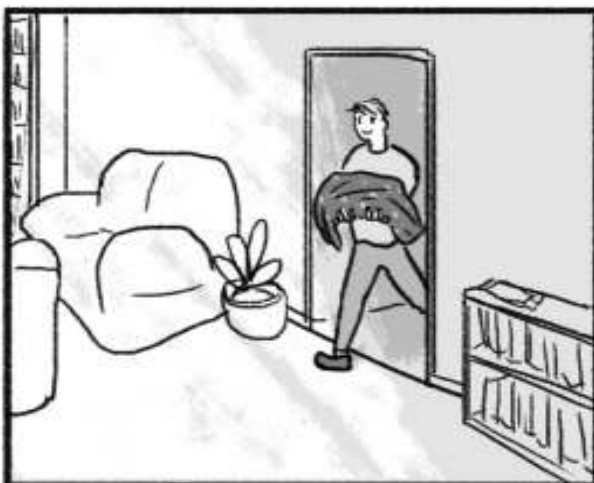
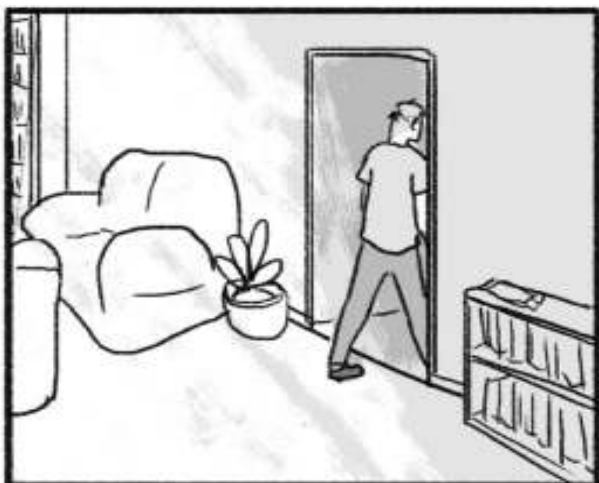
I. Am.
Freezing.



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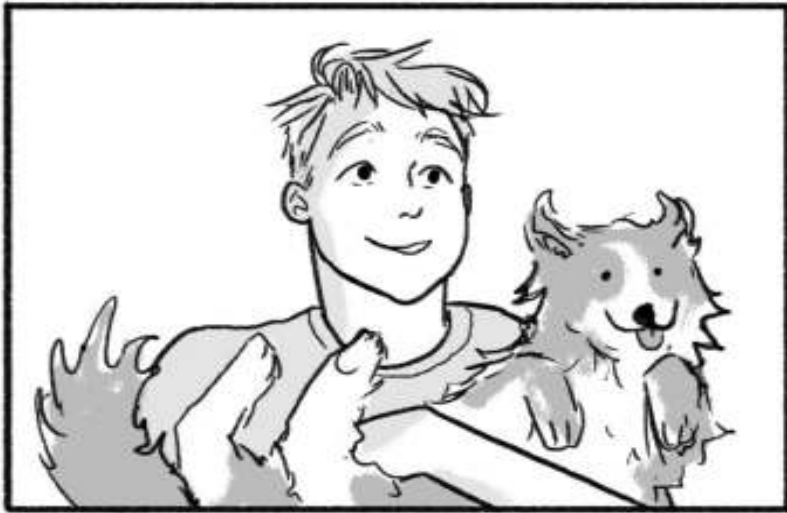




You really have to go home?



Yeah... My dad said I had to be home for dinner.



Well... Nellie will miss you

I'll miss
Nellie
too



No
prob!

Don't slip
and die on
the ice!

And thanks
for the
hoodie. I'll
give it to
you on
Monday!

I'll try
not to!





Charlie seems like a lovely boy. When did you meet him?

A couple of months ago. He's in my form group.











Are you
okay?





I fell for
a straight
boy...
haha...





THE NEXT
SATURDAY







Haha,
you're
terrible!





Look,
like
this!







Charliiiiiie

Yeah?











It's your fault for being a rugby lad

Excuse me? A "rugby lad"?

Yeah!!



Oh REALLY. Well why don't we just pop out for a cheeky Nando's, then, mate? Ayyy, LADS LADS LADS

Pffft!

Ahaha!!

What? It's just banter, in it mate, in it bruv-



Prodd

OKAY, okay, stop,
you win



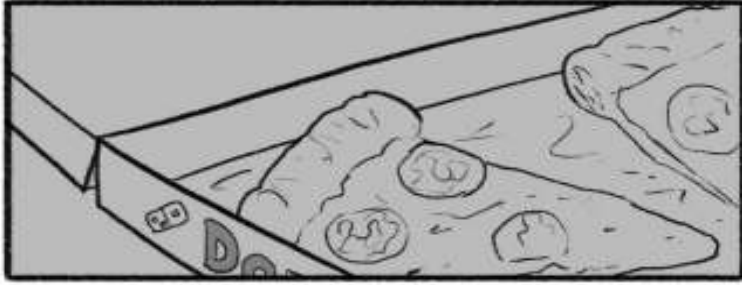
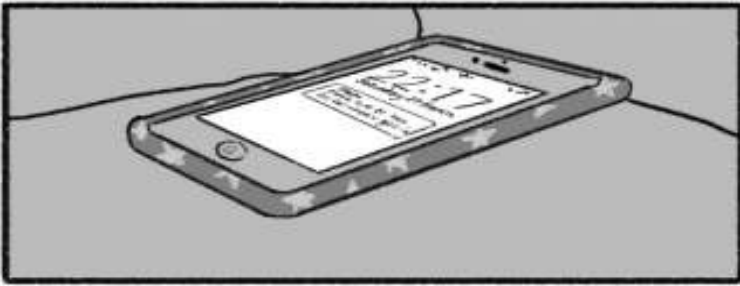


ROLL











Zzz





















What is happening to me?

SHUT!



Nicky? Did you have a good day?

Yep.

... you okay?

Yep. Fine.

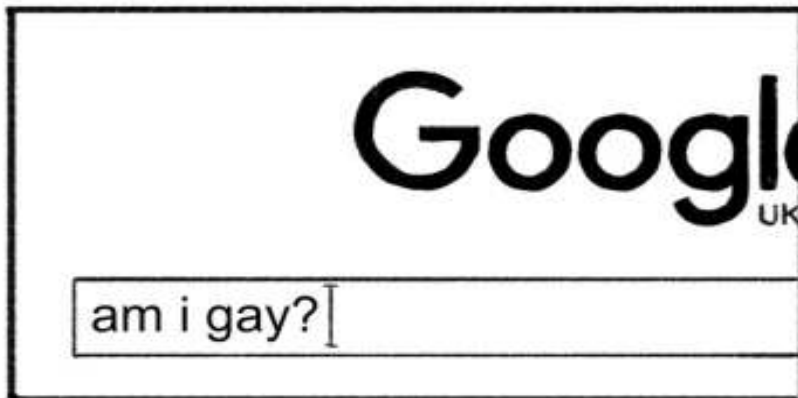






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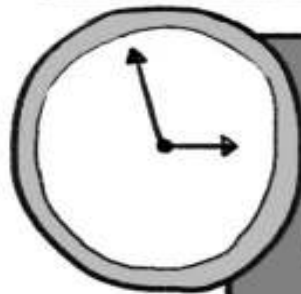
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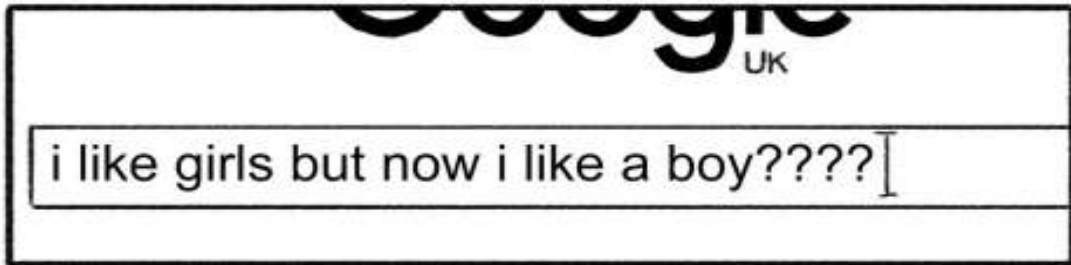




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how to tell if you're gay |









help
me...



APRIL
(TWO WEEKS LATER)





Hey Tao... so... about Nick Nelson

What??? Has something happened???

Well... I think he might maybe like me back

EXPLAIN.



Over the past two weeks during the Easter holidays we've hung out like almost EVERY DAY



He's a lot more... idk... physical? We hug now?

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Sometimes I just catch him looking at me...

Hey Tao... so... about Nick Nelson

What??? Has something happened???

Well... I think he might maybe like me back

EXPLAIN.



He's a lot more... idk... physical? We hug now?



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Sometimes I just catch him looking at me...

Look... Charlie... I didn't want to say anything but... I've asked around and I've heard Nick's had a crush on a girl called Tara Jones from Higgs school for, like, 3 years or something



PEEEEP!



AMMAR 39
VISITORS 34

CHARLIE!!









... Charlie... I didn't
... I've asked around
a crush on a girl ca
ggs school for, like,





30 MINS LATER...





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But Nick's not gay, is he?

Well, I guess we don't know

He doesn't look gay. And didn't he have a crush on that girl Tara Jones?



↑
MISS SINGH
(P.E. TEACHER
AND COACH)

You can't tell whether people are gay by what they look like.

And gay or straight aren't the only two options.

Anyway, it's very rude to speculate about people's sexuality.



Go home, lads.





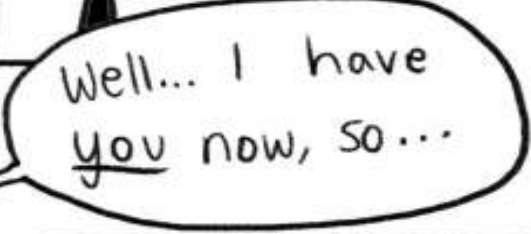
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I can kinda see it.
Nick and Charlie.



Are you
going to
Harry
Greene's
party on
Saturday?



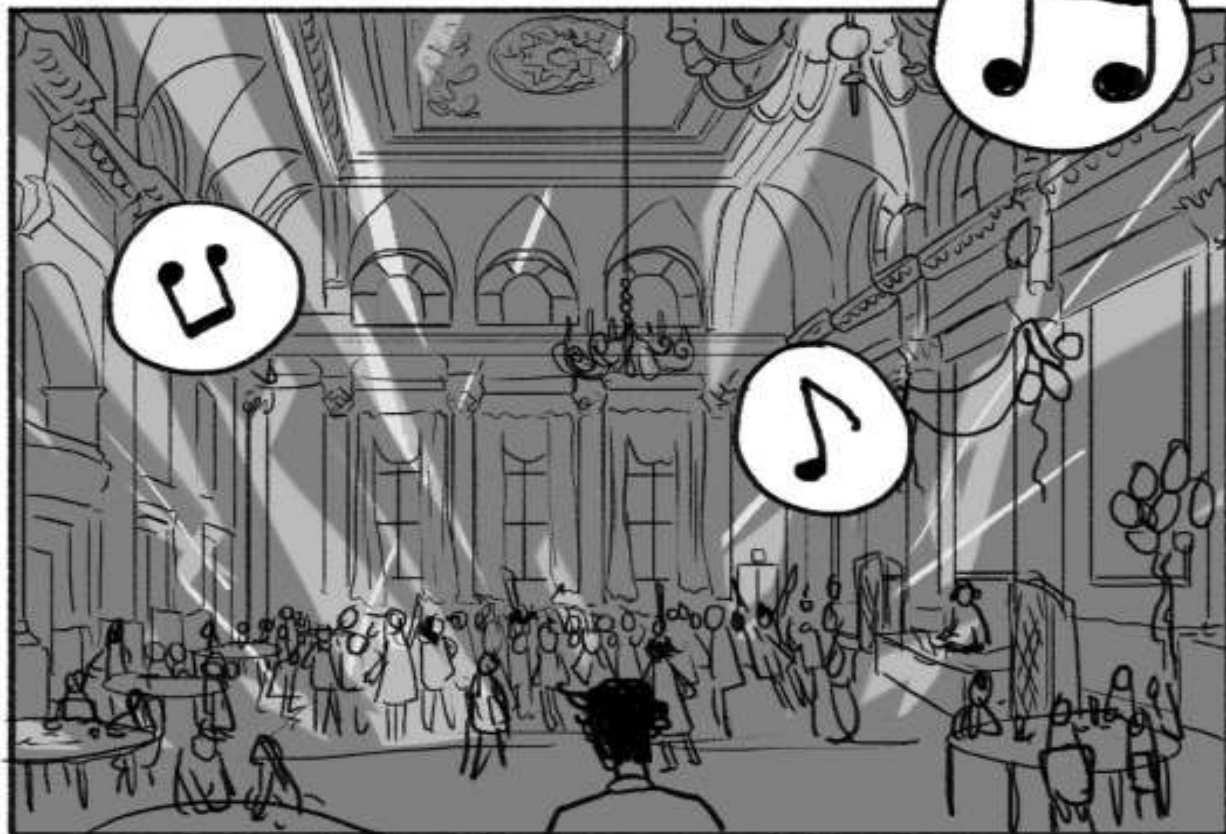


It'll be fun if you're there!













I've been looking for you!





Hey Nick!!





Wh-
what?



Remember her?
The girl you had
a crush on all
through Year
7 and 8?



The one you
KISSED at
the Year 8
Higgs-Truham
disco?



Well, now's
your second
chance.

RIGHT,
CHARLIE?





Plus, she's really hot now



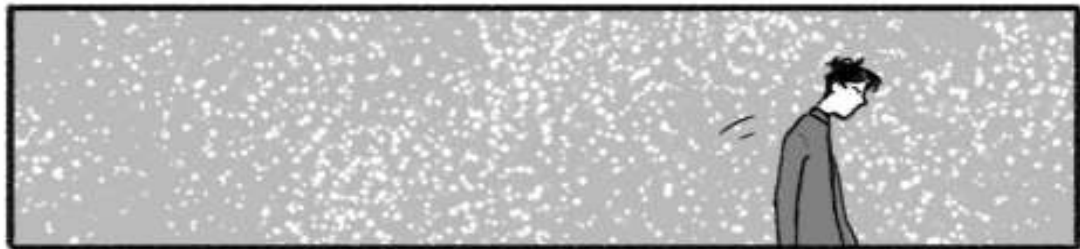
HEY, GIRLS!





You remember Nick Nelson, right?









Anyway,

Sorry about this...
Harry sort of dragged
me over here

It's fine, I
know what
he's like!





Haha, you didn't know either? That's my girlfriend over there.



So... I heard you've been hanging out with Charlie Spring a lot recently...

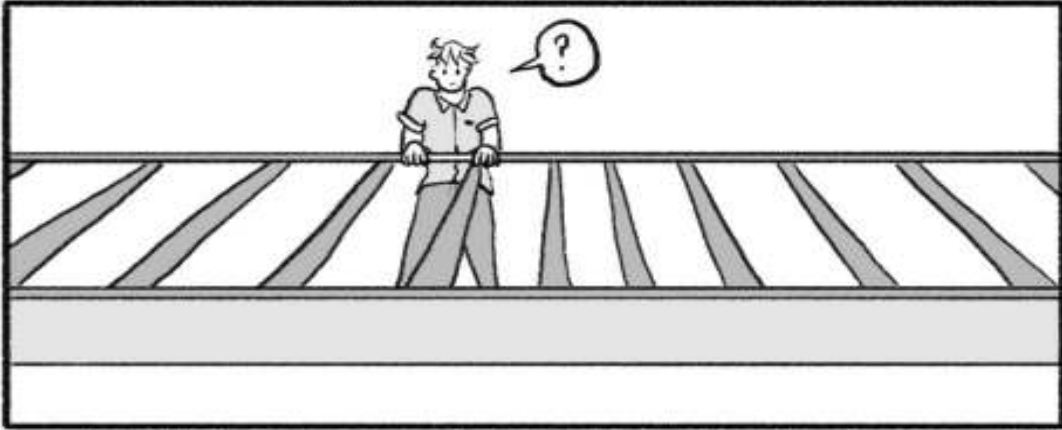
Is that... I mean... are you just friends, or... ?



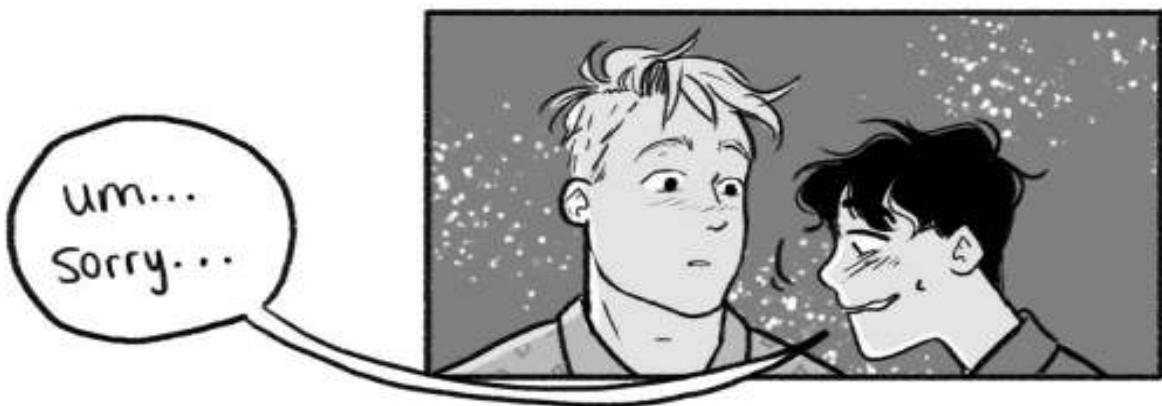
















SHIT.
Are you
okay?

y-yeah,
I mean...
I dealt
with it.



He... er...
he tried to
apologise,
but...





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Then he just
walked off,
so...

Yeah, I think
he got the
message this
time







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I'll race you!



To where!?

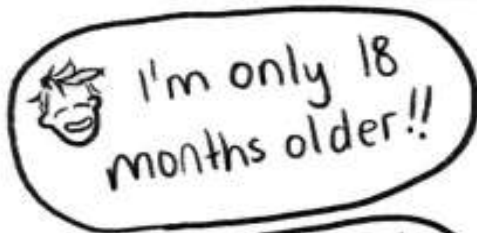
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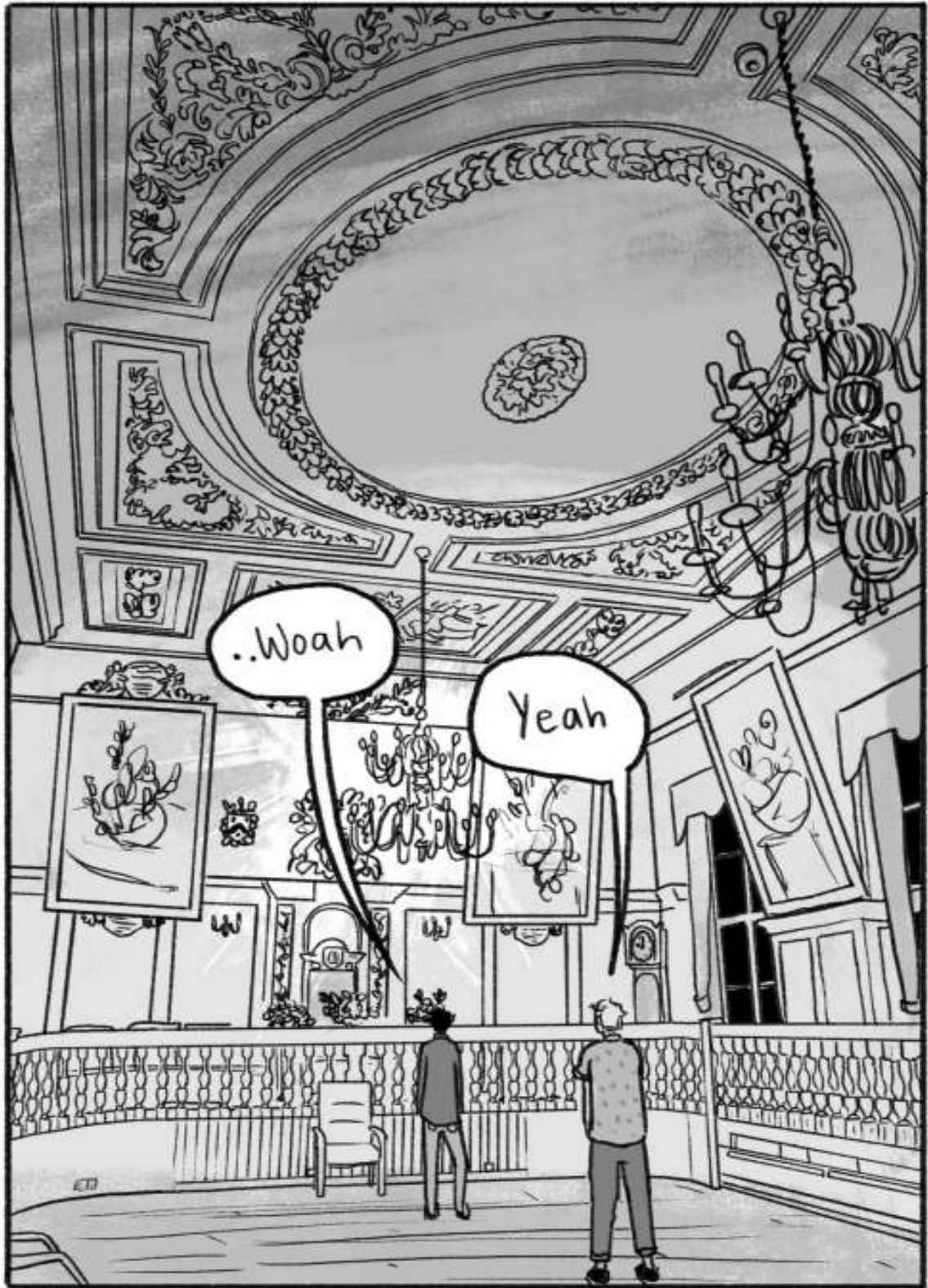


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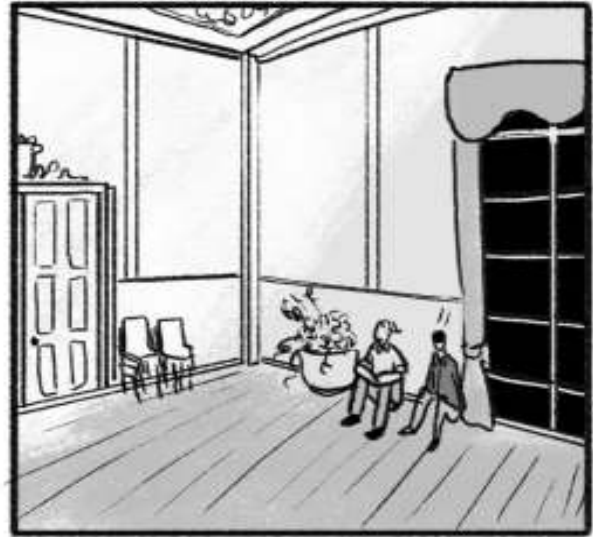
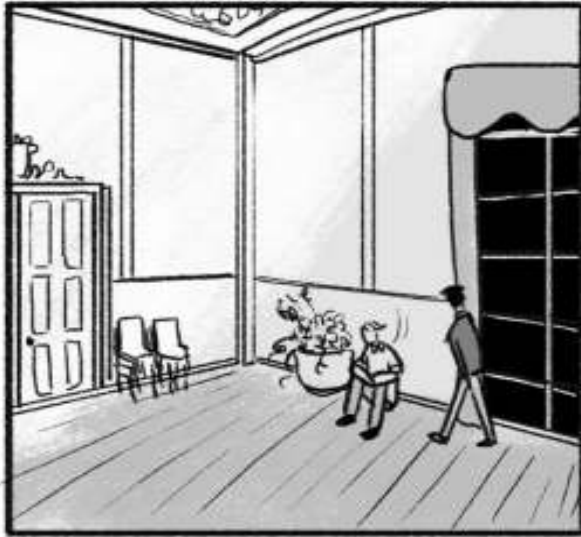
You're way faster than me!













NO! No, definitely not!



Ah...
Okay...



Um...
So...



... you don't
have a crush
on anyone
at the
moment?



Well... I
didn't say
THAT...



... I've been around
had a crush on a girl call
Higgs school for like 3 ye

Haha...
what's
she
like,
then?



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You're
just gonna
assume
they're
a she?



not a girl?



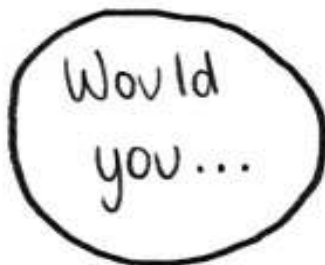


Would you...



...go out with someone who wasn't a girl?







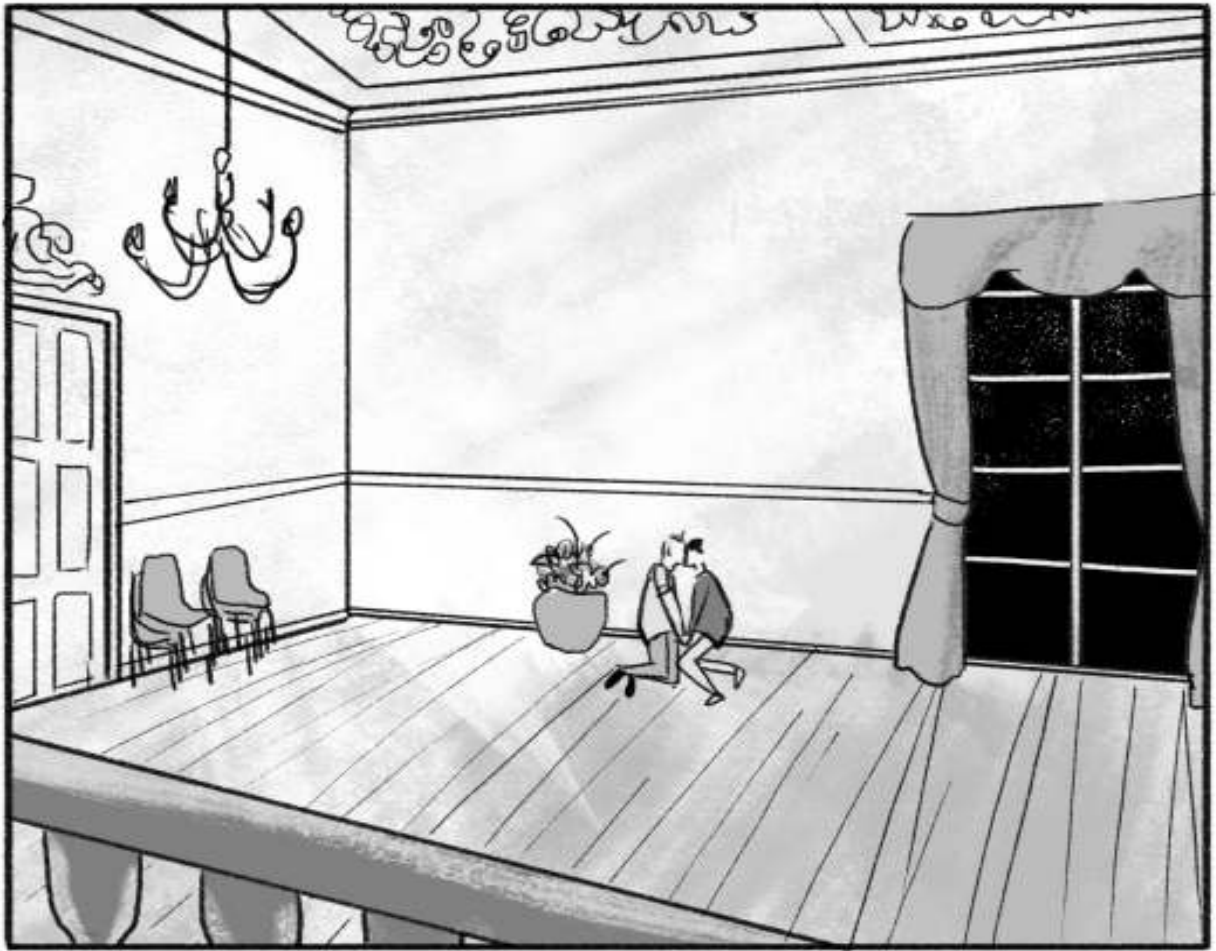
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who wasn't
a girl?

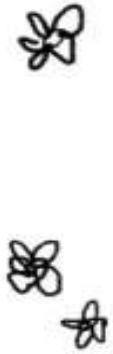






















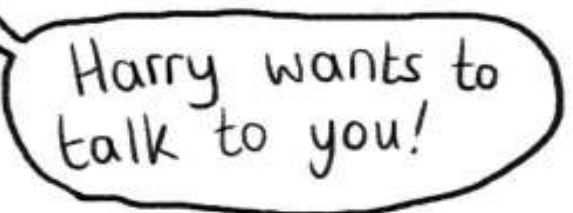


I-



Nick?
Are you
up here?



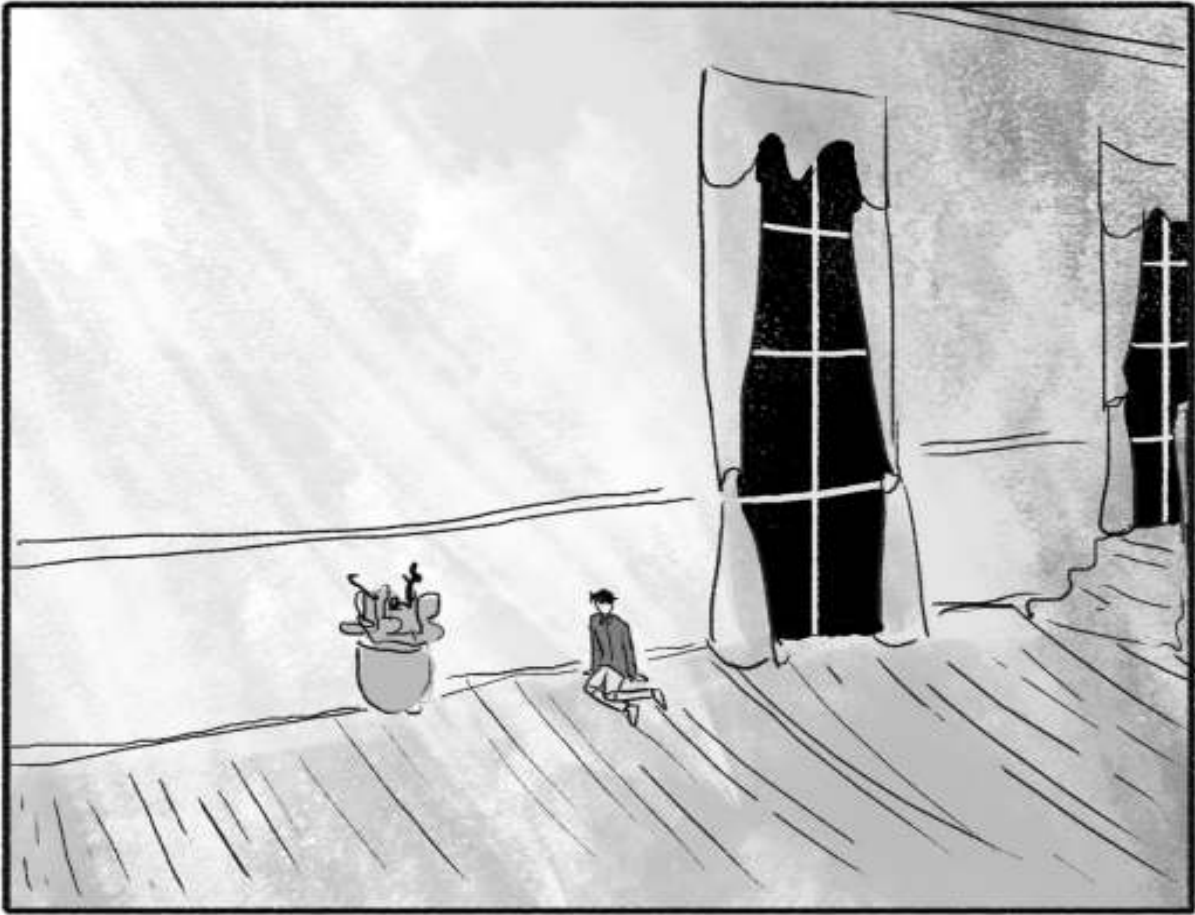






SHUT





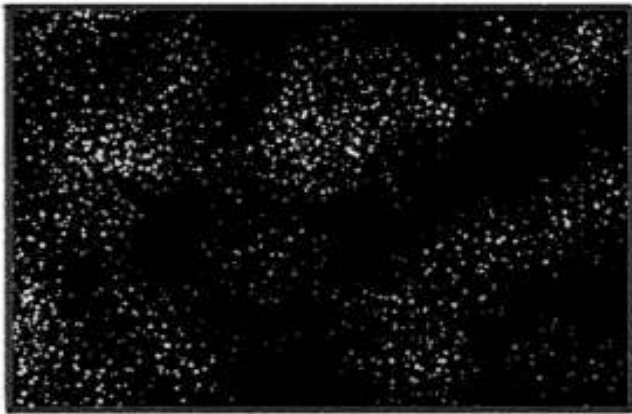


I'm
sorry





I'm
sorry



I'm
sorry

ADOPTION

A HEARTSTOPPER MINI-COMIC

10 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE...



WAKE UP!
Today's the
day

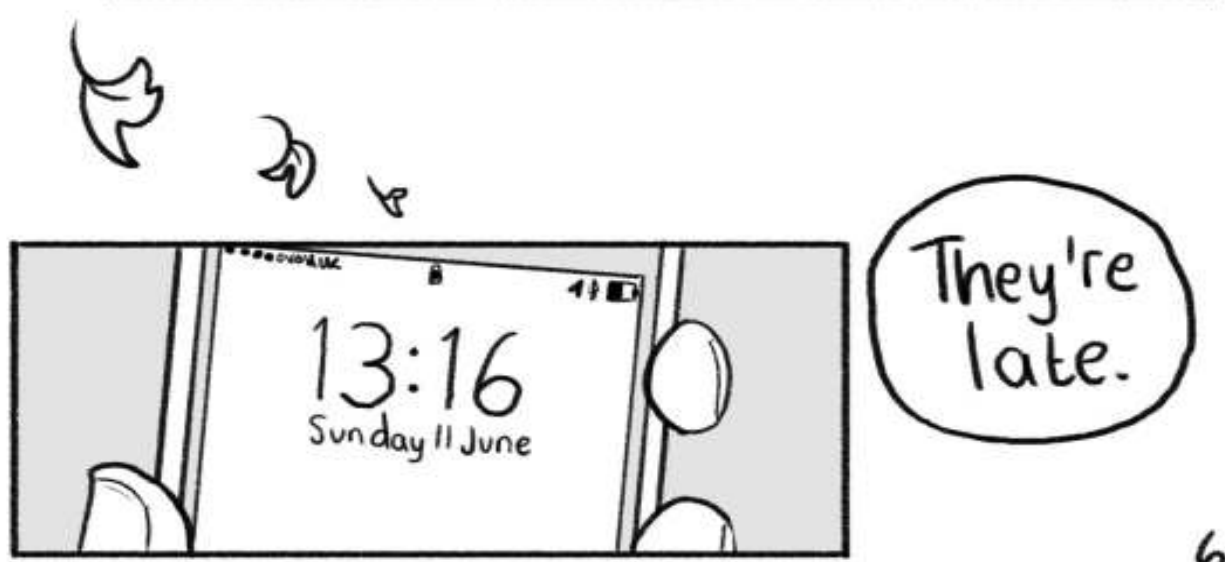
mmm let
me sleep a
bit more
please





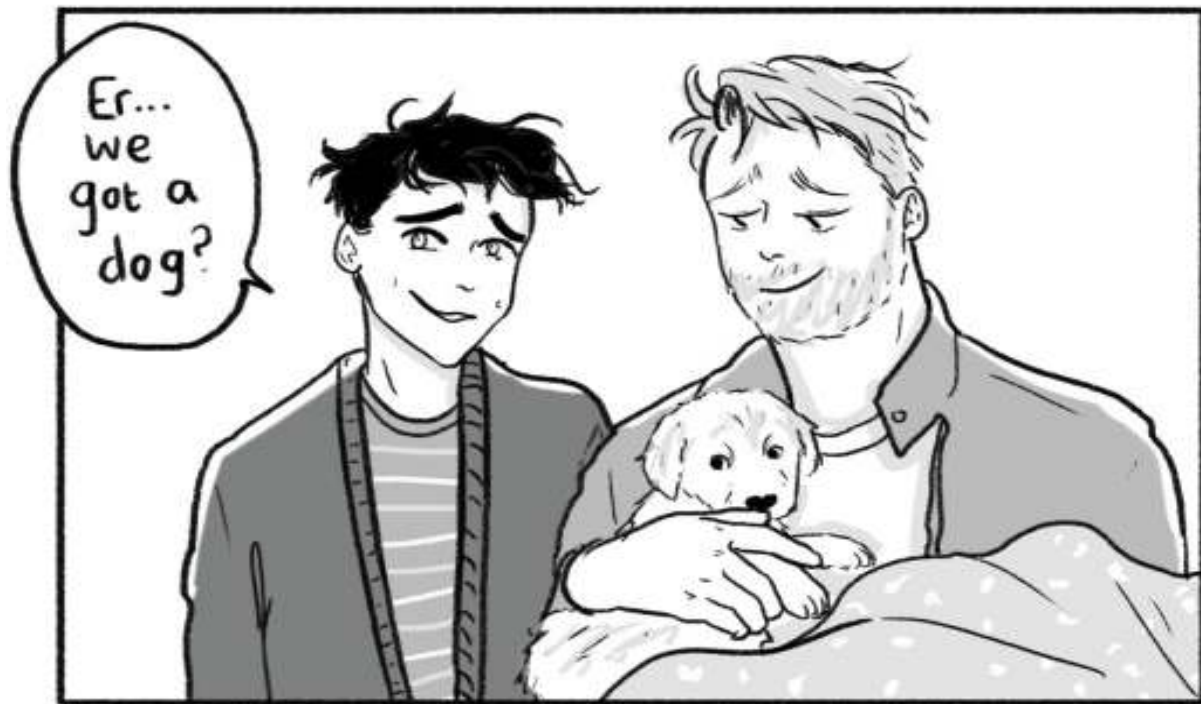














THE
END

MOMENTS

a heartstopper mini-comic

TAKES PLACE BETWEEN
CHAPTER 2.12 AND 2.13

AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS...



We hung out almost every day over the Easter Holidays and we kept having these...

Moments...

Like when we went to the arcade and went in the photo booth...



Come on, it'll be funny!

Are you sure we'll both fit in there? We're tall..



FLASH

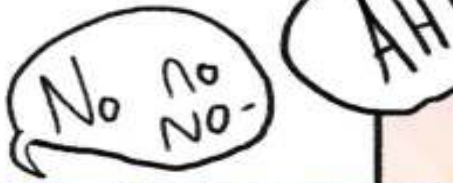


And then
on another
day

Nick came round
to help me and my
brother make my
sister's birthday
cake...







And then there was this one evening we took his dog for a walk...





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um... there's a bug in your hair

WE NEARLY KISSED



Or like I don't know I guess he might have been trying to get a bug out of my hair but I don't know the sunset was so romantic I was CONFUSED

I like him so much



do you think anything's gonna happen?

