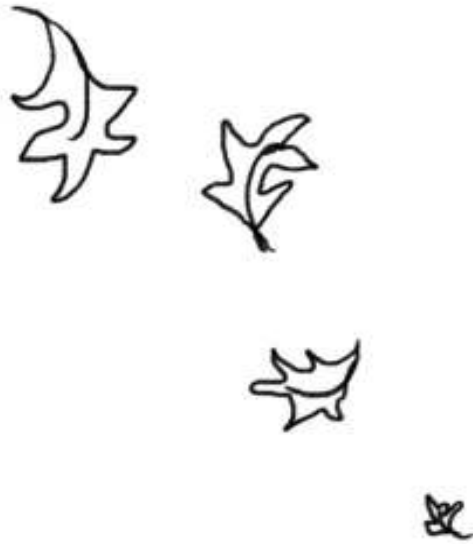


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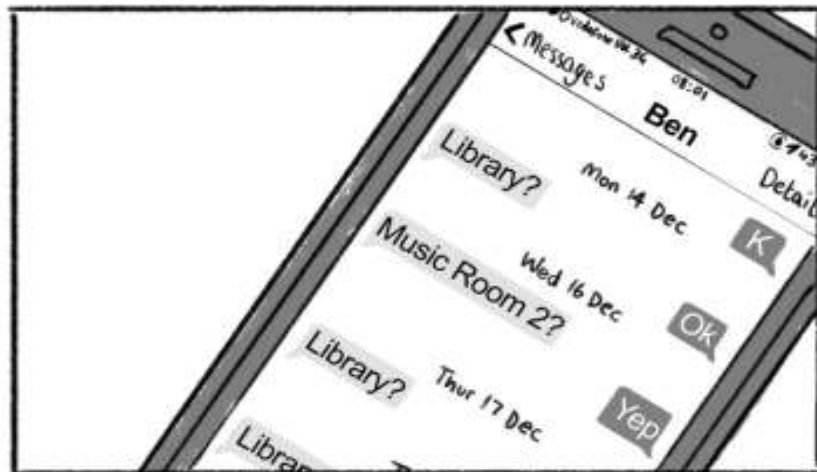
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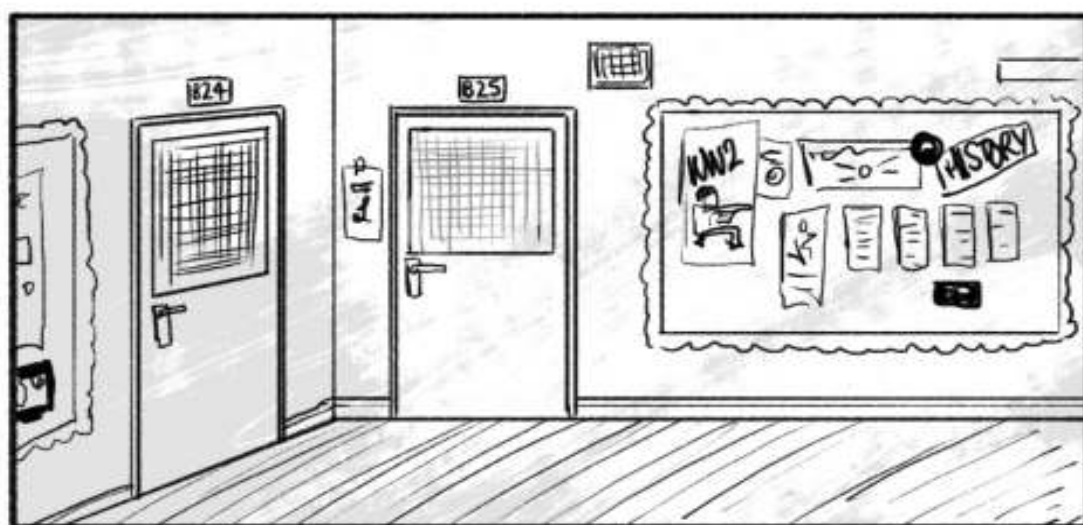


TICK





















A COMIC BY  
ALICE  
OSEMAN



1. MEET











Er...  
Charlie?





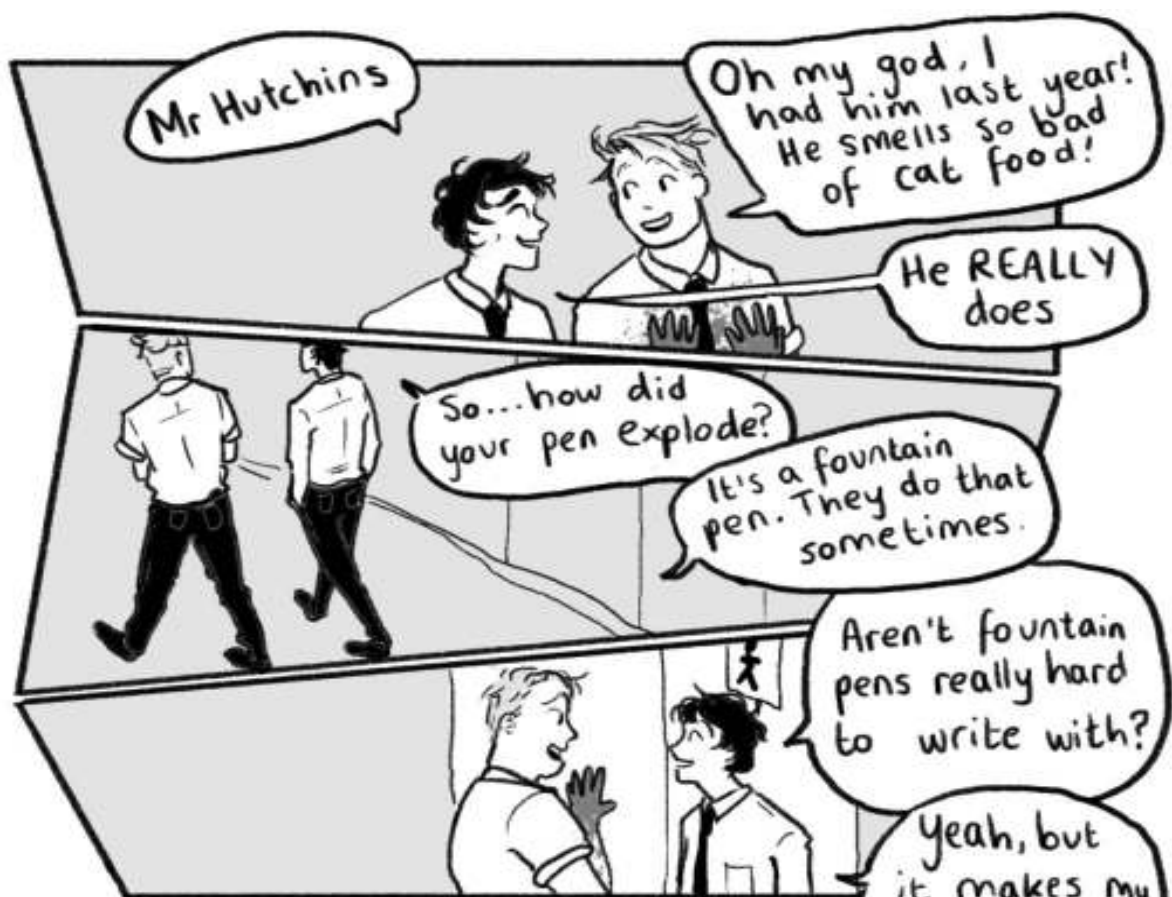




Hopefully I'll miss some of first period...  
I have double science

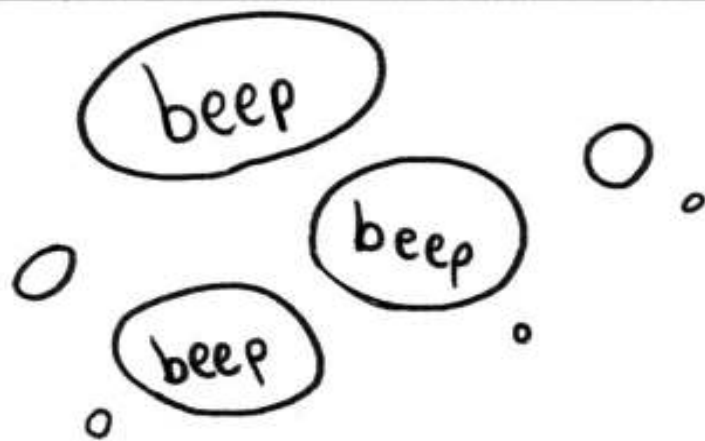


Ugh! Who d'you have?



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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





WHAT.







..haha..





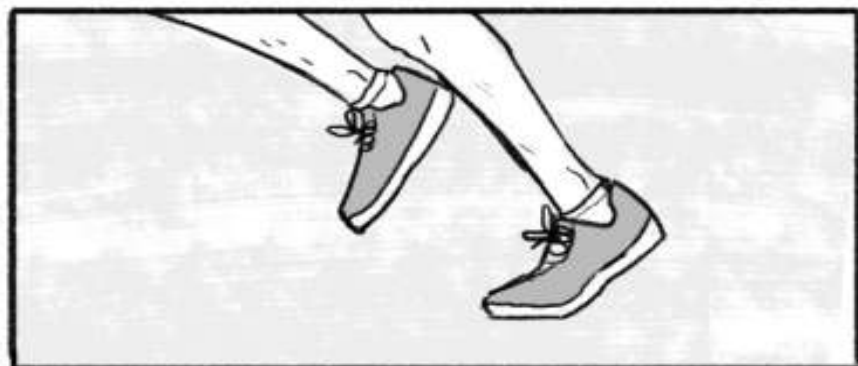


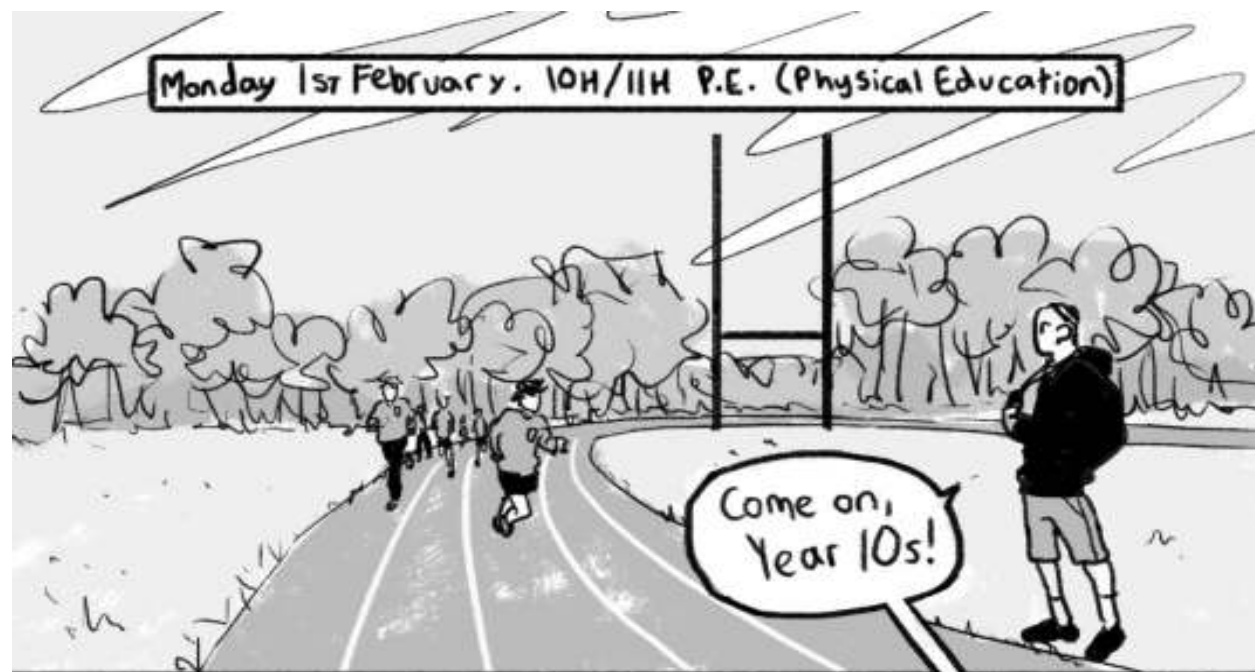
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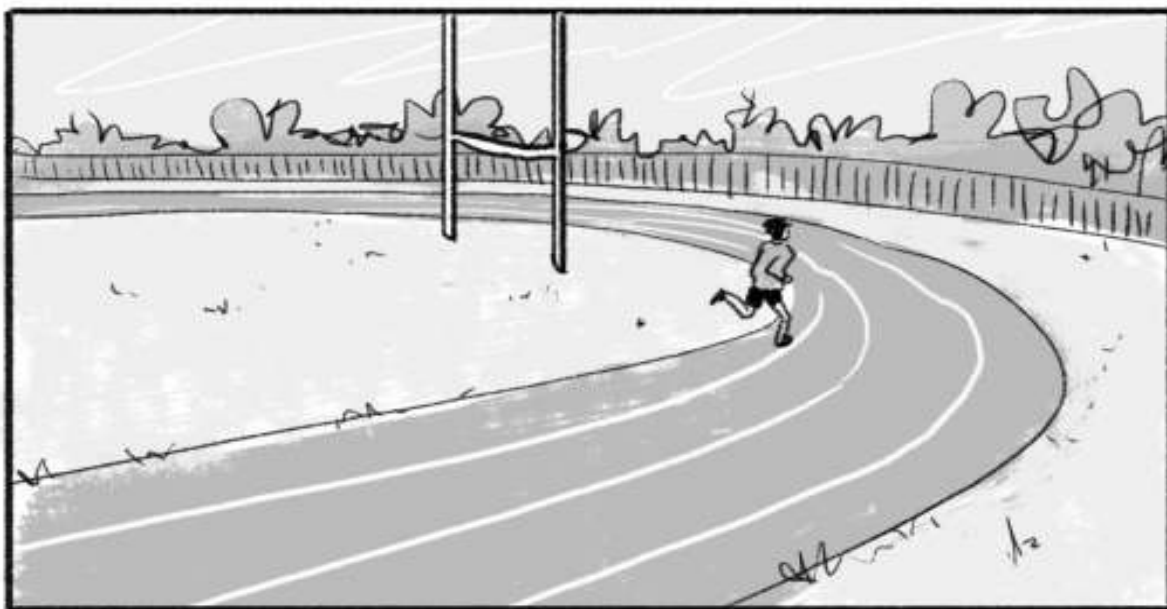














NICK!







NICK!



Yeah?

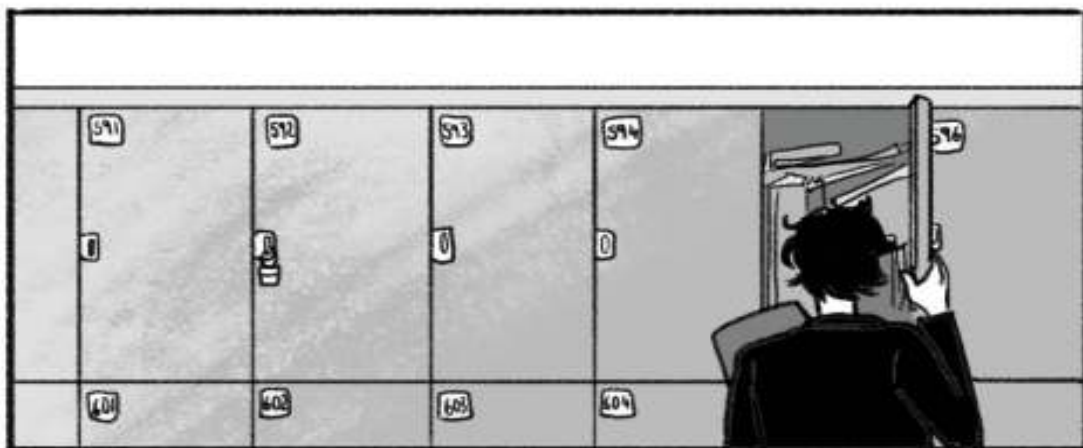
What are  
you staring  
at?



Nothing













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CHARLIE?









So...  
anyway...



I have  
something  
to ask  
you!







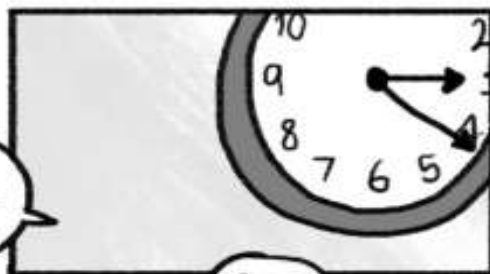


- beep -





ONE WEEK LATER...



Charlie  
Spring,  
though?





— 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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Um













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



We've got about 15 minutes left, so -

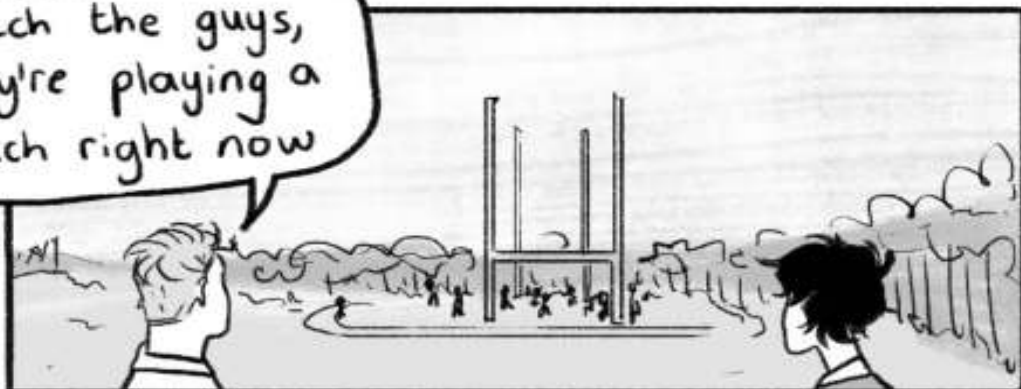
- do you want to give Tackling a go?

..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  
onnnnn.  
I bet  
you can  
do it.



..Fine



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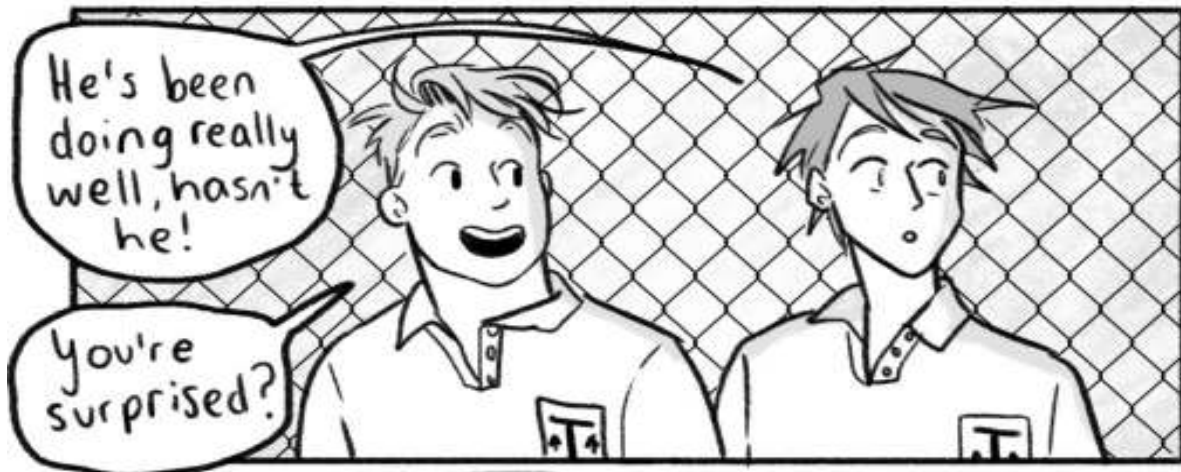
Let's try it again while running!









## 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! :)





WHAT









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

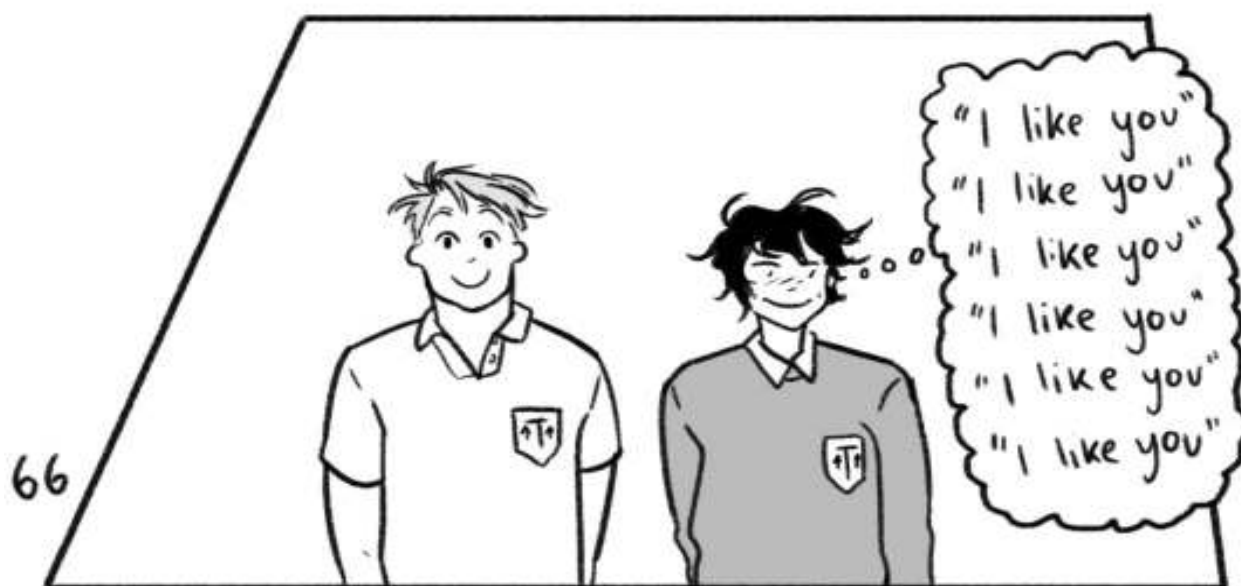






Well I  
like you  
and want  
you on  
the team!

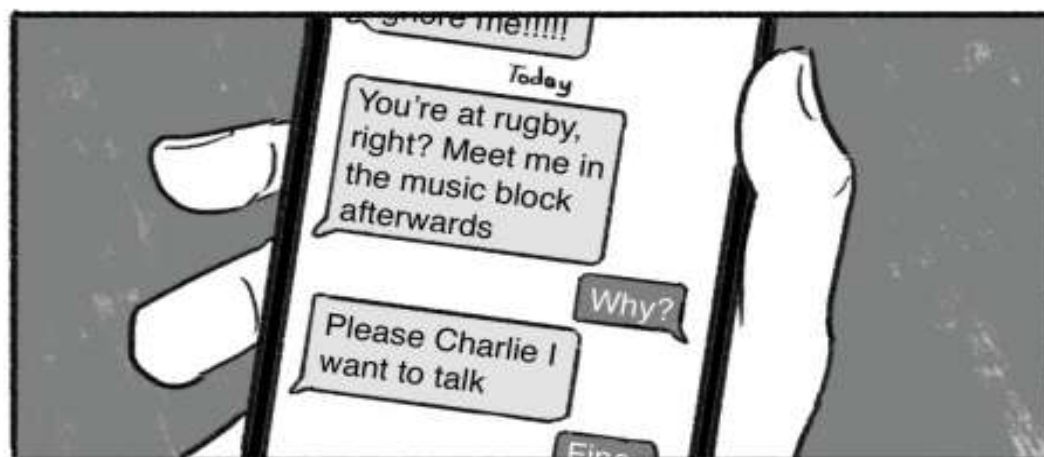
Haha!!  
Good!























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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



































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





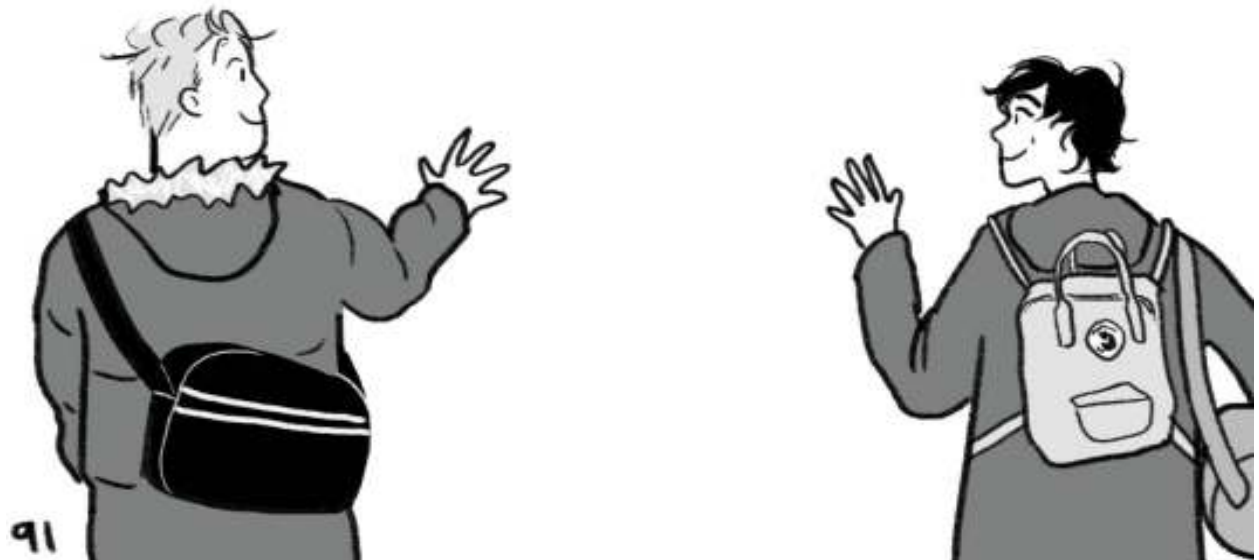
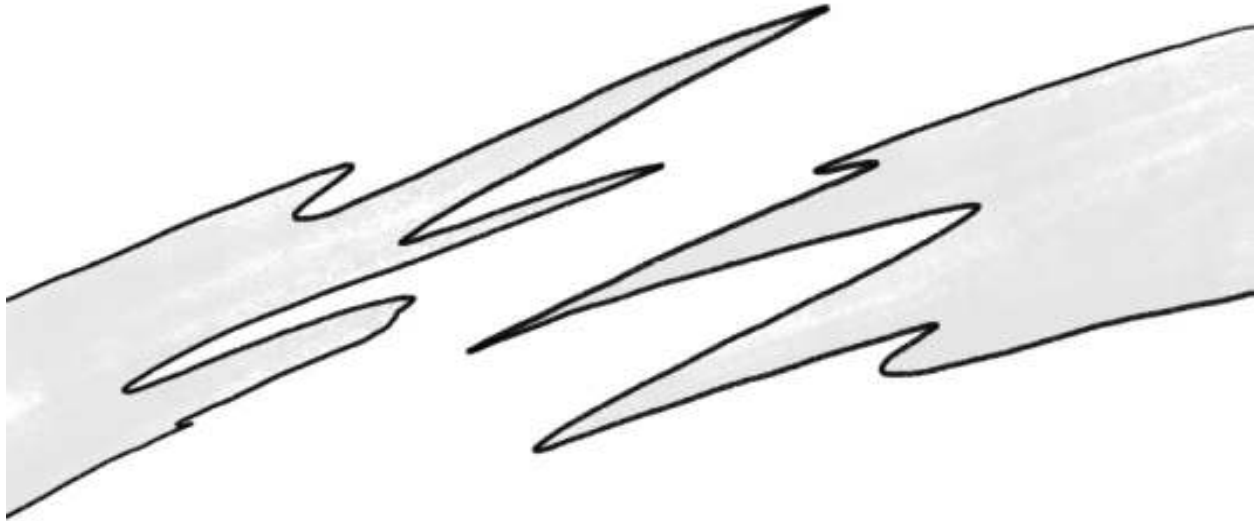




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## 2. CRUSH





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."





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



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



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



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





"What did  
he expect?"







tap tap

Hey so what happened seemed really serious		
 Add Files	 Add Photos	

tap

tap tap tap



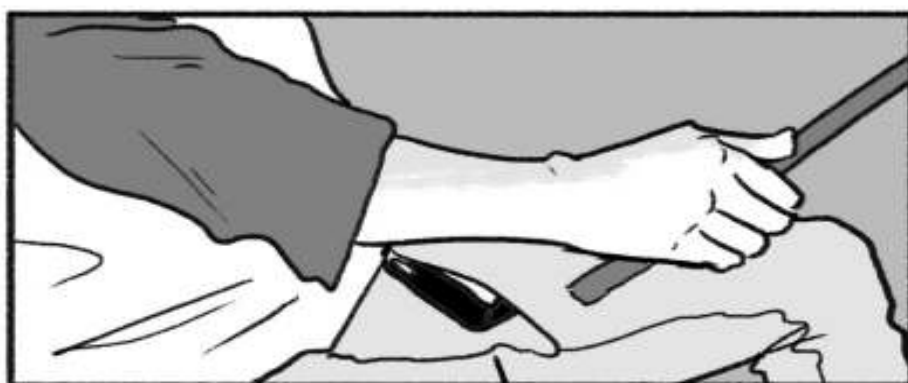
I don't think you should talk to Ben anymore		
 Add Files	 Add Photos	





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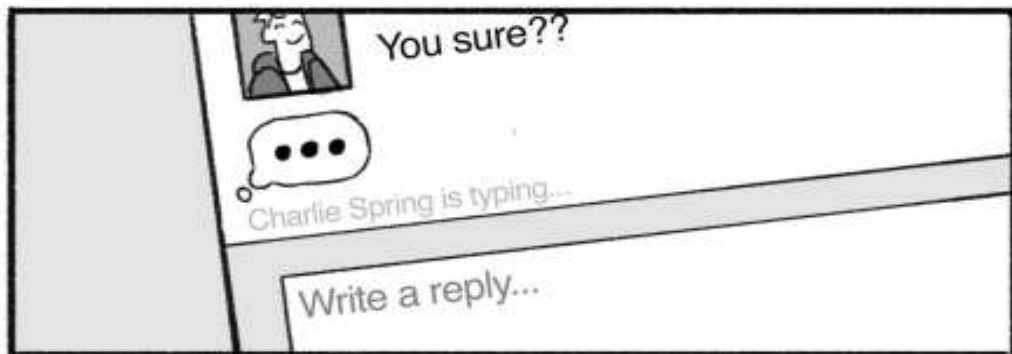
BUZZ

?









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



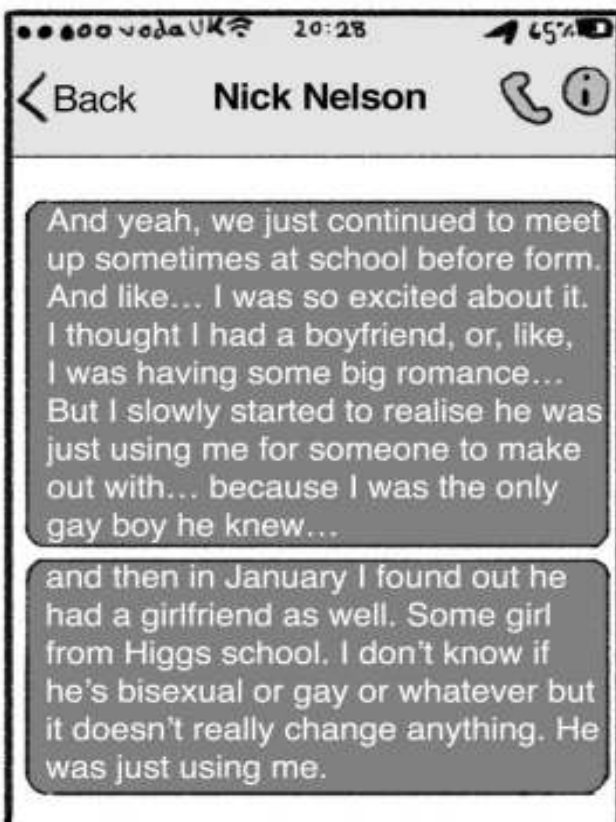
**Nick Nelson**

I don't mind!!

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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







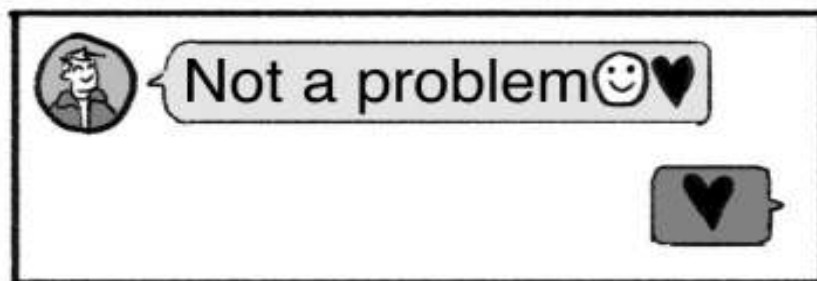
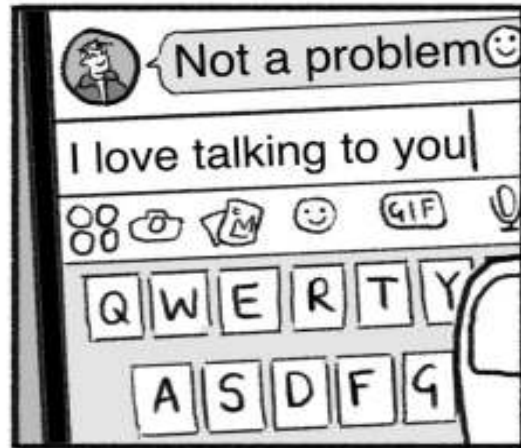
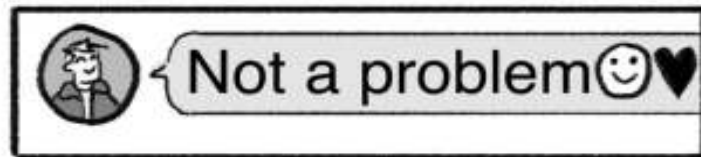
Thank you for  
being there

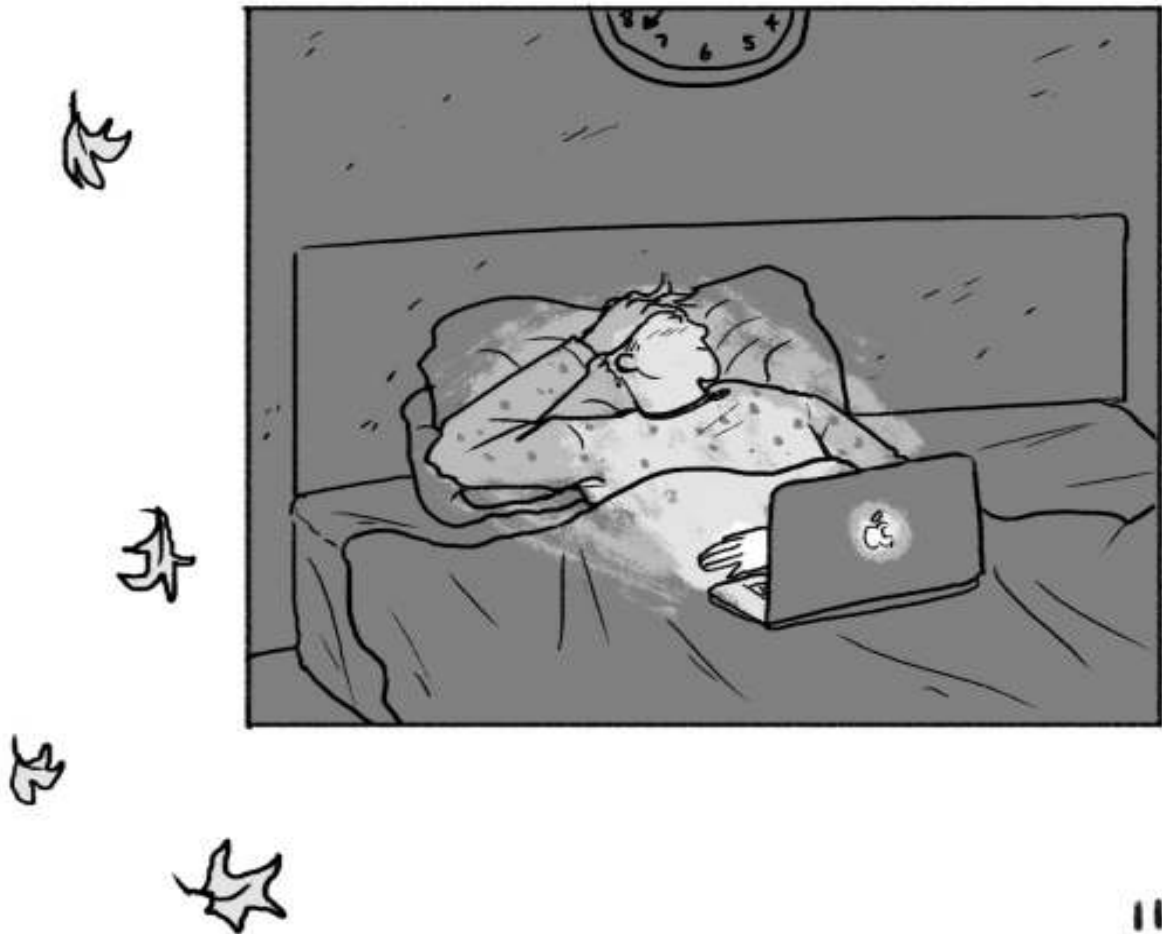
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the music block?

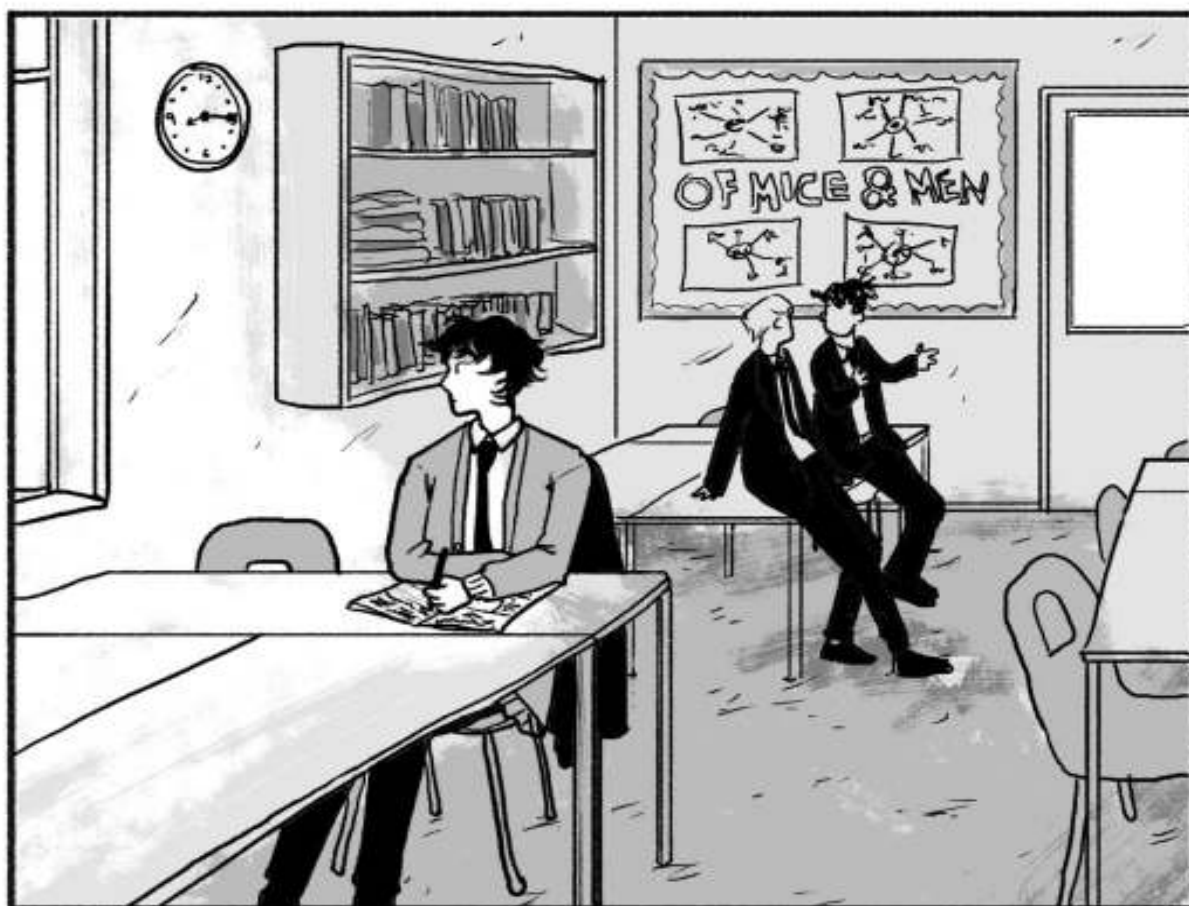


Well...

both













Charlie, what  
the FUCK is  
going on!?









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

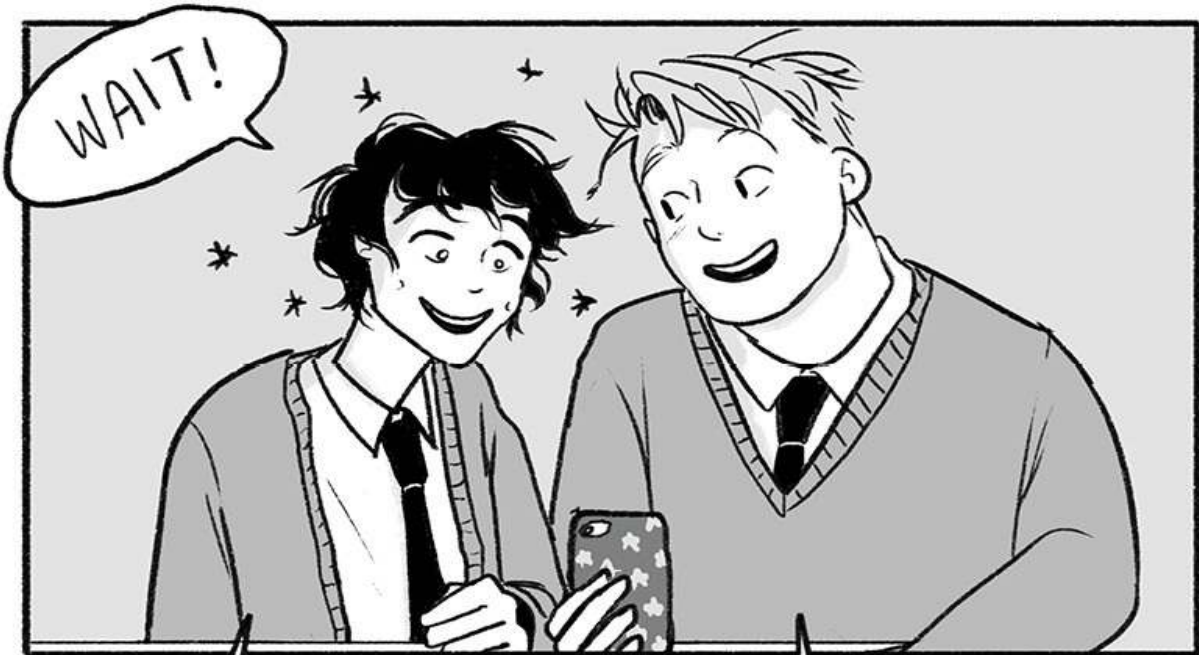
Wait, I think I've got a picture of it-

Oh! That's just my dog, haha

MARCH







You have  
a dog?

Yeah! Her name's  
Nellie ♡



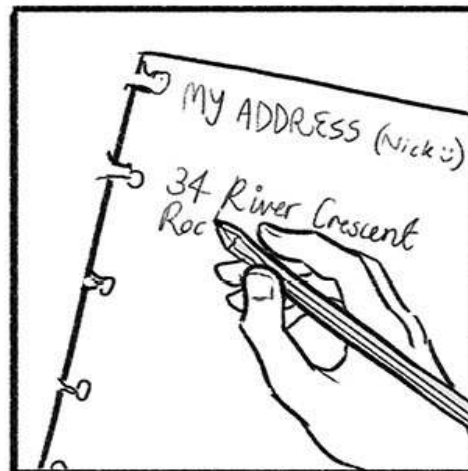
She's pretty  
old but I  
love her

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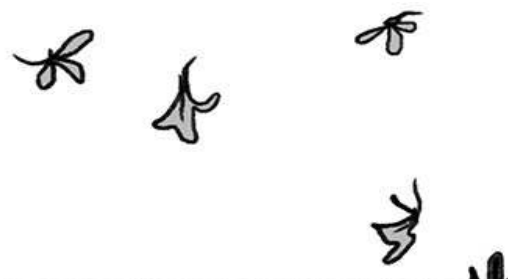


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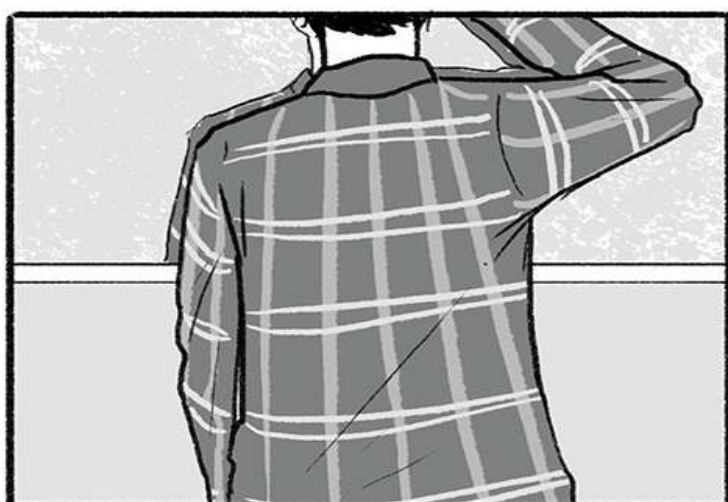


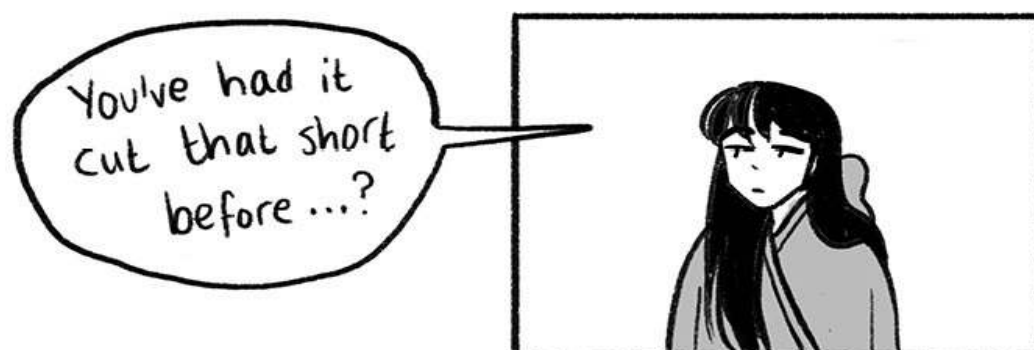






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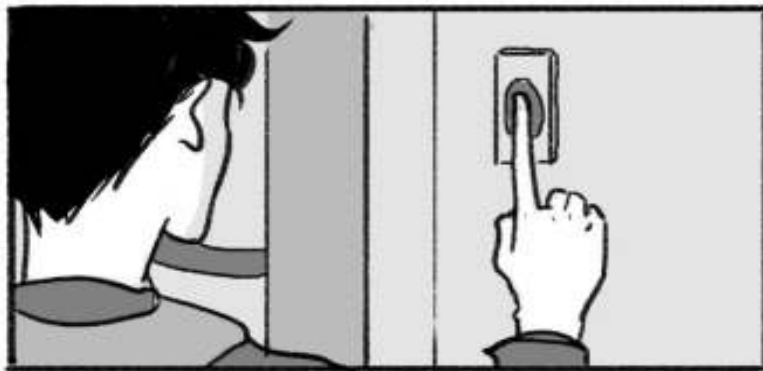






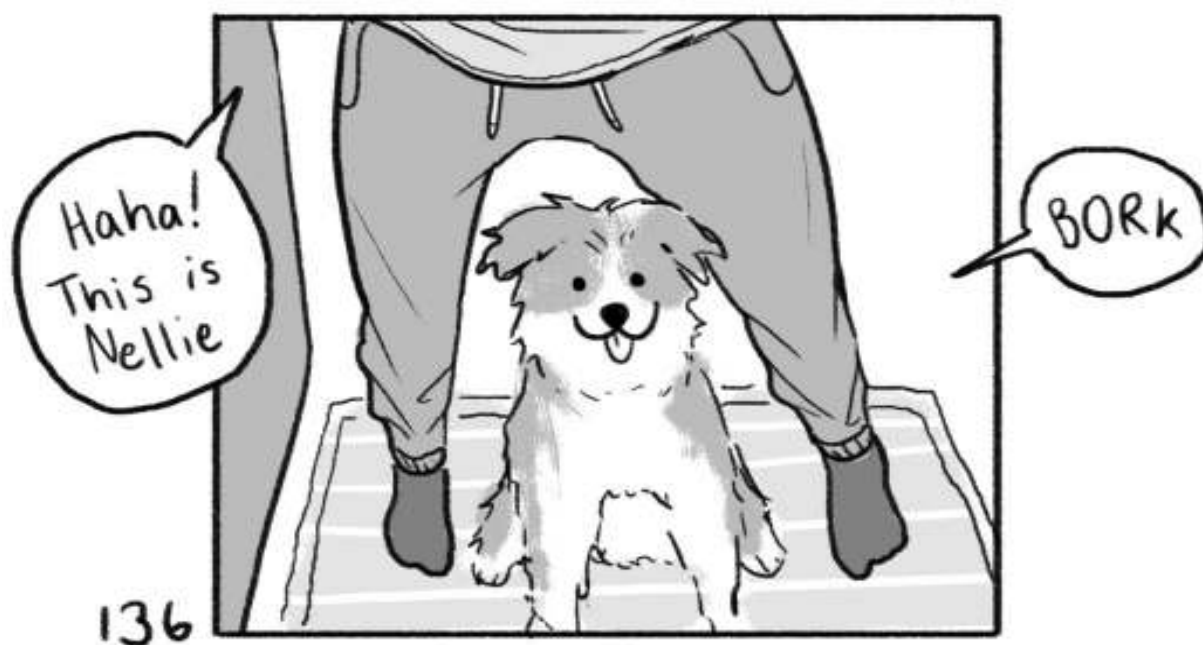






DRRRING





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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











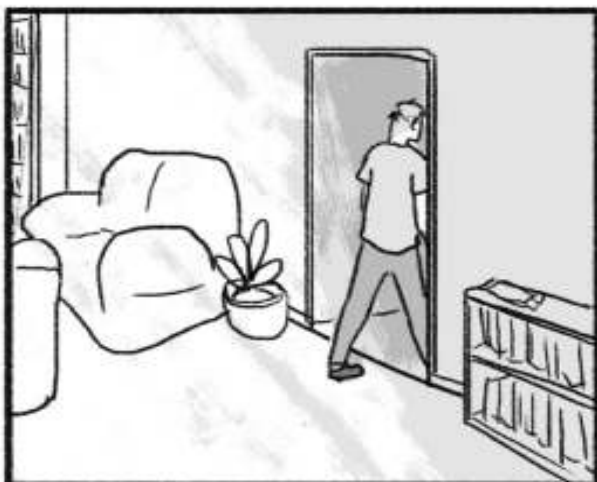




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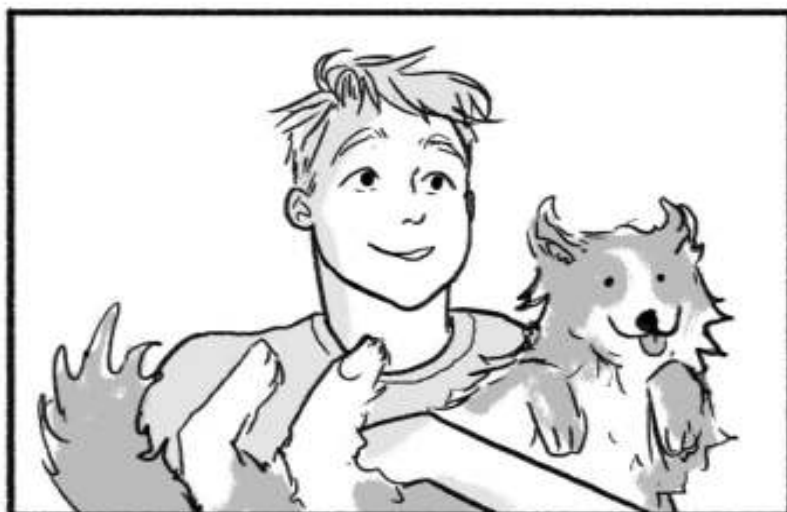


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I'll miss  
Nellie  
too



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.















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





















Charliiiiiie

Yeah?









Why are  
you so  
strong?

I'm not  
strong,  
you're just  
small







OKAY, okay, stop,  
you win



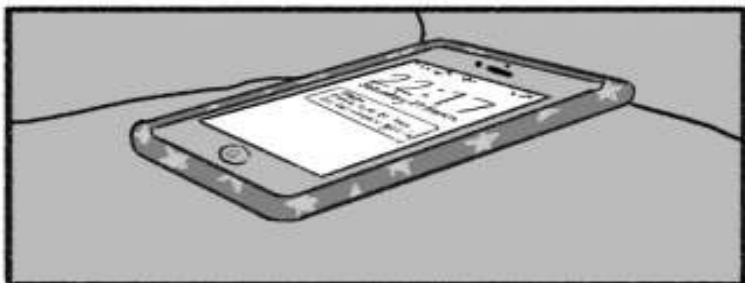


ROLL

































What is  
happening  
to me?

**SHUT!**



Nicky? Did  
you have a  
good day?

Yep.

... you okay?

Yep. Fine.









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TAP

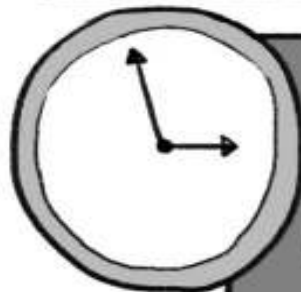
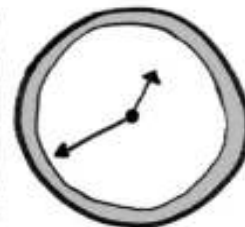




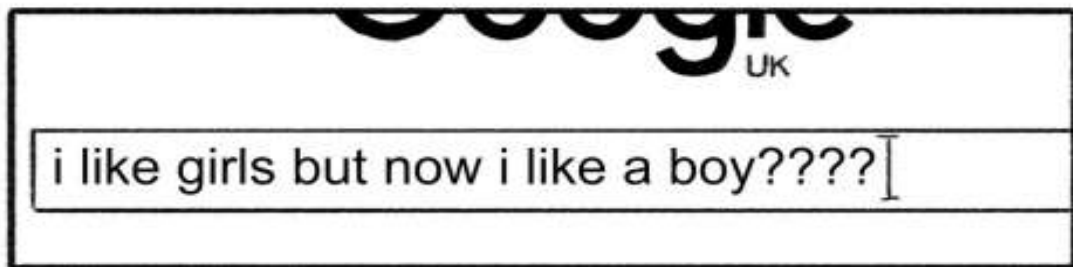
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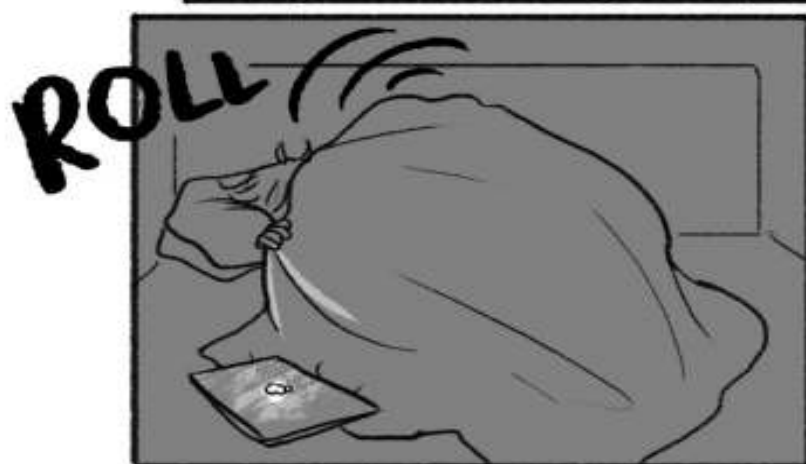
UK

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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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  
VISITORS

3	9
3	4

CHARLIE!!









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







30 MINS LATER...







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.

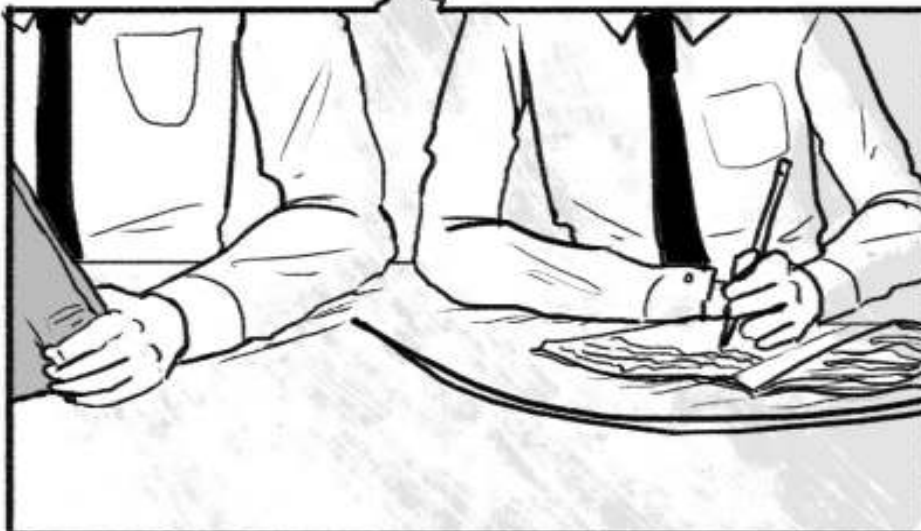




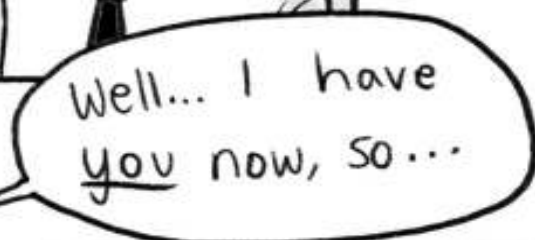
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I can kinda see it.  
Nick and Charlie.



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







It'll be fun if you're there!









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I've been looking  
for you!







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!

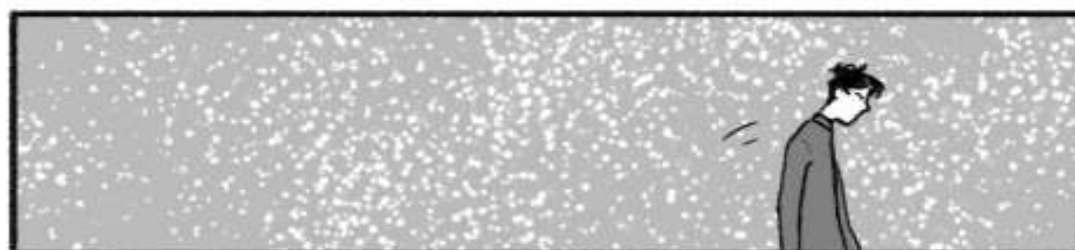


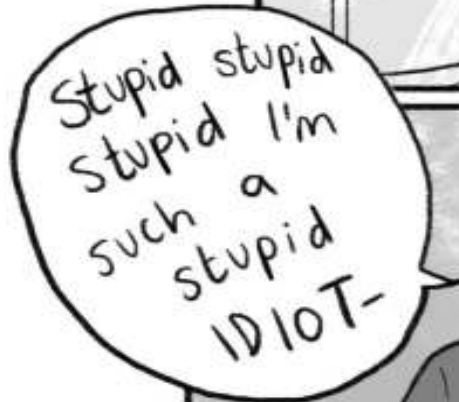




You remember Nick Nelson, right?







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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.



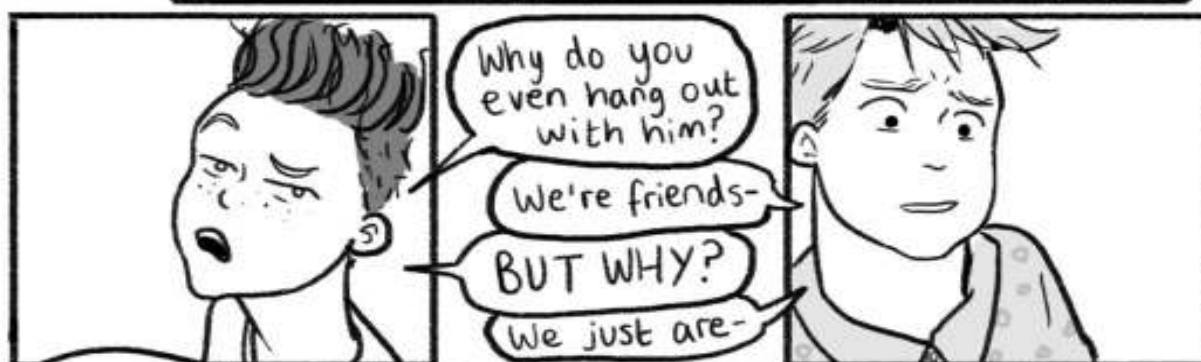
So... I heard you've been hanging out with Charlie Spring a lot recently...

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

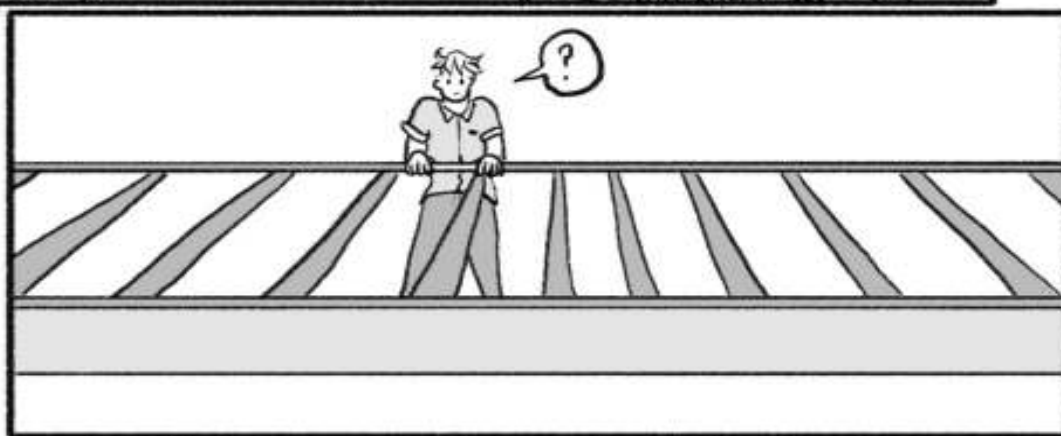
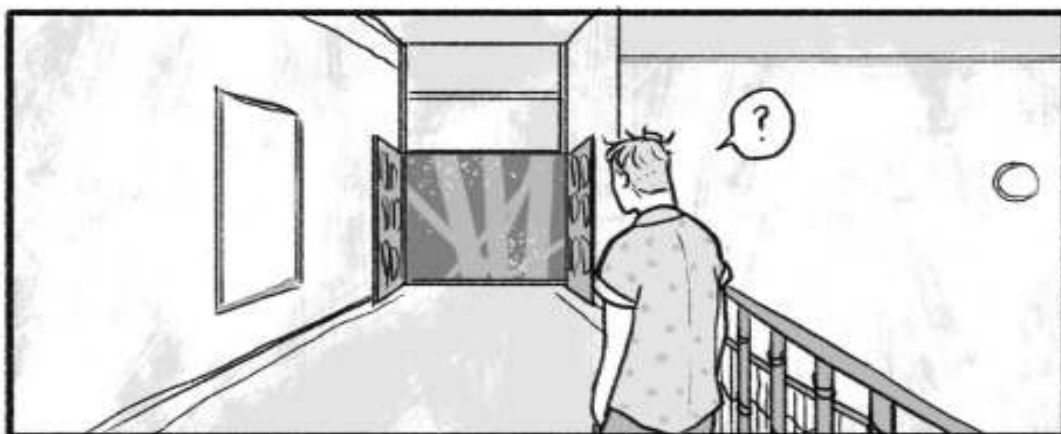
























Oh come on, Charlie!



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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!?

Anywhere!



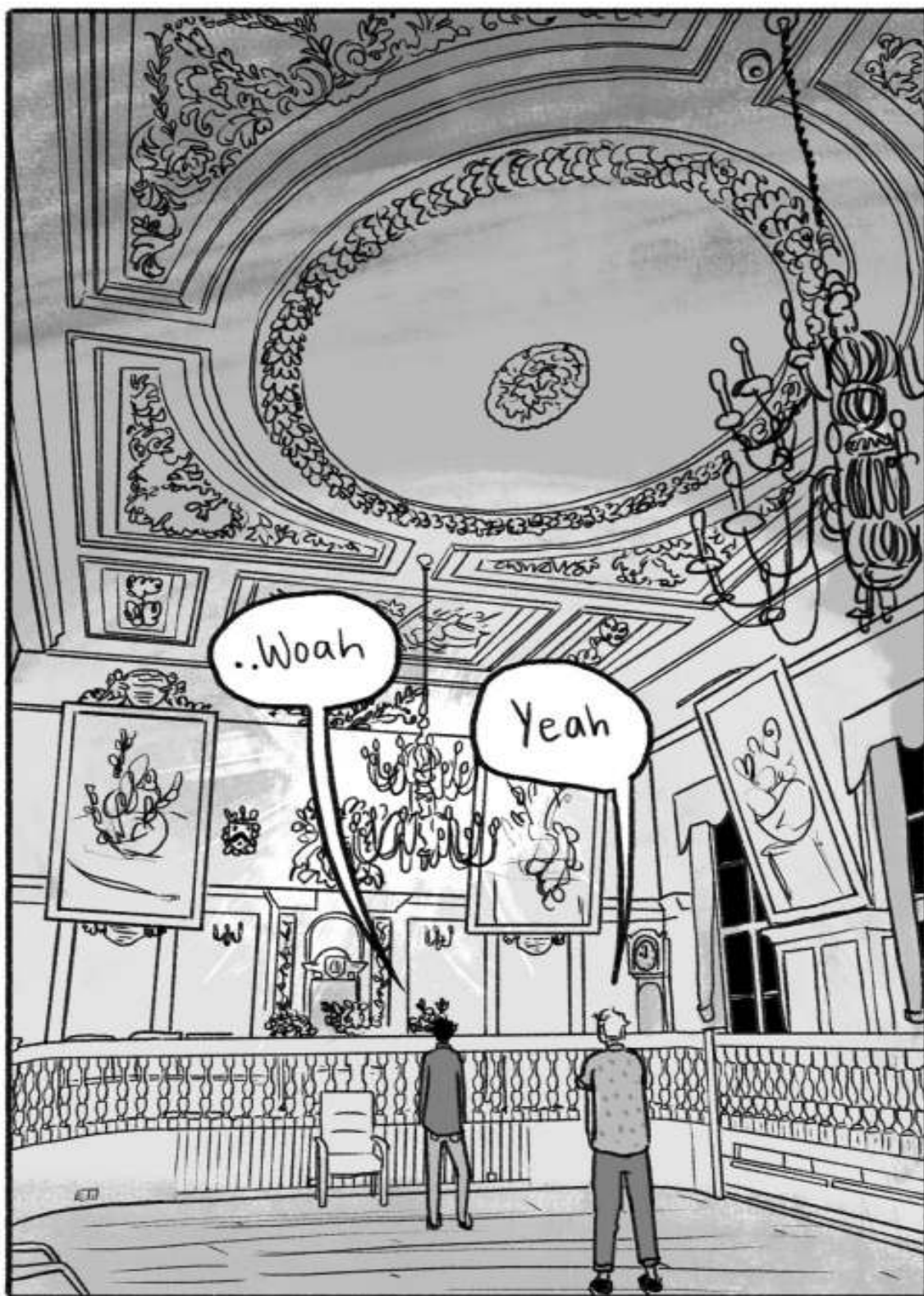
Unfair!

You're way  
faster  
than me!

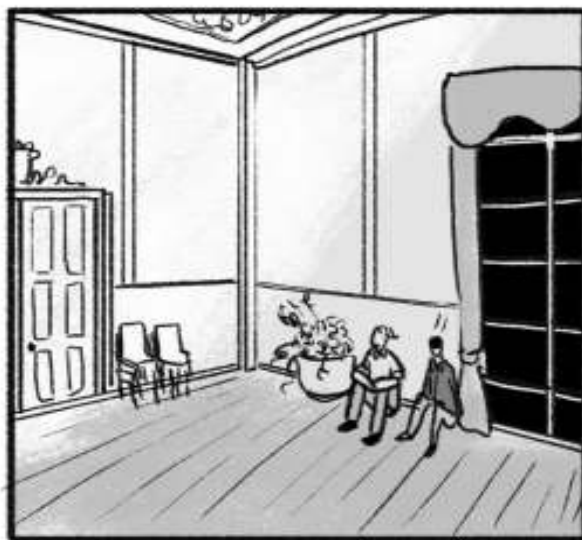
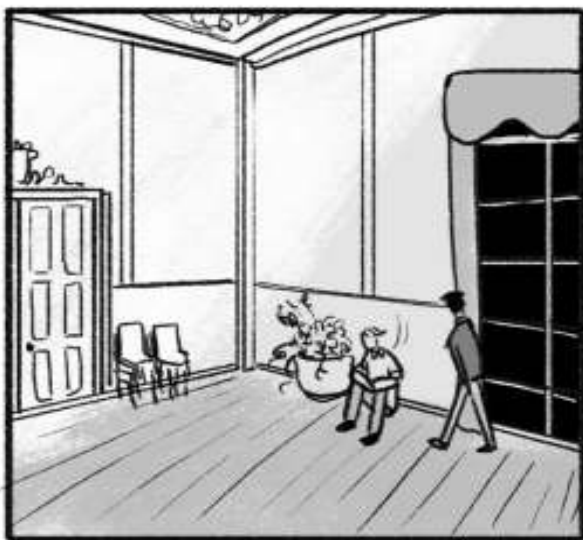














NO! No, definitely not!

We... we kissed at a party when we were like 13 and I liked her at the time but I've honestly barely thought about her since then and I DEFINITELY don't like her that way anymore!



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 called  
Higgs school for like 3 years

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



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



not a girl?



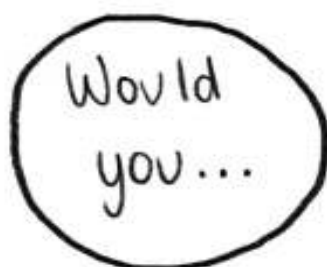


Would you...



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





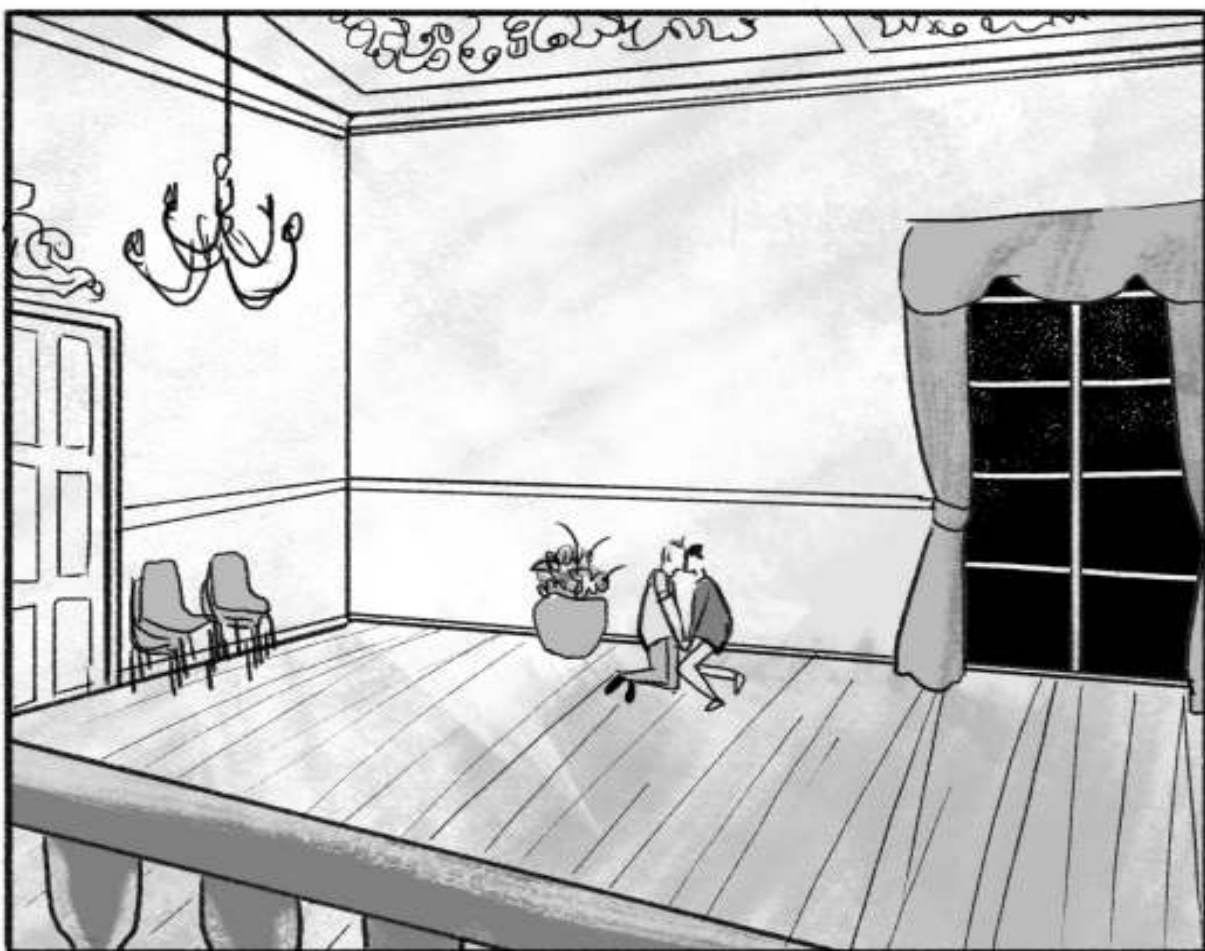














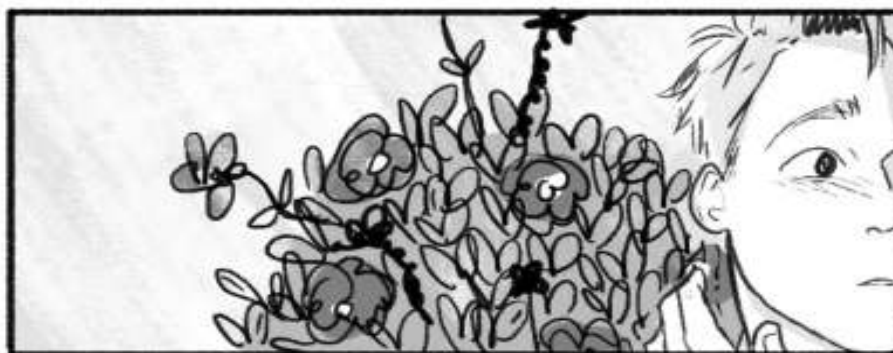














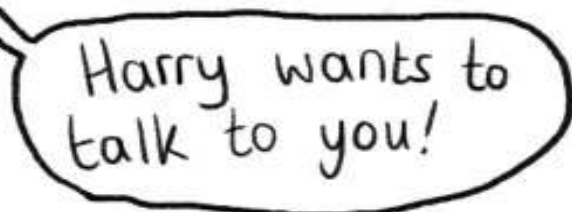


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Nick?  
Are you  
up here?



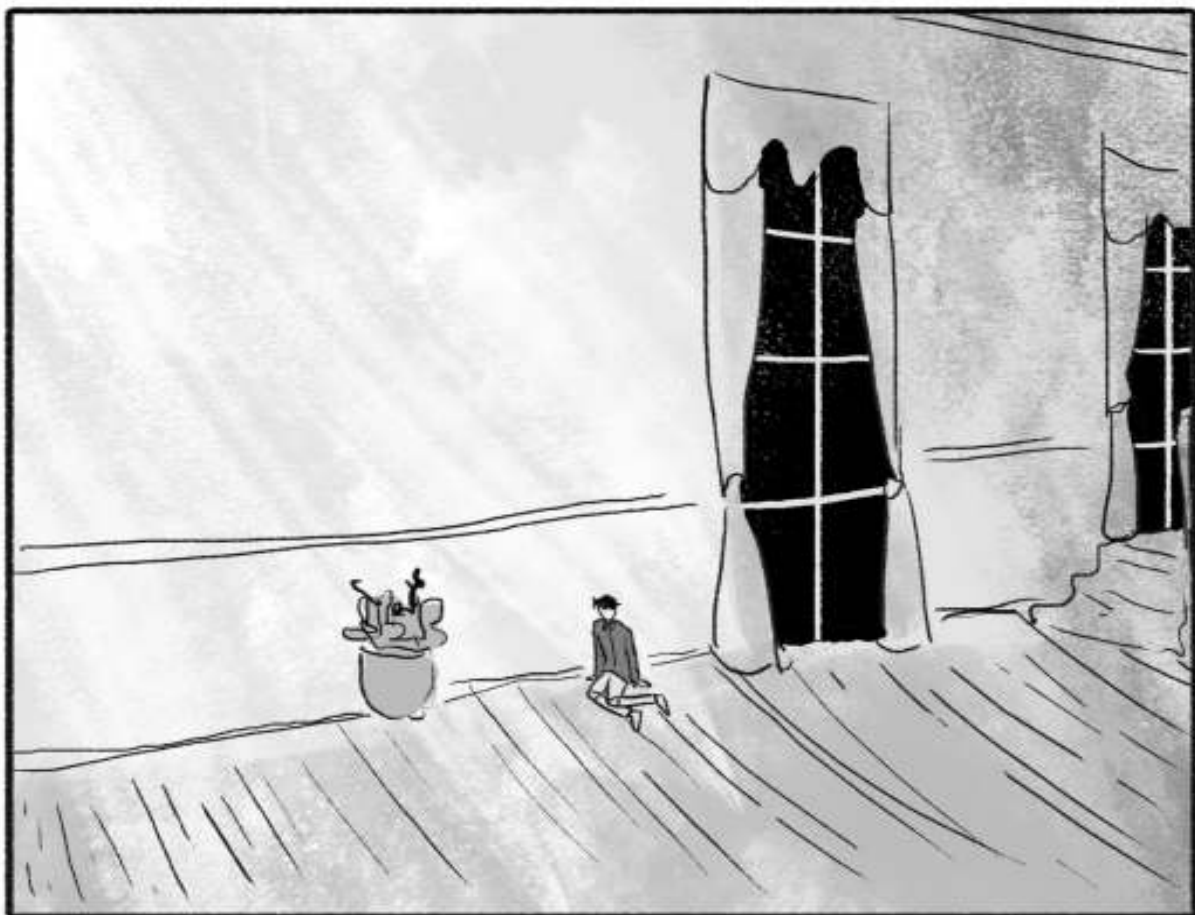






SHUT







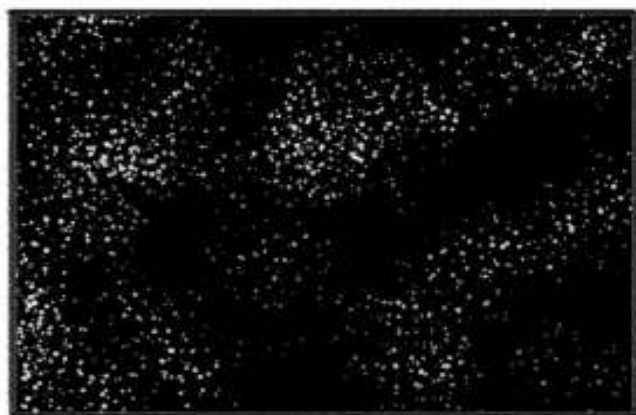


I'm  
sorry





I'm  
sorry

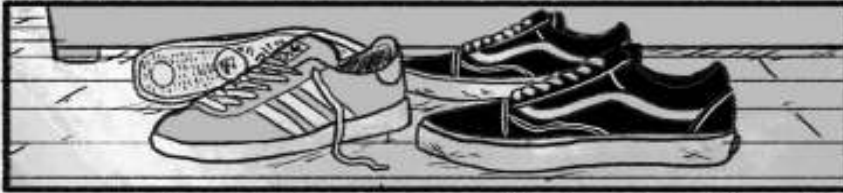


I'm  
sorry

# ADOPTION

A HEARTSTOPPER MINI-COMIC

10 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE...















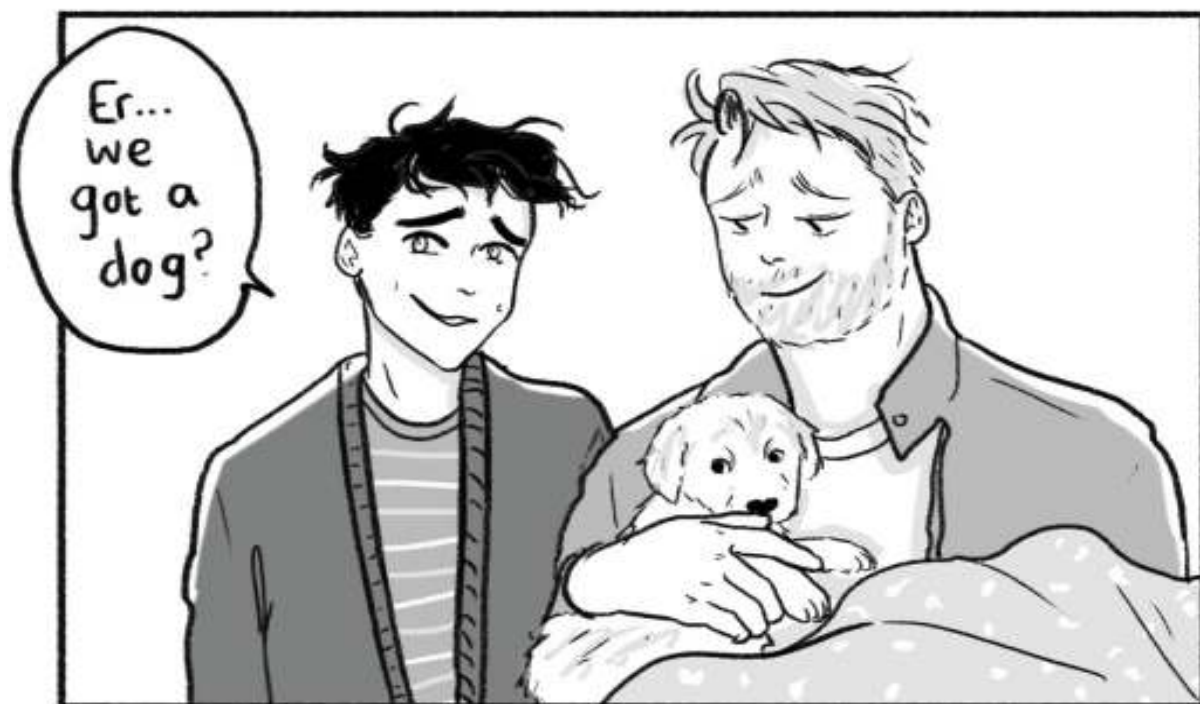














THE  
END

# 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?



*The end x*