

VOLUME  
2

# HEARTSTOPPER

ALICE  
OSEMAN



3. KISS

LATER THAT NIGHT...



sniff





ugh...  
\*sniff\*

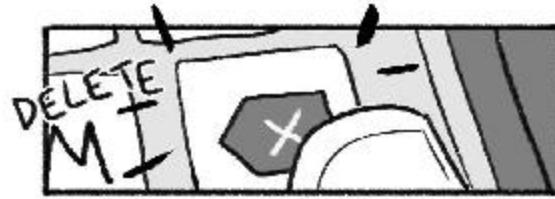












THE NEXT MORNING



Sigh





! DING DONG !









just- just  
come in



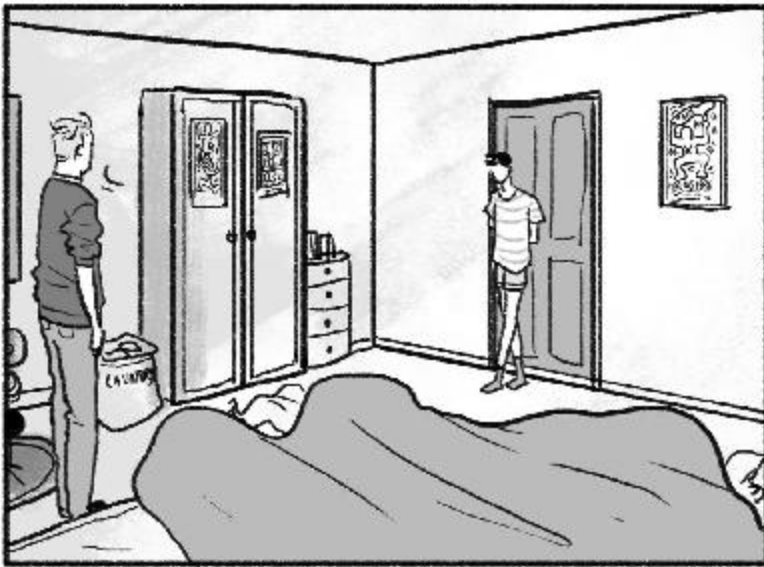
you're  
getting  
soaked







\* deep  
breath \*















but I had to at least say sorry



a-and see  
if maybe-

Charlie-

-there's a  
chance  
we could  
still be  
friends





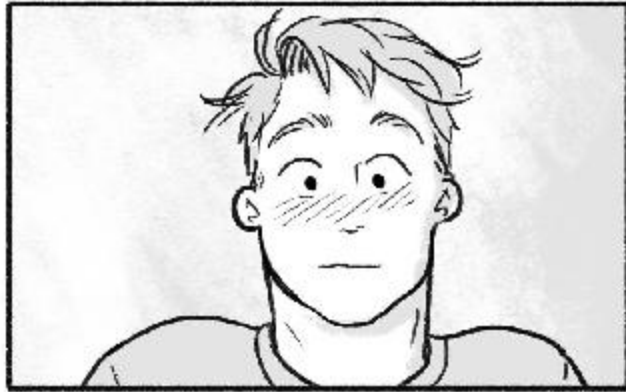








\* exhale \*



..♥



u-um...  
you...



you've  
been sending  
me a lot  
of mixed  
signals











I'm just...



**FREAKING OUT**  
like honestly  
I am having  
a proper  
full-on  
**GAY CRISIS**



It's not  
that I  
didn't  
want to..

you know...



kiss you



I was just  
so confused..



I've just  
been  
so, so  
confused..

A-and I didn't expect that to happen yesterday



It's not like I didn't WANT to but I

hadn't really psyched myself up and then bloody Sai turns up and I wanted to stay with you, but.. b-but...

299



but I didn't want  
other people to- to  
see us doing that



I mean, I'm not  
ashamed, I'm just..  
it was just...



I j-just need some  
time to figure this out









I'm  
sorry

it's  
okay



it's  
okay

- PLIP -





You haven't  
messed  
it up



And I'm  
really  
happy

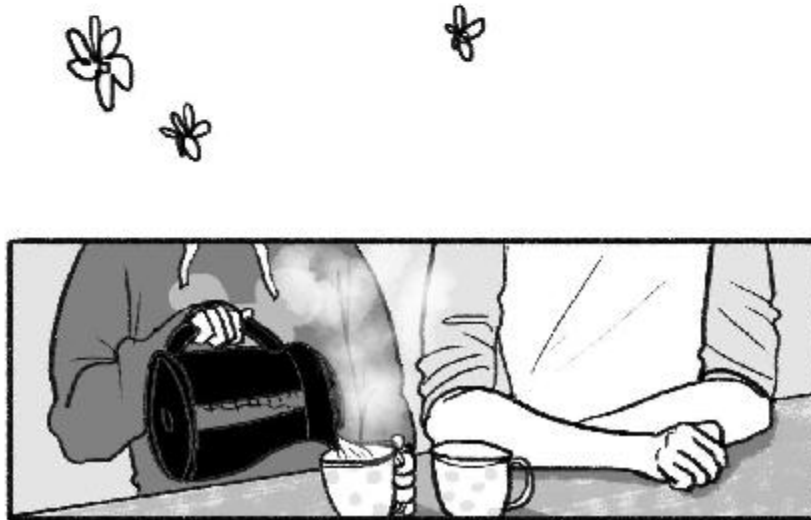




Do you want  
a cup of tea?

Yes please













311





I guess I've  
always been  
sort of aware  
of it...



even when  
I was really  
young...



From my fictional crushes



to my real ones

I suppose I didn't understand it at the time, but...



It's always been boys





I... don't know what I am...



I've liked girls before ...



but now...



I like you





I'm an idiot





I thought... I just really liked you as a friend... a best friend... because, like, I want to hang out with you all the time and I just love everything about you...

but I kept wanting to... I don't know... hug you and hold your hand



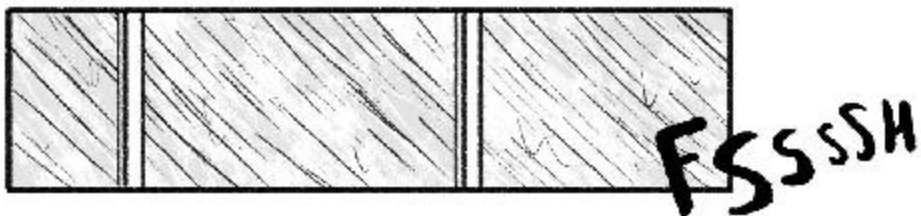
and then yesterday, when you suggested it, I- I really wanted to kiss you



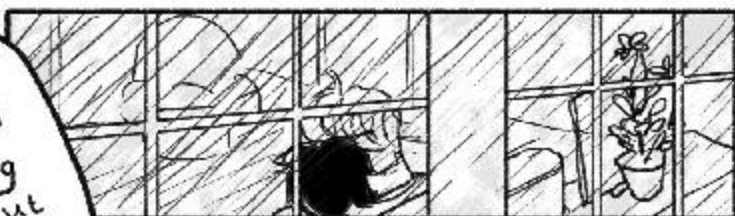
318







I would have said something sooner, but I convinced myself you were straight.



I don't know what I am now





Well...  
you could  
be

bisexual?

o-or  
something  
else! There  
are lots  
of other  
sexualities  
other than  
gay and  
straight!



bisexual...





Now look  
who's saying  
sorry too  
much!



















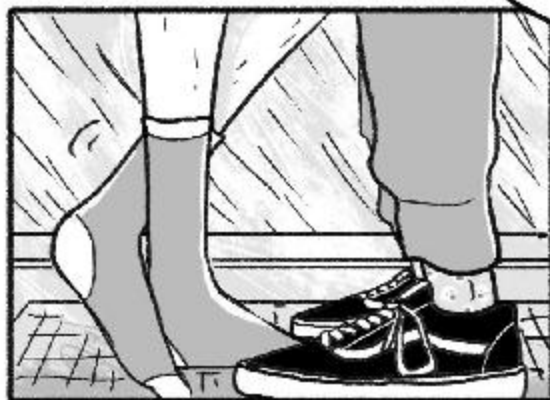




So... would it  
be okay if we  
kept us a secret?  
Just for a little  
while









You  
always...



You always  
look really  
cute







I'll text you later!!





PATTER



PATTER











HA  
HA  
HA!



TAP  
TAP  
TAP

LATER...











TAP

TAP

TAP  
TAP

alksjdthajhdsf



i just died

you can't just send  
me that without  
warning!!!!

HA  
HA  
HA





yeah you know i'm  
only getting with you  
so i can see Nellie  
right

I KNEW IT



Who are you  
texting?

NO  
ONE











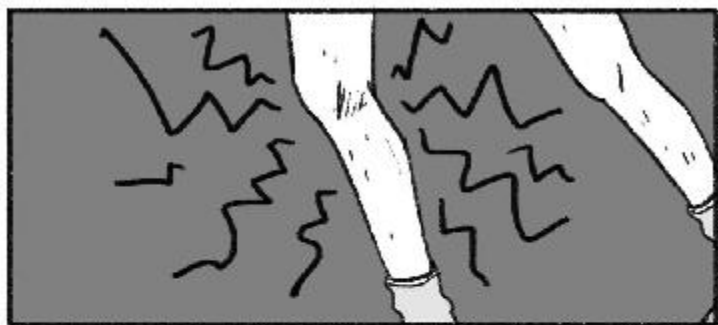
TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



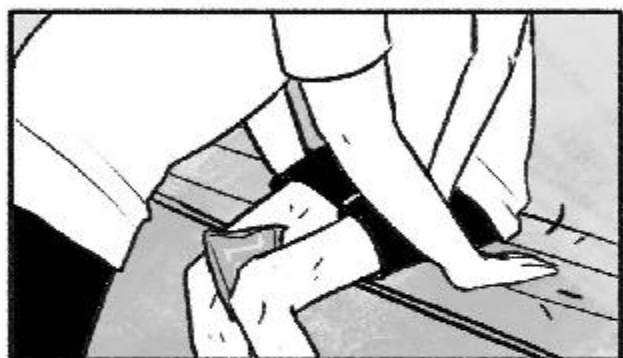










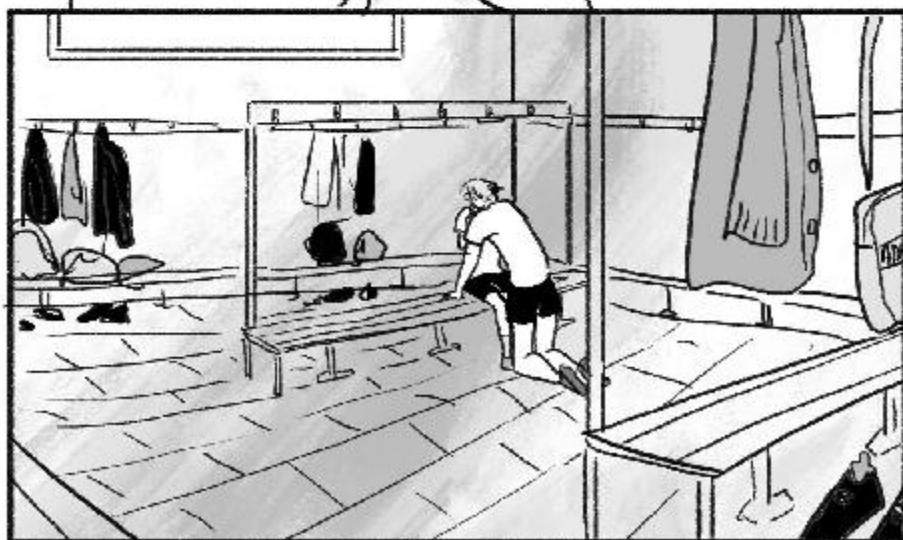


Also...

We're not really acting any different to before we kissed







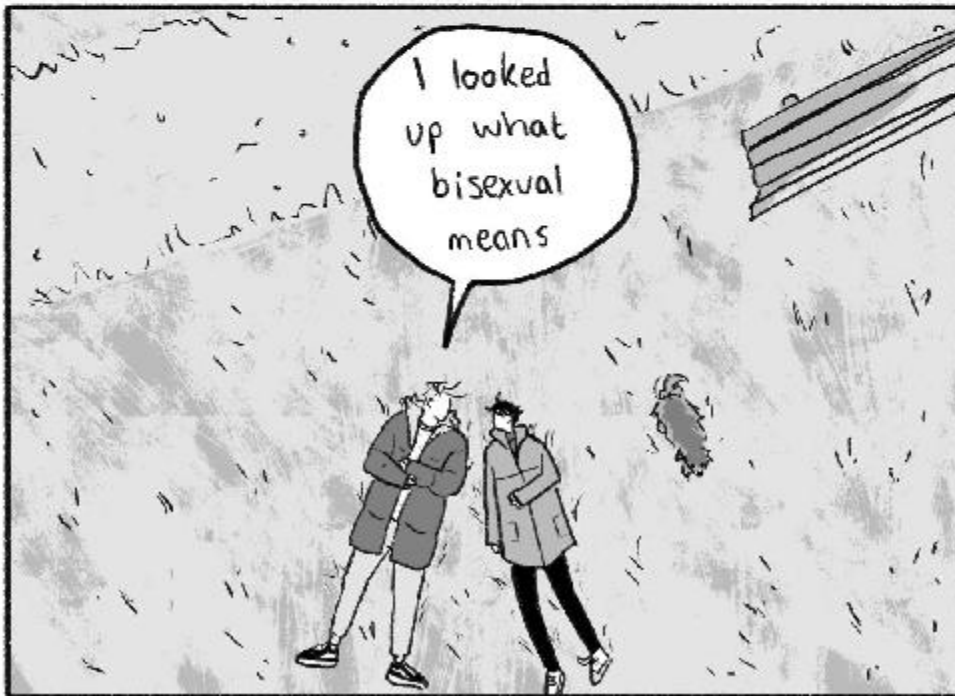




THURSDAY



361





I've been reading about it all week and..

.. I think that might be me



but I'm still not sure







RUSTLE







Don't  
be  
sorry!!



I feel  
bad...



Nick.  
I understand.  
I promise.



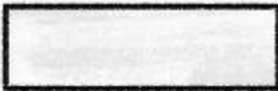


Can I have an extra kiss when we get back to your house?



y-yeah!!

boof?



FRIDAY

So... it's kind of my birthday  
next Tuesday



me and my  
friends are  
going bowling  
tomorrow



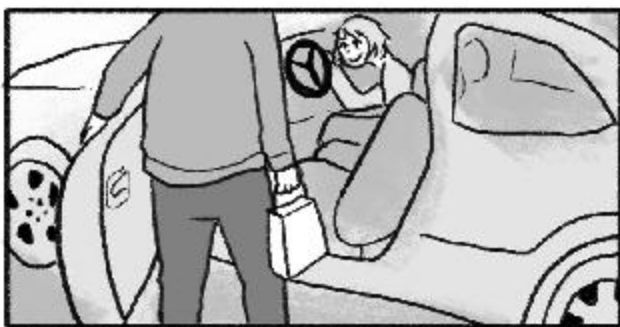
and.. um..  
I was gonna  
ask if you  
wanted to  
come but I  
know you don't  
really know my  
friends so  
you don't  
have to-





Yeah, Charlie's Dad's dropping me home

Okay! Have fun!





Hey!

























381









Charlie.

383













388













We weren't close with Aled and Elle back then. They don't know what it was like.



You used to be terrified to come to school.

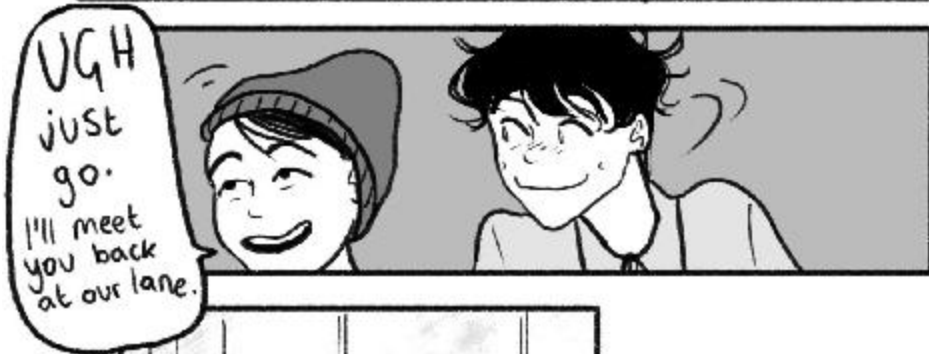


And I couldn't do anything to help.









You getting more food?



Yep!



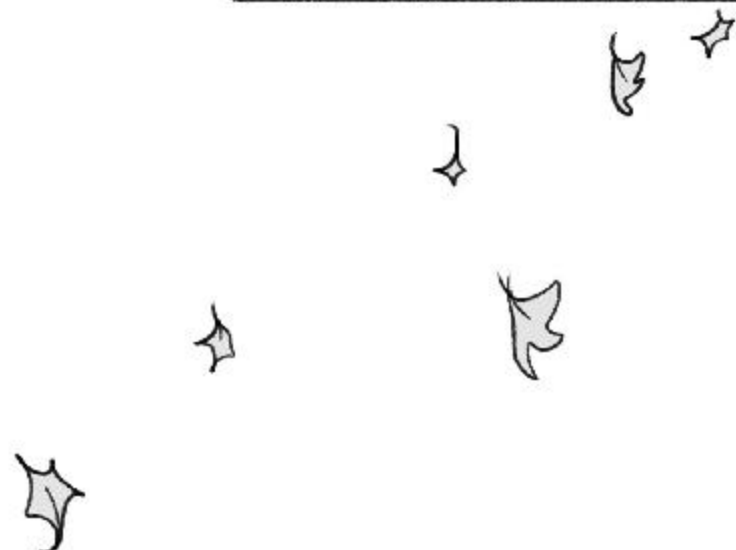
haha you're gonna need it if you wanna beat Elle again-



huh?





















I wanna kiss you so bad right now





Okay



Are you sure??

Yeah







Hey...

I... overheard  
you and Tao in the  
bathroom earlier



Oh.  
Oh  
no.

407



You don't  
believe what  
he said, do  
you? I'm not-  
I'm not just  
doing this  
for a laugh  
or attention-

No! of course  
not!





I wish  
being  
out  
wasn't  
so  
terrifying  
to me.





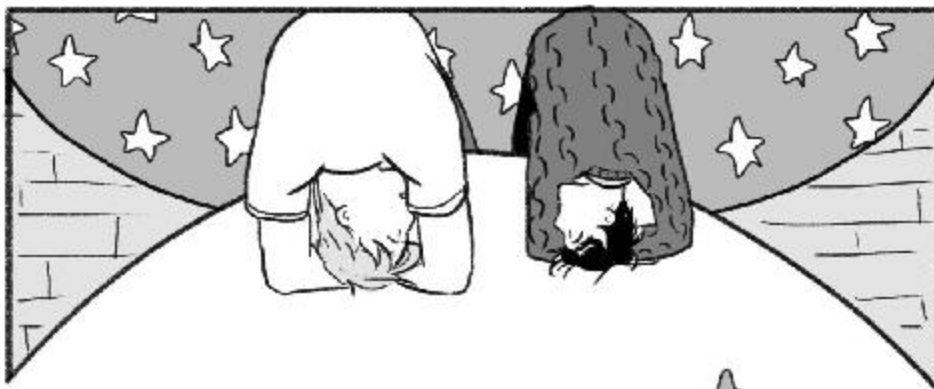
I... remember when you used to get bullied.



I wish I'd.. helped you, or.. done something, I don't know



But you didn't even know me then!



I wish I  
had known  
you

I wish I'd  
known  
then  
what I  
know  
now





Hey!







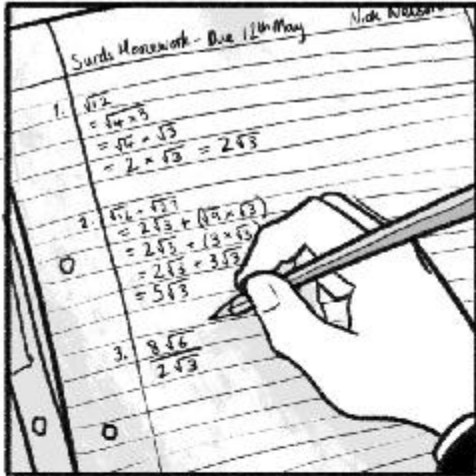




**MAY**

(TWO AND A HALF WEEKS LATER)







Our school orchestra is doing a joint concert thing with the girls' school and they needed me to play drums for the rehearsal

Oooh that's cool!





er... you  
came over  
and...



..yeah.

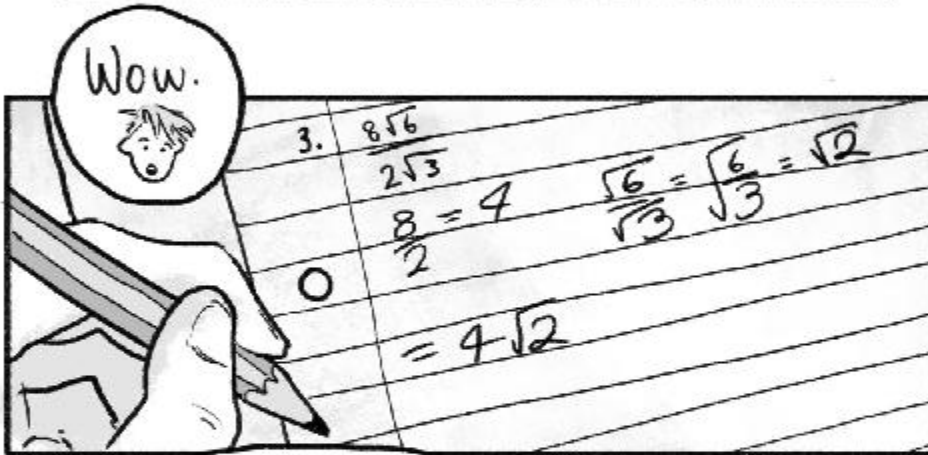
Oh.

418



haha!







Hey Nick?

421













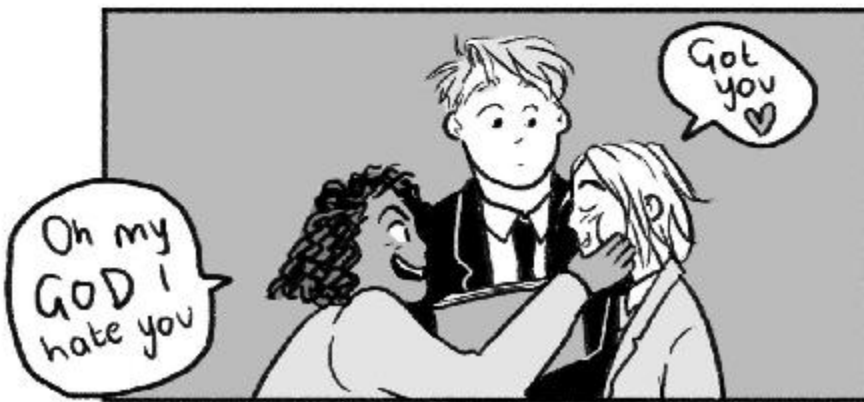




...yeah













I'm going out with Charlie Spring









That's okay! Tara didn't know she was a lesbian until we'd kissed like 6 times



Hey...

Nick... don't feel like you need to come out to anyone until you feel ready.



Rumours spread so fast around our schools...

That can be really hard to deal with if you barely know who you are.





That's true...

TARA!  
DARCY!  
We're running  
from the  
top!

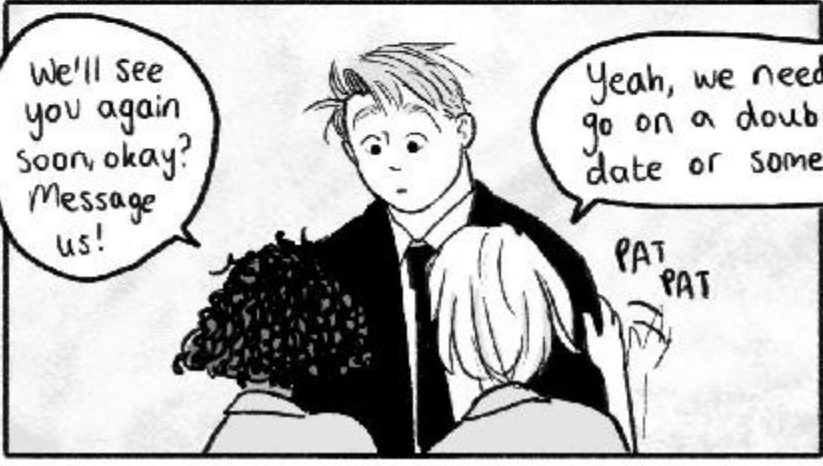
We'd  
better  
go

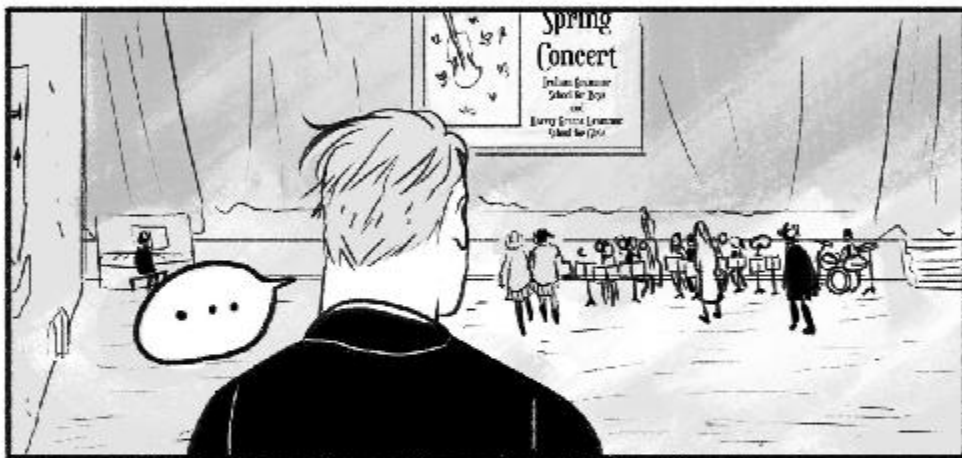


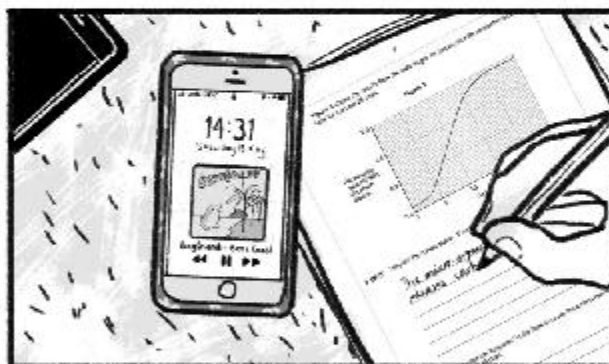
We'll see  
you again  
soon, okay?  
Message  
us!

Yeah, we need to  
go on a double  
date or something!

PAT  
PAT







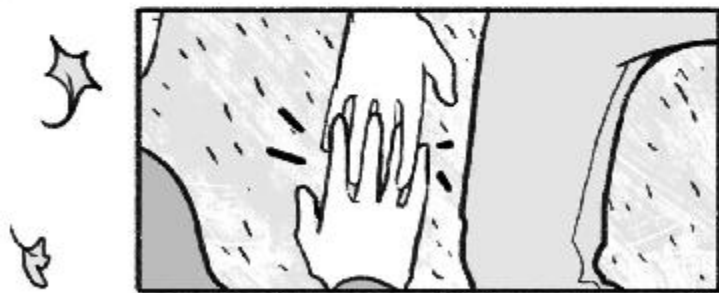




You're staring

You're cute





Hey...  
so...











I take it that means you don't mind I told her?



You told someone!!

You came out to someone!!



I did!!

...



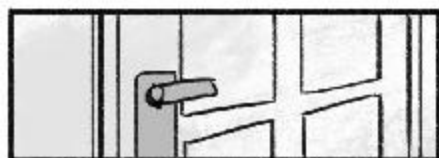


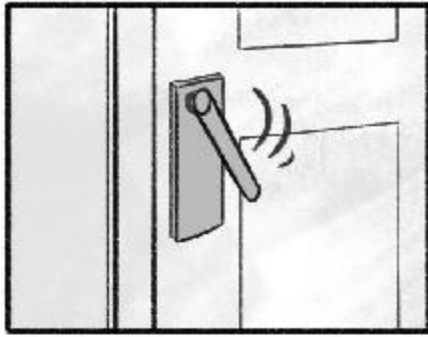


going  
out  
with you  
is like  
a dream









450









Nick ... you don't need to feel bad about feeling like that. I don't expect you to be okay with coming out to everyone at once!

That's true...



Haha your hair!

Pfft I need a haircut





So are you sure you want me to come with you next Saturday?

Yeah!!



You invited me out with your friends so you should come out with mine!



I feel like your friends don't like me though...



Hey no no no!!















THE NEXT SATURDAY...











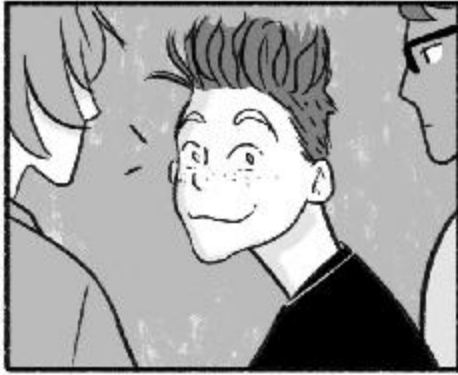






-be... here...





467







Ah, I forgot to ask!



Are you okay with horror movies?



Yeah I love horror!











Oh... er, wow, th-that just slipped out-



Oh my GOD, say it again!!

NO!!

Go onnnnn

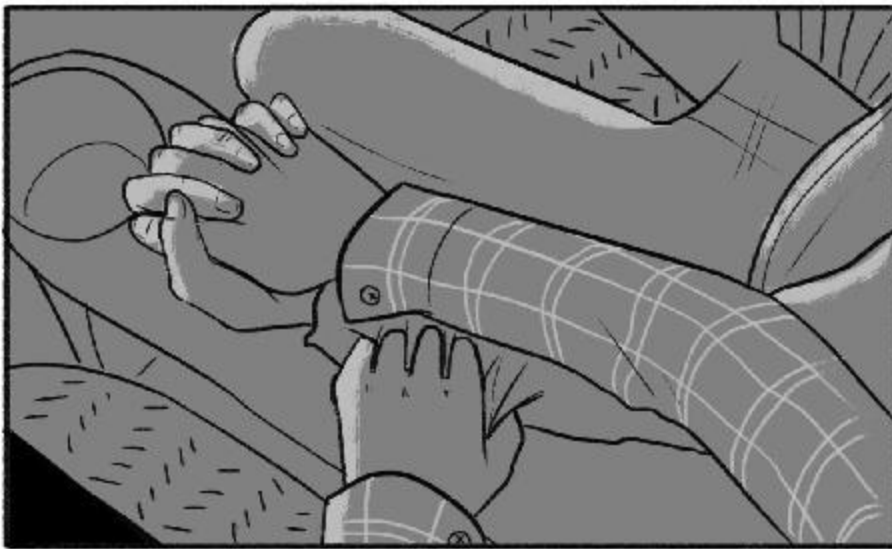
No!!!



I like it. It's cute.

Now I'm never calling you it again















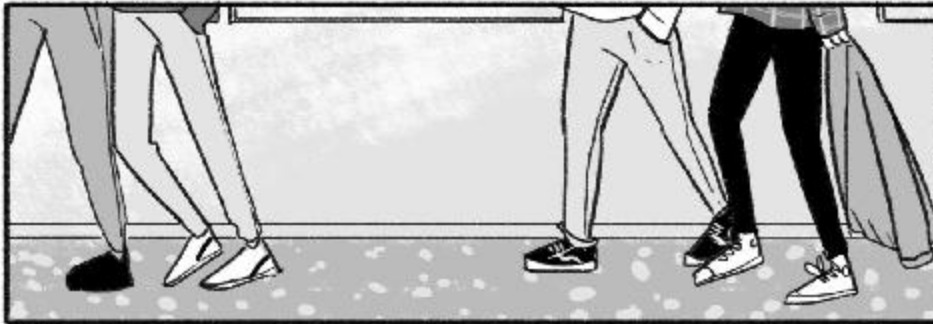
That was soooo scary

For you maybe

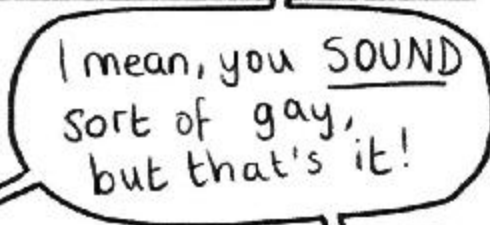
Uh, you SO jumped at all the jumpscars

I did NOT!

479









What about Nick? You think he's hot?





Not really  
my type.



Naaah, you SO  
have a crush on him!



No.

You dooo





Ah, my Dad's here, I have to go...



Charlie ...





Hey, hey,  
wait-



huh?



I- It's  
fine-

God, I'm so  
sorry-

No, Harry  
was being an  
absolute  
twat and  
the others  
were being  
really  
unfriendly  
to you!  
We- we  
should  
have just  
left-





Hey,  
no.

It's not fine.

You're always covering for me. Because you're the kindest, most thoughtful and sweet and amazing person in the whole world.



But-







THIS UPDATE MAY TRIGGER SOME PEOPLE. TO SEE A DESCRIPTION OF THE TRIGGERING MATERIAL, PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO THE UPDATE NOTES. THANKS!



Well he doesn't exactly fit in with us, does he?



Yeah, you can't just bring some gay kid and expect us to automatically like him.







493









fag





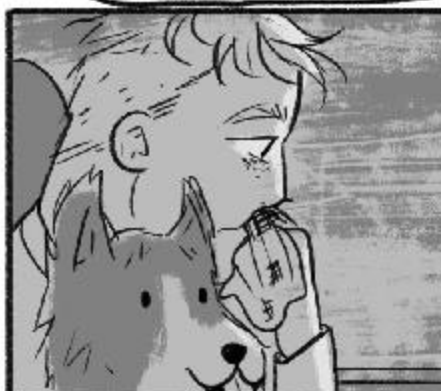


You gonna tell me what happened?

There's not really anything to tell.



Nicky. Come on, baby.



Harry was saying really nasty stuff about-

-about Charlie








yeah




yeah he  
is






Always haha 

 I'm so sorry about tonight, all my friends are ASSHOLES

No I'm sorry I shouldn't have agreed to come!! 

 HEY  
NO  
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY THE S WORD







TAP



I don't want to be friends with those guys anymore. Like I thought if I could show them how cool and lovely you are, they might stop being dicks, but... it didn't work

Cool and lovely??



Well you ARE

I don't expect you to dump your friends for me...



Oh they're dumped. They're all dumped. Anyone who's mean to you is officially dumped forEVER

Sai and Christian from rugby are nice! And Omar sometimes!! But yeah... I don't think any of the others like me...



TAP





To be honest I don't think I have many good friends... I don't really have any very close friends apart from you

I'm really sorry



Well I think my friends want to adopt you into our friendship group 😊



Omg

They liked me then?? Because they're all so nice and I definitely wanna hang out with them more!!

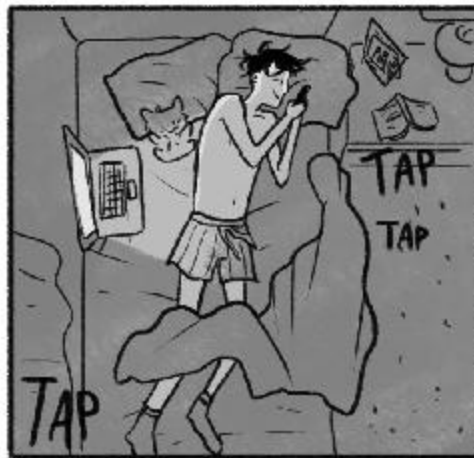
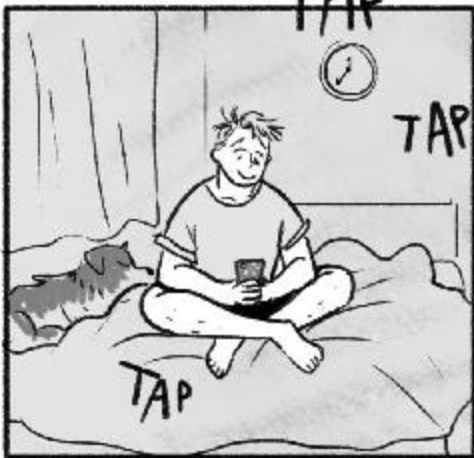
Of course they liked you Nick you are the loveliest person in the whole entire world

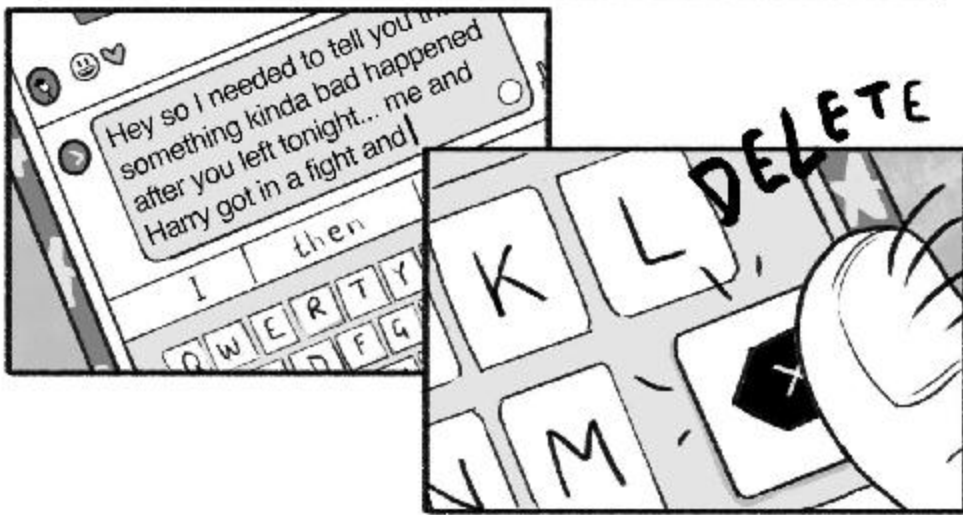
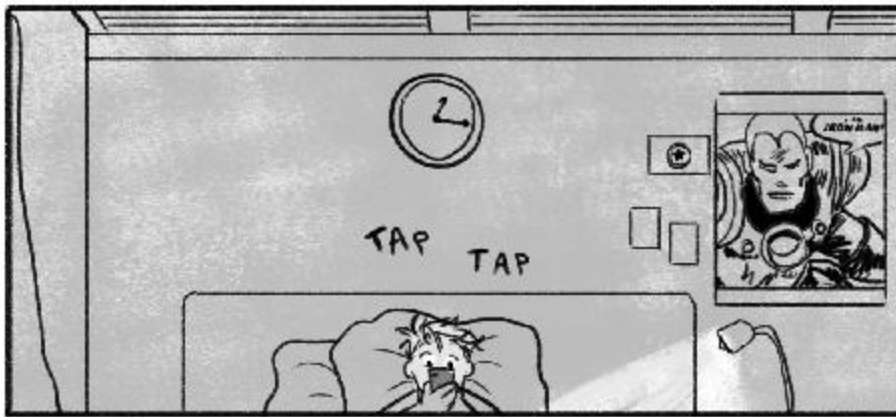


Um excuse me I think you already have that role pretty much filled thank you very much

SSHHH don't make me flustered







You still ok to come over tomorrow?? 😊

Because I sorta have an idea

Do you wanna go on a proper date?

Omg... Formally asking me out... This sounds slightly more sophisticated than just making out in our bedrooms



but yes of cOURSE



what shall we do? 😊



Can I make it a surprise??

Omg okay!! I'm so excited alkjsdfldsg



Nick I like you so much

You're my favourite person

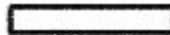
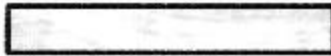


You're MY favourite person!!!!!!!!!!!!

Charlie??

LOL did you fall asleep







THE NEXT MORNING

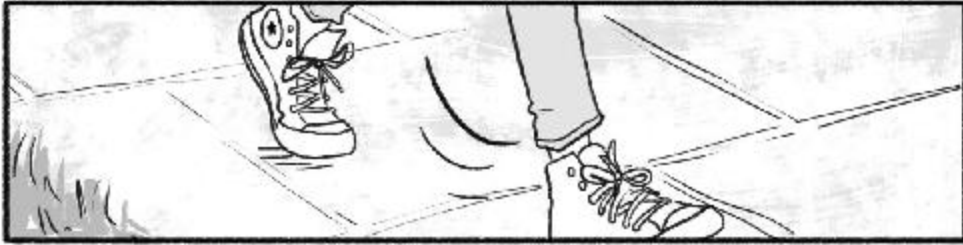




510







So, I kind of got in a fight with Harry.



When you left and I got back to the group, he started saying a lot of shitty things about you. And I just lost it and... I punched him.



Oh...  
Nick...



But, like, I immediately regretted it and stopped. And that's when he punched me.



I guess he managed to hit me really hard, haha



513





Why didn't you tell me last night?

I was embarrassed...it was stupid, sinking to his level





As much as I hate seeing you get hurt,



Harry really deserved a proper punch in the face



Hahaha!!  
You are SUCH  
a Slytherin!

And you're  
100%.  
Gryffindor!

How are we even dating?

Because I'm so hot, I turned a straight boy?

That may be true but TOO SOON

Ha ha ha!





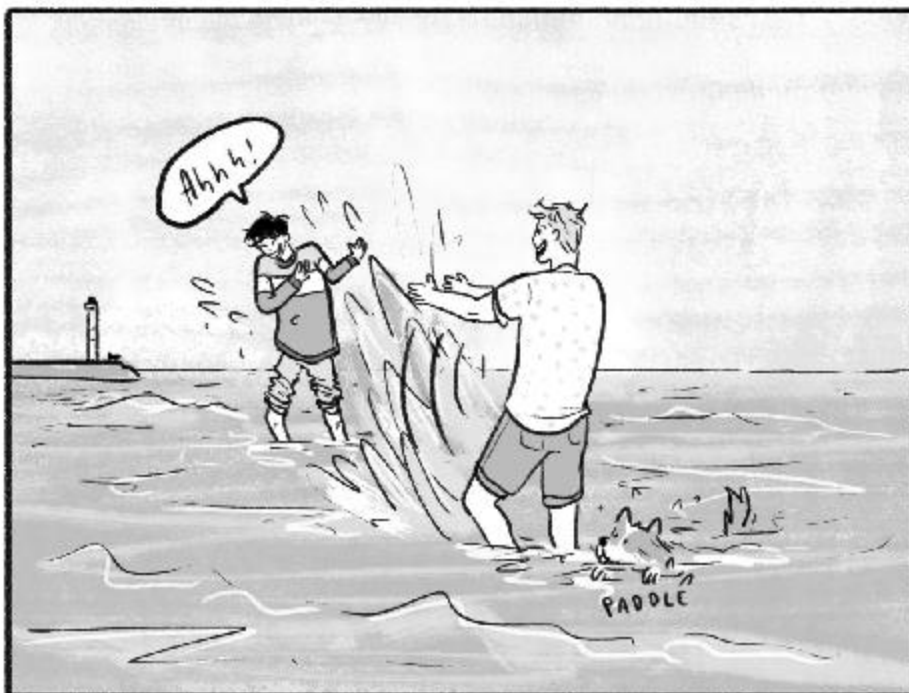


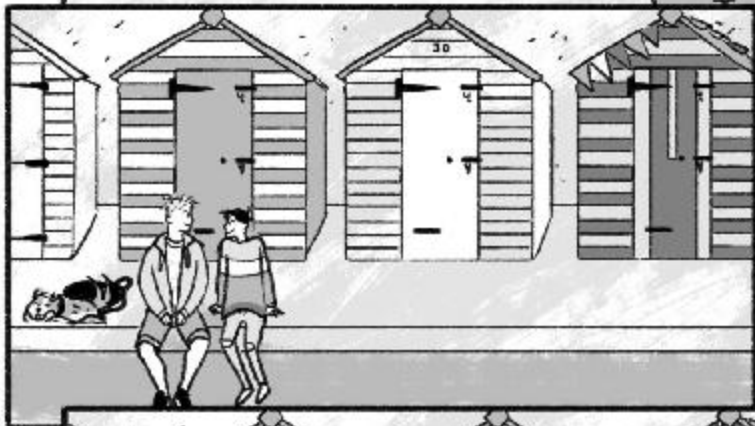


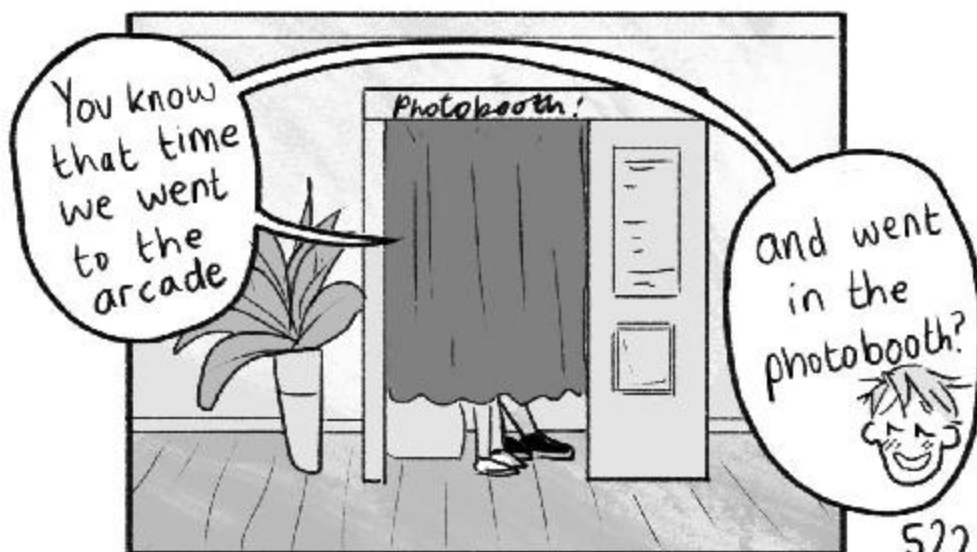


519













I wanted to kiss you so bad when that happened



me too

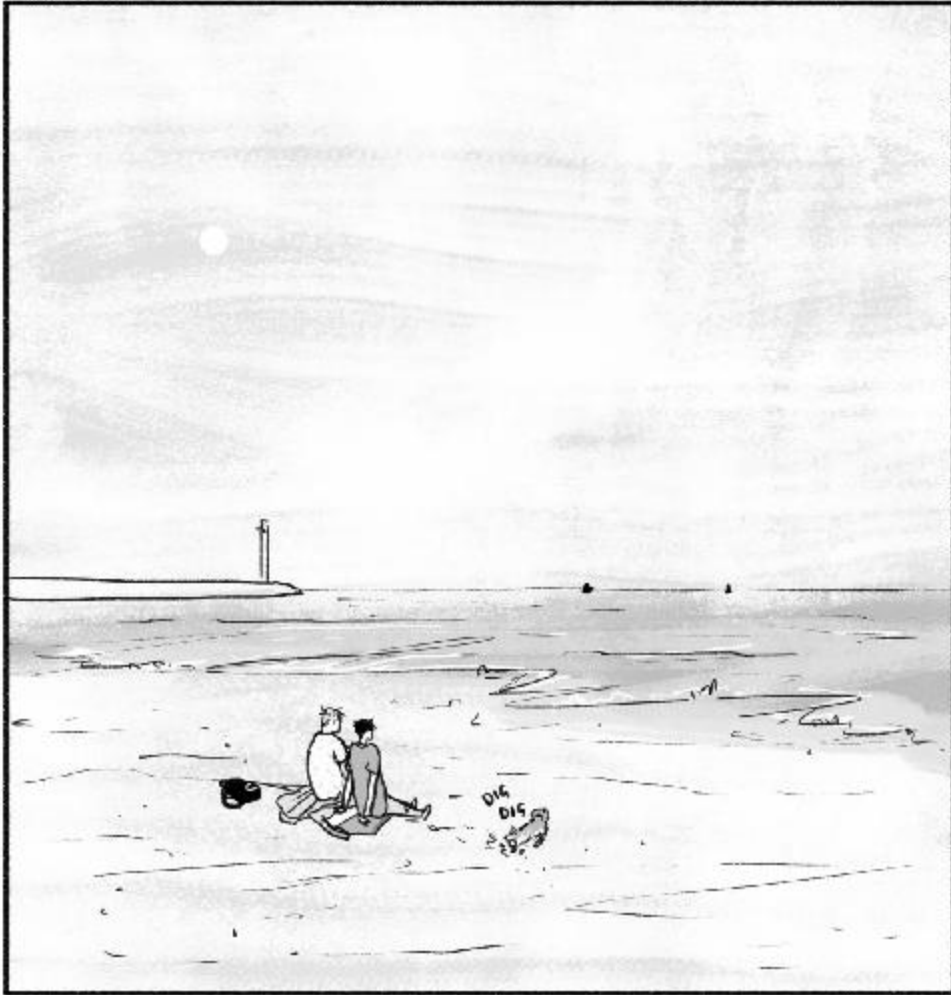




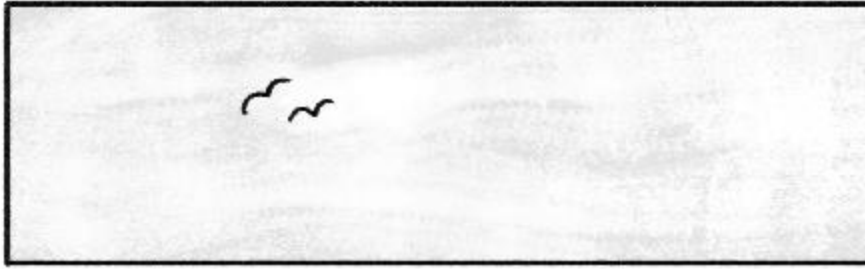










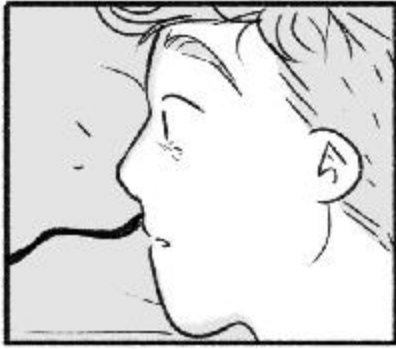


Yesterday...

you said you didn't want me to cover for you anymore...

530











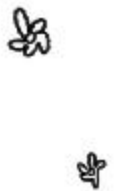












539







WE'RE BOYFRIENDS!!









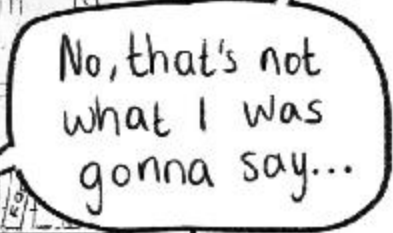
Hey Mum

Hi Nicky!













I- I still like girls, but... I like guys too, I think...



And Charlie, we're- we're going out

I wanted you to know















Well... me and Charlie started going out, like, a month and a half ago...



but I started liking him way before that...



Months ago.

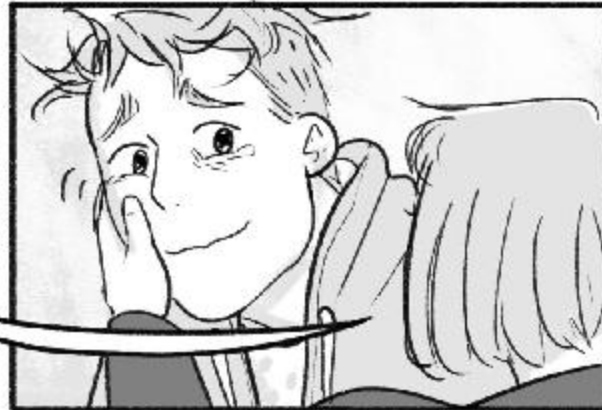


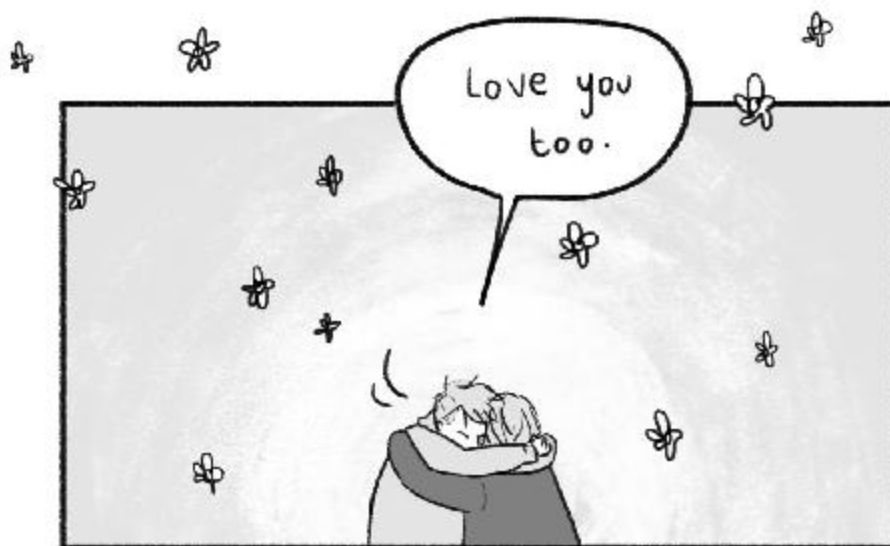




I love you,  
Nicky.

I'm sorry I  
ever made  
you feel like  
you couldn't  
tell me that.







David got to bring his girlfriend last year!!

Your brother is four years older than you and they were living together at uni at the time-

But Mvvvvv... I thought you loved meeeeeee...

\*SIGH\* Nicholas...