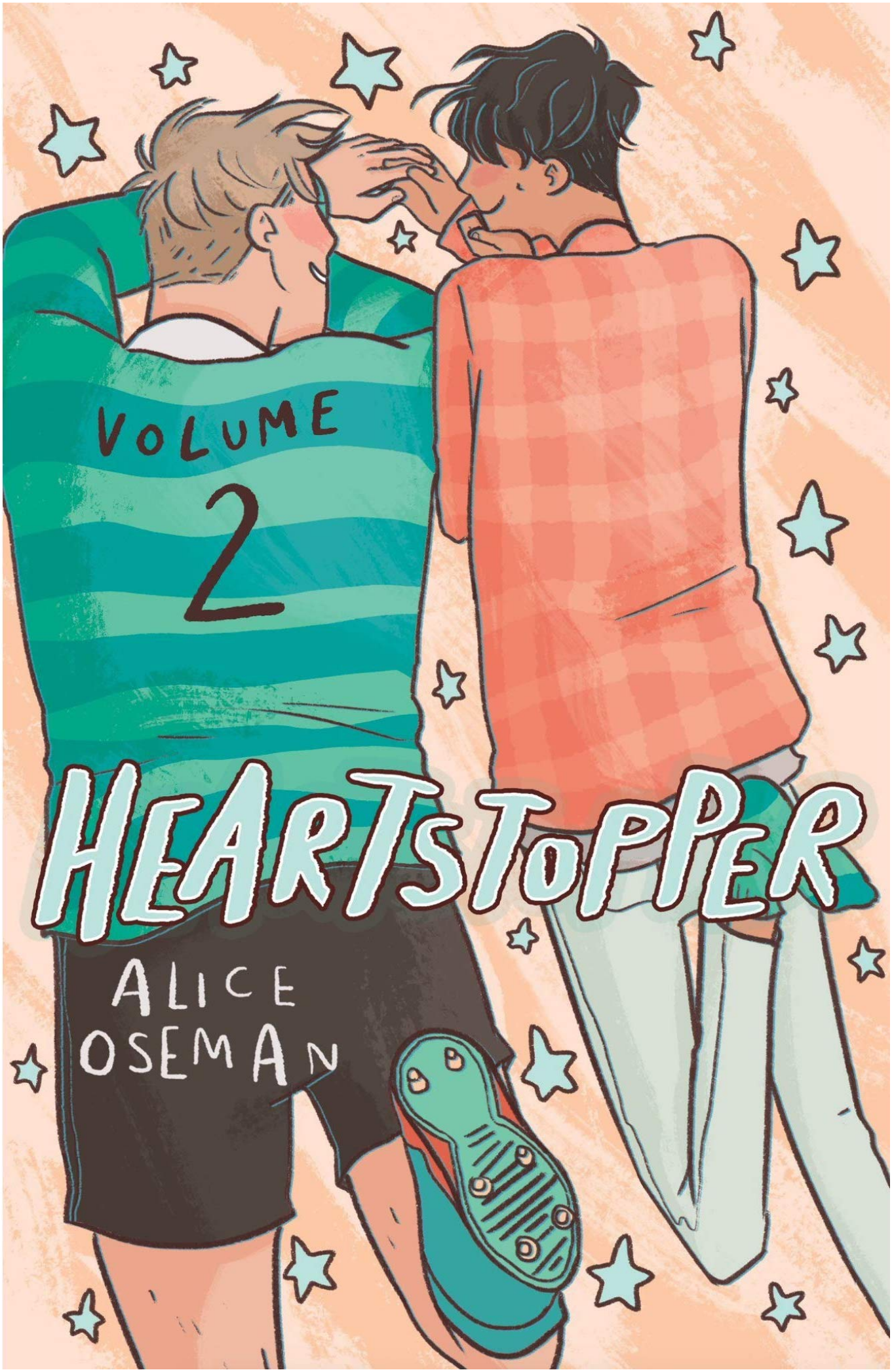

VOLUME
2
HEARTSTOPPER
ALICE
OSEMAN

3. KISS

LATER THAT NIGHT...

Hi Dad... could you come and pick me up early?
*sigh* Fine. Did something happen?
No...
I just didn't have anyone to hang out with
I thought your friend Nick was going to be there?
He stayed with his Year 11 friends.

ngh...
*sniff*
SQUEEZE

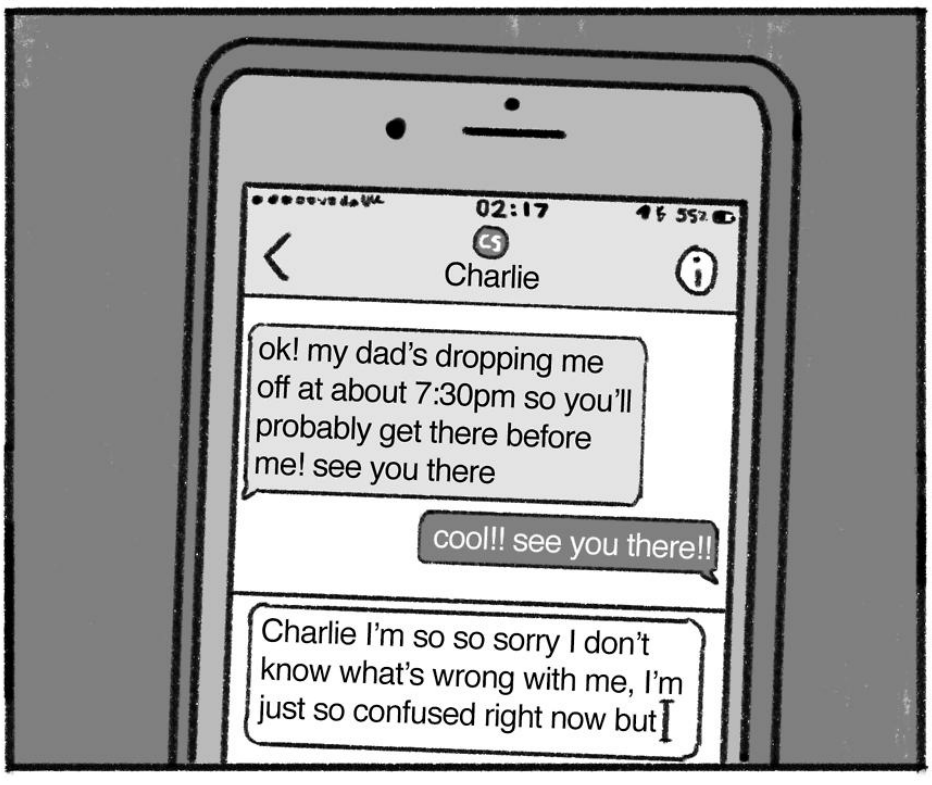
..Nick? Are you even listening to me?
I have to go
What the fuck!!
EMPTY
Charlie!?

SIT UP

fuck

TAP
TAP
TAP

02:17
Charlie
ok! my dad's dropping me off at about 7:30pm so you'll probably get there before me! see you there
cool!! see you there!!
Hey Charlie I'm so so sorry for running off and leaving you it wasn't your fault I was just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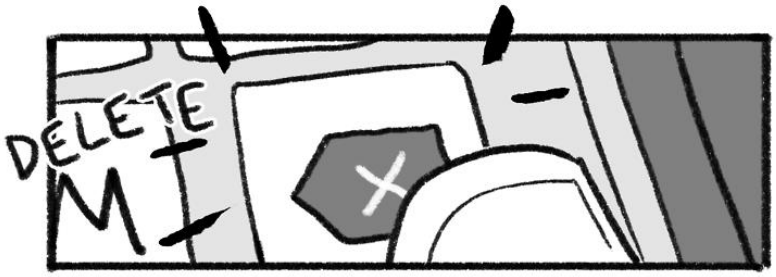
cool!! see you there!!
Charlie I'm so so sorry I don't know what's wrong with me, I'm just so confused right now but



fuck

THE NEXT MORNING

<2 HOURS OF SLEEP

NO NEW MESSAGES

Sigh
...are you okay?
yeah
...
sip

BRUSH
BRUSH

Would you kiss me?

DING DONG
CHARLIE can you get the door, please? It's probably the postman
mum
FINE! one sec

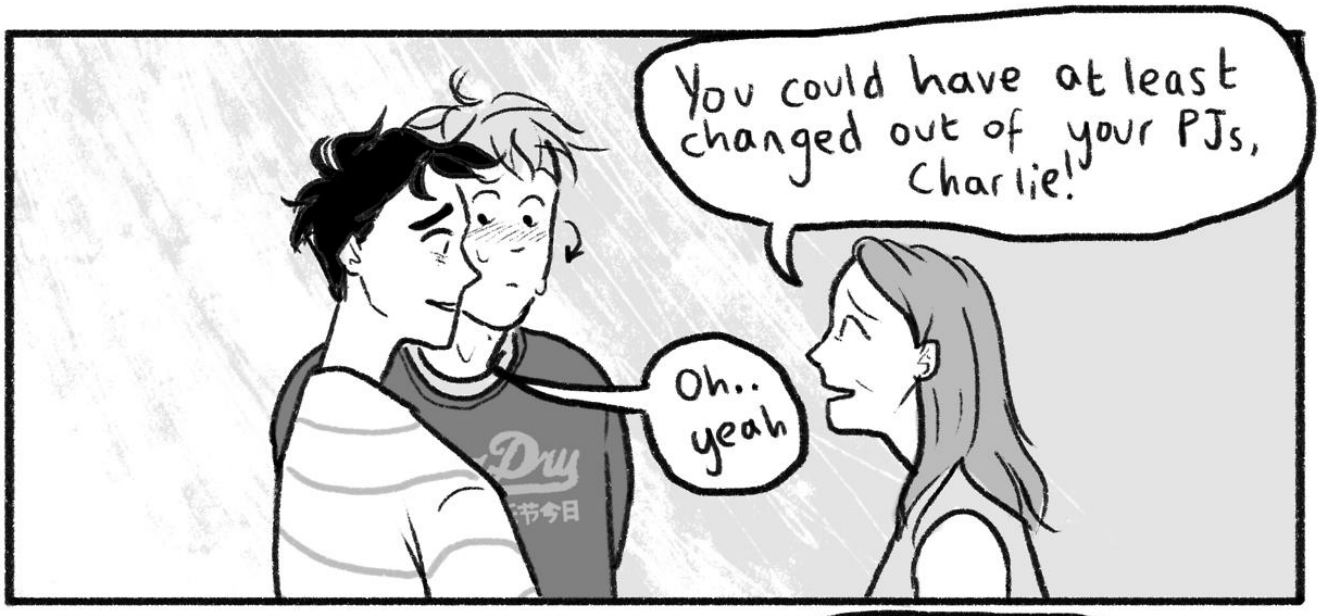
FSSSSSHHHHH
...hi
SuperDry

N-Nick

Sorry for not texting you, I jvst- I just wanted to talk in person
O-okay
...

GRAB
just- just come in
you're getting soaked
PULL

erm...
s-so...
I just-
CHARLIE'S MUM
Nick?
I didn't know you were coming round?
um-er-yes-
HE'S JUST PICKING UP A JUMPER HE LEFT HERE LAST WEEK


You could have at least changed out of your PJs, Charlie!
Oh.. yeah

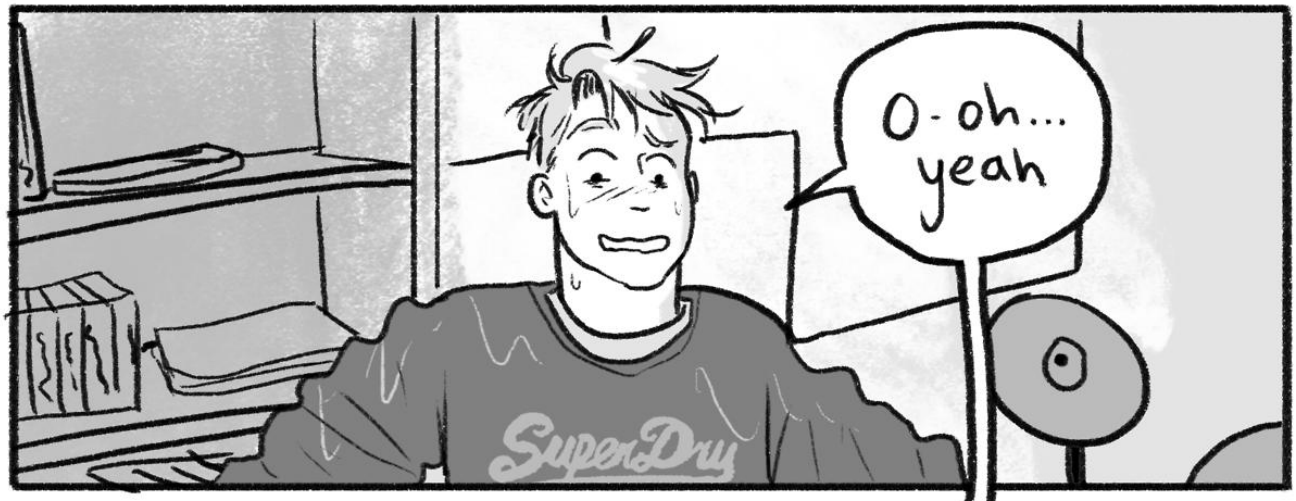
Don't forget we're going to Grandma's later

Let's go upstairs
Okay

flatten

*deep breath*
SHUT
KEITH HARING 1986
LAUNDRY

So... did you forget a coat??


O-oh... yeah
SuperDry

I didn't check the weather before I left...
SuperDry

Ok
COOL

er, so -
WAIT
Can I speak first?
I'm just
flatten
so sorry

I'm so sorry, it was- I didn't think properly about what I was doing and it was a stupid thing to do and-

a-and I don't want you to feel awkward about it because it was all my fault

Charlie, hang on-

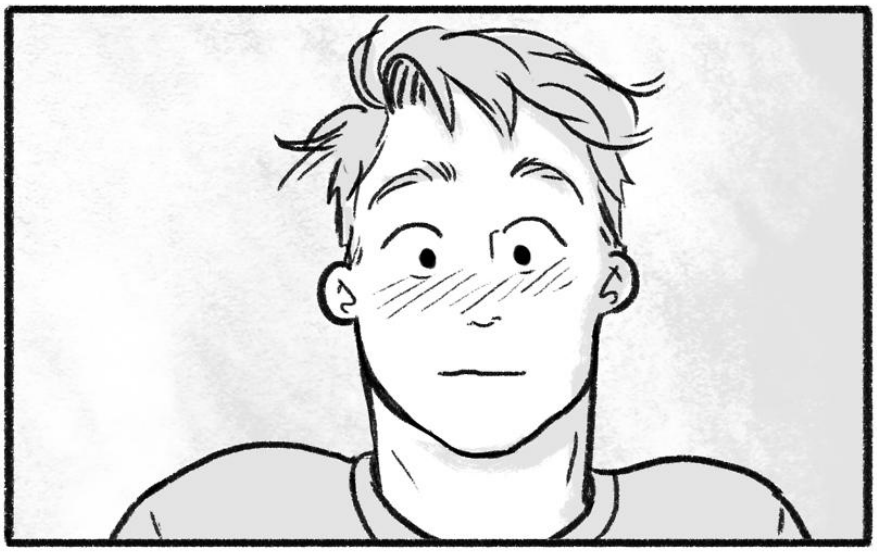
I SHOULDN'T HAVE KISSED YOU
It was so rude and I bet you just felt pressured to do it because I asked
and I know you probably don't want to talk to me ever again
UNDRY
Um... Charlie-

Which is FAIR ENOUGH
I'd completely understand
LAUNDRY
Charlie..

but I had to at least say sorry
STEP
a-and see if maybe-
Charlie-
-there's a chance we could still be friends

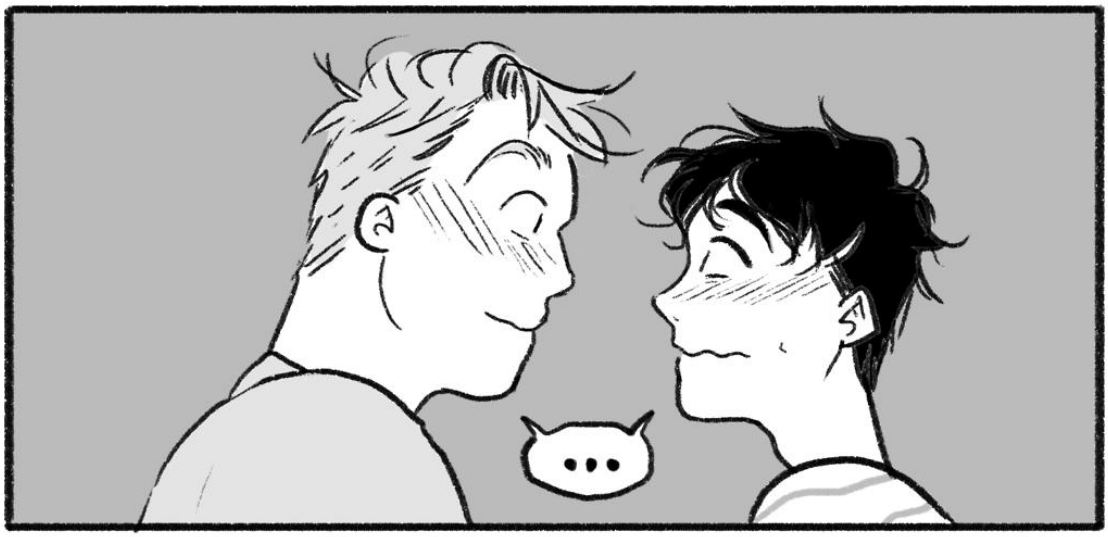
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU BECAUSE I DID SOMETHING STUPID
Charlie
You're p-probably the best friend
Charlie
I've e-ever had

* exhale *



..♡

MUSE
u-um...
you...
you've been sending me a lot of mixed signals


...

HA
HA
HA

HA
HA
...

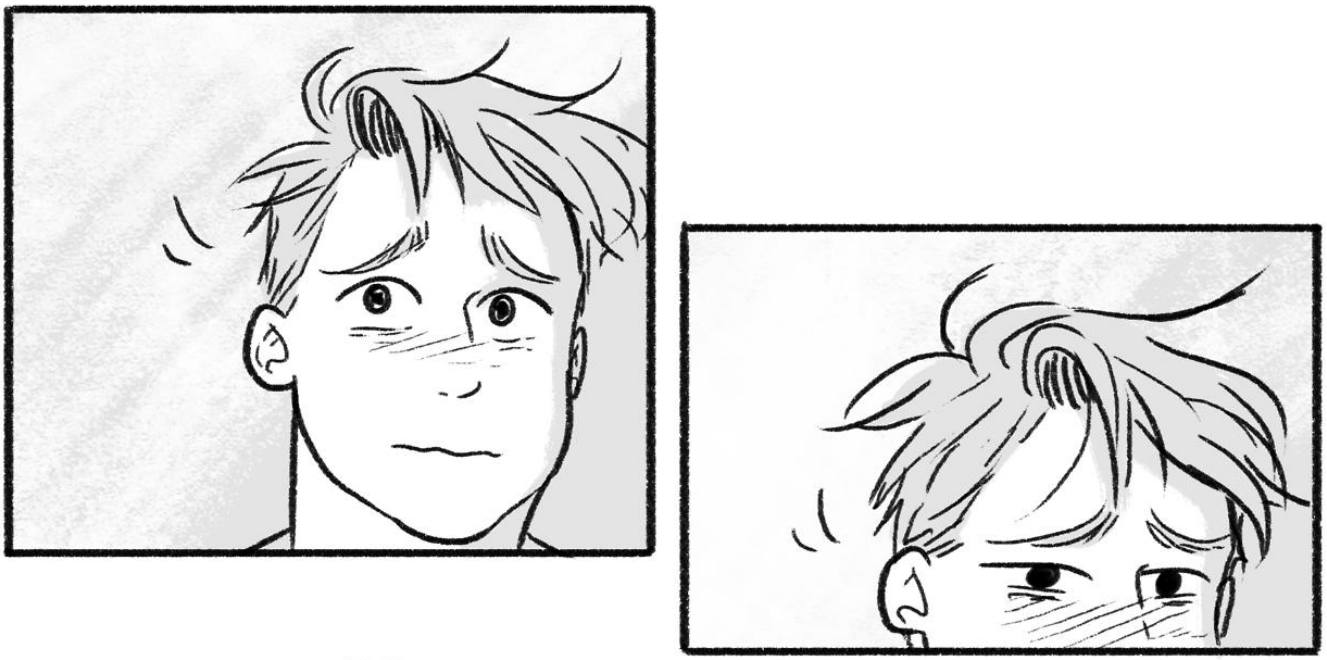
...jesus
Christ

God...
I'm so sorry...
PAT
PAT

I'm just...

SO SORRY I ran away I was just FREAKING OUT like honestly I am having a proper full-on GAY CRISIS

THE RESISTANCE
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
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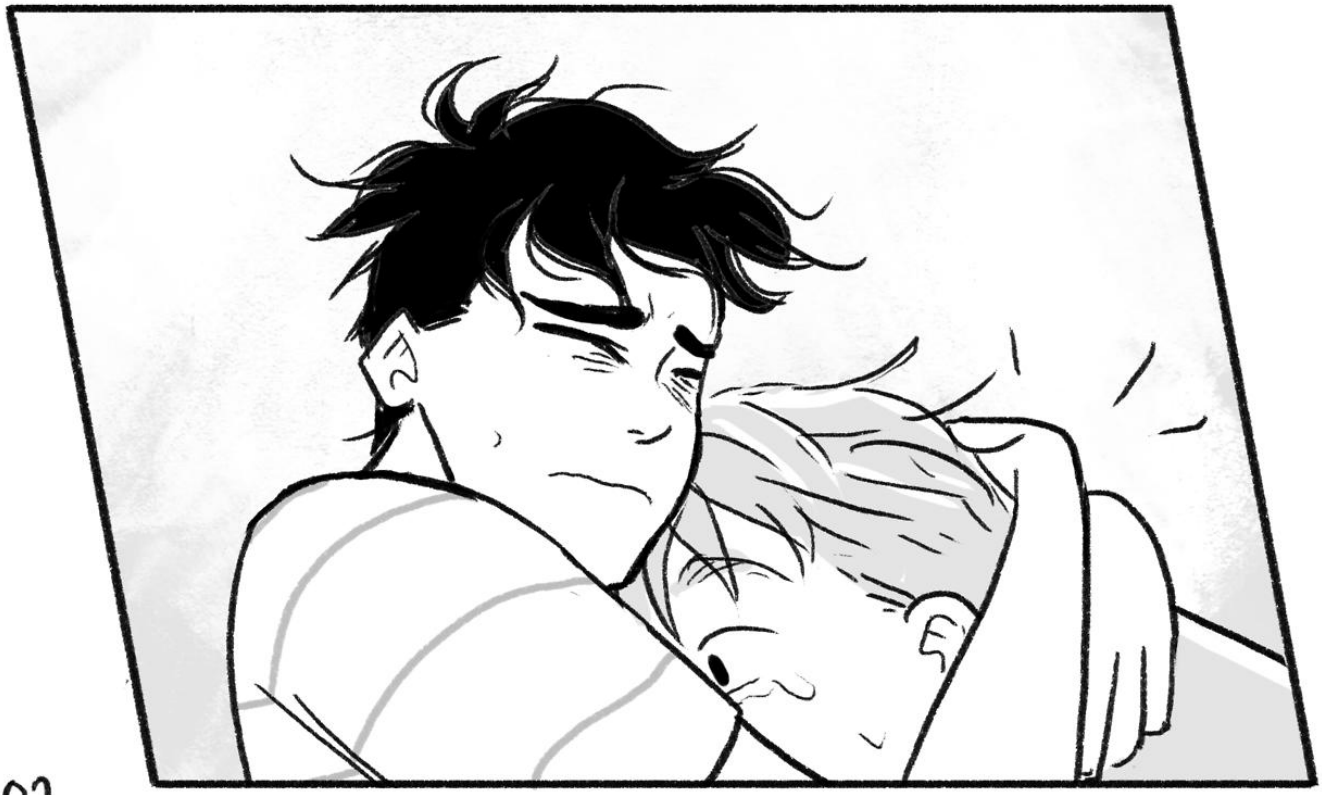
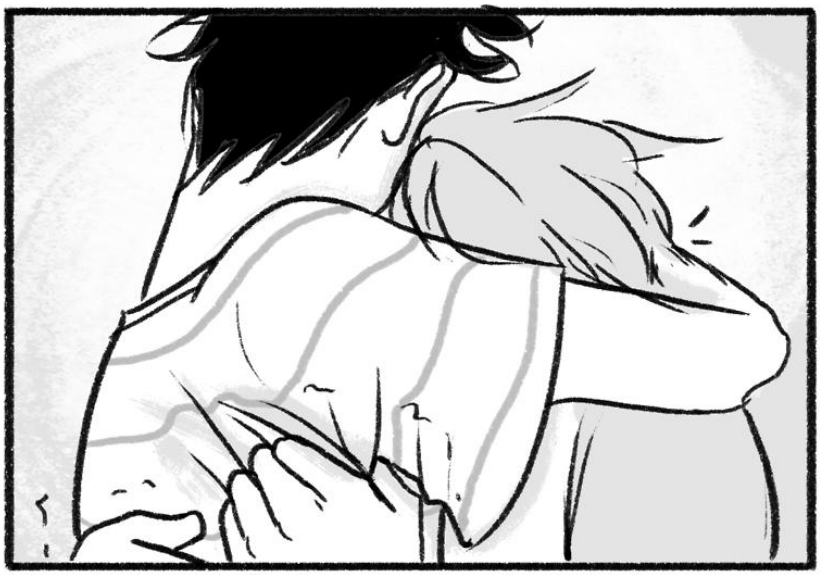
It's not like I didn't WANT to but I hadn't really psyched myself up and then bloody Sai turns up and I wanted to stay with you, but.. b-but...

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 just need a bit more time




I'm sorry

It's okay

MUSIC

It's okay

PLIP
sniff
Wait, why are you crying?
*sniff* I just... seeing you sad makes me sad
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Pfft
Ha ha ha!

Now I've messed up both times we've kissed
Why can't we just kiss and be happy?

You haven't messed it up
And I'm really happy
BRUSH
So am I

Do you want a cup of tea?

Yes please

BOOP

HA
HA
PFFT
BOOP

HA
HA
HA
HA

SIP

PATTER
Are you sure your family won't... erm... want to use this room?
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
Nah, no one really sits in the conservatory in the mornings
Okay

BLOW
SIP
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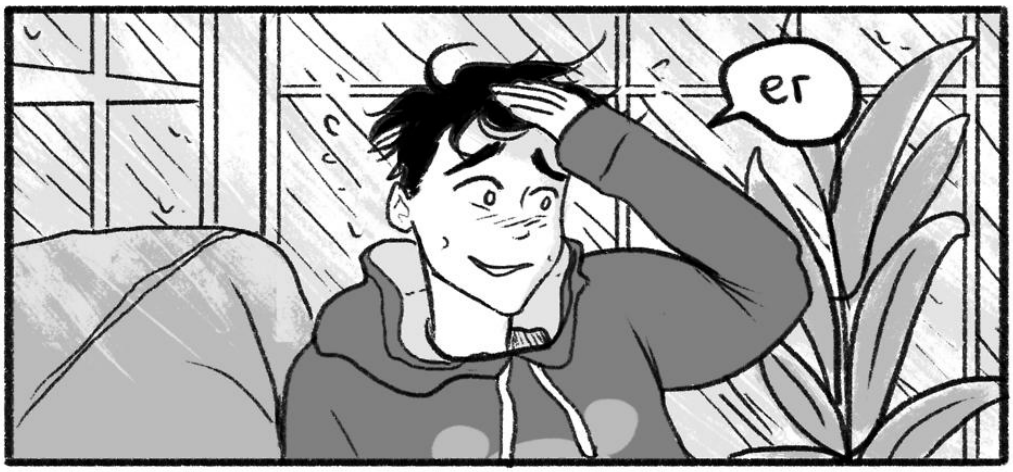
How did you realise you're gay?



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

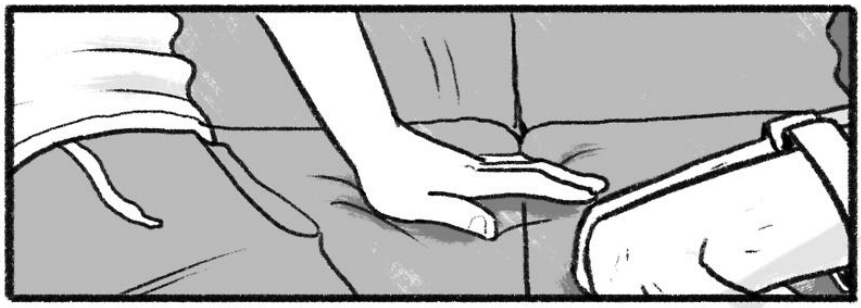
I'm guessing you didn't feel the same when you were little
Well... no

HA
HA
HA

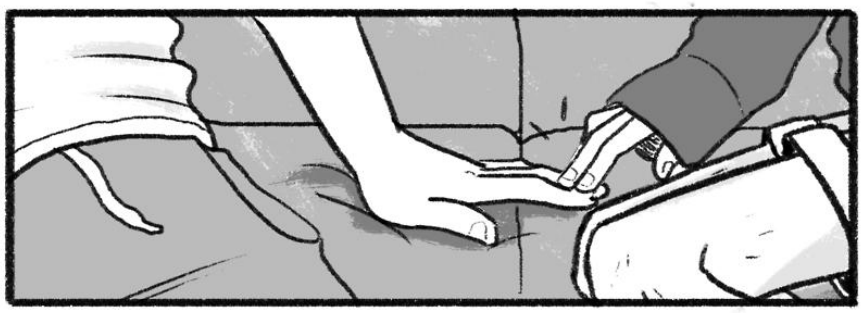
Do your parents know?
SIP

Yeah. And my brother and sister. They're all really chill about it.
SIP

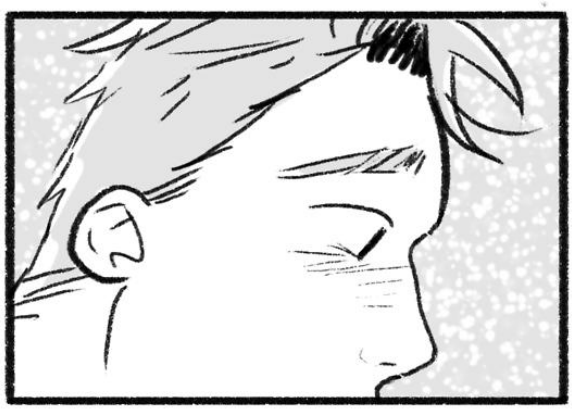
I... don't know what I am...



I've liked girls before ...



but now...



I like you

you like me?
Was that not obvious?
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

I SHOULDN'T HAVE RUN AWAY FROM YOU I'M SO SORRY
NO NO I SHOULD HAVE JUST TOLD YOU I LIKE YOU INSTEAD OF JUST KISSING YOU

You like me too??
??yes? obviously?

...

HA HA HA
PFFT HA HA HA
Why are we like this??

FSSSSH
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...

ANYWAY you don't have to work it out, like, immediately
I didn't just wake up one day like-
HAHA!
OH LOOK, guess I'm gay now!

Well...
Sorry for being all confused
Now look who's saying sorry too much!

Hey!!
HA HA HA
SHOVE

FSSSH
What do I do now?
You don't have to do anything
But I want to

FSSSH
FSSSH

Ha ha I'm so bad at this
You're not ♡

OLIVER SPRING
NICK'S HERE?!?
Yeah, they're in the conservatory
7
OPEN

...
NICK!!
!!!
H-Hey Olly! You okay?
Yep!

Charlie?
Yes?
Were you and Nick KISSING?
er... no, we were just... hugging
HA HA HA but I saw your lips touching!

SHRUG
You've got to keep it a secret, okay? It can be a secret between us three!
Okay
And mum said we're leaving to go to Grandma's in five minutes

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

I'm sorry, I just don't think I'm ready to come out as anything yet-

GRAB

It's fine, Nick. I'm just glad we're okay now.

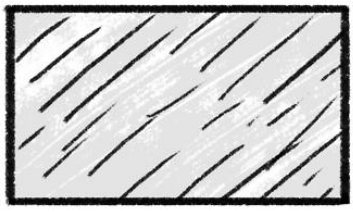
Although I wish I didn't look like an absolute MESS
You don't ...
You look.. really cute

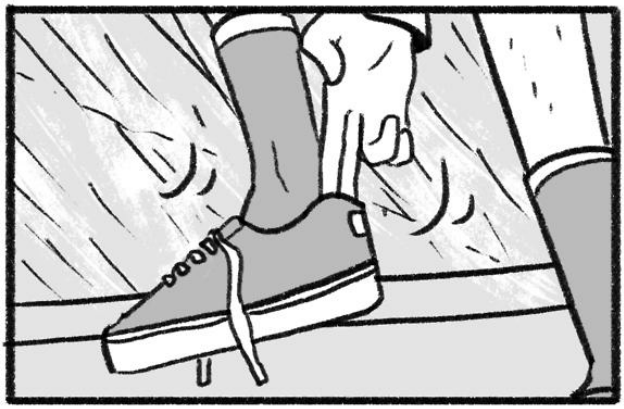
You always...
You always look really cute
HA HA HA

Come on Charlie! We're leaving soon!
Oh yeah, you should borrow this
haha thanks!
I'll text you later!!
Okay!!

PATTER

PATTER

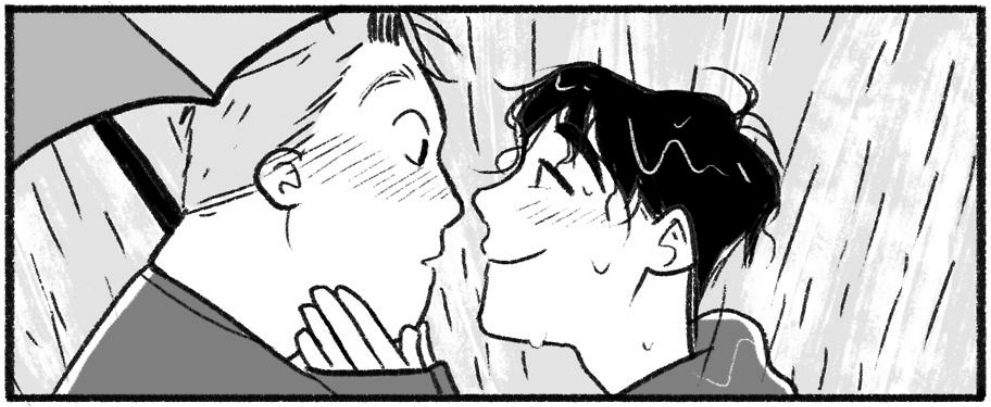




NICK!

D-Did I forget something?
PATTER
PATTER

GLANCE
GLANCE



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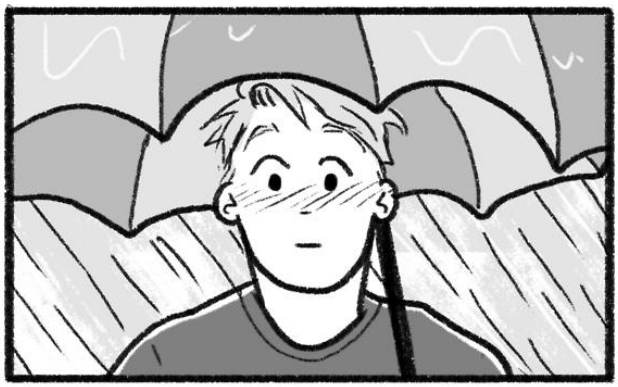


HA
HA
HA!
SuperDry

TAP

TAP

TAP

LATER...

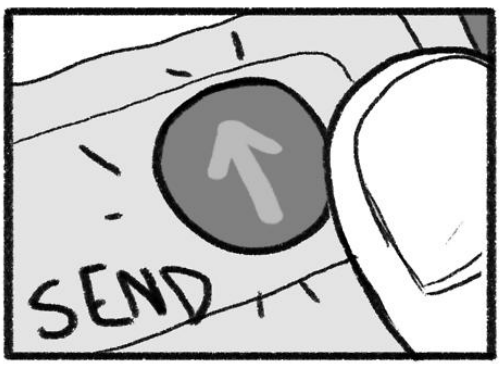
PING
i promise i don't mind!!
Why are you so great

PING

Why are you so great
the nicer i am to you, the more chances i will get to hang out with your dog

HA
HA

SNAP


SEND

TAP

TAP

P

TAP

TAP

alksjdfhajhdsf

i just died

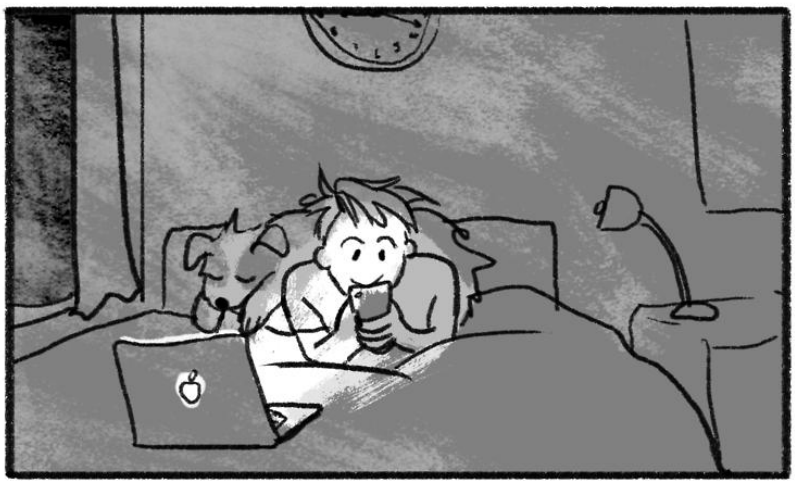
you can't just send me that without warning!!!!!

HA

HA

HA

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



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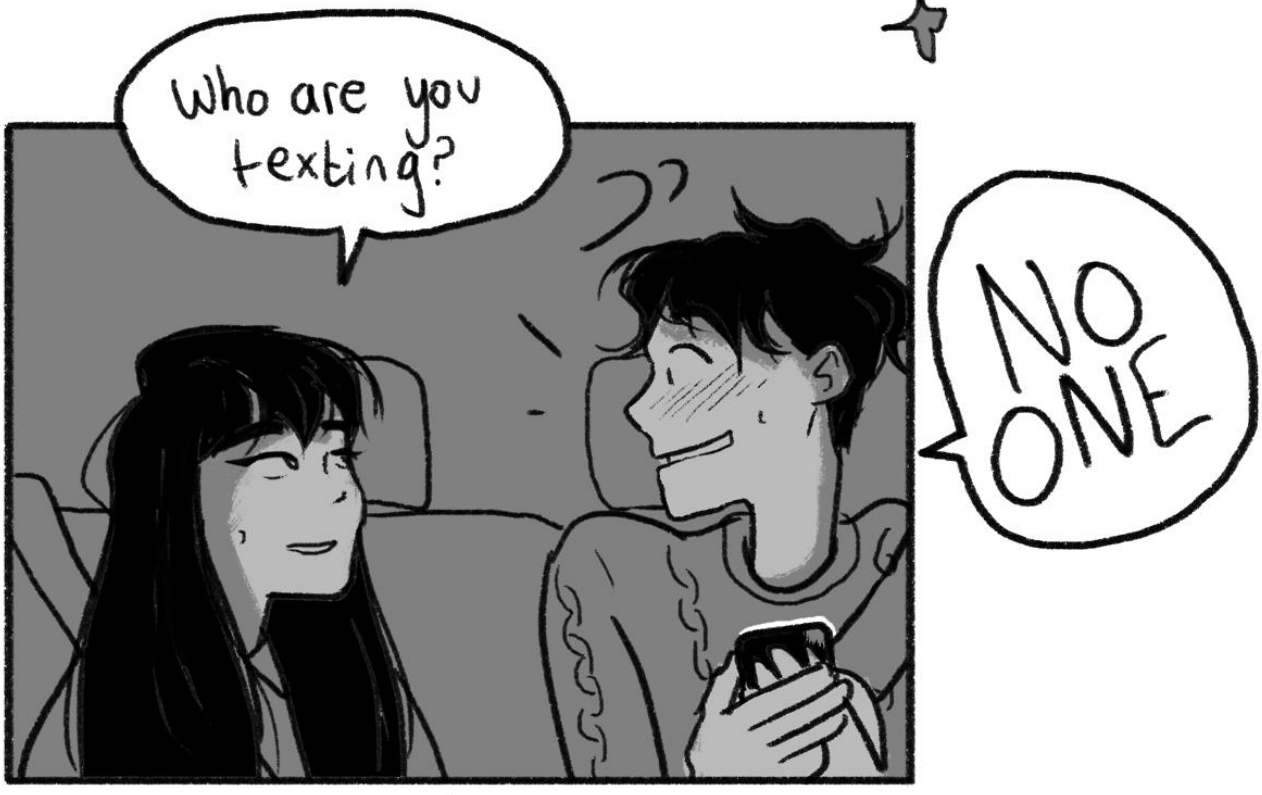
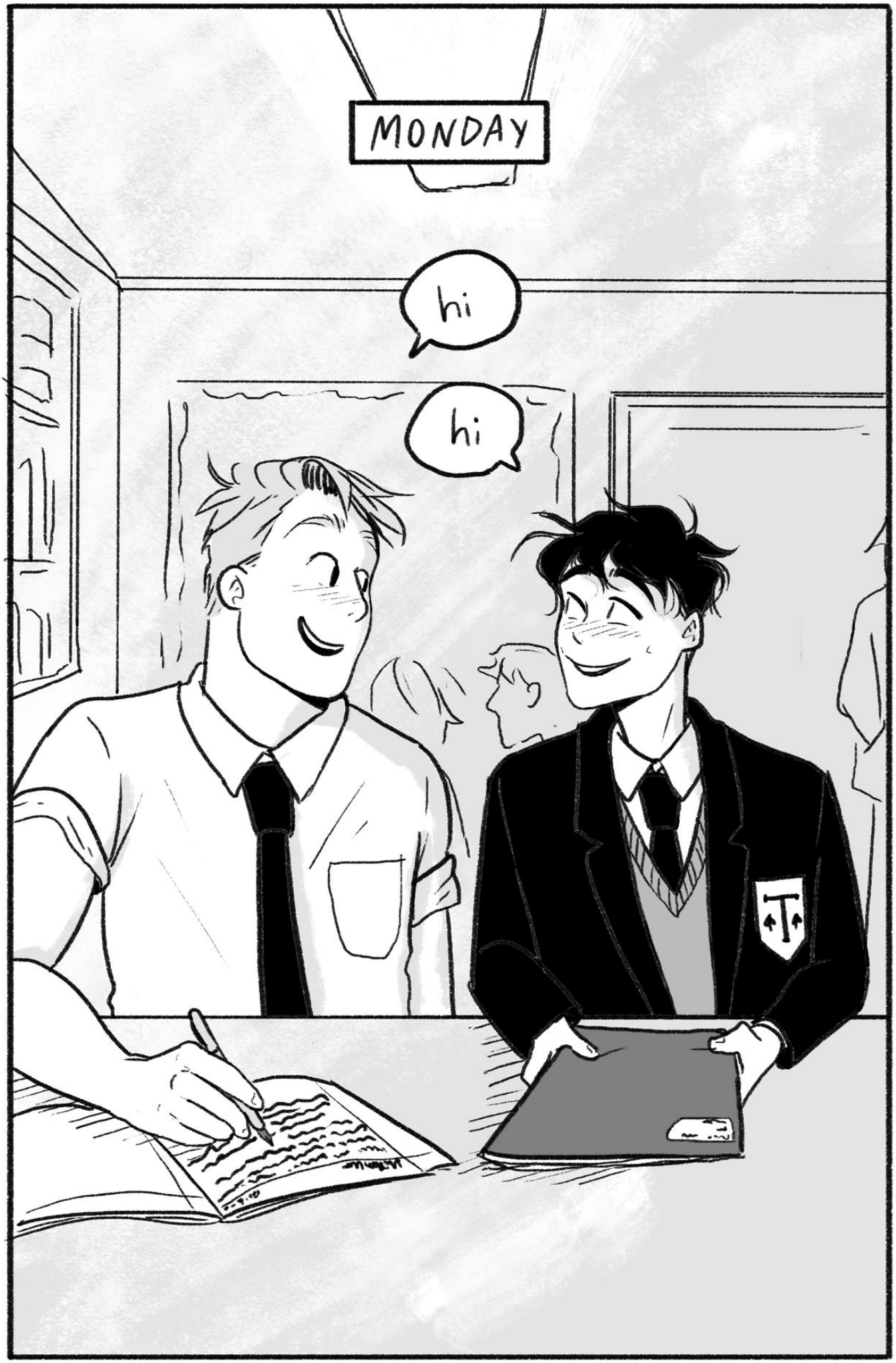


PLACE
CLICK
Being bisexual means you're attracted to more than one gender, so not JUST girls or not JUST guys-
What is bisexuality?


MONDAY
hi
hi

ha ha!
?
SQUEEZE
?

There's a bug in your hair

Well... see you tomorrow
Y-yeah! See you tomorrow

TUESDAY

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a² + b² = c²
hyp
opp
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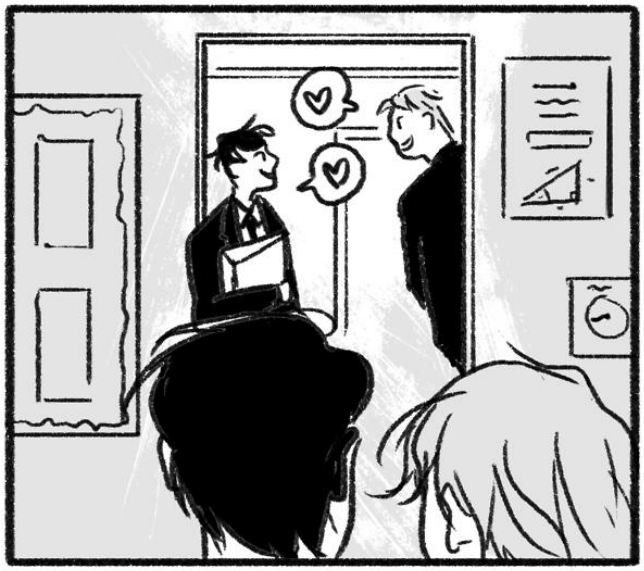
A = πr²
r

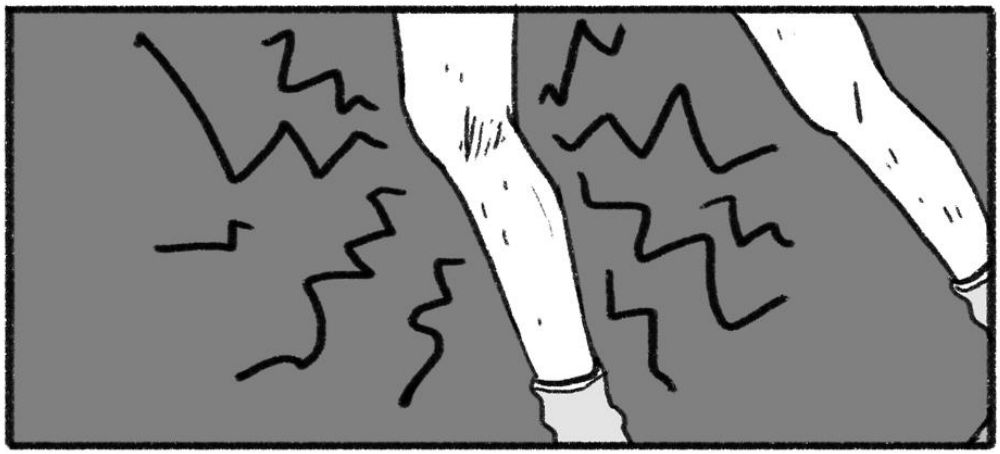


ALED↓
↓TAO

It's worse than I thought. He still hasn't given up on Nick Nelson.

WEDNESDAY

Oh-
woops-
Holy shit, Charlie!
OK
Christ, sorry Charlie, I forgot how light you are-
CHARLIE!!
are you okay??
um y-yeah I think so
PULL



ah

You're hurt!!

n-no I'm f-fine

?

Miss, I'm just getting Charlie an ice pack!
...
...
...
LIMP

...that's a bit g-
OKAY BACK TO THE GAME, LADS
CHRISTIAN
SAI

Okay, this'll be cold
CHANGING ROOM
I mean.. I kind of expected that ☺

You didn't have to do this
Seriously...
I don't mind if you wanna be a bit more distant at school-
Hey!

I promise I'm not doing anything I don't want to do
Just because I want to keep us a secret doesn't mean we have to start ignoring each other
Also ...
we're not really acting any different to before we kissed
apart from doing stuff like this
I.. I guess so

Uh... I thought..
..we were gonna try not to kiss at school..
Hmm..
just one more kiss then...

THURSDAY

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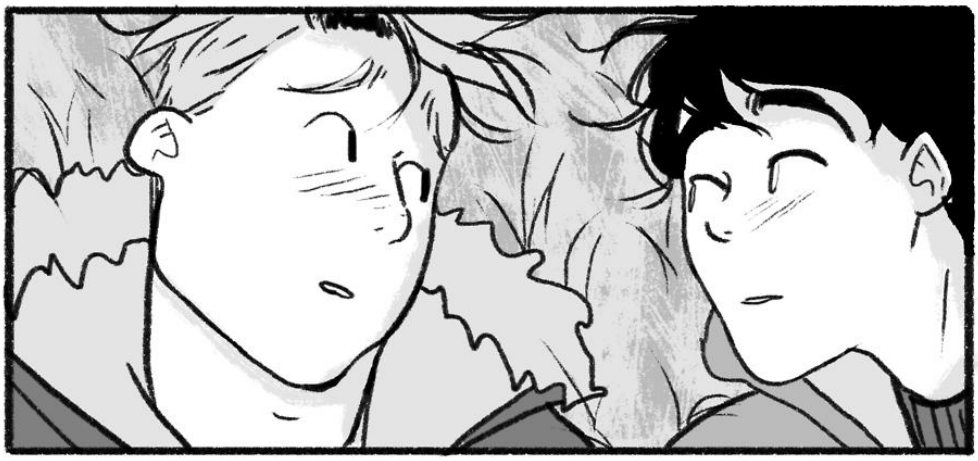
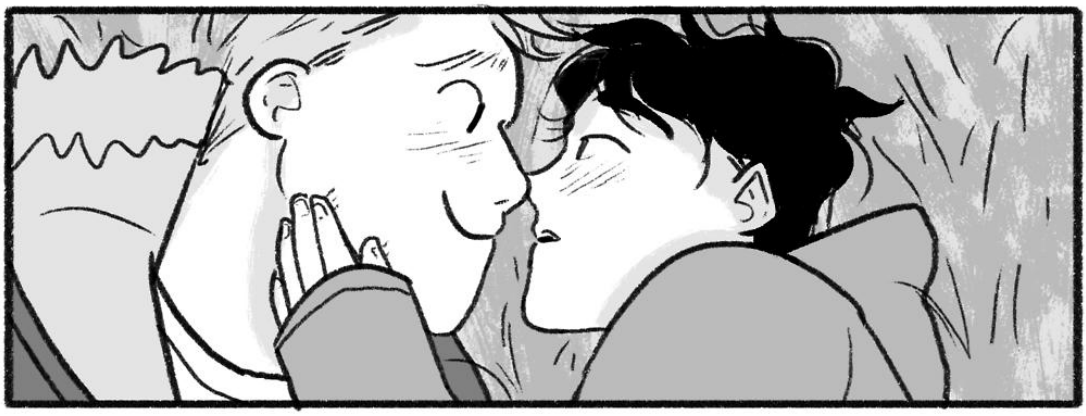
I've been reading about it all week and..

.. I think that might be me



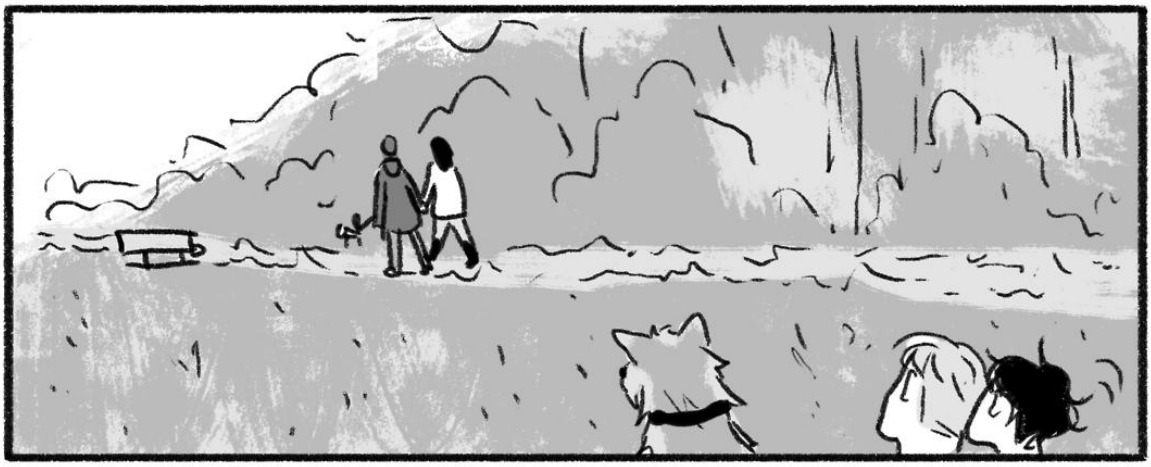
but I'm still not sure

That's okay! You don't have to be sure! You don't even have to think about it!
Haha... It's pretty much all I've been thinking about lately
Well...
let me distract you then...



RUSTLE

?
?



Sorry

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-

YES!
Nick and Charlie! Keep it down, please!
Thanks for giving me barely any time to get you a present!
NUDGE
You don't have to get me a present...

Yeah, Charlie's Dad's dropping me home
Okay! Have fun!
BOWLING

Hey!

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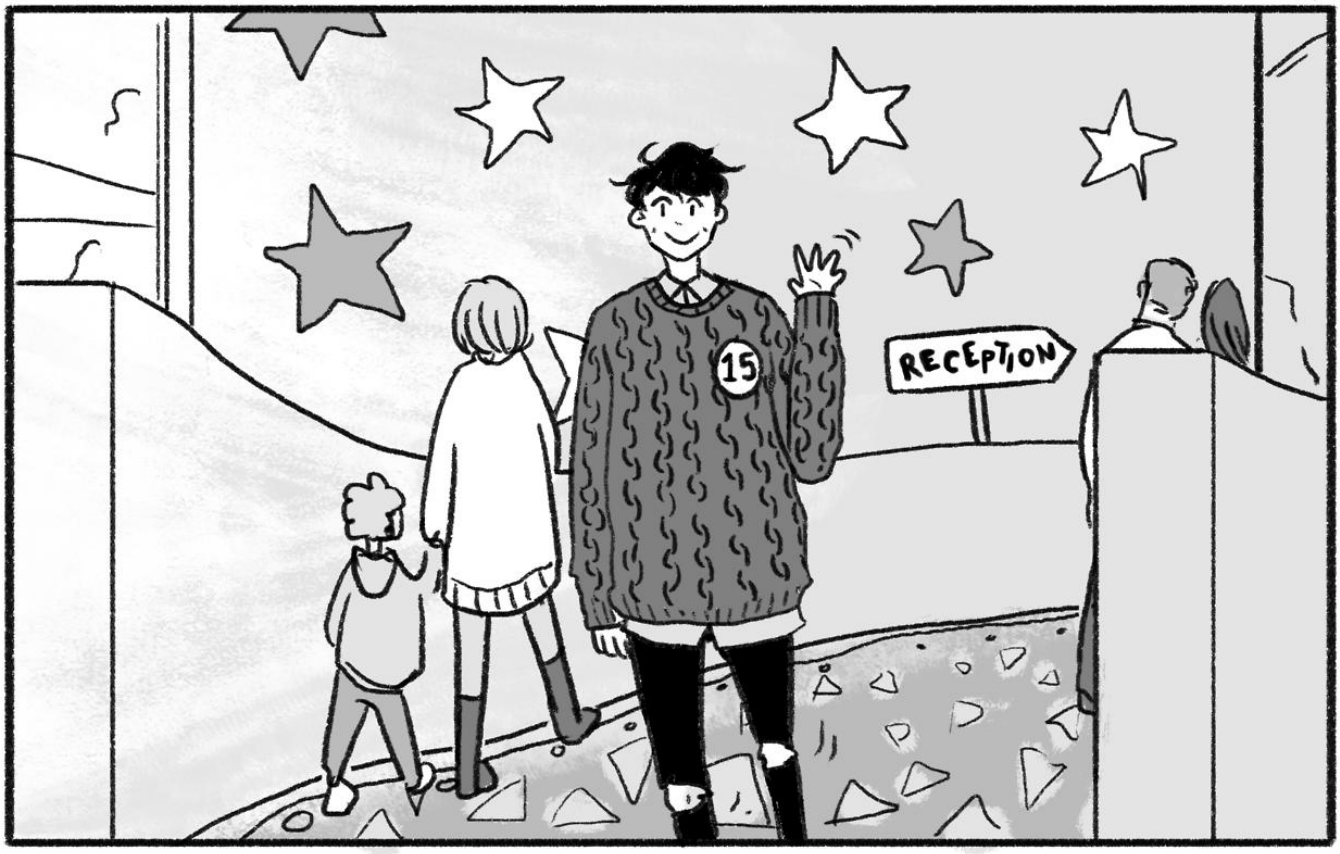
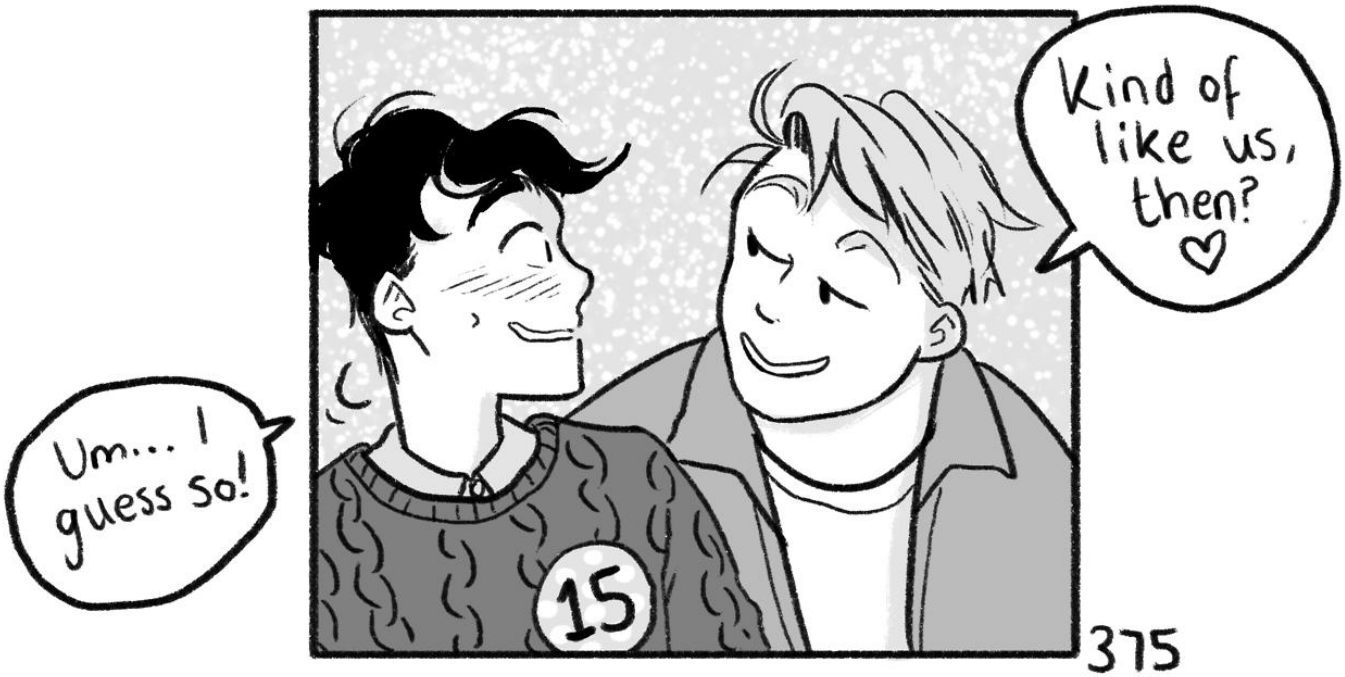


Happy Birthday!
Haha! It's not my birthday til Tuesday!
!! I said you didn't have to get me anything!!
And I ignored you

Am I the first person here??
Haha no, you're actually the last
Oh
We're over there! Lane seven.
7

!
That's Tao. Sorry in advance if he says anything rude to you. That's just the way he is.
That's Aled. He's really shy but I promise he's really nice.
Hey, isn't that-
Her name's Elle now! She moved to the all-girls school last year.

I think she and Tao kind of like each other, but...
They haven't said anything about it to anyone...


Kind of like us, then?
Um... I guess so!
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Hey everyone, so...
7
8

This is Nick
Hi!

What name d'you want me to put on the board?
Haha just Nick is fine!

Hey Elle! How's Higgs school?
Mostly the same as Trunam. But cleaner.
USED TO HAVE GEOGRAPHY CLASS TOGETHER

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BIRTHDAY BOY** | 6 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **ALED :)** | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **ELLE SMELLS** | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **BEANIE (TAO)** | 3 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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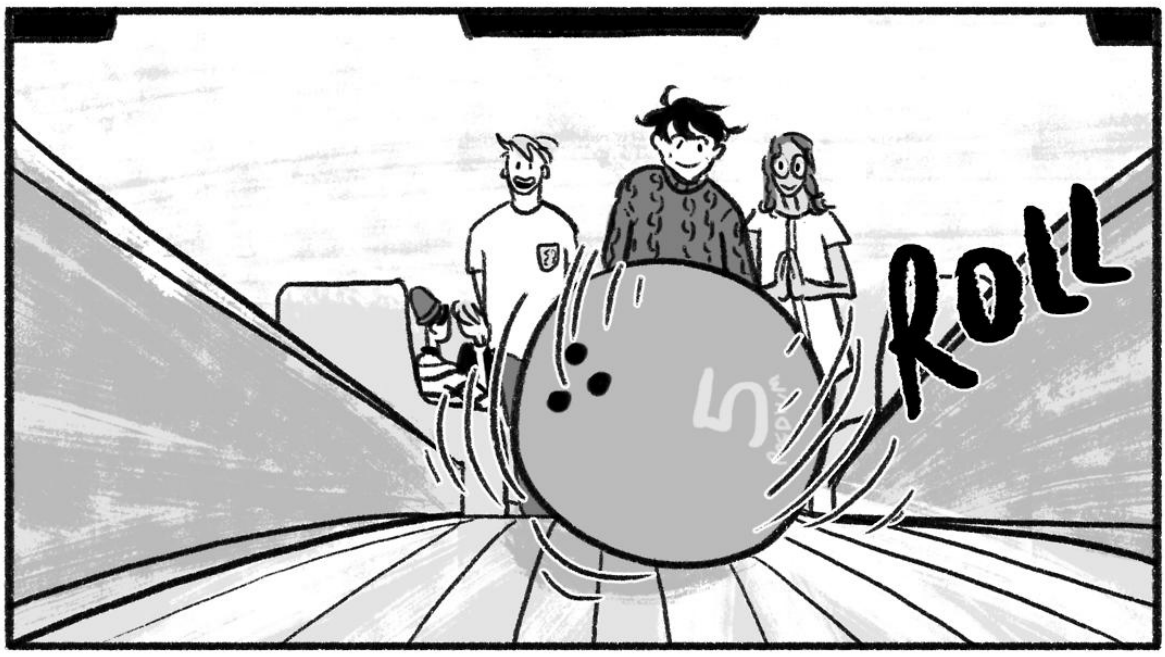


STRIKE!

Looks like Nick won the first game!!
YES!!!
GAME 1 WINNER
NICK!
Noooo! I was so close!
CLAP CLAP
You totally cheated
Oh yeah? How?

You... You have strong rugby arms!!
Oh do I now...
I thought you liked my arms
Pfft shut up!!

HA HA HA
B

...
Everyone ready for game 2?
I'm just gonna go pee!
Ok!
381
...
!
!

I'm gonna go talk to him
Huh? About what?
GAME 2
START
HELP

you know
?
GAME 2
START
HELP

I won't be long
NO Tao- don't-
GAME 2
START
HELP

FSSHHH

Charlie.

Charlie, look, I'm saying this to you as a friend-
You need to STOP this thing with Nick Nelson
Hmm I think I'm gonna go get more chips

Gotta get energised for game 2?
I need to defend my title
Bar
FRIDAYS
385

He's clearly straight and he's leading you on!!
?

Wh-what

He's flirting with you for a laugh!!

That's... that's not true
Come ON. Even I can tell he's flirting with you
And you think he's straight just because he doesn't LOOK gay??
WELL? Isn't he straight?
...
SEE! You KNOW he's just an attention seeker like Harry and the rest of his mates!

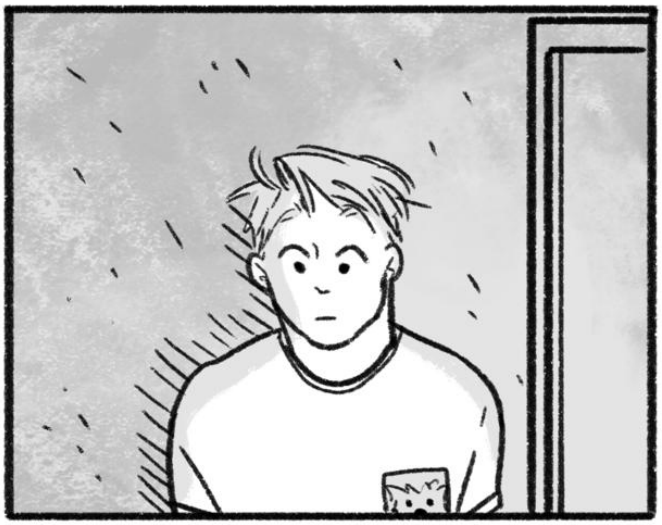
He's not like that

He's ...
He's my ...

He's my...

Would it be okay if we kept us a secret?

He's my friend



But you clearly like him
So what?
So you're never gonna get over it until you cut him out of your life!
Well I'm not going to.
Why do you keep nagging at me about this? Nick is one of my best friends now
And that's NOT GONNA CHANGE!

I'm- I'm just worried-
Worried about WHAT?
I'm worried that... one day he'll find out you like him and... I don't know... do something bad.
Like, a lot of his Year 11 friends like Harry are kinda judgemental and exactly the sort of people who bullied you last year.
I was the only one on your side back then, and... I'm so scared that'll happen to you again
...

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.

*sigh*
Why didn't you just say that
I PROMISE
Nick's not like that.
He's different.
Trust me.
You've just got to get to know him!

Okay, fine. But if he even HINTS that he might be a dick-
Yeah yeah yeah you'll report him to our head of house, I know.

!
UGH just go. I'll meet you back at our lane.

You getting more food?
Yep!
haha you're gonna need it if you wanna beat Elle again—
huh?

h-hey
wh-what's this for?
I'll tell you later

...
okay
um... have you two been served?
YESSS!

GAME 2 WINNER
ELLE SMELLS!
I WIN
ughhh why do I always lose
CLAP CLAP
It's because you have such adorably short arms, Tiny Tao
SHUT UP!! and don't call me that
Just stating the facts, Tiny. No need to blush!
go away

Bye!
See you on Monday!

Thanks for coming, Aled
Thanks for inviting me!

Oh, and... Nick's really nice. I'm glad you're... I'm glad you two are.. um..
I'm glad he's here!

Bye!
b-bye?

What'd I miss?
Haha everyone had to go
WENT TO THE BATHROOM
My Dad won't be here for another ten minutes so shall we go sit?
FOLD
Ok ♡
By the way... Tao and Elle really do like each other don't they
BAR
Haha yep. Neither of them will admit it though.
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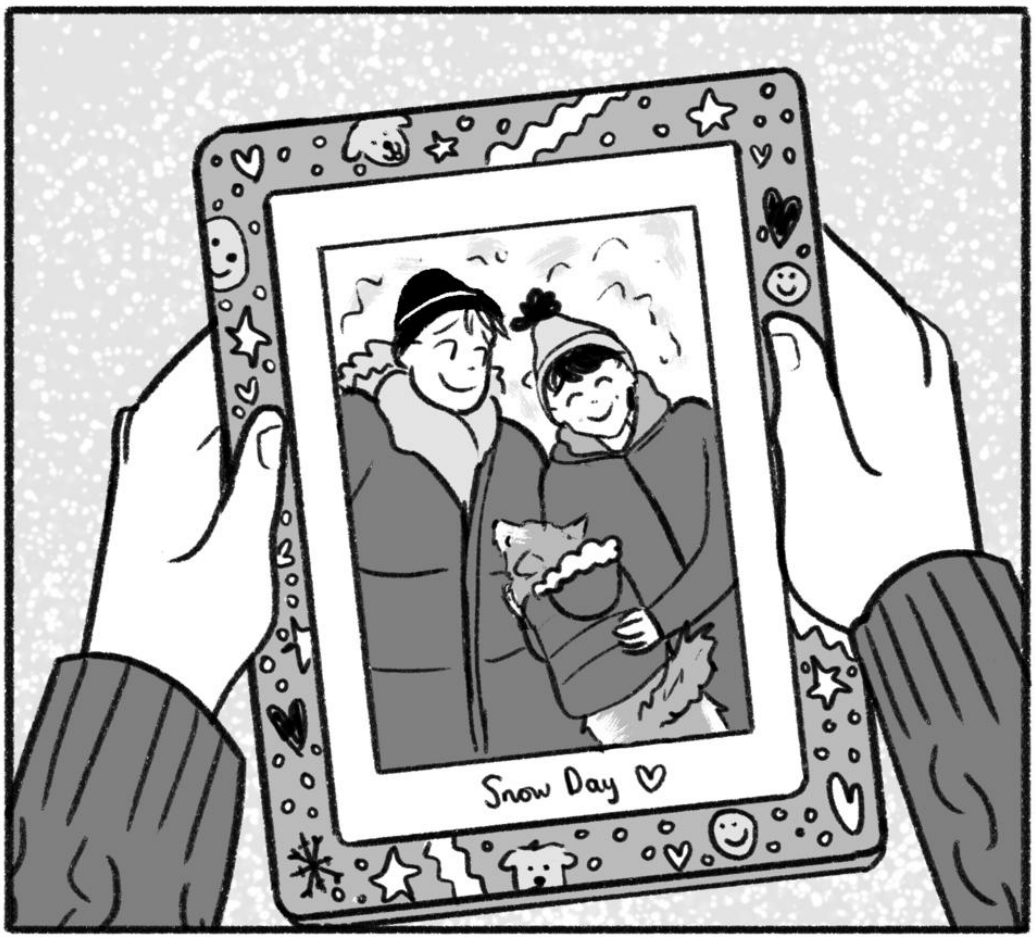
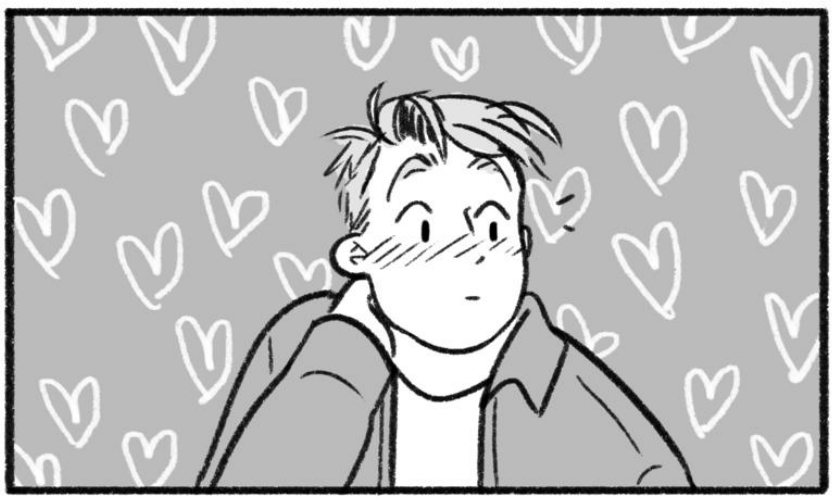
So...
You gonna open my present?
Oh!! As long as you don't mind??
I kinda wanna see your reaction haha..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
RIP


Snow Day ♡

You decorated this yourself?
Yeah... sorry! I didn't have time to buy you anything! That was one of my favourite days ever, so...

I wanna kiss you so bad right now



Menu
15
Menu
15
Okay

Are you sure??
Yeah
Menu
Ha na

NUZZLE
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!

Yeah... I don't know why I thought you'd believe that
Tao can be very forceful about his opinions
I'm so scared I'm just...
doing to you what Ben did to you-

You're NOTHING like him.

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

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

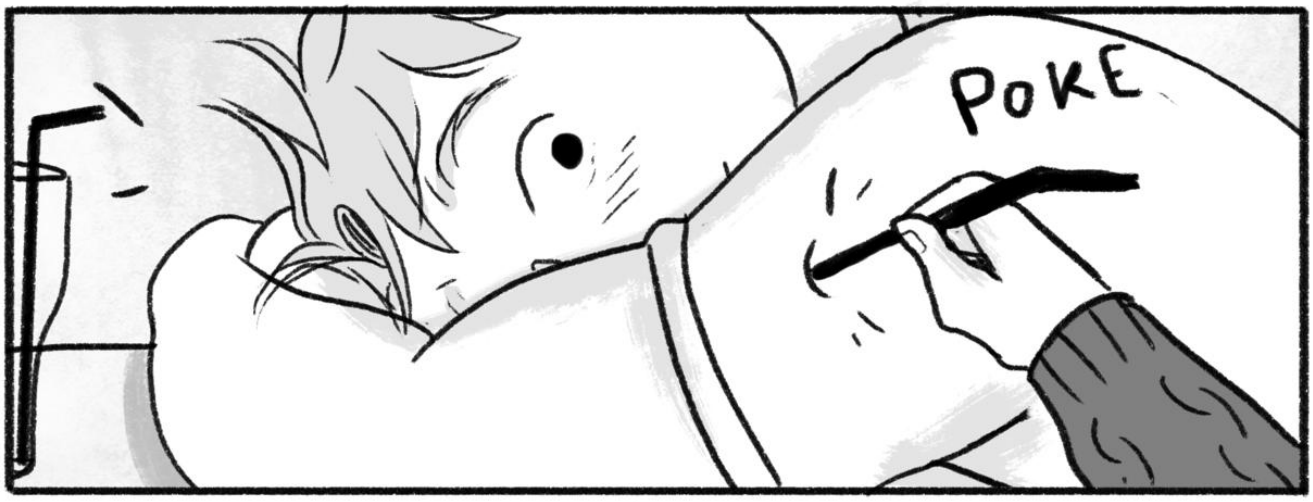
I wish I'd.. helped you, or.. done something, I don't know.

But you didn't even know me then!

I wish I had known you
I wish I'd known then what I know now

Maybe then I would have helped...

Hey!

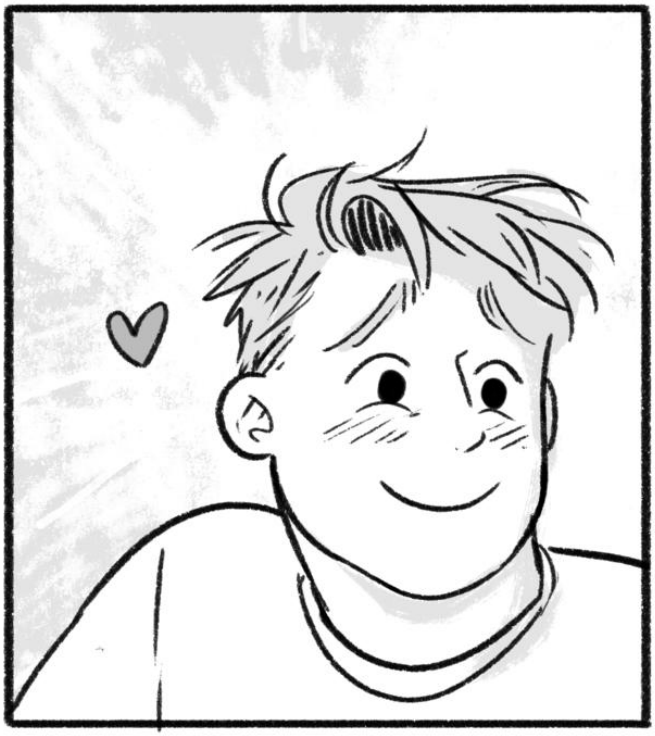

POKE

no being sad on my birthday

I thought it wasn't your birthday until Tuesday!
POKE
Ahh!

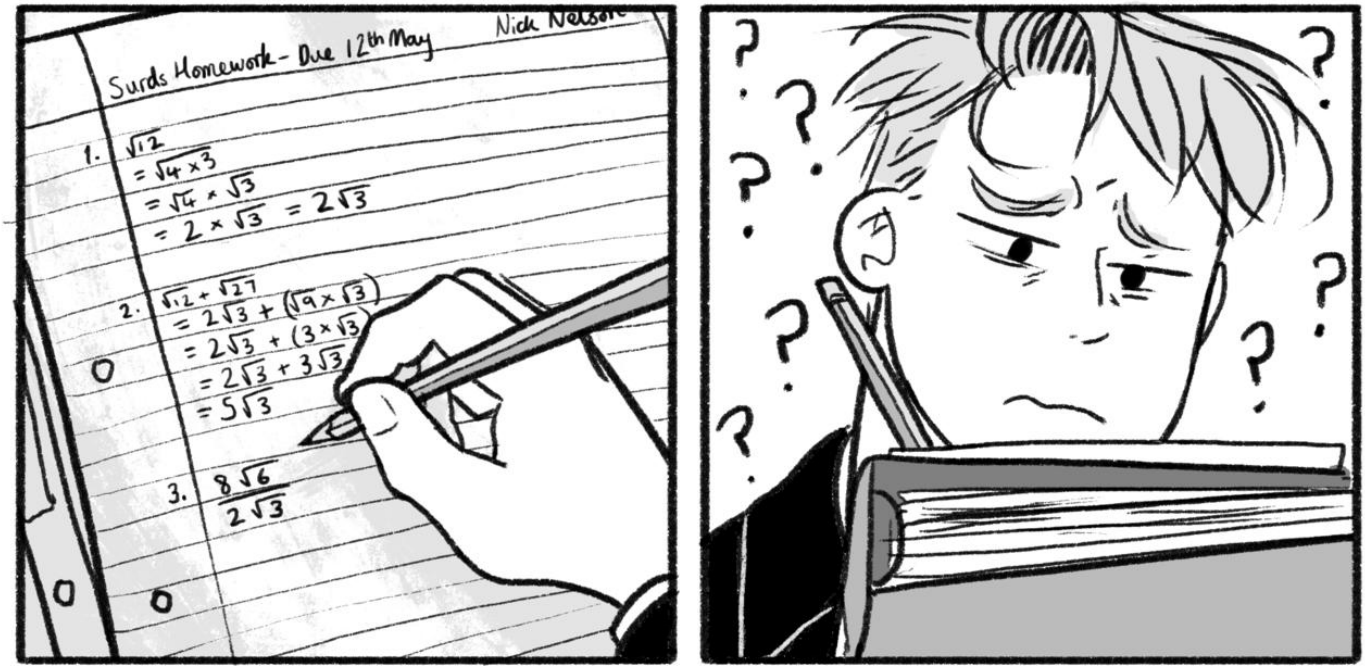
Isn't that what you said?
Ha ha ha!

Nick!!



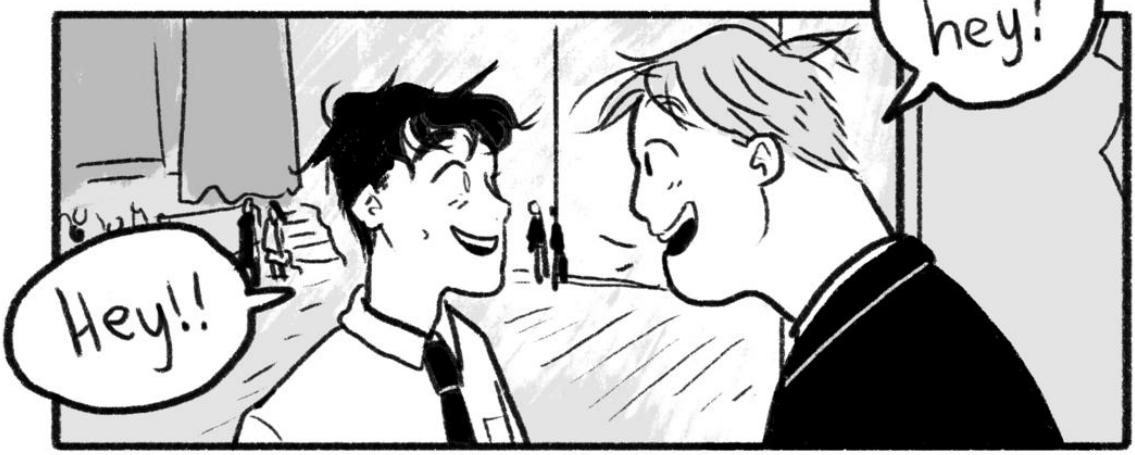
Ah- that's my phone
hi Dad!
Okay, we'll be out in a sec

MAY
(TWO AND A HALF WEEKS LATER)
Hurry up Nick, you'll be late for fourth period!
Sorry Sir!
D92
SCRIBBLE
HIGH ACHIEVERS
YEAR 10
George Henderson
Aled Last
Ishmael Leftley
Charles Spring


Surds Homework - Due 12th May
Nick Nelson
1. $\sqrt{12}$
$= \sqrt{4 \times 3}$
$= \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{3}$
$= 2 \times \sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}$
2. $\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27}$
$= 2\sqrt{3} + (\sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{3})$
$= 2\sqrt{3} + (3 \times \sqrt{3})$
$= 2\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3}$
$= 5\sqrt{3}$
3. $\frac{8\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{3}}$

MATHS
SCHOOL HALL
SCIENCE

BUMP!
MATHS
SCHOOL HALL
SCIENCE

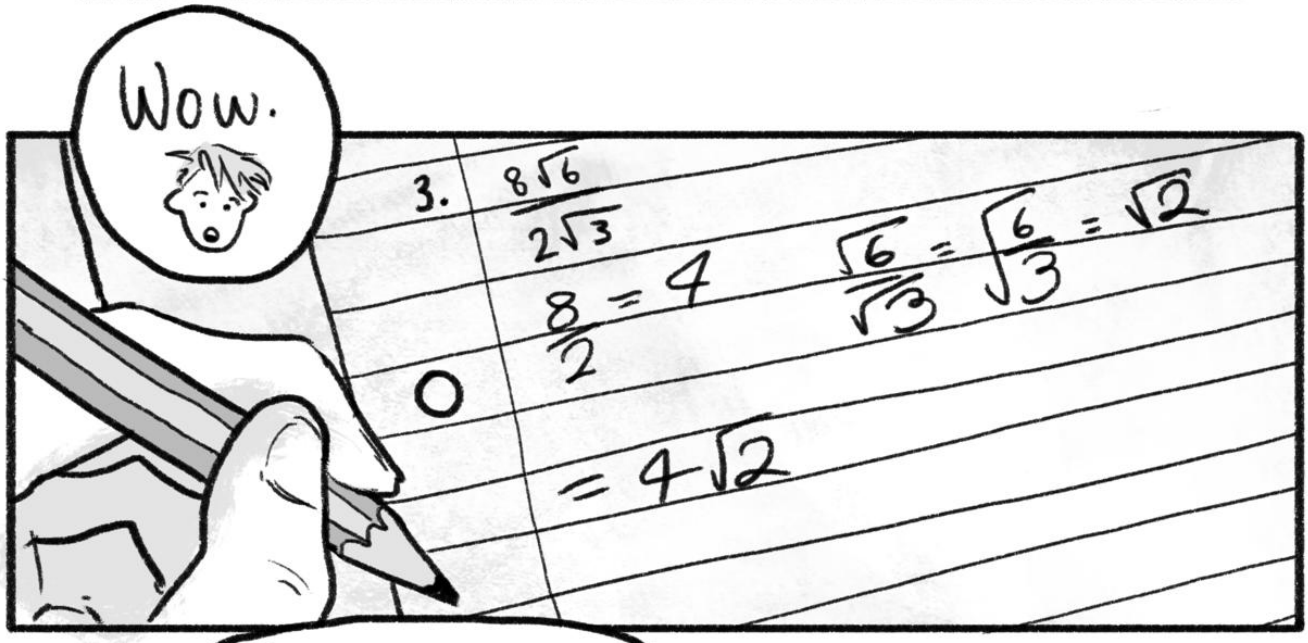

Hey!!
Oh hey!

Spring Concert
Truham Grammar School for Boys and Harvey Greene Grammar School for Girls
I thought you had Spanish right now?
Yeah, I was supposed to, but...
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!
What are you doing? Did you forget to do your maths homework again?
Well... I was gonna do it last night, but...

er... you came over and...
..yeah.
Oh.
ha ha!

I'm stuck on a question anyway
Oh! You've just got to deal with each term individually-

How are you better at maths than I am!? You're in the year below me!
Hahaha!


Wow.
3. $\frac{8\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{3}}$
$\frac{8}{2} = 4$
$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6}{3} = \sqrt{2}$
$= 4\sqrt{2}$

Guess I'm just really smart
You are!
Charlie! We need you on drums!
See you later!

Hey Nick?

Tara!! You're in Higgs School orchestra?
Yep! I'm not that good but we get to play film music so it's pretty fun

You and Charlie Spring still getting along well, then?

We need a simple 4/4 rock beat, okay?
Okay

Oh-
y-yeah,
yeah
...
-I'm
gay
actually...
well...
Nick
Nelson
11H

We're...
er...

We're sort of going out

You are!?
I-I mean, we haven't, um, made it official, but... yeah
Uh- please don't tell anyone, though!!
Don't worry, I won't!
You guys keeping it on the down low?
yeah...

Haha...
You're the first person I've told..

Does it feel good to have told someone?
LEAN

...yeah
It really does

I remember when me and my girlfriend first told our friends
?
some of them were surprised but a couple of them were like
"haha we've known for ages"
SNEAK
I guess we weren't that good at being lowkey

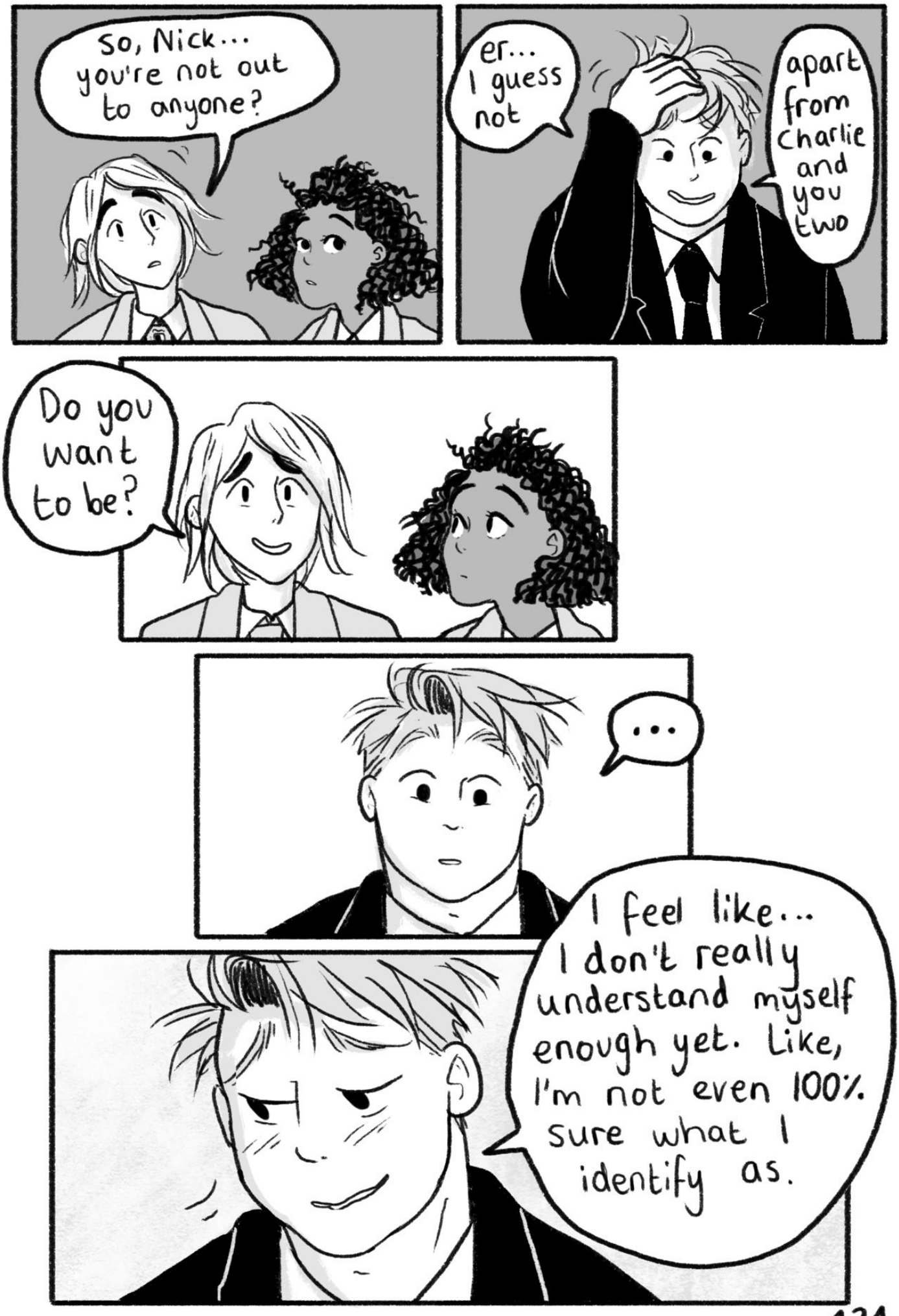
PARP
DARCY!!
heh heh heh
Got you ♡
Oh my GOD I hate you

Sooooo...
this is Nick?
..hi?
This is Darcy Olsson. My girlfriend.
!
430

he.. knows??
er... well...
I- I have a...
I'm going out with Charlie Spring
??
?
!

WHAT!!
we've found another one
SSH you can't tell anyone!!
She won't tell anyone
O...kay-
Hey Nick!!

Oi oi!!
A girl on each arm!
Get in there, my son!
HA HA HA!
... why are straight people like this

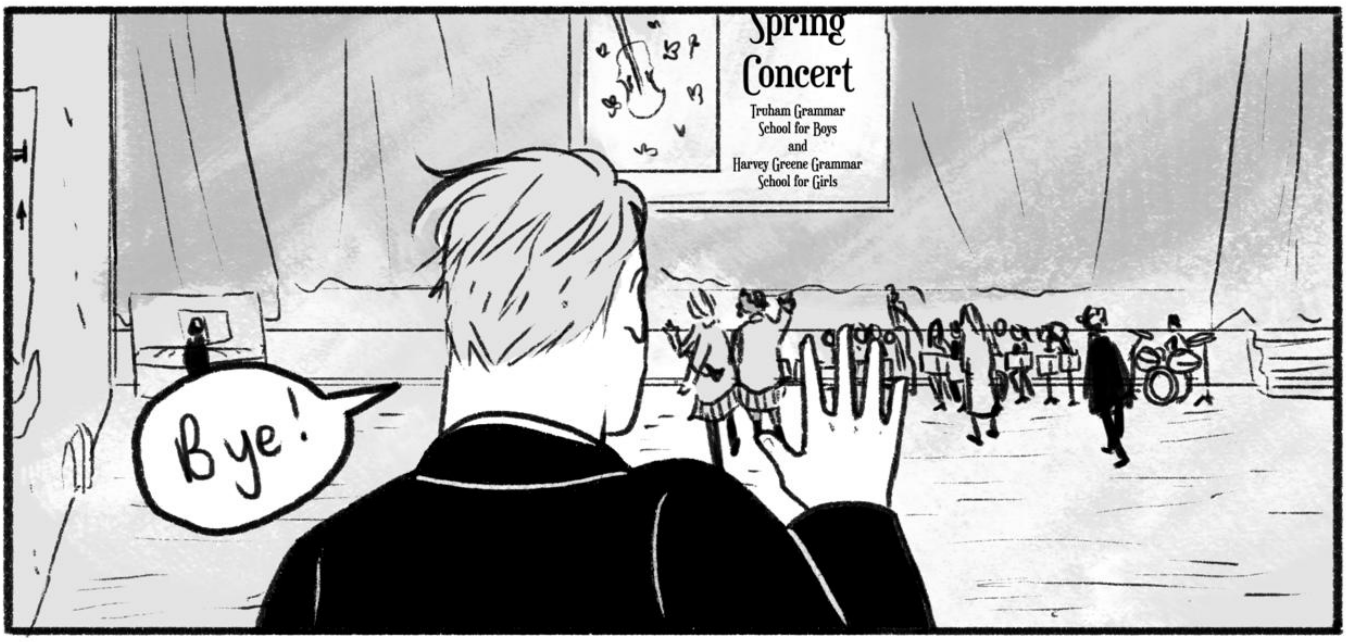

So, Nick... you're not out to anyone?
er... I guess not
apart from Charlie and you two
Do you want to be?
...
I feel like... I don't really understand myself enough yet. Like, I'm not even 100% sure what I identify as.

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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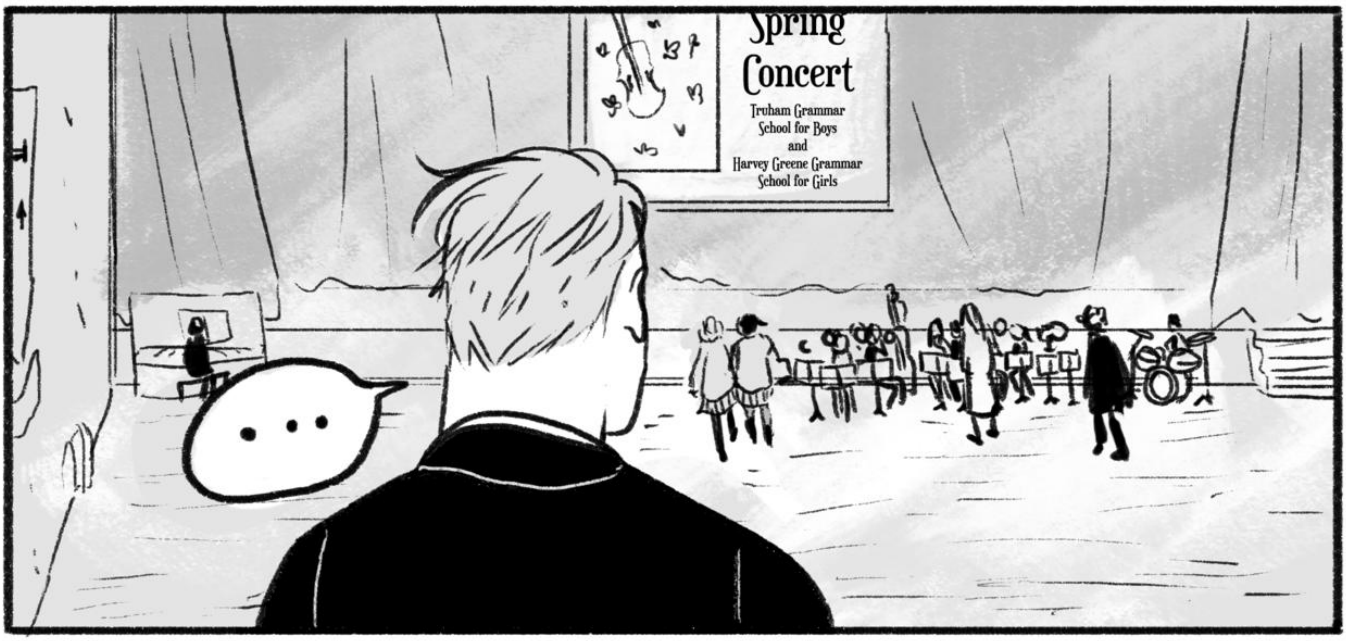
Bye!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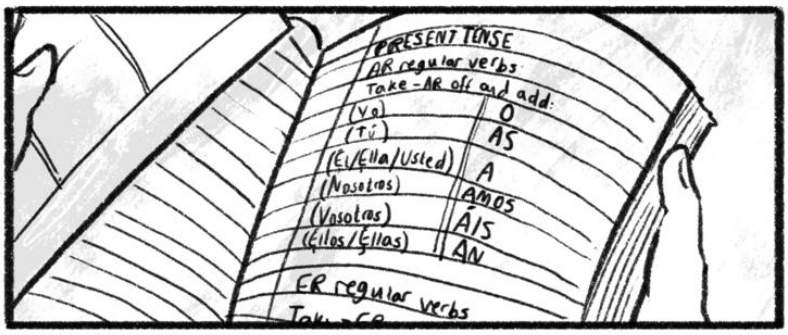
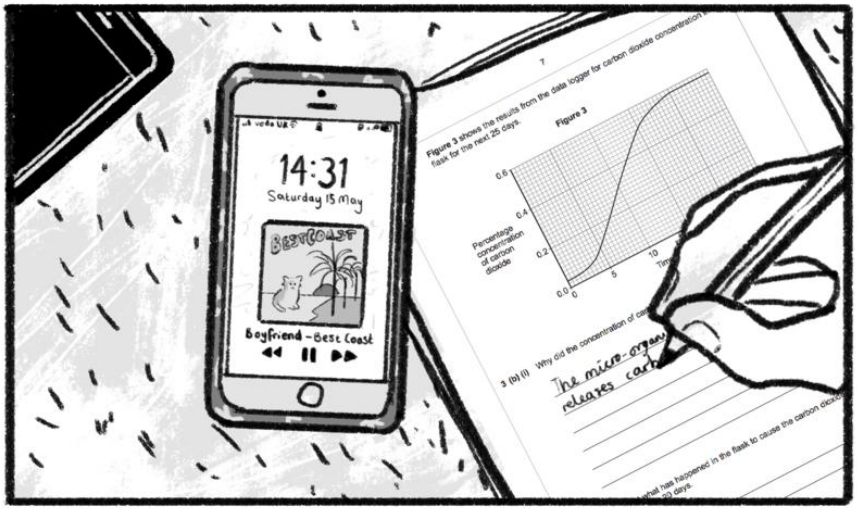
I AM SUPER LATE FOR MATHS


PRESENT TENSE
AR regular verbs
Take -AR off and add:
(Yo) O
(Tú) AS
(Él/Ella/Usted) A
(Nosotros) AMOS
(Vosotros) ÁIS
(Ellos/Ellas) AN
ER regular verbs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Saturday 15 May
Boyfriend - Best Coast
Figure 3
Percentage concentration of carbon dioxide
Time

?
Charlie Spring
10H
Spanish
You're staring
You're cute

Hey... so...

You know I saw Tara at the rehearsal the other day?
Oh.. yeah?
Did you know she's a lesbian?
WHAT
Haha she's got a girlfriend too!

Oh my god...
I was jealous of her for ages because I thought you and her might... you know... get together or something
Okay, that's REALLY cute
Shut up!! I'm so embarrassed!!

Anyway, I told her-
-I told her we're together
Wh- what
I told her we're going out

Was... was that okay?
I felt bad because I didn't ask you first-
OH MY GOD!!
THAT'S AMAZING!!

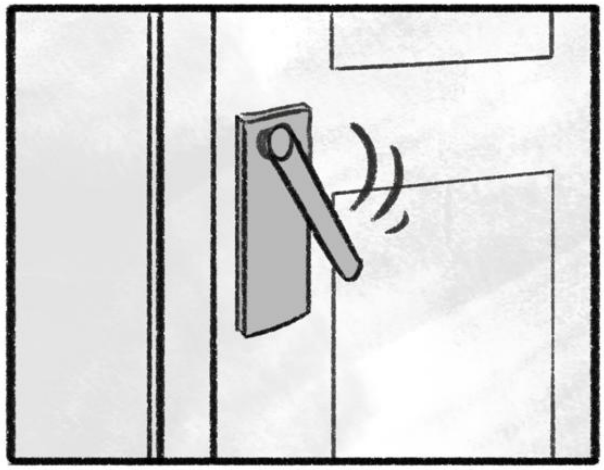
Oh!! My!! God!!
Ha ha ha!!

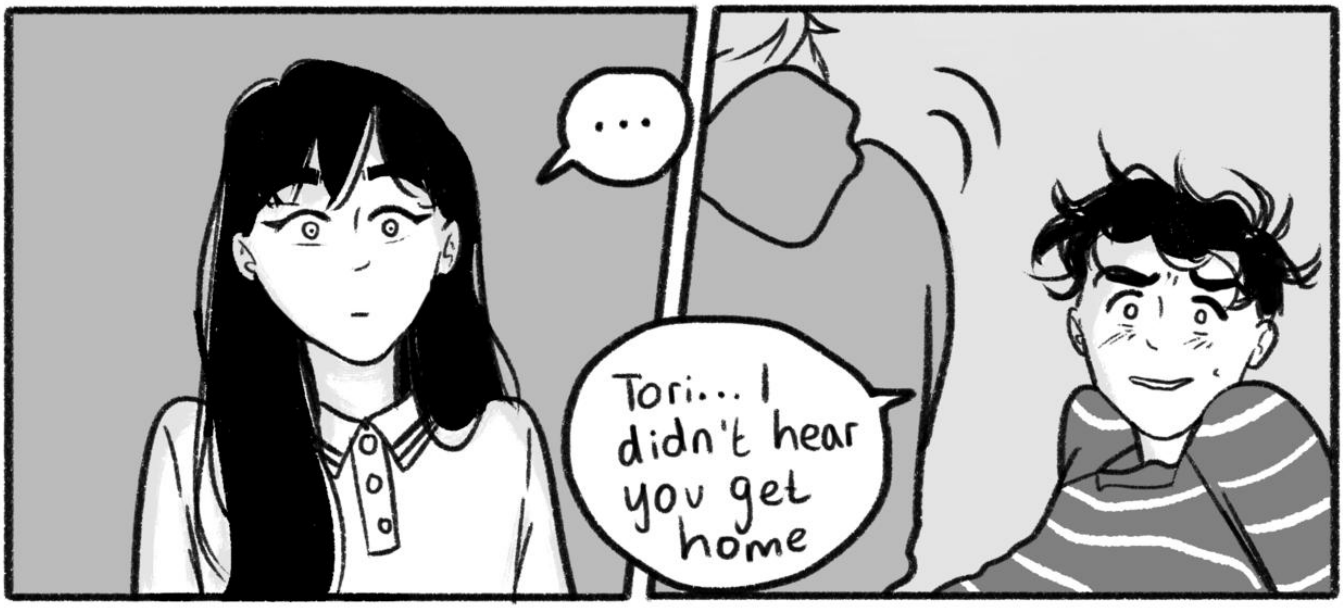
You're amazing

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
MATHS GCSE

AH- sorry, was that- uh- was that too much-
NO NO, you just- you surprised me!!
Ha ha okay!!
!!

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Tori... I didn't hear you get home

What's up?
I got you those pens you wanted
Oh. Thanks.

...
What??

glance

well done

...

SHUT
okay, she's gone, haha!
Nick?
Hey... it's okay. She'd never tell anyone without asking me first.
Sorry... I guess people knowing about us still makes me panic

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

kiss

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!!

That's just Harry. Who is a dickhead. And isn't even gonna be there.
Haha okay
See you on Monday?
yeah
glance

Text me later!
I will!

*APPEAR*

Hey Charles

Jesus, how do you just appear out of nowhere?
Older sister magic

SIP
So you're going out with him?
... yeah
You can't tell anyone, okay? Nick's... Nick's working things out. He's not even out to his Mum-
Come on, I'm not an idiot. Your secret's safe with me.

I'm happy for you.
You've liked him for ages.
Shut up
By the way... are you sure you want to hang out with his friends?

I've seen them at parties. They're not... They're kind of...
...
They're not like your friends.
I'll be fine.
SIP

THE NEXT SATURDAY...
cinema
CAR PA
Pick up at 10pm, okay?
Yep

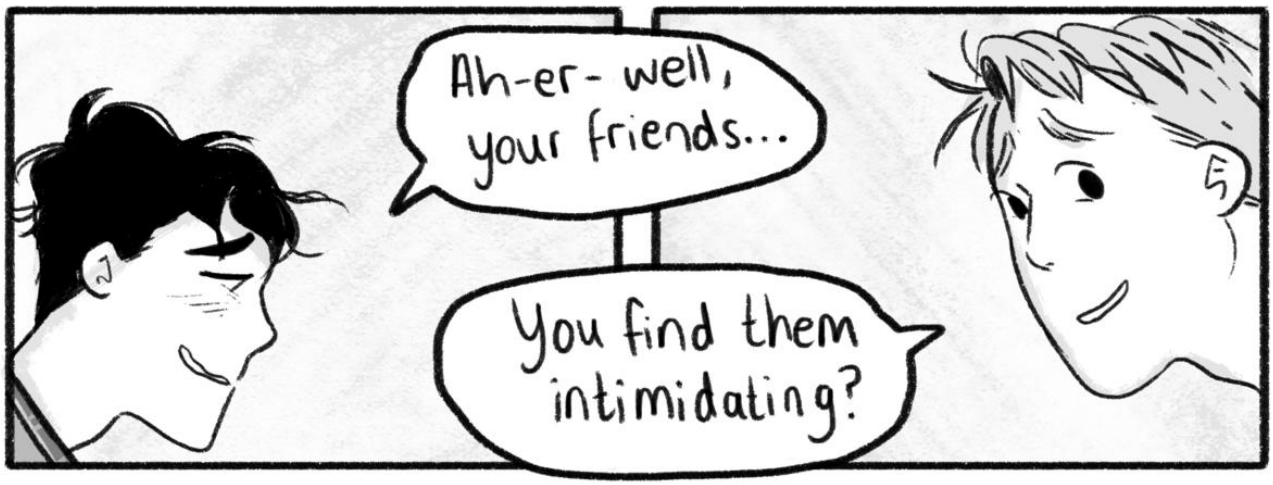
...what?
If any of these boys says anything, does anything nasty, you just call me, okay?
...
Nick's gonna be there, I'll be fine!

Hey
only

Hey
P

Your hair!!
I know, it's so short. Is it bad?
only
Yep. It's terrible.
Oh REALLY...
Yeah right, you liiiike it-
Shuuuut up!!

Hey... you look nervous


Ah-er- well, your friends...
You find them intimidating?

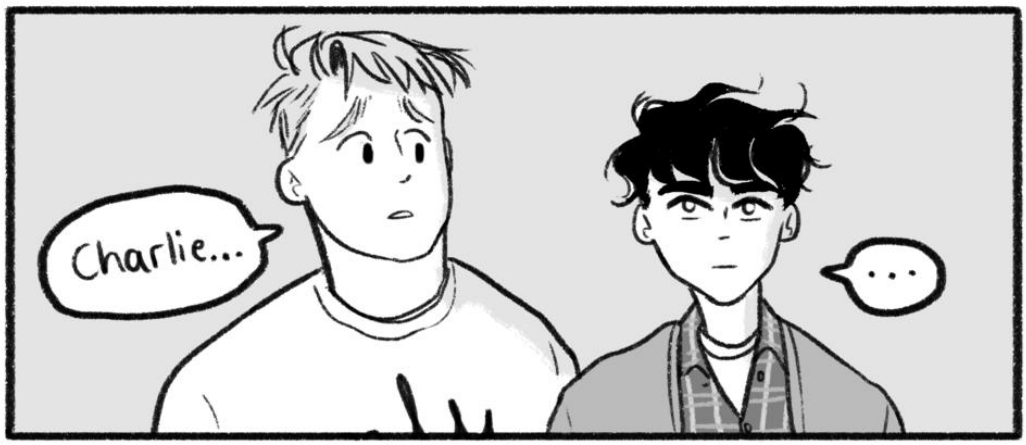
ar . cinema . bar .
Well... yeah...

I don't know... They probably all just think I'm this... gay nerd...
Well, you are kind of a gay nerd
Shut up, rugby lad!!
Ha ha ha!
PUSH
Don't worry, I'll look after you!
Okay ♡

And it's not like Harry's gonna-
screens 1-8
TICK

-be... here...

He did bring him


Charlie...
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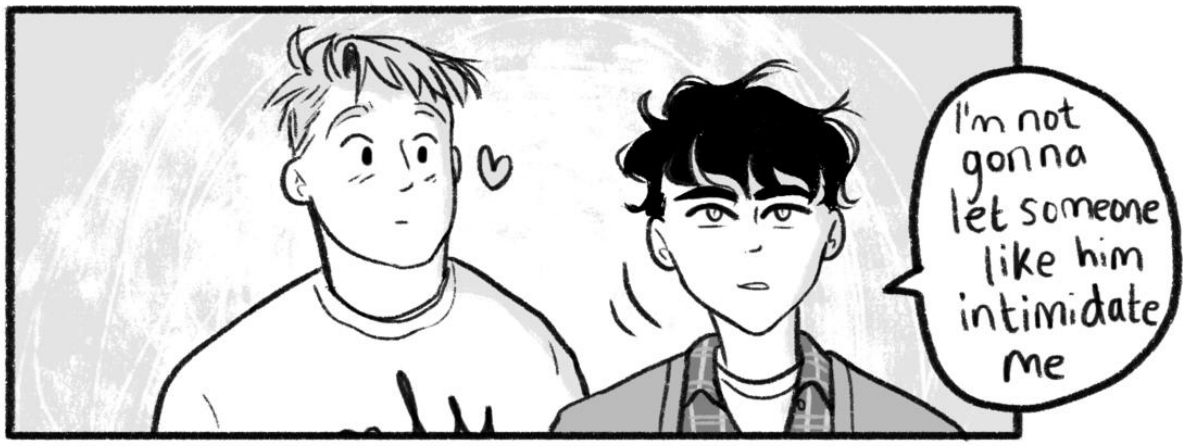
I'm not gonna let someone like him intimidate me

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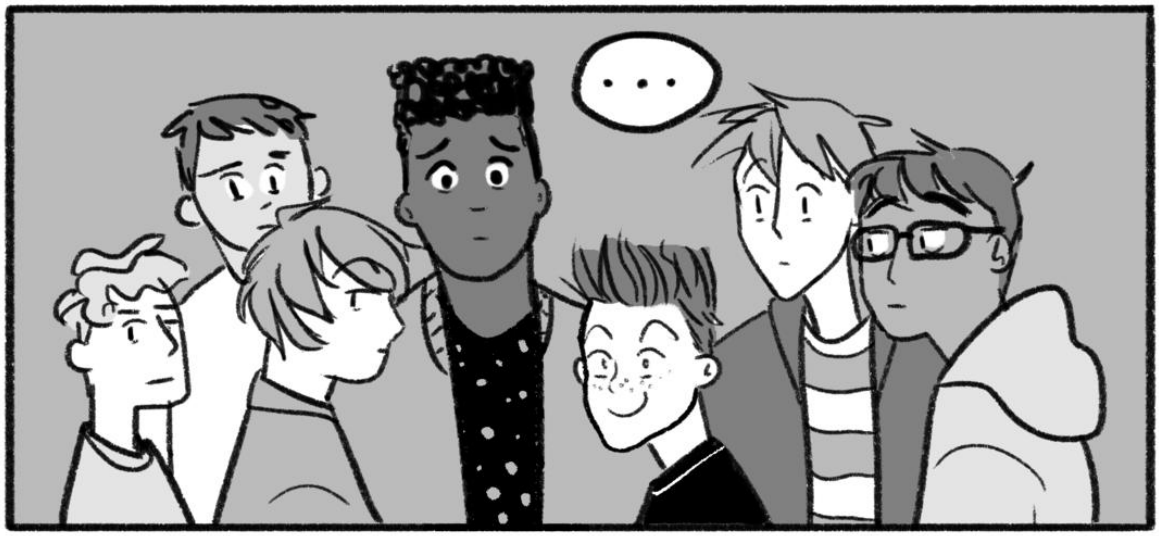
Hey guys...
1
2

You all know Charlie, right?
hi!
only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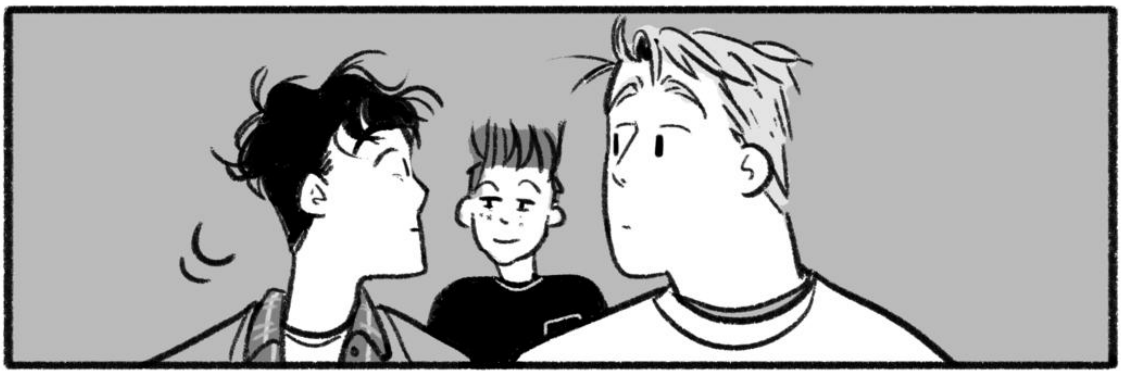
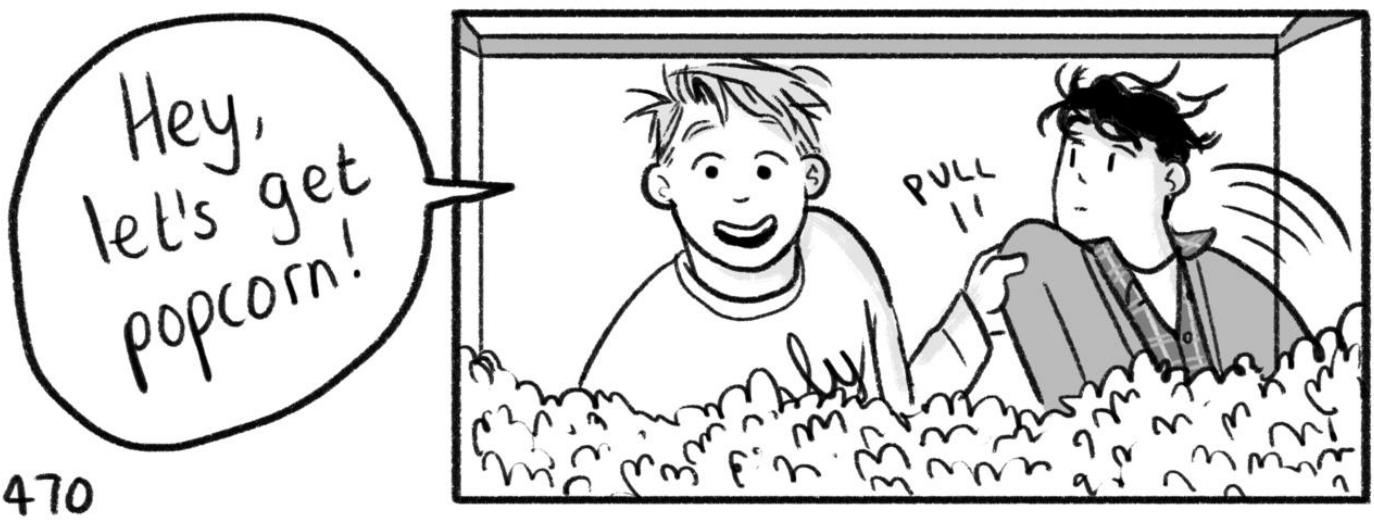
CHRISTIAN
SAI
Hi Charlie!
Hey Charlie, you all right, mate?

ha
ha
ha
ha
ha
Sat 22
19:45
Screen 4
Row: A Seat: 10
Ah, I forgot to ask!
Are you okay with horror movies?
RIP cinema
Yeah I love horror!

Well, I get really scared so sorry if I scream really loud in your ear
NUDGE
Well I'll be next to you if you need to hold my hand




Hey, let's get popcorn!
PULL

Oh... I'm... not very hungry, to be honest
You get some though
brush
Hey...

Seriously, Char,
are you okay?
only
I honestly had no idea he'd be here
I wouldn't have suggested we come if I'd known
"Char"?

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

ha
ha
ha!

only

sorry

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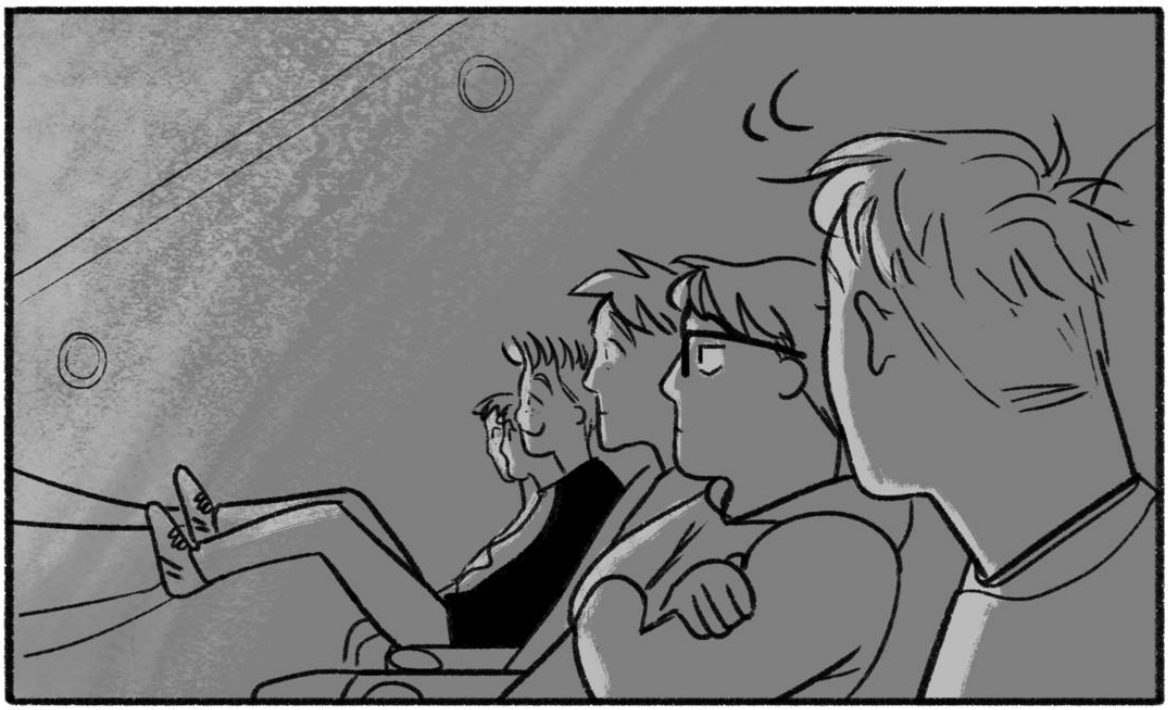

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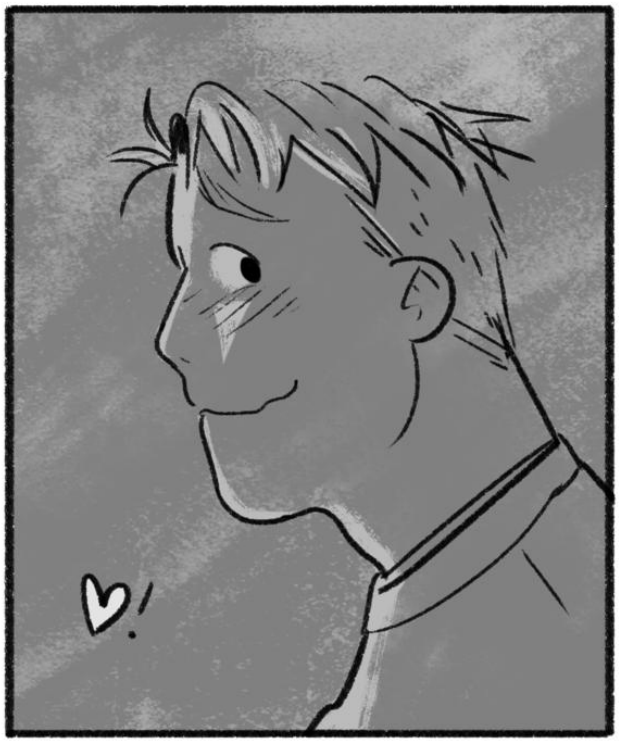


You're a dork
That was soooo scary
For you maybe
Uh, you SO jumped at all the jumpscares
I did NOT!

!
only

only
SO! Charlie Spring!

What's it like being GAY?

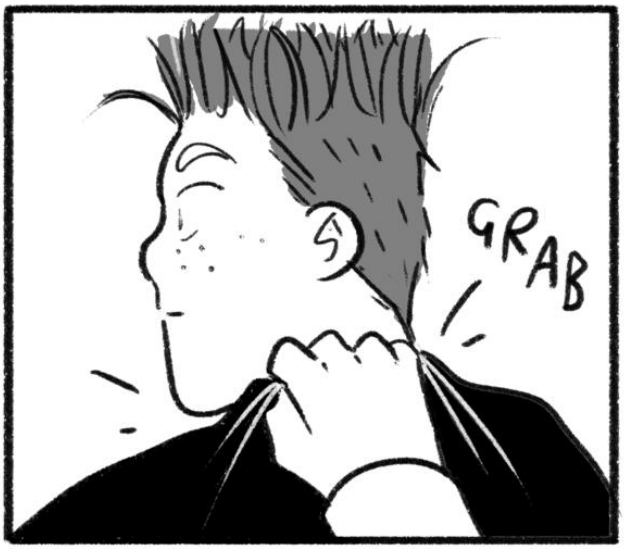
It's... fine??
PUSH

You don't seem that gay, to be honest
I mean, you SOUND sort of gay, but that's it!
Do you like musicals?
HARRY, can you just fuck off, please?

What sort of guys do you like, then?
I don't know.
What about... Zayn Malik!? He's pretty sexy!
I guess.
Harry, for fuck's sake-
What about Nick? You think he's hot?
That's-

Not really my type.
...
Naaah, you SO have a crush on him!
NO.
You dooo

Yould sooooo jump on that DICK-


GRAB

PUSH
only

Come on, let's go
Saturday 22 May
Dad
I'm here
Ah, my Dad's here, I have to go...
Charlie ...

Hey, hey, wait-
huh?
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-
I- It's fine-

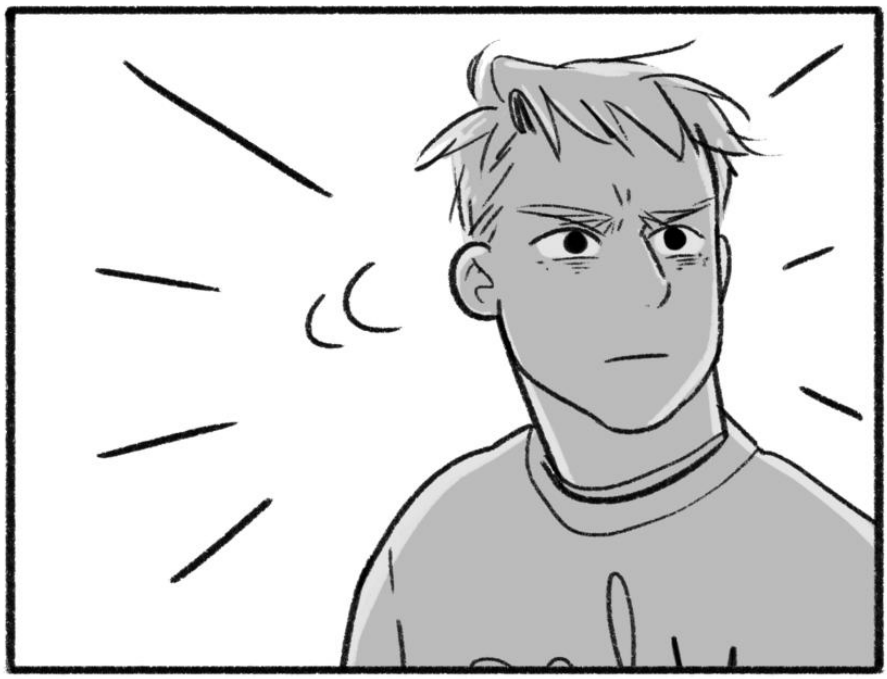
It's fine Nick, it's honestly fine, I'm used to it by now!
...
Hey, no.
It's not fine.
You're always covering for me. Because you're the kindest, most thoughtful and sweet and amazing person in the whole world.
But-

I don't want you to have to do that anymore.

Nick...

BEEP!!

Ah... I really need to go
er- message me later?
Yeah!



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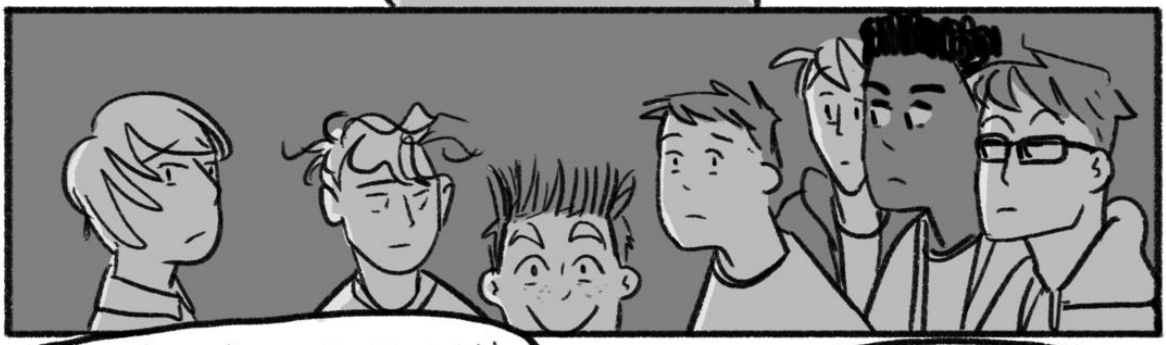


You can shut the fuck up.
You made him so uncomfortable with all your gay questions.
Oh wow, someone needs to learn how to take a joke!
You WEREN'T joking though, were you.
You just saw the perfect opportunity to make someone feel like shit.
As usual.

I'm sure he can deal with it. He's probably used to it by now.
I'm used to it by now..

SHOVE!

Aw, you're getting so ANGRY!

1. SHOVE
You just can't help wanting to protect him, can you!
Because he's a pathetic-
little-

fag
GRAB
PUNCH

NICK!
FUCK
DON'T
FREEZE

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

He's been really gross and mean about Charlie for ages and I just...
I just finally lost it.

I'm so angry at myself for not seeing how horrible all my friends are until now...

Oh, baby... you know fighting's not the answer
I know, but he was being really shitty

Nicholas
Sorry

Charlie's a really special friend, isn't he
...
He's-

SQUEEZE

yeah

yeah he is

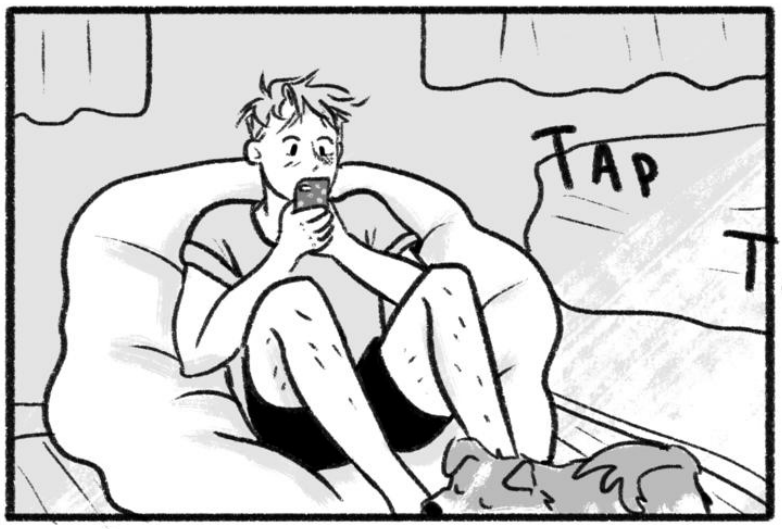
Buzz
23:46
Saturday 22 May
Nick
Hey you awake?

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




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...

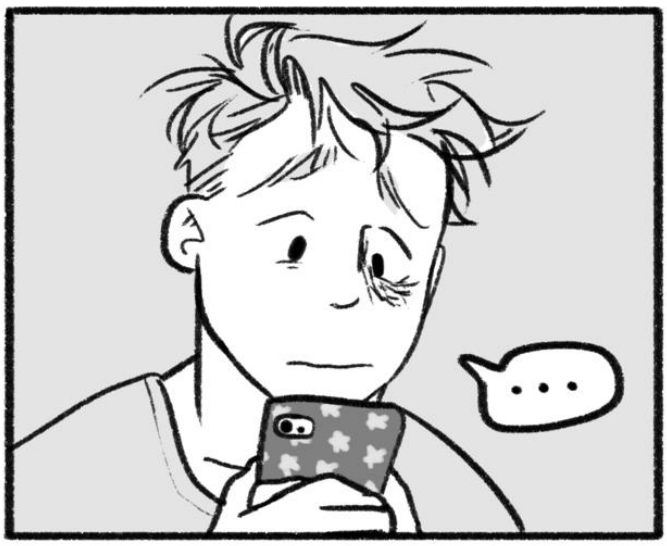
Oh they're dumped. They're all dumped. Anyone who's mean to you is officially dumped forEVER

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

TAP
TAP
TAP
BRUSH
BRUSH
TAP
TAP
TAP
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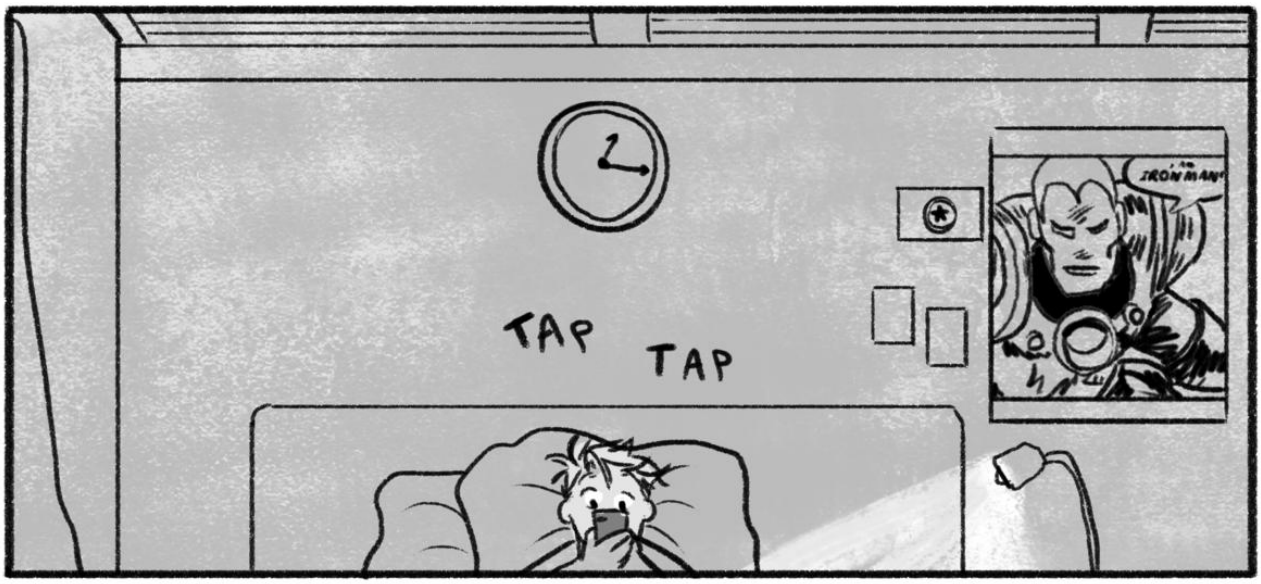
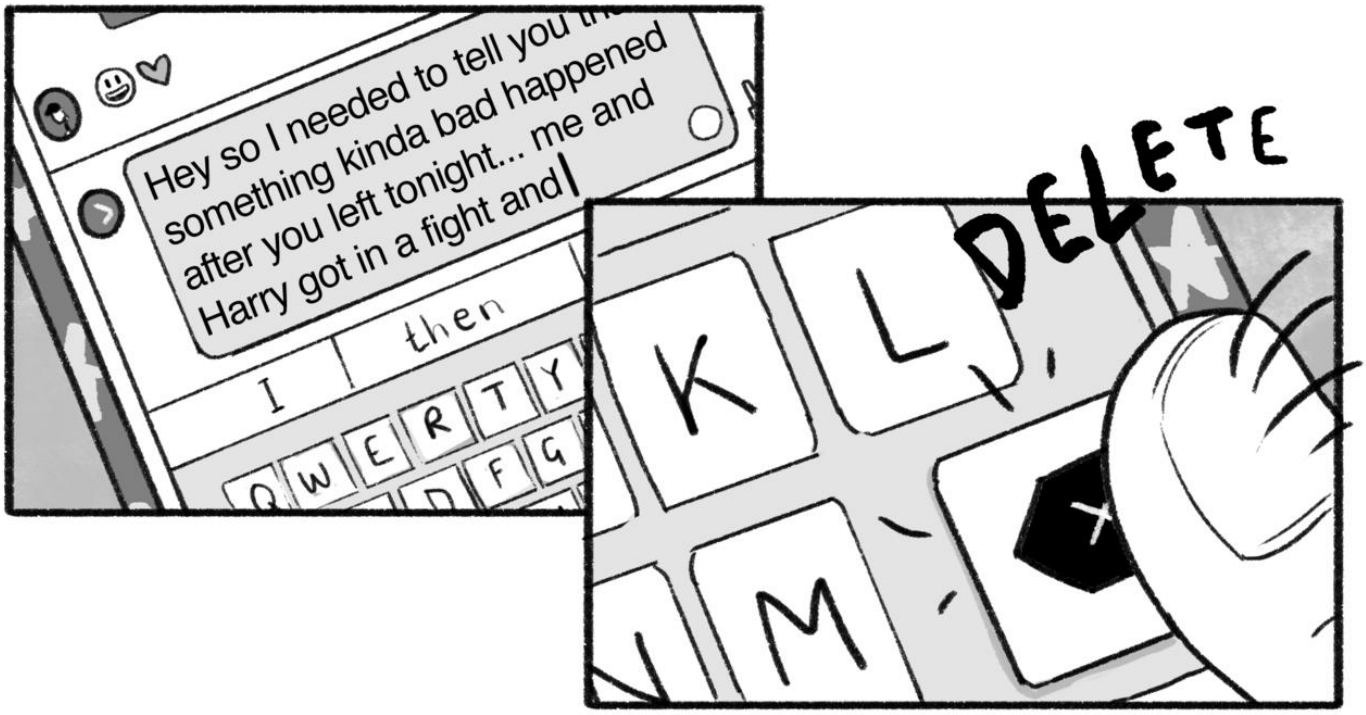
TAP



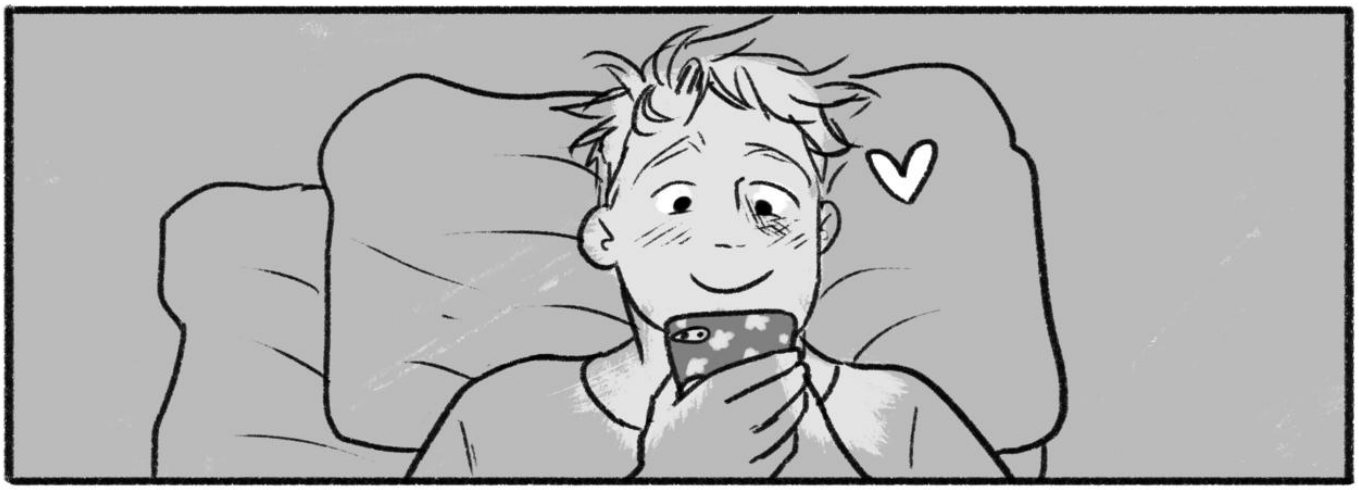
You still ok to come over tomorrow?? 😀

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

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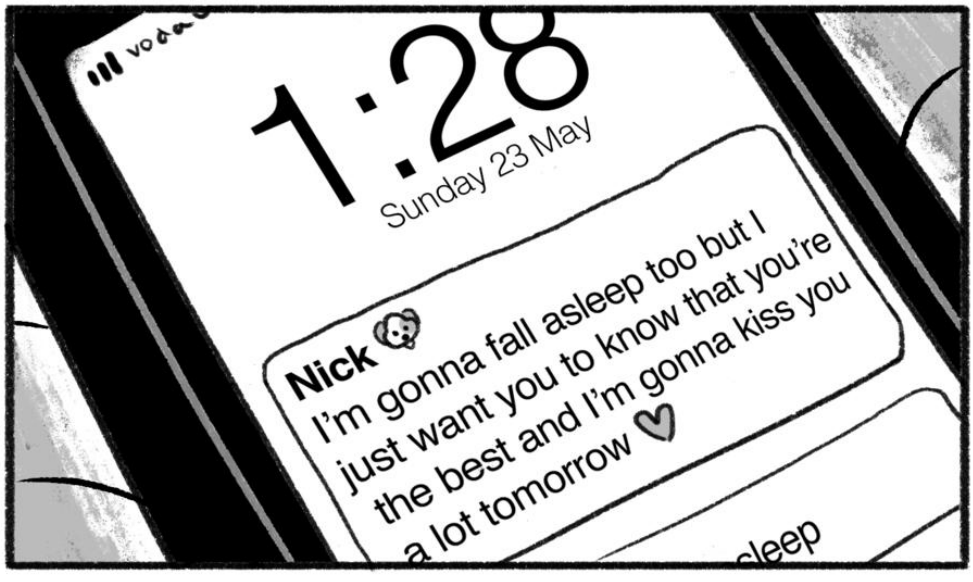
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Sunday 23 May
Nick
I'm gonna fall asleep too but I just want you to know that you're the best and I'm gonna kiss you a lot tomorrow
sleep

THE NEXT MORNING
Pfft-
Nellie!!
LICK
You're so cute! Aren't you!!

boof?

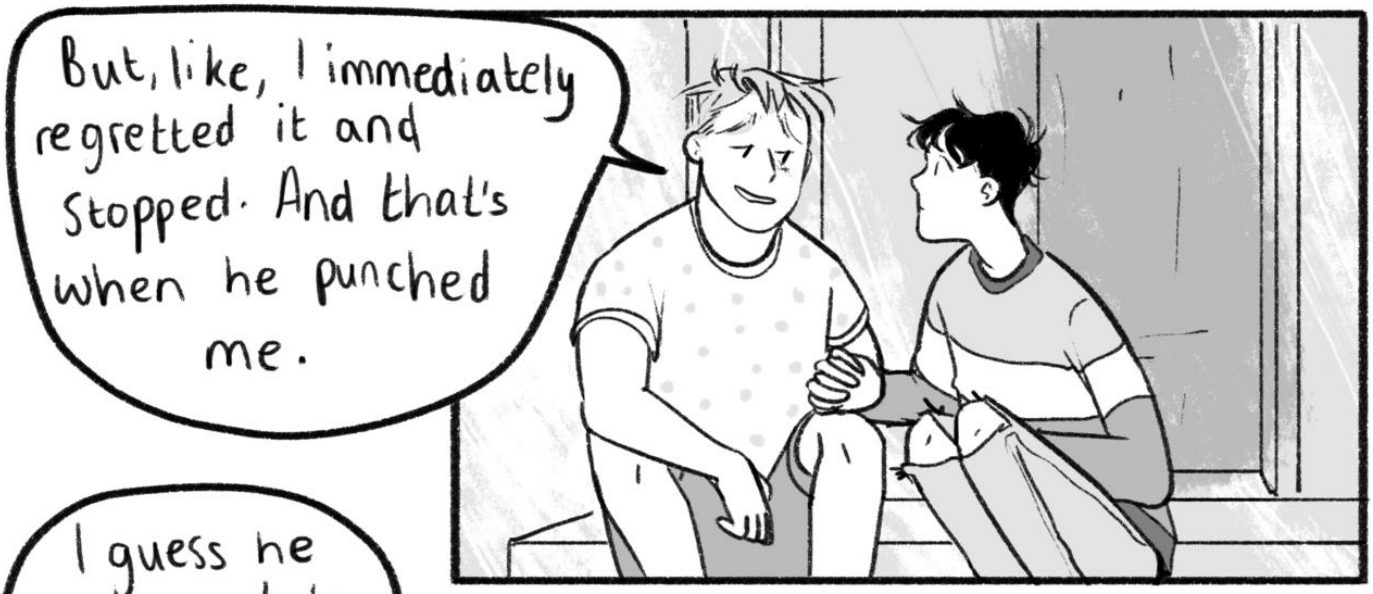
Nellie!
BORK
BORK

Hey
PANT
PANT

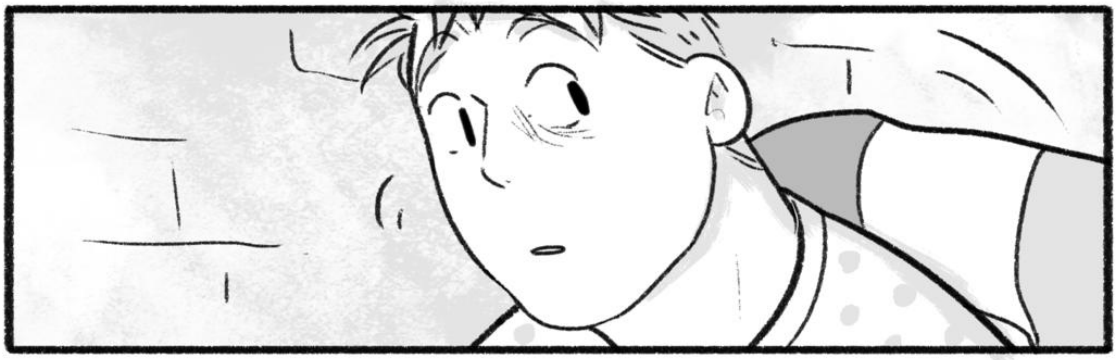
Hey.

What happened?
Oh... yeah... erm...

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



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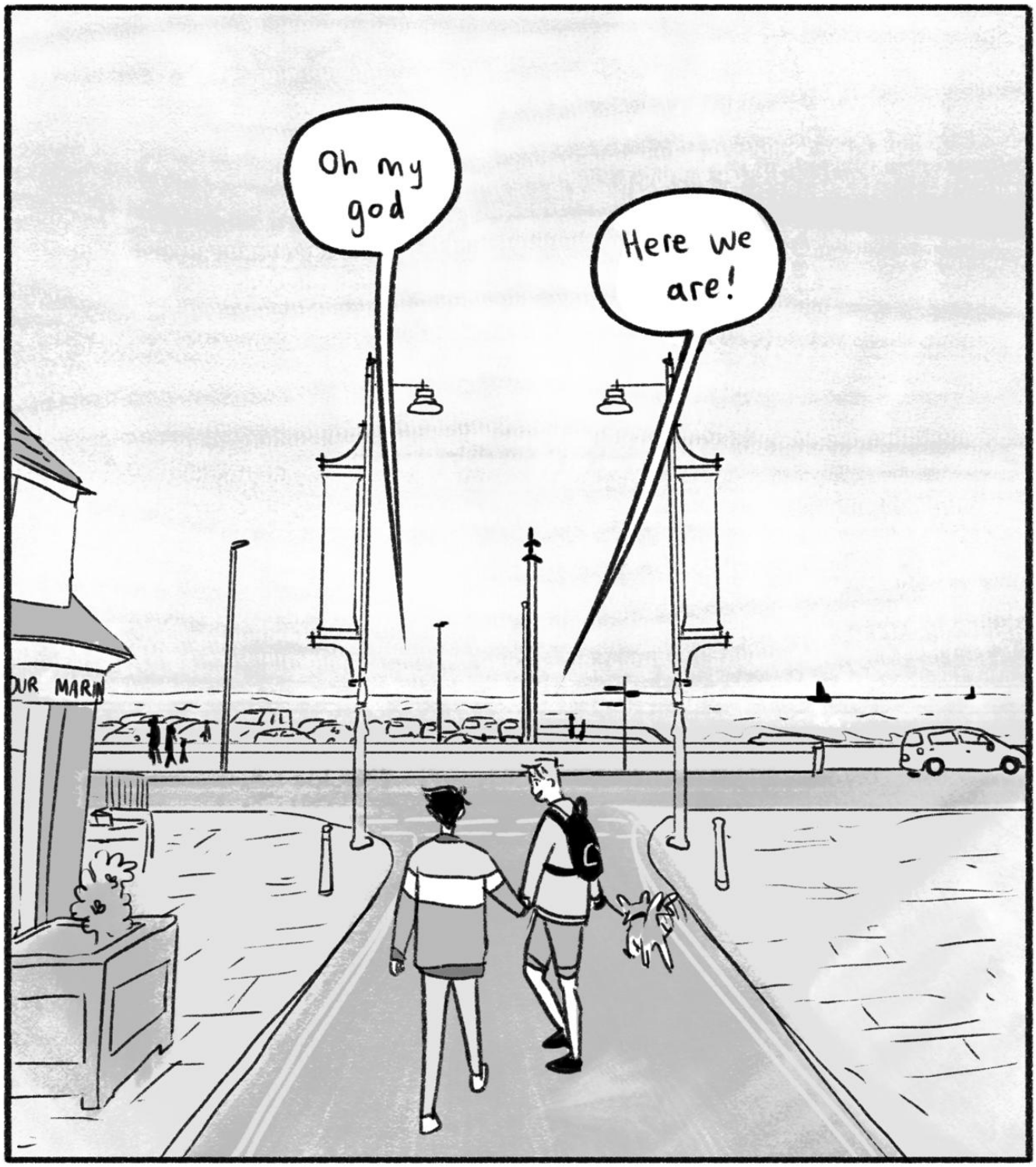
SQUEEZE

??
You big idiot... why are you so great
Why didn't you tell me last night?
I was embarrassed...it was stupid, sinking to his level
Well, actually-

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!
Now can you tell me where we're going?
Nope! Still a surprise ☺
Platform 2

I haven't been this way before!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SCREE
SCREE
Come on, we're nearly there!
Haha okay okay!
SCREE
Seagulls?
SCREE
SCREE
SCREE


Oh my god
Here we are!

The beach!!?

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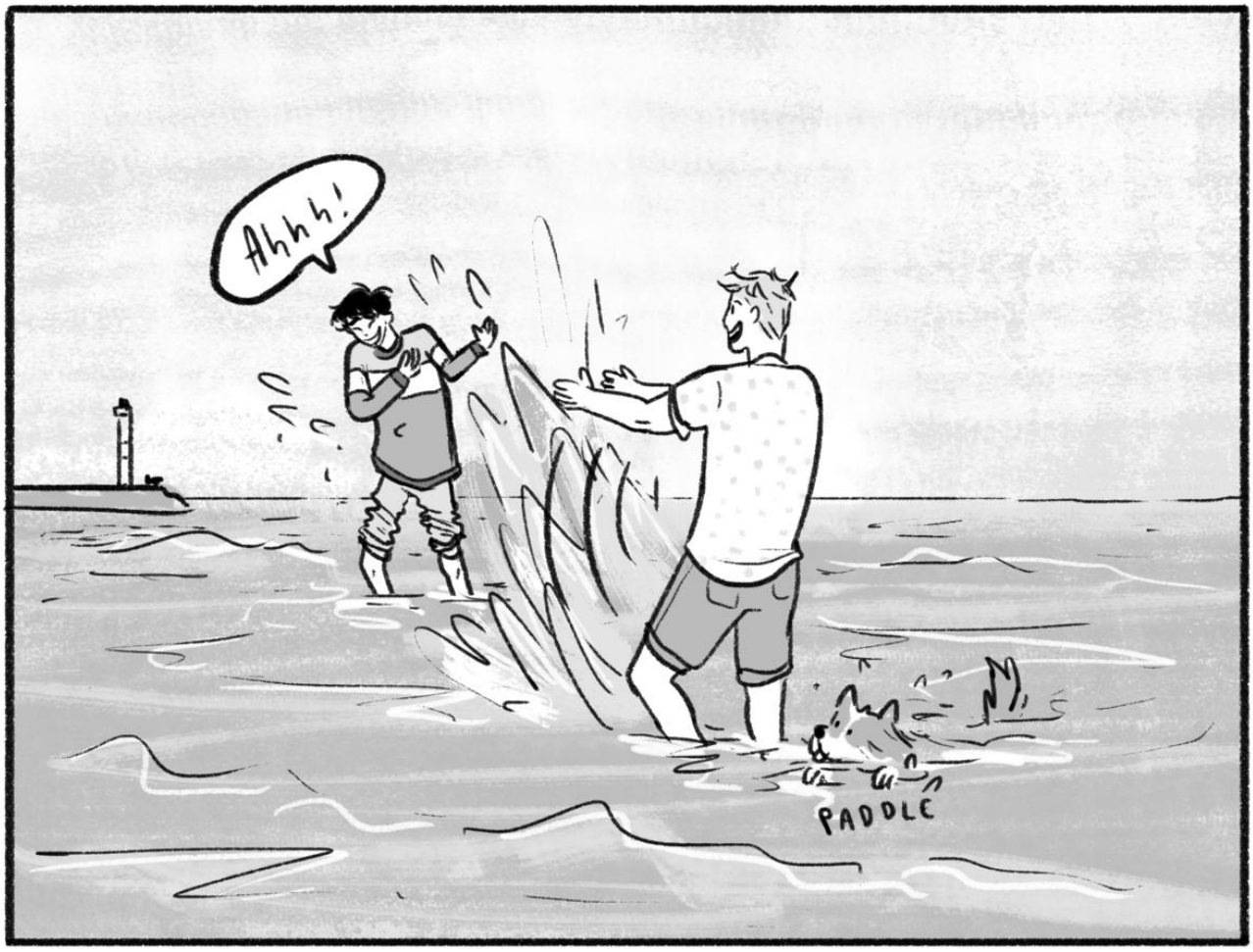

Ahhh!
PADDLE

SHAKE
SIT
Ha ha ha!
Oh no

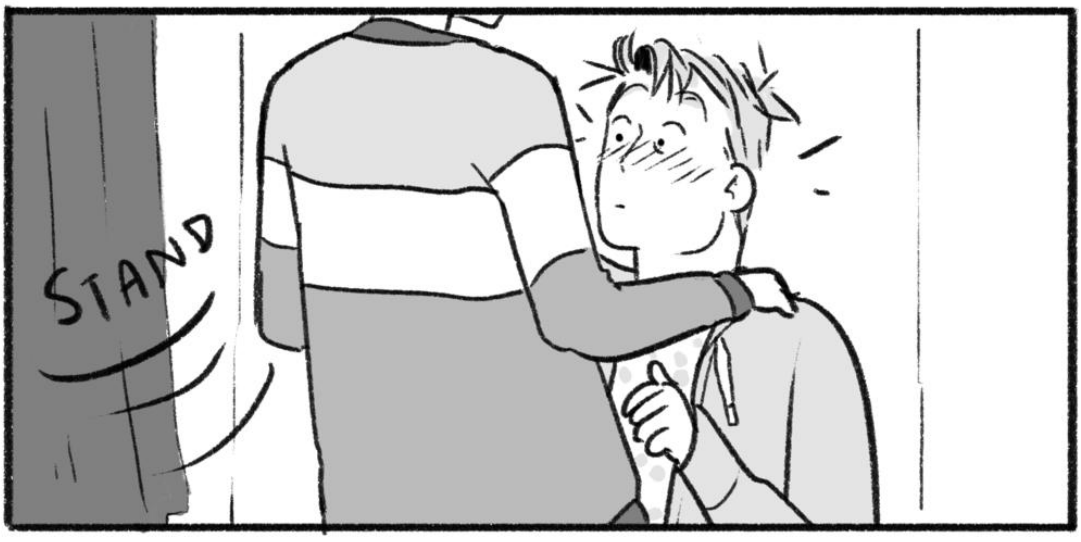
You wanna share?
Okay!
FISH & CHIPS
30
30

café
Photobooth inside
Oh my god
EN

Photobooth!

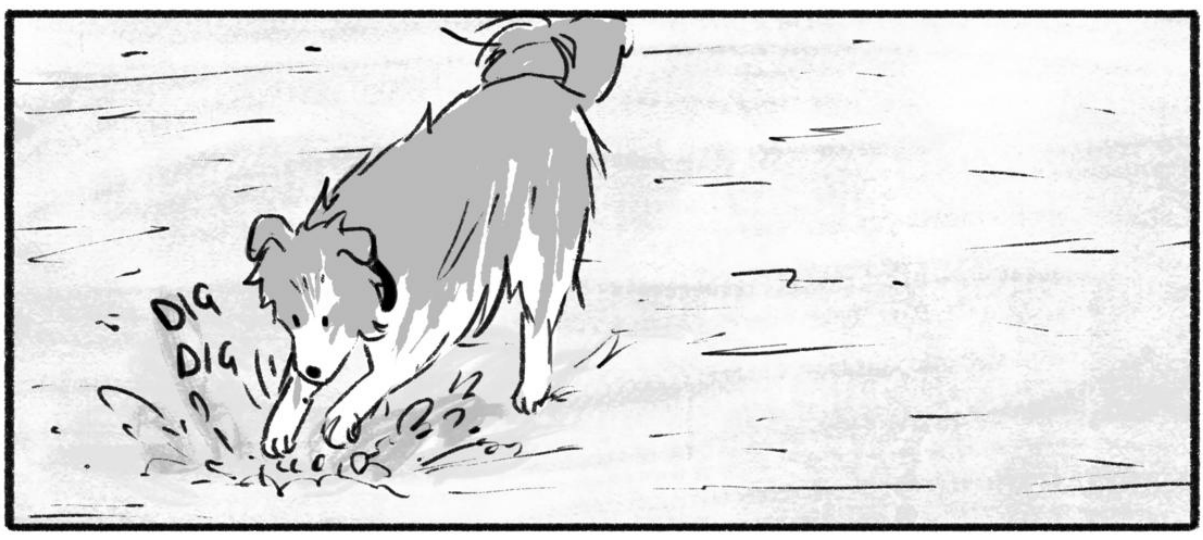
You know that time we went to the arcade
Photobooth!
and went in the photobooth?

And you made me sit on your lap?
I did not MAKE you-
I distinctly remember you literally pulling me onto your lap
Um


STAND

ah
SIT
I wanted to kiss you so bad when that happened
me too

15 MINUTES LATER...
COLLECT PHOTOS
APPEAR
FLATTEN
HA
HA HA!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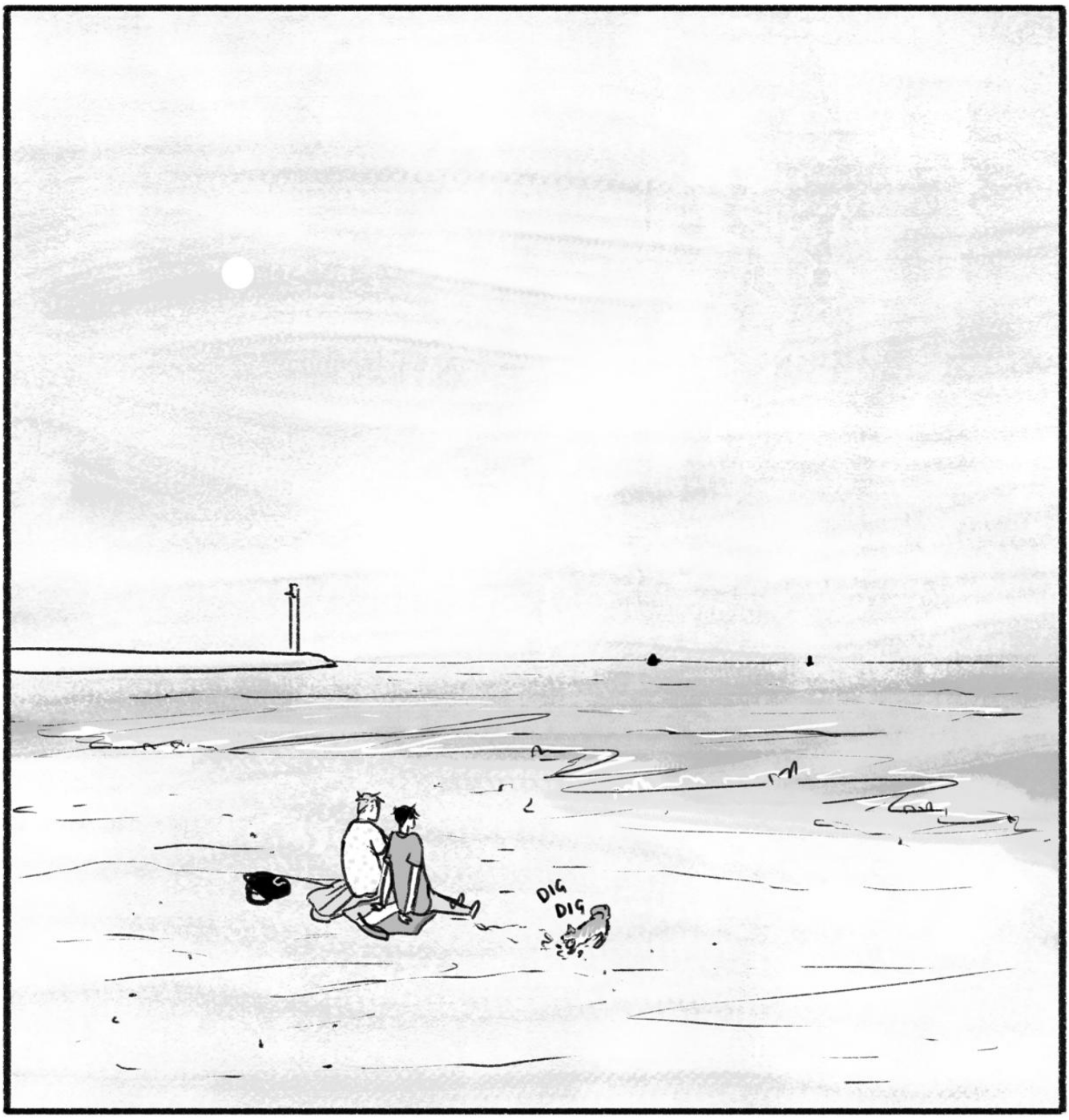
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Still Together
Mac DeMarco
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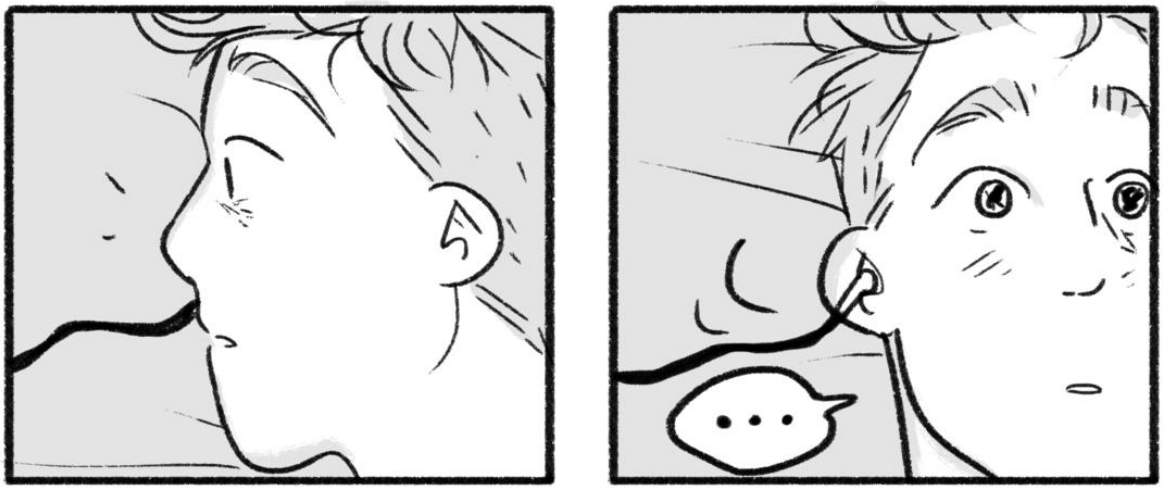
Yesterday...
you said you didn't want me to cover for you anymore...
Does that mean you want to come out?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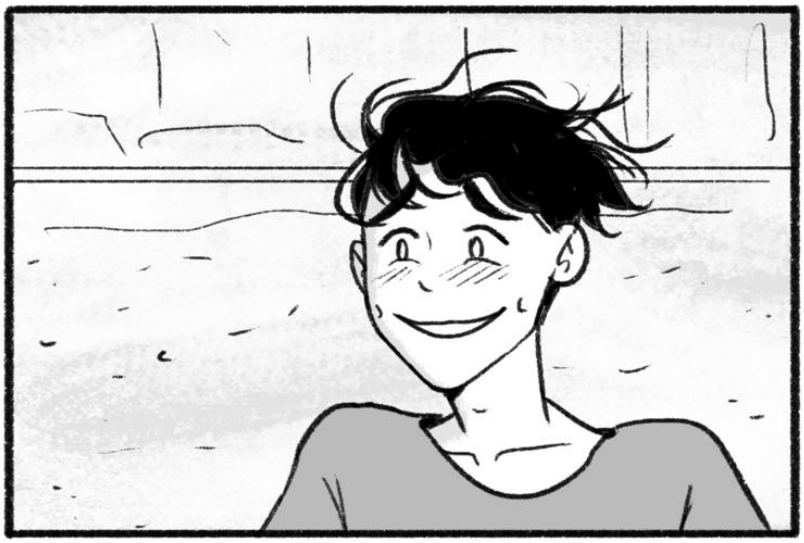
Yeah
Yeah, it does.

you really want to??
Yeah, I- I know I've been unsure about it for a while, but-
I'm definitely bisexual.
And I don't want to have to creep around,
pretending we're just friends

I'm not saying I want to make some sort of public announcement, haha...
..but I want to tell the people I care about
And I want you to be able to tell people too.
BRUSH

Ha ha ha!
I like you so much!!!
And I love liking you!
?
?

I LIKE CHARLIE SPRING!
...
IN A ROMANTIC WAY NOT JUST A FRIEND WAY
HA
HA
HA!



Oh...
Char, what-
S-sorry
I'm just...
really happy

I never thought this would happen to me
SNIFF
Oh char...
me neither

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Was that not established the last ten times I made out with you??
Oh- yeah- I don't know, we never talked about it??
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
Why are we like this!??

??
LIFT
I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND!!
AAAH
RUN
YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND!!
Nick!! Don't drop me!!
WE'RE BOYFRIENDS!!

COLLAPSE
HA
HA
HA
HA

And now we're gonna tell people

yeah...
Hey Mum
Hi Nicky!

You seem smiley! Did you and Charlie have a good day?
Yeah we did!

POUR
We went to the beach and just chilled out for a few hours. It was so much fun!

We went paddling and explored the town a little bit! And got fish and chips!

Sounds like a lovely day!
Yeah!

Hey Nellie! Did you have a good day?
Boof!

...

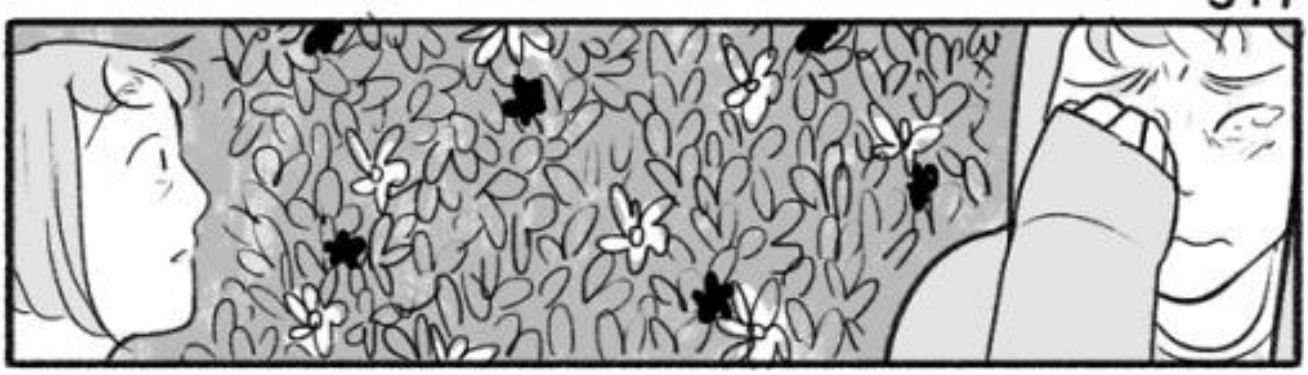
Mum?
Mmhm?
You know Charlie's, like...
my best friend?

...
If you're going to ask if he can come to Menorca with us this summer, the answer is no, I already booked the tickets and-
No...
No, that's not what I was gonna say...

He's my boyfriend.
Charlie's my boyfriend.

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





STAND
Oh,
baby...

SNIFF

Thank you for telling me
*sob*

Thank you for telling me that

Sshh. It's okay.
WIPE
Sweetheart, you don't have to say you like girls if you don't...
No, I- I definitely like both!!

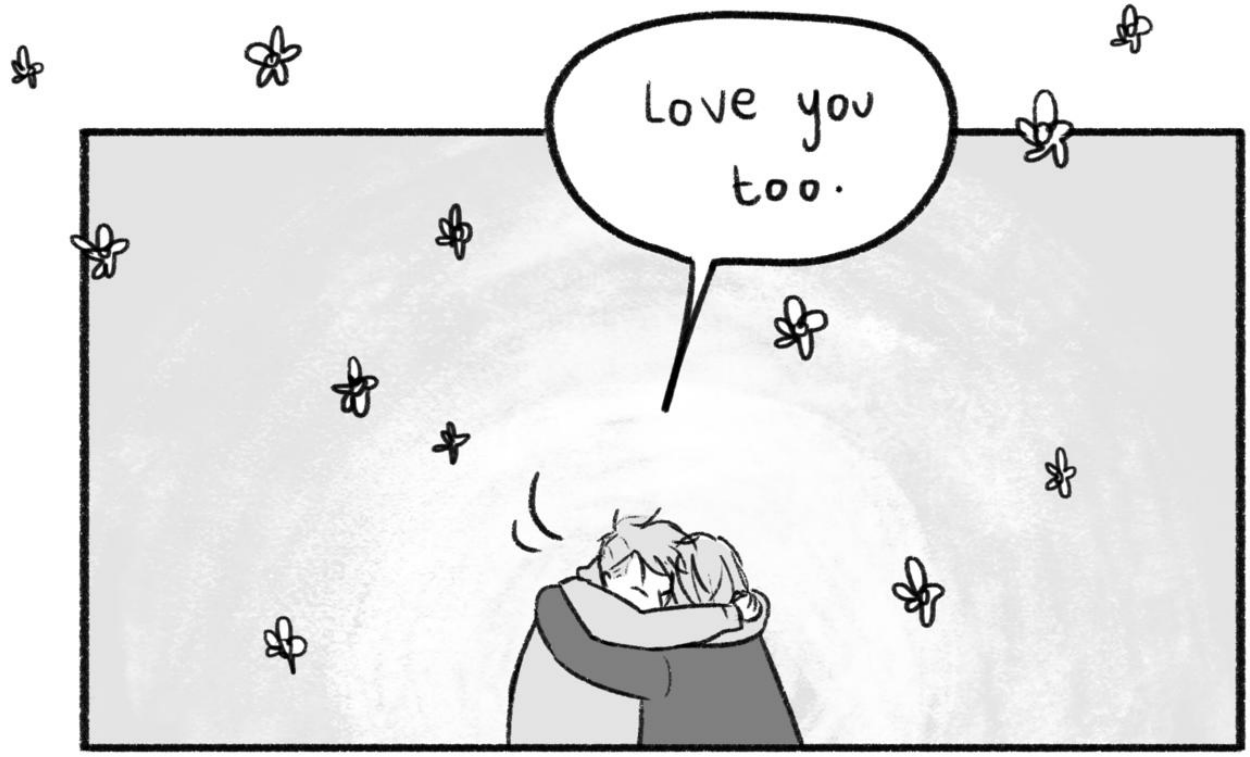
it's- it's called... um... bisexuality... if you've heard of that
*chuckle*
yes, I've heard of that. I wasn't born in 1920.
HA HA *SNIFF*
How long have you known?

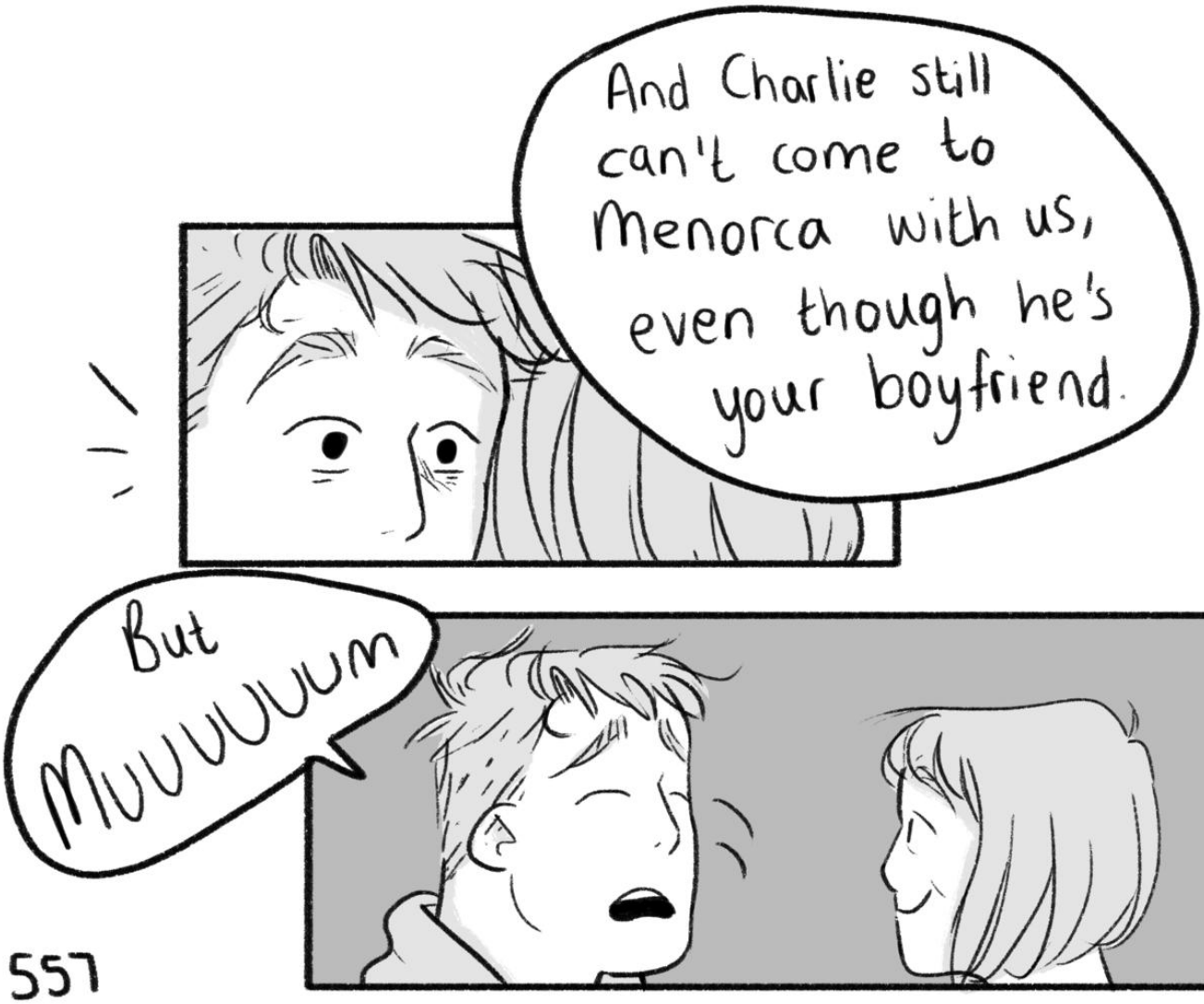
Well... me and Charlie started going out, like, a month and a half ago...
but I started liking him way before that...
Months ago.

Are you surprised?

I love you, Nicky.

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


Love you too.


And Charlie still can't come to Menorca with us, even though he's your boyfriend.
But Muuuuuum

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 Muuuuum... I thought you loved meeeeee...
*SIGH* Nicholas...