HEARTSTOPPER

ALICE OSEMAN

VOLUME 2
3. KISS
LATER THAT NIGHT...

Sniff

MUSIC

Sniff

Sniff
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.
Agh...

*Sniff*
.. Nick? Are you even listening to me?

I have to go

What the fuck!!

EMPTY

Charlie!?
TAP  TAP  TAP

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

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!!

Charlie I'm so so sorry I don't know what's wrong with me, I'm just so confused right now but
THE NEXT MORNING

< 2 HOURS OF SLEEP

NO NEW MESSAGES
sigh

...are you okay?

Yeah

sip
Would you kiss me?
CHARLIE: can you get the door, please? It's probably the postman.

MUM: mum

FINE! one sec
FSSS...SHHHH

...hi

N-Nick
Sorry for not texting you, I just - I just wanted to talk in person.

O-okay.
GRAB

just- just come in

you're getting soaked
Nick?
I didn't know you were coming round?

Charlie's Mum

 erm... s-so... I just-

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.

[Character is seen touching their bed hair]
*deep breath*
So... did you forget a coat??

Oh... yeah

I didn’t check the weather before I left...
er, so-

WAIT

Can I speak first?

I'm just

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.

Um... Charlie-
Which is FAIR ENOUGH

I'd completely understand

Charlie...
but I had to at least say sorry

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 probably the best friend.

Charlie

I've e-ever had
you've been sending me a lot of mixed signals
God...

I'm so sorry...
I'm just...

SO SORRY I ran away was 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...
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.
It's okay.

I'm sorry.

It's okay.
*sniff*
I just... seeing you sad makes me sad

Wait, why are you crying?

Pfftt

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.

So am I.
Do you want a cup of tea?

Yes please
Are you sure your family won't... erm... want to use this room?

Nah, no one really sits in the conservatory in the mornings.

Okay.
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.

Do your parents know?

Yeah. And my brother and sister. They're all really chill about it.
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 shouldn't have just told you I like you instead of just kissing you.

You like me too??

??Yes? Obviously?

Why are we like this??

PFFT, HA HA HA.
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-

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
FSSSSH

What do I do now?

You don't have to do anything

But I want to
OLIVER SPRING

NICK'S HERE?!?

Yeah, they're in the conservatory.

OPEN

...

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NICK!!

H-Hey Olly! You okay?

yep!
Were you and Nick KISSING?

er... no, we were just hugging

HA HA HA but I saw your lips touching!
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!!
D-Did I forget something?

PATTER

PATTER
GLANCE

GLANCE
OKAY BYE!
Later...

[Text messages on phone]

You sure it’s okay to keep it a secret at school???

OF COURSE seriously I know what it’s like to have something spread around school before you’re ready

Shit yeah 😄

I promise I don’t mind!!
Why are you so great❤️
Why are you so great <3

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

HA HA

SNAP

SEND
TAP

alksjdfhajhdsf

I just died

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

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
Being bisexual means you're attracted to more than one gender, so not just girls or not just guys.
MONDAY

hi

hi
ha ha!

There's a bug in your hair

Well... see you tomorrow

Y-yeah! See you tomorrow
It's worse than I thought. He still hasn't given up on Nick Nelson.
Oh-woops.

Holy shit, Charlie!

Christ, sorry Charlie, I forgot how light you are-

CHARLIE!!

Are you okay??

Um y-yeah, I think so.

PULL
STEP

You're hurt!!

n-no I'm f-fine
Miss, I'm just getting Charlie an ice pack!
...that's a bit g-

Okay back to the game, lads

Okay, this'll be cold

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

I looked up what bisexual means.
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...
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?
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!

You don't have to get me a present...
Yeah, Charlie's Dad's dropping me home.

Okay! Have fun!
Hey!
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.
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!

Hey everyone, so...
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 Truham. But cleaner.

Used to have geography class together.
Hey Tao!

Hey

Nick, we're gonna go get drinks and chips before we start!

Oh yeah, I wanna come!

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ROLL
Looks like Nick won the first game!!

GAME 1 WINNER

NICK!

Noooo! I was so close!

You totally cheated

Oh yeah? How?
Everyone ready for game 2?

I'm just gonna go pee!

Ok!
I'm gonna go talk to him.

Huh? About what?

You know?

I won't be long.

NO Tao don't.

FSSHHH
Charlie.

Oh hey Tao!
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.
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 it'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
I WIN

ughhh why do I always lose

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

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

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

You decorated this yourself?

I wanna kiss you so bad right now.
Are you sure??

Yeah

Ha ha
Hey...

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

Oh. Oh no.

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—
NO.

You're **NOTHING**
like him.

I wish being out wasn't so terrifying to me.
Yeah, I've been there.

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!

Maybe then I would have helped...

No being sad on my birthday
I thought it wasn't your birthday until Tuesday!

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
Hurry up Nick, you'll be late for fourth period!

Sorry Sir!

MAY
(TWO AND A HALF WEEKS LATER)
Swords Homework - Due 12th May
Nick Nelson

1. \( \sqrt{12} \)
   = \( \sqrt{4 \times 3} \)
   = \( 2 \times \sqrt{3} \)
   = \( 2 \times 1.73 \)
   = \( 3.46 \)

2. \( 6 \times 0.07 \)
   = \( 2.13 + (0.9 \times 0.13) \)
   = \( 2.13 + 0.12 \)
   = \( 2.25 \)

3. \( \sqrt{6} \)
   = \( 2.43 \)

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MATHS
SCHOOL HALL
SCIENCE

BUMP

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

= $4\sqrt{2}$

Wow.

Guess I'm just really smart.

You are!

Charlie! We need you on drums!

See you later!
CHARLIE!

Yeah I'm here!

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?
Oh-yeah, yeah

... 

I'm gay

actually... well...
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?

...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”

I guess we weren't that good at being lowkey
PARP

Darcy!!

Oh my God! I hate you

Got you
Sooooo.... this is Nick?

...hi?

This is Darcy Olsson. My girlfriend.
he... knows??

er... well...
I - I have a...
I'm going out with Charlie Spring

??
we've found another one

SSH you can't tell anyone!!

She won't tell anyone

O...kay-

Hey Nick!!
Oi oii!!

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

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!
Bye!

...?

I am super late for maths
You're staring

You're cute
You know I saw Tara at the rehearsal the other day?

Oh... yeah?

Did you know she's a lesbian?

Haha she's got a girlfriend too!

WHAT
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
AH- sorry, was that uh was that too much?

NO NO, you just you surprised me!!

Ha ha okay!!

!!
Tori... I didn't hear you get home.
I got you those pens you wanted.

Oh. Thanks.

What's up?

...

What??

glance

well done

...

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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
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.
THE NEXT SATURDAY...

Pick up at 10pm, okay?

Yep
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

Hey
I know, it's so short. Is it bad?

Your hair!!

Yep. It's terrible.

Oh REALLY...

Yeah right you lllllike it-

Shuuuuup!!
Hey... you look nervous.

Ah-er- well, your friends...

You find them intimidating?

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!

Don't worry, I'll look after you!

Okay 😊
And it's not like Harry's gonna-

-be... here...
You all know Charlie, right?

Hi!

...

CHRISTIAN

SAI

Hey Charlie, you all right, mate?

Hi Charlie!
Ah, I forgot to ask!

Are you okay with horror movies?

Yeah, I love horror!
Well, I get really scared so sorry if I scream really loud in your ear.

Well I'll be next to you if you need to hold my hand.

Hey, let's get popcorn!
Oh... I'm not very hungry, to be honest.

You get some though.

Hey...
Seriously, Char.

are you okay?

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.
Sorry

...

...

...
You're a dork

That was sooo scary

For you maybe

Uh, you so jumped at all the jumpscare

I did NOT!
SO! Charlie Spring!

What's it like being GAY?

It's... fine??
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
You'd sooooo jump on that DICK-

GRAB!

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

Charlie...
Hey, hey, wait-

huh?

God, I'm so sorry-

I-it's fine-

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

What's your problem with Charlie?

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.

So this is a problem with him being gay.

Come on, Nick, none of us are homophobic here.
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!
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-
yeah

yeah he is
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...
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
Hey so I needed to tell you that something kinda bad happened after you left tonight... me and Harry got in a fight and...

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
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!!

You're so cute! Aren't you!!
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.
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! 😊
I haven't been this way before!

Come on, we're nearly there!

Haha okay okay!

SCREE
Seagulls?

SCREE SCREE SCREE SCREE
Oh my god

Here we are!

The beach!!?
You know that time we went to the arcade 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

I wanted to kiss you so bad when that happened

me too
15 MINUTES LATER...

COLLECT PHOTOS APPEAR

FLATTEN

HA HA HA!
Yesterday...

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

Does that mean you want to come out?
Yeah

Yeah, it does.
you really want to??

Yeah, 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, hana...

...but I want to tell the people I care about.

And I want you to be able to tell people too.
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.
Nick?

yeah?

Does this mean we're boyfriends?

so...

...er, yes??
Was that not established the last ten times I made out with you??

Oh - yeah - I don't know, we never talked about it??

... Why are we like this!!!
I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND!!

AAAH

YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND!!

WE'RE BOYFRIENDS!!

Nick!! Don't drop me!!
And now we're gonna tell people
Hey Mum

Hi Nicky!
You seem smiley! Did you and Charlie have a good day?

Yeah we did!

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?

Mmm?

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

And Charlie, we're going out

I wanted you to know
STAND

Oh, baby...

SNIFF

550
Thank you for telling me

*sob*

Thank you for telling me that
Sshh, it's okay.

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.

*Chuckie*

Yes, I've heard of that. I wasn't born in 1920.

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.
I wanted to tell you, but we never talk about, like, gay stuff.

I didn't know how you would react.

Are you surprised?

I... had my suspicions. Especially after seeing how much you care about him. But...

I was never sure.
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 Muuuuuuum
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 meeee!!

*SIGH* Nicholas...