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NOW IN PRINT!

DOES HE LIKE ME BACK?

FEATURING 'ADOPTION', 'MOMENTS', AND BONUS ARTWORK!

ALICE OSEMAN
10 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE...

Char!

Mm... what?

WAKE UP! Today's the day

mmm let me sleep a bit more please
But I'm so excited!! We're gonna be a FAMILY!!

Oh shut up!!

FSSSSH

ARGH DIE

Pew!
Tap Tap
Pew

Use the longsword!
So you'll be here for 1pm?

Yep. Michael's really excited about the apple pie he baked.

Michael bakes?

Thankfully yeah, since I can barely toast bread.

Charles, you ready to go?
Sorry, I've gotta go
hurry up
Why? Where you going?
We need to leave now or we won't get to the adoption place and back in time for when you get here!

Let's go!
Nick!!

CLICK
..Charlie??

ADOPTION?
I don't need my phone, do I?

Nah

11:05
Sunday 11 June

TOP?
ARE YOU ADOPTING A CHILD???

Reception
Okay, she is!

I think we're gonna be late home.

They're late.
They're late because they're adopting a child.

Would they really keep something like that a secret?

Or maybe they wanted it to be a surprise. We turn up to Sunday lunch and they're like "TADA we have a child."

I'm not ready to be an aunt.
If there's a baby in there, I will freak.
Er... we got a dog?

A... dog...

Ohhh mmmyyyy goddddd

Yeah, she thought you were adopting a child

WE ARE NOT READY FOR THAT

Hey, we should take a photo!
Say "doggo"!
BOYBAND CRUSH

A 'HEARTSTOPPER'/'I WAS BORN FOR THIS' MINI-COMIC

NICK'S HOUSE

A SATURDAY AFTERNOON

[Image of a bedroom with a person lying on a bed, looking at a laptop, with hearts surrounding them]
What are you doing?

Nothing
GIVE ME THAT!!

NOOOOOO

Nick!!

I am SO seeing what's on that laptop-

No this is PRIVATE
It's not like it's porn ... is it??

NO
but it's embarrassing

All the more reason I definitely need to see it

Ahh!
You could have just asked if you wanted to make out instead of literally wrestling me...

Shut up...
NO!! You tricked me!!

Your fault for getting distracted!

Oh, my God.
listerbird
me and the band boys <3
147,208 comments
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10 hot pics of The Ark: the next big boyband!

Are you obsessed with a boyband?

I'M NOT OBSESSED!!

Well... they're really hot, okay
I can't believe you didn't want me to know that!!

I thought you'd think it was stupid...

And I still like you the most...

You're not gonna leave me for a super hot, super famous boy band?

No!!
Hello! Thank you for reading Heartstopper! I made this mini-comic to celebrate my new novel ‘I Was Born for This’, which is out today! It’s a YA contemporary novel about the boyband featured in this comic and a fangirl of the band. It features fame, fandom, angst, and lots of LGBT+ characters! Links are below 🌈. Thanks everyone!

Alice 🌈

Jimmy 🌈 is definitely the hottest

No way, Rowan 🌈 is my favourite
10 years into the future...

BEEP
BOOP

huh

BEEP
BING
BOOP
BOOP

Hey

Hey

Any particular reason you're playing iPad games in the middle of the night?
Just can't sleep. I'm fine.

Hey. No. What's up?

It's okay. You can go back to sleep.

Well I'm awake now! I thought I was the anxiety-induced insomniac in this relationship.

ha ha

I'm just really fucking nervous about this interview.

Oh, sweetie...
You’re gonna ace it.

They’re gonna love you.

mm

Not necessarily. I might fuck it up.

you won’t

But I MIGHT

sigh

brush
Okay, you MIGHT.

But all you can do is your best.

And for that you need some decent sleep.

mmmm I can't

Yeah you can. Give me that.
Come here. It's bedtime.
Everything's gonna be okay, whatever happens tomorrow.

And if it doesn't go well, there will always be better days after that.
The

End

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By Alice Oseman
That looks about right, we just need to shape them.

Ooh, hey, I've got some cutters...

Ah.

They're all Christmas themed...

I mean... the star and the heart are kinda neutral?

There!

What are we going to do with the leftover dough?

I have an idea!
Is that...

Nellie!!!

BOOF!

Not you, silly girl!

Can dogs eat cookies?

Hmm...

It's not too good for her... want me to get a treat?

Hahahahah.

wait there!

You can put the cookies in the oven if you like!

Sure!
She's so cute...

So are you.

CROUNCH

Haha! You're awful!

We've got time.

Ah!

Pull
WOOF
WOOF

Nellie! Calm down!

Something smells kinda like burnt...toas-

THE COOKIES!

Poor Nellie...

They’re edible, but maybe we should buy something else?

We better hurry, the shop closes soon.
Whoa! Hi guys? Ooh, is that what you're bringing to the party?

Oh! Hi! Uhh, yeah!

They got kinda overdone, so we were buying something extra...

What about you? Oh-um... s-same...
Jam or custard?

Tao!

I found the donuts!

Wait—

Isn’t that—

Charlie and Nick?

Whoa! Hi guys?

Ooh, is that what you’re bringing to the party?

Oh! Hi!

Uhh, yeah!

They got kinda overdone, so we were buying something extra...

what about you?

Oh—um... s-same...
Hey...

you okay?

I'm fine...

...okay come and sit in the back and I'll make you some tea.

So... I'm supposed to be going to my ex-boyfriend's wedding today.
And at the last minute this morning he called me like "Oh I don't think we have flowers for the cake table, can you pick some up on the way here" and I was feeling like shit but I was obviously like "okay no problem" but the snow is killing my car and I don't even know if I can get there in time and now I'm crying about it to a total stranger—

JESUS your ex sounds like a fucking asshole

Wait here
For your ex's wedding! They're on the house.

Geraniums symbolise 'stupidity'.

basil symbolises 'hatred',

and meadowweet symbolises 'uselessness'.

They essentially mean "fuck you". What kind of dickhead asks their ex to get them flowers on their wedding day!?

God... why are you so nice??
3 DAYS LATER...

- and then he smiled and he had these adorable dimples-

- and then he had to go but you failed to get his name, yes, tragic, you've told me 5 times

DING

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY
It's you!!
haha yeah!
Oh-thanks, haha, I made it.

- wait! I have the perfect one for you.

This is cute.

here!

It doesn't look silly?

No! It's adorable!!
I bought this for you to say thank you for the other day.
I've got to go but... make sure you read the label.

O-okay!

The end
TAKES PLACE BETWEEN CHAPTER 2.12 AND 2.13

AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS...

I'm like... 85% sure he likes me back

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

Moments...

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

Come on, it'll be funny!

Are you sure we'll both fit in there? We're tall.
We're definitely not gonna fit in here.

We'll be fine!

Just-just sit on my leg-

No no no I'm heavy!!

Okay... this is cosy.
And then on another day

Nick came round to help me and my brother make my sister's birthday cake...
Not too much!

"Blow"
You little...

No no no-

AH!

You can't win everything by just picking me up!!

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

Th-the sky’s s-so p-pretty

?
aren't you cold?

no, not really!

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

WE NEARLY KISSED

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

I like him so much

do you think anything's gonna happen?
hm

yep

The end
A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THEIR FIRST KISS...
Mr. Nelson?

huh?

Mr. Nelson!

You fell asleep!
What were we doing?

I believe you wanted me to help you prepare for tonight.

Tonight?

Why, the dance, of course!
Were you not planning to dance with Miss Tara Jones?

I... don't think I know how to dance.

Well, I suppose that's why I'm here!

Come.
First you bow

And then
you dance

you could pay her a compliment too, if you like

you have beautiful eyes
That's - that's good

Ah - you're supposed to let me go at that bit
Do I... have to?

Nick

Nick?

Nick!
h-huh

Uh... the bell for first period just went

Mr. Spring?

?!??
Um...were you having a weird dream?

The End.
Nick!!
That tickles-

NICK
WHERE ARE YOU?
Practise starts in 5!
Nick? Where did you- oh

Is this snake talking shit, Nick?

TARA JONES

NO it's fine. We were just talking about Quiditch schedules.

HARRY GREENE

I'm watching you, SNAKE.
Dear Secret Boyfriend,

Meet me in the Astronomy Tower after Quidditch practice?

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P.S. You look like an angel
Why can't you walk by yourself, Patroclus?
Will you go to the Yule Ball with me?
A-are you sure you want to? People will throw a fit when they see a Gryffindor and a Slytherin together...

So... what d'you think?

We wouldn't be a secret anymore...
I don't give a SHIT what people think. I'm tired of hiding how much I like you.

But... If you don't want to...

I DO WANT TO!

It's not like I'd wanna go with anyone else

Me neither