

# Boy Girlfriend



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JUST...  
THIS. THAT'S  
ALL I WANT



FOR US  
TO HANG OUT  
LIKE THIS...

YOU SEE...  
I DON'T REALLY  
HAVE THAT MANY  
FRIENDS

WITH MY  
FAMILY'S  
BACKGROUND  
AND WEALTH, THE  
REPUTATION AND...

I DON'T  
KNOW, THE  
WAY I LOOK?

I'M AWARE THAT  
I CAN SEEM  
INTIMIDATING...



PEOPLE EITHER  
KEEP THEIR DISTANCE  
FROM ME OR TRY  
TO SUCK UP TO ME

I LIKE  
HOW THAT'S  
NOT THE CASE  
WITH YOU



I REALLY  
LIKE SPENDING  
TIME WITH YOU

THAT NIGHT  
WE STAYED UP  
UNTIL LATE

AND I FINALLY  
OPENED UP TO  
HIM

I TOLD HIM  
ABOUT THE  
REASON I LEFT



ABOUT...  
KEANE

EVERYTHING  
I WAS FEELING

HE LISTENED TO  
ME QUIETLY, AND  
DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH  
WHEN HE FOUND OUT  
I HAD FEELINGS FOR  
ANOTHER GUY... OR  
EVEN THE FACT I HAD  
BEEN DRESSING UP  
AS A GIRL



HE SIMPLY ACCEPTED  
IT ALL WITH NO  
JUDGMENT AND WITHOUT  
EVEN BATTING AN EYE.  
IT DIDN'T CHANGE  
ANYTHING

I APPRECIATED  
THAT

AND IN SPITE OF  
EVERYTHING, I  
WAS GETTING  
BETTER. I FELT  
BETTER

THERE WAS NO  
MORE INTENSE  
GUILT, FEAR OR  
SHAME

IT WAS LIKE  
I WAS GETTING  
LIGHTER WITH  
EACH PASSING  
DAY



BUT HERE  
AND THERE...  
I'D GET INTO  
A SPIRAL OF BAD  
THOUGHTS

I WOULD GET  
THIS HORRIBLE  
OVERWHELMING  
FEELING



FEAR WOULD  
CONSUME ME  
AND IT'D GET HARD  
FOR ME TO BREATHE

BUT EVEN  
SO

I WAS GETTING  
THROUGH IT

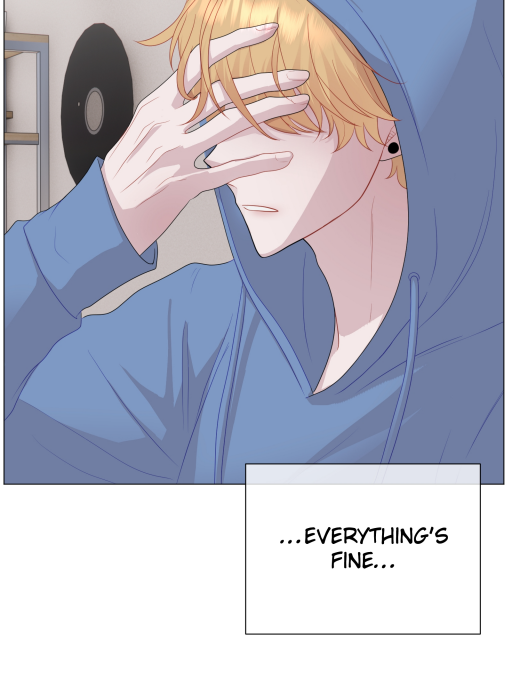
BUT EVERY  
TIME IT  
HAPPENED,

...IT MADE  
ME WISH YOU  
WERE THERE



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F\*CK. CALM  
DOWN



...EVERYTHING'S  
FINE...

BUZZ

USERNAME TAKEN

YOU THERE?

USERNAME TAKEN

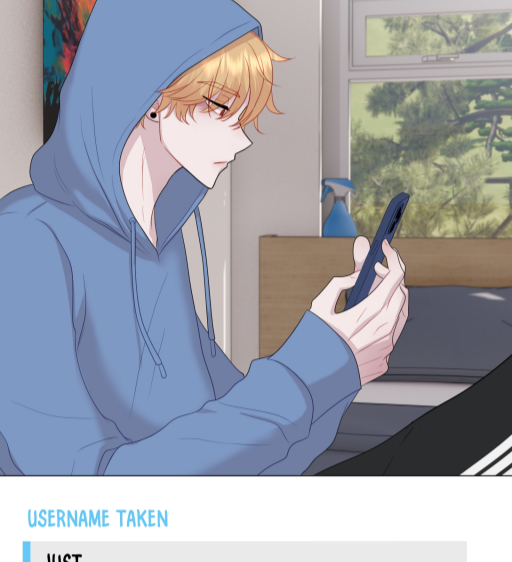
I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE RN...



OH,  
IT'S "TAKEN"...



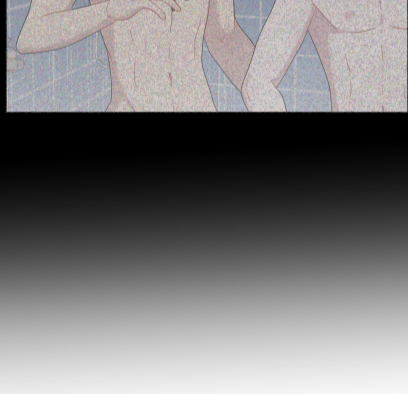
IS HE  
ALRIGHT..?



**USERNAME TAKEN**

JUST...

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE  
KEEPS PUSHING YOU AWAY?

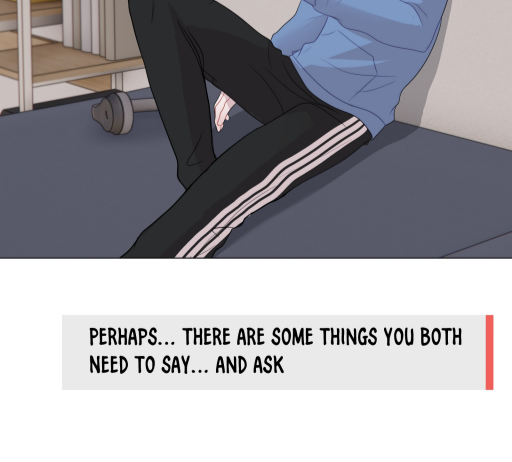


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UM... I DON'T KNOW IF I'M THE BEST PERSON  
YOU SHOULD BE ASKING THIS OF...

**NOCTURNE**

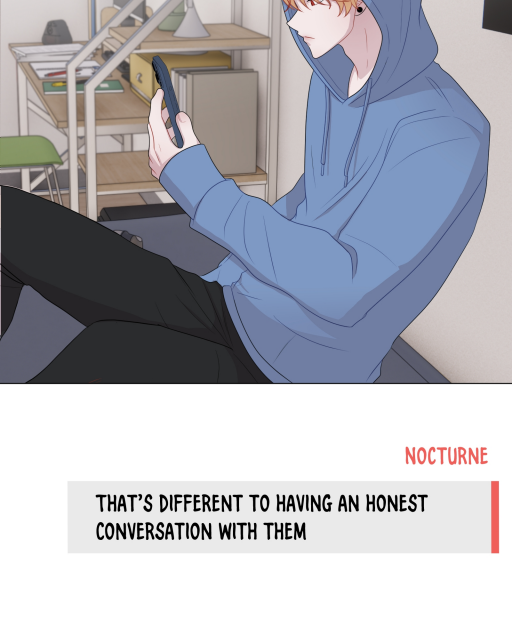
BUT HAVE YOU TRIED... I DON'T KNOW, TALKING  
TO THEM? HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION...



PERHAPS... THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU BOTH  
NEED TO SAY... AND ASK

USERNAME TAKEN

KINDA...? I MEAN, IT WASN'T REALLY AN HONEST CONVERSATION BUT I'VE MADE MY INTENTIONS CLEAR, I THINK?



NOCTURNE

THAT'S DIFFERENT TO HAVING AN HONEST CONVERSATION WITH THEM

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BUT IF I DO THAT, WHAT IF THEY JUST TELL ME TO LEAVE THEM ALONE...?

IF... THAT HAPPENS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO



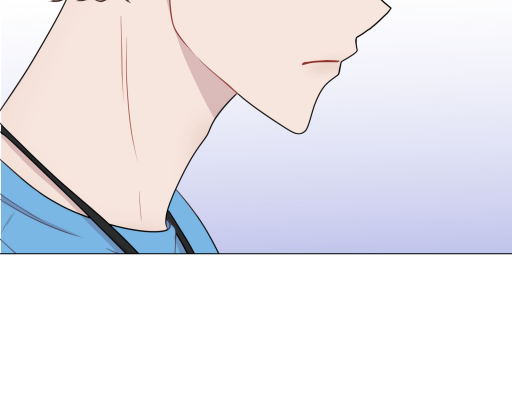
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DON'T YOU THINK IF THEY TELL YOU TO LEAVE THEM ALONE, PERHAPS IT'S FOR THE BEST..?

OTHERWISE YOU'LL JUST BE FORCING YOURSELF IN THEIR LIVES...

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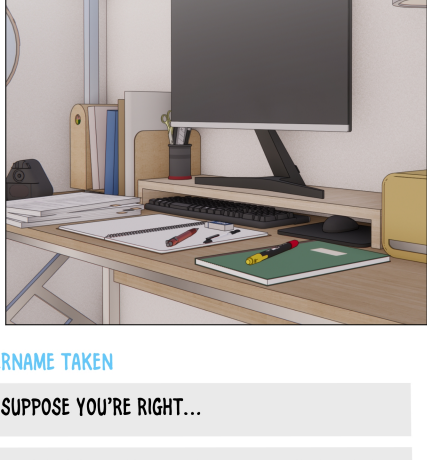
YOU... THINK I'M FORCING MYSELF ON THEM?



NOCTURNE

I DON'T THINK ANYTHING. I HAVEN'T EXACTLY MET EITHER YOU OR THEM, NOR DO I KNOW YOUR EXACT SITUATION...

BUT WHAT I *DO* KNOW IS THAT YOU'LL NEVER FIND OUT IF YOU'RE NOT DIRECT ABOUT IT...



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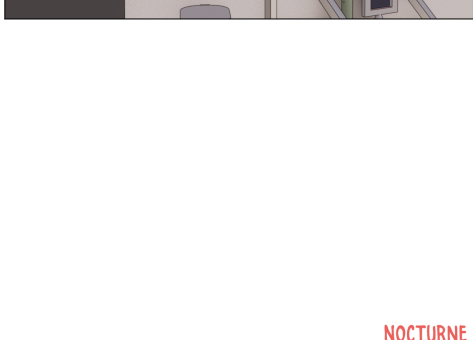
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT...

THANKS. I REALLY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THIS WITH SOMEONE

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I'LL... TRY TO TALK TO THEM...

REALLY TALK TO THEM



NOCTURNE

THAT'S GOOD...

IS THAT GIRL TROUBLE...?

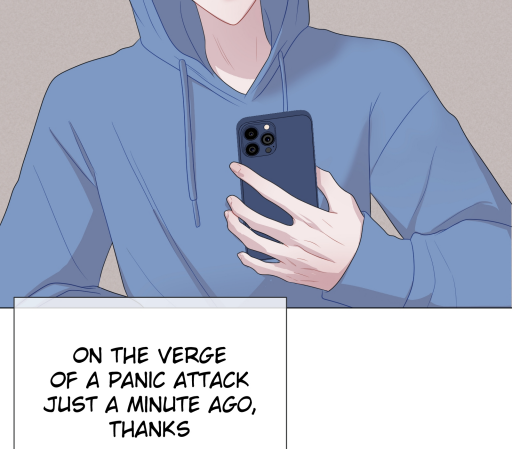


OR IS HE TALKING ABOUT A FRIEND? I CAN'T REALLY TELL WITH THE VAGUE PRONOUNS

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BUT NEVERMIND, ENOUGH ABOUT ME

HOW ARE YOU?



ON THE VERGE OF A PANIC ATTACK JUST A MINUTE AGO, THANKS

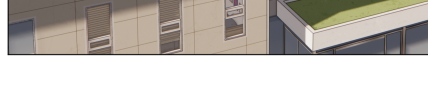
NOCTURNE

ALL GOOD

USERNAME TAKEN

YOU IN CLASS?

I THINK I'M GONNA SKIP THE REST OF TODAY. TOO TIRED T.T



NOCTURNE

YEAH. ME TOO

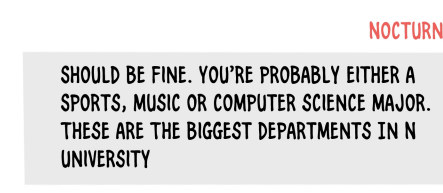
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SPEAKING OF CLASSES...

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DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TO REVEAL OUR MAJORS?

YOU DECIDE. I WOULDN'T KNOW, SINCE I SEEM TO SUCK AT KEEPING UP WITH THE WHOLE ANONYMOUS THING! 😂

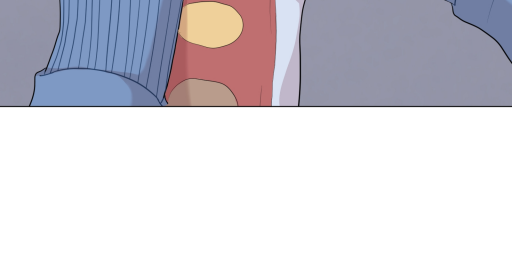


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SHOULD BE FINE. YOU'RE PROBABLY EITHER A SPORTS, MUSIC OR COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR. THESE ARE THE BIGGEST DEPARTMENTS IN N UNIVERSITY

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OH TRUE! BUT WOULDN'T THAT MAKE IT MORE SUSPICIOUS IF WE WERE IN THE SMALLER DEPARTMENTS? 😎





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EXCUSES!! COME ON!!

I WANNA HEAR YOU PLAY! 🙄



NOCTURNE

IF YOU COME TUNE IT FOR ME I WILL

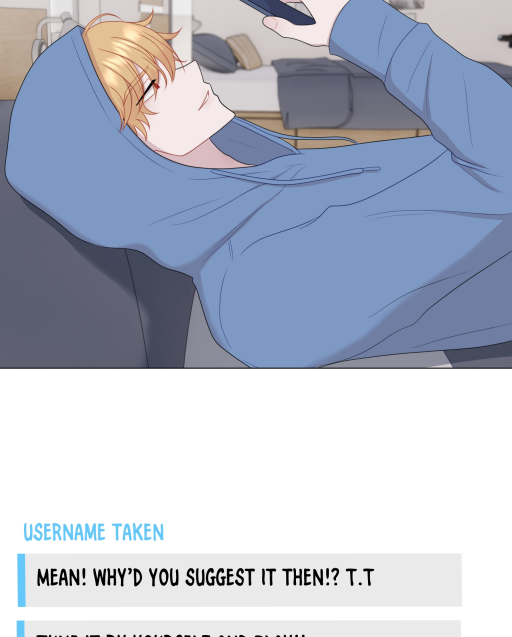
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IF YOU MUST KNOW, I ALREADY HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH TUNING!

SO WHERE ARE YOU AT? I'M ON MY WAY 😊

NOCTURNE

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. I WOULDN'T LET YOU ANYWHERE NEAR MY GUITAR



USERNAME TAKEN

MEAN! WHY'D YOU SUGGEST IT THEN!? T.T

TUNE IT BY YOURSELF AND PLAY!!

PLEASE! COME ON!

DO IT FOR YOUR 94% COMPATIBLE ANON CHAT BUDDY

COME ON, NOCT!



BLINK

IS HE...  
"SPAMMING" ME  
RIGHT NOW...?

DOESN'T THAT  
FEEL RATHER  
FAMILIAR...



TO BE CONTINUED...

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DON'T  
FORGET TO  
LIKE, SUB AND  
COMMENT!



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