

HALF SISTERS

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Interlude #2

Missent Selfies

YO HOTTIE MCSCOTTIE -

CLIFFHANGER!?! WOW. DICK MOVE. HAHA. 😊

HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU, BRO. GLAD MRS F DIDN'T SEND YOU OFF TO SOME STILETTO CAMP (GET IT? LIKE INSTEAD OF BOOTCAMP IT'S STILETTO CAMP? I'M HILARIOUS).

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE PICS. YOU'RE LUCKY YOU GET TO CHOP OFF THAT HAIR. MINE IS DRIVING ME CRAZY, ESPECIALLY WHEN I WORK OUT. I AGREE BLACK ISN'T YOUR COLOR. BUT DON'T GO TOO BLOND OR YOU'LL LOOK LIKE JOFFREY FROM GAME OF THRONES! MAYBE JUST SHAVE IT ALL OFF? YOU CAN PRETEND TO BE LIKE THAT EDGY CHICK EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF BUT THEY ALSO SECRETLY WANT HER TO SIT ON THEIR FACE.

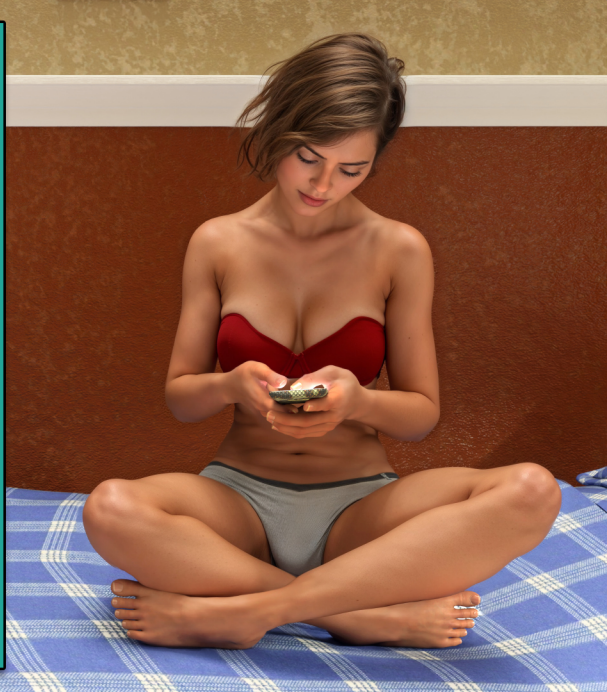
AND YOU'LL BE BACK SOON. RIGHT? YOU WOULDN'T MAKE ME FACE CLASSES LIKE THIS ALONE. *RIGHT!?!*

GLAD TO HEAR THINGS ARE GOING GOOD WITH JOSH. I'M TRYING TO BE MORE CHILL ABOUT THE 'GAY STUFF.' I HAD A LONG TALK WITH ZACH LAST NIGHT. READ MY OTHER EMAILS FOR THE DETAILS BUT, THE *TLDR* IS IT TURNS OUT I WAS KIND OF A HUGE ASSHOLE TO HIM IN THE PAST - AND TO OTHERS TOO. I WANT TO BE BETTER. DON'T TAKE THAT TO MEAN ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT I'M SAYING, THOUGH! LIKE, I DIDN'T *DESERVE* TO BE MADE INTO *THIS...* BUT HE DIDN'T DESERVE WHAT HIS DAD IS DOING TO HIM, EITHER (MAKING HIM ALL MUSCLY AND MANLY WITH *UBER-GENE-TAILORED TESTOSTERONE!*).

AND THE GAY STUFF.. I GUESS, IT ISN'T *REALLY* ANY WEIRDER TO LIKE DICK AND MUSCLES THAN TO LIKE PUSS N BOOBS. YOU KNOW? I USED TO THINK TITTIES WERE SPECIAL BUT THEY'RE JUST JIGGLY SACKS OF FAT.

ANYWAY, I'LL PASS ALL THIS ON TO JESSICA. WELL, NOT *ALL* OF IT. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. 😊

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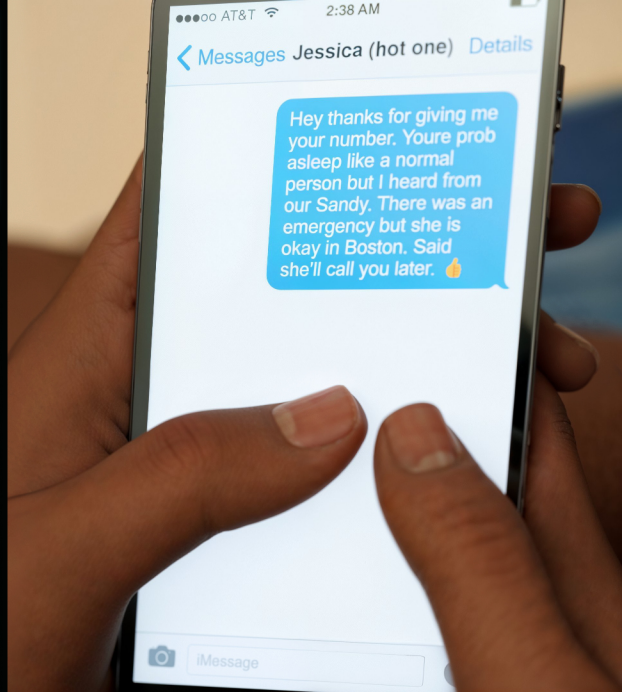


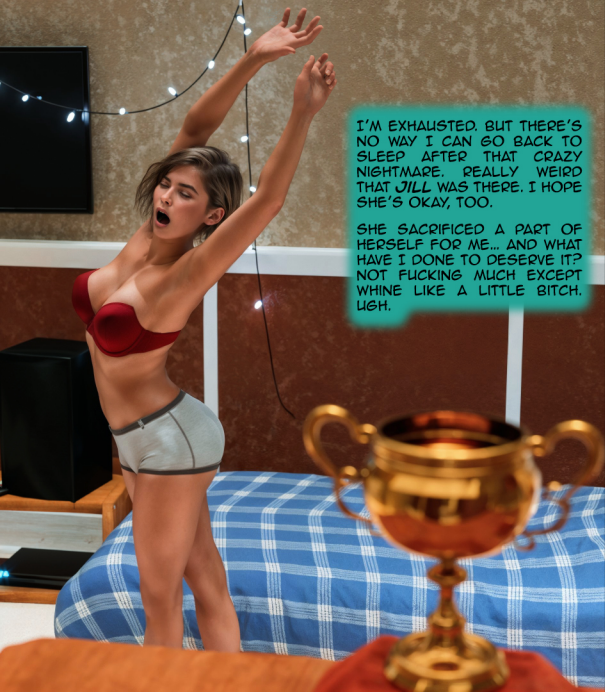
WOW, I REALLY AM FUCKING RELIEVED SCOTT'S OKAY. I GUESS I CARE ABOUT HIM? WOW. IT USUALLY TAKES ME A LONG TIME TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUT I ONLY MET HIM THIS SUMMER. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO ABOUT ALL THIS WEIRD SHIT.

EVEN IF HE'S *DEFINITELY* MORE 'KINDA JUST ROLLING WITH BEING TURNED INTO A GIRL BY A PSYCHO RICH BITCH' THAN IS NORMAL.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHO WAS MY LAST 'FRIEND' WHO WASN'T ON THE TEAM? UMM...

ANYWAY, I SHOULD TEXT JESSICA.





I'M EXHAUSTED. BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP AFTER THAT CRAZY NIGHTMARE. REALLY WEIRD THAT *JILL* WAS THERE. I HOPE SHE'S OKAY, TOO.

SHE SACRIFICED A PART OF HERSELF FOR ME... AND WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE IT? NOT FUCKING MUCH EXCEPT WHINE LIKE A LITTLE BITCH. UGH.



I NEED WATER.

AND... I GUESS I SHOULD CHECK ON DAD.

A young woman with wavy brown hair is looking towards the camera with a surprised expression. She is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt with white and blue accents on the sleeves. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

OH SHIT. THAT...



...IS NOT A GOOD SIGN. IS HE REGRESSING? HE HASN'T TOUCHED A *DROP* OF BOURBON IN YEARS.

I GET THAT HE'S STRESSED, BUT, LIKE, I'M THE ONE GROWING T&A AND SOMEHOW I'M COPING BETTER THAN HIM? NO.

WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THAT.

WE JUST CAN'T. *MOM* DESERVES SO MUCH BETTER.




OH, FUCK, DAD.

I FEEL LIKE I'M 12 YEARS OLD AGAIN, AFRAID YOU'LL WAKE UP AND START YELLING FOR NO REASON. SCARING MOM, MAKING HER LOCK US IN THE BEDROOM UNTIL YOU DRIVE OFF - THEN BEING **TERRIFIED** YOU'LL GET INTO AN ACCIDENT AND HURT YOURSELF... OR SOMEBODY ELSE.

I GUESS I'LL CLEAN UP,
GET YOU A BLANKET...
WAIT. ACTUALLY, TO HELL
WITH THAT!



I WON'T BE SOME DUTIFUL
DAAAA- ER, *DUMMY!* YOU KNOW
WHAT I *WILL* DO? I'LL STEAL
YOUR BOURBON.



NICK CAN'T SLEEP, SO NICK WILL HAVE HIMSELF A FUN NIGHT. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED TO GO TO FOOTBALL PRACTICE TOMORROW - EVEN THOUGH **HELL WEEK** IS STARTING. SO, LET'S GET A LITTLE CRAZY.

GOOD LUCK WITH THE HANGOVER TOMORROW, DAD.



OKAY GUYS, LISTEN UP. WE SHOULD START MOVING TO THE NEXT CIRCLE EARLY AND BUILD A BASE ON THAT HILL RIGHT THERE. IT HAS THE HIGH GROUND ADVANTAGE.

LOOK, IT'S *CUTE* THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO STRATEGIZE AND ALL, BUT THIS IS FORTNITE. IT'S ABOUT QUICK REFLEXES AND JUST GOING FOR IT.

WAIT, HOLD UP. IS THAT A *GIRL* TRYING TO CALL THE SHOTS HERE?



COUGH NO, I'M A *DUDE!* BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT I AM. GOOD TACTICS ARE GOOD TACTICS. YOU SHOULD LISTEN IF YOU WANT TO WIN.

SERIOUSLY? NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO SOUND ALL DEEP AND MANLY? GUYS, IT'S A GIRL TRYING TO SOUND LIKE A GUY.

YEAH, AND TOTALLY FAILING. *GIRL* FOR SURE. I CAN ALWAYS TELL.



FUCK YOU. YOUR MOM IS A GIRL!

UM... YEAH?

JUST LISTEN TO ME!



DAMMIT! WE LOST BECAUSE OF THOSE IDIOTS. WHY COULDN'T THEY TELL I WAS A GUY? I WAS USING MY REGULAR VOICE! WASN'T I?



BUT EVEN IF I WAS A CHICK, I WAS OBVIOUSLY THE BEST LEADER AND STRATEGIST AND THEY STILL DIDN'T LISTEN. MORONS!

AH, WELL. AT LEAST THE PARTY ISN'T OVER!

A woman with dark hair, wearing white underwear with a dark waistband, is shown from the waist up. She is drinking from a bottle and making a hand gesture with her right hand. The background features a window with a view of autumn trees and a patterned wall.

LET'S PARTY LIKE I JUST THREW THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

MAN, I'M SO GLAD MOM LENT ME THESE CD'S WE USED TO LISTEN AND DANCE TO WHEN I WAS A KID. THEY ROCK HARD!



'BECAUSE YOU AIN'T WOMAN ENOUGH / TO TAKE MY MAN!'
WOO!

HOLY SHIT, IT'S MORNING ALREADY? DAMN - AND I'M STILL MORE THAN A LITTLE TIPSY. YEAH, I GUESS LOSING SO LBS OF MUSCLE WILL MAKE YOU A LITTLE LESS RESILIENT TO THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.

OKAY, I NEED TO PICK AN OUTFIT AND TEXT THE PICTURE TO ZACH - EVEN THOUGH HE NEVER RESPONDS. THAT'S SO DAMN ANNOYING! I MEAN, I KIND OF GET IT, BUT NOW THAT WE'RE SORT OF ON THE SAME TEAM AGAIN MAYBE HE WILL?

LIKE, I NEED SOME IDEAS FOR THIS *DUMB* DATE WE'RE BEING *FORCED* TO GO ON!

I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR HIM.





HE COULD SAY, 'SILLY FACE!' 😬

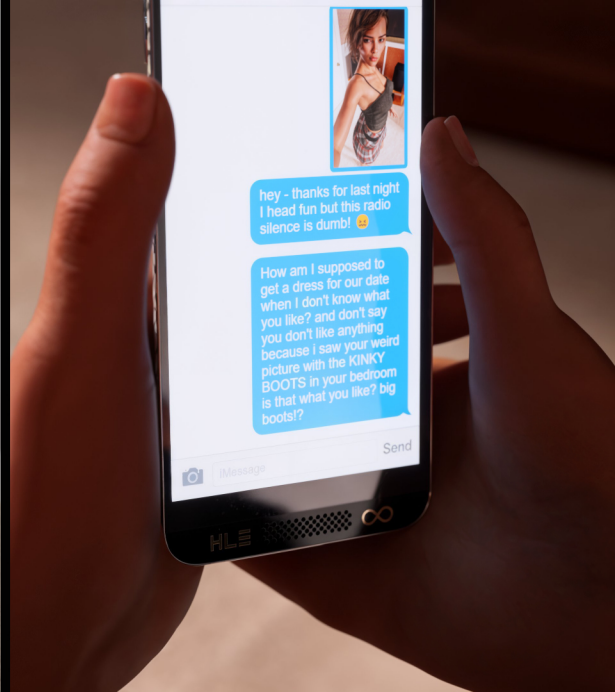


OR 'TOO FEMME, WHERE'S YOUR MUSCLES!' 🙄



UGH. NO REPLY! RUDE!

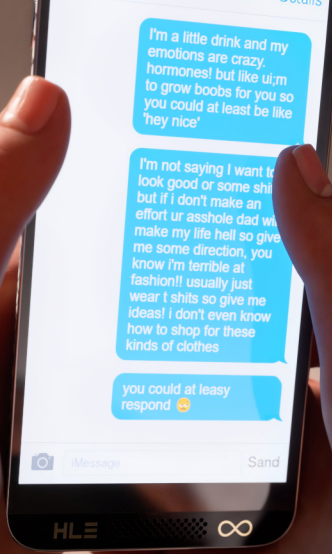
I KNOW IT'S EARLY AND THE START OF *HELL WEEK*, BUT ZACH COULD SAY *SOMETHING* - ESPECIALLY AFTER THE NIGHT WE HAD. I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND... I DON'T CARE IF I'M STILL A BIT DRUNK. THAT'S GOOD FOR HONESTY ANYWAY!



hey - thanks for last night I had fun but this radio silence is dumb! 😞

How am I supposed to get a dress for our date when I don't know what you like? and don't say you don't like anything because I saw your weird picture with the KINKY BOOTS in your bedroom is that what you like? big boots!?

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I'm a little drink and my emotions are crazy, hormones! but like u;rn to grow boobs for you so you could at least be like 'hey nice'

I'm not saying I want to look good or some shit but if i don't make an effort ur asshole dad will make my life hell so give me some direction, you know i'm terrible at fashion!! usually just wear t shirts so give me ideas! i don't even know how to shop for these kinds of clothes

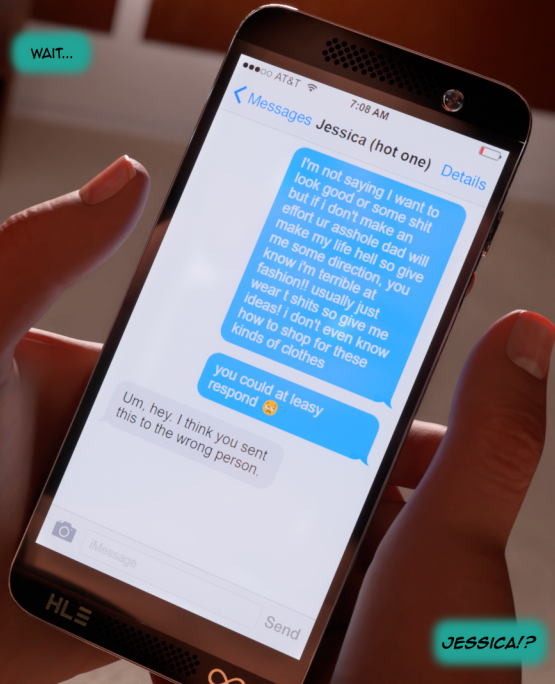
you could at leasy respond 🙄

HA! NOW *THAT* SHOULD GET A RESPONSE. WHEN LAUREN AND I WERE TOGETHER, THESE SORT OF TEXTS ALWAYS --

OH, FUCK. ZACH IS TYPING! G-GOOD, I DON'T NEED PRAISE BUT HAVING TO *CROSS-DRESS* EVERY DAY IS HARD ENOUGH WITH ZERO VALIDATION ON HOW YOU LOOK --



WAIT...



JESSICA!?



NICK YOU DRUNK IDIOT!

Um, hey. I think you sent
this to the wrong person.

But Nikki if you need
help shopping, I'm pretty
good at fashion and
new(ly back) in town,
too.

Plus I'd love to get to
know Sandy's bestie!

Also drink some water
girl lol 💕

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OH. I...I DO NEED HELP. I DON'T
WANT TO LOOK STUPID - OR
RECOGNIZABLE! I WAS THINKING OF
ASKING **LAUREN**, BUT MAYBE THIS
WOULD BE BETTER? WILL SCOTT BE
JEALOUS?

UHH....



