

The Heart is Deceitful Above All Things

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ROXY AND REBECCA
463 HENNESSY ROAD
CAUSEWAY BAY
HONG KONG
4:00 AM

Babe, are you awake?

Not really, what's up?

I think we need to talk? Bex?

Now?

Yes.

I'm so tired and aching from moving. I don't know how we got all those boxes up the stairs. Why doesn't the lift go from the bottom?

It's an old building; it's quaint ... can we talk for a minute please?

Okay, baby, talk.

I don't think we should have moved in together.

Roxy! What are you saying? Why are you saying this now?

I don't know. I just haven't got to sleep. I've just got this overwhelming feeling that I made the wrong decision. I've been lying here for hours and I can't lie here any longer. I don't know why, I just think ... I can't see us here together.

Did we pick the wrong apartment? Should we have moved to the one in Kennedy Town instead? Oh god I'm so sorry.

No, it's not the apartment, it's us. I mean ... I mean I can't see us together. Now. Or tomorrow. God I sound terrible and cheesy I know, I just don't know how to say this Bex, I'm sorry.

You remember the other night at the fortune-teller near Temple Street?

I told you not to do that Roxy.

It wasn't what he said, but it started then. This sneaking feeling that I needed to run, get out, that I'm in some way missing something.

I don't really know what I can say Rox. I'm half asleep. We've just moved into this place here and after not even one night, you want to go?

The teller said that big changes were coming, later this year. I don't believe him but the thought of everything staying the same was somehow worse. Shit, I'm sorry Rebecca ... Bex ... I can't say this, I can't say how I feel, but I think I'm going to have to go.

Where have you been Rox? You went for an hour.

Just walked around.

What are you going to do? I love you. I don't understand this. I want us to go to sleep, get up, get the place tidy, buy some stuff, I was gonna say maybe go out later.

I'm going to sort my boxes out, get some stuff and go to Jo's.

What? Roxy, what's going on, I don't understand any of this? I don't know what you want me to do.

Do you want breakfast? Some eggs? Coffee? Roxy?

Are you going to talk to me? Or just keep moving the same things around.

It's too early to go yet ... no one is awake.

It's a bit too early to go full stop I think.

There's no need to be like that Bex.

Really? What exactly should I be like? We've been going out for two years and you ask me if I want us to live together and I say yes and then not even a day later you change your mind! Is this about Zoe? Has something gone on between you?

No, I don't know why you said that. Bex, I've never thought about her. Why do you say that?

That day we were at Kim's meal and you said ...

Don't bring that up again.

I really love you Roxy you know, I don't know what I'm going to do now. I just don't know.

I'll pay the rent for a while.

Fuck you.

Well I will. I should do.

Are we still going to see each other?

Probably best if we don't for a while. I need some space.

Fuck you again.

I know you're upset.

You have no idea.

I'm sorry.

It's not me, it's you, yeah?

Something like that. I don't know why things just end.

Cos you want them too. Cos you don't want to work at it anymore.

I guess.

I can't.

What Bex?

Guess your reasons. Just go, I hate this. I really fucking hate this. You'll be back.

What's that? What did you drop Bex?

My Yoda alarm clock.

It's horrible.

I like it.

I don't know why you would.

Like you say, some things are hard to explain. You said it.

Sort of. Are you going to be okay if I go now?

Yes. No. What does it matter?

I still love you.

Fuck you.

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ROB AND FREYA
THE BREAKFAST CLUB
SHOREDITCH
LONDON
8:00 PM

Sorry I'm late. So sorry, I just ... the overground ... it's like, busy.

Sit down gorgeous, I ordered some stuff ahead. Some pickles too.

My favourite.

I know. And some mojitos.

I so love you, thank you Rob. Just gotta run to the loo, be back asap.

So how's your day?

Busy. Really busy. Haven't stopped. Had to file two articles and upload some stuff. You?

Just went to the gym and a bit of shopping.

Clothes?

No I mean food, Freya!

Did you see the FB invite from Tim?

Yeah, that looks amazing, shall we go?

When is it again?

Week on Saturday.

Okay great.

Did you see that woman over there? I'm sure she was in Dalston at that café place the other day.

OTO?

Yeah. She has weird light pink hair. Probably done at Bleach. On the bus before from there I saw someone

with the green colour. Sounds bad, but looks quite good.

I thought you just came from home? On the over-ground?

Oh, no, I had to pop via Dalston just to like, get something.

What?

I mean see someone. Tim.

Why?

Just wanted his opinion. He was really helpful actually ... he helped me.

He's not there.

Where?

Dalston.

He was.

Just before you got here, when I saw his event, I also saw he'd gone to the coast for the day. Posting that they were waiting for sundowners. You didn't go to see Tim. So what were you doing?

I don't know.

You don't know?

I ... I went to see Joe.

Can I have a glass of tap water with this? I'll order mains later. Thanks.

What the hell were you doing with Joe? You know how I feel about him. Freya, look at me. Why are you crying?

Is there something going on Freya?

I wanted to tell you sooner.

Tell ... what?

I'm sorry; I'm seeing Joe again. I know why we broke

up. I know why we're together. But he just didn't leave me alone and I know it's stupid but I just love him, and I can't keep away from him. And I know he's not you, and you're the one I should be with, but ...

What the hell? Are you drunk? Why are you telling me this? Is this because of Tuesday night?

No no no.

You know that was just a mistake, and I couldn't be there for you, and I said I was sorry.

So why now?

What do you mean Rob?

Why are you telling me this? You could have just said, look the last few months have been amazing, but I couldn't get over my ex and it's best we spilt up before anything happens.

Sorry. I didn't intend for this.

What exactly did you intend then?

I wanted to fall in love with you. I did. I gotta go to the loo.

There's something else, Rob.

I don't know if I want to talk here. Do you want to walk?

No, I just wanted to tell you first. Before you hear from someone else.

I don't think I can stay here.

It's ...

I mean it, I have to go.

Wait! Joe asked me ... he asked me ...

Message me. I don't think I want to know right now. I think I best just leave.

He asked me to marry him. He asked me and I

said ...

Can I have the cheque?

Why don't you want to know?

I think you know why. You let me, you let me ... you let me carry on for months and now you say you are ...

I'm sorry, I really am. I really ...

Never mind.

Keep the change. I'll not see you at Tim's birthday. I'll see you around.

CARLOS AND ANTHONY
DOGS: PICKLE AND YODA
SILVERLAKE RESERVOIR
LOS ANGELES
12:00 PM

Hey Carlos, how's Yoda? He's looking lively today.

I didn't get chance to walk him yesterday so he's really ready for this!

Pickle is a bit feisty too. But then he always is, check his tail go!

They love their walks together!

It's becoming a habit for sure.

This time of year is great, not too hot.

Did you hear about Suzie?

Yeah I thought her gig sounded fab. She's really going places.

Do you want some of this soda?

Yeah thanks.

Does Pickle want a treat?

Sure, thanks. If she stops barking a minute. Pickle!

Do you think they love each other?

Who?

Yoda and Pickles!

Oh, yeah, I know they do, look at them chase each other!

How do you know they do?

You can just tell with dogs. They are so comfortable with each other. Or they take an instant dislike and bark bark growl, haha.

Or do they just take their cue from their owners? If their owners like each other?

No! Phil and Seb still have to separate their dogs. They can't leave them in the same room. They love each other but their dogs are like, no way.

I've always wondered about Phil and Seb though, they have so little in common. I don't really know them though, just friends of Suzie's. Seem always a bit distant with each other.

They just not touchy feely but they crazy in love for sure.

How do you know?

I seen them chasing each other! Butt sniffing and tail wagging!

Are you having a summer holiday this year?

I hope so, I can't really plan. Crazy schedule. I'm not sure where I'll be. Love to get away though, maybe just drive up the coast.

Malibu?

Ha, no, further, maybe San Fran. Do some wine trails.

That would be so amazing. I want to do that. No real plan, stop at different places, drink a ton of Merlot or something.

Actually I don't really drink, but Yoda loves it up there. I'll maybe get a gang together. You should come along Carlos?

Love to.

Pickles just totally jumped that big dog. The grey one. I'm so embarrassed; he should know he is so out of his league.

Yoda covered his eyes.

Ha! He clever that dog. Like his Daddy!

My eyes are shut most of the time. Or wearing shades at least. Oh shit, I think they fell out of my pocket! I took them off to get the poop.

Let's go back round and see?

You sure, it'll take longer.

No worries, I'm enjoying this, let's walk back and then back again!

Yey.

Found them!

You look so hot in those. I really want some new glasses.

So you can look as hot as me?

Hotter.

I got these in Hong Kong, I don't think you can buy them here anyway.

Well I'm glad you didn't lose them for sure.

Me too.

Do you lose much stuff?

Not really.

Me too. I never really lose anything.

Have you seen Yoda's ball?

He just had it!

I know but now it's totally like vanished. Yoda! Where you ball?

I thought you didn't lose anything!

Not me, Yoda! YODA! WHERE YOU BALL?

Why did you call him Yoda?

I didn't, Andrew did. Stupid *Star Wars* fan.

Oh yes, I remember the story. He didn't look enough like Luke!

Luke is a stupid name for a dog.

Totally.

I gotta like get back soon actually, I just remembered a deadline.

Do you wanna get together for a drink?

Yeah sure, we only ever walk!

How about Akbar? Next weekend?

Do you mean Andrew and Pablo too?

I was kind of thinking just us?

Okay, cool. Let's do it Saturday.

Great, I might be having a BBQ Sunday too. Bring Yoda. Not to Akbar's though.

Obvs.

Do you think Pablo will mind?

I don't know. We're just hanging out yes?

Yes. I look forward!

Me too.

Bye Pickles!

Bye Yoda!

Bye you!

