

HELLO OTHER

Book One – DISCOVERY

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“Fear outs when the Truth is out of alignment, and opinions prevail.”

- for J M Doe. 2018

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Chapter 1: Consent 101

Just on dusk on a humid summer evening, Shaun pulls the car over unexpectedly and parks a street away from my home. He’s the first guy I’ve ever kissed, so this is a new experience for me. Obviously not for him because he’s telling me that I’m doing it all wrong, or at least not the way he likes it.

Although we’re both in our final year of high school, we attend different schools. Shaun is a year older than me, so I assume that he was held back in primary school. We’ve been friends for a couple of years and after he split with his girlfriend about six weeks ago, our friendship status has changed. He visits me more often and wants to cuddle and kiss, although we haven’t been entirely alone together. Shaun is a popular guy. He’s not at all bothered by his low grades at school. Tall, muscular, and strong for his age, he’s passionate about cricket. He played two seasons for the school first eleven, and made first fifteen for rugby last year. With a talent for fast pace bowling, he hopes to compete nationally one day. Unfortunately, back pain has recently been holding him back. The deal with his parents is to complete high school, become an apprentice to his father, and eventually take over the family business...