

**PICTURES OF MY DOG**

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EXT. DOG PARK - DAY

BEN and VERA sit on a park bench in a trendy dog park watching BEN's dog Lupin run around in circles.

VERA

You never told me how your date went the other night.

BEN

It was ... actually a little strange. You know how Lupin is in a few of my profile pictures, right? On the app?

VERA

From what you've told me, Lupin is an excellent wing-dog.

BEN

He's the goodest boy there is.

VERA

So what happened?

BEN

So the other night, I'm out with this guy ... "Ted". We had a great time: drinks at that new place with the secret door, dinner at La Mer and then I suggested a night cap back at mine. We get back to mine and Ted meets Lupin and is all over him--big cuddles, throwing toys down the hall. Like I suddenly didn't exist.

VERA

Maybe you're Lupin's wingman, did you ever think about that?

BEN

But Ted hadn't mentioned him all night! Most guys I'm out with, that's like the first thing they bring up. Lupin's a great icebreaker, that's why I've got him in so many of my pictures.

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BEN (CONT'D)

This guy shows up at my place and it's like he just *happens* to discover that I'm a dog owner?

VERA

Doesn't really sound like much of a crime, Ben.

BEN

Then: I go to the kitchen to get a bottle of wine, and when I come back Ted's taking all these photos with Lupin. Hugging him, patting him, staring in his eyes. I swear I caught him draping his scarf around Lupin's neck. I had to fake a headache and get him out of there. Like, that is weird, right?

Pause. VERA shifts her weight on the park bench.

VERA

Do you still have him on the app?

BEN forks over his phone. VERA scrolls for a moment and then gasps.

VERA (CONT'D)

Oh. My. God. Look!

"Ted" has a different dog in every picture on his profile. BEN swipes through them in horror, settling on one in which Lupin wears a scarf. He looks over to the dog, oblivious, running around the park with a stick in his mouth.

BEN

He's a monster. Some kind of serial-killer-dog-stalker.

VERA

You're so lucky. Both of you!

BEN

I need to hug Lupin. (*Calling out.*)  
Lupin! LUPIN!

He runs to his dog across the grass.