

The Trouble with Playing Cupid
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Chapter Six

1. What happened when Tom went on stage to present an award?
2. What were the sleeping arrangements in December's hotel suite?
3. What did Damien ask December about at the hotel?
4. Who leaked to the press that Tom hated December?

Chapter Seven

5. What did Tom do after the awards ceremony?
6. What did Maurice say in the phone conversation that was out of character for him?
7. How did Tom greet December when he called her?
8. What was the result of Tom and December's phone conversation?

Chapter Eight

9. Why did Clarissa visit December at her apartment?
10. Why did December think Tom wasn't serious about wanting to go out with her?
11. What did Clarissa do to arrange December and Tom's first date?

Chapter Nine

12. Where was December and Tom's first date held?
13. What did they do?
14. Why did they decide to drink cappuccino instead of wine?
15. How did December decide to be a singer?
16. Describe Tom's mother.

Chapter Ten

17 How did December get her name?

18 Describe December's childhood.

19 What was December's reaction when Tom gave her the éclairs?

Chapter Eleven

20 Why wasn't December home when Tom tried to visit her the next day?

21 Why did December love to visit nursing homes?

22 What was December doing when Tom approached her?

23 What is Tom's favorite genre of books? What is December's?

Some idioms and slang:

kerfuffle (pg 55, par 2): a disturbance or commotion typically caused by a dispute or conflict

spaz (pg 56, par 4): one who is inept, a klutz (*often offensive*)

erupted in applause (pg 57, par 3): clapped suddenly and enthusiastically.

yellow-bellied chicken (pg 59, last par): one who lacks courage or acts out of fear.

pipe dream (pg 62, par 2): an extremely fantastic plan, hope, or story, not likely to come true

spilled to the press (pg 63, par 4): Told a secret to a news reporter

the Grinch (pg 65, par 3): A mean character who became kind in Dr. Seuss's story, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. The day he became kind, the Grinch's heart "grew three sizes."

screwed things up royally (pg 66, par 3): Made a major mistake

keeping issues at bay (pg 66, last par): controlling issues so they don't cause other problems.

for Pete's sake! (pg 67, par 1): added to a statement to express frustration or amazement.

This is a more polite version of "for Christ's sake!" and might refer to Saint Peter.

gave him tingles (pg 68, par 13): made him feel prickly in response to favorable emotions.

to live out of one's luggage (pg 71, par 10): to travel so often that you don't bother to unpack your suitcases.

fight-or-flight adrenaline mode (pg 73, par 3): causing physiological changes in the body (such as an increase in heart rate) in response to stress

M&Ms (pg 74, par 7): Button-shaped candy-coated chocolate.

Skittles (pg 74, par 7): Shaped like M&Ms but with very tart fruit flavors

tomfoolery (pg 74, last par): playful or foolish behavior

playing with people like pawns (pg 80, par 8): using other people to further one's own purposes. Taken from the game of chess where the pawn pieces are unimportant but are used to protect the more important pieces.

Manischewitz wine (pg 83, par 1): a sweet, Concord-grape wine, containing corn syrup, that is often used by non-Orthodox Jews in celebrating Passover.

minions (pg 85, last par): followers who are servile, willing to do whatever you ask.

It really spoke to me. (pg 86, par 6): I really liked it and found meaning in it.

to go out clubbing (pg 88, par 6): to visit nightclubs or bars, often going from one to another.