

Would you still love me if I was a worm?

EXT. PARK - DAY

You're outside at a park. Wind rustles the trees, dogs faintly bark, children shout in the distance.

Riley and Violet sit together on a bench. The two are laughing together about the end of a conversation.

VIOLET
Oh Riley Riley Riley.

RILEY
Yes Vi, Vi, Violet?

VIOLET
I...have a question to ask.

RILEY
Yeah, go ahead.

VIOLET
Would you...- Would you still
love me if I was a worm?

Riley stutters um's and ah's trying to come up with an answer. He then stops and pauses.

Riley stands up.

RILEY
This was lovely I'll text you
later babe.

Riley walks away.

VIOLET
Huh? Riley what? Riley?!
(shouting)
RILEY COME BACK!

INT. TWINS HOUSE

You hear the sounds of someone playing video games as lo-fi music plays in the background.

A door opens kindly but shut harshly.

RILEY
(exhales heavily)

JAMES
Yooooo bro.

BEN

Hey dude.

RILEY

Hey James, hey Ben.

Riley drops himself into the couch.

They pause the videogame.

JAMES

What's going on bro?

RILEY

Ah, just. I was out with Violet this morning and she asked me like, if I'd still love her if she was a worm?

BEN

Damn that's crazy dude.

RILEY

I didn't know how to answer it so I just stood up and walked away.

JAMES

Ah I'm sorry to say this, but you messed up bro.

RILEY

James? What do you mean?

JAMES

Gimme a second but, bro.

James takes out his phone.

JAMES

It's some trend thing people are doing bro. People ask their partners if they'd still love them as a worm and how they answer tells them whether their like boyfriend or girlfriend is their soulmate. Here, look bro.

James holds out his phone to play a Tiktok video.

TIKTOKER

Get ready with me while I explain why I broke up with my boyfriend.

(beat)

I know you guys loved Rowan but i saw this one trend and I thought I'd give it a try, so I

(MORE)

TIKTOKER (CONT'D)
 asked him if he'd still love me
 if I was a worm and he just
 said, "No, worms are dumb." I-
 like- I can't, I can't.

James turns his phone off.

RILEY
 So, I messed up.

JAMES
 Maybe not bro.

BEN
 Yeah you never answered her
 dude.

RILEY
 Wait you're right.

EXT/INT. VIOLET'S HOUSE - AFTERNOON

You hear a knock on the door. And it opens.

RILEY
 (huffing/puffing)

VIOLET
 Riley?

VIOLET
 (huffing/puffing)
 Hi, sorry, I'm just, I just ran
 here.

VIOLET
 Are you okay?

RILEY
 Yeah. I just need to say sorry
 for just walking away at the
 park.

VIOLET
 Mmmmm-hmm.

RILEY
 If you were a worm, I'd um, I'd
 cherish you. Buy you a glass box
 to live in, give you the best
 dirt, all that jazz.

VIOLET
 So I'd be like your pet worm?

RILEY

Uh- no no no no. Forget all that. No box, no dirt.

VIOLET

So you wouldn't take care of me if I became sick then?

RILEY

Huh. No, wait no yes. Wait-

VIOLET

Riley.

A car horn beeps.

VIOLET

Oh sorry my ride is here. Bye.

Violet walks off. Opens a car door then closes it. The car drives off.

INT. DINER - EVENING

You hear the kitchen grill sizzle. People chattering. Bells ding.

ALYSSA

No way he said that?

VIOLET

Yah. Ugh, honestly I might have to end it, but I dunno.

ALYSSA

It's honestly valid if you do.

VIOLET

Thought he was the one.

ALYSSA

We all do Vi.

Alyssa's phone buzzes. She picks it up and laughs.

ALYSSA

(laughs)

VIOLET

Ohhh, who's texting you Alyssa?

ALYSSA

It's just one of the twins.

VIOLET

Ben or James?

ALYSSA

James.

EXT. HIGHWAY - EVENING

You hear cars drive by, wind blowing and Riley huffing and puffing.

He calls someone. They pick up.

BEN (PHONE)

Hey dude.

RILEY

Hey. Ben. I made it. WORSE.

BEN (PHONE)

Oh no that's not good dude.

RILEY

I ran into the city to apologise
but I dunno where she is.

JAMES (PHONE)

(faint)

She's at Lementi's diner bro.

BEN (PHONE)

James says she's at Lementi's
diner bro.

JAMES (PHONE)

(faint)

With Alyssa bro.

BEN (PHONE)

With Alyssa dude.

RILEY

Holy moly thanks guys.

BEN (PHONE)

Your heart will know the answer
but just remember to see it
through her eyes.

RILEY

Ok ok, I can do that.

Riley ends the call.

EXT/INT. DINER - NIGHT

ALYSSA
He's really cool and great but
when we're in person, he always
ends his sentences with bro.

VIOLET
Oh my glob he does!

ALYSSA
Yeah yeah.

Riley taps on the glass.

The two girls jump a little.

ALYSSA
Is that, Riley?

VIOLET
Uhhhhhhh yeah. Hold on I'll be
right back.

EXT. DINER

Wind blows. Cars faintly drive by. The bell faintly dings
every time someone enters. Violet walks towards Riley.

VIOLET
Listen Riley, we need to talk.

RILEY
I just- I wanted to ask you
something first.

VIOLET
Yeah sure go ahead.

RILEY
Would you still love me if I was
a worm?

VIOLET
Um.
(beat)
I don't know. Wow this really is
a dumb question.

RILEY
Oh, is it?

VIOLET
Yeah. Riley I'm sorry about
that. We don't have to break up
anymore.

RILEY
Wait what-

THE END