

Praise for Aiden Morse

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When Aiden was at school, I was home alone because I had sinusitis. Before I knew it I was wanking over Lara Bingle's topless shots on *The Daily Mail* where they had blurred out her nipples. I looked up at a photo of me and Aiden hugging which was stuck on our wall (he was doing a test hang). Aiden's head had been photoshopped onto the body of *some popstar* and I'd also been photoshopped onto *some popstar*. It's sort of a picture of us... But that's like four people looking down at me wanking over Lara Bingle.

I said to a psychologist at the beginning of the year that everyone kept referring to me as Aiden's Girlfriend Anna. The psychologist said that I was pretty and everyone was just trying to protect me. Anyway, I'm in love and I keep thinking of dumb ways to express it in art: a love-heart pendant with 'monogamy' on it or a 'monogamy' tattoo in white ink on my wrist. Aiden and I love the idea of making art together but we're too dumb to make anything good. Everyone seems to love what we do, though (perverts).

I slept-talked about this exhibition: I said to Aiden, "another guest has arrived at our party, you can tell he's here because the lighting has changed." Aiden often talks about how lighting is a dead giveaway when it comes to telling if something's been Photoshopped. Our little game is I lie on the bed and Aiden shows me a photo and I squint and see if it's been Photoshopped. Obviously Aiden loves to trick people. Our relationship is built on trust, he can't trick me.

When I woke up from sleep-talking about the show, Aiden had two messages from girls from his high school. This was at 2am. One girl was apologising for not being able to make the show, she said "I'm sorry I can't attend the Facebook event. I'm in Tasmania." She went on and on. Another girl said, "Aiden...With just one photo.... you got me started on modelling in 2012." I'm normally a jealous person (Was I jealous in this case? No, the girls were ugly.)

I realised after all this that I am unintentionally a very good girl. I am monogamous and have been for a long time. I am very pure, I don't see any need to fake anything...