

HELLO OTHER

Book One – DISCOVERY

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

Chapter 7: New Horizons

When Jason is offered a teaching job at Otago University, he accepts the opportunity to advance his career. Three months before I complete my first year as a house officer, he moves back to the South Island. Grateful that he had followed me to Wellington, I happily accept a second year house officer job at the public hospital in Dunedin. After already living together for a year, it feels natural to find another home to share.

One lazy weekend afternoon, we talk about our hopes for the future. Jason speaks about developing his career in business and tells me that he would like to have children one day. Looking directly into his eyes, while sharing my own desire to have children in the future, something completely unexpected occurs. In that moment, I have a sudden flash of awareness, that Jason is not the person with whom I will be having children. Strangely, somehow I just know that we don't have a future together. The experience is so unsettling, that I shift the topic of conversation away from our futures and push aside the uncomfortable new sense of knowing. We love each other and are close friends. Surely that is enough?...