

## It's the End of the World

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*Cody is slouched on the couch under a blanket, eating junk food, looking unhappy and watching TV.*

Nick enters.

NICK: Hey. Watcha doing?

CODY: Eating breakfast.

*Cody dips a chip into a bowl of chocolate mousse and eats it.*

NICK: Did you get your exam results back?

CODY: Yeah.

NICK: How'd you do?

CODY: Good.

NICK: Really?

CODY: (breaking down) *No.*

NICK: (sympathetic) Oh.

CODY: I'm going to fail the course. Get kicked out of uni. Join a 90s cover band and move to the coast. (Spark of hope) Fall in love with a dancer named Beatrice. (Despair returns) Then she's gonna leave me because I don't have sufficient tertiary qualifications.

NICK: When was the last time you went for a walk?

CODY: January.

NICK: Oh.

CODY: (a great wail) Last year.

NICK: Why don't we take one now.

CODY: (meekly) Okay.

NICK: Okay.

*Cut to: Nick and Cody walking on a path outside. Cody is looking less miserable.*

NICK: This is nice. See, failing's not the end of the world.

CODY: I guess.

NICK: So, how much preparation did you do for your exam?

CODY: You're not allowed to prep. It's closed-book.

NICK: No, that just means you can't bring notes in.

*Cody stops dead in his tracks.*

CODY: Ohh.

NICK: Okay, so there's some things that can you do differently next time.

CODY: Next time?

NICK: Yeah, for finals.

*Cody lights up.*

CODY: Finals?

NICK: Yeah, there's three assessments.

CODY: So I get another shot?

NICK: Absolutely! Why don't you give it another crack?

CODY: (sigh) I don't know. I still feel kind of down after this morning.

NICK: Okay. Take a break then. And at four o'clock this afternoon, why don't you email your tutor and ask for some feedback? In the meantime, why don't you find something you might enjoy.

*Cody runs up to a tree.*

CODY: My favorite tree!! You mean, I can just look at it for a couple hours?

NICK: Whatever you need.

*Cody hugs the tree.*

End screen text: "Failing can hurt. It's okay to deal with the feelings, and then you can move forward positively."