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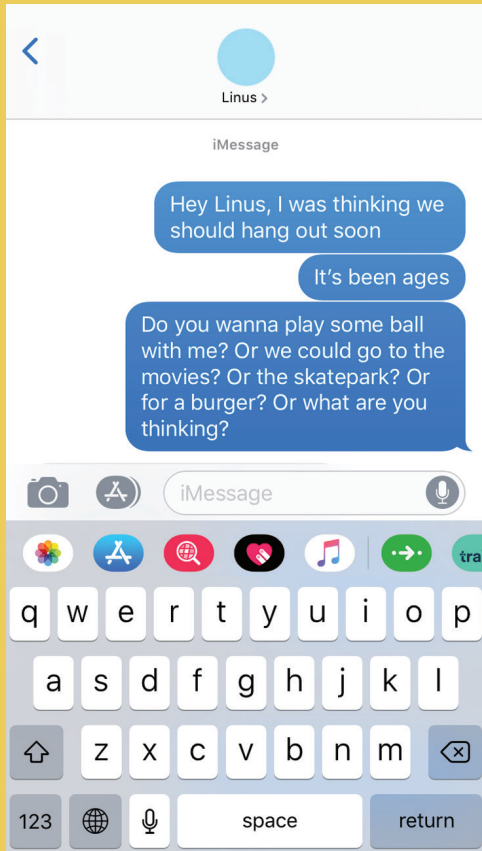


You're a softboy, Charlie Brown.

In the modern world, there has been an "epidemic of the softboy", seen in today's dating culture and youth society. When walking around the exhibition at Somerset House, I couldn't help but associate the open sensitivity and extreme emotions of Charlie Brown to the 21st century softboy. Focusing on the loneliness he experiences, translating into the digital age in which it is easy to become isolated behind screens, the narrative draws on Charlie's friendships with the other Peanuts characters, love, and how I imagine he would behave in current times. Furthermore, through photographing a series of different "Charlies", I address the notion that Charlie Brown is a representative of the everyman, as suggested by Schulz, himself, when discussing the creation of Peanuts.

"Nothing takes the taste out of peanut butter quite like unrequited love" - Charles M. Schulz.







Linus >

Sorry Charlie, I already made plans for today

How about tomorrow?

Or the day after?

I can't, I'm real busy at the minute

Oh okay.. Life is very long when you're lonely...

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Softboy

[noun]

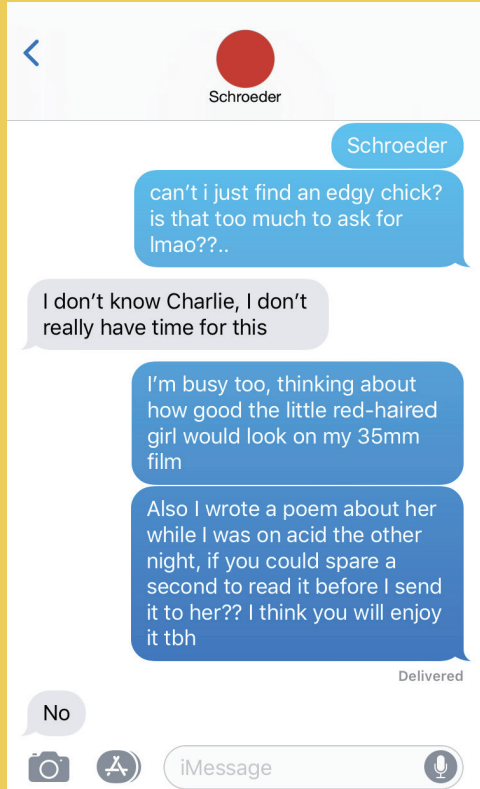
Similar, though not to be confused with a “fuckboy”, a “softboy” typically attracts a girl by going for her heart and emotions, rather than her physical features. A softboy is often insecure, without the cocky attitude of a fuckboy, wears oversized sweaters, beanies, tends to have soft natural hair and a skater aesthetic. He will continue to message the girl in order to “get to know her below the surface”, but ultimately cannot commit to a serious relationship due to his own emotional instability.

“You’re a softboy, Charlie Brown.”











Lucy >

Lucy, have you ever felt so lonely that even when you are surrounded by people, you still desire to be swallowed whole by the biggest whale in the biggest ocean just to see if these feelings of numbing isolation will disappear for a second ?

no lol

I just feel so lonely atm Lucy
when it rains it fucking pours

What??

The sky opens it's mouth and spits to the floor, soaking all of us down to the core..

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Lucy

Charlie you should just get
Tinder or smth mate



Little Red-Haired Girl, 19

 4 miles away

Hennepin County, Minnesota. I love strawberries and cream, playing tennis in the park, and going to the beach when the sun is out! Not looking for anything serious, because I'm never around a lot. If we match, we should meet for a coffee or something :)





Peppermint Patty >

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Today 14:17

Do you like me?

Do I what???

Like me, Chuck, do you like me?

Chuck?

Hello?

Don't leave me on read man thats embarrassing !



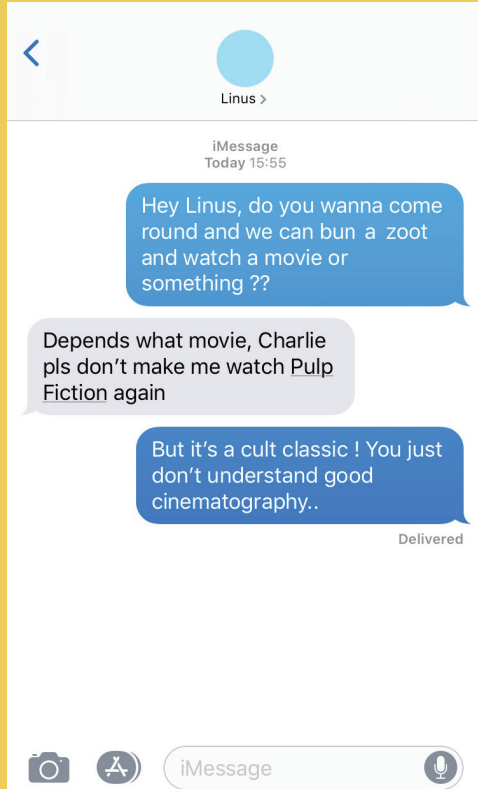
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Linus >

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Today 15:55

Hey Linus, do you wanna come round and we can bun a zoot and watch a movie or something ??

Depends what movie, Charlie pls don't make me watch Pulp Fiction again

But it's a cult classic ! You just don't understand good cinematography..

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Schroeder >

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Today 15:49

I just want to lie on my bed with the little red-haired girl and listen to King Krule or Puma Blue smoking rollies from my ashtray till the sun comes up, and we can watch 5am Jeremy Kyle on my Freeview box but not touch because we both have an inferiority complex and the fear of rejection outweighs the gratification of sex ...

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She probably doesn't even smoke, Charlie !



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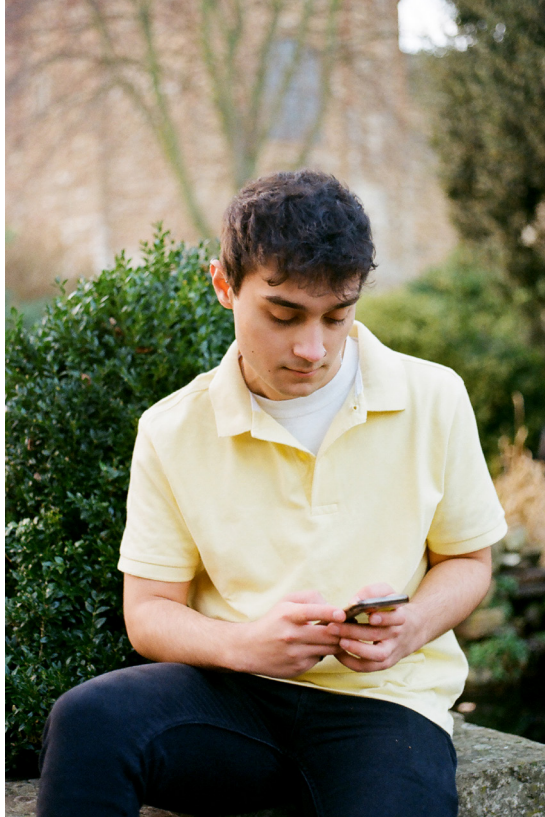




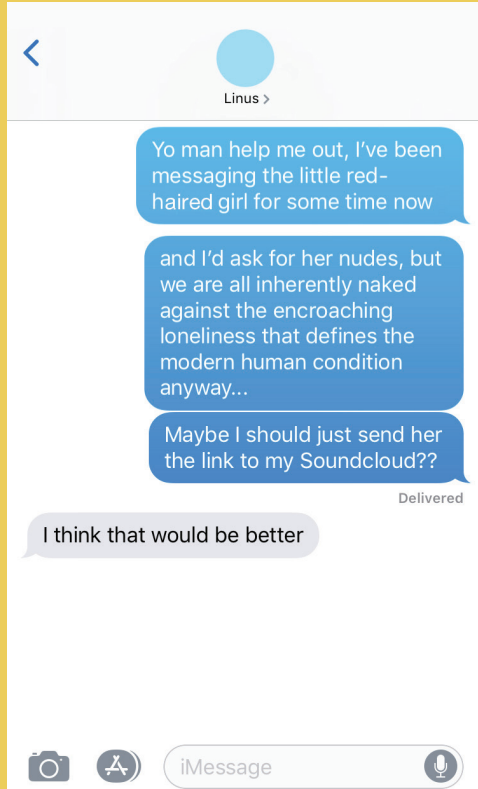












Yo man help me out, I've been messaging the little red-haired girl for some time now

and I'd ask for her nudes, but we are all inherently naked against the encroaching loneliness that defines the modern human condition anyway...

Maybe I should just send her the link to my Soundcloud??

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I think that would be better



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Linus >

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Today 15:57

Just ask her what music she likes, Charlie. Something simple

But then she'll ask me that back

And I'm embarrassed to expose myself to her like that

every song I've ever liked

is melancholic

Nothing is objectively happy or sad

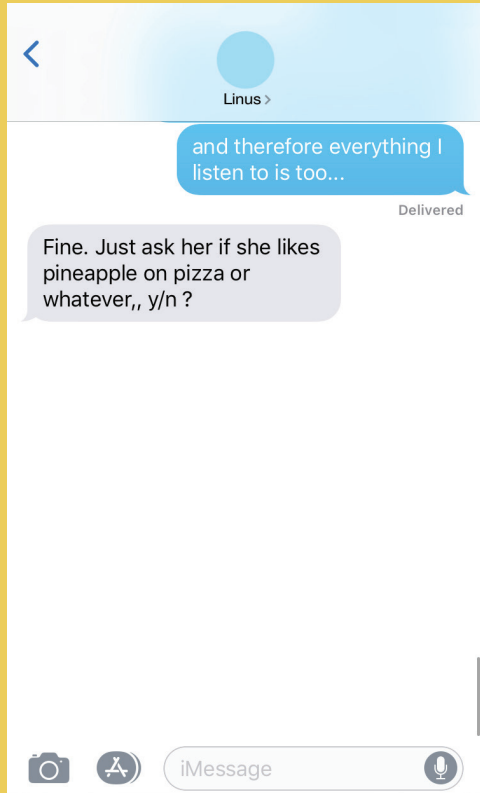
I can't relate

My whole life is a big pot of melancholy everything I do is melancholy



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Linus >

and therefore everything I listen to is too...

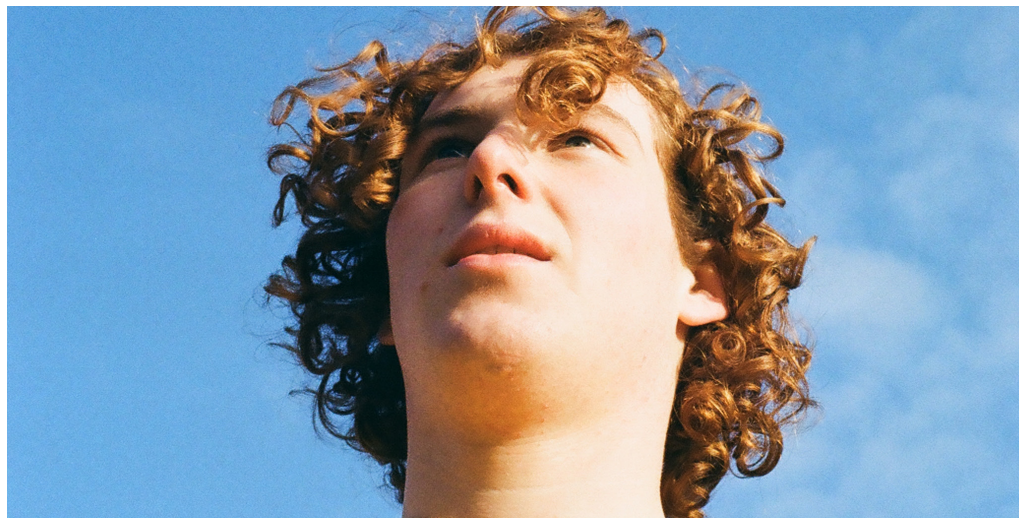
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Fine. Just ask her if she likes pineapple on pizza or whatever,, y/n ?



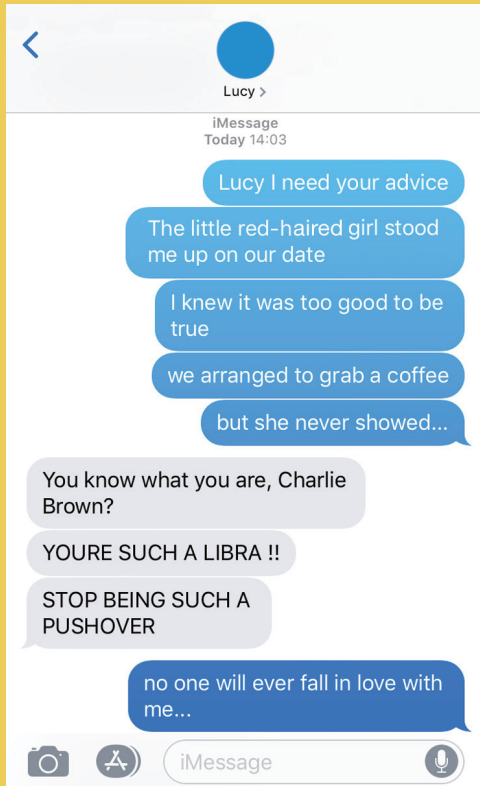
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Lucy >

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Today 14:03

Lucy I need your advice

The little red-haired girl stood me up on our date

I knew it was too good to be true

we arranged to grab a coffee

but she never showed...

You know what you are, Charlie Brown?

YOU'RE SUCH A LIBRA !!

STOP BEING SUCH A PUSHOVER

no one will ever fall in love with me...



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Lucy >

i don't believe in horoscopes anyway, they're made by 20 year olds interning at magazines

Usually girls think i'm romantic because i'm a Libra but it's because that's who my lonely self really is, not because of my sign

I do hope she is an aquarius though..

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Alice P Baldwin.