99% COMPATIBLE

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99% Compatible starts just as comics of tradition have started: a piece of paper, a mechanical pencil, and an idea that has to be shared. I started this project with the idea that attraction is not always what we might think it is. I chose my medium to be pencil and pen because that is what I am most comfortable with and I have always loved hand-drawn art. There is something about hand-drawing that allows me to feel more connected to my art.

I utilized different elements from various comic genres to create my comic. First, this comic is hand-drawn and uses ink on paper like traditional hand-drawn comics. It’s drawn in black and white like that typically of Japanese manga. My style of comic is also reminiscent of styles you might find online like on comic apps like Webtoon.

The inspiration for 99% Compatible started with my own experience of compatibility as a queer person. Through my own experience, I’ve learned that sometimes who we are or aren’t attracted to isn’t always set in stone. Shea’s journey is a representation of love-finding and this journey will not always lead you down the path that you expect it to.
I've had the ability to see how compatible I am with someone. It may be a cool party trick.

But it's never helped me much.

Shea, 23, Barista.
WHAT’S UP!

89%

JERIMIAH, 24, ABOUT TO BE FIRED

OH GOOD! YOU’RE ONLY 20 MINUTES LATE TODAY.
Yea yea...
So... how was your date?

Wave

Well... I thought since we liked the same stuff...

We'd get along...

But... he ordered for me.

He yelled at the waitress.

43%.

Bill:

Total: $70.00

And left me with the bill.
"Oh jezz... he seemed perfect, too."

"I know."

"I may have the ability to see compatibility."

"But it's not always helpful. I've never told anyone about it, either."
OH CHEER UP!

YOUR NEXT DATE WILL BE BETTER.

YOU SAID THAT LAST TIME.

I'M SERIOUS.

YOUR SOULMATE COULD WALK THROUGH THE DOOR....
YOU CAN HANDLE THIS RIGHT?

H-HI, WHAT CAN I GET YOU?
200% MOCHA, PLEASE!

NAME? AUTUM
ASSASSSST! ASK HER OUT!

HOG

99%: I'M SORRY IF THIS IS... WEIRD. BUT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME?

OHH! YES! I'M FREE TOMORROW! I CAN BE HERE AT 11!
Next Day

99%

She likes everything I don't!

How can we be compatible?

99%

I don't understand. We're so different.

It must be a mistake.
I'M SORRY?

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I DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO WORK

I'M SO CONFUSED
BACK AT SHEA'S

BZZZT

THAT WENT WELL

Hey!
Hey

How'd it go?

not good...

Hey!

What happened?

She's just so different.

Well... do you like her?

yea

Then it shouldn't matter. As long as u like her then who cares.

I hate it when ur right.

Just give it another shot.
NEXT DAY

HEY SHEA, CAN I GET SOME HELP UP FRONT?

OK

WAIT... WHY IS SHE HERE?

BECAUSE I ASKED HER TO

I STOLE HER NUMBER FROM YOUR PHONE

W-WAIT!
HI

OH, HI!

I just... I should apologize.

It was going well, but I panicked.

It's okay! I actually had a good time!

Do you think we could try again?

Actually...

I'm free next Monday!
THE NEXT DAY

WATER THIS ONCE A WEEK
SO PRETTY!

THIS BAND WAS MY FIRST CONCERT

WOAH!
A Few Months Later

I'm so happy Autumn gave me a second chance

Smooch!
WE MAY BE OPPOSITES...

BUT WE ARE EXTREMELY COMPATIBLE

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