





IAN IS... A VERY SPECIAL BOY, VANESSA, AND NOW THAT HE'S GETTING OLDER, HE NEEDS TO BE AROUND OTHER KIDS LIKE HIM.

AREN'T I SPECIAL?



OF COURSE YOU ARE, SWEETHEART. MORE THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

SO SPECIAL, IN FACT, I COULD NEVER LET YOU GO.

SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO MISS OUT ON ALL THAT FUN IAN'S HAVING, AND STAY HERE WITH YOUR BORING MOTHER, WHO NEVER KEEPS READING TO YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU DEMAND IT.

THAT'S OKAY, MOM. I DON'T WANNA LEAVE YOU, EITHER.

NOT EVER.



THEN IT'S SETTLED.

YOU AND I WILL STICK TOGETHER, FOREVER.

BUT ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO GO TO SLEEP, RIGHT NOW.



IT'S JUST THAT AGE, RIGHT? BOUNDLESS ENERGY.

