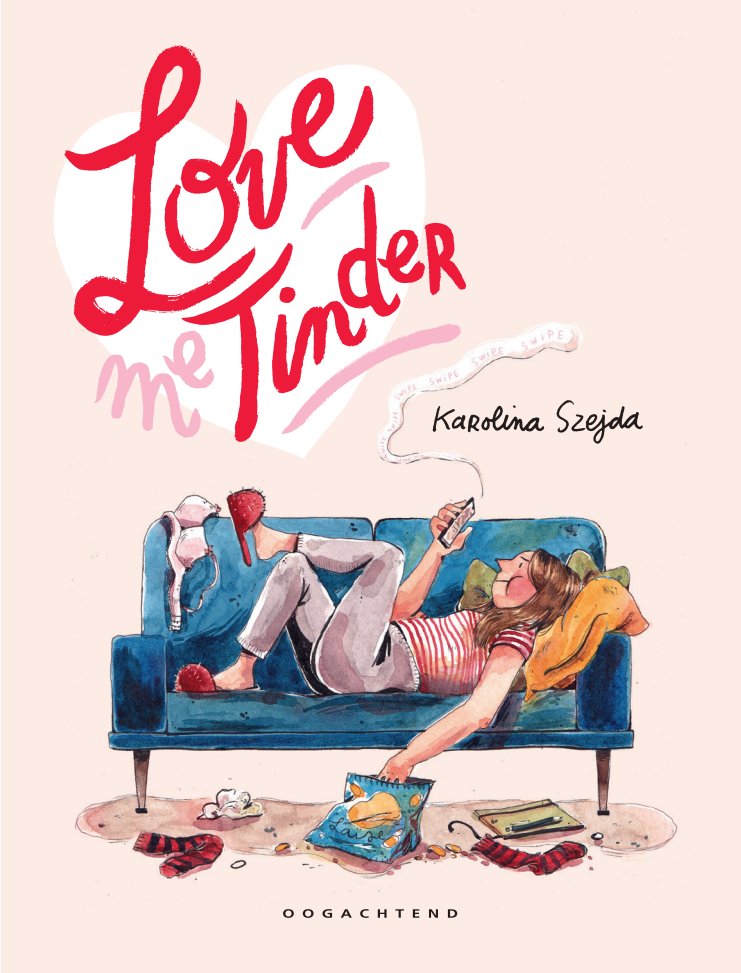


Love me Tinder

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Elise is looking for the love of her life on tinder, but her courage drops with every date. Luckily, she's got her dad, her neighbour, and her best friend, who stand by and support her in word and deed when times get tough.

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TINDER-TIRED

Siiiiiigh! I'm quitting. I'll **never** find someone this way…

Mail from madam publisher
Hey Elise,

I'm loving your tinder cartoons! How many have you got so far? When you're at 45, I'll publish them ;)

Best,
Ann

PRIORITIES

Heeeey Mattias, my dearest-dearest friend!

…What's up?

I get to publish a book about my tinder-dates, ha!

Oh?
I thought you gave up dating?

Yes, yes, but it's different now.

It is?

Yes, I don't have to find the love of my life anymore, dating is my JOB now.

You've always got your priorities straight don't you…

HIT AND MISS

So my surprise was… Mini golf!
Good idea for a first date, right?

Me during mini golf…

You're not feeling it?

Sure I am!

DAUGHTER IN LAW

Shit, I'm going to miss the last train…

No problem, you can stay over at mine.
My mum put some clean sheets out in the guestroom already.
She really wants to meet you!

DAD. Can you PLEASE come get me?

PLAN B

Sigh.

Sigh?

My date just cancelled.

Ah, bummer…

And it's such perfect weather for a terrace.
…
Will you go on a date with me?

DEMANDS

I've got a *sense of fashion.*

And is it a deal breaker if your date doesn't?

Honestly? YES.
Come on… Obviously!

I think –

Wait, don't interrupt me.
It's like, brushing your teeth! Basic hygiene, come on BRO.

You want your date to brush their teeth, right?!

MY TINDER-BODYGUARD

Do you see that building there?

Yes.

A former tinder-date of mine works there. Lars.

We went on 3 dates and after we had sex, he got what he wanted and never texted me back.

HEY LARS, STICK YOUR DIRTY D-

MATTIAS!! Shut up!

MASTERPLAN

Ok, so on your next date you come here and you order a coke.
If you *don't* ask for a lemon I'll know you don't like your date.

Okay.

But if you don't ask *anything* you come to the bar afterwards and…
…you pretend to pay, but obviously the drinks will be on the house.

Really?!

And you'll go back acting cool and tell them it's taken care of.
Hero!

I'll have a coke with LOTS OF lemon!

Alright! And for you?

A coke as well. **No** lemon.

TINDERMOEHEID









PRIORITEITEN



TEGENSLAG


Dus mijn verrassing was... MINI GOLF!
Leuk toch, voor een 1e date?
...
Ik tijdens minigolf...
ZOEF ZOEF
FUUUCK
KRAK
KRAK
AAAARG
Hm.
Heb je er geen zin in?
Jawel!

SCHOONDOCHTER









PLAN B


ZUCHT.
Zucht?
Mijn date heeft
nét afgezegd.
AH,
balen...
En 't is net
zo goed weer
voor een terrasje.
...
Wil jij met
me op date?
...

(S)TAND(AARD)EN



MIJN TINDERBODYGUARD ☺









MASTERPLAN


Oké, dus op jouw volgende date kom je naar hier en je bestelt een cola.
Uhu.


Als je er geen citroen bij vraagt, dan weet ik dat je de date niet leuk vindt...
... maar als je niets vraagt dan kom je achteraf naar de toog en...
Oké.


... dan doe je alsof je me betaalt, maar uiteraard krijg je de drankjes gratis.
Echt?!


En je gaat stoer terug en je zegt dat alles geregeld is.
Heldin!


Voor mij een cola met HEEL VEEL citroen graag!
Goed! En voor u?


Ook een cola. Zonder citroen.
...
...
KRAK