



# NOTES

## CHAPTER 1: NO GREATER LOVE

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## CHAPTER 3: MY VERY HEART

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  5. Julie Beck, “The Friendship Files,” *The Atlantic*, <https://www.theatlantic.com/projects/friendship-files/>.
  6. Marisa G. Franco, *Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make—and Keep—Friends* (New York: Putnam, 2022), 24.
  7. Franco, *Platonic*, 26.
  8. Franco, *Platonic*, 72–73.

## CHAPTER 8: BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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## CHAPTER 10: LIFE TOGETHER

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