

"Meeting Zander" - 7 June 2024

Late Start

I woke up pretty late on the day. After preparing some breakfast (around 11), I sat down at my desk to write for a long time (just like I am now hahaha). Zander was set to arrive at mine around 1 (or just before). So, at about quarter to, I decided I needed to actually put on clothes and things. You know, set a good impression. I also wanted to clean up the flat a bit. So, I rushed around and did that. Somehow very, very quickly.

During this time, the post arrived, including something surprising, but this time, good! A letter from Charlie! All the way from Indonesia! I absolutely love getting letters and I'd forgotten that I'd given my address to him for this exact reason. It was also nice to hear from him as he's not a huge texter. Just as I finished reading it, Zander arrived!

^{Zander} We chatted a bit, planned when he'd be able to go back to the flat, etc. I'd told him I was going to leave mine at 1, so he assumed I had plans with someone. I did not. I was going to Knoppers to take advantage of their free iced hot chocolate offer. I invited him along.

I liked him! He was a good conversationalist. Very friendly, very interesting. It was nice to spend time with a person when I was planning on being alone till work. And it was nice to spend time

with a new person. This makes it sound like I was expecting to not like him. That's not the case. I just sort of figured we'd talk for five minutes and that would be it. But no! And it was nice!

[1983] -- I got salted dark chocolate - it was super good!

I'd be tempted to spend money on it

After Knops, we walked down to South Bridge so that Zander could get some Greys. I would've too if they had their cheese on onion bike, but they didn't. Then we walked over to sit in Prince's street gardens. It was honestly a perfect, beautiful day. Some clouds, but blue skies. People smiling about. Perfect temperature.

[2993] -- as opposed to Prince's street, Prince's street gardens ~~are~~ actually very enjoyable, calm, and even quiet!

[3994] -- this seagull was constantly coming by to see if Zander would feed it Greys (he did not)

After finishing his lunch, Zander decided he wanted to go towards the Meadows.

[3996] -- this photo makes it feel like such a summer day (though it was still spring technically)

[4000] -- one thing I like maybe more than plants growing on roofs, walls, etc., is bridge buildings (and building bridges!)

At the Meadows we sat and bathed in the sunlight. Zander was pleased with the Victorian paper weight he'd bought on the way in Cuckburn street. Taylor Swift was a major portion of our conversation at one point (due to her playing at Murrayfield that night and loads of people about in Swiftie outfits). A bigger portion of the conversation was you. How does that make you feel?

3:3 and powerful I hope. Oh that was sort of weird. Anyway, we got up and walked towards Tollcross. I went into the Sainsbury to buy tomatoes. We said goodbye till later so I could go to work.

Work

Since I was in the area, I asked them about going early (at 4). This was a much better time than the original 5. Perfect, in fact, because I had only had dinner since breakfast, and had an hour & a half long shift so hunger didn't kill me.

At work I also listened to music, which I hadn't yet done. This made the shift much better. Unfortunately, I also think it distracted me enough to look myself out when I went out with the bin.

[1989] -- they served me some of the bars I made on Wednesday! Very good!

I went home via Lidl for some food for dinner.

[4002] -- this was on way to work schelly...

[4008] -- I pass this alley on my way home from Lidl and I really like it!

[4009] -- bird pic!

[4012] -- the sky was so bright! at least in this direction

[4018] -- very grey...

[4018] -- incredibly cool clouds in the background!

[4020] -- our neighbours have such a pretty wild garden, no artwork!

Flatten Earth Takes Over Dagda Bar

At home, I had my dinner. Then I wrote some more as I got live updates about the Taylor Swift concert from my friends on the west side of the meadows.

I was meeting Flatten Earth people at 8 at Dagda Bar, but classically no one was going to be on time. So I had fun changing outfits! And I wore a skirt. Wow. That was fun!

[exciting skirt] -- last time I wore a skirt, I took it off pretty quickly, but I had a lot of fun this time!

Dagda Bar was fun! Was nice seeing the people after a few weeks having not. I thought a lot about you because of the time I saw you outside it and we talked for ages (still think about that a lot & it makes me smile)

(also that time, I was meeting Leon to debrief & stuff and you were on our list of topics hehe) and another time I was there and was going to stay at yours & needed to procure a toothbrush (I don't really remember the details of that visit).

[4028] -- so much light!

[4032] -- we were not drunk, the night mode on my camera is just a bit extreme

[4040] -- Willow is good at being still patiently, Joe less so

[4043] -- I really liked Stefi's smile here, also, the glow around her hair looks so cool!

[2003] -- Fred had a huge pint glass, was so funny
tall!

I then went to Jars to get a duvet for Zander
(but got a blanket instead). And then I went
home.

Closing Thoughts

I was pleasantly surprised by how much I liked
Zander! I enjoyed Daddy Br. I was so very
excited to see you the next day. It was so
very exciting!!! Wee woo!
Much love!

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