

From **Alyson & the Great Bagel Mistake** by Dawson Moore

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So... okay... I have to ask this question... but I need you to let me get through this before you respond. Let me ask my question. As soon as you talk, as soon as you need something from me, that's all I can do. And I need to tell you that I'm in love with you... And I know you've got a boyfriend in... Honduras. And I know I've been an exaggerator, and a dork, and I can't feel that I deserve your love, and I want you to give it to me anyway. Because I'll never know the answers without you. Science or soul mate, I've got no idea. All I know is that right now I need you or I won't be able to figure out all this mess in me. So my question is... Could you love me, and need me, and help me, and accept my love? I... need to know.