



Dustin

The Compulsive Joker

Backstory

Dustin is a 23-year-old male, latent bi-sexual (he is not yet aware), and high school educated. He has a middle-class background; his parents are divorced, and he has a good relationship with both. He is an average track athlete, specializing in shotput, discus, and javelin. Otherwise, he works part-time construction jobs. He lives and trains in Middleburg.

Personality Traits

Dustin is a funny, goofy, likeable guy. He is trusting and has a sense of justice. He lives in the moment, takes things lightly, and jokes all the time. However, his joking in fact is a defense mechanism so that he doesn't have to look at himself seriously. He is hiding from himself. He has a big weakness for sweets, which he uses as a sublimation (self-diversion). He is in self-denial over his sexuality.

Development

As the story progresses, Dustin reacts to obstacles and predicaments by being cavalier and joking at every turn. When he gets into trouble with Antonio, his humour can't help him avoid the consequences, but it does prevent him from feeling overwhelmed. As a new friendship develops with Alex, he awakens to the fact that he was using his humour and love of sweets to hide his true sexuality from himself, and he is able to discover true love with Alex.

Key Relationships

- **Jeremy, Cameron, Lewis:** Strong friendship and camaraderie with the other athletes
- **Antonio:** Antagonistic relationship (due to a personal history – Antonio was a close friend of Dustin's older brother until they had a falling out)
- **Jasmine:** His best friend
- **Alex:** Spark of admiration and respect, and eventual love interest

Songs (Baritone vocal range: B2-E4)

- Where Are We Bound? (Prologue)
- Promised Land Olympic Pledge (Solo Parts)
- Dustin's Last Night (Lead)
- Bound and Determined
- Who I Really Am (Lead)
- Just What You Need
- Bound to Figure Out (Solo Parts)