

Friendship

THE END

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Summary: The parallels between Lois' friendship with Molly and his own don't escape Clark.

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Author's note: This is set at the end of Operation Blackout. The similarities between Lois, Molly and Ryan and Lois, Luthor and Clark always interested me. #27 in the At First Sight series.

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The more I find out about Lois's past, the more I understand why she can be so insecure.

It seems like she's left a trail of broken friendships behind her, and to be fair it hasn't all been her fault.

I know she can be a great friend. Our friendship proves it.

Her relationship with Molly Flynn had several painful parallels with our own friendship.

A man came between them and drove them apart, a man who ultimately turned out to be evil, even though Molly didn't want to believe it.

Watching Lois and Molly's relationship was like getting a glimpse into the future- or rather, what the future would have been like if Lex Luthor hadn't died.

Just this time, Lois played my part and Molly played Lois's.

If Luthor hadn't died, I can picture Lois and I ending up just like Lois and Molly. Even if we hadn't finally found the proof we needed to bring him down, I never would've given up trying to get her to see the truth about Luthor. What warnings I gave her before the wedding had already set up her hackles against me; would further warnings have gotten through to her? Or would they have just turned our friendship into something rancorous? Would we have drifted apart, like Lois and Molly?

I think so.

Luthor certainly would've encouraged it.

It's almost amusing, in its own strange way- how history repeats itself.

But it's over. Luthor's gone, and Lois and I are the best of friends. I shouldn't dwell on what might have been. It's a moot point anyway- after all, Luthor is dead.

I prefer to concentrate on what might still be.