

‘I’m just kidding, Lena’,
anywhere without you’. And then
push off, just like that, feeling a fine
speed, feeling the frigid bite of the rushing
either side of me. Behind me, I could hear Lena shouting, but her voice was whipped away
by the thundering of the wind and the whistling of the sled across the snow and the loose,
breathless laughter that pushed itself out of my chest. Faster, faster, faster, heart pounding and
throat raw, terrified and exhilarated: a sheet of white, an endless surf of snow, rising up to meet
me, as the hill began to bottom out . . .

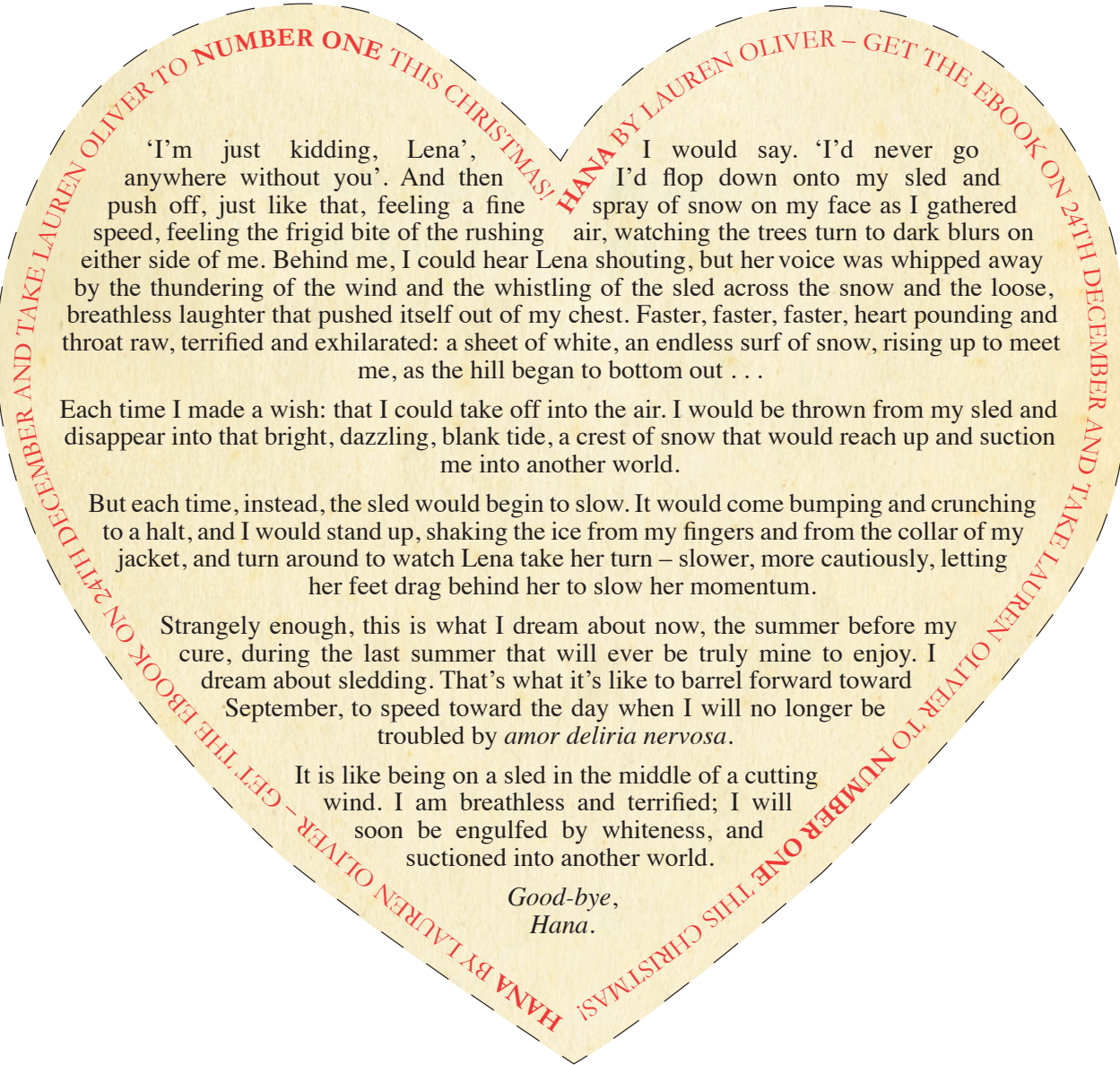
Each time I made a wish: that I could take off into the air. I would be thrown from my sled and
disappear into that bright, dazzling, blank tide, a crest of snow that would reach up and suction
me into another world.

But each time, instead, the sled would begin to slow. It would come bumping and crunching
to a halt, and I would stand up, shaking the ice from my fingers and from the collar of my
jacket, and turn around to watch Lena take her turn – slower, more cautiously, letting
her feet drag behind her to slow her momentum.

Strangely enough, this is what I dream about now, the summer before my
cure, during the last summer that will ever be truly mine to enjoy. I
dream about sledding. That’s what it’s like to barrel forward toward
September, to speed toward the day when I will no longer be
troubled by *amor deliria nervosa*.

It is like being on a sled in the middle of a cutting
wind. I am breathless and terrified; I will
soon be engulfed by whiteness, and
suctioned into another world.

Good-bye,
Hana.



Lauren Oliver Paper Heart Decoration

You Will Need:

- 20 sheets of A4 White or coloured printing paper
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Paper Clips
- Cord
- Printer

1. Print out 20 copies of the heart template. (We used 20, but it really depends on how full you want your heart to be – it would work equally well with 10 hearts, or with 40!)
2. Cut out each heart separately, or stack the printed out hearts on top on each other and cut them out in batches of 10. Top tip! Fix the four edges of the A4 paper together with paper clips to make sure the pages stay in place.
3. Fold each heart in half (with the text on the inside). See diagram 1.
4. Spread the glue on the blank side of one heart. Place another folded heart on top, making sure they line up neatly. See diagram 2.
5. Repeat this step until all your folded hearts are glued together. See diagram 3.
6. Glue the cord to the side of the stack of hearts. See diagram 4.
7. Now glue the two remaining blank sides together to form a spherical heart. See diagram 5 and 6.
9. Take a photo of your own and share it with *Delirium* fans at [facebook.com/lovedelirium](https://www.facebook.com/lovedelirium) for a chance to win an early copy of *Pandemonium*.



Diagram 1



Diagram 2



Diagram 3



Diagram 4



Diagram 5



Diagram 6

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