

Hey there,

You got me thinking a lot last night... it took a while for me to fall asleep. I think I caught the oncoming stomachache you mentioned last night haha, as I couldn't eat breakfast today and haven't eaten lunch yet (it is 2PM now). So I left work at 11AM because I wasn't feeling well. That's okay though, I'd rather have this time to think about you and I.

So I've thought about the times we've had together (I'll admit, I nearly cried), and how I viewed our future together over time. I was super excited when you said you wanted to move in with me a while back, but I knew that you do wonders at home taking care of the family, so I didn't want to push it. I just figured I'd make the end of August my goal if you affirmed you did want to move in.

I didn't know what you wanted to do with your future exactly, but for a long time I've really wanted to just spend a day talking about stuff we can do, places we can go, stuff we've always wanted to do, or not do. I really want to have that day!

Now you have college lined up and that is awesome :D I really want to help you when possible! And I see that you like being with your family, so you moving down to Indiana any time soon is not likely, I imagine ☺

I was really hoping I could come back to Michigan by next April (when lease is up) so I could see you all the time. My original plan was to ask ININ if I could work remotely, and do that, if not, find a new job. Or maybe create my own job if the opportunity arose ;)

I mentioned I 'slacked off' yesterday because when I put myself in your perspective, and look back at my actions, I don't see the 'me' I know is 'me'. I put you as my #1 priority, but mostly in thought, not in actual action.

When I first met you, I believed I'd be driving back home twice a month to see you, if not more. And Skyping or texting every day that I'm not with you. I think I got used to you being away and accepted the fact that it might be a while before we're together, so I eased up on the gas pedal a bit, so to speak.

Oh, you know that Basil plant I sent you a picture of last week? Well it started wilting a bit inside on the small window, so I put it outside, and in two days it wilted yellow and nearly died. I almost threw it out. But, I gave it a bunch of water, brought it back inside where it is cooler, and have been keeping it near the door where a lot more sun is. It's pretty healthy today, and tomorrow it'll get stronger. Just need the right amount of attention, water, light, and nutrients. Just like us ☺

Although I may not be Skyping with you every day like I initially believed, I do think about you all the time. You've been my anchor—that blanket you gave me I think has been the best gift I've ever received. Because every night snuggling in that reminds me of snuggling with you, and it's the best feeling ever.

I really want to start talking to you, such as via Skype or phone, in addition to text. Even if we're just playing games and doing random stuff. Just talk whenever we want to talk. I was hoping once you start streaming (and I'm down to help you get the stuff you need), I could be with you remotely more :D

You're going to be busy with school, but I think we can grow back together, much stronger than before, with just a bit more time spent together. I will come visit you more often, until I move back, and then I'll always give you enough room to breathe when we're together ☺ I'd like to talk to you a lot about this. All of this, actually, whenever the time is right. I love and appreciate how you're such a deep person that is down to earth. If anyone ever tells you you're shallow, it would be a lie.

You're my girlfriend, and I also see you as my romantic companion. I see you as my first mate, and I'm your first mate, and we're both captains of our own ships. The infinite love in your eyes is breathtaking; I have seen it a few times when we've been together. I haven't had the courage or ability to react to it externally yet. I guess I don't know how to describe it in words... it is an epic feeling. I am ultra attracted to you, respect you and want to sail beside you, even through hurricanes and whirlpools. I know deep down you're an extremely powerful person and I am forever grateful for having met you.

A long time ago, when you said you "weren't good enough for me" (not sure of the exact wording), my mind instantly wanted to say, "oh, I thought I wasn't good enough for you! Does that make us equal?" But my heart stopped my saying it to you because I know that is an incorrect judgment. We're as good for each other as we wish to be, and to me, you're perfect just as you are. Warts and all. You're like the other half of me that I am discovering. It's a bit weird, but crazy awesome at the same time. Like, the Japanese culture you're into... it's very cool and I'd love to experience more with you.

I feel our relationship hasn't really had the chance to take off very far since I've really only been with you a handful of weekends. You seem like the best person ever, warts and all, to me, that I am very willing to be patient as necessary to get to be with you. I completely understand that you are bored, because the relationship itself right now is boring!! I want to change that, because I know we are both far from boring people.

Okay, this turned out to be a super duper long letter. And it is now 5:45PM and I haven't eaten yet, dayumn. But, I hope I explained stuff well to you from my point of view.

Love, Joseph