

Dear Angie,

Thank you for telling me how you feel. I am a bit hurt, yes, but do not feel bad! A few weeks ago when you told me something wasn't right with the relationship, I realized I set myself up to hurt myself very badly. I honestly do not know what happened to me from February until mid-August. I am very disappointed at myself when I look back at my actions. I realized everything that was wrong with our relationship over those next few days. You brought me back down to earth, and visiting home two weekends in a row helped bring me back to reality.

I care a ton about you, and I know you care about me. You rubbed my back, found shorts for me, and wanted to show me cool stuff ☺ The spark between us died because I stopped treating you like a girlfriend. I know I don't have much experience with relationships or girlfriends, but I got sucked into doing research on all sorts of topics and also was trying to plan how I would get to be with you more in the future, instead of being your boyfriend in the moment and focusing on that. I am very sorry for that, because I know we would have pulled through. It is true that anything is possible.

So, it is in no way all your fault! I see we both realized we could have done things differently. I am honored to be your boyfriend, for however long. You're an amazing girl; words cannot describe. I actually wrote down a bunch of reasons why I loved you (after that letter) because I asked myself, "Okay. So I know Angie is awesome, but why exactly?!"

I do have a ton of love to give, and I have learned at times I can be a person who also needs lots of love. It feels like I know you so well now, that I have realized that you need love in smaller doses, and cannot give tons of love because you need more space than I do (I need my space, too, though! I'm an ambivert).

I now fully understand why you wanted to run after reading that letter. It was a very powerful letter, and our relationship did not mirror that at all! I had a very heavy heart that day—it felt like my whole world crashed. But it didn't in reality, my mind just built you up and planned everything around you. But you don't want that. If I were you, I wouldn't want that! And now I know how to avoid that in the future. Also, love letters are great for like, if we were together for a year or two and I went overseas, but we never had any time more than a few days together to build up an initial fire between us.

I have been expecting this letter from you in the past week or so... and I figured it would say pretty much what you said ☺ except I was hoping that maybe, you would want to continue things. But continuing things right now would just mean doing what we're doing now... nothing really. So what I have really started to want is for us to take a break and, maybe if the time is right, we can give reigniting that spark a try some time in the future. But we must let other people come into our lives if it feels right!

I must let you know that you taught me how to love again and I can never repay you for that. You also let me see what it is like treating a girl like a friend, versus a girlfriend. And some of the compromises I'll need to make in order to even be in a very close relationship (living together). After college, I pretty much had no idea how I'd even go about getting a girlfriend since I gave up looking a long time ago due to school. Now, after meeting you, I also know what kind of girl I don't want to be with (seemingly 99% of them!). I actually told myself, "it's probably Angie or nobody... maybe a dog. But we'll have to see..."

So... quick story time. Story in a letter, how cool is that!?

After learning some things a few months ago about how the universe works, is that people come into your life for a reason. They will leave when the time is right. Sometimes not completely, and sometimes they reappear.

You came into my life actually over a year before I even met you... I remember back in college, I would check Facebook once in a while, and one time in August 2013 this super hot girl that looked kinda familiar showed up in my feed. I was like "woah, she is the cutest thing ever" and then didn't think about it again until I saw the same person show up in November. And then I didn't think much of it other than recognizing the face (beautiful long brown hair and gorgeous brown eyes). That's the same time I made my decision to go to Interactive Intelligence in Indiana instead of Ford in Dearborn. And when I felt that somehow that person on Facebook and this decision were connected.

So come March 2014 and I'm in Indiana... I see you for the third time on my Facebook feed. I think "third time is a charm", so I finally looked at your profile. And fell in love when I saw your rat video on Youtube, haha. I also noticed you just left a relationship. Oddly enough, the next day, Kaytee talked to me about Youmacon and said I should go. I then noticed you and Kaytee were friends, and you've been to Youmacon as well. So I figured to go and maybe meet you, and maybe you would like me. I figured my goal would be to meet you and become your friend on Facebook. So as soon as I get to Youmacon, I bump into you and Kaytee. I was shocked and have been ever since (especially since you said I looked familiar! You did too... but I was stunned). All I knew was to just stick with you! Then we could talk from there. And sure enough, you added me to Facebook – and things escalated MUCH faster than I ever thought possible!

So that's the crazy story I've been wanting to tell you (well, in person) all this time. But I never got into a story telling mood :P All I know is I am convinced that we are meant to be (for however long). Maybe now we're just meant to be friends. Maybe we're meant to be more than friends, just not now.

Honestly, I think am ready for a relationship now (and I understand that you may not be as ready). The truth is, is I do not see that happening in Indiana. I really want to find someone around my home town who wants to do basically what you do (not afraid to travel around and see things, but mostly wants to cuddle and watch movies wherever we end up being). But we will see! I am not seeing, talking to, or am interested in anyone else either, BTW. I think it might be best for me to not be in a relationship (even if I really want one like, NOW) until I figure out what I'm doing (so basically wait until I make it back home). But then again, we'll see.

I would love to be good friends and keep in touch. I still want to help you get streaming, and if you need help with school... or anything in life for that matter, let me know! I'm here for you, and I will always love you. Even if you're not with me in a relationship. Hey, maybe we can help each other out and give advice when we find ourselves in our own relationships ;)

Thank you again for telling me how you feel, it feels like a 1000 lbs is lifted off my shoulders now that I see we're pretty much on the same page :D

Well, this turned out to be a super long letter. I guess all I wanted to really tell you is that everything is all right. I see what happened and why (also some long distance relationship articles explained a lot), and it makes sense. You're a super special person and I'm always down to chill with you. Maybe now that we're not so "together", we can just focus on having fun with friends. Dumpster diving, anyone?

Now that you play LoL, maybe you should come to one of our LAN parties ☺ There are infinite possibilities!

Do not forget that I will always have your back in times of trouble. Feel free to write me a letter whenever you need help sorting thoughts out. And if you're ever feeling down and out, just know that the universe is not really out to get you. It is simply reflecting what you put into it. So give love, and you will receive love ;)

Love,

Joseph

"Everything happens for a reason. That reason is experience. Experiencing all the outcomes is our goal."
—Me, 04/25/2015 2:11AM