

February

2/11/2019 – Monday

So, I've finally decided to start a daily journal. I should have started much sooner but oh well, better late than never. Not much happened today or this past weekend for that matter. I've been working out and watching a lot of YouTube videos, mainly watching SingSing play Resident Evil 2 Remastered while working out. I've also been redoing my music playlists and listening to some of these old songs brings back a lot of memories. I've also been enjoying my extra free time and I've been taking this semester easy. I've also stopped playing games and I'm hoping to keep this up. I definitely won't play any more DotA, but I want to play short games like the new Ori whenever it comes out.

Overall, I've been pretty happy ever since the whole NT incident in junior year. I've been even happier this senior year, especially this semester. What's not to be happy about? I've got an interview coming up this Wednesday, my FE score comes in this week (which I'm sure I passed), I got a loving family, a caring girlfriend, a positive mental attitude, I've been working out, growing as a person, and so much more little things in life.

2/12/2019 – Tuesday

Not much happened today. My dad came to pick me up for my interview with TxDOT tomorrow afternoon. I'm confident I'll get the position due to my experience. FE grade still hasn't come out yet.

Chewie peed everywhere when we came home. He's been peeing indoors a lot lately. My parents say that he's just getting old and can't hold it in anymore. Poor Chewie. I wonder how many more years he has left.

2/13/2019 – Wednesday

I passed my FE!!! I found out this morning before my interview which was such a good coincidence. Anyways, the interview went well and I'm confident that they'll hire me. I'll be hearing from them next week hopefully.

During the car ride back to College Station, it was interesting hearing my dad talk about his time teaching back in Viet Nam. A lot of his students loved him and visited him when he came back to Viet Nam. I learned that he donated 2 million dong to each class back then which was a lot of money. It was nice hearing how the money was used by the poor students to help them with college and their life. It was also interesting hearing how he fed some of his students because they were so poor and couldn't afford food at times. He said, "I grew up poor and hungry and I never wanted anyone to go through the things I went through. Now that I have money teaching, I wanted to give back to my students." Maybe that's why so many of them liked my father. Anyways, it was nice hearing about my father back then and nice hearing how good of a person he was (and still is).

We got lunch with bae at the kabab place and it was nice. My dad was going to pay but I wanted to pay since I want him to save money for his retirement and not spend so much. It feels good being able to be self-sustaining and not having to rely on my parents as much.

2/16/2019 – Saturday

Just the usual weekend this semester. I got homework done and worked out while watching DotA and Parks & Rec. Other than the usual, I gave Dominic some acid on Thursday as well as make him read my PDF guide on Friday. This Saturday morning, he took it and it seemed like he enjoyed it. I can't wait to ask him how it went later this week. Acid helped my life and I only wish to spread the love and the message that it brings.

Christina played OW and basically got no work done today, so just the usual. I keep trying to help her get back on the right track, but I can only do so much. Can't say that I am surprised, but I am disappointed. She keeps on thinking that she's changed and that she's better off now and won't repeat the same mistakes but in my honest opinion, I don't believe that she has changed all that much. I think that she will most likely not get into PPA again and she will have wasted so much time and potential. If this is what it takes for her to grow up, then so be it; I can't be her dad and boyfriend at the same time.

Overall, people have to want to change and I don't know if she really wants to. Sometimes, it makes me question our future together and I wonder if she will grow up or just be a careless little kid forever while I have to be the shoulder for her to cry on when her actions have consequences. I was right about her internship application back then and I hoped that she would have grown up after that experience, but I guess she didn't. I'm getting more and more tired every day. I honestly think that when I graduate, I'm going to stop caring and stop trying to help her focus on her studies; she's too old and I will neither have the time nor energy to do so. She will have to swim or sink and if that's what it comes down to, then I will let it happen.

2/17/2019 – Sunday

Just the usual today. Did some homework, redid my pop songs playlist, and worked out while watching more Parks and Rec.

I did a response paper for ENGR 482 today and it was actually kind of interesting. It was on *The Politics and Pleasures of Consuming Differently* by Kate Soper. Basically, consumerism has become the de facto standard of life, especially in America. However, it comes with tremendous social and environmental costs that people often overlook because they want that sweet life. People will stop at nothing to do so; whether it's ruining the planet or spending all your time working, people want money and goods since that's what society is used to. There is, however, a critique called alternative hedonism that offers an alternative lifestyle which is based on rationality. It promotes an alternative that is not focused on money, goods, or consumerism. It really struck a chord within me since I've really been thinking a lot about this topic, especially in regard to my future. For me, I want to work enough to not be poor but also at the same time, have enough time to spend outside of work. Whether it's pursuing my hobbies, spending my time with family/friends, or helping others, I don't want to live to work. I want my life to be well rounded and ultimately, this is what I think will make me the happiest.

Also, I just remembered that Christina still hasn't given me a Christmas or Valentines gift yet. Now typically, I wouldn't care since I don't care about gifts and don't expect much but it's different since one, she didn't do anything and two, she would rather spend her free time playing OW than work on my gift. I know that she's been busy this semester, but she's had plenty of free time before the semester and even during. What I'm most upset about is the fact that she holds

gift giving to a high standard and gets mad when I don't give her anything back then but now she's pulling this crap.

I also asked her about her email to that guy from that company and whether or not she got a response. All I did was want to check on her fucking lazy ass and she gave me so much sass and attitude and was upset. If you were responsible, we wouldn't even be having this conversation but since I know you're a lazy bum, I have to act like your dad. I'm getting more and more tired every day of being her dad and her boyfriend at the same time. Sometimes, I wonder if I should just relax and keep letting her fail or if we'd be better off separate with other people whose goals are more aligned. I personally want someone who together, we can strive to always improve ourselves and help each other do so. I sometimes don't think that Christina is that person. I feel like she just wants to be a kid a lot of the time and just sit around and play video games. She's the type of person who hides and ignores her problem in the hope that it goes away since she doesn't want to grow the fuck up and confront her issues.

2/18/2019 – Monday

Not much happened today. I was too sore to workout so today was my rest day. I finished fixing my music playlist and not I just need to find and add some new songs. Still waiting on the TxDOT response.

2/19/2019 – Tuesday

Last night we got into an argument and it got me thinking about our future. I know that I'm not flawless and I could have said things nicer. However, I feel like all I want to do is help her and she thinks she doesn't need the help when she obviously does. She doesn't like it when I bring up her past mistakes to prove that she said the same crap back then and surprise, surprise, I was right then, and I am right now. She often wants constant praise and reassurance that she's doing well which is fine and all, I agree but the fact that she can't handle constructive criticism and doesn't want to talk about serious issues and learn from her mistakes makes it hard to help her. I do admit that my way of trying to help may not be the nicest and I could do it a lot differently, so I'll acknowledge that. It's just that I really don't know what else to do. I don't want to literally hold back my tears as I try to help her stay and get on the right path like I once did back then when I got her to do internships. I'm tired. She knows that I was right then and yet, doesn't acknowledge that she's pulling the same crap and using the same excuses, not only on me, but on herself. I feel like she's in massive denial and it's hard to work with someone like this when they don't want to get help and/or are not ready to receive help. From what I understand, all she wants to do is keep herself preoccupied with her social media, memes, and video games to distract her from reality, the future, and her responsibilities. She hates talking about serious topics and the future.

Mark my works. I highly doubt that she will get into PPA and she will fail to do so for the 2nd time. It's not that I want to be right. I hope she proves me wrong. It's just something that I predict will happen based on what I'm currently seeing. She speaks of wanting change but doesn't make enough effort to do so, at least not consistently.

I've given up hope trying to help her; it is a lost cause. Until she wants to get help and is ready to make the sacrifices and changes to do so, I will stay out of it. I'm tired of being her dad.

If this is what having teenage kids is like in the future, then someone please end me. I hope my kids in the future won't be like this.

Overall, her lack of goals, perseverance, and willingness to change and grow up makes me question our future together. I sometimes think it may be better if we dated other people who have the same preferences/life goals. Maybe I'd be better off with someone who's more open minded to change and self-growth and maybe she deserves someone who doesn't lecture her 24/7 and let her be herself. I love her too much still but maybe things may be different once I graduate. Hopefully she will grow up when I'm gone. Worst case scenario is that she doesn't and only spiral downward and become a mega-bum with no plan for the future. We shall see.

2/20/2019 – Wednesday

Not much today. Just the usual. She seemed happier, especially since she got a 96.5 on her accounting test. Let's hope she keeps this up and that she has truly changed.

2/22/2019 – Friday

We went to VSA's annual lunar new year's celebration at rudder fountain. I went to the museum and met this Christian, white guy named Jason who randomly talked to me. He seems like a nice guy, but I wouldn't want to talk to him again just because he's not really the type of friend I'd really talk to. It was nice watching the lion dance and the stage performance, especially watching bae walk on stage with her chi pao. I also gave one of the lions a dollar to help give back to the temple and because they reminded me of my time back when I was in lion dancing.

We took pictures afterwards and it was nice. I look schmooby and my neck looks long in pics 😞. I need to work out my shoulders more. Overall, it was a nice night and I'm glad I went instead of staying home on a Friday night and doing nothing.

2/23/2019 – Saturday

We saw HTTYD 3 today at the Star Cinema Grill where you can buy food at the theaters. Food prices were expensive, and the food was average at best and certainly not worth the money tbh. Movie was really good, and it was sad to see toothless and hiccup all grown up with kids and a wife. I guess this concludes the end of the HTTYD series. It was fun ever since I first saw it in middle school. Strange how time flies by so fast.

2/24/2019 – Sunday

Typical weekend again. I did homework, worked out, and watch some more Parks and Rec. Also, I ate half a pot brownie last night and it was pretty strange. I felt like it was kinda like an acid trip. The words on my phone were moving and my mind was racing with so many thoughts. I remember looking at Christina and I was like wow, this is my gf and I was really happy. I then passed out and had an amazing night's sleep.

Also, Christina had a massive hemorrhoid that night and she made me take a picture of it lol. I still love her no matter what even though we fight sometimes.

2/25/2019 – Monday

Typical weekday again. Did some HW and worked out while watching Parks and Rec. I'm still waiting on a response from TxDOT zzzzz.

2/26/2019 – Tuesday

Got accepted to TxDOT at the same office I interviewed at (15 mins away, near Memorial Park). OMEGAEZ CLAP. Happiest day of my life

Also got poke to celebrate today. The nice black guy was named Frederick (Freddie) and I left a Yelp review. Life is good

2/28/2019 – Thursday

Chill days this week. Just taking it easy. Watched Parks and Rec, worked out, played BTDD6, and listened to Joe Rogan.

March

3/1/2019 – Friday

Same chill day as yesterday. I gave Dom 1.5 tabs (125 ug each) for his trip tomorrow. It seemed like he had a good time yesterday so I'm hoping he enjoys tomorrow. Acid changed my life and opened me up and I'm hoping that he can experience the same joy and guidance that acid bought me.

Also, today is Emily's B-day celebration so they threw a surprise party for her. I don't want to sound like an edgy, angsty, nihilist, but I didn't really care for it at all really. Most of the CSA people seem nice and I'm sure they're good people, but I don't like making superficial friendships, especially considering the fact that I'm graduating soon. Plus, I'm not a fan of big parties/gatherings, especially with people who I barely know. Creepy James said hey to me and I legit forgot what his name was.

3/4/2019 – Monday

Not much happened this week. I helped Chu Huy with his FE wavier letter. Just the usual working out, watching videos, and playing some BTDD.

3/5/2019 – Tuesday

Skipped class today and I got a lot of work done. Team for 418 is so useless and no one wants to meet up.

Also finished watching JRE #1178 with Dr. Rhonda Patrick. Quite interesting and I need to watch it again and test some of the things.

3/6/2019 – Wednesday

Just the usual again today. Not much work to do this semester. I have my 423 and 482 exam this Friday but I'll study tomorrow ez clap.

3/11/2019 – Monday

Spring break! I hung out with Randy and Daniel today. We got com tam at Thuan Kieu and then got this coffee/Dr/ Pepper mix. We also played poker and chilled and talked. I won \$6 from each of them EZ clap.

3/12/2019 – Tuesday

Chill resting day today. I watched HTTYD 3 again but this time, I went with my mom. It was still just as good as it was the 1st time I watched it. It was just so nice watching toothless find love as well as Hiccup and Astrid. Idk why but it just makes me so happy 😊.

I've also been cleaning up my room. I threw away all my old class notes, and everything is so much cleaner now. I still have to do some more cleaning, but things are looking good for now.

3/18/2019 – Monday

1st day of school back from spring break zzzzz. I haven't been keeping up with any of my journals and spring break went by so fast. I hung out with the guys and we played pool at Franc's

place. Daniel wasn't there since he was working. I also cleaned up my room A LOT and threw away all my old class notes and donated even more old clothes. I also played some GTA V and uninstalled BTM 6 (after dropping 250 ug).

The acid trip was interesting, and it reminded me once again of how precious life is but also how weird life is. It's best not to think about life too much and to just enjoy it 😊.

Anyways, got my test back for CVEN 423 and I got an 85. I made a bunch of stupid mistakes but it's whatever I don't care that much anymore. I just need my C. I also got a lot of HW done today for 418 so that was good.

I also cleaned bae's laptop today. We also started watching Love, Death, & Robots on Netflix yesterday and it was a very interesting show. It reminds me kind of like Black Mirror but shorter and animated and more story based instead. Very interesting show.

Also, my sister booked a cruise ticket for me and my mom this May 5/13-5/17 which is nice. Can't wait to go and I might drop acid lol we'll see.

I also need to consistently start working out again. I've been working out but I haven't been meeting my goals. I'll definitely try to reach my goal tomorrow. After that acid trip, I realized that I've got to take care of my body, especially when I'm young. It's easier to maintain a healthy body than to repair a broken one. I've also got to continue to consistently work on BOTH of my journals.

Goals for the future: plan more trips with friends and family, especially since I'm still young and able-bodied. Keep up with my physical workout goals and mental journal taking goals.

3/19/2019 – Tuesday

The lights went out yesterday in our room. Bae used the hairdryer at night and it short circuited our room's electricity. Thankfully, she managed to call maintenance and they told her to flip the breaker switch and it worked.

She had an interview in the morning and so I had to wake her up since she was charging her phone in the other room. She was very annoyed when I tried waking her up. I wanted to make sure that she was going to get up and not fall back to sleep so I kept trying to wake her up which only made her angrier since she "knows". Why do I even bother sometimes. If she was my kid, I would understand. But she's a grown woman and she needs to do better. We had a conversation and once again, she's defensive and chooses to focus on the fact that I called her out on her wrong doings rather than her saying sorry and trying to be better. I'm not a perfect person but I try my best to grow up and I only wish that she would try to do the same.

Other than that, I got a lot of work done today. I finished my 418 HW 14 and also my 456 HW 3 so there's that at least. Also got some workout done today. Tomorrow, I'm not going to fall behind anymore.

3/20/2019 – Wednesday

Went to class, got Panda after, took a nap, woke up and played GTA, worked out, watch YouTube, ate dinner (broccoli), more YouTube, showered, and now I'm doing my journal. I didn't do anything productive today but that's ok because I'm mostly free for the most part. Feelsokayman

3/23/2019 – Saturday

Chill Saturday today. Woke up around noon, ate lunch, did my weekly ENGR 482 quiz, watched YouTube, worked out, played GTA 5, worked out some more, ate dinner, more YouTube, worked out some more, and wrote in my journals. Nothing too special but it was nice to not be on a time crunch and to just take things slow and easy.

Also, I started planning some events for after finals for Christina and I to do. Gotta enjoy our last months together at A&M.

3/24/2019 – Sunday

Chill Sunday today. I worked on my ENGR 482 Essay today, worked out a little bit, and played some GTA 5. I could/should have gotten more work done but it's whatever. It isn't due until Friday, so I've got time.

3/26/2019 – Tuesday

Skipped class today. It was all fine since I didn't miss anything important anyways. I finished my 482 Essay on the gender and pay gap in STEM and I played a lot of GTA 5. I also watched a lot of YouTube and worked out as usual. I started watching "Explained" on Netflix and it's pretty interesting.

Also, Christina was upset last night and cried. I asked her if she talked to her counselor and she responded in what I thought was an angry way and she hit my leg in a joking way but I thought it was out of anger. I brought up how I want to remind her sometimes because if I hadn't reminded her about PPA, she would have forgotten about it. This triggered her and she was very sad but then we talked it out later on and it was all good.

3/27/2019 – Wednesday

Another boring ass day in CVEN 418 zzz. After class, I went home and did the usual. Ate, worked out, watch YouTube, play GTA V, worked out, watch Netflix "Explained", ate Whataburger, and watched more YouTube. Life is easy and good.

3/29/2019 – Friday

Typical Friday, After class, I went home, watched YouTube, played GTA V, worked out, and then we went out to eat C&J's BBQ. 4/10 mediocre at best and not worth the price tbh.

We then went out and saw Dumbo and it was pretty good. Very happy and feelsgood movie 😊.

We just had a small argument. I wanted to go to bed at 12 originally and then she changed it to 1 since she wanted to play some Overwatch. I was like can we do 12:30 since I can't sleep late anymore but she said no and got upset. I wanted some time to have sex and also lay down and just spend some time together and talk but apparently Overwatch is more important? I only have 2 months left at A&M and I want to spend more time with her. Overwatch will be with her next semester, but I won't be. She either doesn't see this or doesn't care; either way, what am I to do?

3/31/2019 – Sunday

I made some jungle juice yesterday for the CSA party and it was empty so that went well. Christina was drunk last night so when we woke up this morning, we went to get pho at Rosies. Since Emily's parents were coming over, Christina and I went to Below 5, Kung Fu Tea, and then Barns and Nobles which was nice. It was kind of like a date night. I bought her Jordan Peterson's 12 Rules for Life from Amazon since it was cheaper. Anyways, being at the bookstore made me want to read more so I'm going to start reading 12 Rules for Life again.

I didn't do any homework today but that's fine since I don't really have anything this week and I'll finish my response #2 for ENGR 482 tomorrow.

I beat GTA 5's last mission and now I'm just doing the assassination missions and stock trading. I might play Zelda BOTW soon this week.

We aren't planning on having sex tonight. We had earlier agreed on doing it at night, but she wanted to play Overwatch. I guess OW is more important or more fun than sex. I'm just going to fap at night after she falls asleep so it's whatever.

April

4/1/2019 – Monday

Just the usual today. I played GTA V (and I'm probably not gonna play it ever again now that I finished the campaign mostly), worked out, watched YouTube, and even went jogging with bae.

Last night, we got into an argument before bed. She asked why I didn't take her out and treat her to a meal. I couldn't understand why she would want such a thing; after all, she does know that I don't have that kind of money. In my defense, her parents have money and she is not a broke college student. Furthermore, I am actually a broke college student and once I get a job, I have loans, bills, and I have to help my parent's bills as well. Nonetheless, I don't see why I should pay. After all, it's 2019 ffs and I hate the whole notion of guys having to pay when the woman have just as much money if not more. I hate how society has this notion of guys having to do fucking everything and when I have kids, I will teach them to pay for their own meal and to never depend on others for a meal let alone their own happiness.

Anyways, from her perspective, she values the idea of the guy paying. Perhaps it's a societal thing, but even though I was raised like that, I don't agree with this whole notion. She then talked about how I don't do nice things for her like take out her dishes and what not. You're a grown fucking woman. You can do it yourself. I don't ask you to do stupid, unnecessary shit that I can easily do. The only thing that I can't easily do is go to HEB and on the occasion, other places but other than that, I'm not a lazy fuck and you shouldn't be one either. I don't do these frivolous things that you ask me not because I don't love you, but because I don't want you to be an entitled, lazy child. I'm not your parents and I will not enable this kind of behavior. Furthermore, I do other things for you that you can't easily do, mainly cooking which I enjoy and don't mind. I also push you to do your best and help you become a better person. Even though it may be tough sometimes, if I don't tell you the truth then who will. I hope you see this sometimes and not shallow things such as "he doesn't buy me dinner, so it means that he doesn't love me". Jesus Christ, sometimes I feel like I'm dating a child. I don't expect you to be perfect but you getting upset, crying, and then refusing to speak to me doesn't make it easy for us to have a meaningful discussion. I also hate that you put me on the spot by asking "what do you do for me" as if you want me to prove my love for you. What's worse is you think that I don't understand your side. I do understand your side. I don't agree with it one bit because it's ridiculous. If you wanted a boyfriend who can pay for your every dinner, then go ahead and date someone who'll do such a thing. There are plenty of guys who will do that chivalrous shit but I'm not one of them and I will never be. I don't understand how me paying for dinner makes it any more special than us splitting a dinner 50/50. You don't see me asking you to pay for my dinner because it'll make me happier and it'll make the date any more special. It's ridiculous that you want me to do such a thing just because I'm a guy and this is what society has taught us.

Anyways, I hope you understood our discussion last night and not hold this unnecessary grudge again. It's ridiculous that you held onto this idiotic notion for so long. Was I upset? Yes. Am I still upset? No, but I am a bit disappointed because I didn't think you'd have this ridiculous idea on what a guy should and shouldn't do in the name of love.

We got lunch at Panda today since she had an interview in the career center. It was her idea to get lunch and even though I wanted to save money and eat at home, I still went to lunch because it would be nice to spend time with her before I graduate. We talked about random things at first and after a bit, things naturally got quieter as we focused on eating and just enjoying each other's company. She pulls out her phone because she's bored and she feels like it's important to check the CSA officer chat because there were things going on or whatever. I told her to stop checking her phone because we're having lunch. She didn't really listen the 1st time and after that, I was just more disappointed, and I ate my Panda in silence. She eventually noticed and asked why I looked so sad and I told her the truth and of course, she was sad/mad and didn't say much while I explained my point. This lunch was your idea which was a good idea and I want to spend time with you. However, if you'd rather be on your phone half the time, then I don't see why we're even eating lunch together. We can be eating lunch separately and I wouldn't even notice a difference. Using your phone during lunch with your boyfriend is ridiculous. Is my company not enough for you? Are our conversations too dull? I don't understand why you insisted on getting lunch if you're going to do this crap. I'm not mad, just disappointed and confused and I hope you understand where I'm coming from.

She eventually apologized and promised to not do it again and that's all I really ask for. Neither of us are perfect but as long as we hold ourselves and each other responsible for our actions, then I think we'll be a pretty good couple. I do stupid shit too and I don't mind it when you call me out. It means that you aren't holding a grudge and it means that I get a chance to learn from my mistakes and improve myself as a person.

I'm going to get my suit measurements tomorrow for my sister's wedding so she's taking me. I asked her if she was still going to my sister's wedding, but she was hesitant about it and said "I get massive anxiety thinking about it. Try to understand from my perspective".

It makes me sad that she's so afraid of her parents. I don't want to be the bad guy who says "fuck your parents" but holy shit, have some balls woman. Stand up to them and stop avoiding your issues. This is definitely not the end of this conversation and I hope that we'll talk and that she'll change her mind and go to the wedding in the future. She's a part of my family and if she's too afraid of her parents to attend my sister's wedding, then I don't know if she's the one for me. If she's too afraid to confront her parents for my sister's wedding, then what about me and our future wedding. You're going to miss a once in a lifetime event because you were too afraid of your parents and yourself and one day, you're going to look back at this moment and wished that you'd gone. Life is short. Who cares what they think. You're a grown woman and you are responsible for your own future and happiness. Why are you giving your parents so much control? You don't have to confront your parents alone. I can help you and we can work through it together. I'm willing to do so but the question is, are you? If not, then what are we doing together.

4/2/2019 – Tuesday

Bae took me to get my suit sized today for my sister's wedding so that was nice. She also bought me Boba (large matcha slush from KFT) for dinner and it made me happy even though I never ask for much. Anyways, I know that the rant in last night's entry was a bit harsh, but it was

the worst of the worst that I felt during those moments. However, it's fair to say that these thoughts are not normally running through my mind and I'm usually 95% content with her and our relationship status. Making the entry as harsh as possible helps me cope.

Anyways, I didn't do anything else productive today. I worked out and watch YouTube/Netflix and played some Night in The Woods (no more GTA V). I also responded to some posts on Reddit and by doing that, it helped me reflect on my own experiences in a way since I could relate to them.

4/3/2019 – Wednesday

Just the usual today. My packages came in and I tried on my 3 new jackets and they looked nice and fit nicely for the most part. Her packages came in too as well and she looked amazing in them, especially the swimsuit. The book I bought for her (12 Rules for Life) came in as well and she started reading them.

I started working on the debate for ENGR 482 and that was the only productive thing today. I also started doing a summary, thoughts, and goals list for each chapter in 12 Rules for Life since this is my 2nd time rereading it. The first time, I kind of just read it and I didn't pay too much attention, so I forgot a lot of it. This time, I'm hoping to go slower and analyze my thoughts so that I can set some goals for myself.

4/5/2019 – Friday

Did my debate today for 482. Then we went to HEB to buy hotdogs for the potluck and it went well I think. I made some pico de gallo for it too. We then went to the movies and saw Pet Sematary which was decent. I don't think I'm going to watch any more horror films anymore for quite a while.

Christina ran an intersection without thinking twice to slow down and look. "I have right of way so its fine" Jesus how naïve can someone be. I'm scared that one day something bad is going to happen because she's so carefree about these types of things.

She was upset because I said "You might die one day if you do things like this" She was understandable upset. I apologized but even though she said everything was fine, she gave me the silent treatment and was quiet the rest of the ride and didn't talk much to me anymore. I hate it when she fucking does this. I understand you're upset but at least communicate. You could go "I need some space please don't talk to me for a bit" but instead I'm sitting there wondering if she's still mad even though I just apologized, and I don't know what else to do. I know I'm not right either but at least I'm willing to say something and not harbor a grudge.

4/6/2019 – Saturday

We talked about what happened last night before we went to bed and we worked it out so everything is good now. Anyways, I worked on my 456 project today as well as the 482 weekly quiz so today was productive. We then ate at Chuy's which was good, but the portion size was way too much. We then saw Shazam and it was surprisingly good. The trailer seemed kind of cheesy, but the movie was pretty good (for DC).

4/7/2019 – Sunday

Worked on my 456 project and 482 bonus. We were going to go to Poke for dinner, but her car battery didn't start. James tried to help but it didn't work so we had to call her insurance. This nice guy came and he was pretty chill. He tried to help us as well but that didn't work so we're going to get it towed tomorrow.

I worked on summarizing chapter 2 of 12 Rules for Life so there's that. I also worked out too. Overall productive day for the most part and I'm just taking it slow one step at a time.

I went to Christina's room to hug her at night. She was supposed to be studying but she was on discord chatting instead. She can't hold herself accountable to her own goals. Surprised? No. Disappointed? Yes.

4/8/2019 – Monday

I borrowed Sang's tie today to take my picture this week. It was nice chatting with him on the way back from the bus. I got home, ate, worked out, watched YouTube, etc etc just the usual. I also finished the PCI part of my 418 project so now I've done my fair share of the work in this useless fucking team. I then went with Christina to get her car towed afterwards. They said they'd fix it tomorrow so there's that. Steph gave us a ride home afterwards.

I've just been working out and chilling since I got home. I also finished summarizing chapter 3 of 12 Rules for Life and I'm going to aim to read and summarize 1 chapter a day hopefully.

Christina's working on her stupid CSA poster right now so hopefully she can trim my hair when she's finished.

4/9/2019 – Tuesday

I worked on both the 418 and 456 project today so that was good and productive. Other than that, I ate, watched YouTube, and worked out. I also finished reading and summarizing chapter 4 of 12 Rules for life so that's good since I'm still on track.

I started watching a documentary named The Red Pill (2017) and it's interesting. I'm not a menist or anything but its interesting to hear about the other side for once. Both genders have it rough differently and we should strive for equality. Neither gender, for the most part, are oppressing each other. We have to work together to change old social norms and expectations of both genders.

Also, Jack's groomsman is planning something this weekend for him. I can't go but I wish him the best. It feels weird being the youngest by probably about 10 years. I want to hang out with them after graduation, but I just still think it'd be weird since I'm basically just a kid to them lol. But we'll see. It'd be nice talking to some older people and I want to see what I can learn from them or see how differently they act vs people I usually hang out with who are my age.

4/11/2019 – Thursday

Last night, we got into an argument. She brought up her concern because she thought I was watching documentaries like The Red Pill and Peterson and that I was leaning right and that wasn't good in her eyes.

It's funny how watching a documentary on Men's rights somehow associates me with being a sexist because I want to learn more about men's rights. It's something that isn't often talked about. Both genders face very similar and also very different issues. Nowadays, it's mostly women's issues that are the focus. When someone wants to talk about men's rights, it's all of a sudden hate speech because "men aren't oppressed since they are oppressors". I learned a lot from watching the documentary. I've always heard bad things about MRA until I saw the documentary. I'm not saying that I agree with all their points, but I do agree with some of their points and they are very valid. The fact that she judged me without even watching the video was pretty sad.

She also was like "You watch Peterson and he's said some bad stuff about women. I've read and watched his stuff, so I know what I'm saying". It's the equivalent of me saying "You watch PewDiePie. You know he's a Nazi, sexist, and white supremacist, right" It's funny/sad that she sees the stupidity in the PewDiePie argument painted by the media but fails to see the hypocrisy when it comes to her views on Peterson. She and I both watch PewDiePie and we understand that he makes funny content and sometimes, he says Pepega things that are a bit crude and/or taken out of context. She fails to see that when I watch/read Peterson, it's because I want to better my life and learn from his teachings. I don't care about his controversial views on women/transgender just as I don't care about PewDiePie's. Just because I watch his stuff does not make me a sexist/transphobe/etc. I literally could not care less about these issues like hating gays/trans/women. Why would I waste my time to go out of my own way to fight these issues? It doesn't affect me, and I don't care. People can do whatever they want as long as it doesn't hurt anyone.

Also, it's funny how some there was this thing where PewDiePie was following people like Ben Shapiro and Peterson on Twitter and all of a sudden, they used it as a "you're just like them. See? We were right about you" Is what you did to me any different than this? How could you watch PewDiePie with all this controversy, which you know is BS because you enjoy his work, but yet do the same thing to me? Does me watching this documentary make me a menist and anti-feminist? Have you even seen the video? Is someone who reads about Nazis all of a sudden a Nazi themselves?

She was also very surprised when I mentioned that men faced issues too and she kinda saw that as a treat per say. WELL WOMEN HAVE ISSUES TOO WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT THAT. I do. We all do. I just wanted to learn more about men's issues. I'm not saying women don't experience issues just because I want to talk about men's. You're literally acting like the typical outrage culture media where if you're not with us then you're against us.

Jesus Christ both genders should get help. It shouldn't be a gender specific issue but rather a social issue. Far left feminist claim that they want equality for all but they do it at the cost of blaming men for being oppressors. This is an issue and if it's wrong to speak out against this because it makes me a sexist, then you need to reevaluate your beliefs.

Why do you get so personally attacked? This is why I don't like talking about controversial/serious topics with you anymore. You feel as if an attack on your beliefs is an attack on you personally.

At the end of the day, I just want to learn more about the other side of the argument and so should you. No one side is right and it's up for us to decide on which parts we agree on based on ALL of the opinions and evidence from both sides and not just one.

What happened to the girl I thought was open minded? I thought we could talk about anything, dumb or serious or whatever and at the end of the day, it's just interesting to talk about. How can I talk about these things when you can be so close minded sometimes, when you prejudice me/the documentary/Peterson based on your preconceived notions of what's right and wrong based off of what you see from a biased news media perspective? How can I talk to you when you're so heavily invested on one side of the argument and it's difficult to even talk about the other side of the argument, the one you don't believe in. The one where if it's right and you're wrong, then it's still wrong? We love each other for the way we make each other feel. We don't/aren't supposed to be upset about these small conflicts in opinions.

We eventually talked it out the next day when I came home today, and it was all good more or less. We didn't completely solve our differences but at least we made some progress and she started watching the Red Pill documentary. All I can hope for is that she at least starts learning that there's more than one side to an argument and that's OK because that's healthy.

I hope she doesn't fight me over this crap again. I had moments where I thought to myself if fighting this was worth it? Is our relationship worth fighting for over issues like this? Do people break up because of things like this? I was very sad yesterday and I don't know what would happen if we were to fight again on this issue. I could have said some things better/differently and so could she.

4/12/2019 – Friday

At night, Courtney a few other people were over with the roomies and she cried in the living room. I just wanted some yogurt 😞.

Also, they kept roasting my haircut, especially Bianca. Like ok, it was funny the first time but it's not funny the 50th time. Now you're just being an ass about it. I have feelings too you know. I don't know you guys anywhere close enough to be playfully insulted. She was also like "Oh it must suck to have a boyfriend with a bad haircut" when she thought I wasn't there. To be fair, she could have referred to generally rather than me but still.

I was a bit disappointed when Christina didn't do anything to help either. She was the one who ranted about this to the roomies in the first place. "Don't worry I'm just ranting to them and I'll ask her to fix your hair" She didn't even ask. All she did was rant about it and I had to ask Bianca for the scissors. Ugh she annoys me sometimes with how much she uses her phone.

Anyways, I can't wait to graduate and do my own thing and meet new people that I enjoy talking to. Christina is always like "Why don't you talk to my friends" They're not your friends or at least, not your close friends. You're not going to talk to any of these people again after graduation so who fucking cares. I know I don't. I'm sure most of them are good people but I could not care less. I don't care enough to socialize with people I don't care about anymore. I tried that out freshman and sophomore year and it drained me. I'm not doing it again and I've

never been happier. Why is it so hard for you to accept this? If they were your close friends back in Katy then I'd make an effort but they aren't and they aren't going to be around for long so it doesn't matter imo. I don't have much free time left until I start working again and I just want to spend it doing things I enjoy. Playing games, working out, talking to you, reading/self growth, and relaxing are things that I enjoy. Talking to people who I could not care less about does not. Nothing personal against them. Most of them are good people but I want to enjoy my last month here doing what I love.

4/13/2019 – Saturday

Christina and Emily got their rings today. It was nice putting the ring on her and being there for her big moment like she was there for mine. We were also on the College Station snapchat story so that was cool too. We got Taz after and it was good. Her friend, Ania, came up to visit as well and she seemed chill. Christina seemed much more like herself around her than she does around Emily. Maybe that's just because she hasn't seen her in a while but who knows. I like Ania much more than Emily, especially considering the fact that I don't really trust Emily anymore. Ania seemed much more relaxed and not uptight like Emily imo. Plus, she seems to know the struggle more or less and seems humble but who knows, I don't know her that well.

All in all, Ring day was fun and I was happy. Christina seemed happy as well and loved wearing her ring.

Jerry annoyed me by insisting that Carlson and I ring dunk for some reason. He kept on bringing it up after I politely said no so idk if he's trying to be funny or something but come on man, no means no. How hard is it to understand? It's not funny and you're not funny sometimes. Stop beating a dead horse. I admit that I was a bit mean to him about it but to be fair, I said no politely more than once, and he did not get the memo. I will try to be nicer next time.

I just wished he was a bit more serious sometimes. He's a nice guy and all but all he does is spew playful insults which is fun and all every not and then, but he doesn't seem like someone I can be serious around/talk about anything serious. Nice guy and all for the most part though.

4/14/2019 – Sunday

I got 2 honey chicken biscuits from Whataburger for lunch and poke for dinner. I'm so full. I need to eat out less/spend less/cook more. Anyways, I didn't do any HW this whole weekend but its ok. I played NITW and worked out and the usual and it was relaxing and fun. Life is good.

I think I've been eating a bit too much and I've been gaining weight/dad bod, so I need to watch myself a bit.

I'M GOING TO START FASTING NEXT SUNDAY I SWEAR.

4/15/2019 – Monday

Just the usual today. Class > home > YouTube > food > workout > homework (456 report) > food > YouTube > workout > 12 Rules for Life chapter 8 summary. Decently productive day today so there's that.

I've also been loving the Night in the Woods soundtrack and the covers, especially the cover of Die Anywhere Else. I might play a little bit tonight before bed.

Overall, life is good, and things are going great with bae for the most part. I know we've had some fights lately, but we worked through them and that's what matters imo.

I'm looking forward to this Thursday to eat hotdogs in Cstat and watch Penguins with bae.

4/16/2019 – Tuesday

I skipped class today because I was pretty lazy tbh. I did work on my 456 report though and got a lot done. Also, it's not like I pay any attention anymore anyways. I wished I actually enjoyed my classes, but I don't. Can't wait to graduate. I'll miss spending every day with bae but I'll still visit her and whatnot. Besides, I want to start making the dough and enjoy my life and travel and whatnot.

I'm so glad that I didn't apply to work at TxDOT in Bryan. There's not much to do around here tbh. I'd get pretty bored pretty fast.

I also finished playing NITW. Awesome game and now I'm sad that I've completed it 😞. Idk if I'll play a 2nd run. I might just watch YouTube videos of NITW of the different paths that I didn't play.

I also called my dad tonight to wish him good luck. He's getting his knee replacement surgery tomorrow. I know that everything will go fine but in the slight chance that something happens, I wanted to make sure that I heard his voice one last time. Best of luck to the old man.

4/17/2019 – Wednesday

Dad had his surgery today and it went well I think. He's still recovering at the hospital but I called mom and she said he'll be back home tomorrow. Glad that everything worked out just fine 😊.

Also met with my 418 team today. Everyone on this team is retarded, including myself. No one knows what they're doing. This class is retarded. I hate this project. At least I carried my own weight and finished the PCI stuff by myself so there's that. I'll let the team figure out the rest.

I was watching NITW Bea's version and the scene where Bea runs away, and Mae finds her at the riverbank was sad and relatable in a certain way. Mae is kind of a dick. Bea is upset/jealous in a way that Mae's life is better, but she threw away college which was something Mae could only dreamt of having. Instead, she is stuck helping her dad run the store and both of them are basically stuck in the dead-end town and they're nothing more than proximity friends. Even though they're proximity friends, it's better than being alone.

I don't know if my high school friends are proximity friends sometimes. I want to do things like travel, but they don't really want to do much and I sometimes wonder if we're actually good friends. I enjoy their company but sometimes, I want more. Idk I know I kind of sound like an ungrateful asshole. I'm grateful for the things they've done for me. I just want some friends who are willing to do new and exciting things with me. Idk what I want really.

4/18/2019 – Thursday

We got the boujee hotdogs yesterday at Northgate. They were good, but definitely not worth the price. I still prefer my gas station hotdogs any day. It was an interesting experience though so there's that.

We then went to the movies and saw Disney's *Penguins* and it was pretty good. Steve was a clumsy penguin, but he tries his best and it really makes you think about life. The penguins work so hard just to survive and what's the point. All that walking, all the hunting, all that surviving against the elements and other animals. Life as a penguin sucks. Glad I'm a human but then again, are human lives that much different? Grow up, school, work, kids, work, retire, enjoy life a bit, and then die. Are we any different than these penguins? What's the point of it all?

4/19/2019 – Friday

No classes today so that's cool. I finished my 482 quiz and worked on my 418 report so it was a productive day overall. Javi came over and is staying the night. We got poke and I ate way too much and I still don't feel too good 😞.

Anyways, I worked out a bit and played some OW when bae was off at Tutor John. When she finished studying earlier, she insisted on playing OW before getting poke and then going to Tutor John. Stupid idea and I was right for making her get poke first since once she finished eating, she had no time to play OW anyways and had to go to tutoring shortly after. I'm right once again and I have to be the responsible one. I don't think she thinks too far ahead sometimes and would rather have that extra bit of pleasure, even if it came at a cost.

When she got home, she insisted on playing OW right away which was fucking annoying. Like Jesus Christ, go shower first and then play. OW isn't going anywhere. I know you. You won't stop playing until the time we agree to sleep. Then you will take forever and if we decide to sleep at one, you won't actually be in bed until 30-45 mins after because you take forever to shower and get ready for bed. It's annoying and I don't understand how hard it is to get ready on time. I live here too and I need to sleep on time. When I'm gone next year, you can do whatever the fuck you want for all I care. Stay up until 5 if you want. I'm going to be too busy working to care about your life. You're too old for me to tell you that you should play so much, that you should study more, that you should not go to bed too late, and that you should grow up sometimes. It feels like I'm always the bad guy for wanting pretty reasonable and responsible things like sleeping on time and studying more instead of playing.

You failed to get into PPA once. Don't fail again. I don't want to be right a 2nd time. "Oh no you don't think I can get into PPA. Why aren't you supporting me?"

I'm being honest based on my observations. You had a terrible study habit last semester and it's not a surprise you didn't get into PPA. Your study habits may be better this semester but don't get so cocky. Get into PPA and then you I'll believe you.

4/20/2019 – Saturday

Today feels like a Sunday so it's weird that I don't have school tomorrow. Basically, an extra day to dick around and enjoy myself. I got some work done today on the 456 report so there's that.

I finished recapping Ch 10 in 12 Rules for Life so that was good too. Just 2 more chapters to go. It's interesting rereading it a 2nd time and really taking the time to analyze what I'm reading. I read way too fast last time and I didn't retain/forgot a lot of the information. I've been learning a lot the 2nd time around so that's good.

Bae signed and accepted my sister's wedding invite so there's that. I'm happy and I hope she doesn't flake on this zzz. Idk what she's so scared of. She will be in summer school by that time anyway, so her parents won't even see her. It's not that I even want her to go that badly. It's that my family wants her to go as well since she's part of the family. She makes me happy and my family knows that, and they want to include her into our family. I hope she understands this and realizes that it means a lot to me and my family and it makes us happy.

Going to try fasting for the first time tomorrow but idk how that will go. Let's hope I actually commit to it.

4/21/2019 – Sunday

Got into a fight about bagging again. Zzzz. I really don't care. Yes, she may be right, but I'm not going to go first then. If she wants to speed things up, she can do it herself. I'll do it if I'm first but that's it.

4/23/2019 – Tuesday

I got nothing productive done today. All I did when I got home was ate lunch from Smash and then played OW until like 9 and then I ate dinner. Never again. I feel like a useless bum.

4/24/2019 – Wednesday

Finished the 423 practice exam today and worked on the 456 presentation that I have tomorrow so there's that.

We got into another fight yesterday. She jokingly said she wanted me to pay for her nails and when I got a bit upset, we got angry at each other. I still think that she has some resentment or something and still wants me to "spoil" her and crap. If she wants to be spoiled financially, then she's betting on the wrong horse. Also, when I asked if there's anything else wrong that she wants to talk about, she brings up the valentine's gift. I thought it was a nice little gift for the future, but I guess I was wrong. I took the letter back the next morning and threw it away. I haven't told her yet though. Maybe I'll wait until I get her a gift or something idk.

All is good now or so I hope. Sometimes, I don't even know anymore.

4/26/2019 – Friday

Two exams today (CVEN 423 and ENGR 482). I don't care what I get as long as I pass with a C so there's that.

We went to formals today. It was nice. I underdressed since my nice clothes are at home because I didn't think I'd need them since I got a job an all. I still looked good though so there's that. Bae won the "Always Late" award and also "Hottest in the Office" award.

4/27/2019 – Saturday

Bae's parents came today so I woke up early and went to the front office to study. I got a lot of work done on the 418 report so that was good.

Avengers Endgame came out today. We ate at Razoo's before going to the movies and it was good. It was a bit pricey tbh so it wasn't worth imo. I found \$5 at BJ's after watching the movies so that was good 😊.

Endgame was good, and I'd watch it again. RIP Iron Man. No one misses Blackwidow.

4/28/2019 – Sunday

Worked on my 456 report a bit today. Other than that, I just played OW, worked out, watch YouTube, and chilled. Life is good. Not stressed out at all.

May

5/2/2019 – Thursday

Busy week. Finished my last and only final today which was the 418 presentation. The report is due tomorrow so I've gotta work on that a bit but the hard part is over. Now it's time to relax and enjoy my free time before I start working. Maybe I'll go swimming tomorrow. I'm definitely going to go jogging and work out.

5/5/2019 – Sunday

Bianca's James's birthday today, so we went to BJ's to eat. Other than that, I worked out and played a bunch of OW and Age of Mythology. Feelsgoodman. Also finished the summary for the last chapter of 12 Rules for Life. I'm going to go back and reanalyze it tomorrow or something we'll see.

5/6/2019 – Monday

I uninstalled Overwatch. I hate competitive games. They take up so much time. I enjoy playing games that have a certain ending, mostly single player games. It's so much better for my time when I know that there's an end and that I'll stop playing once I beat the game. I can't beat online games like OW/DotA and they simply take up too much time and for me, I use it as a sort of time sink because I have nothing better to do.

I played AOM and worked out and ran. Other than that, just the usual and I'm trying to take it easy.

5/7/2019 – Tuesday

I played AOM, worked out, and enjoyed my day. Made hot dogs for dinner so there's that. Also, bae didn't go to the CSA officer retreat since there was none.

Steph's early 1-month bday celebration was today. I could not care less and think it's a bit strange why they're celebrating it 1 month early. I've noticed that bae spends a lot of money on buying gifts for everyone's bday because she feels obligated or something idk. Gifts are kind of pointless imo but that's just me. And she wonders why her credit card monthly bill is so high. \$1,500 Jesus Christ. If I were her parents, I'd teach her the value of money and not let her spend so much on crap. When we have kids, I'm not going to spoil their asses like this. They have to work for their money.

5/8/2019 – Wednesday

Same as yesterday. Played AOM, worked out, watch 1 Jordan Peterson lecture video, and enjoyed my day. I also finished analyzing and wrapping up my analysis of 12 Rules for Life. I love this book and it has thought me a lot about myself and what I want.

Only a few more days left until graduation. It seems like so long ago when I was a freshman. I remember coming up here with my sister and getting lunch and talking to the financial aid office. I remember moving into my dorm with my father freshman year. I remember being a lost freshman. I didn't know where to go, what to do, or who to talk to but now, here I stand with much more wisdom and knowledge. I've learned a lot about myself, my life, and what

I want from myself and other people. However, I still feel the same more or less on the inside. I still have so many questions about life and I still feel lost, but just lost in a different way.

Time really goes by fast. I guess I've got to make the most out of life and experience this cursed gift.

5/10/2019 – Friday

Graduation today! My parents came along with my sister, Jack, and Christina. The ceremony was pretty boring, and it was 3 hrs of my time I'll never get back. I guess it's more for the parents and it was nice seeing my parents happy. Man, it feels like yesterday when I first started my freshman year at A&M and yet, there I was moving out. Life goes by fast.

It's going to be weird not living with bae anymore now that I've graduated. It's better for my sleep, but I'll miss having someone around to cuddle with, talk to, laugh with, and care for on a daily basis. It seems like yesterday when we were still strangers who were just friends. Time goes by fast. I guess today marks the rest of my life when I start working next month until I retire. I don't want to grow up sometimes 😞

5/12/2019 – Sunday

Going on the cruise tomorrow from Monday to Friday so there's that. I'm excited to get out of the house. It's been so boring ever since I've gotten home. I don't want to play video games, but I don't have much to do. I feel like I should do literally anything else but idk. I wanna travel but idk.

Went out with Randy, Daniel, and Rolando today to get wing stop and play games. Adrienne came later that night and we all played 21 and she won \$1 from each of us. Overall, the night was chill and fun. I'll take this over going out and getting wasted any day.

5/14/2019 – Tuesday

Overall, cruise has been fun and relaxing so far. I realized that after looking at so many fit and unfit bods, I need to work out more and get into good shape and maintain my health. I've gotta exercise more and eat healthier.

Anyways, went gambling today and also yesterday. Lost \$20 to the rigged coin pushing game. I enjoy watching people play and I would play if I were any good. Some Mexican chick gave my mom and I a coin that fell randomly and we put out coins in together and a bunch of coins came out. It was nice of her to split it and it was a fun experience overall. It's the little moments in life like this that makes it alright.

I saw some gliding fishes today and also managed to get a video of dolphins swimming so that was cool. Worked out/jogged for 40 min and sunbathed too much. I helped two couples take their pictures so that was a nice experience as well.

I've been having a lot of existential thoughts the past few weeks. I spent a lot of time just walking around the top deck and just thinking about life as I looked out onto the sea. At night, I gaze up and look at the stars in the sky and realize that they too have planets and maybe it has life. Maybe their life is looking up into the sky like I am as well. Since they're so far away, their

light is in the past and they might be dead or something for all we know. Or maybe we're the only ones out there and the universe is a lonely place.

I'm on a metal ship in the middle of the ocean hundreds of miles from land. There's nothing but the deep, scary, and unknown ocean surrounding me. Life is weird. We're so small. Life is ultimately meaningless, and we should enjoy ourselves as much as we can and not spend our whole lives slaveing away and accumulating meaningless wealth that we can't take with us. In 100 years, we will be forgotten and that's just life. I wonder how different life would be in 100, 1000, and 1 million years. We wouldn't even be recognizable by then. All that I'm doing and will have done now will not matter at all. I guess that although it's scary to think about, it's also somewhat calming to know that this is just life. Nothing more than an unwanted curse and gift and we should just enjoy ourselves and be nice to the people we love and care about. All our problems or at least my problems are insignificant in the grand scheme of things and in a strange way, that's comforting as we are all on the same journey.

5/15/2019 – Wednesday

Arrived in Cozumel Island in Mexico today. We went to the Mayan temple excursion today and it was pretty interesting seeing the ruins and learning the history. Too bad they were wiped out by the Spaniards. We got lunch at a local Mexican restaurant and it was good. The beach there was nice too. We didn't get a chance to swim because it was way too hot and there was no fresh water. Overall, the excursion was fun, but it was way too hot. I want to try scuba diving or something else next time. Mayan temples were nice and all but it's a try it once only kind of thing imo.

5/16/2019 – Thursday

Last full day on the cruise today. I skipped breakfast since I've been letting myself go this cruise break and I don't look/feel so good eating that much. I've been working out on my abs today and I'm going to go running tonight no matter what.

It's been nice just waking up, chilling, eating, napping, working out, and sleeping with no responsibilities. If only life was always like this. So much shit to do and so many ways to do it. Sometimes, I wish I was a kid again with no responsibilities. I'm still young right now so I guess I should enjoy myself before I turn old and look back one day and wished I didn't waste my 20s. I've gotta play less video games and start getting my shit together and enjoy my 20s more.

My high school friends are good people and all for the most part but idk I feel like something is missing when we hang out. Like I love getting food and chilling while playing board games and talking and all, but I want to try new things like camping and traveling and I feel like they don't want to try those things unless I put in a lot of effort and plan everything. I'm probably just going to go myself and/or find new friends online who want to do the same.

When I get back home, the first thing I'm doing is deleting all of my video games. I have a love/hate relationship with my video games. I love the joy that it brings me a lot of times but at the same time, I can't help but feel like I'm wasting my life away. I'm still young and physically able to do anything I want, and I feel like I should do those things while I still can rather than play games during my free time. I love games and all, but I think it's time that I grew up. I'm

still going to watch some dota but I'm going to definitely cut back. At least when I watch something, I can multitask and work out and be somewhat productive.

I'm kind of excited to come back home. The cruise overall was fun and relaxing, and it gave me a lot of time to think about my life and what I want/need to do in the future.

Goals/to do for when I get home:

- Subscribe to more useful subreddits
- Set doctor's appointment
- Work out and go jogging every day
- Finish self-authoring program
- No more eating out!!!
- Try new sexual things with bae

We saw Spider-Man (the multiverse) one tonight and it was pretty good. Very well animated! All the multiverses made me think of that was really true and if somewhere out there, there's another me who might be slightly different or completely different. Which version of the me's am I? Life gets too weird when you think about it too much.

5/17/2019 – Friday

Got a ticket today for doing a rolling stop at the stop sign near the YMCA. There was no one there anyways why does the cop even give a shit. Anyways, Minh said he'll tell his friend who will ask the officer to not show up. Hopefully, he doesn't show up, so I don't have to pay \$239 zzzzz. FML

5/19/2019 – Sunday

I uninstalled Age of Mythology. I'm going to be more productive starting tomorrow! Also, I checked my Vanguard and I gained \$211 from putting in \$2,000 so there's that. Seems good to feel like an adult.

5/20/2019 – Monday

Bae came over today and we saw A Dog's Life 2 or whatever it was called. She cried a lot. Decent movie, unnecessary plots/events. 6.5/10

We got Grub Burger after and we saw AJ. He gave us a 50% discount, so I tipped him \$5 when I noticed. He had apparently dropped out a few years ago and started working here. He seemed happy. He said he was happy for me and I'm happy for him. Life moves fast.

There was a hole in the chimney that I had to patch up so that took a while. I also helped with the HOA guy again and talked to Mr. Le. Kind of boring but I guess if I don't do it, then who will?

Also I fixed bae's broken necklace and I'm going to give that to her this Wednesday along with the belated Valentine's letter that she can open and not wait zzz.

5/21/2019 – Tuesday

Didn't do much today. Just worked out like usual and watched a bunch of YouTube videos. I registered to vote today so there's that. Also cleaned my room again and helped out around the house by cleaning the gutters.

I want to get out of the house so I'm going to start planning something this weekend idk. I just need to stop being a bum.

5/22/2019 – Wednesday

Went to the beach with Ba today. We caught 12 crabs so that was good. I caught like half of them so that was pretty fun. It was nice spending time with the old man. I remember when it used to be the whole family going to the beach back when we were kids. Now, it's mainly just my dad going alone. Sometimes, my mom and I come but not that often. It makes me happy going because it makes him happy and I enjoy that more than anything.

Christina came over after I got back from crabbing. We ate a crab each and I helped her and whatnot. I also gave her the necklace that I fixed and also the belated Valentine's letter so there's that. All in all, a good day.

5/23/2019 – Thursday

Just another typical day at home this week. Helped out around the house, helped with the HOA, cleaned up a bit, worked out, and relaxed. I've been watching Hamilton's Pharmacopeia lately and it's been pretty good so far. Very interesting show and very knowledgeable guy.

Ate at Salata and saw Aladdin with mom today. It was pretty good and I can't wait to watch the Lion King.

Still no word from TxDOT. Why is the government so slow zzzzz.

5/24/2019 – Friday

I haven't been doing much this whole week. It's way too hot outside to go anywhere, so I've just been at home relaxing. Maybe I'll go to Schlitterbahn or something by myself next week or this summer. We'll see.

I hung out with Daniel, Randy, and Rolando yesterday. We played Smash and Poker and I won Poker and some Smash rounds with Rob. All in all, it was fun and we talked about random life shit lol.

5/25/2019 – Saturday

Same old, same old today. Christina didn't want to go to the wedding because of her summer classes. I understand that she's busy from 8-5:30 every day and that she's overwhelmed. All I'm asking for is 4-5 hours of her Saturday for me and my family. She feels overwhelmed about her classes that she can't fathom having time for anything else. I just don't understand. All you have to do is relax and plan out your week. It's only 5 weeks and she's making it seem like it's complete hell. Like just relax, it'll be fine. Just do your best and don't dick around/waste time on social media or your stupid fucking games.

I bet if she doesn't go, she'll end up just dicking around at home on her phone/computer on social media and video games. I know her. And this is why I'm upset that she says she won't have enough time to go.

5/26/2019 – Sunday

I got a lot of productive things done today. Mowed the lawn, cleaned and washed my car and the black one, gave Chewie a bath, and I'm almost finished painting my frames and closet in my room. I played a little bit of Poker on FB with my brother and I won a lot of chips so there's that. He did give me a couple hundred thousand so that was cool. All in all, a good and productive day.

My uncle and aunts are coming over from Vietnam tonight so there's also that.

5/27/2019 – Monday

I started painting my room today. I painted my door frames black and also the top of my closet because why not.

Played Smash with Daniel, Randy, and Rolando and it was fun. I'm getting better and I'm decent at ROB now.

5/28/2019 – Tuesday

I did my drug and physical test today so there's that. There was another young guy around my age and I'm assuming the same position as me as well. Anyways, nurse took my height and I am indeed 5'10" so that's pretty nice.

I finished painting my room today and I hung up the paintings that bae drew for me. My room is starting to look nicer. Now all I need is some money to buy new furniture and my room will be set.

Ate BBQ with my bro, parents, and uncle/aunt 7. It was pretty good, but too filling. My mom, my bro, and I roasted my dad for not using his walker since he's so afraid of people looking and judging him and he's stubborn and think's he's young and strong.

Played smash with Daniel, Randy, and Francisco after dinner. We played poker too and I won OMEGA EZ glap.

5/29/2019 – Wednesday

Didn't do much today. Ate lunch in Chinatown with my dad and uncle/aunt 7 at this dry and wet noodle place. We went to Viet Hoa after and although I was very tempted to buy an aloe drink, I didn't since it has a lot of sugar and I don't really need it.

Didn't do much the whole day but watch YouTube and worked out. I also made a smoothie for dinner so there's that.

I hate how my dad is so stubborn and want's to be the macho man of the house no matter what. Just use your fucking walker for fucks sake and you'll heal faster and be off of your pain pills. Do you want to recover within months or take an entire fucking year because you're so fucking stubborn. Jesus fucking Christ. I'm not going to take care of you when you're old and weak when you're the one who's not taking care of yourself/your body. You're only making things worse because you can't accept the fact that you're getting weaker and that's ok. So fucking stubborn.

5/30/2019 – Thursday

Went to that couple's house back near my old apartment to pick up some chairs and tables for the wedding with my dad. The grandma's granddaughter goes to A&M and is an architect in her 2nd year. The grandma said that she recognized me, but I've never seen her before at A&M since I didn't know that she went and even if I did, it's been over a decade, so I'm still surprised she recognized me. Small world. Funny how I only go to the architect building to sleep on their nice couches lol.

Ba said that he went to the doctor and the doctor told him not to use the walker anymore. Guess I was wrong. However, with his stubborn ass, I'd rather be safe than sorry.

TxDOT finally sent me the final documents for work and so I'm officially starting this upcoming Monday June 3rd. I'm excited to start making money but at the same time, it's just a feelsweirdman to work here potentially for the rest of my life. I guess it's time to become a wage cuck.

It was my cousin Think's Bday today, so we ate at Hibachi.

5/31/2019 – Friday

I rode with Chi Tram from Cali and her mom to Ocean Palace. We had a rehearsal dinner tonight at Ocean Palace with my side of the family and Phat's side. Phat's side were late (ofc) since they wanted to meet at 7 but told us to meet at 6. Anyways, I sat next to Co Thrinh and we talked a lot about general stuff and our family. I also met a lot of old relatives whom I haven't seen before in a while so there's that. I saw uncle Robert and Richard and they look so different. Oh how fast time flies. Uncle Robert already has 2 daughters. Next thing I'll know, I'll be the old one pepehands. Life FeelsWeirdMan

After we went back home, I went over to Daniel's to play some smash and chilled with Daniel, Rolando, and Randy. It was pretty chill and nice. ROB OMEGAEZ Glap

June

6/1/2019 – Saturday

Today was the big day. I didn't get home until 2am and by then, I couldn't fall asleep and when I did manage to get a little bit of sleep, I kept on waking up, so I ended up with almost no sleep at all. My sister wanted me to drive to the venue later on and serve as DD so I was a bit upset since she didn't tell me before; anyways, I was a bit upset and she managed to understand.

I had to help my family out the whole morning and then I went over to Phat's mom's house to help out. I got dressed with the best man (Adam) and the other 2 groomsmen (Anthony and Gustavo) and helped carry a bunch of gifts out. We then drove to my place to give the gifts and then we began the long ass introduction and ceremony which I will definitely not do for my wedding zzz. It was weird seeing so many people and being an integral part of the whole ceremony and whatnot.

Afterwards, we ate at home and then we went to the venue to help get everything set up and practice the rehearsals. It was so tiring and hot, so I was extremely tired and sleepy after everything was finished.

5:30 came so the ceremony started. Literally 50% of the entire guests were late so that was fun lol. They missed the main ceremony and that's what they get for using Asian time. Anyways, Christina came which was nice since it not only meant a lot for me, but also for my family and I got to introduce her to a lot of other people/relatives. It was weird going around and shaking hands and whatnot and introducing her and everything lol.

There were lots of photoshoots and I had little time to eat and spend with Christina so there was that. She left early since she had to study tomorrow so it all worked out. We then did the indoor ceremony (twice since they missed some pics the first time). Afterwards, I just spent a lot of time wandering around, talking to people, and attending various photoshoots with the grooms/brides and also 2 with bae.

Later in the night, I talked to Nancy, her mom, and Co Thrinh so that was nice. It was hard to understand Nancy's mom, but I made it work somehow (I think). Co Thrinh MVP for sitting with us and not the other tables since my mom gave her the short end of the stick peepoRIP. Anyways, after I finished eating, Uncle Robert's 2 daughters (6 & 4) started playing and messing with me for some reason. Then, other small kids saw that and joined them and next thing I knew, there were a few kids messing with me, pulling my hair, and pinching my cheeks. They then wanted to dance with me and so I did and also spun them around in the air.

This reminded me of 12 Rule's for Life's Ch 12, Pet a cat when you encounter one on the street. For those brief moments and interactions that night with the kids, it made me forget about all my troubles and worries in life. I felt like I was a kid again, or at the very least, I was trying my best to understand what they were thinking. For them, the only thing on their mind was having fun and running around and laughing. They didn't care who it was, whether they were old or young, black or white, rich or poor, etc. I made them laugh and I agreed to play/interact with them in their world and so, that was enough for them to hang out with me for that night. No prejudice, no worries, only fun. I guess it made me realize how moments like these in life are ones that most people may not care about/forget, but it helped me realize that these are the small things in life that make everything a little bit better. For those brief moment, I can forget about all of my problems in life and enter their world, a carefree world with nothing to worry about but

the present and how to enjoy it with anyone. If only life were always that simple. When in my life did I lose this sense of innocence in enjoying the moment and seeing the world for what it isn't? I guess that's just a part of life, isn't it.

6/3/2019 – Monday

First day of the rest of my life today. We did the new employee orientation so there's that. Not much else happened. Didn't get my log in yet so I can't do much. I met my supervisor and she seemed chill. My group has a lot of EA's for some reason.

Ate dinner at Kim Son later. More family drama about wedding and whatnot. It's w/e man idc. I'm too tired to care.

6/4/2019 – Tuesday

2nd day today. I met Caesar who was one of the other EA's and he was pretty nice. Other than that, I didn't do much the whole day. I read more on the policies/benefits and I read over the EA guidebook. I also read a lot of How to Win Friends and Influence People during the day. I'm gonna do the ch 1 summary tonight hopefully.

My schedule is 7:00 am to 3:30 pm with a 30 min lunch at around 12.

Parents, relatives, and my sister are in Austin with Co Hanh, so it's just me and Chewie at home. Poor, old Chewie. He kept on waiting at the garage door waiting for my parents to come home 😞.

I've been eating healthy this week for lunch at least. 1 apple, 1 pear, some yogurt, ritz crackers, and some cashew(?) nuts. I ate 2 gas station hotdogs for dinner though 😞. There wasn't even any pico de gallo, so it wasn't even good.

6/5/2019 – Wednesday

Finally got my log in later today after lunch. I spent most of the day reading policies, HTWFAIP, and dicking around on Reddit. I'm going to be more productive starting tomorrow!

Parents came back home from Austin today with my aunts, uncles and my sister. Chewie didn't pee today when I got back from work which was nice, especially considering the fact that it rained a lot the entire day.

I talked to Dan a bit tonight and tried to help him out. He seems like he wants to learn and be better but just needs a bit of guidance/experience to help him out. His dad doesn't seem to know much to help him and Co is a bit busy or something. I guess me helping him out is good in that I can pretend he's my son and I guess gain some parenting skills when it comes to helping/mentoring someone younger than myself lol. I'm also going to apply for the Big Brothers program. I just need to find some references first lol.

6/7/2019 – Friday

I finished reading HTWFAIP and it was great. I need to do the 1-chapter summary a day in order to fully comprehend everything in it though. Anyways, just doing some training at work so it's been pretty chill.

Played smash with the bois yesterday and also today. Franc was there after he came back from Louisiana. Anyways, just chilling and we watched Dark Phoenix and it was pretty bad imo.

6/8/2019 – Saturday

First weekend after work. I need to plan out my weekends next time and not stay home all day.

I received a letter from the Sides and it was nice hearing back from them. They're genuinely nice people and I hope to keep in contact with them.

Went to this hammock bar with Molly, Adrienne, Gabe, Randy, and Rolando and it was pretty chill. We drank and played Uno and then ate some tacos. Would go there again. A bit hot and humid outside though.

6/10/2019 – Monday

I did some Microstation training today so there's that. Sophia was back on vacation, so I met her. I think she said she was going to give me some work tomorrow monkaS. I don't think I'm ready, but I guess I'll learn as I go.

I emailed the Sides so there's that. Other than that, just a typical weeknight. Go home, eat, shower, work out, watch YouTube, 1 chapter summary on HTWFAIP, and work on my journal. I'm gonna plan more activities in the near future after I get my paycheck and after I pass my PE.

6/11/2019 – Tuesday

I inherited Sarah's project today 😞. I didn't know what the fuck I was doing, and I still don't know what to do tomorrow. Also, I feel sick today and there's that stupid constant phlegm in my throat. I don't think that I want to stay in project development. Maintenance sounds more fun tbh. I talked to Chu Hieu today and he was pretty nice. I want to work with him in the future if possible and I feel like I could learn a lot.

I saw the Secret Life of Pets 2 today with mom. It was alright but it was nice watching it with her since she likes watching animated movies and dad doesn't want to do and my siblings are busy so it's just me since she doesn't want to go by herself.

6/12/2019 – Wednesday

EA meeting was today and that was interesting and a good break from the stress. I was just working on the report and a bit on GEOPAK tutorial for the most part. I met Eli for the 2nd time today (forgot who he was the 1st time since it's been a while). Anyways, Eli, Caesar, and Kaitlyn seem nice and willing to help me out with GEOPAK later. They understand the struggle of learning GEOPAK and it's nice that they are so willing to help.

I cut the damn peach tree outside today. Parents thought it was ugly and short and wanted it dead. Took a lot of time and sweat but we managed to saw it down and it was my workout for the day.

6/13/2019 – Thursday

Spent the whole day working on excel for SH 35.

Helped replace the broken camera so there's that. I also worked out too so today was productive. I'm excited to visit bae tomorrow.

6/14/2019 – Friday

I visited bae today after work. It was nice seeing her again after a few weeks. We ate at Lupe's which was alright but not worth the price peepoRIP wallet. Anyways, she talked a lot about her past two weeks and it was nice hearing her talk about her accomplishments and future plans. It's nice knowing that she has motivation and is not a bum anymore (like Loco). She was like the interviews were impressed with her experience at the SEC and she was good at interviewing. I was right smiley face. She finally realized that it was good that she got experience interning and interviewing and that I was right to push her to try hard. It was nice hearing that and nice hearing how she likes that I'm not a lazy bum like Loco and that I helped her better herself.

Also, Loco found out that she had a bf and it was like something died on the inside for him. Pretty pathetic how he probably thinks that "oh damn, she has a bf? If she was single, I could be her bf" Like bro, look at yourself. If she was single, you would never have a chance. Work on yourself and get your shit together. This is just getting sad. I hope he grows up even though I don't know him at all.

We fucked at night and I came a lot since I hadn't fapped since Monday. Feelsgoodman

6/15/2019 – Saturday

We watch an episode of Black Mirror while eating roasted veggies and it was a nice moment. I'm glad I visited 😊.

I went home and my family and I went over to my sister's place and we had a BBQ with way too much food because my dad is always fucking afraid of not having enough and he was like "oh just invite your family over tomorrow and let them finish the food" like dude he's not going to and now he has all this meat like stop worrying about them and worry about yourself old man smh.

Anyways, food was good and so was cake. Thomas was pepega as always.

6/16/2019 – Sunday

Got com tam for lunch with parents and Minh and didn't do much after I got back home except fap, sleep, YouTube, and work out. Other than that, I've been mainly thinking about work and what I want to do with my life/career.

6/17/2019 – Monday

I'm feeling much more confident working with Microstation/GEOPAK. Got some progress done today so there's that. Talked to Chu Hieu a bit just general stuff so that was nice. He was pretty helpful. Also joined the 30 min a day 3 days a week workout thing MWF so we'll see how that goes.

I went to Hobby Lobby after work and I was going to buy some painting material but idk I don't feel like it anymore. I was just overwhelmed and got lazy at the thought of painting something decent. Other than that, just a typical weeknight. Worked out and watch YouTube and took it easy.

6/18/2019 – Tuesday

Same old, same old. Just the usual at work. I was in a 2 hr meeting about the public meeting this Thursday and next Wednesday and it was boring asf. Other than that, normal day practicing Microstation.

Just the usual at home again. I packed some workout clothes for tomorrow. I'm going to do some cardio so we'll see how that goes.

6/20/2019 – Thursday

Went to my first public meeting. Didn't get home until 9. I can't imagine working this late almost every single day and I'm glad I'm not.

6/21/2019 – Friday

Hung out with the guys and they stayed over. Got Mexican food at this place called Cancun. I'm definitely going back. Good and affordable.

6/22/2019 – Saturday

Same as yesterday. We also went swimming at Adrienne's pool with Molly and then got dinner and chilled at my place afterwards. We tried cupping so that was interesting lol. Overall, chill night.

6/23/2019 – Sunday

Overall, this past weekend has been nice and chill. I'm going to start drinking less at parties though. It's nice just chilling and doing simple things and not having to blow so much \$\$\$\$. Overall, good weekend.

6/24/2019 – Monday

Got a new project today (I-69). It's due next year so this is a time crunch zzz. Idk what I'm doing but at least Sophia is supposed to be working on this project somewhat too.

Typical weekday after work again. Also tried to find some upcoming events to go to so we'll see how that goes.

6/28/2019 – Friday

I went to Hermann Park right after work. It was raining but then it was only sprinkling a little bit in the beginning when I got there. I spent a lot of time in the Japanese Garden and everything was just amazing. The clouds, the lighting, the light rain; everything was just perfect and peaceful.

I went to the symphony for a little bit and it was very relaxing.

Overall, I had a lot of time to relax and think about my life, particularly my career. This is the point in my career where I decide how much time I need to/should put into focusing my career. I don't want to work myself to death, but I also don't want to be lazy. I want to try my best and rise to a reasonable position while also enjoying my life. I will try harder at work from now on and give it my 100%.

Afterwards, went to Daniel's place with Daniel, Randy, Rolando, and Adrienne. We played a little bit and talked about life. Overall, I hope the boys grow up and I wish them the best, especially Rolando. They seem so lost but don't know how to make it better.

6/29/2019 – Saturday

My first paycheck came in! Turns out, they didn't withhold my first paycheck and it came in really quick. I started the YNAB 1 year trial and I started working on my budgeting. I don't know if I want to continue using YNAB or if I should use excel. Guess we'll see how it goes.

We went to Adrienne's to swim and then got Wing Stop. We went to Daniel's after and talked more about life and random crap.

6/30/2019 – Sunday

I stayed at home today. I prepped the roasted veggies and will cook them tonight.

Today, I'm going to work on YNAB mostly and take care of some ERS and healthcare crap zzz.

July

7/1/2019 - Monday

It was a pretty productive day at work today and I got a lot done; I finished the line diagram and I just need her to check it, so I can improve it.

Other than that, typical weekday as usual. I heated up the leftover veggies from yesterday and they were still good to eat.

I'm going to work on YNAB the rest of the night.

7/2/2019 - Tuesday

Saw Toy Story 4 today with Mom. We ate at La Salata before watching the movie like usual. It was alright. Can't wait for Lion King to come out.

7/3/2019 - Wednesday

Tomorrow is July 4th so there's that. Interesting day at work today. Talked with Sofia and learned a lot about her and her personality. Sucking up to the boss feels goodman.

Also, today was Wahida's last day I think.

7/4/2019 - Thursday

4th of July today. Went to sister's house for a BBQ with her husband's family. I don't know these people.

7/5/2019 - Friday

Normal day at work. Very empty. Upgraded my monitors and got a third monitor so there's that. Went home a bit early and went to cstat to visit doggo. We ate hot pot and saw Toy Story 4 afterwards. Fun night overall.

7/6/2019 - Saturday

We went swimming for the first time at the pool today. It was pretty fun and I want to go swimming again next time. We made pasta for dinner and chilled while watching Black Mirror. Spilled alcohol on her keyboard and it broke so we had to buy a new one 😞.

7/7/2019 - Sunday

Went home and then went to HEB and then just chilled. Worked out and worked on my finances.

7/8/2019 - Monday

Normal weekday again today. Trying to be a bit more productive and learn more about finances and also find some hobbies. I unsub from some reddit apps like cooking and camping and whatnot in order to focus on finances.

7/9/2019 - Tuesday

Finally started making some progress at work so there's that.

Got free Panda today after work from T-Mobile Tuesdays. Other than that, just a normal weekday once again. Going to try to clear my phone notes tonight.

7/10/2019 - Wednesday

Got free Panda today after work again. Normal weekday once again. I'm going to try and find some activities to do in the near future by looking stuff up online. Maybe I'll give recreational sports a try, idk. Saw a post on r/DIY yesterday which was a wooden triangle painted picture which seemed doable and would be a great gift. Might give that a try.

7/11/2019 - Thursday

Took this class at work the whole day. Went home and got my yearly car inspection and the total was \$100 zzzzz. At least it's only yearly so there's that.

Still trying to fix the credit score issue with my brother. I couldn't make a credit karma account and my info is linked with his. Such a hassle.

Other than that, typical weekday. Workout and working on my 1 chapter a day for HTWFAIP.

7/12/2019 - Friday

I stayed home tonight and just relaxed. Mowed the lawn and then cleaned my room. Productive night and chill night.

I expanded my Spotify albums and I've been adding more soundtrack albums and trippy albums like Animal Collective. I've been in an exploratory music phase lately ever since I got Spotify Premium so it's been nice.

7/13/2019 - Saturday

Went to Costco and got some snacks with mom. I then made a new credit card with Chase. We got dinner together with the whole family after and we ate hotpot at home and it was chill and nice. Everyone is grown up now and we don't usually eat together too often anymore.

Hung out with the bois after wards and played smash/chilled. Franc came surprisingly. We ate at Chili's and it was meh. Above average prices, average taste, and extremely long wait time.

7/14/2019 - Sunday

Hung out with Randy, Daniel, and Rolando today. We ate at Pho Con Bo so that was nice. We picked up Rolando after and played some Smash and then I went home.

Apparently, my mom wasn't going to use the iPad often so I'm not giving it to her again. I will let her use it when she wants though so there's that.

7/15/2019 - Monday

Another day, another dollar. Just the usual at work.

Been trying to expand my music on Spotify. I also followed a bunch of Spanish podcasts. Hopefully, I'll follow through and not be lazy lol.

I wanted to get into woodworking this past few weeks but it's hard since I don't have the materials, tools, or space to do so. I was sad at first, but then I realize that there are plenty of other things that I can do to enrich my life. For me, I love cooking which helps me save money and eat healthy. I think that I'm going to dedicate my time on food and cooking and whatnot. Maybe I'll even go mushroom or berry foraging in the future. I guess I'm not too disappointed that I don't want to/can't get into woodworking. There are plenty of other things I can put my effort into and get better at. No one can be good at everything.

7/16/2019 - Tuesday

Normal day at work and at home.

I've been thinking a bit again about my future career. I don't know if I want to relocate in the future. It pays to relocate, but is it worth it? Moving away from my friends, family, and bae? How long can I move away for and if so, when should I start moving?

7/17/2019 - Wednesday

Same old same old at work and home. Made some progress on the ramp design so there's that. At the YES meeting, there was a director and 2 area engineers. They all seemed so stressed out and busy when asked about their work. "I'm trying to work more on my work/life balance." After hearing all of this, idk if I want to go up that high. Sure, the money is nice and all, but is it worth it?

7/18/2019 - Thursday

I saw the Lion King again tonight with mom and IT WAS AMAZING. JUST AS GOOD AS THE ORIGINAL.

This is my favorite movie until the day I die. Everything about it is amazing, especially the soundtrack. Just hearing it gives me a rush of emotion. The Lion King helped me through a period in my life and for that, it will always hold a special spot in my heart. It especially helped me learn Spanish and made learning fun.

I'm definitely going to buy Broadway tickets whenever they come to Houston next time.

7/19/2019 - Friday

Visited doggo in cstat. We cooked at home and saw the Lion King after and it was amazing once again. Overall, chill night and it was fun.

7/20/2019 - Saturday

We cooked for lunch and dinner and we watched Aggretsuko on Netflix. Amazing and funny show that talks about the realities of a young, adult life.

We went swimming at night and she got upset because I wanted to retire early since I won't be making as much, and my family won't be contributing anything to the house. Things would be different if my family were well off like hers. I don't know sometimes anymore.

Sometimes, I think the only reason she's still together with me is because it's what's she's comfortable with and there isn't a better guy out there for her for now. Maybe she'll leave me once she finds a better and richer guy from a richer family. It makes me feel like I'm just her

“boy toy” who she’s experimenting with and once she grows up and her priorities changes to money, then she’d rather go for someone who can provide all of that. She takes after her parents when it comes to Asians trying to keep and maintain a certain image of wealth and prosperity at all costs. Idk anymore. It’s something to think about for our future.

I don’t want to spend my whole life working to maximize my income potential. I want to be financially stable, but also have time to spend with my kids, family, friends, and hobbies and just enjoy other aspects of life. I don’t care about images or appearances and I will be happy with what I have. She wants more and I don’t think she will be satisfied with my plans for the future.

7/21/2019 - Sunday

Finished watching Aggretsuko with bae and then I drove back home. Hung out with Daniel and Randy for a bit and we played some Smash and talked about life crap. One of the main things we talked about was life and what makes us happy/what we want in life. For me, I want to be financially comfortable enough to not only take care of my wife and kids, but to also enjoy my life and hobbies. I don’t want to let my career define me and I want to have free time to pursue what I really enjoy. Even though I may not LOVE my job, I still enjoy it enough to do it and spend my time doing other things. Basically, the American dream with a house and family and all. On the other hand, Daniel seems to be more focused on self-growth and freedom as opposed to more financial stability. For me, I never want to be poor again and I cannot/do not want to risk it all. To each their own, I guess. Interesting talk. Too deep. Too much to think about. Going to continue life more or less the same lol.

7/22/2019 - Monday

Still trying to figure out the credit score mishap crap zzz. Took my PE class today and it was boring. At least it was helpful though so there’s that.

7/23/2019 - Tuesday

Another PE class today zzz. At least I don’t have class until next week. It’s kind of boring but chill at the same time. I just get so sleepy and I can’t really pay too much attention as I should be.

Other than that, just a normal weekday at home. Still have to fix my credit score. I hope I can print and mail it all out tomorrow.

7/24/2019 - Wednesday

Another typical day at work. I used company ink and money to print personal documents so there’s that. It was all the credit dispute crap. Feelsgoodman.

Typical normal weekday. I booked a cruise this 12/14-12/19 with doggo so I can’t wait for that 😊. - ~\$600 though so feelsbadman.

7/25/2019 - Thursday

Ate Chinese today with some coworkers so that was nice. They’re planning a trip this November, so we’ll see how it goes. I’ll prob go but we’ll see. I’ve also been listening to a lot of Lion King albums this past week and it takes me back to a simpler time without any worries.

When I came home, Chewie could barely walk, and he was limping a lot. He didn't want to go outside to pee unlike usual. It was heartbreaking seeing my poor boy in pain like that. Thankfully, he was limping because it got his shots today. I didn't know and thought he had broken a bone or something and was worried.

I love dogs/cats/pets and all, but I don't want another pet (unless its something like fishes). I don't want to get emotionally attached to a beloved animal and watch it die before me. I know that it's a part of life, but it's just so sad to see your beloved animal die. It's even more sad to see them suffer through old age and/or sickness. I can't imagine seeing my future kids in pain.

7/26/2019 - Friday

Chill night. I stayed home and watched Stranger Things season 3 and worked out. It's nice having a chill night where I get to bum around in my room with all the peace and quiet.

7/27/2019 - Saturday

I went to Freeport with my parents today along with my sister, her husband, and Mason later on. We did the usual crabbing at the usual spots but there wasn't much luck. It's a mix of the over crabbing along with the huge alligator that ate some of our chicken. I didn't see it but I tugged against it and lost a chicken drumstick.

It was way too hot tbh. I don't really want to go to the beach or outdoor in the summer. I don't know why he insists on going in the summer when it's a 100 degrees outside. I mainly just chilled and read the 5 Love Languages and ate food.

We had our death anniversary thing for my dad's dad? I don't remember exactly but I should 😞. Everyone from our family was there and we had a dinner together at home in who knows long. Also, my sister and her husband adopted a shiba from this Korean couple so there's that. Doge bois.

7/28/2019 - Sunday

Ate lunch with the family and after that, I just went home and napped and didn't do anything productive really. Worked on my PE studying a little bit but that was it. I don't feel like doing much today. I made some pasta salad though so there's that.

7/29/2019 - Monday

Normal PE study day at work today. I understood it much better than the structural and hydraulics sections since this was transportation, so it was much easier.

It rained a lot when I was driving home so that was a bit scary. I like the rain and all, but not when I have to drive in it. When I got home, my dad was there since he didn't work out bc of the rain and all. He told me that Mason was in the hospital and was very sick and might not make it. Only time will tell. He got sick after he went to the vet and got his vaccination shots. Apparently, he caught some virus from another dog there and got sick because of that, not because of the bone/food or anything.

Poor Mason. He's still so young and full of life. Sucks how things can change so rapidly. This is why I don't want any pets like dogs/cats because I do not want to get attached to them. I'd rather get a fish, plant, mushroom, or something that I won't get attached to.

This whole experience made me realize how short life is and how it can turn from good to bad in just a matter of moments. Even though it's just a dog, he was part of the family. I can't imagine anyone in my family getting hurt and I don't want to imagine the day when it'll inevitably come.

If he does die, then at least he would have had the time of his life during his last few days when he went to the beach this past weekend. The joy on his face when he got to experience the beach for the very first time made it all worth it.

7/30/2019 - Tuesday

Just another PE study day and another normal weekday. I finished the 5 Love Languages and started reading How to Change Your Mind – What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence. It's been an interesting read so far.

I had some pasta for dinner that I made this past Sunday. I need to eat less carbs zzz.

I have no motivation to keep studying for the PE at home. I'm just so tired and want to relax, go to bed early, and dick around on Reddit.

7/31/2019 - Wednesday

Another day at work. Couldn't get the stupid ramp to work so we'll see about that.

Ate the rest of the pasta salad for dinner so I need to get more food tomorrow but idk what. Good news, Mason is fine now and he's going back home, and it only costed \$3,300. This is another reason why I don't want pets. Too much money, time, and commitment. Then you get attached and when they get sick/die, then a part of you also dies.

*'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.*

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Is this true? In my opinion, I don't think it's true when it comes to pets, or at least, not in my experience. I don't want to lose Chewie and I know that it's only a matter of time.

August

8/1/2019 - Thursday

Another day, another dollar. Saw Mohammad Tariq (guy I worked with briefly at the CoH) so that was nice. Small world. He seems to be doing well.

I was going to study at home today but then I got lazy. Guess I'll put it off to Saturday or something lol.

8/2/2019 - Friday

I spent my Friday night budgeting YNAB, finishing up my Ally Savings account, and checking my finances. What happened to my Friday nights 😞.

8/3/2019 - Saturday

Had lunch with my family, including my brother's gf and my sister's now husband. Missing Christina 😞. I didn't do much when I got home. I studied a bit but goofed off more than I should have. It's so hard getting back into my old study habits.

8/4/2019 - Sunday

Stayed home today and studied for my PE. Nothing much happened really. I got my court appearance tomorrow so I'm hoping the cop doesn't show up. Let's hope my brother's connections is handy or I'm going to be out \$250.

8/5/2019 - Monday

Went to court today for my hearing at 8am. I didn't get called up until 10:30. My ticket got dismissed though so that's all that matters. OMEGAEZ glap. I saved ~\$250.

8/6/2019 - Tuesday

Just the usual PE studying day at work.

Just the usual weekday after a PE day. I should study more but I really don't want to.

8/7/2019 - Wednesday

Another day, another dollar. I got to finish the schematics this Friday so hopefully that works out.

Normal weekday after work. Nothing too special. Doggo is coming over this Friday so there's that. She thought I had the whole day off LOL.

8/8/2019 - Thursday

Another day at work. We had coconut donuts so those were pretty good. My schematics are due tomorrow and I need more time zzz. I also have to find those old schematics for that other project and those might take a while too zzz.

Normal weekday ish. Had frozen food since I finished all my pasta. Took pictures of our damage roof so I was kind of productive. I helped Phuong with her resume since she wants to apply to TxDOT in Austin. It's always fun helping people even though I feel like I need a lot

more help lol. Anyways, didn't really study tonight. I will study a lot this weekend though and no more dicking around like last weekend.

8/9/2019 - Friday

Finished my ramp today and found the old alternatives for the other project. All in all, got a lot of work done today so feelsgoodman.

Hung out with doggo today and we at Cici's. A bit dansgame, but still enjoyable because it was with doggo 😊. We hung out at City Center at the pavilion afterwards and it was pretty nice. A bit hot, but the shade and music was nice.

8/10/2019 - Saturday

Studied during the day and hung out with the bois at night. Raul came too and it was nice catching up with him. He seems to be doing alright for himself. We played Smash and made drinks.

8/11/2019 - Sunday

Studied during the day. I wasn't going to go out at night but whatever yolo. I went swimming with Randy, Molly, Adrienne, Gabe, and Daniel. We just swam and chilled and talked about random crap.

Daniel and I had a deep conversation. One part, he said that he looked up to me and Franc and wondered how different his life would have been had he chosen the college path. He said that he thought that working would be miserable but from what I've been telling him, it's not too bad. It's just like any other job really. I hope I can lead by example and continue improving myself and growing up.

8/12/2019 - Monday

Turns out, I finally found out that a lot of people stay at home for their PE classes. I wished I had done this sooner. I left early today and studied at home instead. It's much better honestly because I can go at my own pace and do my own thing. Plus, I save a lot of travel time so that's the main reason.

Transunion finally fixed their credit score mix-up so that was a huge relief. So much stress off of my back. The only major thing I have left is the PE and once that is over, it's easy sailing from here on out for quite a while, hopefully for a few years.

8/13/2019 - Tuesday

Felt good to stay at home and take my PE class here instead. So much time saved and so much more freedom.

I made a kale, raspberry, apple juice mix and it was horrendous. I only managed to drink half of it before I tossed it away. Kale is so fucking bitter. Guess I'll only cook kale instead of eating/drinking it raw from now on.

8/14/2019 - Wednesday

Got some studying done yesterday. Nothing else interesting really happened. I started moving coins from my Binance account to Coinbase.

8/15/2019 - Thursday

Got a little bit of studying done today, but not as much as yesterday. No motivation to study on a weekday zzz.

8/16/2019 - Friday

Went out to eat dinner with my family, my sister's husband, my brother's gf, and her mom. It was my turn to pay and it was expensive 😞. \$120 with tip feels badman. This is why I don't like eating out. Everything costs money.

During the car ride, my mom and I got a bit political and it makes me so angry that she's so deeply rooted in her belief of "work hard and don't take handouts from the government. Immigrants are causing the problems. Fuck China. Trump fixes these important issues". She literally would vote Trump/Republican because of these reasons. She doesn't care about important policies that affect her/her family such as healthcare. Either she doesn't know or she doesn't care. Either way, it's sad and I hope I can change her. She doesn't understand the reality of benefits that democrats offer vs republicans who don't care about people like us.

We went to my sister's house afterwards to meet the new shiba and to also pick my mom's excursion. Other than that, I went home, watch some TI9, and then slept.

8/17/2019 - Saturday

Car maintenance (drive belt, transmission oil, oil change, and tire rotation) was \$314. Why is everything so expensive.

8/18/2019 - Sunday

Our idiot Vietnamese neighbor (the younger guy a bit older than me I think) hit our fucking garage and hit my car which then hit our wall so hard it pushed through my parent's bedroom. Fucking idiot is blind or something. He wasn't even backing in. He was actually going forward. It wasn't even a small dent. He fucking rammed into the garage. Is he literally autistic or something? He should not be driving.

So much stress for my family and I zzzzz. RIP their wallets. The guy and his family must be stressed the fuck out RIP.

8/19/2019 - Monday

Garage got fixed today so that was nice. Getting my car back tomorrow so I hope it's all fine. Also got a gun from Minh today and I'm keeping it in my room for safety so there's that. Hope I don't have to use it, but it feels nice having one. Other than that, just another typical day at home studying for the PE.

8/20/2019 - Tuesday

Was supposed to get my car today but it's not ready yet so I have to wake up early and carpool with my dad tomorrow zzz. Anyways, just the usual studying for my PE at home and watching TI9 at night.

8/21/2019 - Wednesday

Class today. It was a bit better than the Green Book imo. Phone died before my dad picked me up, but good thing I could text my dad with my iPad. I definitely need to change my phone batteries this weekend.

Anyways, still don't have my car yet because paint is drying or something but I should get it back tomorrow.

8/22/2019 - Thursday

Finally got my car back. Everything is more or less fine and it drives fine. Got 2 tacos and 3 eggrolls (free) for \$1.29 so that felt pretty good. The new garage wall is built and they will paint it and whatnot tomorrow so hopefully that's all.

Watched TI9 while eating food and then watching TI9 at night before bed feelsgoodman.

8/23/2019 - Friday

Last day of that TxDOT class. Other than that, nothing really much happened at work.

After work, I went to the mall and got my battery replaced for \$53 so not too bad. I went shopping at Macy's and got a nice pair of jeans and a new jacket for cheap so I'm happy. Wasn't planning on buying anything but yolo. I got pizza + wings after and now I don't feel so good. Junk food is less and less appealing nowadays as I grow older and eat healthier.

8/24/2019 - Saturday

Over 50+ flees caught from Chewie yesterday and still more counting, so we shaved him lol. The garage wall was completed so that was good. Parents and brother left for Florida, so it was just me at home. I studied a bit before they left and then invited Daniel, Randy, Rolando, and Raul over to Smash and chill. We drank and stuff and it was pretty fun overall.

8/25/2019 - Sunday

We played a bit of Smash and then went to Denny's for lunch. Overall it was \$25 for 4 plates total so that was pretty good since something something cash, I don't remember. Anyways, we played some more Smash after we got home and then they left. I watched TI9 and ate leftover pizza and then went shopping at HEB for the week. OG won TI (again) so that was pretty cool to watch! Worked out too. Overall, good day and chill weekend. Should have studied more so I'm going to study a lot this coming week.

8/26/2019 - Monday

Another day studying at home. Poor Chewie. During the evening around 5, he goes to the garage door and waits for my parents to come home. If only he knew.

Other than that, peaceful weekday. I didn't study after, but I should have. I started rewatching Rick and Morty instead. Fuck I hate studying so much and I just want to get this over with.

8/27/2019 - Tuesday

Same as yesterday. Parents came back home today. Started watching the Dave Ramsey Show and it talks about finances and what not and it's pretty interesting. Gonna start watching more.

I woke up in the middle of the night at 3 am and couldn't fall back to sleep. I started reading ask reddit and read some threads on what its like to be poor and whatnot. It really made me appreciate things much more in my life and how I grew up. We were poor, but we would never go hungry or cold poor so that was always fortunate. However, it still sucked, and I never want to be that poor again which is why I got to where I am today. Being poor sucks and although I don't LOVE my job, it's not that bad and it sure as hell beats the alternatives. Also, I don't understand why people spend so much to try and keep up an image of not being poor, even if it means going into debt. Also, I don't understand why Daniel/Randy are so against using CC. I understand that they have CC debt in the past/currently, but it's really not that difficult to track your spending and not spend money that you don't have. Easy for me to say, I know, but idk really, who knows.

Even though I'm not as well off as most of Christina's family friends, I really don't care because I'm doing the best that I personally can do/achieve, and I can rest knowing that I did most of this through my own merit. I hope she understands this when we get married and if not, then so be it; I hope I can teach her to be a bit more humble.

8/28/2019 - Wednesday

Another day at work. Pretty chill. Just the usual.

Cleaned and put the garage back together with mom and dad so there's that. Not much else happened really. I will study a lot tomorrow though.

8/29/2019 - Thursday

Didn't do much today when I got home really. Just chilled like it was a typical bc I have no work tomorrow.

8/30/2019 - Friday

No work today because I had to take the day off or I'll lose it before the fiscal year ends this month. I studied a bit today and had hibachi with my parents at night. Afterwards, I hung out with Dan, Rand, Rol, Adrie, and Molly. Adrienne broke up with Gabe pepehands. Gabe was a cool guy and was fun/interesting to talk to. Guess I'll prob never see/talk to him again unless they get back together 😞.

8/31/2019 - Saturday

Went to Goodwill today just to browse. Didn't find anything good and then I went and ate at Korean Noodle House afterwards. Food was alright. I wished they had more sides like the

place in Austin. This place only had Kim chi. To-goed some pho for ba afterwards so there's that. They were fixing up the shelves in the garage the whole afternoon.

Finished watching Rick and Morty again and then studied a tiny bit. I should study more but idk I just have no motivation. I'm going to study A LOT tomorrow and quit being a lazy bum.

I was working on my 457-investment plan so that was good. Going to manage it myself instead of paying for stupid fees.

September

9/1/2019 - Sunday

I didn't study as much as I should have today to no one's surprise. I made steak tacos for dinner so that was good. A bit expensive though so I probably won't do it again. I got the urge to watch some Jordan Peterson videos and as a result, cleaned my room. Too lazy to hang out with the boys so maybe next week then. Gonna study a lot tomorrow and this time I fucking mean it because I don't want to be a lazy fuck.

9/2/2019 - Monday

Got a decent amount of studying done today. I'm going to start studying much more starting next week once EPC103 starts.

I was reading this ask Reddit thread "Did your school have a "school genius" that was frighteningly talented or intelligent? Where are they now, and what are they currently doing?"

https://www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit/comments/cykp8p/did_your_school_have_a_school_genius_that_was/

and it got me thinking about my life. I'm happy with where I am and my future career/life goals but just reading about all of these really, really smart and hard-working people made me feel like what I have right now isn't enough. I know that I'm doing pretty well compared to most people but at the same time, I'm not spectacularly in the top or anything. Idk. I know I should be happy with my life right now (and I am, don't get me wrong), but knowing that there are these amazingly talented people that I'll never be drags me down a bit. I know that this is unhealthy to think about and that I shouldn't be having these thoughts. All in all, I'm happy with what I have right now and will try my best and do the best that I personally can be and try not to compare myself to others (for better or for worse). If anything, this thread motivated me to keep on trying my best, especially with regards to the PE exam coming up end of October. Not only that, but I want to keep growing up and be a good, well rounded person in life.

9/3/2019 - Tuesday

Couldn't sleep well yesterday. Lots of random thoughts and crap, I don't exactly remember. I was pretty tired during work. At least it was a Tuesday so only 3 more days left this week.

Finished budgeting for this month and boy does it feel fucking good. Who knew something so mundane could feel so good? It's better than playing a game.

9/4/2019 - Wednesday

Same old same old at work. Getting the hang at work and I don't feel that overwhelmed anymore like I did during my first month. Things are looking up.

Sometimes when I study and get bored, I open up my YNAB budget and admire my piece of art. Damn does it feel good.

2 years and 10 months dating doggo. The time really does go by fast. Looking back, we've both grown so much as people for the better. As long as we keep growing up and learning how to not only be adults, but to also be happy people in this world, then I think we'll do alright. She seems like someone who is willing to grow up with me and that's one of the main reasons I

like her. I can't imagine dating someone with a childish personality who doesn't want to grow up (like NT/Khoi) or someone who likes to find shit from out of nowhere (like Bianca, creepy James, NT, Khoi). If Christina was like ever like that, I'd leave assuming I haven't killed myself because of it LUL. I can't imagine working full time/going to school full time and having all the time and energy for petty crap like that. Like holy shit, I'm working full time and trying to figure out my life/how to adult and I neither have the time and energy for all that nonsense. How do these people have the time and energy for all of that nonsense?

9/5/2019 - Thursday

Normal day at work. Lunch with coworkers at Truth BBQ. Pretty good, but expensive. Didn't study much tonight. So tired and full.

9/6/2019 - Friday

Got excited at work today when I was working on my excel sheet to calculate the VPI. It's a pain in the ass to calculate but if I can eventually manage to streamline the process, it would not only save me a lot of time, but also save my whole team a lot of time and will be berry good for a raise.

I was gonna study tonight but it's a Friday so fuck it. I bought some coins on Coinbase and got some free coins by watching their videos. Seems good. If I become a millionaire one day because of these coins, I'm going to be the one laughing when haters didn't believe. Aters so bayed. Cebayed.

9/7/2019 - Saturday

I haven't hung out with the bois this weekend and I'm not planning on doing so (hopefully) until I finish my PE. I studied a bit today but not as much as I'd like. I spent a lot of time touching up my excel sheet for the VPI calculator. It was actually pretty fun.

9/8/2019 - Sunday

Studied a bit today for me PE. Once again, not as much as I'd like. Anyways, I think I've been taking it too easy and I need to step up my studying game even further.

9/9/2019 - Monday

So tired of studying for my PE. Nothing else really happened today. Just PE crap. Took mom to pick up her car.

9/10/2019 - Tuesday

Another day of PE today. It was better than yesterday since I understood things more. Still boring though.

I got Jack in the Box for dinner and I still feel pretty full zzz. Kind of excited for work this week since I want to finish my VPI calculator.

9/11/2019 - Wednesday

9/11 today. The only people who "cares" are those who feel obligated to zzz.

Anyways, I ran for office for YES as an administrator and I won. To be fair, I did run unopposed but bshrug whatever. I guess it'll be good for my self-growth/professional growth so there's that.

9/12/2019 - Thursday

Not much happened today. Just another day another dollar.

Got no studying done after work since we went and got dinner since my sister got back. We ate at this Thai place in sugar land and it was alright. Smh sister loves drama from Vietnam so much zzz.

9/13/2019 - Friday

Got a little bit of studying tonight but other than that, Friday nights are for relaxing. I worked out and watched 21 Jump Street.

9/14/2019 - Saturday

Got a good amount of studying today. Gonna watch 22 Jump Street tonight and relax a bit.

9/15/2019 - Sunday

Got a lot of studying done today. I went to HEB for groceries like usual and then got chipotle for myself and my mom for her lunch this week. It feels good to take care of my mom and it makes her happy. Even though we have our political and social differences, she's still my mom.

9/16/2019 - Monday

Got a lot of studying done today so that's good.

Started messing around with Discord. Can maybe potentially use this for work.

9/17/2019 - Tuesday

So tired of studying. Stupid HR idiots don't know how to send out the file earlier so I can print them in time zzz.

9/18/2019 - Wednesday

Found the really old files today at work, including the .dgn which was good and will save me a lot of time. All in all, good day at work.

It was hamburger day today so I got a free hamburger from Jack in the box so that was really nice.

9/19/2019 - Thursday

Lots of rain today. Chill day at work. I wasn't as productive as I'd hope but I still tried my best. Met my mentor (Edwin) today and his friend (Bonnie). They seem pretty nice and friendly.

Got stuck in traffic for 2 and a half hours today so that was fucking horrible. They shut down the I-10 entrance on Washington Ave so I had to do a U-turn which took forever zzz. At least I wasn't one of those idiots who got their car stranded/flooded KEKW.

Hopefully my driveway gets flooded tomorrow and I have an excuse to work at home. Fingers crossed.

9/20/2019 - Friday

Worked from home today. I think I'm more productive at work lol. But at least I wasn't stressed about driving to and from work so there's that.

Mom got her karaoke machine today and I helped set it up. Really nice speakers for music in the future.

Once again, I asked doggo about the passport pic. First it was "oh, I'll do it after my test". Ok that's understandable. Now it's "Oh, I've been busy with CSA and I have a CSA event tonight". Like bruh. If you are that afraid of your mom and weren't planning on doing it, then fucking say so holy shit. You coming up with excuses after excuses is only going to make me keep asking and asking. Can you act like an adult for once and stop lying to not only me, but also yourself? Is it that fucking hard? You're 21 years old. If you just tell the truth and nothing but the truth, then we can easily come up with something else. If you tell me "Oh, I'm busy with CSA now". Ok so does that mean you'll give me the pic after you're free with CSA? Or is something else going to come up because you don't want to confront your damn mom but make it seem like "Oh, its my mom and also bc I'm busy" Well I know you and I know that even if you were free, you still wouldn't ask bc you'd still be afraid.

The reason I'm asking for it so soon is because I know your lazy ass will always be late so if I ask for it then, you're going to drag it out last minute for as long as you can.

Feels like I'm dating a fucking child sometimes. Like I get it, life is hard and I'm trying to figure it out as well. I want to marry someone who not only understands this, but also tries their best like me and figure it out together. Sometimes, I feel like you do understand this but sometimes not because I also feel like you get overwhelmed too easily and just give up and find excuses after excuses to avoid the inevitable until the water is at the door. I want someone to contend with in life, not someone to babysit for the rest of our lives. Someone who although may not be naturally strong, they try their best to be the strongest that they can be and not give up when things get too hard. I want someone who's constantly learning and growing as I am.

After typing all of this up, I re-read a lot of my journal and it's so surreal. I'm glad to have been keeping this journal because there's a lot of things that I've forgotten and re-reading these entries helped put things into perspective.

9/21/2019 - Saturday

Ate breakfast/lunch with my family at Golden Dim Sum. Got coffee later afterwards and then I went home and studied the whole day. Overall, productive and chill day.

9/22/2019 - Sunday

Another weekend of studying zzz. So tired of studying. Can't wait until I take the PE. I just want to get this over with already.

9/23/2019 - Monday

Normal PE day and normal studying after PE classes. Nothing too extraordinary happened today.

I need to stop buying candy zzz. I've been eating way too much sugar. Starting this coming weekend, I'm not gonna buy any more candy. I will still my weekly 1 bag of chips though or else I will go crazy.

9/24/2019 - Tuesday

Another day, another dollar. Same old, same old PE studying.

The Midas Mode 2 tournament started today. It's nice to watch it while studying.

9/25/2019 - Wednesday

Lots of news on Trump these past few days. I hope the idiot gets impeached. Either that or he is acquitted and then wins the reelection. It would be funny if he becomes president again and fucks up the country so much that it swings hard left into Bernie/Warren.

9/26/2019 - Thursday

Another day at work. Just the usual. Been feeling much better about the direct connector design and less overwhelmed. Still challenging but less anxiety.

9/27/2019 - Friday

Tried the impossible whopper from BK today and it was pretty good. You can't even tell that it's not meat.

Other than that, I stayed home today instead of hanging out. I was going to study, but I'm kind of tired and it's a Friday so it's my chill and relax day. I set up the new printer though so there's that. It can even print via WiFi using my phone so that's cool.

9/28/2019 - Saturday

I slept early at like 11 last night. I was gonna stay up a little bit latter for more reddit, but I was really, really sleepy and tired.

Anyways, went to Viet Fest with my parents today and it was nice. They seemed happy and enjoyed it I think. Definitely gonna go next year. It was nice being able to afford to pay for their food so that they don't feel bad about spending money on having a little bit of fun.

9/29/2019 - Sunday

So, Christina and I broke up today. When she said that she wanted to break up, I literally thought I was in a dream and everything felt so surreal. I didn't see it coming honestly but I respect her decision. I've been busy with my PE and whatnot, so I haven't been talking to her all that much. I don't know if this played a role or anything, but it is what it is, I guess. Am I sad? Yes, of course. But I'm also grateful and happy for all the good times and experiences that we had and shared with one another. We've both learned so much about ourselves these past nearly 2 years and 10 months (since November 4th, 2017). I guess it's for the best for the both of us. I

can't and won't force someone to love me. I was always proud to show/tell people that she was my gf, but I don't think she always felt the same way showing/telling people that I was her bf. All I can hope is that I can eventually find someone else who will. Life is hard.

I've pushed her to do her best in school and have taught her so much about professionalism and small life things. She's taught me so much about myself and how to not only be a better person, but to keep on growing up and be someone dependable in times of need. I think we could have worked out our problems if we had talked more, but I think a large part of this stems from the fact that my family is not as well off as hers and that she wants to maintain a certain lifestyle. I'd always known this, but I didn't think that it was something that we wouldn't be able to overcome together as a team. I think her parents ultimately played a large role in her questioning our relationship since my family is not well off like hers. I just wished that had her parents been nicer parents to her, I could have gotten a chance to meet them and maybe things would have turned out differently. It sucks to be prejudged and have my value as a person be determined by my parent's financial stability and my career. I love my parents more than anything and just know that it's not their fault whatsoever and that it's just a part of life. They cared about her and I thought that we'd get married. I think my family really liked her and thought that she was kind, smart, and made me happy. That was all that mattered to them and all that mattered to me.

All I hope is that we can maybe be friends in the future and not hold any animosity. However, since we are not in the same social group, I don't really know if we'll see each other again outside of social media. We were never perfect people individually or together, but we always tried to work it out. I just hope that I'll be able to find someone who's willing to grow up through life together.

I don't know anymore. I guess I'm just going to do my best in life. We may have not been the one for each other, but we tried our best. Even though we broke up once before, I'm glad we got back together and not wonder what could have been. Maybe I was just a boy toy all along or maybe now. Maybe I'll retire at 50 still or something idk lol. Or maybe not. Who knows? Also, she said something like "You'd only be working from 8-5 while I'll be working more and harder and making more...etc" While I guess this is true, I'm sad that this was one of the main reasons why she wanted to break up. I didn't want her to work that hard and work herself to death like her parents and their family friends and to enjoy life, but I guess money and more money is what's important for her, her family, and her friends.

From here on out, I'm going to work hard and become the person that I want to be. I don't know what that person is, but I'm going to try my best and not dick around professionally, socially, and personally.

What do I do from here on out? I'll figure that out once I finish my PE. Anyways, time to stop being sad and start studying. I can't just sit here and feel sorry for myself.

Dear Anh,

I'm writing this letter to you because we both know how it's hard for me to articulate what I'm really feeling verbally.

There's no easy way to say this, but I truly believe it's for the best for both of us to exit this relationship.

Ever since you graduated, I've had time to step back and reflect on our relationship. Initially, when you first asked me out, I was a naive freshman who passively agreed. I thought, "why not?", and despite our ups and downs, grew to love you. And I truly did love you with all that I had.

However, over time, I've slowly fallen out of love.

Our future goals and values don't align, our lifestyles are completely different, and although all we wanted was the best for each other, at some points I felt our relationship truly wasn't happy. For instance, you dropped nearly all of your friends in college while dating me. The social, friendly Anh I once knew became someone who didn't interact with anyone who wasn't me unless it was out of necessity. That's why I say this breakup is the best for the both of us.

You probably have questions, so feel free to ask me, but please know my decision is final and we should stop contacting each other after today. I truly wish you the best.

https://www.reddit.com/r/financialindependence/comments/db0trm/my_gf_both_early_20s_just_broke_up_with_me/

After making and reading this thread, it has helped me feel a bit better. I guess it was best for the both of us as we had different goals in life. I just wished that we could have aligned them together, but we were just two people whose lives temporarily crossed paths. I just wished she'd talk to me more about this so we could have both decided if we were compatible in the future together instead of her just dropping this on me unexpectedly. But hey, maybe it's a blessing in disguise? Here's to finding "the one" who will go through life together with me.

Hours after, it still just feels like a bad, surreal dream that I'll wake up from, but I guess it's not. Pepehands.

9/30/2019 - Monday

Still thinking about our relationship every now and then. I guess what I'm most upset about is how she didn't really say much until now which makes it all feel so sudden. I know she's talked about it before, but we never really discussed our issues in detail. I was always willing to talk, but she'd get too emotional. I was willing to change, but I guess she didn't think I was capable of changing or she didn't want to find out. I know that I became a lot more anti-social during my later college years, but it wasn't because I hated people. I was just trying to sort out my shit and figure out my own life. I was tired of being forced to socialize and I preferred my own peace and quiet until I sorted things out. Even today, I'm still trying to sort my things out and once I've achieved that, then I'll start trying to meet new people and try new things. I don't think that she really understood this, and I've even tried to hang out with her friends but apparently even though it was all girls, Javi was there so I guess she didn't want me there. She's never invited me to hang out with her friends from Katy even though I wanted to, so idk. I don't know if she was embarrassed of me to be her bf, but whatever it was, she never told me. I guess she bottled it all up and made her mind without wanting to discuss things. I wanted to discuss things then and there, but she had already made up her mind, so it was pointless. I guess I started seeing the missed good mornings and short good nights and just thought that she was busy and whatnot. I was busy too and didn't really care lately.

I was really looking forward to the cruise to get a chance to talk about our relationship and future goals. I think that had we gone on the cruise this December, we would have been able to talk it out. We started dating young and were trying to cross our paths in life together as one when we were still two separate people not knowing what we want in life yet. I guess that's just life and that's that. Time to move on, I guess. It'll be hard but it'll be worth it. Maybe we'll cross each other's paths again one day in the future or maybe not. Whatever the case may be, I just know that things will get better for me as long as I keep putting in the effort in not only my career, but also my life.

Still haven't told my parents and I'm not planning on yet. Will probably tell them after my PE whenever I get the chance to casually bring it up lol.

I guess I just wished that she'd help me become a better person like I helped her at her lowest points. I know that I might seem retreated with my shit together, but different people cope with different ways. I'm a young adult who feels seemingly lost in this world and she was the

only one that understood me when I lost all my college friends. To lose her too makes me feel lost and I don't know what to do. What's the point of having all this money if I've got no one to share it with? But I can't share the money if I don't start saving.

I wished I would have gotten the chance for me to explain my financial situation to her. I wished I would have gotten the chance for me to explain why I act the way I do. I wished I would have gotten the chance for me to explain what I really want in life. Retiring at 50 was only a long shot dream. I doubt that I'd be able to do so while not living frugally, but it was nothing more than a dream to be a more financially responsible adult.

I just want to ball up in the corner and pity myself, but what good would that bring? Life goes on. I guess this journal is my way of coping. I just hope that she is doing well as well. It just hurts me that she grew out of love and I was none the wiser to any of this. I thought things were going fine (maybe a bit rocky) but nothing out of the ordinary. Did she not see a future between us and want to mend things? Did she think she could do much better? Did she think she could find a richer and more well-off guy to impress her parents and secure her financially? I'll never know the reason why. I only hope that I could talk to her one day and figure it out in the distant future (maybe a year). Would things have been different had she tried talking to me? I had some sort of a financial plan where we split most bills 50/50 or something like that if we got married. Maybe she didn't want to be the breadwinner while all of her family and friends had husbands that were? I know my parents are proud of me, but it just sucks that there's a nagging feeling that no matter what I do, I'll never be good enough in the eyes of her parents and perhaps, maybe her as well if we got married and she grew resentful. Not that I care anymore though. I'm going to find a nice Vietnamese girl from here on out who share the same background and values, someone who understands the struggle and is a bit more sympathetic about life when things don't always go as planned.

I'm mostly just upset that she didn't try to talk to me and mend things since it was all so sudden...

TO DO: Set short and long term goals both professionally and whatnot after PE.

October

10/1/2019 - Tuesday

Woke up in the middle of the night and couldn't go back to sleep for a few hours. I need to buy some melatonin pills tonight. Anyways, I was thinking that I'm not gonna slave away for Chu Huy. I will, however, try my best at work and do something like take over the hiring process for the EA rotation program or something for the HOU district.

Thinking back, I don't think I'd want to get back together with her unless we both change drastically. It was for the best then and I wish her well. She wants a certain lifestyle and I want a different one and we couldn't compromise unfortunately. Plus, I don't think either of us will try to get back with the other person. Maybe unless we're both in our thirties or something and have grown up by then and maybe share the same goals. Don't think that'd happen but with life, anything can, I guess. I just hope we can both find other people better for each other. I highly doubt that she'd initiate in the future and even then, would I want to rekindle our old relationship? If I initiated in the future, I don't think she would want to. I know that I'm saying all of this, but I still care for her and wish her the best and hope she finds out what makes her happy. I don't think her becoming like her parents in the pursuit of money would make her happy when she and her husband are too busy working to enjoy life. Maybe she will and I'm just speculating out of my ass, who knows. Is she ever going to regret the breakup, or would she be glad? All I hope is that she doesn't forget the good times we've had and how for those nearly 3 years, we were intertwined into each other's lives through the good and through the bad and we've both grown up and learned so much about life.

I guess I'm going to have to retire the nicknames Doggo and Gato. Goodbye all things Rilakkuma. Goodbye Overwatch and Mercy.

After reading some Reddit threads on side hustles, maybe I'll work for Chu Huy part time. I'm not too sure yet, but I'll figure it out after my PE.

My dad asked if we broke up today nonchalantly by bringing up the cruise date lmfao. Pretty sure my sister told him. So, fucking nosy man smh. I'll tell y'all when I'm ready. Until then, it's none of your business. Now I'm sad again 😞 PepeHands. It keeps getting easier and then harder. I don't know if I should be happy that things happened the way they did or be sad. I was really looking forward to talking about our future on the cruise. It would have been one of the best things in my life.

My parents wanted me to go on the cruise with them this November. I don't think I can even take that many days off but even if I could, I'd be sad thinking about how I could have gone with her instead. Plus they are boring to go with.

I keep thinking about what I want to do with my fucking life. Of course, I want more money, but is it worth to work my ass off and lose my 20's and 30's for more financial stability? I don't fucking know. Even if I reach FI, would I truly be happy? What's the meaning of life and this rat race? I just want to ball up in the corner in dim candle light wrapped in a blanket. Either that or just not exist for a while.

I just need to keep reminding myself that if she wanted to save the relationship and work together, then she would have said something and tried to sit down with me and talk it out. I need to stop pretending that things would have gone differently had I known because even if I did, she had already made up her mind. I don't want her to one day wake up and regret being married to me because she married the first guy she dated and "could have done better" for a richer guy. I just need to keep reminding myself that there are plenty of fish in the sea who are different and have similar values/goals as I do. I just need to keep reminding myself that it WILL get better and that I just need to give it some time.

I remember when she couldn't do something, she would sometimes just give up and ask me for help. I remember getting yelled at for trying to help and remind her about her studies. I think she wanted someone better than her who has it all figured out. I guess older men like Jack would fit the category. He might be boring and ugly asf, but he sure has that bread. I'm just a normal guy trying his best in life and although I may not have it all figured out, I'm trying my best. I just want to grow up and learn through life with someone similar. Although that person may not know it all (like most people), they are willing to keep on learning and trying their best like myself as well as willing to keep on helping one another.

10/2/2019 - Wednesday

Productive day at work today! Getting the hang of designing the DCs and I can do them pretty fast now. I think Sofia was surprised with my speed as well lol. Seems good.

Anyways, I've been feeling better. The Reddit thread I made really put things in perspective after reading all of the comments. Better a breakup than a divorce! Plus, I'm still young and I'm gonna get back in the game I guess after my PE exam.

10/3/2019 - Thursday

Thinking about Christina less and less. Still comes up on my mind though. I want to meet and catch up (and also get back my jackets) in about a year around next December. Again, no hard feelings. I just have some questions I want to ask. Like when was the moment you decided? How come you didn't sit down with me and talk about it because it seemed like you already made the final decision, so it was pointless in arguing? I guess what I'm saying was that I knew our relationship had issues, but I didn't think it was anything that we couldn't talk about and overcome. I thought things were mostly going ok and we were both busy and needed some space. I know that you brought up some of the issues briefly in the past, but we never talked about them in dept. You'd get upset most of the time and it was difficult to talk (like that one time at the pool). I guess best of luck. If we're both single by 30, I'd be willing to meet up and catch up again. Maybe things will be different by then as we're both more mature and know what we want. I hope our bad experiences in our relationship didn't outweigh all the good times we had and how we helped each other. Also, I know I've apologized before for this, but I'm still very sorry about the bad acid trip. I was young and dumb, and you were scared, and I fucked up. One of my biggest regrets/mistakes in life.

10/4/2019 - Friday

I got home and was about to pay Christina for the cruise refund and I opened up Venmo and saw an awful lot of Henry Tang payments between them two MonkaHm. I don't want to assume the worse, but if she fell out of love from me and into love for him, then it makes this breakup much, much easier. If that's the case, then I did indeed dodge a bullet and she helped me dodge the bullet. I'm not going to feel bad about myself anymore, especially for someone who'd rather jump to the next best thing in pursuit of greener grasses instead of watering their own lawn. Life isn't like a job where you can hope from job to job for the highest salary. I don't understand why people would be upset at these sorts of things. I'm awfully happy if it's true because I don't want to waste my time and be with someone who's always thinking that she can do better. I don't have time to play childish games.

Again, I don't know if this was the case or not because I didn't think that she'd be the type to do so, but you never know, and people do change. It makes me want to keep the money but I'm not gonna be an ass.

Went and saw Ari Shaffir last night with the guys. Pretty good actually. Food was fucking dog shit though. My burger was definitely frozen, and the buns were hard and stale. Worst restaurant I've been to in a while.

10/5/2019 - Saturday

Mark my words, but I have a feeling that she and Henry are going to date in the future. I've been thinking about this and how much this makes me feel so much better and will help me get over her so much faster. I've already started feeling much, much better starting yesterday. Thanks Henry, you did me a favor.

The best "revenge" is not by dragging yourself down to their level, but to rise above theirs. I also love myself more than anyone even though I know this sounds narcissistic. But hey, it's how I cope. I'm responsible for my own happiness and no one else's. I'll only help those whom I care about like family, close friends, and spouse. I've always hated big groups of "friends" where the only thing we have in common are that we're in the same organization/club or whatever. Once everyone moves on from the organization/club, then you realize that most of them are just people who were only there for a brief moment in your life (for better or for worse). At the end of the day, everyone is too busy with their own lives and only those who are close and cares about you gives a damn. Then you go home alone at night and go through the motions of life and hope that there's someone who cares about you for you, not dozens of people who you hang out with to temporary fill the empty void.

This quote from Bojack makes me think of if Christina wants to date in the future when we're both 30s or something lol.

Bojack – Todd, I'm sorry, all right? I screwed up. I know I screwed up. I don't know why—

Todd – Oh great! Of Course! Here it comes! You can't keep doing this! You can't keep doing shitty things and then feel bad about yourself like that makes it okay! You need to be better!

Bojack – I know. And I'm sorry, okay? I was drunk, and there was all this pressure with the Oscar campaign. But now—Now that it's over, I—

Todd – No! No, BoJack, just stop. You are all the things that are wrong with you. It's not the alcohol, or the drugs, or any of the shitty things that happened to you in your career, or when you were a kid. It's you. All right? It's you.....Fuck, man. What else is there to say?

I know that I should be happy. On paper I am. But idk why I just feel sad and don't want to exist. It's not because of the breakup but that does play a role, I guess. Just PE stress and everything happening at once I just feel overwhelmed and just thinking about my future and I just don't know what to do. I just feel like I'm not good enough no matter what and I know that this isn't true, and it isn't healthy but idk what to do. I was proud to have her as my gf, but she wasn't proud to have me as her bf. Fuck that. I'm proud of myself and I'm going to do my best in life. Sorry I don't have everything fucking spoon fed to me.

Fuck it. She left me for another guy. Fuck her. I'm glad she did. Saves a lot of trouble in the future. Better now than later. If this is the kind of person she is, then I'm not angry, just disappointed. Disappointed but also surprised but glad.

Feeling much better right now after studying, eating, and then showering. Life is weird, but good. Life goes on. If I just sit here and feel bad about myself, no one will give a shit. Life goes on. Nothing will change if I don't change.

10/6/2019 - Sunday

Holy shit I just remembered Christina telling me that Steph thinks Henry is a fuckboi. I bet he is and she's too pepeg to notice and want to give people the benefit of the doubt. And to think that I gave him the benefit of the doubt. If she left me for him, I really hope they date because it'll mean that I dodged a bullet. I'm feeling better and better about this breakup. The best revenge is to live a good life and watch others repeat their mistakes and never learn from them. This is what keeps me warm and helps me sleep at night. The more I think about this breakup, the more flaws that I see in her. Don't get me wrong, I'm fucked up too and I have a lot of things to fix but at least I try. If she pinned the relationship all on me, then I'm glad and I hope it makes her feel better because we all know it isn't going to do her any better in the long run. If she tries to rekindle this relationship, I'm gonna have a very, very tough time forgiving her if I turn out to be right.

It's easy to be the good guy when you're the one telling the story. Too bad I'm usually not the one telling the stories.

I had a dream that we were talking again and trying to work things out. But then I woke up and although I was sad for a brief moment, I'm now happy again. Fuck that noise. To think that I felt bad and thought that it was all my fault. I know I'm not entirely blameless, but holy shit does it feel good. I don't care if she's happy or not in the future. She wanted this and didn't want to talk it out. She left for the next "best" thing and for that, fuck her. I don't care anymore. There was once a time where I cared but now, the only person I care for is myself. I was there at her lowest and she left me at her highest without so much as a serious conversation to try and

understand things. Fuck her and I hope Henry shows his true colors. I bet CSA people are like oh poor Christina and Anh broke up and then they see her hanging out with Henry more and more and they'll put the pieces together one by one. All those times she probably ranted about our relationship issues where she was the good guy will turn on her as people see her for who she really is. She's no better than the people I cut out of my life, she's no better than fucking NT/Khoi and I can't believe I'm saying this. Khoi at least knew he was a manipulative piece of shit and used that to their advantage. People like NT and Christina always think they're the good guys in their own stories and never understand their own wrong doings. She was willing to toss me under the bus time and time again to make her feel better about herself "because I don't know how else to cope like a normal adult". Glad I'm not dating a girl with a mental capacity of a high schooler Jesus fucking Christ. I didn't expect you to be perfect as I am neither perfect as well, but I expect you to at least keep on trying to understand other people and yourself.

I'm going to live my life and enjoy all that life has to offer and work on myself. I definitely learned a lot in this relationship, and I hope I never have to repeat the same fucking mistakes again. We had our good times but at the end of the day, it wasn't enough.

I'd love to talk to someone in CSA in the future about this and see how things really went down and not to brag, but I'm like 90% sure my intuitions are correct.

The Christina that I once loved and cared for is dead. Maybe one day in the future, if we ever somehow decide to give it a 2nd shot, I want to love a new and different Christina. One with fewer of her old weaknesses and more of her strengths. I would never get back with her unless we have a very, very serious talk about what we both want and what we are both willing to do.

"You could not live with your own failure. Where did that bring you? Back to me...And as long as there are those who remember what was, there will always be those that are unable to accept what can be. They will resist...I'm thankful, because now I know what I must do." – Dummy thicc Thanos

Why should I lay here and be sad? She's probably having the time of her life right now. Life goes on. Life goes on. Life goes on. Life goes Anh?

I'm probably not going to date anyone else until after I have a conversation with her in next year around December. Or at least, I won't actively seek out any dates but if someone comes along then we'll see. I need to work on myself. I need to figure out what I want to do in my career. I need to figure out how to open up a bit and find some new hobbies/friends. I need to figure out how to better myself professionally, personally, socially, and mentally. I need to keep setting new goals and plans. I need to keep on trying my fucking best.

10/7/2019 - Monday

Fuck her and fuck her for not being able to communicate like an adult. I don't know why I'm still pissed but I guess being angry is better than sad. I'm disappointed but also a bit surprised because I thought she was better than this. But hey, it's fine. I'm not going to marry someone who always wonders how things could always be better and how they should have

married someone richer. I'm not going to marry someone who's constantly on social media degrading herself because "everyone has a better life".

I hope I can find someone a less superficial. That's definitely a make or break factor in my next relationship. I don't want to deal with this crap anymore.

I keep thinking to myself that I want to meet up with her sooner like this winter break and get closure, but I don't know. Part of me wants to but part of me also doesn't. I know that if I start dating again, I wouldn't but I don't want to start dating again yet. I just need to figure things out. Otherwise, I'm bound to repeat the same mistakes.

10/8/2019 - Tuesday

Just studying for me PE. Still thinking about our relationship every now and then zzz. Decisions, decisions.

Prob not gonna meet up and talk about the relationship in the future tbh. I'm not going to force someone to change. If she wants, she can talk to me. Otherwise, best of luck. I've always tried to help you and you somewhat tried the same, but you gave up one day. How can I expect you to help me grow up and become a better person when you yourself don't/won't do the same? When having serious conversations become too tough and you'd rather cry, run away, and hide? You let it build up because you're too afraid to confront it then and there and so one day, the problems grow so large that it all comes crashing down at once and is impossible to deal with. Unless you recognize this, which I've always tried to work with you on, then so be it. It doesn't matter if you have/will have more money than me. I don't want to be with someone who refuses to acknowledge/confront their mistakes and problems when things get too tough because life is filled with them and I don't want to live in fake happiness. You will make the same mistakes with Henry as you did with me. I will try to not repeat the same mistakes I made with you in my future. I guess if you're willing to have the balls and reach out one day, then I'd be glad to talk. Otherwise, I assume that you think the relationship was all my fault and that you don't want to see me because there's nothing that can be fixed.

I really do want my jackets back though, they're pretty nice.

10/9/2019 - Wednesday

Not feeling sad anymore. The more I think about it, the more it makes sense and the easier it is for me to move on. She'd rather run away from her problems than work on them and find out what's wrong. This is just like when she was about to drop out of accounting and go into some IT crap even though she knew nothing about it lmfao. Without me, she would not have gotten into PPA let alone stay in accounting. I don't even get a thanks for all of this. You're welcome btw, for the internship too. So ungrateful. I guarantee that if my family had money like hers, she would have tried to fix things. I guess it's easier to use my personality as a scapegoat than tell people the truth or try to help me become better.

Now that I think about it, she prob tried to let me down gently just in case things don't work out in the future and she needs a backup. If she had wanted to fix things, she would have done so. And to think I wanted to talk to her again LOL. Why was I such a dumbass? I should

know my self-worth and to keep on bettering myself. If she threw all of that away for the next best thing, then so be it.

10/10/2019 - Thursday

Most of me says that if she were to ask me out again in the future, I'd never say yes after what most likely happened. The sad thing is, there's a small part of me that doesn't care and will say yes even if nothing's changed if we are both early 30s and still single. I know that this is wrong and that I'm just pathetic.

I just need to find someone who holds the same values one day in the future and then I'll be over her zzz. I keep reading these threads about people making bank and it just makes me feel so down. Even though I'm middle class and will be upper if I play my cards right, a part of me will always want more.

I was bored, so I decided to look her up on Instagram. Turns out I'm blocked. That's nice, I guess. I guess I'll hang onto the excursion money until I get my jackets back in case the bitch decides to block me everywhere else.

God damn I'm dumb. Can't believe I still have the occasional feelings for this bitch. Fuck her and fuck all the things we've done. The only thing I've gotten out of this relationship is the ability to have a better one in the future, one where my gf and I are both mature enough to talk about our issues and work together instead of running away for the next best thing. It just hurts me that I helped her at her lowest moments, and she left me at her highest without so much as a serious conversation as to what we want with our future. There was no point having a conversation that day since she had already made her decision. Life, huh?

Part of me wishes her well had the breakup been different. However, the more I think about it, the more fucked up it is and the more I wish her life goes to shit. I hope you're happy. I may not be happy now, but I will be once I get my shit together in the future. You're just like your fucking parents that you hate. You're not different. I'd always hope that you weren't shallow and tried my best to help you through life, but nothing is ever good enough for you, huh? You'll never be proud to be my gf as your parents were never proud to have you. "All the other kids go to Ivy league schools. Why can't you?"

"All the other husbands are making bank, why aren't you? Why am I making more than you while you do your 8-5 job? How dare you wish to retire and escape the rat race that I once hated?"

So fucking shallow. I hope you enjoy slaving away with your nice things as you try to show everyone what nice things you have and how happy you are. But deep down, you'll never be satisfied as you don't know what else to do besides grind and show off. You'll end up just like your parents that you once hated and thus, the cycle continues. I would wish you the best, but since you wouldn't do the same for me, I hope you didn't learn a single thing from our relationship. I hope you run away from your next relationship and all the issues because you never learned how to handle anything. I hope your "friends" care for you in your time of need. I hope that when you start working full time and aren't in college anymore, you'll realize how meaningless most of your college relationships were. I hope one day, you marry some rich guy for his money and hope that it makes you happy. You'll wake up one day in your nice house and

fancy clothes and wonder if there's more to life than having nice things and gossiping with all the other rich Asian parents as you brag about your kids as your parents had once done the same with you. Maybe one day, you'll realize that you want to escape the rat race but won't because not working means not being able to sustain your image of luxury to all your friends. I hope you work yourself to death trying to find meaning in your life. I know I won't. I hope you realize that a relationship takes effort on both sides. I hope you gain some humility and learn how to be humble and appreciate what you've got and what others don't. I hope your husband is so rich that you don't have to work a day in your life. I hope you enjoy all the finer things in life while you wonder if there's more to life. I hope you never learn from your mistakes. I hope you never realize that you're capable of shitty things and that you're always the good guy in your story. I hope you and your friends enjoy talking about your ex (me) behind my back to make yourself feel better. I hope you end up like your parents when you're 50 when they yell at each other and threaten divorce because they don't know how to talk like grown adults. I hope that like your mom, you can't leave because leaving would mean losing your lifestyle that you've known your whole life. I hope you leave your next bf or future husband for the next best thing like you did with me. I hope you bottle everything up and let it eat away inside of you slowly because you don't know how else to handle your emotions and problems. I hope your future bf/husband only loves you for your looks and one day, when all looks fade, he will have ceased to love you. I hope that one day, you'll be begging to come back but I hope that I'll be happy with someone else by then who appreciates me for me. I hope that I get the chance to say no, you've had your chance. I would meet up with you and talk, but that means helping you understand where we both went wrong and that would mean you'd learn something. At least I know what I did wrong and what I need to work on; I can't say the same thing for you. I hope that one day, you have the balls to tell me the truth, but one can only wish. I hope that one day, you wake up in the middle of the night and realize that what you did was fucked up and how no one was none the wiser because you threw me under the bus; I hope you realized what that you did was shitty and you feel bad. I'll never get back with you to save you the embarrassment when your friends look down on you in the future for marrying a guy who makes less than you. Not that I mind but apparently you do. Fuck this rat race.

Or maybe you will find someone much better than me in every way and who won't slave away. I only hope you don't forget all the good we've done for each other. I tried my best, but one day you stopped trying.

Rich girls, never again. Chinese girls, never again. Rich Chinese girls, never fucking again. No wonder everyone hates the Chinese. They think they're better than everyone. She's no different than her parents who are no different than their nationalist country they came from.

I wonder how different things would be had you dated NT instead of me. Would you be where you are at now? Pretty sure you would have dated him given the circumstances.

I'm going to work extra hard to be able to escape this rat race.

10/11/2019 - Friday

While I was driving home from work today, I had the sudden urge to get my MBA for some reason. I'm going to do my best in my career when I'm young so that I can climb fast and retire early at 50 hopefully.

I'm going to retire at 50 and enjoy my fucking life. I hope Christina doesn't retire because she thinks she's poor and doesn't know how to manage her money. Maybe when she's 50 she'll be like damn I wish I could retire instead of spending all my money buying unnecessary crap trying to keep up with the Joneses.

This breakup has motivated me to succeed out of pure spite.

10/12/2019 - Saturday

Imagine not understanding the value of money and thinking college is cheap LMFAO. So fucking out of touch Jesus Christ. When I'm a parent with money, I would never spoil my children to the point that they get so out of touch. I'm going to teach them the value of money and show them how good they have it. Even though we may not be filthy "rich", we're still pretty damn well off considering how fucked up most people have it.

I can't wait to finish my PE exam and start getting my shit together. Peterson is right. People need responsibility. I want to continue growing up as a person and take on more and more responsibility so that when the time comes in the future, I'll be able to handle anything that life throws at me. I want to be able to be someone that people look up to and be like "Damn, that guy has it all figured out. I want to come to him for help."

I hope you date Henry and hope that he gets bored/tired of your crap and leaves you. I hope you don't understand why, and you rant to your friends who will do nothing but echo your statements. I hope you always believe that you are the good guy in your own story. I hope you don't learn anything, and you repeat the same mistakes until one day, you meet a rich guy who will settle because you guys are both 30 and want to settle down. I hope you marry for money and stay because divorce is costly.

I hope you never learn to appreciate what you've got because other people have it better and therefore, you think you're poor and worthless. I hope you end up just like your parents. I hope you enjoy your rich high school friends as you guys age and end up more and more like your parents. I hope this gives you meaning in your life. I hope you retire at 65 one day and enjoy what little years you have left of your retirement. I hope your kids end up just as superficial as you. I hope you forget about me because it would mean that you've learned nothing for almost 3 years. I won't forget about you because I don't want to repeat the same mistakes. I want to be better.

I hope you get everything that you've ever wanted one day and still struggle to find meaning in your life. I hope you look happy in your social media but deep down, you struggle to find meaning. I hope you aren't able to find out what you want because that would mean sitting down and talking about the difficult things. I hope you run away from all your problems and hope that you'll never have to face them. I hope you find a guy who's willing to be your hero and solve all of your issues for you so that you don't have to face reality because you want to be treated like a princess and not as a normal human being. I hope that when he's gone one day, you won't be strong enough to deal with your own problems. I hope you end up a damsel in distress

instead of a strong, independent woman that I tried to help you become. I hope your next relationships fail and you don't realize what went wrong. I hope you reach out for some real talk because all your CSA "friends" are just nothing more than acquaintances. I hope you get to read all of this one day but then that would mean you'd learn something. Do I really want that after what I realize you did?

- BJ: I, I guess my questions is, do you...do you think it's too late for me?
- Diane: What?
- BJ: I mean, am am am I just doomed to be the person that I am? The person in that book? It's not too late for me, is it? Is it not too late, Diane? I need you to tell me that it's not too late.
- Diane: Bojack...I
- BJ: I...I need you to tell me that I am a good person. I know that I can be selfish and narcissistic and self-destructive, but underneath all that, deep down, I'm a good person and I need you to tell me that I'm good. Diane? Tell me please, Diane, that I'm good.

Rule 2: Treat Yourself Like Someone You Are Responsible for Helping. I guess it was always easier for me to try and help you and in doing so, I neglected to take care of myself. It was easier for me to see the problems in your life and try to fix them than to do the same for my problems in my life. I guess for you, you didn't treat me like someone that you were responsible for helping. "He's a guy who's older than me. He should know better! How does he now realize that he's doing so and so and that's wrong! I'm not his mom and I'm not responsible for helping him. Fuck this, I'm out. I can find someone better instead of helping him be better. Even if he does get better, I can find someone better and richer to please my parents and my financial needs because I'm poor and don't know what poverty really is."

I guess I need to focus on myself more. As selfish as this might sound, people come and go in your life but you're you. I need to love and appreciate myself more and treat myself as someone whom I love and need to help. I'm responsible for my own happiness and actions.

I'm glad you left because it means that I can do better and keep bettering myself. I hope I find someone mature enough to grow up with in life and push each other to our best limits.

Damn I really need to watch Bojack again. I love this show. It's so real and relatable.

The 5 Stages of Grief:

1. Denial
2. Anger
3. Bargaining
4. Depression
5. Acceptance

After eating lunch with my parents and brother, I think I'm at acceptance now. It was fun spending time with them, and it made me realize that I need to continue growing up. I was able to pay for them today and that made me happy, happier than paying for Christina because she

never needed it. She only wanted me to pay because that's what you're socially supposed to do. To be able to afford to pay for my parents makes my happy and I guess it's things like this that I live for in life.

Started looking at houses and holy shit everything is so expensive. I need to save more \$\$\$\$. Imagine having to pay for your own house like a normal person and not understanding that not everyone's parents can help them out KEKW. This is why I don't pay for you. You don't fucking need me to. I also need to save money to buy necessary crap LIKE A DOWN PAYMENT instead of trying to make your already spoil ass feel happy by having the guy pay. It's not like you even need me to pay. You're not even using your own money smh. But I guess if you don't understand, it just seems like the guy is being cheap and not treating the girl right. I'm trying to save for my future here you know. This is why I'm staying at home as well.

Why is everything so fucking expensive smh.

10/13/2019 - Sunday

Still studying for the PE zzz. I just want to get this over with. Idk what I'm gonna do for my birthday. I don't really wanna hang out with my friends for my bday tbh. I just wanna take a long walk and just think. Idk what I want to do for my future. Things seem so hopeless when it comes to wanting to buy a home in today's economy. I hope something changes. Fuck republicans and the people who vote for them thinking that they give a crap. The rich get richer, the poor poorer, and the middle class shrinks more and more. 1st world problems though am I right? I guess it's still much, much better than being in Vietnam.

Just the usual Sunday. Study for my PE and grocery shopping at HEB. I'm going to go full turbo study mode starting this Thursday and stop dicking around. I've been watching some Vsauce Mind Field and it's pretty interesting.

- Todd: Hey Boj, just quiet, quiet. As you know, I was hurt, but then I realized that's just how you are. You know, and maybe I just need to stop expecting you to be a good person, so that way, I won't get hurt when you're not.
- Bojack: Oh, oh okay.

After reflecting back on this relationship, I no longer feel sad/pain because I guess I tried to make her become someone who she isn't and when I stopped trying, nothing really changed, and she is who she is. Different people have different priorities, I guess.

I remember Christina saying something about Emily and Jerry's sad sex life where Emily wanted to get Jerry a toy because she doesn't like sex that much and doesn't cum and she doesn't masturbate that much either. Christina said something along the lines of like "LOL how can she expect Jerry to make her cum/enjoy sex when Emily herself doesn't care for sex/doesn't know her own body because she doesn't really try".

I guess the same holds true for our own problems. I know I have problems and I don't expect for you to understand all of my problems or agree with 100% with what I do because even

I MYSELF don't even understand what I want and what my problems are. That's why I wanted you to help me and help me grow up. When it came to your problems, I tried to be very understanding as much as I can; even though I wasn't 100% completely understanding, I tried my best to help you and work through things together because problems are hard and I don't expect you to know everything and that's why we're both here. I guess you often assumed that I should have known better when in reality, I don't know what I'm doing most of the time and I'm just trying to figure myself out like the rest of the world.

I never expected you to fully agree and understand me because I don't even know myself. You, however, expected me to fully agree and understand you even though you don't know yourself either and were upset when I didn't understand things from your perspective.

Ideal future gf will not be pepe and will be able to communicate effectively about what she wants. I barely even know myself and you can't expect me to know you and what you want.

10/14/2019 - Monday

LOL she unfriended me and my family on FB. I guess she's trying to cope but it's funny if anything. I'm definitely going to hang onto the excursion money until I get my jackets back. I hope she repeats the same mistakes with Henry as she did with me and wonder why. I'm so glad she decided to break up because if I had done it, it would have been much more difficult for the both of us. I think it was best for us to go our separate ways and I'm happy with what I want in my future. I learned a lot about myself and what I want in myself/another partner and thank her for that. Babyrage wheeee I don't know how to talk about issues and would rather run away from my problems than confront them. Jesus Christ this was the worse. So hard trying to understand what someone wants when they don't even know what they want but expect you to figure it out smh.

Man, as a guy, everyone expects you to have it all figured out or something but idk man I'm just doing my best. I didn't like being put into a pedestal and expected to solve all her problems because when I can't, it'll only disappoint the both of us because I'm only human. I'm going to keep trying my best for myself and that's all that matters. I just need to play my cards right so my ass can retire at 50 hopefully. Going to enjoy life because we're all gonna die anyways. Of course, I want to help financially support my kids. However, I don't want them to end up financially retarded like Christina who don't understand the value of money and how hard other people have it and how well off they are. Things could always be better, but they can be much, much worse. No point in slaving away and not enjoying life and leaving a big inheritance to spoiled children who will blow it all away.

I hope the big nice house, rich husband, and nice new cars make her happy with her nice things and her group of spoiled friends. I'm going to enjoy my normal home with my normal car and enjoy my free time living my life.

10/15/2019 - Tuesday

Last day of journaling for a while until I finish my PE exam next Friday. I'm sure I'll do fine, but better safe than sorry. I don't wanna take it twice.

After my PE exam, I'm going to try to relax a bit, get some shit done, and plan out what I want to do in my future life. I need to figure out my shit before I start dating again. I spent too much time trying to help her and when she got better, I didn't and I guess she expected me to be better than her. I'm just trying my best like everyone else. I'm not upset at the breakup because I'm glad we did; I'm just upset at the way it happened and how I never saw it coming. I wished we would have sat down and had a serious conversation and end on better terms. But o well, life goes on. I spend too much time worrying about people that I care about that I neglect to worry about my own life. I'm going to focus on myself only for a while and not repeat the same mistakes.

I wished I had a million-dollar idea so I can escape this stupid rat race, but I guess I have to run like everyone else. Just hoping I can play my cards right and retire at 50. If I had no close family or friends, I'd probably move to somewhere like Europe or New Zealand or somewhere and work to live.

I can't wait to finish my PE, get my shit together, find myself, and then eventually find someone who I can vibe with. I may not have it all figured out, but I'm trying my best and I hope I can find someone who does the same and is willing to try their best. Is it narcissistic to say that I would date a female version of myself? I think it'd be great in a lot of ways LOL but I guess it's prob bad because we'd never see our flaws.

Thanks, Henry. Thanks, Henry. Thanks, Henry. Thanks, Henry. Thanks, Henry. Thanks for taking the immature bitch off of my hands. Now I don't have to deal with all this BS and hope to find someone that truly loves and appreciates me. I may not be the best, but I'll try my best and that's all I want in myself and in another person. If my future gf/wife can understand this, then this will make me a happy guy and I couldn't ask for more. I hope you enjoy dating a superficial bitch who only cares about what other people think but when it comes to the end of the day at night, she cries and is lost and lonely because everybody loves her, but no body likes her. I hope she has fun working 60-80 hrs a week when she graduates. I wonder how long she'll last at the big 4. I hope she ends up like Emily's sister and dates a guy 10 years older than her when she's in her late 20s. Imagine if she dates Jack LOL.

Anyways, I don't care anymore and after my PE, I'm going to live my life and love myself.

10/25/2019 - Friday

PE exam today zzz. Dad drove me early in the morning. Exam started late and it was rainy and cold zzz. I don't want to think about it for another 8-10 weeks, so let's not speak of this again.

Anyways, got dinner at that Chinese place downtown to go and it was amazing. The mood was just right. Long day of testing, cold start of the fall/winter, soft rain, turning on my yellow lights, eating some good Chinese food, while drinking some nice water and watching Bojack Horseman new season 6.

Anyways, I've been feeling pretty weird lately. Just studying for my PE and thinking about my life and what I want in the future. I don't know really. I just feel so overwhelmed at times and I don't know what to do other than sink. I'm just trying to keep my head above the water. I know I have it so much better than my parents did and so much better than so many people and it makes me feel shitty to sit here and have first world problems, but here I am typing them and here you are reading them.

Anyways, I've been thinking about my past relationship lately and why it ended how it did. I'm upset at how it ended, but it is what it is. I pity her if anything but most of all, I'm happy for myself because this is my chance to find what I really want. I guess our relationship was a rushed college relationship. I did learn a lot though and I'm not going to repeat the same mistakes. Even though she probably thinks she's the good guy and has convinced her "friends" that it was all my fault, that's okay because deep down, I know that it's not true and that's all that matters. The people whom I care about (my friends and family) could not care less and that makes me happy because I don't care about the opinions of other people who I don't know/don't care about.

At times, I thought about how nice it would be to set the facts straight and let her know how much of a pain in the ass she was as I too was. However, I have too much shit going on in my life that I need to figure out and will continue figuring out. I don't understand how people have the time and energy for this petty crap. I feel so drained working and studying, and I can't imagine worrying about petty meaningless crap in other people's lives. I just want to be happy and responsible and for me, that'll keep me out of trouble. I just don't have the energy to care or be angry anymore. I can't imagine me becoming one of those parents who do nothing but yell at their spouse and kids. There's no need to yell at them when I'm upset at something they did. I'll just simply say, "I thought you were better than this. You disappointed me. I know you can do better. I don't expect you to be perfect, but I at least expect you to try your best and to try to be better."

I hope I can find a partner who is willing to have normal conversations/disagreements with rather than screaming at each other's throats. I don't want to be right. I just want to be better. I don't want to be the best. I just want to be my best.

And so, I've been chill lately with all the PE studying and thinking about life and what not. I'm going to try my best to not be angry/upset again and just try to be happy or at least, try to be happy for me if that makes sense. I guess the best revenge is either letting the other person tire themselves out by constantly yelling and realizing that they're making a spectacle of their self or letting them yell and not realize how shitty/pathetic they are.

Everyone's a piece of shit one way or another/one time or another. I know I have and I'm not going to make excuses for my behavior. However, I hope I can find someone who's willing to help me out and realize that I'm a human with flaws too and try to help lift me up instead of putting me on a pedestal and being disappointed when they realize I'm not perfect.

Watching Bojack again makes me want to watch it again and do a literary analysis and compare it to my life. Would be a fun personal project to do. That and the self-authoring program. Pepehands Pickles. She's too good for Mr. Peanutbutter.

10/26/2019 - Saturday

I had a dream we were back at her apartment as friends and CSA people/her roommates were there. I talked and laughed like old times (but as friends) and it was nice for a moment. Turns out she cheated on me with Henry when we were dating (near the end) and everyone knew but me. I had told everyone what happened, and they knew about it, but chose not to tell me anything. I know that this was just a dream and all, but I can't help but wonder if something similar like this happened in real life.

Anyways, washed the car today, got a dentist appointment tomorrow, and purged my FB of any photos of her. Time to move on. I only wished she had cheated on me because that would make this so much easier. In a strange way, I hope she did. It would mean I dodged a huge bullet and for that, I'm grateful.

Met up with Dominic today. He seems happy and doing well. It was nice talking to him and we just talked about work and our lives and whatnot. He has a gf now so I'm happy for him. He asked me about the cruise, and I told him we broke up lmfao.

Got dinner with my family for my bday and it was chill. My dad ate too much again and it just hurts me that he's doing this. He thinks I want him to stop eating so much because I'm afraid of taking care of him. That's true to a certain extent, but I'm more worried for my mom who has to take care of him. I don't understand why he doesn't see far into the future and I hope I can eventually talk some sense into him. My sister was fucking nosy again and I told her to cut the shit. This is why I still haven't told my family because they're so fucking nosy. I'll tell them when I'm ready but if she keeps doing this again, I'm not going to tell her and only tell my parents. I can't stand fucking nosy people. She's a good sister, but she's not perfect and this is one of the things that she does which annoys the hell out of me.

Anyways, I went home and finished the new Bojack season. Now I'm sad again because it's almost over and there's only another half season left. Got a lot of productive things done today and I'm going to keep on being productive. I need to grow up and be strong now so that when things get tough, I'll be able to be strong for myself.

I'm going to take it easy until I get my PE scores, If I pass, then I'm going to start ramping things up and take a part time job or something. If I fail, then I'm going to study extra harder. Stupid ass test zzz.

I'm not going to start dating until I pass the PE and figure out my shit like a part time job or something. This time, I don't want a gf just for the sake of having a gf. I want to find someone where we both like each other and see a future together, not date someone just because they say, "why not". I want someone who is strong, mature, and will help each other grow up with fewer of our weaknesses, and more of our strengths. Nobody is perfect, and as long as we are both willing to be better, then that's all one can ask for.

10/27/2019 - Sunday

It was my 23rd bday today. I removed it from fb, so I don't think anyone knew and that's perfect for me. I don't like being the center of attention and would rather just enjoy my quiet time. I hung out with Randy, Rolando, and Daniel today and we went hiking in Brazos Bend State Park. It was pretty chill and fun. A bit tiring though, and I need to work on my cardio more. Overall, a fun birthday and I couldn't have asked for more. Something simple and chill like this is much better than a party with a bunch of people I could not care less about. We got Chinese food in Chinatown after and got coffee at 7 Leaves and it was nice. Saw Peter Pham from WAIS while leaving. Didn't recognize him for a bit lol.

Overall, I got a lot of small but productive things done this week that I have been putting off for a while and will continue being productive. Once I pass my PE, I'm going to ramp up everything in my life and work even harder and grow even more. Only 10 more weeks of anxiety!

Going to start reading more and trying even harder at work now that I'm done with my PE.

10/28/2019 - Monday

Productive day at work today. Talked to some people about the PE and the masters and whatnot to plan my future. We'll see. Still just anxious to get my scores back. Apparently, it takes 6 weeks so around mid-December. I'd give up anything to pass the exam the first time zzz.

Cleaned my room a bit and threw away some crap because my brother was complaining. I know I need to redecorate my room. I just need a bit more money zzz.

Got dinner with my parents and brother today at Kim Son. My brother figured out that Christina and I broke up lol. He's chill so it's whatever. We talked to our parents about their finances and I think we finally managed to convince them to show us their finances. Gonna get to the bottom of that next month when we have more time after the cruise.

10/29/2019 - Tuesday

Just another day. Tried to be productive today by selling the old trumpet, but they wouldn't take it, so I wasted half an hour zzz. Got a bunch of shit I need to take care of this weekend. Trying to be as productive as possible.

10/30/2019 - Wednesday

Work, work, and more work. I'm so anxious waiting for me stupid PE score. If I pass, I'm going to ramp shit up in work and take on more responsibility. If I fail, then I guess I'm dedicating another half a year studying my stupid ass off. Not going to start dating again until I pass my PE exam. No bitches to distract me again zzz.

I keep having thoughts that one day she's going to beg to get back together. This gives me the satisfaction of being right and saying no. If I do say yes, it'll be on my terms because once again, I'm right smiley face. One can only hope. If she doesn't beg to come back, then I'll still be happy because it means that she hasn't learned a thing and she will make herself miserable. She wants everyone to love her, but at the end of the day, not many people like her. At the end of the day, when everyone has graduated, when everyone is working, when she is no

longer in CSA, when she is working full time, she'll realize how few actual friends she really has. I hope all that partying and sucking up was worth it, you stupid bitch.

I realized why she never stood up for me in front of her friends or her parents. It was foolish of me to think that she would stand up for me when in reality, she can't even stand up for herself. Nothing more than a coward who only seeks to minimize conflict at the cost of their own wellbeing. I hope her unresolved issues grow and eat her up on the inside when she realizes how cruel life really is. So many CSA "friends", but how many of them can you really talk to when the time comes? Pathetic.

10/31/2019 - Thursday

Being an adult sucks. I feel so useless and guilty when I relax or try to have any fun because it means that I'm not working and therefore, I'm falling behind compared to those who live to work. By working less, I'm earning less. I thought I'd be happy working for the government, but I feel "lazy" because I feel like I could be working more and earning more. I feel too guilty to have fun and when I do have fun, I feel even more guilty. Idk anymore. Fuck America and living to work. Wish I was working in Europe instead.

I'll plan my life out in more detail once I pass the stupid PE exam. I'd give up literally anything to pass this stupid exam.

November

11/1/2019 - Friday

Productive day at work today. Learning new things. Tbh I kind of like my job. I mean I don't love it like I wouldn't do it for free but it's not too bad and I can't see myself doing anything else tbh. Don't know if I would enjoy anything else.

Voted for the first time today with my parents. We voted in the local elections and idk what or who I was voting for. I mainly came just to vote for Mayor Turner. He cool.

Got dinner with my parents afterwards at Pho Huy and then we went home. Paid the bills, budgeted for the month, got a few things done, and started looking at furniture. I need to redecorate my sad, sad room, especially now that I'm single and will start dating after I pass my PE.

Still so anxious about the PE score. About 5 weeks left zzz, In the mean time, I'm going to clean up my room and redecorate it and try to figure out some adult stuff in my life and what I need to do.

11/2/2019 - Saturday

Bojack Horseman S5:E10, 5:53

- Bojack: Why are you bringing this shit up? Is this fun for you? To really rub in--
- Diane: It's not *fun*.
- Bojack: You win! You scored all the points in the argument! According to facts, you are right and I am wrong, like always. But you know what? I don't care. Because I'm trying to move forward.
- Diane: You haven't changed at all.
- Bojack: Yes! Congratulations! You are the last person to get that. I'm not gonna *change*. I don't need your *help* for changing, so you can stop trying to make me your project.
- Diane: That's not—
- Bojack: When I met you, I was depressed because I didn't like myself. And when you wrote that book and sold a bajillion copies, you taught me that as screwed up as I am, that's okay. *You* did that. And now I'm okay.
- Diane: I don't believe that's true. And I don't think you believe it's true. I think you want me to tell you that you can be better. And even though you're being a total asshole right now, I still believe it. But if all you've gotten out of this friendship, is the idea that you should be okay with yourself, as you are, then I don't think this is a good relationship...for either of us.
- Bojack: Diane, come on.
- Diane: I'm going home.
- Bojack: No, Diane, we're saying things, but let's just go back to the party.
- Diane: I'm done...with all of this.

S5:E12, 7:45

- Bojack: The last time I saw you, you said you still believed I could be a better person. Do you still believe that?

- Diane: I do.
- Bojack: I need you to write one of your take-downs. About me.
- Diane: What?
- Bojack: You can't write anything about Gina, but...the other stuff. Everything. I need to get it out.
- Diane: No. I'm done writing about you, or for you, or with you.
- Bojack: Diane, please, I need this. I'm a bad guy and the world needs to know.
- Diane: There's no such thing as "bad guys" or "good guys." We're all just... guys...who do good stuff sometimes and bad stuff sometimes. And all we can do is try to do less bad stuff and more good stuff, but you're never going to be good, because you're not bad. So you need to stop using that as an excuse.
- Bojack: I am asking to be held accountable.
- Diane: And I'm telling you it's not gonna happen. Whatever you put in that story, no one is gonna "hold you accountable." You need to take responsibility for yourself.
- Bojack: I don't know how to do that!

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- Diane: You can go back home and try to do things your way, like you've been doing all your life, or you can see what these guys have to offer.
- Bojack: I don't understand why you're being so nice to me. After everything you know about me, all the shit I put you through.
- Diane: When I was in high school, I had this friend. Abby. She was my only friend and we did everything together, until she got adopted by the cool kids and then she turned on me...so fast. She used every secret she knew about me, every vulnerability. She made me miserable my entire sophomore year. But then that summer when her mom got sick, like really sick, and all her cool friends were off vacationing in Martha's Vineyard, I was there for her.
- Bojack: Why?
- Diane: Because I'm an idiot. And it was Abby. And I hated her, and I will never forgive her, but she needed me and...she was my best friend and I loved her. And now...you're here, and I hate you, but you're my best friend and you need me.

Got a lot of productive stuff done today. Fixed my car's airbags. Went to Costco with mom, and then Ikea for some new furniture. Spent the whole night building my furniture and cleaning up my room. Jordan Peterson was right. It really does make a difference. I threw away my old furniture and now with the new ones, I feel like a new person. Everything is much more organized, and I feel less hectic.

Had a family dinner at home with everyone + Jack.

I should have worn PPE while drilling under the table. A piece of wood got in my eye and my eyeball was swollen. Smh why am I so dumb. As a civil engineer, I should have definitely known better. Never again.

11/3/2019 - Sunday

Finished cleaning up the rest of the room and whatnot. Set up the dash cams, cleaned my PC, installed the last 2 Ikea legs, and watched the Jordan Peterson documentary *The Rise of Jordan Peterson*. Pretty good day overall. I made chicken tomato egg drop soup for dinner. I sometimes impress even myself. Not to sound narcissistic but damn, I'm not too shabby. I can take care of myself and won't have to live off of take outs or frozen food.

Overall, tossing away the old furniture and buying the new one in my room made me a new person mentally tbh. Jordan Peterson was right. Praised be the lobster. I started using my new desk today and it was just so much more organized and better. Here's to a new me. New furniture and future new gf and most importantly, new me. I want to keep growing up as a person. I will never be "satisfied" with myself because there's always so much I can learn.

https://youtu.be/9QVQZSSi_m0

This video sums it up pretty good. You need a partner who is a challenge. You can't have a partner who you rarely fight with and vice versa, you can't have a partner you always fight with. You want someone who will challenge you and contend with you. You don't want someone who thinks you're perfect and don't need to change and will always be happy moment to moment (someone who is too nice). Someone to help you be better and call you out on your crap. Someone who pushes you beyond your current limits and judges you for your limitations; it will make you angry and resentful, but you don't want someone who thinks you're perfect in your current form. Why would you want to go out with someone that deluded?

I know I was never perfect/will never be perfect and never claimed to be; all I wanted was someone who will help me be a better person and I don't think Christina was capable of being that person. I tried to be that person to her and succeeded, but she grew too resentful because I could have possibly pushed her too hard. We had different love languages and we didn't understand/realize that soon enough. Good lesson to learn for my next relationship. Before I date again, I'm going to make a list of all the things I need to improve on personally and as a future bf/husband or else I will risk repeating the same mistakes and this time, there's no excuses because I really should know better. I need to reread 12 Rules for Life before this too.

11/4/2019 - Monday

Still so anxious on those PE results. If I had to choose between Christina and I never breaking up VS passing the PE, I'd choose passing the PE. Failing the PE would be more heartbreaking than a breakup and I don't want to fail. Please, if there is a god, let me pass. I don't ask for much, man. Just let me have this one thing.

I don't want to start any big personal projects or figure out too much until I pass my PE. I'm just going to take it easy and get small things done one step at a time. I think I will work part time for Chu Huy once I pass my PE. Gotta get that bread.

11/5/2019 - Tuesday

Still anxious about the PE results. I don't really want to plan too far ahead for my future until I pass this stupid exam. Going to try to take it easy until I get the results zzzzzzzzzzzz.

Anyways, ate chicken egg tomato egg drop soup for dinner so that was nice. Started reading Rich Dad Poor Dad at work. I kind of enjoy reading these self help and financial books. I know this might seem old and boring, but they're pretty good ngl.

Found some old quotes I had saved in my pics:

- “We have a tendency to want the other person to be a finished product while we give ourselves the grace to evolve”
 - I think the bitch was guilty of doing this smh.
- “We judge others by their actions and ourselves by our intentions”
- “The reason we deal with insecurity is because we tend to compare our behind the scenes to others highlight reel”

11/6/2019 - Wednesday

I've been feeling guilty about not being busy enough and enjoying my free time too much. Smh capitalism and me feeling guilty for not slaving away and enjoying life. Anyways, going to start learning some excel at home and getting really good at it so at least I can be a little productive.

Also started downloading tinder. Guess the best way to get my mind off of the relationship is to have a little fun. Gotta enjoy my 20's!

Messaged that TxDOT Reddit guy, so we'll see how that goes.

11/7/2019 - Thursday

Going to start learning more excel on my free time. I believe in working smarter, not harder. Christina from TxDOT seems to be working so hard like bro, slow down before you get a heart attack.

Just another weekday. Started talking to this girl on Tinder named Cindy. Turns out, we both have A LOT in common. I know I just got out of a relationship, so I'm trying to take it slow and don't want to move too fast. She seems like a really interesting person to talk to and tbh, she seems like a female me ngl. I guess it's good in most ways, right? I'm just afraid of rushing into things and messing everything up.

11/8/2019 - Friday

Turns out, we have similar goals, but she doesn't want kids and I do so big no no and now, we're just going to be friends. She's interesting to talk to though so we'll see. Maybe one of us might change our minds in the future and you never know.

Went to some tiki bar for Randy's bday yesterday and it was chill. Pretty damn cold though so zzz.

11/9/2019 - Saturday

Got food today in Chinatown with mom. Went to Ikea and home depot afterwards to buy 3 new shelves and I spent a lot of the day installing them. They look amazing and the room is really coming in together. Next step is to replace the lights and then replace the bed and then I'll

see from there. I added some plants too and shit looks good. Even though I know this is a bit of a waste of money, it has really improved my mental health and I've been happier ever since I started redecorating my room. New room, new me.

I've still been talking to Cindy and it's been pretty fun talking to her. We have a lot in common and I think we can be good friends eventually. She seems like someone who is honest and who you can talk to about important issues. She seems like someone who you can count on to tell you the honest truth and not sugarcoat anything just to validate your feelings. It's honestly pretty rare to find someone like that. Tbh, looking back, I don't believe Christina was honest with me or herself. It was always a struggle for her to tell me the truth, especially if it was something I did that was bothering her. The truth is unpleasant a lot of times and not everyone wants to face it, I understand. But at some point, you have to at least try, you know? You can't just bottle it up or pretend that it's not there in hopes that it'll go away, or you'll forget about it. If you do that, it'll only grow bigger and then eventually, the dam will fail, and it'll all come out at once.

11/10/2019 - Sunday

Went for a morning walk and then got pho afterwards. Then, I went to HEB and then back home where I was going to get some shit done, but I got sleepy and lazy and didn't get as much done as I wanted. Got dinner with my family tonight and it was expensive. I hate paying. Anyways, I'm getting glasses tomorrow, so that's pretty exciting! I technically don't really need it, but it's free and I guess it'll be cool to have glasses lol. Now that I'm single, maybe it'll help me pick up chicks.

Meeting up with Cindy after to hang out and chill, so I'm pretty excited for that. It'll be nice having someone to talk about crap that you can't really talk to most people. I know we're just friends and this is just a hangout and not a date, but I still feel nervous meeting new people tbh. However, I need to step out of my comfort zone and push myself to do things that I'm not familiar with and quit being a little bitch.

11/11/2019 - Monday

Veteran's day today, so I got the day off. Went to get checked for my glasses, so I'm excited for that. It'll help me with my dating game 😊. I went to meet up with Cindy for the first time and we ate at M2M and it was amazing. So much food, but it was good. It was nice talking to her and we saw a bunch of cats at the parking lot. We went to Houston Arboretum and it was pretty nice. We walked around for a few hours and talked about random crap and it was nice talking to someone who could hold an honest conversation.

It was a pretty chill day overall and I'm glad I went out instead of staying cooped up at home.

11/12/2019 - Tuesday

Sofia asked me to find some asbults and I could not for the life of me find any good ones. God, I feel useless. It's not like I didn't try. I really did try but I swear, either it's not there or I'm just retarded. Anyways, going to start working on SH 146 tomorrow so that's good. Not too much else I can do with I-69. Also, it was freezing cold today and I fucking hate it zzz.

Anyways, the cold weather and my new room makes it all okay. That and having the house to myself is kind of nice for a little bit.

11/13/2019 - Wednesday

Started working on SH 146 today. It was nice working with Mercy and Sofia. I was pretty productive today, so there's that.

Just the usual weekday. Egg drop tomato soup, worked out a bit, learned some excel, swiped on Tinder (still no luck), and just chilling. Can't wait for my PE grades. I hope I passed zzz. I'd give up literally almost anything to pass this dumb test.

11/14/2019 - Thursday

Normal weekday today. Cooked food, showered, learned some excel, learned about taxes, swiped right on Tinder, and worked out.

I feel so lost in life rn ngl. Just waiting for the PE results before I make any major life decisions. This cold weather is not helping my mood. I want a gf, but I know that now is not the right time and that I need to work on myself first and not rush into another relationship. I'm just going to keep working on myself, grow up, explore my hobbies, enjoy my life, and have some fun.

11/15/2019 - Friday

Another cozy, but lonely Friday again. Dominic dropped 3 tabs today and asked me to check up on him via text so there's that. I'm happy that nothing bad happened and that he had a good time. Fucking idiot shouldn't have dropped 3 tabs lmfao.

Anyways, just the usual tonight. Tried to learn about my credit benefits, did some excel, learned some taxes, did my book summary, worked out, and just took it easy.

I feel so lost sometimes and today, I felt even more lost. I feel like I'm just going through the motions in life and I want to change things up, but I don't know how. I just need to get the stupid PE exam out of the way and then I think I can finally figure out all of my crap. I want to make new friends and eventually get back into dating, but I have so much to work on and figure out and I don't know when the right time for anything is. Being a guy sucks because everyone expects you to have it all figured out. I need to figure things out to be strong and independent, but it's just so hard sometimes. I'm just doing my best and I hope that it's enough. I don't need to be the best or the richest or whatever (although that would be nice), I just want to be happy and do my best and just enjoy life. Is that too much to ask?

In a way, I was sad when Christina and I broke up but looking back, I think it's for my best and I think if I find someone with similar life goals like me, then I will be much, much happier. If I could go back in time and do it all over again, knowing that it would still end no matter what, I would still do it in a heartbeat. I've learned so much about myself, my life, and what I want in a future partner and I try to cherish the good times that we had. I wished it had ended on more amicable terms (bc her ass probably gaslighted the shit out of me), but it is what it is. I try my best not to think about it too much and just try to be a better person honestly. I just want to be happy.

11/16/2019 - Saturday

Took a 3 hr long walk/hike at the bayou near my house today and it was amazing. I had a lot of time to think about myself and my future goals. Once I pass my PE exam, I am definitely going to get a part time job with Chu Huy or something. I reached out today to him and he didn't have any extra work at the moment, but hopefully he will in the future. Anyways, I'm going to do my best in all my areas of life and just keep learning about everything that I can (not just engineering). I had always wanted to be a mentor to kids, but I need to get my shit together and also make more \$\$\$\$. Maybe I'll be a mentor when I retire but for now, I'm going to work on myself.

My parents and I ate at this Chinese (ew) vegan buffet place in Chinatown near Hokaido and it was pretty good. It's definitely an interesting place to take someone if they're a vegan and I wouldn't mind going again.

Went to a UH after tailgate frat party with my brother and his frat afterwards and although I was pretty socially awkward, it wasn't too bad and I had a decent time I guess. It was nice to just get out of the house for once and I haven't been to a party in quite some time. It was nice just meeting new people who just wanted to enjoy themselves for a little bit and not worry about all the drama and gossiping and headache.

I hope once the bitch leaves CSA when she graduates, she'll understand how little she has in this world and the realities of life. Fuck you. If we were to ever get back together, it would be you crawling back and asking for another chance. If not, then that's better for me because I want someone who isn't such a god damn child and can have serious conversations/talk like a normal fucking adult. However, knowing her, she will take the same path as her parents and marry some richer, older guy. On the outside, they'll seem well off and happy but deep down, they'll right constantly and threaten divorce with one another just as her parents did the same. I hope you enjoy this life, you ungrateful bitch.

11/17/2019 - Sunday

Just another lazy Sunday zzz.

At night, I felt motivated to learn some skills and also plan out my future. I want to set myself apart and be the best that I can be and stand out while making that big \$\$\$\$. I'll continue doing research this week.

11/18/2019 - Monday

Learned more about my retirement plans from ERS. Turns out, if you retire young, you get heavily fucking penalized. I'm definitely going to go private knowing this. The question is, when and how long zzz. Fucking government ruined my early retirement plans from TxDOT into private. Anyways, I should have probably researched this sooner but hey, better late than never! Good thing I looked it up tonight lol.

Overall, I'm going to be somewhat productive every single night and try to learn something useful. Tonight, I learned about my retirement plans, excel, and taxes.

11/19/2019 - Tuesday

Another normal day at work. I can't imagine working here the rest of my life with the pension penalty crap zzz. Thinking of staying here about 4-5 years and then heading out and we'll see where that takes me. Maybe I'll come back and retire here in the future, who knows.

Sold my jackets to the bitch so there's that which is good bc I didn't want it back nor did I want to see her face again. Other than that, normal weekday. I'm just trying to be as productive as I can and learn something new every night if possible!

11/20/2019 - Wednesday

Another productive night! Figured out my YNAB refund crap, learned some excel, learned some taxes, did my 1 book summary, and payed the bills.

11/21/2019 - Thursday

Just another weekday. I found out I'm 135-138 lbs, so I need to eat more. Got McDonalds today to gain some weight lol. Other than that, just another productive weekday. I'm still trying to plan out my retirement, so I need to finish that up tomorrow. Can't wait for the PE scores to fucking come out already.

11/22/2019 - Friday

I've been having this career crisis where I don't know what I want to do for the rest of my life. I'm definitely not going to stay with TxDOT forever tbh. I thought I did back then, but idk. I guess I just want to see what's out there. Maybe the grass is actually greener on the other side. Plus, more \$\$\$\$. I'm willing to work more if it means I can save more for my future. I spent most of the night researching for different civil engineering fields and opportunities, but to no avail. Will continue this tomorrow as well. I need to talk to more people I guess.

11/23/2019 - Saturday

Got lunch with my family and afterwards, I went to this garden and bought a cactus and this other plant. The cactus happened to be peyote so that's cool. Maybe I'll grow a bunch one day LOL. I probably will once I get my own house. Fuck what the wife says. They're my cactuses.

Went for an hour walk to gather my thoughts and whatnot. I want to wish her the best, but knowing her, she wouldn't do the same for me and probably still holds a lot of unnecessary resentment. Even knowing this, there's still a part of me that wishes her well and hope she's happy even though she won't do the same for me. I don't love her anymore, but I still somewhat care about her as a person even though she may not return the sentiments.

I mainly spent the night trying to decide my future career. I'm 90% deadest on staying with TxDOT for about 2 years MAX and then relocating and working overseas or something until I'm in my late 20s or early 30s before settling back down in Houston. I want to live life, go places, and see things! Christina breaking up with me was a godsend and it means nothing is tying me down from doing whatever I want.

11/24/2019 - Sunday

Spent most of the day trying to learn more about civil engineering jobs and opportunities. I don't want to work for TxDOT forever honestly. Idk what I want to do with my life, and I'm going to try and figure out all of that shit while I still have the time. Idk how some people can be like "I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THIS SINCE I WAS IN COLLEGE" like bitch, I don't even know what I want for dinner tomorrow smh.

11/25/2019 - Monday

I don't want to be a CAD monkey for the rest of my career. Idk what I want to do. Still searching and hoping I can find something interesting.

11/26/2019 - Tuesday

Still searching for my future and my opportunities zzz. I was thinking maybe I'll go get a job with the federal government overseas once I pass my PE exam or something and then once my contract is up, go back and get my MBA and make that dough \$\$\$.

11/27/2019 - Wednesday

Went to work early today and it was nice to get some work done. I helped Sofia a lot as well and showed her my VPI calculator. Also, apparently Patrick is going to be our new supervisor and I don't think Sofia will stay long because of that LOL. I was going to stay here for 2 years, but I might just bounce at 1 year. Guess we will see.

Went suit shopping with mom and bought 3 suits and some other things. Pretty good investment considering I need it for work and special events and whatnot. We went to Taco Cabana afterwards and it was nice spending time with her.

Went to the Zoo with the guys afterwards and it was pretty nice. A bit short, but still nice nonetheless. We ate and played smash a bit afterwards and that was it.

11/28/2019 - Thursday

Thanksgiving today. I got a new phone from Best Buy (Google Pixel 3a XL), so I'm very, very happy. Thanksgiving was nice and overall, today was fun. I talked to Brittney and offered to help her with volunteering and getting her shit together, so that was fun. Idk why, but I love helping out people, especially younger people, get their life together and not repeat the same mistakes I once did. Not only that, but I want to help them become a better person than I was/am, a person with more of my strengths and fewer of my weaknesses. I'm pretty excited to start helping her and I told her to find 20 volunteering opportunities by next time we meet which is December 31st. She seems like she actually wants my help, so this makes it more fun and not a chore. I wanted to help Dan too, but if you don't want my help, then I'm not going to waste my time babysitting your ass. I love helping people, but I'm not going to waste my time if they don't want it.

Also, it's funny how I like helping people get their shit together when I'm struggling to get my own shit together.

Anyways, I've been feeling good about my future and my future goals/plans. I'm going to work at TxDOT for ~1-2 years, and then go overseas or something and work for the feds for ~2-3 years, get my PE, come back, take my GMAT, apply to UT or A&M for my MBA, get my

MBA in 2 years full time, and then get out of the civil engineering industry and start making that bread. If I don't love my job, I might as well get paid to do something I don't love and so businesses it is. This is the rough goal for now, but I'm feeling motivated to work even harder and do my absolute best in life. I'm still going to retire at fucking 50 lol. Let's get this mf bread.

11/29/2019 - Friday

Kind of a bum day for me. I helped Britney a bit and then spent most of the day searching for volunteering opportunities. Also, finished setting up my new phone and whatnot; can't wait for my new case to come in hopefully tomorrow or something. I really want to volunteer with the Red Cross, and I hope they accept me. It would be a very good experience and I would learn a lot.

11/30/2019 - Saturday

Saw Frozen 2 with mom; it was alright. We went shopping afterwards and ate at Chipotle.

Went hiking with Randy, Rol, and Raul afterwards and it was pretty fun. We biked in this rough trail and although it was tough, it was a good workout.

Got dinner with my parents and sister + Jack afterwards. Got my phone case, so that's cool. We also talked about my brother wanting me to watch his house this December and fuck that, I'm not doing it. It's pointless when he has cameras and can send the dog to my sister's. Idk why he wants someone to watch the house. Ain't no body got time for that shit.

Anyways, still researching MBA programs and whatnot. Maybe I'll go into crypto, so who knows. It's risky though, so we'll see.

December

12/1/2019 - Sunday

Pretty uneventful Sunday tbh. I got my haircut, so there's that. Did some budgeting and paying bills on YNAB. Other than that, I've just been doing more research into volunteering and MBA and whatnot. Signed up for the Houston Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity, so that will pad up my resume. No more crypto dreams; it's a risk that I can't afford to take tbh. I'm going to stick to the traditional MBA and go from there. Need to do more research this week. Civil engineering does not pay enough for the crap I have to put up with in the future. Fuck that noise. I'm going to work my fucking ass off during my 20s, even if I have to give up so much. It'll all be worth it in my 30s once I get my MBA and go on from there. I'm not doing this for anyone, I'm doing this for me. However, when I do succeed, it'll sure feel damn good, especially to those who doubted me AKA Christina fucking Jiang, you shallow piece of shit. I don't have to stoop to her level and try to bring her down to feel good about myself (she'll bring herself down anyways). I just have to try my fucking best and be better than her; I want to be someone that others are jealous of and wish they were. I don't have to be the best; I just want to be my best.

Thinking back, as much as she wronged me, a part of me still can't help but feel sorry for her because I guess a part of me still cares about her. I know she couldn't care less about me, but I still wish her the best. If she wasn't happy with me, then I hope she's happy with someone else. I tried my best to be a good bf and a good person, but life is just hard sometimes, man. I won't make the same mistake twice.

12/2/2019 - Monday

Still searching for more jobs zzz. Been feeling a bit down again since I'm still lost as to what I want to do.

12/3/2019 - Tuesday

More MBA research. I heard back from SPUR, so I'm excited to start working with them. Turns out the CEO is an O&G executive; hopefully he can put in a good word for my MBA application or help me out with those connections 😊.

12/4/2019 - Wednesday

Jack dropped off the screen protector today, so no more beanie as a screen protector.

Got accepted for SPUR, the Houston Food Bank, and potentially the Red Cross. I might have to drop the Houston Food Bank, but we will see. This will be a good learning experience for me and I'm really excited for Spur and the Red Cross. Been feeling a bit better now that I have something planned and I'm confident I can get in a T20 school; I'm aiming for a T10 for that clout though.

Anyways, more MBA research as usual.

12/5/2019 - Thursday

First YES meeting today. I think it went pretty decent and I did ok 😊. After the meeting, some guy was like “Hey, you look like you know your shit. Imma ask you something”. Little did he know how much I don’t know my shit. Other than that, normal day at work.

Went to SPUR after work and talked to Nikita, Tony, and Gary. This seems like a big time commitment, so we’ll see lol.

12/6/2019 - Friday

Moooooreeeee MBA research zzzzzzzzzzzzz. Years from now when I’ve gotten my MBA and have a good paying job, I will look back to these times and will know what it was all worth it (hopefully 😊).

12/7/2019 - Saturday

Went to the Houston Food Bank today for a tour and it was pretty interesting and I’m excited to learn and build my resume + skills.

Got Siu Lap City with Cindy and it was so good. We played some video games after at her place and it was pretty chill. Red Cross also called, so we’ll see the application next week.

Hung out with the guys afterwards and we played some Smash and got some tacos.

12/8/2019 - Sunday

Got lunch with my family and drinks after. I went hiking in Memorial Park afterwards to clear my mind and whatnot. Just a usual Sunday and now to do more MBA research.

12/9/2019 - Monday

Still no PE exam results yet zzzzz. I just want to pass already so I can start studying for the stupid GMAT. Anyways, more MBA research. LET’S ACQUIRE THIS BREAD.

12/10/2019 - Tuesday

Field trip today to the asphalt plant. It was cold, but overall, a pretty good experience. Learned a lot but I’m going to forget all of it anyways lol. I think the best of all was that I got to talk to a lot of people during lunch and learned a lot. It’s a good experience besides being cooped up in the cubicle all day zzz.

Anyways, more MBA research.

12/11/2019 - Wednesday

More MBA research. I signed up for this tree planting thing, so we’ll see how that goes. Still no PE results 😞.

12/12/2019 - Thursday

I passed my PE exam. OMEGA EZ GLAP. So fucking ez. Why am I so damn good? I amaze myself sometimes. Life is good. I’m going to take about a month or so to relax a bit and focus on some other things. After that, I’m going to start studying for my GMAT and whatnot to get that crap out the way.

12/13/2019 - Friday

Nice day tonight. Had the work HQ party and I ate so much. Played some smash and then got KBBQ with the boys afterwards. It was a bit pricy, but you've gotta treat yourself sometimes. I see it as a pass my PE exam treat 😊.

12/14/2019 - Saturday

Went to the Houston Food Bank today to volunteer. It was pretty fun actually. The time went by fast. It was kind of lonely since I went by myself but still a good experience. Went to Ikea afterwards and chilled for a bit while I waited for Dom. I gave him all my PE material and we chatted for a bit until I had to get dinner with my family. Went home after and checked up on Britney and her volunteering. All in all, a productive day. I'm planning on joining Chua again and helping out. I will probably start beginning of next year.

12/15/2019 - Sunday

Went skeet shooting with my brother, his gf, her mom + aunt, my sister + her husband. It was nice and I'm alright at shooting lol. Got lunch afterwards and then I went hiking at the bear creek trail. It was pretty nice actually and I'm going to go again next weekend. Went to HEB afterwards, then got my amazon package, and then installed my new lights. Room looks pretty great now. Maybe I'll add one or 2 more things, but that's about it. Did some more MBA research a bit. I'm planning to start studying for my GMAT starting next month or so. Let's get this bread.

12/16/2019 - Monday

Stayed late today at work with Mercy to finish up the mainlane profiles for SH 146. I didn't mind staying late tbh. Sofia is a good boss and I don't mind staying late to get things done; it's nice working without someone hovering behind my back because I would go the extra mile for them without being asked. If she was like that lady in CDC, I would come in on time and clock out on time with not a minute extra. Anyways, pleasure working with Mercy; she's really nice and I learned a lot today.

Started swiping on Tinder and I have a casual "date" this Friday. Nothing serious, but it'll be fun getting back out there and what not. Good practice.

Going to have some fun before I start studying for my GMAT.

12/17/2019 - Tuesday

Soooo coolllldddd. Just another normal night, but more taking it easy than anything.

12/18/2019 - Wednesday

White elephant today. I didn't bring a gift, so long story short, Mercy gave me hers instead. She's way too nice and my ass doesn't like gifts. Good thing I got a \$25 gift card, so I bought her Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus and The 5 Love Languages. I think it's a good gift since she's recently married; I hope the books change her life like they did mine.

12/19/2019 - Thursday

It's been cold asf lately. I hate the cold and I can't imagine living in the north like Seattle or something. I'd get too depressed and would just kms. I do love the rain and the dark, gloomy vibes that I hear about, but the cold is something that I just cannot stand.

Anyways, more MBA research. Let's...get this bread...I guess...

12/20/2019 - Friday

Finally finished the SH 146 project. Now that it's over, I need to find something else to keep me busy since my other projects won't take up too much time zzz. Of course I'd love to jerk off and do nothing while getting paid, but I want to try my best and build my future.

My parents and I went and got pho at dinner and I went home shortly after. Cold and gloomy day which was perfect for a lofi night. I worked out, watch some Netflix, and did a bit more MBA research.

12/21/2019 - Saturday

Food bank in the morning. Then, I went hiking alone at Bear Creek. It was pretty damn nice and was a good experience even though I went alone. Parents were house sitting Minh's house, so I invited Randy, Rol, and Raul over for smash and chill with the boys. Overall, chill Saturday. I feel a little bit guilty for enjoying myself too much and not slaving away 😞.

12/22/2019 - Sunday

Went hiking with Randy and Rolando in Bear Creek and it was pretty nice. We talked a bit about differences between girls and whatnot but overall, we just enjoyed each other's company. Other than that, just a little bit more MBA research, worked out, and also planning a camping trip.

12/23/2019 - Monday

Didn't get too much done at work today zzz. Sue talked to everyone one on one which I thought was pretty nice. It makes her much more approachable and she praised me for my detailed self-evaluation (as seen in HTWFAIP), which was pretty nice of her. I can already tell that she's a good boss and I have a lot to learn from her.

Anyways, going to start studying for the GMAT soon probably after the holidays. Meanwhile, I need to do more research on how to best study for the GMAT.

12/24/2019 - Tuesday

Christmas eve. I went for a short and disappointing hike this morning at this new trail near my house 😞. At least I know to avoid it in the future. Anyways, I did more MBA research afterwards and had a small Christmas get together with my family and my sister's husband's side. Sister gave me a jacket and it's pretty nice; I'm excited to wear it.

12/25/2019 - Wednesday

More MBA research. Halo finished downloading, so I played the campaign a bit to treat myself. Other than that, somewhat productive day, I think. I'm planning on staying in Texas after

my MBA, so I'm dead set on McCombs > Jones > Mays. Going to toss in MIT Sloan there for the prestige, but we'll see. I feel a bit less stress having somewhat of a plan in my head.

12/26/2019 - Thursday

I went to a MeetUp for hiking today in the Woodlands. Met some people and whatnot and hiked 10 miles. It was nice socializing and it's good practice while doing something that I enjoy. I didn't do any MBA research today, but I will get started up again tomorrow. I think of the experience as not only enjoying myself, but also practicing my social skills so it's a win-win.

12/27/2019 - Friday

Saw Jumanji 2 with mom today and it was pretty good. Other than that, I just played Halo, did some more MBA research, and took it easy. I need to step up my game soon, so I'm taking it a bit easy rn. I feel guilty for taking it a bit easy 😞.

12/28/2019 - Saturday

Went hiking with Randy, Rol, and Adrienne today and got Siu Lap City afterwards. Then we got Vietnamese coffee at this place nearby afterwards and it was pretty good. All in all, a chill day. We talked a bit about her breakup and she, like Christina, seemed to hold grudges with all their relationship issues until one day she could no longer take it anymore and it all came out at once. It's very interesting how on average, girls tend to do this. Very interesting observation.

Anyways, more MBA research.

I've been thinking about my former relationship with Christina and whatnot. If she ever wanted to get back together, would I say yes? After thinking about it, I don't think I will. I don't think she would ever want to get back together anyways, but in the off chance that she somehow initiates, I don't think I will. I would never initiate because if I'm going to start dating again, I want to date someone who wants to be with me for who I am and is not "ashamed" to have me as their bf. I respect myself too much to date someone like that and I don't think she will change; she doesn't seem like the type of person who wants to be better or at least, does not try her best to be better and help those around her. She's all talk and virtue signaling but at the end of the day when it matters the most, she isn't/wasn't there for me and I just want someone who will not only accept me for who I am, but to try and help me become better and be the best person that I can be. She expected me to be a finished product while she gave herself the grace to evolve. If she ever wanted to rekindle things when she's ready to settle down, I would never say yes. Life is too short, and it gets easier and easier for me to move on every day. I have something to look forward to in my life and I will continue doing MY personal best.

12/29/2019 - Sunday

I spent most of the day watching GMAT videos and studying and whatnot. Overall, a productive day and I feel good about myself.

12/30/2019 - Monday

Normal day at work, I guess. Nothing interesting really happened. Started studying for the GMAT starting tonight and just planning everything out. Now that I have something to look

forward to and keep myself busy with, I don't feel that sense of existential dread of not knowing what to do with my life because I'm too busy studying.

12/31/2019 - Tuesday

Normal day at work. Left early because my sister hosted a BBQ/my brother's bday. Anyways, it was nice and fun to eat food and play with the dogs.

I've been thinking about my past relationship and why it ended the way it did. I initially spent so much time blaming myself for a lot of it because I want to do better next time which I will definitely do. However, after much thought, I realized that she cheated on me emotionally with Henry and I can't say that I'm honestly sad. Everything makes more sense now and I'm honestly pretty happy about it because it means that I can do better. I can't imagine dating/getting married to someone like this in the future who would do such a thing and I'm glad that I didn't waste any more time and energy.

Yes, I was emotionally distant the past few months during the end of our relationship because I was working full time, trying to figure out my shit, and studying for my PE. Things were different, but I thought they were still fine because she didn't say anything. I now realize that if she wanted to fix things or had any issues, she would have told me like an adult. Instead, she went "He's emotionally distant now and instead of talking about it like an adult, I'm not going to say anything and plus, here's all the things he's done that's made me upset because I still hold grudges. Oh look, here's another guy that's available for me."

It's funny, because I never cared when other guys hit on her or when she had guy friends. I think it's ridiculous to live in a state of constant jealousy and paranoia because of your partner. I remember her saying "Oh, don't worry. All these guys that hit on me are nothing compared to you!" Funny how when Henry (who was better off financially than me because of his family and whatnot), hit on her, I guess it made it easy to fall out of love when she had someone right there to emotionally fill her needs. I bet her friends/roommates knew but didn't say anything and blamed me instead because "Anh should have known better! He should have treated her better and not neglect her!". Yes, I could have. But holy shit, did I put up with a lot of her shit and I'm glad that I don't have to do any of that anymore. And holy shit, it's immature how "Oh, he doesn't understand me. Instead of talking like an adult, I'm going to leave for someone else because I don't know how to talk about my issues. I hope my next relationship will be better because it's not my fault! There's nothing I could have done differently. All my 'girlfriends' agree with me so therefore, I must be right!"

After realizing this, all I have to do is just do me and live a good life and be happy. I don't have to waste my time trying to "prove" myself to any of her shitty "friends". She will graduate. Everyone will move away and be working. With CSA gone, she no longer has any close friends. Her high school friends back home will be too busy working or have grown apart. She'll be working long hours for a year max until she can no longer take it. Henry will have just been a phase and he'll be working somewhere else not in Houston because he's a nuclear engineer. She'll be incredibly lonely because she realized that she made no meaningful friendships in college and none of her "friends" are here now after college. She'll end up like Emily's sister in hopes of switching companies to find a guy to date. With a shitty personality and

nothing unique about her, she'll end up settling for a socially awkward guy 5-10 years older than her because she's approaching her 30s and is running out of time. She'll end up just like her parents, the same ones that she always complained about and absolutely hated.

In conclusion, I learned a lot from this relationship, and I won't make the same mistakes twice nor will I date someone as superficial and shallow as her again. I'm happy that she emotionally cheated on me because it means that I could do better.

Anyways, what a wild year 2019 has been. So much has happened, so much has changed, and I've grown up so much. I want to keep growing up and bettering myself and be the best that I can be. Here's to 2020, a better year. Going to aim for a 700+ GMAT, volunteer more, and figure out my MBA school and career plans! The only person that can disappoint me now is myself so I have that going for me.