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stuck and unhappy it took me a long time to get here i don't want to lose myself again i don't know how i found myself here but it is what i do from here that will make all the difference my biggest fear is never being loved the way i want to be loved

why am i going through all these healing only to get myself broken again

the same person can't hurt me twice but i've been hurt the same way by too many people

people come and go but hurting seems to be a feeling i can't shake

no matter what i do i still end up back at the same spot

questioning myself questioning my worth was it me or was it them?

how many times can i do this if nothing is going to change

i am so tired of starting over trying something different but still leaving with the same disappointment ask yourself why are you still holding on? does it feel good or is it just familiar? you've come too far to settle for anything less than what you want you know you need to leave when the thought of it makes you feel relieved if you really like someone being friends with them is better than dating them

- advice from my dad

you know exactly what you need to do to improve but you are not doing it

- self-sabotage

if you keep waiting for change you will always be waiting which is more unforgiving you hurting me or me staying on despite it? nothing has hurt me more than my own expectations i don't think i can do this anymore but what if i am wrong? it is never too late to start treating yourself the way you deserve i know you have been hurting and i'm sorry it will continue to hurt yes it will keep hurting for awhile

i can't promise that you will find the version of yourself before you were ruined but i know change will come and you are going to get through this

it will keep hurting until one day it will finally stop

your old self burnt your new self relentless and you will be okay again and you will be okay again promise me this never let anyone shame you for choosing yourself when you are no longer surprised just exhausted, that is when you need to let go nothing is worth staying if you are not happy

i think about leaving and there was a huge sigh of relief

- *i* think that says a lot

you will never meet anyone else who will be as good for you as yourself you know you can do better you are just waiting for a sign

but how many more signs do you need for you to know what you already knew? if it hurts you it is not right i am afraid of losing you but i am even more afraid of losing myself

- *i* can't do this anymore

it is not your responsibility to fix the ones who leave you broken you live your best life when you do exactly what you want and you stop apologizing for it at the end of it all remember this if you ever find yourself in a place where you are truly unhappy remember you always have the option to leave all i know is that in a few years everything will be fine

you will be in my life no longer and i won't be in yours

i will no longer know your number but i will still remember *biscuit* your wide-eyed puppy i will wonder how she's doing but i won't ask

i will remember how i used to love you and getting over you will still be the hardest thing i ever had to do

the thing about people is they change sometimes about who they are and sometimes about what they want

it was unfortunate when you decided that you didn't want me

but i know that in a few years everything will be fine this will bother me no longer and wherever i am i hope i am happy

and genuinely, i hope by then

i can wish the same for you

i don't want half of anything give me everything or don't give it to me at all you deserve to be loved by someone who will love you unconditionally exactly as you are

- don't ever change yourself for someone else

i know some nights it feels like it will never be the same again

and the truth is maybe you are right it won't be the same ever again

and you know what maybe that's not a bad thing at all

you will get over this moment and better things will come into your life

and you will be happier and you will be happier sometimes good things come to an end because we aren't ready it took me a long time to get here i don't want to lose myself again i think i can forgive you if i let this go but i know i will never forgive myself if i don't let go

## learning

to

let go

you end up with what you tolerate

if you don't like something you can always leave

we accept what we think we deserve but there is no limit on what you can become stop trying to please everyone you can't keep pouring into a broken cup you will empty yourself and the cup will still be empty stop shrinking yourself to fit other people life is short stop wasting time on toxic people not every loss is bad sometimes it sets you free stop choosing what isn't choosing you

if it's not mutual what is the point?

stop trying to make it what it used to be the past is in the past let it be what it is

let the good times be good times and let yourself move forward when it is over it is okay to let go of people who do not make you feel good you can't heal if you don't let yourself feel the thing you are so scared of is going to change your life it is okay to outgrow people and it is okay if they outgrow you

- people come and go

finding happiness within yourself is the only way to be truly free stop expecting honesty from people who lie to themselves choose the people who choose you and let go of the people who let go of you you are scared because it matters

- do what is best for you

the only limitations are the ones we put on ourselves nobody is coming to save you.

save yourself.

it is time to let go of people who have let go of you there is still time for you to be who you want to be

- don't give up

there will come a day where you think more about the present than the past stop saying yes when you want to say no

stop talking yourself out of the things you wish could happen

if you avoid it you will never get it

if you are happy you will know it

being content isn't doing something and forcing yourself to be okay with it you break a pattern when you learn to respond differently i'm sorry to myself for holding on so tightly when i already know i needed to let go if they don't respect you, it's over

i thought you were the one i needed the most turns out i was wrong, it was myself no one is coming stop expecting someone else to save you

- you are your own savior

stop hurting yourself over people who don't care about you

if they wanted to, they would

you can overthink yourself to death and they wouldn't care they wouldn't even know

move forward if it's meant to be it will come back otherwise, it doesn't matter anyway i will not spend one more year doing the same shit

- promise to myself

you have to fall in love with yourself first i know it's pretty fucking difficult. i know it hurts like hell. i know you have a million thoughts in your head and you're repeating the same questions over and over. i know it feels like this pain will be forever and right now there is nothing ahead of you but darkness. i know you feel like you might not make it through. i know a part of you is questioning if it's even worth making it through. i know. tonight will be difficult as hell. and so will tomorrow. and maybe the night after. but hey you know what? you've been through this before. and you can do this again. you know you got this in you. i believe in you. you will get through it. you will get over it. just like all the times before. you will be fine. you will be okay. sometimes growth means leaving people behind i want you to know that this is about me and not about you

and i want you to know that it will never be about you ever again today i release you from my mind i will imprison you no more letting you go was the beginning of me learning to love myself learning to love myself the hard times you are going through now will teach you everything you need to know later in life forgive yourself for the mistakes you've made when you didn't know better you are still healing from the things you didn't deserve and that's okay

- keep going

one day at a time. one step at a time.

you do not need anything more than that don't give up you will find yourself again and it will be better than the version you were before take all the time you need to simply just be yourself 7 steps to self care:

- 1. if it feels wrong, don't do it.
- 2. say exactly what is on your mind.
- 3. trust your intuition.
- 4. never speak bad about yourself.
- 5. don't be afraid to say yes.
- 6. don't be afraid to say no.
- 7. love openly and loudly.

don't chase after love chase after life instead and life will love you back it is okay to compromise sometimes it is better to bend a little than to break let your love be stronger than your anger stop beating yourself up over things that don't matter anymore you don't need to be productive all the time

some days it's good enough to simply exist stop comparing yourself with the other versions of you in parallel universes, you are here and that is wonderfully enough it is never too late to figure out who you are speak your truth even if it makes others uncomfortable they can hurt you but they can't ruin you but is it a loss or is it a redirection? remember you can start again over and over as often as you need your competition isn't other people

it is being better than your past focusing on your present and not over analyzing the future you can be happy for other people without feeling terrible about yourself 7 ways to feel better:

- 1. go out for a walk and breathe deeply.
- 2. find a new recipe and cook a homemade meal.
- 3. dress up. make yourself look good. even if you're staying at home.
- 4. bake some cookies.
- 5. try out a home workout on YouTube.
- 6. look through your photo albums and find 20 photos to print out.
- 7. get a new journal and just write. fill the whole thing up.

let yourself feel all your emotions without labeling it in any way instead of a "to do" list make a "stop doing" list stop chasing and start attracting

whatever belongs to you will simply find you

you have something others don't, you care

and that is why it hurt sometimes when you care too much for the wrong person

but that is also why you will be happy one day when you finally find someone who will care for you the way you care for them

keep caring don't let a few jerks ruin your preciousness be nice to people everyone has a struggle you don't see energy doesn't lie believe in what you receive and what you give out i don't need anyone to do my healing for me give me space and i will do it myself the best closure is knowing that you've tried your best you are surviving today and that will be good enough give yourself the power to become who you want to be

you have yet to see the best version of yourself

there is still so much you can do with this life if only you could allow yourself to be enough for yourself first everyone else can wait once you let go of all the things you are holding that do not belong to you that's when you can find your way back to yourself by letting you go i have saved myself become the person you would fall in love with. someone who would ask the barista how their day is going. someone who would hold the door open for the person behind them. someone who would give their spare change to the homeless person at the train station. someone who would let other cars merge into their lane when driving. someone who would pay for a stranger's coffee. someone who would compliment others on their outfits. someone who would stick their tongue out at babies. someone with really cool hobbies. someone who would paint at the park. someone who would make music in their bedroom. someone who would fall in love with. become that someone. and that will be the beginning of you loving yourself. dear me in 6 months, i will make you *fucking proud*  you are

your own

home

stop carrying old feelings into new experiences

leave the past in the past

what is meant for you is already happening be patient, and trust the process

not everything that is happening is good but everything will work out in your favor eventually you will always find your way back to yourself

- you are your home

the person you are becoming is more important than the person you have been don't you ever *fucking* apologize for being yourself start by building a relationship with yourself

there is so much you can do within your own company

take yourself to coffee shops watch a film on your own visit a museum and leave after 10 mins if that's what you want to

there is no pressure and endless possibilities

say hi to people on the streets ask the person sat next to you how their day is going or say no if someone approaches you and you don't want to talk

you can be whoever you want you can say whatever you want or nothing at all there is only one rule do whatever you want as long as it is genuine you exist and therefore, you matter if you survived today, it is good enough

- you don't always need to do more

taking care of yourself at your worst is the bravest thing you can ever do fresh flowers. handwritten letters. thrift shops. small local cafes. love poems. neck kisses. annotated books. ocean waves. postcards. late night driving. rooftops.

- little things i love

the savior i've been looking for has been myself all along

i am slowly learning how to just be in this moment how to exist how to understand that i cannot control everything i can only experience all the good and all the good some i will laugh at some i will cry through some i will be confused some i will be confused some i will adore i am slowly learning to welcome it all and to accept myself it's okay. you can let go of all the weight you've been carrying now. you are okay. you are okay.

if it comes, let it come

if it goes, let it go

- way of life

your intuition is always there for you trust it. i hope you know you are capable of achieving anything you wish for i was fine before you and i will be fine after today, i choose to let go. i choose to let go of the people who have let go of me. i choose to let go of people who make me overthink and question myself. i choose to let go of people who do not give me joy. today, i choose to be happy. i choose to stay away from any kinds of toxicity. i choose to release myself from all the aches i've put myself through. i choose to give myself the love i so generously give to others. today, i choose to stop hurting myself. i choose to follow positivity and not drown in my own sadness anymore. i choose to embrace openness and not build up walls around myself. i choose to accept and embrace my flaws and grow from them. today, i choose to heal. i choose to forgive myself for all the mistakes i've made when i didn't know better. i choose to guard my soul. i choose to move forward. today, i choose to be brave. i choose to say no to the things i don't want to say yes to. i choose to walk away from places i have outgrown. i choose to value my own time.

today, i choose to love myself.

change looks beautiful on you be proud of the progress you are making no matter how small

- don't give up

give yourself the same patience you give others the answer was right in front of me all along

- it was myself

i saw what i did not have and decide that i do not need it be proud of what you have been through

the person you were one year ago is so different than who you are now

you've overcame so much adversities know that you can do this again you've got it in you

one year from now you will grow into a better version of yourself your worth is not determined by anyone else's opinion i haven't been myself for weeks and i'm not sure if i want it back

- change is good

everything i want is on its way to me

everything i need is already within me it takes all the courage in the world to love yourself after all you've been through

- i'm so proud of you

you are doing fucking great today i am in love with my life and all the possibilities i can do from here i am so grateful that i didn't end up with what i thought i wanted the end



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