

the good and bad friends...

Wrong and right choices,

- a Muslim experience -

.. A Heart-Break series...

A true story filled with: 😂 🥮















You have been invited to a new conversation.. Accept?

.my MSN story..

You've been invited into a kool 99 page MSN conversation, do you <u>Accept</u> our friend request? Join in, and see the world from my eyes;

Who are my friends? How do they change my life, and where does that lead me to..?

The story spans **5 years** (which means it covers 5 years of my life!) so you better learn something from it... or else, something like this could happen to you. Maybe you're going through it already? This true story will give you tips on how to react in situations similar to mine.

This is what our readers said when reading the story;

"really one of the most gripping encounters that i've read. it feels like i'm in it!!" (aarij)

Masha Allah!!! That was so GOOD and reflects the truth about what happens to the youth these days. I showed this to a friend of mine and she said "Wallahi, that's how exactly I felt!! But the funny thing of all this is...in the end when I turned back and started learning Islam, life got so much *easier* without all this drama. (bint_habibullah)

Ahh i like this MashaAllah. The suspense man..yeap im pretty sure a lot of ppl can relate (<u>Light of Heaven</u>)

Wow Mashallah your stories are so great...and they really do reflect life and the problems the youth face today. Thumbs up! (Az Zahra)

man keep it coming, u def know how to write, sik. cant wait for the nxt part. (00:00)

Are these stories filled with nicotine? Koz they're pretty addictive! More, more, more! (jzcasejz)

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Thank you Allah (God) for answering my prayers	
I asked you to give me the ability to express myself through writing, to help the people – and you gave me that so the praise belongs to you for any benefit the people receive through this Book.	
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Introduction:

This true story has many lessons which we can all learn and benefit from. It's a series of its own, based on a reality which many of us young people experience every day.

I hope it benefits you as much as it benefitted me, and this story was one of the ways i was able to write the other story on the Heart-break series.* Hope you enjoy it. But most of all learn from it – so you don't fall into the same mistakes.

What you should do when Reading this Book?

Throughout the story, I want you to keep an eye on the main character. The way he speaks, what he goes through, and how his friends change him - for the better, or for the worse? What are the consequences for that?

Relate it to yourself, and reflect. See how your friends can influence you, and how something which you might have had a good intention for, it wasn't that good afterall - since it lead to many more evils. Reflect - place yourself in the position of the main character - and try to see how there may be something which you dislike, yet Allah (God) has placed in it much good, and there may be something you like, which is harmful for you. Allah knows and we do not know.

You need to take the right steps, if you don't - you will cause harm to yourself and those around you. What you do will either make you a leader of misguidance - causing others to go astray with you - or a leader of guidance - bringing others to the light and mercy of Allah. Each has its own consequences, one that leads to the anger and fire of Allah - saved for the rebellious, while another to His Forgiveness and eternal reward in Gardens of joy.

You will extract the lessons and morals from this story, place yourself in the main characters position and reflect on what changes he goes through. And how, if you were in his position - how you would react?

Give your input, someone reading this might be going through exactly what this character goes through... maybe your opinion triggers something in their mind and heart? This is your chance to explain yourself, how you would react, what would you do if you were the character's friend? How you could stop this *fitnah* (trial and temptation) before it's too late?

Read on for the 1st chapter...

Characters:

Here is a list of the main characters in the story and their descriptions. I forgot to add 'Me' in the list!



Part 1: the Internet.

It's authentically reported that the Messenger of God, Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

"I have not left behind me any temptation more harmful for men than women." (Recorded in Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

The beginning..

He was sitting in class daydreaming.. it was a warm day today, the sun was shining. He couldn't wait for the lesson to finish.

Something hit his head. The girls behind him in class were laughing.

Huh? he thought to himself.

He turned around, they pointed to his chair and started laughing at each other again.. he looked down and saw a folded paper.

Should i open it? Or just ignore them? He chose to open it.

As he opened it, it had an email address.

Add Me.

What? Was that really the right thing to do, he thought to himself?

He ignored it and carried on with his work.

Another time, it hit his head.. he picked it up again and checked;

Why you ignoring us for?

He couldn't be bothered with this.. he waited a little while, and the bell went. Home time!

He left the class, went through the corridors and stood next to the gates, waiting for his mates to meet him. As he waited, he saw that these mates were with them girls now. They were talking, he got abit impatient now. So he ran home.

Everyone was at home already, watching TV. He sat down and started watching it aswell. His dad came home after a while.

"We've got internet today!"

What's that? he asked.

You can see all the world through it.

Serious!?

Yeah, you can even talk to people on it, watch tv, you can do nearly anything.

Wow, kool.

"You'll have to explain to me how it works though, i'll set it up for you and you can try to connect the internet."

Okay dad, thanks. This is well kool.

I wonder what I can do with it..?

The next day at school

We've got internet at home now!

That's kool man, you should come on msn some time.

What's that?

You can chat online with us, it's really fun.

I never knew there was stuff like this.. i'll probably be able to use it because my bro has a computer in the bedroom.

You need to make a hotmail account though, it's really easy. Just go on their site and create an email address and then you can come on msn.

Thanks, man.

All day i was looking forward to going on the net, it was my first time and i could even chat to my mates there! I wasn't too old then, maybe i was around 13 years old.

I came home, ate and then rushed to the bedroom. I switched on the computer and made an email address. I downloaded *msn* and logged in. My friend had already given me his email address, so i added him.. but he wasn't online.

hmm.. this is weird. I waited for a little while, and started to browse over hotmail. It was my first time afterall.

I got bored after abit, so i started checking out all the features of msn.

I saw a button, which caught my attention.

[CHAT ROOM]
CLICK HERE

Out of curiousity, i clicked it.

A whole page popped up, loads of people chatting at one go. Some people shouted *ASL!?*What's that? i thought.

Some people would *whisper* their age, others would swear. hm.. this was confusing.

There was a box on my window screen, flashing. I clicked it and someone had messaged me:

hey..

You alright?

Yeah, you?

I'm gud thanks.

I was bored, and i wanted to know how msn worked.
So what's your email address?

A/S/L?

What's that?

Age Sex Location?

Oh, i'm 13 male. you?

kk same here 13/F, here's my add.

So we chatted abit on msn.. the conversation was abit dry since i was new to all of this.

Later my friends came on msn so i stopped talking to this new person, they never really gave their name or anything. Anyway, we ended up blocking and deleting each other.. but was this really the ending?

Or is this where the plot unfolds from?

Next Morning..

I woke up the next morning, it was the weekend today. This whole thing was new to me, so i was still excited to check up on what was new.

I can't really remember much that happened in family life, but i was abit bored of that.. so i spent more time on the computer. Being new to High school [uk] or Junior High [US] makes you want to have more friends, maybe that was the reason why i went on it alot.

That day i logged on, i could see the msn figure spinning around trying to login. Then the window logged in, but there was something different.

New Window

*****@hotmail.com has added you.

Will you accept?:

- Okay I will accept.

- No, i will block the user.

OK – Cancel

Take a wild guess which one i picked? I was bored like i said before. But before accepting, i thought twice about it. This wasn't just a mate i knew at school..

The friend who told me about msn was online.

Did you give my email address to anyone?

Yeah, i thought we could all add each other. Especially since we're all in the same class.

hm.. okay, but who specifically did you give it to?

Them girls in our class, they asked me for your email add.

I added it, i never knew it was them though.. should i block them?

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they probably...
**** has signed in
i'll add them in the conversation.
how do you do that?
***** has been invited in the conversation.
Hey.
Sup.
Hi..
how come you ignored me that day?
When?
In class?
Oh.. i'm sorry about that.
It's okay, just don't ignore me.
Sure.. ok.
Remember when you were telling me you like him?
oii.. you shouldn't have told him that.
erm.. i think i have to go now, i'll be back later sorry.
take care.
why you going?
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The next time i logged in.. this person was still online. It was probably their first time to visit the net too, since it was something new for us teens.

They started the conversation with me, i felt abit uncomfortable.. but i replied back so i didn't seem rude.

We chatted, and became friends. Then we spoke to each other at school, sometimes. Then she would send letters in class, and i would reply.

I never really liked her, but i felt sorry for her. I didn't like hurting anyone, and i was a friendly person back then. Maybe that's why i played along?

Anyway this msn thing was kool, so i spoke to people from my school. I became more confident gradually, it affected the way i thought, and i was more confident with other people and able to speak out if i had to.

To cut things short - as weeks and even months progressed, the conversations continued and the friendship increased. The gurl started showing feelings, sometimes hinting it while other times explaining to their mates. So when i'd be at school, i'd get stares by people.. but back then, who didn't want to be popular?

Why didn't i move seats in class? It's because the teachers sometimes put people in alphabetical order (stop laughing lol, i know its weird) so yeah, that's why i couldn't move places. And that's why i carried on getting first class mail. That's what happened another day, i got airmail this time and it hit my head.

I picked it up and heard the laughing again, what did it say?

Will you go out with my mate?

hm.. i just couldn't be bothered so i stayed quiet again. My mate asked me what it said, i just ignored everyone. I wasn't used to all this.

Anyway one day i was with my mates at break, and a group of people approached me. Guess who? They started laughing again so i knew something was up.

So do you wna go out with my mate? they said.

I stayed quiet for a little while.. No. i replied.

Why not?

i stayed quiet.. i just don't want to, i thought to myself. Plus i knew it wasn't right anyway, i still had that shyness (hayaa'.)

The bell went, break was over.. So i walked away.

I think she was sad alot, and her friends would say to me that i hurt her bad. I never knew what to do, so i said okay.

We met up outside of school, spoke to each other. Never really did anything deep, but we saw a movie, an action one lol. It turns out when i came home, someone had triggered the alarm - someone had seen me and busted me, and it passed onto the family.

Uh-oh. lol who doesn't know that being an asian means you have relatives everywhere, and to top it off - dating with someone isn't allowed anyway, unless it's with your spouse. I came home and everyone knew what had happened.

I got grounded.

This was a moment in life where i totally had to go through a reflection period, was i really doing the right thing? Some people even told me that i couldn't really hurt her, since love can't happen when you're so young. Now i know it can happen, but back then i never. We know this because Aa'isha (may Allaah be pleased with her) loved Allaah's Messenger (peace be upon him) at a young age.

What was i supposed to do? I couldn't tell her that i want to end it. That's the only reason i had accepted it. But i had to, so i did.

Everyone was suspicious when i would go on the computer, so i wouldn't use msn now. I needed help and was in a state of weakness. So i turned to Allaah/God, i tried to look at what the Islamic view to this whole situation was. I knew it wasn't allowed, but why wasn't it allowed?

I found some info on how innocent love which might start off as 'love on first sight' usually isn't that innocent afterall, especially when it can have harmful consequences i.e. heart-break, and heartbreak can lead to enmity, jealousy, hatred. Relationships outside of marriage can also break up ties, sex outside of marriage can also lead to children who might not know who their father is etc. which can have harmful pyschological effects on the child. Since this whole game is basically a 'hit and run' idea.

I went back to school after the weekend, and everyone was hyped up. Knowing that they have a mate who's got a 'girlfriend.' They were even more hyped because someone asian was with someone white. That's how people were for some reason.

Some asian girls would give the evils (not everyones racist, but i'm just saying.) I didn't know what to do, because in reality - i was just trying to please someone, while not knowing the evils which would come leak out of it in the future.

Guess what happened? Maths is everday, which meant that i was in that seat everyday.

The laughing behind me was louder, and now even my mate knew that something had happened over the weekend.

I was embarrassed to discuss it while knowing what had happened at home - i had reflected alot there.

I recieved the mail; Did you have a good time with my mate?

I waited abit before i replied... so much things were going through my head. I ignored the question on the creased up paper, and gave a direct answer.

I think i can't carry it on no more. I'm sorry.

What do you mean? I thought you liked her?

Yeah, but it's over. Sorry.

I never really got a reply, they had quietened down now. Anyway everyone who knew by now was wondering why it had happened, how one day it had just 'started' and on that same day it had 'ended?'

My friends asked me too, i stayed quiet.. i never really wanted it in the first place, and now i hurt alot of people in the process. I wasn't pleased with that, since my first intention was to please someone so i don't get them hurt.

Maybe people thought i was trying to get attention? But how could that be if i would get more by sticking to it?

Others thought i was afraid, i was kind of.. since i was new to all this popularity. I usually stayed quiet now, and the same people would approach me and i would remain quiet, not answering their questions.

They would ask me the same things, the why's and how's. But it had ended, no matter how stubborn they thought i was. I had prayed to Allaah to save me from more trials, and the praise is for Him that i never really faced as much now, from the people or family.

This phase lasted for around 2 years, and the praise is for Allaah that it gradually died out. She became abit more maturer, and the constant questioning - they got tired of it. As time progressed, it was officially over.

Now that things were becoming normal once again, i carried on using msn every now and then to chat to my mates. Not as much, but just to pass some time.

Throughout these two years i would learn a little about the stories of the many reverts who had started joining Islaam, and i would check out Islamic Magazines. Scientific miracles from Qur'an and all that.

I was about 15 now.

These years made me reflect alot, yet i still wasn't firm in my Islaam. I never really had any good understanding of the basics, and i never really had any firm principles to hold onto, this would be a big disadvantage for me in my near future.

Part 2: -

I would go to school and get on with my work, but the pressure of exams started to come up now that i was half way through high school (or Junior High in the US.)

I wasn't as focused as i used to be in the past, who doesn't? This is the time in your life when you see the world differently, you think differently, imagine life differently, and see things from another angle to how you did before.

I was more relaxed now, more confident. But not too much, just enough to make my voice heard. Before the past phase i was totally shy and quiet.

So yeah, life was different now. I had changed alot, and I was kind of happy about that.

Near the beginning when i got msn, alot of people from our class had shared their email ads like i told you earlier. And there was this other person from class which i liked, but i'd never tell anyone that. Alot of guys liked her, and she was the phase 1's "half-friend." She didn't really care that i had given up the other one, but emotions is emotions init?

I remember one day when i was walking back from school with a mate, and he told me that a guy and a girl can't simply be mates, there's gota be someone from among them who has feelings for the other. Even if they don't show it. That's true, and i know that now.

So remember that times passed by now, it's two years later. I've come back on msn properly back again, after a long time. I've blocked the first person, i had to since i realised that i gota either take the whole package, or block all means. I did that, so we never spoke no more.

That doesn't mean i blocked all my previous contacts, it just means that i still had a doorway to other trials which i never knew could come up yet...

U heard Sean Paul's new track?

No, what 1?

Here, i'll send it ya.

thanks, that's top!

yeh.. i got more of that if u want sum.

I'll ask for more later, thanx.

This was that person i told you about before, the one who added me earlier who was from my class. We'll call her C for now, just so we don't get confused with phase no.1 girl.

C was busy in her own world, didn't really bother chatting to me too much. So i tried to chat, but never really got anywhere in the conversations. At school it would be different, sometimes talk and sometimes not. Maybe because everyones just confused, trying to find out who they are, who they wna be? Sometimes your best mates, and sometimes you pretend you don't even know each other.. confusing huh?

Anyway when you want someone to like you, you want them to get your attention. I think that's common sense.

There's some people who claim to love God for example, yet they don't love what He loves. If you don't love what the other party loves, then you don't really love them. If not that, atleast take into consideration of what they say.

So i was chatting to her, maybe for a few days.. i was abit more confident with myself now, and abit more open. Since i had alot of friends, i knew how to talk, and got influenced by them alot.

Allaah's Messenger spoke the truth when he said:

"A person is likely to follow the faith of his friend, so look carefully at who you befriend."
[Recorded in Abu Dawud & Tirmidhi]

I started getting influenced by my friends in so many ways, in the way they spoke, the taste of music, their interests etc.

So i wasn't really myself no more, i was just a copy of someone else. And that copy was of the media, so all i did was follow blindly, why? Because to be popular, you have to follow the 'scene' - And the 'scene' is controlled by the media, we're like sheep, we just follow along.

This had to get worse yet, but i never knew what the future was. Only Allaah does, but i was given

the ability to make the decision - the good path, or the wrong path. I think you all know which one i was tempted to follow...

It was a cold night today, even though it was supposed to be Summer. I put the heater on, and i felt all warm inside.

I signed in and saw the msn figure spinning around, it logged in.

No-one had added me for ages, but today a window was flashing. It was a new contact.

It couldn't have been someone from school? I accepted it anyway.

When i clicked [**OK**] - the person was (Online).

I saw their screen name, and i realised it couldn't have been anyone from school.

I waited abit to see if they would say anything, no message.

I opened another window with a mate and asked him, did you give my email ad to someone?

He said No. hm... this was weird.

I opened the window with the new ad,

silence - i decided to be the first person to start the conversation:

hey, asl?

sup? u 1st.

15/m/uk. u?

yeh same same, buh i'm a gyal lol.

lol

(atleast the person was open minded i thought to myself, so we started chatting.)

we had alot of similarities, but differences aswell. Sometimes that can be a good thing.

I stopped chatting to C now, this new character was more interesting.

So what u upto?
Nothin much, jus cotchin.
Wots that?
lol u dno? cotchin is flexin init.
oh, safe. soo who gave u my ad?
lol
no go on, who gave it?
it was a m8 init, i asked her 4sum adz n she passed em ova. they wer in her block list or sutin.
ohh, ok. what was her ad?
why dyu want to know?
i just want 2 know who it is.
her ad was this: ******@******
ohh! i remember, was she the one on chatrooms?
what?
i think i spoke to her a long time ago. but then we deleted each other because we never really spoke after that.
oh, seen.
yeh

U eva had a ride in a BMW M3? no, u? yeh, ma cuzzie (cousin) came over a few days back, took us fo a cruise init. thats kool, safe. Nah, it's seen now. What is? Safe. lol, safe is seen? yeh, idiot. lolz lol k, seeeen?

We became friends, and we spoke alot.. she taught me alot, and i think i taught her alot too.

The thing is that i hadn't ever felt like this before, it was a weird feeling inside. It made you laugh all the time, even when the person wasn't there.

None of my school mates knew of this new person who added me, and for some reason i never wanted to share this persons ad with no-one else.

The pressure of exams kind of got relieved now, i stopped focusing on school work and more on talking to this person. Atleast they understood what i was going through, even though they were just a year younger.

We'll name her S, just to cause less confusion.

idiot, lolz.

Back at school it's different now, hardly anyones focused on their exams. It's near the end of school, just 2 more years left. So everyones cotching, flexin, whatever u wna call it.

Back in the days i used to be focused, but now i couldn't be bothered either. The teacher would tell everyone to study, revise, do homework. But no-one did that, we'd just copy off someone at break. It wasn't worth it, thats how everyone felt, except the guy we copied off obviously.

I'd just daydream in class, a dictionary would wizz past my head and i wouldn't know.. lol even pencil throwing fights, one half of the class against the other half. Those were the days...

When the bell went, everyone would rush out. I was happy when that would happen. It was quite a few weeks now, maybe even months that we had been chatting:

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hey, u gud?
yeh, u?
am kool thanx.
so anywayz, where u from?
promis me u wnt tel no1?
i wont, trust me.
nah promise..
ok, i promise lol.
kk lol, i'm from there.
u serios?!
no, i'm jokin?
kasmay? (u swear?)
yeah, kasmay. (lol)
she was from my town.. lol that was shocking.
..I'm from there too.
u messin?
no, i'm serious.
*shocked emo*
i know.. weird. And it was your mate who gave you my ad right?
yeh.. it was.
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So what end you from?

So, would u wna meet up some time?

Near that street... kool, i'm on the other side of town to you then. yeh. it looks like destiny or something init.. the way your mate added me, so long ago and gave u my ad n stuff. Ioll.. true. i heard lord of the rings 3 came out, u watched that? yeh, downloaded it already. Remember that golum guy with the bald head? lol lol yeh.. yo a golum init? lol joker. u want the file? i can send it ya? no, its ok. its too big anyway. seeen.. so what school u go to? that one, u know wot 1 i'm on about? yeh, i get ya. i'm from the other one. kool. lol lol We spoke alot.. continuing for weeks and a few months.

So, would u wna meet up some time?

..Yeah? where at?

wherever init.. town center?

This was a risky mission, everyone knows that the town/city center is the place where most people 'chill out' on saturdays.. lol was this pushing the limits?

Alright, seeen. when?

Saturday?

ok.

<u>WARNING</u>: This article isn't encouraging anyone to do that, since sharing personal info on the net can be dangerous and anyone can pretend to be someone your age when they're really not.

So i got ready, i never really knew all the things which were kool. I wore some jeans a t-shirt, and a new jacket, sorted my hair out and ran to town.

It was abit busy, which was in a way a good thing. Warm day, i was abit early. So i went to the library to check if she would still be coming. I logged on, and checked my mail.

- No New Messages -

I was happy, kinda.. atleast she was going to come, i thought. Otherwise she would mail me right?

I waited for abit.. i saw some people my age go past, was it them? It looked like they were waiting for someone?

I rang their cell/mobile no. it was off.

We said we would meet up at 1pm, now it was 1:10pm.

Maybe she wasn't coming afterall?

I refreshed my page on hotmail, still nothing?

I was about to sign out when three people came past...

One in blue, another in green? One in white.

They walked past, one of them was looking at the close by computers. Did they want to go on them? *They were only 3 in this section anyway?*

"This is the one" she said.

...was it them?

The one in blue sat on a near by computer, the other two were standing up behind;



I came home feeling angry at myself. Why didn't i make it more clear? I could have said more.

Anyway it was too late now, i came home and didn't really wna do anything. Just wanted to know what had happened, and how to clear it up. I was sad...

The person i met wasn't just ordinary, there was something different. I'd have to ask my friends if they had heard of her before.

After a while, I went on msn and she wasn't on. My mates weren't on either, so i fell asleep for abit. That was the only way to pass time i felt.

After a while i woke up, i went to my room and switched on msn. My mates were online, so i started asking them if they knew of that person.

I don't know, most of them said.

Do you know of someone called...?

Nope.

You ever heard of this person?

I don't know, sorry.

Do you know who she is, the one from that school?

Nah, sori.

I tried asking more people, when one person gave me the answer.

Do you know this person from that school?

Yeah, she's really popular there. I think everyone knows her.

Seriosly?

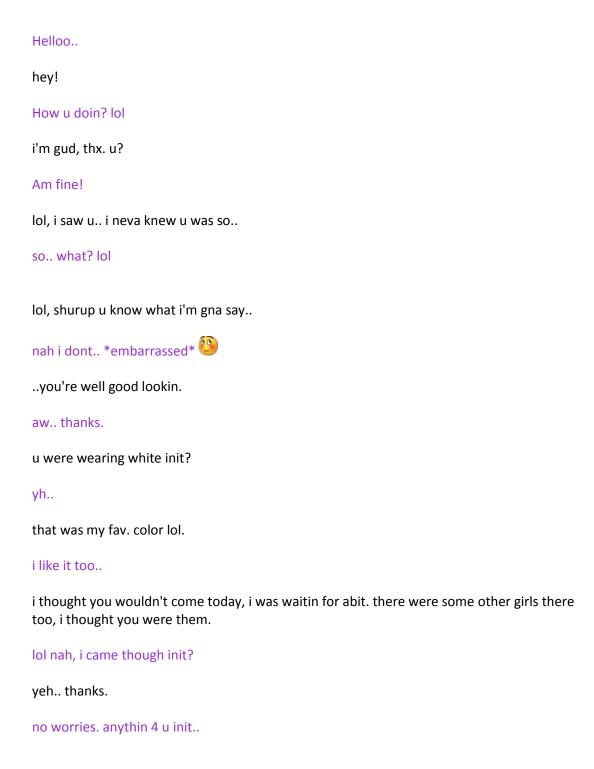
Yeah.

I was shocked.. had i been talking to a person like that all this time? They're probably gna think i'm a loser and stop talking to me...

I remembered back abit into the past.. sometimes i would have to go offline.. she would put a heart at the end of the conversations, and i would quickly log out.

I wasn't sure how to respond really back then, i thought it could have bad consequences. So i would stay quiet, i had never felt this before so i never really knew how to react.

I waited for abit, for her to come. And at night time she did. I was really happy now, i didn't know how to explain it.



thx S.. that means alot.

lol shurup eeeejiot.

so did u think i would look diferent?

i thote u wud be a geek or sutin.. lol.

yeh?

buh u wasn't.. u was kinda..

I was what..??

lol.. whites one of my fav colors lol.

me too..

Was a high or what? lol i felt in a daze.. for the next few days i was alot more happy.. everyone would be like, why you smiling for?! lol and i'd just smile back at them again.

I wish i could see her again, proper this time.. she even made an email ad with our names on together lol, so conversations continued for a few more days, maybe upto two weeks or something... then something changed?

One day i came from outside and my dad was on the computer. My sister came and told me that my mate was online, and that he was speaking to my dad.

I went to the main room and found that what she said was true, to an extent..

So how are you uncle?

I'm fine thx, u?

i'm good. So where's your son?

He's coming now, one minute.

He got up, I rushed to sit down and told the person that i'd be right back - while everyone stared at me -, i logged off, closed the Messenger program and went to my room.

Dad, you can come back on it now, sorry. I smiled and whizzed past.

I logged in again, my heart was beating fast..

lol ur wel krazy!

why?

that was my dad u were chatting to lol, just imagine he found out?

lol i thought you were on though..

i dont know how it happened, my email account logged in by itself on windows msn, my dad switched on the comp. thats probably how it happened.

so you spoken to my dad now lol..

loll he's a chiller.

i was shocked when it happened.. i thought it was obvious by your nick that you was female, its kool u never used pink or purple text today init?

lol yeh.

its good it was windows msn.. if it was real msn they would see your display pic..

lollll joka.

that was well close.. anyway wa u been up2?

nothing really, was just waitin for ya to come on.

thx.. anyway if somthin like this happens again, just log out plz, okay?

lol ok.. that was funny though.

lol anyway, i'll be on later tonight. tke cre.

ayt.. u2, mwah.

lol.. thx, cya.

Part 3:

yeh.. hope so.

I logged in, and her status was on busy.. should i start the conversation?

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Hey.
        wait up, i'm busy.
        oh ok.
I opened a conversation with my mate from school;
        hey.. u ok?
        yeh man, u?
        i'm good man, u know the gyal i asked u about a while back, shes busy.
        lol they got their times man, probably doing something.
        true.. i've known her for a few months now, almost like half a year.
        kool bruv. don't get too attached to them, in the end it's not worth it.
        its too late to say that now, i already am..
        alright man, its up2u init. i've never been through dis so i dno.
        hm.. shes different though.
        yeah, thats what they all say. absence makes the heart go fonder.
        yeh.. tru tru.
        i wonder what's keeping her busy for so long..
        i dno man.
        *silence*
        not too sure. lisen, everythin wil be ok.
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hey, u finished with what u were doin? no, listen we'll talk inabit. i gota go. *she went offline* She's gone off.. alright, don't worry about it too much, k? k.. listen, i've known u for a few years now.. you've been through more than this before. no i havn't.. yeh u have. i think she's back online again! listen, i'll add her in this convo and you ask her why she doesn't talk to me okay? ok man. **S** has been added into the conversation. Hey. Hi.. yo. S, this is my m8 from school. We've known each other for a few years now. sup? nuthin much, listen. is everythin ok? he's worried about ya. what do you mean? he wants you to talk to him.

I moved to the other conversation. –

what? i already do.

how come u been busy lately.

i was on the phone.

alright, my bad.

k, thats what is bruv. it was just a gal thing.

thx..

S has left the conversation.

She's gone again..

listen, log out for abit.. come back later and she might be in a better mood.

Ok.. thanks for your help man.

no worries.

Logged Out

Did i do something wrong?

what if she thought i wasn't worth it afterall?

maybe she's just busy..

this was a sad day...

It was raining the next morning, cold and wet.

It was school, again. A long day, couldn't really focus on anything. I felt as if i was half dead, not really knowing what's going on around me.

I met up with my mate, the one who tried to help. He just kept saying that everything would be okay, it wasn't his fault.. he'd just never been there before. That's all he could do.

Obviously, even if you tell the person that it will get better, they wish that could happen, but do they really believe it? No, rarely.

I came back home after a long day, it was a routine now. Switched on the comp, and logged in.

She was online aswell, i wanted to talk but i stayed quiet... until i felt i had no control over myself.

Hey
sup.
You all k?
yeh, u?
u sure? it looked like something happened yesterday
yeh am gud.
was u on the phone?
yeh, i know this guy. he's proper buff.
what does that mean?
it means fit (good looking)
oh

What's his name.. u dont know him, dont worry. ok. so you like him and stuff? yeah, he's kool. how come ur so quiet...

nah its nothin.

ok..

I opened a new window with the other mate.

She's with someone else man.. 😕



is it? i heard that happens alot, they not worth it man, serious.

yeh..

why would she do it though?

i dno, they got their reasons init. never know whats inside a gals head.

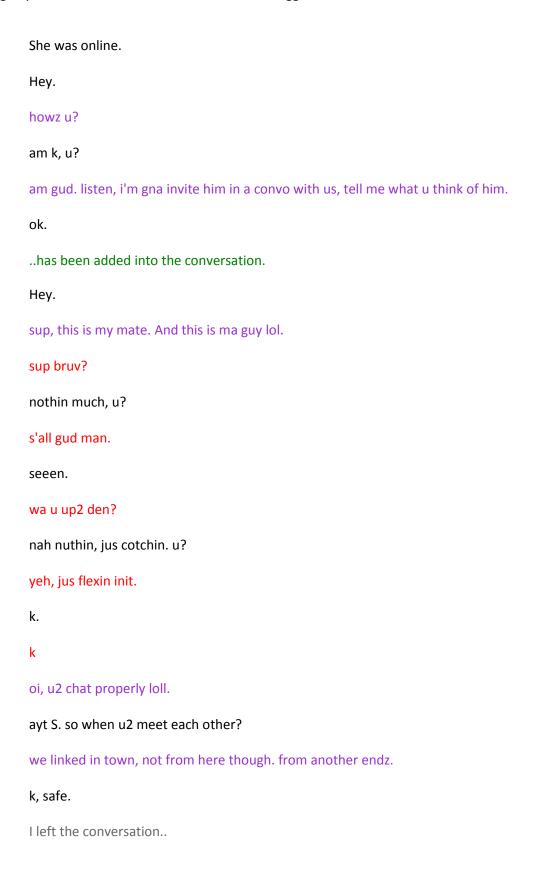
She still hadn't said anything at all yet.. probably chatting to him or something.

I had a proper sad feeling.. like when all the energy from your body drains out. And you feel really hurt, but you feel helpless.

I left, and washed my face with cold water. It was dark now, night. I forced myself to sleep.

I woke up the next morning, couldn't be bothered going to school.

Forcing myself out, got up and left. I don't remember anything at all really. But i came back after a long day. I came back online, it was a habit now. Logged in.



Why did you leave? Just, can't be bothered. No, idiot. lol u shuda stayed. Its k.. okay, up2u den. The convo finished. There was this half-cast (half white/half asian) in my year at school, when she first came - the first person she spoke to was me.. it was the first year so she needed some help. The teacher made her sit next to me, i was embarrassed.. but I would help her. We had distanced quite abit after that though - it was 4 years later on now -, but i had her in my msn list. We'll call her the 'half-cast' just so we know who we chatting about. I started chatting to her: Hey, sup. How r u? i'm gud thx, u? yeh am ok. long time no speak, lol. yeah, thats true. listen, do you want to join a convo with someone i know.. hope u dont mind. ok, but who is it?

just someone i know, dont worry.

I opened a conversation with S again.

ok, if u say so.

Listen, do you wna meet my mate? Who is it? I just know her from school init. What's her name? She's a half-cast. You probably don't know her. What's her name though? i might have heard about her? Her name's: **** Her? I've heard of her, heard she's a slapper [kinda like playa but in an offensive way] 'half-cast' has been added in the conversation... Hey, this is my mate i was telling you about. hi Go on S, say hi to her? hey. We've known each other since we were like kids init? the first year in high school [or junior high?] yeh, it was art class lol. You two can add each other if you want. It's ok. Remember when we were drawing them pics, and you thought that the photo was me? lol lol oh yeh, that was the first lesson. S left the conversation.. I wonder what happened? Same here..

How come you left? Just. ok. look, just go away ok. what do u mean? u know what i mean.. u started it.. so. it's not my fault. S, i just.. S has gone offline What happened to her? I'm not sure. I opened up another window, my mate was on. Listen, did u ever get to add S? Yeah, she added me that day. Is she online? Yeah, she is. I think she's blocked me. Oh, why? I added the half-cast in our convo. Are you two talking now? No. Let me ask her whats up. She hasn't responded, i think she's sad, its on her nick - the sad emo -->> 🙁. Why though? i thought she liked another guy already?

Tell her i said i'm sorry. She's blocked me now too. okay...i shouldn't have done this. too late now init. yeah.. listen, i'll be on tomorrow, i gota go. if u ever get to talk to her, tell her i'm sorry, k? sure thanks. i went off.

We never really got to speak for a few days.. it was hard.

Few days later, i mailed her to unblock me.. and she did. she was still sad though, she showed it through her msn nick.

i really shouldn't have done that.. i shouldn't have. you're well stupid.

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listen, i'm really sorry.. its just that, its exactly how i felt when u added him in the convo too. yeh..
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its so weird init.. why is all this happening?

i wish i could tel you..

A few days later her friends came over to her house, she wanted to chat.

You there S?

Nah, i'm er m8. sup homie?

nuthin, wheres S?

she's on the phone. listen,

yeah?

why dont u get anotha gyal? mines already taken.

another mate came on; theres plenty more fish in da sea mate.

i wanted them to go.. but they didn't, they wouldn't.

So i blocked them for a while.

I.. didn't know.. what was really happening?

i wish.. we could. me too. i don't think it'll ever happen though. yh.. me too. can i ask you something? yeh? what would u do if i i died? i don't know.. i dont either.. but.. yeh? we're going away. oh... no, not forever. its temporary. we'll be back though, soon. how long will you go for? they said 4 weeks.. oh.. okay.

Shall we meet again sometime?

i wish we never have to end it...

i know u do.. i do too. 😕

listen, i care for you alot. you know i do.

when will u be going?

there packing up today, i asked my dad if we could go on internet cafes there though, he said he would try.

okay...

but i dont think i would have any privacy there.. so i don't really know.

i tried getting my own phone too, but the sims from here don't work there. so i can't really contact you or anything.

listen to me..

yeh?

we have to end it, now.

why?

it can't work, u know it can't.

it can, we just have to be patient..

it can't, u know how hard we've tried.

but we've been through alot, u know that.

..so lets hold on longer.

i can't, i'm sorry. i've deleted your number, you should do that to mine too.

It was 2am, we were in the car.. the street lamps would flash and hit my eyes.. then they would drown, in my eyes...

We gave our tickets, climbed the aeroplane, and flew away...

The holiday wasn't really a holiday.. i'd just reflect on the memories and not go to sleep.. i couldn't.

Why did she say what she said? why was she so desperate to make me jealous? Why was she so in need of ending it?

I couldn't really talk it over with no-one, it was just family there.

Some people actually say that being in love is better than sleep, because your reality seems better than your dreams.

But being in love while the person isn't there, that's worse than a nightmare because you're in the real thing, and you can't snap out of it.

The days dragged on, and i got ill there. It was really hot, and i felt like nothing. I dragged myself everytime we went out, and when we would be out i would feel drowsy. I almost fell is if i would puke, whenever i ate anything. It was so weird...

I wonder what she's doing right now, so much questions came in my head, but they were unanswered for so long.

It was a few hours ahead of UK time, so i'd be awake while they'd be asleep. And i'd still be awake in middle of the night.

Everyone knew i was sad, extremely. But they'd get angry, why don't you eat? Why don't you drink anything? I couldn't, because i never had an appetite. I missed...

I would try to cover up my sadness with anger, i never wanted to talk to anyone. If they spoke to me, i'd just shout or ignore them. I tried to read books to clear my mind, i'd just be staring at the text but i never knew what i read just a second ago.. i couldn't forget her.

3weeks were nearly ending.. i was getting closer, yet it was so far still..

We started shopping, i got myself some games for the PS2 to keep me occuppied. I even got some new clothes, maybe if we ever met again - i could wear these? I knew what was in now, and i really wanted to look good for her.

I couldn't wait to get back home, but atleast it was coming closer. i really felt like texting her, but i couldn't, because if she replied - my dad would have the phone. So i'd remain patient..

4weeks were over.

It was time to go back home!

We were packing it up, and the car was waiting on ground floor. I rushed and sat in the car.

It was night time again, the car drove past, the street lamps flashed and sparked in my eyes. I couldn't wait.

We drew nearer to the airport, put our bags in the aeroplane, and flew back home.

wooooooooooooossshhhhhhh!!!.. lol i was well happy!

When we landed, the first thing i did was switch on my phone! < New message > Guess who it was from! Yep, it was. Hey, reli misd u since u been gone. i thought you'd be back by now.. I couldn't stop smiling lol. We went back home, and everyone rested. It was a loong trip. Guess what i did.. lol. Heyyy!! hiyaa!! lol long time no c. yeh i know.. i misd ya man. misd u2. i waz thinkin bout u all the time there.. lol aw thx. lol they were about to stop us at the airport.. yeh they do that alot these days. erm.. so what els, anything new? u never deleted my number afterall lol. yeh.. lol. lol thx. soo wats new? yeah.. i got a new guy now. oh, ok.. yup, his names: ***

o lol.. its funi cuz when i was there in the airport, there was this gyal who kept staring at me..

lol weird..

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oh.. kool, ur gettin popular now too eh?
        maybe.. i dont really care tho.
        yeh right, u joka lol. u got alot of gyalz after u now.
        S, u know i dont care about them..
        what?
        stop faking it.. i've always wanted u.. i'v told u that over and over again.
        i got a guy.. lol stop being krazy, idiot..
        ok..
*NEW WINDOW flashed open*
wasup bro.
i'm k man.. jus came bak from holiday init. anytin new?
how was it?
yeh it was alright..
listen, u knw S, is she really telling the truth?
about what?
that she's got a guy?
she broke up with him a few days ago..
who told u?
i got a mate init, he knows alot of the things that go on.
thanks, do you know how?
yeh, not proper clear but some people say that he cheated on her.
oh, ok. i wonder why she's still saying that she does..
i dno man.. i jus heard it and told u wa i know.
seen, i get u man. thx
no worries.
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Everyone from the family overslept today. I just lay there though, what was going to happen next? It was raining, grey. The rain tapped on the window.

I got up and cleaned myself up.

Went downstairs, dad was already unpacking everything, some gifts for some cousins, friends etc. I tried playing on the PS2, got my mind off things.. but it just made things worse really.

After dinner, i logged on.

It was still raining, heavily. I was down alot today, and confused. Who was speaking the truth?

S, can i ask you something?

Yeh?

Is it really over?

yeah.. it is.

why don't you just tell me the truth S?

what truth?

Why is all this happening? if you don't even care, then why do you still want to know me? And if you do care, then why do you do what you do?

It's not that simple...

Then tell me.. what are we to each other?

do u know how i feel?

no.. i dont S. 😕

i wish i cud tell u how i feel.. these lyrix explain it clear, how i feel in my heart...

It's gonna burn for me to say this

But it's comin from my heart It's been a long time coming

But we done been fell apart Really wanna work this out But I don't think you're gonna change

I do but you don't

Think it's best we go our separate ways

Tell me why I should stay in this relationship

When I'm hurting baby, I ain't happy baby

Plus there's so many other things I gotta deal with I think that you should let it burn

Deep down you know it's best for yourself but you Hate the thought of her/him being with someone else

But you know that it's over We know that it's through Let it burn Let it burn Gotta let it burn

I'm twisted cuz one side of me is tellin' me that I need to move on

On the other side I wanna break down and cry

I'm twisted cuz one side of me is tellin' me that I need to move on

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Deep down you know it's best for yourself but you Hate the thought of her being with someone else But you know that it's over We know that it's through Let it burn Let it burn Gotta let it burn

so that means u really wna end it?

i have to.. we have to...

...but why did you make me fall for you then..?

i loved you too..

then what's changed now?

my mates hate you.

who cares about them?

they my homies, they've supported me when other guys left me.. i'd stick to them over a guy anyday.

listen, alot of gurls like you now anyway, remember you got that half-cast gyal? u loved her rememba?

no i never.. i just did that because u did it to me..

i did that so you wouldn't become attatched like you were so much..

i hate.. i cant believe u could do that.

listen, can't we just be mates? it was kool when it was all simple.

i cant believe u could really do that.. just.. how can u love someone and give them up just because of some mates..

thats life.. you have to move on.

i dont wna..

it can happen.. i know it can.

why you doing this?

because i care for u..

if u cared for me.. u wudn't be doing this to me.

listen to me, u knw ur gud lookin. so much gurls would be after u by now, the half cast gurl probably even likes u.

so what S? if u really want me to be with her.. then i'll do that, to plz u.

I blocked her.

And whosoever turns away (blinds himself) from the remembrance of the Most Beneficent (Allah) (i.e. this Quran and worship of Allah), We appoint for him Shaitan (Satan * devil) to be a Qarin (an intimate companion) to him.

And indeed, the devils divert them from the way [of guidance] while they think that they are [rightly] guided. [Qur'an 43:36]

Part 4

I don't know.. what's happening to me. I'm becoming someone else now. If you love her, then why are you leaving her?

It's her fault, she started it.. she forced me into her trap, and now i can't escape.. and she's got someone else instead.

I need to get over this hurt, i've experienced it for too long.. but i can't move on. Maybe if i keep my mind occupied with someone else i'll be able to move on? She doesn't care if i'm with someone else anyway? I'll show her who's more popular. Then she might want to get back with me again.. i really hope so. That's probably one of the reasons why her mates hate me, because i'm not popular.

So i changed, atleast the half cast gyal was good looking. And S knew her, i could make her jealous this way.. i hated her friends too, why do they care who she's with anyway? Hey sup!

Hi. are u still talking to that other girl?

nah, how come?

she added me and started swearing at me.

oh, 4get her anyway. she's proli just after attention.

ok. so how r u?

yh.. i'm gud, listen - i'm not m8s with her now so u dont need to worry. i hate her lol

really? u were like best m8s last time we spoke to her.

that was the past init.. thats life, u get people and u lose people..

that's true. listen, can u text this guy, tell him that i wont be linking him today? i've ran out of credits.

who is he?

just someone i know.

..i've ran out of credits, sorry. you can text people through the net. u know that right?

ok, i'll do that. thx

no worries.

New Window -

So u got any contacts man? i need someone to keep my mind busy with other things.

nah man.. listen, we'll do something over the weekend, safe? just to keep your mind busy off her.

alright, kool. thx man.

no problem.

where u wna meet up man?

we'll go with the bruvz from school init.

yehh aytt gud idea. go to theme park or sutin? lol

ok ok, if u say so.

So anyway, i wore my best clothes.. i knew what was in now, we went there and had a fun time. My mate took some pix with his phone. We never went for no gurls or nothin, but for some reason there were some which would call out to us, but we ignored them.

There was a proper krazy one which would shout out, when we'd look.. she'd call us over.. lol krazy, but yeah we ignored her. Anyway we went on some rides, ate and then went back home.

That was the end of the day, i went home, it was late now.. so after a while went to sleep...

Soo man, did u get to upload the pics from your fone?

yeah wait up, 2mins. here, i'll send em: File Sent 0009.jpg sent. thanks.. wow, that came up kool man. yeh.. u waz with yo bling on lol. lol joka, yeh man.. u know alot of gals would be afta ya if dey saw this pic of yourz. lol nah alow them. anyway i'm out for abit yeah.. kool by the way, can i ask u sumthin? sure has S still got u on blocked? yeh man, i think so. ok.. tke cre man. you 2. I went out to do some shopping, and i was getting alot of attention now.. i still was on the fitrah [natural disposition] to feel abit shy and to lower my gaze.. but i was losing that gradually. I wasn't too embarrassed to look at some gyal in the face. If someone was looking at me, i'd look back. Then i'd just look away again, pretending like i don't care.. Anyway i came back home, my mate had texted me to come online. So much windows were flashing, they wanted to add me? I cancelled them out for abit.

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Sup man?
lolll man, i was on this forum yeah, and i posted our pics.. and loads of galz wanted your email ad.
why did u post it there for?
peeps had created a thread on some forums about posting pics init.. so i thought i'd post ours lol.
hm.. that was stupid man. but allow it. shall i just add them gyalz? am bored anyway.
might aswell, they asked nicely lol.
alright lol. take em off b4 someone we know checks em out lol.
kk man lol.
Do you accept this new contact?
OK.
        Hey..
        Hey, u alright?
        yeh thanx, and u?
        i'm gud, so u seen my pic now?
        lol yeah, it was really nice.
        lol, so whats your name?
        We'll call her A.
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- NEW EMAIL Recieved -

i wonder who it is?

From: S

Subject: Read dis plz

look, i never meant to offend u or nothing. u know we can still be m8s, unblok me man cuz i wna tel u sumthin.

I wanted to talk to her abit anyway.. i missed her, but not as much as before. I wasn't that smiley as i once was.. infact i was going the opposite way.

I unblocked her and she was online.

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yeh?

nuthin.. i just wnted to chat to u lol.

oh, seen.

so what u up2?

nuthin much now, u?

lol, same here. good weather init?

yeh, iss good.
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The other gurl, A was still online.

lol, u ever been abroad?

Soo, what kinda things u in2?

Nothing much, lol.

lol k.

where u from anyway?

lol i'm from there.

oh, thats quite far away from here. like 300miles away or something lol.

yeah, we went on holidays a few years ago.

same here, we went there too.

lol just imagine we saw each other there.

lol just imagine...

I spoke to this A girl for a while, she had never been in love with a guy before. Some of her mates would add me, telling me that she's changed.. and how she's always happy.

But that wasn't it, more people had added me too. The same ones who had seen my pix [pictures] on the forum.

They would add me, i would chat to them. I knew all the skillz now, how to play the game. How to drag someone into your territory, how to make them like you. I thought it was kool back then, but the true soulja is the one who controls himself at times of temptations and obeys Allaah expecting His reward.

This whole situation carried on for months, yet i had tried to cover up my feelings for **S**. I knew it wouldn't work from now, so i tried to keep myself entertained. Atleast i don't have a gyal to worry about no more. The half cast you ask? I couldn't be bothered with her, she already had a guy.

Remember the one who she wanted me to text? Yeah him.

Anyway, me and S decided to be mates afterall. So we were kinda like 'best mates' and told each other everything.. i think that's what she wanted all that time. We argued alot though, yet we spoke to each other alot and were close in lots of ways too, probably cuz of our past.

The past was over now...and now? Now we're a few months ahead.

[Authors Note: Have you not seen how the character has changed so much since the innocent beginning because of bad friends?]

One day it was Eid, one of the gyalz mates told me that she wanted to talk to me on the phone, so we did. She would just laugh lol, and i was alright with this abit, since i wanted to get the S relationship out of my mind anyway, leave the past behind.

I liked the way she spoke, so i wanted to get to know her more, we spoke on msn some days later.

Now that you've seen my pic, do you have 1?
Yeh plz don't laugh ok?
Sure, i wont.
The other window.
Hey S, she's gna send me her pic.
lol show me it, ayt?
kk, no worries. i wonda how she looks like?
lol if u like her, u gna keep her?
i dno yet
seeen.
I'm just scanning it in yet
ok, u done?
yeh plz dont laugh okay?
ok
display pic changed
embarrassed 🕒
aw. das cute.
lol tnx.

next window

lol u seen her yet?

yeh, lolll i thote she waz cute man!

u serios?

nah i THOUGHT she was.. i'm gna block her.

why man?

i thought she was sumthin lol.

lol you've become harsh man..propa.

nah.. dis is nuthin.

Other window

Hey listen, i gota go. thx for the pic yeah?

Oh ok, tke cre.

u2.

contact blocked

loll did u block her then? yeh.. i thought she would be good looking or sutin. haha.. yo a propa playa now init. hm.. so u seen my pic then yeh? what one? wait up, accept the file k? sure. File 0009.jpg has been sent. Is that you? yeh, iss me. oh.. kool. you've changed alot now. yeh? yeah man.. in what way? nah, u just.. more.. more?? anyway, thx.. n that.

Yeah, she had a new guy now. He had been with her for a few months, i didn't mind though.. maybe we could be together in the future, and if not that - then i didn't care as much.. since i didn't let my emotions play with me no more. We were best friends though, yay! lol.

He's good, lol. so that's the pic u been showin everyone heh?

lol

lol u really luv attention.

i wonda who i got that off lol

lol. i'm goin out for abit yeh, talk to you soon!

erm.. so hows your guy?

ayt u too, tke cre. cya.

A came online, i had been chatting to her for a while now.. she reminded me of Phase 1, lots of similarities really. She was muslim though, asian.

I had heard alot of people say she was popular, that kind of stuff attracted me for some reason.. but i wanted to verify that.

So what kinda things u into?

lol cars?
kool, what car u got?
we got a black M3, lol its my dads.
u serios!?
yeh.. its nice lol.
lol wow.
erm.. so do you have a phone number?
u mean mobile?

yeh, not your home number obviously lol.

lol, whats yours first?

mines: whats yours?

i'll give you a miscall.

ok thanks, i've saved it now.

Next day it was school again.. boring, but i had to go. Exams were drawing closer...

It was lunch time, and i had just come back from the dining hall. As i walked outside, my phone started ringing. Not actually ringing, but it was on silent.

We weren't allowed to have phones in school, once the half cast gurl had brought one in school.

The headteacher walked in through the class door, and because he was male - he asked the female teacher to directly search her bag.

Everyone stared at the girl, they found nothing in her bag. So the teacher searched her. They found her phone in her pocket, and took it away.

Was that even allowed? None of us knew, but we knew one thing for sure.. hide your phone in your shoe or something, or get a hidden pocket.

So anyway, i tried to go away from where the teachers were. I hid behind the school building and

picked up the phone, i knew who it was because i had saved the number already. I accepted the call: Hey, you alright? Yeh, is that you? its me. lol, the lines not that clear is it? yeh, it's raining thats why.. and really windy. Okay. So what you been doing? I was having some lessons init, just came back from dinner. You?

I'm just with some mates, we got it on speaker phone lol.

Ok, Anyway listen, i think i'm gna go. My mates are calling me.

You mean you need to chat to them?

Yeah, inabit. See ya.

Oh ok. thanks, bye.

I came home later in the day, it was night time now. As i logged on, so much boxes started to flash.

It wasn't new contacts, people were angry at me.

Why did you block my mate for!?

I heard you ended it with my friend, why's that? Is it because you never liked her pic??

You're well sad man.. i thought i trusted u.

What did she do to you!!! She's my mate u knooooooow!!

...and more and more and more..

I couldn't be bothered with this, these exact people trusted me alot before. But i didn't need them. I couldn't be bothered answering them either.

I just closed the windows and deleted all of them, one by one. That was the easiest way to get rid of it all.

Soo.. i wonder who i got left now?

A was proper into this now.. she reminded me of me, the past me. I wanted something new though. I didn't like the past me.

She was too scared to make any sudden moves, so she would give hints through her friends.

This carried on for a few weeks, until one day she said on msn that she loved me. I still hadn't seen her pic though, but she said she would some time.

I was okay with that, i could tell S the big prize i had caught.. maybe it would make her slightly jealous? I wanted that, and she knew she had made me jealous because of her guys too.

So was this really a friendship between me and S? Or was it a secret way to get each others attention? Either way, we would find out in the future.

I played along with A, and i gradually started to like her.. abit. I wouldn't let her touch my heart though, i didn't want that pain to start all over again. So i'd always keep a distance when it was required.

The constant repetition of the statement of 'i love you' wasnt too hard to say anymore, it was easy if you didn't mean it. It's easy to run away, but it's hard to if you're attatched. So i never let myself be attatched.

So this would happen, we'd chat everyday nearly. Talk to each other about our interests, we'd talk on the phone, text. I wanted to keep her incase she was what i wanted, yet i kept my distance until i was sure she was worth it, no - not personality, the looks. In the past if someone asked me the question:

Looks or Personality? Guess which one i'd pick?

If you asked me again in the present time of this plot, i'd say the opposite to the first time.

One day, to my surprise, something shocking happened. I could never expect it.. but there would be a clash.

So theres this new gurl now, remember when i was on the phone at school? Oh yeah, what was happening? lol We were on the phone init. I get ya, no wonder u was actin so krazy then lol. I'll invite her in, you can chat, i've known her for quite abit now. Alright man, but dont blame me again if you lose her. lol y u say that? its cuz u lost the other one last time after u had a group convo with me lol. lol nah.. thats cuz she had alot of guys after her, plus her mates.. but alow that. A has been invited in the conversation... Hey A. Hi. Sup, this is ma mate. And this is A lol. U alright gal? Yeah i'm good thx, u? Am gud, am gud. soo, whats hapnin. Me n ma gal chillin init. lol. Yo previous ones online rofl. wa u mean? **S** has been invited in the conversation. Whose this? what? Is this ur new gyal?

Yeah, thats what u was sayin init blud? lol.

- New Window What the heck u doin man?! What? Did i ask you to invite her in? Since when did she unblock u anyway? Just two days back man. Now u started it, throw her out. Why? What do u think? Previous Window Who is this gyal? who added me here anyway? Was it you? Nah, wasn't me. Was my 'mate' - init blud? Ya.. Who is she..? Does she know u? She used to be his gurl in the past.. they ended it though.

Oh...

Is that true?
Is what true?
About her did you love someone else before me?
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And you've still got her on your contacts, havn't you?
A, listen to me
??
it's not like that.
Like what?
i thought you told me that you'd never loved anyone before?
i'm sorry
- A has gone offline -
hm he <i>really</i> shouldn't have done that.
S came online again after abit, maybe i'd be able to talk things over with her.
Hey S.
hwz u?
jus wanted 2 ask u sutin.
yeh?
what would u do in my situation?
I think u already know that gurls can get bare jealous (reallly jealous), especially when its their first time.

S had left the conversation now, and my 'mate'? he vanished, and wasn't online anymore.. so

only two people remained in the conversation...

yeh, so wa shud i do? tell her that we moved on, and that it was the past? i did, she doesn't get it.. keep it though, let it work. yeh, i'll do that. what els.. listen, if she comes on - invite her in a convo and we can sort it all out. what do u think? alright, safe. thats a good idea. Me and S had distanced quite a lot now.. maybe because we went our separate ways? I didn't like that much, really. A has signed in hey.. hi. listen, i want to clear some things up. what do you mean? S has been added into the conversation. S, this is A. You've met before. sup gurl! so you're ma mates gyal now?

A, we're just mates. That's all.

Now you know the truth, a girl and a guy can't simply just 'be mates.' There's always something more than that, which is one of the reasons why it's not permitted in Islaam if its outside of marriage etc.

It even causes jealousy if you have a spouse, because they feel you can get emotionally involved with this person too. So the best thing is not to fall into this error from the beginning, otherwise the past can haunt you, unless you repent and Allaah hides it for you.

It was nothing A! The past is the past init?

i don't know..

why did you lie to me though?
I didn't love anyone as much as i love you though
Yeah, that's right.
A window opened up:
Haha! u joka
lol shurup S. don't say anythin krazy though ayt? otherwise she's gna find another way to accuse me of lying
u are though init lol
shh
- Previos window -
Ok, i believe you
I hope so.
See, he loves you ALOT. He was just a kid back then.
And you wasnt? lol
lol shurup eeeejiot.
lol
I have to go now, okay?
Okay, take care A.
You too.
A has signed out.

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Sup?
u ayyh blud? listen, someone told me 2 ad u, its abt yo gyal.
wa 1?
the one from ma endz, why? u got more?
nah.. go on, what about her?
serios bruv, u got more galz or somethin? why did u say 'what one'?
luk man, who gave u my ad?
its A's mate, she told me about u.
what did she say?
about you cheatin on A or somethin?
yeh?
so what's hapnin?
luk man, u dno nuthin abt me. wats yo name?
K.
Ayt k, where u from?
i'm from the same town as your gal man.
seeen. how old r ya?
i'm one yr olda den u bruv.
hm.. so they knw all about me yeh? even my age, lol.
lol
safe bruv. kk what u wna kno?
i heard some stuff about a gurl called S?
oh her, thats the past man.. its over.
ok man, i believe ya.
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Next day a stranger added me, to my surprise it wasn't a female.

do u still have feelings for her?

why?

just man..

listen, just dont get too personal, k?

alright bro, am sori yeah?

its ok man.. i just got loads of people on my case these days.

yh.. thats life.

so is that you in your display pic?

yeh..

lol so u got alot of gyalz on yo chase 2?

yeh.. but i lost the one i wanted though bruv..

is it?

yeh man.. i'm sorry if i came in your way or anythin.

nah dont worry man, i need a bro i can talk to. everyone else, i can't trust them no more man.. lifes rough. even my homies from school are messin thingz up for me man.

i get u bro.. just wish things were back to normal init?

I spoke to the guy quite abit.. he seemed really safe, but i still never trusted no-one. The same way no-one trusted me... A had come online, but i never started no conversation. She did.. Hi. hey.. how are you? I'm ok, u? I'm fine.. kool. So you know K? Who's that? Your mates gave him my ad, someone from your town? Oh him, they told me about that. By the way, i have a picture of me now.. Really? Yeh, i'll upload it one minute. *display pic changed* oh, kool. nice pic. thanks.. When did you take it? Today.. Wow, kool. from your phone? yeah.. So you still talking to the S girl?

Nah, we don't talk that much now.. times have changed alot.

i was really telling the truth, we hadn't spoke proper for ages really - we was distancing. Hey S. hey, sup? I saw her pic. wa u think of her? i dno.. i thought she'd be different. is it? yeh.. dnt mata. don't hurt her, ayt? i might end it soon.. why? just can't be bothered with this. upto you man. ayt. thanks for ur help yeh? no worries man. I closed the window. soo.. how come you're not talking? i just don't know what to say.. lol. ok. is S online, now? yeah.. she is. ok thanks, add her in. sure...

S has been added to the conversation.

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Hi.
hey gurl.
what u upto?
nothing really. you?
same ere.
So you and him knew each other in the past?
Yeah..
yeh we did. just get over it gyal.
S, allow it. We'll jus explain da sitch to er init?
Nah, she'z propa annoyin me man! the past is the past, dn she get that already?
How did you ever love a girl like her?
But that was the past A, can't we leave it behind?
haha! actin all krazy over your new gyal now eh? wa u gna do next?
S, jus shurup gwan.
Nah, do 1.
Look, we tryna sort sutin out here and yo mesin it up.. am getin bare tired of dis.
I kno u are, das y am pi*sin u off, lollzz.
shut it, i swear.
waeva, u playa.
shurup bi*ch! go away
What did u call me?
Calm down you 2, S.. jus stop it serious. This isn't a game.
Waz it a game wen your guy threw away all dem otha gyalz he once upon a time knew?
What other girls?
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You have blocked S	
What other girls is she talking about?	
I went offline.	

I hadn't gone on msn for a whole day now.. too much chaos had stirred up. I switched off my phone, and broke off any contact i had with the world.. just for today.

I pondered over everything that had happened.. 4years was a long time.. yet it had gone by so quick..

Reflections

Allah says: Verily, We have created man in toil and struggle. [Sûrah al-Balad 90: 4]

"Every soul shall have a taste of death: and We test you by evil and by good by way of trial, and to Us is your return." [Sûrah al-Anbiyâ': 35]

Anyway, lets see. I accepted the phase 1 gyal, because i felt sorry for her. She cared for me, but i didn't want to hurt her - so i accepted her. But then i hurt her again, because i **faced a calamity** in life...

Then i turned to Allaah for a little while, due to my weakness, lets see what Allaah says in the Qur'an:

If you disbelieve, then verily, Allah is not in need of you, He likes not disbelief for His slaves. And if you are grateful (by being believers), He is pleased therewith for you. No bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another. Then to your Lord is your return, so He will inform you what you used to do. Verily, He is the All-Knower of that which is in (men's) breasts (hearts.)

And when some hurt touches man, he cries to his Lord (Allah Alone), turning to Him in repentance, but when He bestows a favour upon him from Himself, he forgets that for which he cried for before, and he sets up rivals to Allah, in order to mislead others from His Path. Say: "Take pleasure in your disbelief for a while: surely, you are (one) of the dwellers of the Fire!"

[Qur'an 39: 7-8]

Don't tell me you never saw that in the plot..?

I actually turned to Allaah at that moment, and He helped me soo much. I cried to him then, because my heart was so innocent.. yet when the good came, i turned away.

You saw it infront of your own eyes, i turned 180 degrees around and forgot Allaah, but not only that - i mislead others from His path too!

What happened after?

I tried to get popular. I failed, but carried on striving to.

And by Him Who created male and female;

Certainly, your efforts and deeds are diverse (different in aims and purposes);

As for him who gives (in charity) and keeps his duty to Allah and fears Him,

And **believes** in the best [reward],

We will make smooth for him the path of ease (goodness).

But he who is greedy miser and thinks himself self-sufficient.

And denies the best [reward],

We will make smooth for him the path for evil;

[Qur'an Al-Layl (the Night) 92: 3-10]

Don't tell me you never saw that either?

I strived hard to go down the road of evil.. so Allaah made that road easy for me, but all it did was cause loss and destruction to my ownself, aswell as mislead others away from the path of Allaah.. and cause them destruction too.

So I carried on wandering in the darkness.. of misguidance, thinking that what I was doing is good. I thought I was winning.. yet I still felt harsh inside, in a constant state of anxiety. Insecurity. Distrust. Loss. No matter how much I got, I wasn't pleased with it.

Allah says: "But he who turns away from remembrance of Me, his will be a narrow life, and I shall bring him blind to the assembly on the Day of Resurrection."

[Sûrah TâHâ: 124]

That's exactly how i felt.. i felt as if i needed more, even when i had what others would love to have!

I remembered how simple life was when everything was normal, when i never ran after this deceptive world so much, when even the small things even seemed fun.. when everything was so innocent...

I woke up, sweating the next day. This is getting too much now.

I logged on.

S was blocked, A wasn't on.. K was.

I had checked my phone in the morning, A had asked me to come online last night. But she wasn't online now, alhamdulillah.

We never had the tool on talking to someone if you're appearing offline back then, lol so it was a sneaky mission if i was to come 'online'.

Why didn't i just block her? If i did, then if she found out i had done that - she'd be even more suspicious and sad.. i wasn't scared of losing her, i was just scared of making her heart broken.. i had stuck by her for a few months now, almost half a year or more, and you naturally get that attatchment anyway.

sup bro.

wats goin on man..

u ayt?

yeh, yeh am gud bro. u?

i'm ayt..

ok man, listen i heard some news.

what news? *i felt guilty now, don't ask why.*

u know A, she went ice skating with her mates. And, a guy asked her out.

yeah?? what did she say?

he was a playa bro.. loads of people know him.

is it? what did she say?

she rejected him bro.. for u. she kept to her word man.

oh..

this stirred up something in my heart.. i felt really guilty, and emotional.. what was i doing?

This was a whole year and six months after i had ever got involved with S, but this was getting too much.. i wasn't prepared for all this serios stuff. I'm just a kid! i told myself.. why am i making such big changes? I'm spoiling everyones lives, including my own..

u there bro?

yeh.. i'm here man. i'm sori.

its ok man.. listen, think this over deeply, alright?

i will man.. i will.

- New Email Recieved -

From: S

Subject: unblok me.

Listen, unblock me. i have to tell you sumthin.

I unblocked her.

Hey.

listen, we've known each other for a while now. We been through the good n bad.

yeh?

i think it's time we stopped chattin now, u go your way and i go mine.

we gna stop talkin?

this is our last convo, tke cre of yoself ayt?

ok.. cya?

no.. bye.

S has gone offline

I knew she hadn't gone offline.. but that was the end.. me and S never spoke anymore, and never have.

That's the end, of a relationship which wasn't true.. it wasn't something pleasing to Allaah. Infact, so much evil came out of it, it never just effected me, it never just effected her.. but it effected so many people, for the worse.

The disease probably spread onto them, and Allaah knows best what they turned into. Maybe just another copy of me? I don't know.

So where was i now.. oh yeah, K.

I really need to ask u bro, your not with S no more, are ya?

Nah man.. honestly i'm not bro.

I believe u..

I'm shocked at what A did though man, i remember being like that..

what dyu mean man?

nah i mean like being all good and dedicated, like being 'true' to your special person if u get me..

i get u man.. can i tell you sutin?

sure u can bro. Ayt, the thing is.. i had this gurl and we were 2getha for a while.. we waz 2geda, and her bros found out. oh.. They found out init? So they came over to my place and we had a fight, propa krazy. is it? so u not with her no more init.. yeh bro.. i proper miss her. this is her pic man.. *display pic changed* i'm sorri n dat bro.. nah its k. part of life init.. u lose sum, u get some. is that your other pic? yeah lol. lol u got yo eyebrow pierced!? nah lol it looks like that init. yea.. whats that other pic? oh.. thats a pic of me, my dad and my bro. is it.. did they help u out in the fight? nah.. oh, how come man? they not with us no more init.. really? ..they not in this world no more bruv.. oh.. i'm sorry man..

its ok bro.. car accident man, and thats it, the whole thing was over...

A had truelly shown her sincerety, and dedication to this whole relationship, and i felt i had to show it on my part too.

So i broke contact with all the other gurls i had, i blocked them and deleted their numbers too. I changed my sim for my phone.

When i'd go out, i'd lower my gaze without even knowing it was a command of Allaah already, maybe i was still on the fitrah [natural disposition Allaah created us all in] in some aspects?.. I'd reflect on all i had done before, i felt as if i had been climbing a mountain, but when i reached the top.. i had to ask myself; what was I doing there? Because at the end of the day, i would have to go back down again anyway.

"Those whom Allah wills to guide, He opens their breast to Islam; those whom He wills to leave straying, He makes their breast close and constricted, as if they had to climb up to the skies: thus does Allah (heap) the penalty on those who refuse to believe." [Qur'an Sûrah al-An`âm: 125]

I was tired of life.. and the internal conflict was a massive trial for me.

Sometimes girls would stare, i'd look at them and get that weird feeling, but it wasn't like before.. i never had that innocence, i'd just block out my feelings. I felt like i was dead, yet i wasn't dead. I was wandering in the darkness.. of misguidance.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

"Temptations are presented to the heart, one by one. Any heart that accepts them will be left with a black stain, but any heart that rejects them will be left with a mark of purity, so that hearts are of two types: a dark heart that has turned away and become like an overturned vessel, and a pure heart that will never be harmed by temptation for as long as the earth and the heavens exist. The dark heart only recognises good and denounces evil when this suits its desires and whims.

Sahih Muslim, Kitab al-Iman, 2/170 (with different wording).

My heart was totally dead.. i never knew what pain was, i couldn't really distinguish between good and bad. Because, the good seemed evil, and the evil seemed exciting.

Promises were just words, they weren't nothing you had to keep. If you never wanted anyone, you'd just throw them away and move on with life. You never got emotionally attatched with no-one, because if you did.. you'd lose them anyway..

What K had told me, about A.. that hit me deep. It seemed amazing how something like that could totally happen. Maybe i reflected on it like that because S wasn't there to tell me how to think anymore?

I came back home after a long day of thinking... Hey. Hi. hw r u? i'm good thx, u? Am gud lol. lol so i heard you went ice skating lol. lol yeh, it was kool. lol can you do it properly? yeah, me and my mates. aww.. i remember once i did it and i kept falling lol. lol u just got to keep practising. lol you might teach me one day maybe.. lol, i wish. oh yeh, K told me what had happened. what did he tell you? about that guy.. oh, him. i told him i didn't want to.. i'm sorry. What for? About him.. but u said no anyway.. lol yeh, i'm sorry though, if it hurt u.

nah, its ayt. don't worry too much, ok?

no, i just don't want to lose u again..

A, me and S are history now. totally.

But you still talk to her don't you?

Nope, i don't! lol

you really telling the truth?

yeah i am, u don't have to believe me.. but i know i am.

...

maybe i can work on it.. show my honesty, i'll work my way to gain your trust.

ok..

love u.. lol

lol u know i do.

ur a joker.. lol.

thanks for everything.

thanks, maybe i'll change myself now since the past is over.. a new start.. a new beginning?

Maybe she was special afterall?

What for? No, just wan2 clear up some things init? Sure ok. K has been invited into the conversation. Hey sup bro! yo, wasup man. A, this is K. Hi. sup. So howz thingz. They ayt man.. what abt u2? we good man.. respect. no mo arguing now iz it? lol nah.. lol thats kool lol

I think K's just signed in, is it okay if i add him in?

So yeah, things were good again with her. And i was glad that she was happy once again..

We'd talk on the phone, and i'd carry on texting her, phoning her so she stays happy. I never had planned nothing ahead, i'd just think about the present. The future was ahead, and the present already seemed overburdening as it is.

One day she phoned the radio and asked them to mention our names together.. lol, but its weird, cuz luv makes u do krazy things.

I was still always afraid of getting too close, but the past was bad enough.. and the hurt i experienced for the first time actually made me want to keep her safe, otherwise she would experience it too.. and now that my heart was abit more softer, i was prepared to actually sacrifice some things to save her from it...

This lasted for weeks, and moods kept changing. Sometimes she would be happy, and alot of the times she would be sad. "Is this even going to work?" she would ask.. i would sometimes promise

that things would be okay, but would they?

I became tired.. and helpless. I never had anyone to talk to, whoever i spoke to would have some contact with her, so i felt i needed someone else to chat to.

One day i was bored.. again, so i wanted someone to chat to.

What shall i do?

I joined a forum, remember the one my 'mate' had posted my pic on? I just looked around on it really, that's where A had originally found 'me' or my pic atleast.

I saw a character there, and she had mentioned that she lived in a town near where i lived.. so, yeah AGAIN. I pm'd her, and got her email ad.

We added each other on msn, and this.. this would be the beginning of the ending...

And be not like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. Those are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah). [Qur'an 59:19]

Part 5:

I had forgotten who i was, totally...

Everything i did or said was covered up, if i told people my deep inside feelings - they'd get too personal, and if i did too - then we would get attatched.. so i couldn't, i couldn't let anyone get too near me. Otherwise i'd get hurt, and i didn't want to.. again.

This is exactly what the people go through.. they hide their sorrow and true self out of fear, and cover it up with laughter and a personality, yet this isn't them - they're not really happy.

There heart inclines to evil, because it loves it.. because it keeps that spark running for them, yet when they lose it, they get depressed and want more. and more. Until, death overtakes them and they see the true reality. But by then, it's too late.

Know that the life of this world is only play and amusement, adornment and mutual boasting among you, and rivalry in respect of wealth and children, as the likeness of vegetation after rain, thereof the growth is pleasing to the tiller; afterwards it dries up and you see it turning yellow; then it becomes straw.

But in the Hereafter (there is) a severe torment (for the disbelievers, evil-doers), and (there is) Forgiveness from Allah and (His) Good Pleasure (for the believers, good-doers), whereas the life of this world is only a deceiving enjoyment.

[Qur'an Al-Hadeed (the Iron) 57: 20]

Anyway, i've got a new person to talk to now! Yay!

I never wanted this person to like me or anything, i just wanted to have someone new to talk to, to hear me out so i could express myself without the person telling it to A, or anyone else i knew.

The person was online.

Hey hw r ya?
I'm ayt, u?
am ok thx

kool, so what skool do you go2?

i go to that one.

oh, that all girls school? yeh lol so u got exams soon? Oh yeah! when are yours? mine are next week, yours? ..i think mine are too... you started revising? no, not yet.. i forgot they were near so quick.. lol, thats well shocking, so u havn't revised anything yet? no.. i'll help u out if u want? sure.. thanks. Allaah's Messenger spoke the truth when he said: "A person is likely to follow the faith of his friend, so look whom you befriend." [Recorded in Abu Dawud & Tirmidhi] i need some advice seriosly.. What about? "It's about this gurl i know.. *I explained the story to her, from the beginning to the ending..* ...and now it's a burden to be with her, seriosly." Don't you wna be with her though? I feel really sorry for her.. i don't want her to get hurt, honestly. Cuz i know it hurts alot, it hurts well bad. But this wait.. it seems like it's just harming her more. I get u.. I don't know.. if i finish it now.. its gna strike her so hard, but if i let it drag on.. its gna last longer, and we don't even know if its gna work anyway.

Yeh..

Anyway, 4get that for a little bit now.. what exam u doing for english?

The Higher one.

Same here! i havn't even read the book or nothin.

I've read it over it twice.

Is it? do u understand it?

Abit, lol

lol ok tell me what its about..

She taught me abit about the story so i would know what to do in the exam.. i felt abit relaxed now, maybe i could trust someone after a long time?

I learnt quite abit now, and there were only a few days left till the exams. Time had gone past soooo quick!

So, you got the exam the same day as me right?

Yeah, hope u do well.

u2.. what else u interested in?

not much.. oh yeah, there was this girl from our school who passed away some months ago. i was well shocked!!!

yeah?

yeh.. and some girls were listening to this islamic teacher, and the teacher said that when you go home, pretend your dead so you know how she is..

woah! n u did that?

i went home and at night time, i shut the light off and lay still on the floor for a while.. just to feel how it would be when you're dead.

how did u feel?

i was proper freaked out.. we can die at anytime init?

yh.. that must have been shocking.

she probably thought she had her whole life infront of her..

thats true.. seriosly. i really need to change myself.. what do u mean? i'm not sure.. do u think more about death now than before? yeh obviously, why not.. Were you practising islaam before? no.. o ok.. now i'm working on it though.. gradually. that's good.. I think she's on now.. u gna chat to her? yeh.. i really dno what to do about all of this though.. it'll get better insha allah, i know what u goin thru. really? i hope so.. So i started chatting to A, her exams were coming up too.. and her parents had been putting alot of pressure on her.. these would affect her future ALOT. But this love business was distracting her...

Nu'man Ibn Bashir narrated that the Prophet, may Allah give him peace and blessings, said,

"Surely there is in the body a small piece of flesh, if it is good the whole body is good and if it is corrupted the whole body is corrupted, surely it is the heart." (Reported in Bukhari, Muslim)

I'd still come online and 'revise' because i couldn't concentrate at home anyways..

I was tired of love now.. or anything to do with it. I just wanted some space of my own, and someone to talk to.. i needed a new start. But this A thing was dragging on for too long.

I changed my tactics, and i felt i HAD to. I would tell her that it probably would'nt work, it hurt me to do this now.. since i was doing two things at once, my heart would soften from one side, and from the other i would be hurting someone, hoping it could just end.. but i knew it couldn't, because that's exactly how i felt on my first time.. holding on as much as i possibly could.

Sometimes i'd just block her, but then K would come on, so i would unblock her again.. incase she realised.

Today it was my exam, i hadn't revised properly.. but i went for it anyway. I ignored my mates, we had distanced quite alot now... maybe because of what happened in previous situations? But we never spoke much.. the past had passed...

I came back from my first exam, i probably didn't do well.. but atleast it was over. That's what i wanted to do really, get it all finished and then what comes after, i could think about that then.

I logged on;

Hey

Salaam (peace)

u2, hw r u?

i'm ok thx, how was your exam???

it was alright.. urz?

i found it easy.. loll

u think u did well?

yeh insha allah (God willing) i hope so!! lol

lol, so you're just new into all this practising islaam business right?

yeh, u krazyy!! i told u last time rememba?!

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oh yh lol
i joined an islamic forum and made some mates there
really?
yeh, there really safe.
lol maybe i should too..
sure, i'll add u into a conversation with someone i know.
*... has been added into the conversation.*
heyy, this is a bro i know! welcm 2 the convo!
hey.. u ayt?
yeah, i'm good.
erm.. so who's who?
this is the sis i know from the forum init!!
oh, kool.
yep.
erm.. so who's that cute kid in your display pic?
that's my niece, cute isn't she?
yeh.. lol
lol
the conversation was dead really.. no-one hardly spoke.
The one who lived near my town, she suddenly signed out.. and became offline.
I thought about leaving the conversation, i never really felt too comfortable anyway...
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erm.. listen, i'll add u in a conversation with a brother, alright? sure, no worries. *Has been invited into the conversation..* Asalaamu 'alykum (peace be upon you) wasalam bro, u ok? yeh, i'm good man. u? yh am ok thx. u got exams now? yeh lol u revised? nah, not really. it's too much. lol you might aswell, otherwise its goin to take even longer once you're older to get good money and all that. tru.. you shown him that site yet? no, not yet. bro, join this site, its a good place to get some basic info on islaam: http://islamicboard.com kool, thanks. We'll welcome you once you join lol lol k.. thanks.

I'd introduced myself and everyone was really friendly and willing to help out. This is where i began to look into Islaam and gain more wisdom.

I realised why sins aren't really good for you. Infact their harmful for us, that's the only reason Allaah forbids us from approaching them. And the only reason Allaah gives us the freedom of choice is to test us, whether we will do good to please Him, or do evil and harm our own selves, in this life and the hereafter. And still, He is willing to forgive us so long as we turn to Him whole heartedly.

I gradually increased in my trust in Allaah, my love for Him. Since He had helped me through this whole trial, and He never forgot me even though i had forgot Him, and even myself.

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

Allah is the Protector of those who have faith: from the depths of darkness He will lead them forth into light. Of those who reject faith the patrons are the evil ones: from light they will lead them forth into the depths of darkness. They will be companions of the fire, to dwell therein (For ever).

[Qur'an 2: 256-7]

Ibn Taymiyya, a famous scholar said something amazing:

'The real prisoner is someone whose heart is imprisoned from his Lord; the true captive is someone captured by his passions.'

I could totally relate to that now.. so i moved forward. It was a gradual process, but i could feel that my heart never felt as restricted as it used to before. I felt at ease, secure, safe.. happy, and content. Something i had wished for, for a long time now.. that innocent feeling.

Then i remembered, A! I wanted a fresh start, so what was i supposed to do if i still had a part of my past clinging on to me?

I can't come on no more after my exams sorry.
oh i hope u do well.
thx it's not fair. 😕
i'm really sorry.
i'm gna miss u
yeh
Her parents had told her she couldn't come online anymore, until her exams had finished it would take a few weeks.
My heart hurt, don't get me wrong cuz Allaah has made us in a way that we don't like hurting others even though we can change, like you've seen in my past. So i never really wanted her to go through this it was too much, how weak you feel, and helpless
After a few days, K was online.
Salaam (peace) bro, u alright?
w/salam? yh man, u?
listen, you heard anything on A?
yeh man waz just goin to tell u.
what happened?
her mates told me that her parents said she has to do really well, and if she doesn't then she can't do the course they want her to do.
reali?
yeh man u know her (pa)rents (=parents) - they pay £3000 per year for her she goes to a 'high level' school man.
is it?
yeh
I couldn't do this it was spoiling it for all of us. it was hurting her so bad, and i had made her life

worse.. if she never had fallen for me, she would live her usual life, get good grades, and then marry

someone and fall in love.

But that hadn't happened, this was her destiny. Allaah knew better..

...it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not.

[Qur'an 2: 216]

In my exams, I was alot more confident now.. i had this feeling of tranquility inside of me, which in reality is a sign of faith and a blessing from Allaah, as He Himself mentions in the Qur'an:

It is He Who sent down tranquillity into the hearts of the Believers, that they may add faith to their faith;- for to Allah belong the Forces of the heavens and the earth; and Allah is Full of Knowledge and Wisdom;-

[Qur'an 48: 4]

So when others would be stressed out in the exam, i'd be relaxed.. even though they had revised and done more work than me.

So how was your exam?

yeh it was good bro alhamdulillah (the praise is for Allaah)

alhamdulillah, same here.

u think u gna pass?

not sure..

u checked the forum then eh?

yeh, its really good.. learnin new things alhamdulillah.

me too, so what's happening with the A girl?

she can't chat cuz of her exams init.. her parents want her to do really well.

oh, she must have alot of pressure..

i know.. loads.

what u gna do then?

i dno.. i think i have to end it, for sure.. if i don't do it now, then i don't know when i can.

but how u gna do it?

she sometimes comes online.. i'll talk to her then, insha Allaah (God willing.)

won't u both feel hurt?

i don't know.. look how much evil came out from my past, if i don't end this now it might just get worse...

A still hadn't come online for a long time.. she'd text me sometimes, but i'd delay the response because i never really knew what position i was in now.

Others might think that what i did was harsh, but i had to.. if you disagree, then i think you need to read the story all over again, to realise the harmful consequences of relationships which aren't legit. But everyone has the right to an opinion.

Now a few weeks had passed, and A still didn't come online. After a while she stopped texting I wonder what happened to her?
One day, to my surprise, she came on, i stayed quiet though what was i supposed to do?
Hi. she said.
hey
i missed u.
thx
i hesitated to say anything else back.
what did u do since i've been gone?
i knew she had been suspicious on me, why wouldn't she? when she knew alot of my past anyway?nothing really i've just started learning about Islam really
oh, that's good.
yeh
alot of things are off my back now, i feel more calm and secure lol
lol aw
yup, ma lifes become much easier alhamdulillah [the praise is for Allaah]
Can i ask u something?
sure

Do you think we're ever gna work?

i dnt knw...

me too..

Do you still love S?

that's the past A, you know that.. i've told u so much times before.

I really need to know though, what we are to each other..

It's not that simple...

Then, what are we to each other?

A, i don't know how to explain this.. but i think i have to.

Alot of guys like you, and we're so far apart.. we can't work, and i don't think it ever will..

..what do u mean??

i don't know how to explain it.. but.. this explains it better than i can..

It's gonna burn for me to say this

But it's comin from my heart It's been a long time coming

But we done been fell apart Really wanna work this out But I don't think you're gonna change

I do but you don't Think it's best we go our separate ways

Tell me why I should stay in this relationship

When I'm hurting baby, I ain't happy baby

Plus there's so many other things I gotta deal with I think that you should let it burn

Deep down you know it's best for yourself but you Hate the thought of her/him being with someone else

But you know that it's over We know that it's through Let it burn Let it burn Gotta let it burn I'm twisted cuz one side of me is tellin' me that I need to move on

On the other side I wanna break down and cry

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What do u mean?

u mean.. u really want to end it?

i dnt know.. A. that's all we can do.. it's already getting too much.

but why did u.. why did u start this whole thing with me for then? u could have told me u loved S from the beginning, and none of this would happen?

It's not S, A. it just can't work.. u know it can't.

but we've been through soo much..

So loads of other guys like you though, even though i would be well happy if you could settle with someone and have a secure marriage.. and u truelly loved each other. That way your parents would be happy aswell.

this msn thing is messed, i swear.

why u doing this to me?



because i don't want to spoil your life for u...

i can't believe.. u made so much promises to me..

i'm really sorry.. i never even knew the difference between good and bad then.. i just want things to be normal for the both of us..

you already spoilt my life since the day S came into it... 🥮



- A has gone offline -

She had 'gone' offline, but my name was removed from her nick now.. so i knew she had blocked me.

I blocked her too.

I had a break from msn for a bit, needed to revise for exams anyway. And i spent abit more time on the forums.

I think it was her exams too now, but i couldn't really change anything.

The past was done, but i could move forward for a better future right? That was my intention now.

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (Peace be upon him) said:

Allah the Almighty said:

I am as My servant thinks I am. I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself; and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assemble better than it. And if he draws near to Me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed.

So i did.. i remembered that innocence which i once had, and i wished that i could have it again, infact i wished that i hadn't become bad at all.. but my sincerety to Allaah would show how much i was willing to make myself good again. And maybe if i never experienced this negative side, i wouldn't appreciate Islaam as much?

Like i mentioned earlier, that high feeling was a different flavour to this calm feeling inside.. because with the high, you needed more and more to keep it up.. whereas with this calm/tranquil feeling, it was longer lasting.. it was more deep, and it made me more positive towards others instead of harsh and impatient like that high...

Anyway, i decided to come on msn afterwards.

Why did you do that to my mate for!?

Do what?

I thought you said you loved her?

Listen, i dno wa am doin ayt? leave me alone.

what do u mean?

Nuthin, i'm jus doin what's best for her. tke cre n lukafta er k?

I blocked her too. And a few of her other mates.

After a while, K came online. I think he was my only reliable source to everything, and i trusted him the most..

Salaam (peace be upon u) bro. w/salam (and u.) Listen, i want u to join this site ok? the forum that i'm on? lol ayt man.. i need to sort things out in life anyway, hope Allaah makes them better soon n that. Ameen, truss bro - my lifes propa fixin up since i've become more whole-hearted in Islaam. O ye who believe! Enter into Islam whole-heartedly; and follow not the footsteps of the evil one; for he is to you an avowed enemy. [Qur'an 2: 208] True.. true that bruv. thanks. Anyway man, listen. yeh? some shockin news. ayt go on? have u stopped contact with A? yh man.. i reli thought we needed to end it. no wonda.. ayt wel, she had an exam yesterday init. yh? n wa hapend... k, wel.. she was havin her exam, n.. yeh? she broke down man.. she had to leave the exam. is it.. u serios? 2ryt bro.. why would i be lyin to u. oh.. man. that's deep.

i kno man.. n wa hapend after is that they called her parents in.

yeh?

they took her home.. and thats 3 thousand poundz and maybe her future down the toilet man.. u mesd her up bad.

..yeh

u knw that wasn't my intention, init bro? u know i was mesd up back then.

tru man.. thats what life does when your without tru guidance init..

yeh man.. i feel wel bad now.

I unblocked A, she had already unblocked me a long time ago.

We spoke.. for our last time.

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Hey..
so, its over right?
yeh.. it's over.
then, we don't need to chat no more..
yh..
i never knew u could be like this, love isn't that special afterall.
it's only special, if u do it the right way..
yeah, u should know init? the playa?
i've changed my ways..
u played for a long time..
i know i did. Allaah forgives what came before.. i regret what i did.
so u goin back to S now?
i havn't spoken to S in months.
k.
maybe u should work on it too, like gettin closer to Allaah and that..?
- A has gone offline -
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So that was the end basically, the end of the past.. and the beginning to a new start.

This was the last step, and now i could truly leave the past behind and whole-heartedly enter Islaam.

Some time later...

In the end, K got married to the gurl he wanted.. he started practising Islaam aswell, he met with the Imaam in the Masjid. Their family sorted the whole issue out, and insha Allaah (God willing) him and his gurl live happily ever after - in a legit and good way... your friends truelly do make a difference on who you are...

I would start learning more about Islam from now onwards, learn aspects of Islam which i never knew. I worked on myself inside, internally. It makes you stronger on the outer side this way.

I got the grades i wanted, just about scraped through. I was glad though, i never really had to do any re-sits in college, i could just start the course i wanted. Maybe this was a fresh new start afterall? Maybe something for the better, or was it? I'd just have to be patient, and strive to show my sincerety to Allah.

"Whosoever does right, whether male or female, and is a believer, we shall make them live a good life, and We shall pay them a recompense in proportion to the best of what they used to do."

[Qur'an *Sûrah al-Nahl*: 97]

The end of this story, but a new beginning would soon unfold..