

From The Seven Torments of Craig and Amy

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AMY, 18

AMY is explaining to her ex-boyfriend why she broke up with him.

AMY

But I think, honestly, I think I've got things worked out. I'm in a better place. I'm not – terrified anymore – and I've been trying to explain this to you but... I feel like there's some kind of hole inside of me. Like I was supposed to be feeling these things, or maybe I was afraid of feeling those things, and I didn't want to, you know? I didn't want to be out of control like that, because that's what it's like – it's like I'm suddenly not in possession of myself anymore – And I haven't really – I haven't told you this. My parents aren't really my parents. They're my foster parents. My actual Mom gave me up when I was two. So I'm not going to lie to you, that, and I don't really remember my real Mom but when I turned eighteen they gave me the file – and I have it, and I can go find her if I want to – but I don't know that I want to, you know? I guess – at least what my Mom says about her – my foster Mom – she's not in a good place, so I don't know, you know? Like, what if – what if I'm destined to become like her? I don't know if all this is just an illusion that's going to come crashing in, I don't know if what I feel is real at all, I don't know if any of this is real, and sooner or later the truth is going to come smashing through the door and the shades will go up and the lights will come on full bore and there I'll be, like, blinking, and confused while they take me away.

I'm not saying this to...

You never read what was in the letter, did you? You never read. It.