Hello everyone, I have an update regarding the last 6 months of my life and I would like to share what has been going on

I want to first sincerely apologize for making the decision to step back from the game again in August. I made the decision to step away and focus on school and my relationship with my girlfriend, which began around this time. Between my AP and Dual Credit Classes, and finally getting with the girl I really like, I felt that it was necessary to solely focus there and give it my 100%. At the time I felt that distance was also necessary for where I was mentally and emotionally regarding the community and game as a whole. Still, I recognize that my absence, and the way I've handled things caused real turmoil for myself, and I take full responsibility for that. I'm not sharing this to make excuses, but to be honest about my choices and their impact. I want nothing more than to be as completely transparent as possible.

I also want to address my repeated returns followed by absence. I understand how that inconsistency may have caused confusion, or made it harder to trust my intentions. Looking back, I can see how those patterns added to the damage, and I'm truly sorry for that. This hasn't been a sudden decision, it's been a long process of growth, reflection, and learning during those periods away. I always felt that there was some aspect of myself that I needed to learn further, and force myself to grow up, and it took me being in the middle of the situation to realize it for myself. I always believed that I could be better, hence my absences.

I'm 18 now, and I understand the world and my responsibilities far better than I did back then. Even six months later I feel I have a greater grasp of the world, much more than when I was 16, or way back when I was 13. With that growth has come a clearer understanding of how my actions affect others. I can't undo the past, but I can take responsibility for it and commit to doing better moving forward. With the game, I cannot guarantee that I will constantly play, or be as active as I used to be, but it has been a dream of mine to compete again, and be able to stream and make content. I always had a dream of getting a group of players mainstreamed, and at the same time making the game rise into something greater for everyone to have an actual chance to make it a higher level esport. Getting as close as I did only kept this drive going through my time away and I would love to be able to help the scene as much as I can

I truly believe that now is the right time for me. I believe I have taken the space I needed to grow, and I'm committed to continuing to prove by my actions, not just my words, that I will continue to be better. I believe in July I set a solid foundation for who I need to be, and I want to be able to give it back to the community any way I can. Splatoon has been a big part of my childhood, and I want to support the game, and the community any way I can. I know trust takes time to rebuild, and I don't expect anything immediately, especially with my disappearance. What I am asking is the opportunity once more to show consistency, maturity, and accountability.

P.s i have a new discord 'zzzleaferslol' if anyone would like to reach out ❤️