Hello, gamers! This is Maya, also known as Chimeraling, and it has been a hot minute since y'all have heard my voice in this context.

Um... I'll be honest, there's been a lot going on, and that's what I really wanted to talk about. Kind of the future of my channel, and stuff like that... Uh, fair warning, I am not using a script so this is probably going to be long-winded and I apologize, but I will put a transcript up so y'all don't have to listen to me ramble if you don't want to.

So, first of all, I know I haven't streamed since June of 2022 when I last streamed Octo Expansion. I meant to get back into streaming that year and then things just kind of fell apart. The long and the short of it is: life. Right? Those of you who have followed me for a long time and/or know me more personally will know that I have had health issues basically the entire length of my streaming career, that have gradually gotten worse. Like, you know, my back issues and stuff like that, and my migraines...

A couple of years ago I started doing botox for the migraines, botox stopped working, I'm trying to start new medication... blah blah blah, that's not really important. Um, a lot of health...stuff has been going on for me the past year or so? 'Cause I finally started, like...getting checked out and everything. And, um... (long pause) God, I keep losing my train of thought... But basically what I'm trying to say is my health is BAD. All right? Um...and that is the number one reason I haven't gone back to streaming yet.

I am unfortunately physically disabled, working on getting on disability, my physical health has deteriorated to the point where I can't go out without using a cane to support my walking. This year, finally, I was diagnosed formally with fibromyalgia, a chronic pain condition. (I'm) working on stuff with a cardiologist at the moment... I don't wanna bore y'all with the details, the fibro is kind of the most important thing.

I no longer have a desk that I sit up at. I got rid of that, actually not too long after I streamed Octo Expansion. And the reason is because I just can't sit up at a desk anymore. Like, it hurts too much, and I didn't wanna like just give y'all power hours and I'm sure y'all will realize and notice that this mic is not that great. It's fine for like voice chats, but this is not a mic I'd be using when I'm streaming. I do have a better one, um... I did at some point purchase a little medical desk so that I can have a decent stream setup while I'm in bed, because I WANT to continue streaming, it's just difficult with how much setup it takes in comparison to, like...what I can do sitting on my bed, y'know?

(Doing this with music was a horrible idea, I'm just pointing that out because it keeps distracting me…)

Um… Oh! The desk thing. I haven't put it together yet, obviously, but that leads me into my next life thing, which is... My partner Raven, who most of you, if not all of you, probably know at this point, is moving here in May. So that's, like...even if I have the desk, I've been, like, focused on that primarily and I probably won't get back to streaming 'til after he moves in and is settled and

everything. So...maybe assume summer? I don't know. I can't promise anything, but I do want to get back to streaming this year, and make it a regular thing.

That said, when I do get back to streaming, it will not be scheduled. I am not someone who can keep to schedules. They kind of stress me out for various reasons, and I've just never been good at following them because of my health. And I don't wanna have y'all expect something from me and then be disappointed when I cancel on you. So I will just announce when and where I'm streaming - or I suppose, when and WHAT. Obviously I'm streaming on twitch.tv/Chimeraling (implied finger guns).

Okay, so, the next thing I wanted to get into was, um... So, like, you know, my channel's been around since early 2017. My stream anniversary is actually coming up next month, which I will unfortunately have to miss again, but... I've always enjoyed making content. I've always loved showing things to people and that's why I started streaming.

And I started out streaming Pokemon, you know, and then I kind of realized that wasn't what I wanted to do. I wanted to do variety, so I made the switch in late 2017 to kind of distance myself from Pokemon overall with the username change from shinysilvally to Chimeraling. Obviously, Pokemon is still present in my content, and my influence, and my mascot is still a shiny Silvally. And that just kind of, like, in that switch from Pokemon to other stuff, I just kind of had this, like...identity crisis I guess? With my channel. Where I didn't really know what I wanted to do because I wanted

to make y'all happy, but I didn't wanna do something that I didn't wanna do. And then 2018 was like just a hard year in general, so that didn't help... And that's why I tried so many different approaches to streaming, like scheduled, unscheduled, long playthroughs, impulsive things, blah blah blah... Like…there was a lot going on there. Like, I was not consistent in any facet of my streaming, and consistency is something I definitely wanna work on in the future.

When I started, I was...blessed, for (stumbles over words)...blessed for *lack* of a better word, to have the support of friends from both on Twitch and off Twitch who helped me to grow, and I reached affiliate after streaming for like a week? Which wasn't even a goal of mine, I was just doing it for fun, and ultimately my desire is to go back to that point in 2017 when I first started streaming and just talked and didn't think about it.

I definitely don't want the 2017 awkwardness - 'cause if you watch some of my old clips... I just hate my old clips, like I like watching them for the memories, but I just...I hate knowing how awkward I was and now I'm just kinda like...whatever, you know. This is me. This is what you're gonna have to put up with whether you like it or not. I mean if you don't like it then why are you here? But...

Okay, so, **TL;DR: Health sucks, life is a lot, I will get back to streaming sometime this year...? And it won't be scheduled.**

On a non-streaming note though, my "content" Twitter is also used for art, and I hope to take little sketch commissions publicly

soon-ish for a little extra money...because I don't have an income. Because I am disabled and not on disability yet. Y'know.

I don't- I'm not really very transparent about my health, so I'm trying to be more transparent with you guys at least, because I feel like you deserve that instead of just being left in the dark and being like "where the hell did Maya go?" You know?

I think that's all I wanted to cover? I hope it is, because I'm not recording this again (LOL). I don't want to do another take 'cause I already forgot everything I said. So... (long pause) just look out for me in the near-ish future. Don't expect me 'til at least the summer, and don't expect to know what I'm gonna stream, because it'll be whatever the hell I feel like streaming! Whatever I think is fun. Because the streams are better when the streamer is enjoying themself. And I want to give you guys an entertaining stream. If I'm just sitting there like "man, I can't wait to end the stream", that's just... It comes across in my voice. There's been, like, before I stopped doing shiny hunting regularly, when I was losing interest in it, I know that came across, and I want to avoid that.

So. Lots of stuff going on, hopefully gonna settle down soon, and since I mentioned Raven moving in, I definitely want to start doing a lot of streams with him. I've talked about this with him, he's changed his Twitch username from MiddayLycanroc to Lycanocity, and we are just kind of hoping to do some stuff together. So expect that as well, more of our goofy banter, with games that we can play together, or even games that one of us plays and the other watches and makes fun of them, because I

totally wanna do that. (LOL) Because we do that in our off time as well, I'll like, screenshare a game for him and then he'll laugh at me when I'm bad at it and stuff like that.

But I think that's...yeah, I need to shut up before this goes on for like another ten minutes. I know it's already been quite long. I've been recording for 11 minutes according to OBS. Also I apologize for not having, like, a scene ready for this. I... This was just something I did impulsively. I was like, you know what, I gotta tell them what's going on. So...

Apologies for my rambling. Maybe I should've made a script, maybe I shouldn't have. I didn't. So that's what you're putting up with. This is what you signed up for when you followed me.

(long pause) ...Yeah, okay, I'm gonna end it now. Thank you guys for listening, or reading, or both. I really appreciate you taking the time out of your day to listen to me talk to myself for over ten minutes about how crazy and...just kind of lame my life has been.

But, things are looking up! Finally. So...SOON. SOON I will stream again and I'll get to actually use these graphics that Riley made so beautifully... I got those commissioned and then proceeded to not ever stream…

ANYWAY, I am zipping my mouth shut. Thank you for watching! I will see you soon! Hopefully. Bye-bye!