Colin Bridgerton to Penelope Featherington Friday, 2 August 2024 [11:32]

Colin: Hi, Penelope! Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow. Do you think you and El can be

at Number Five by 10?

Penelope: Hi, Colin! Looking forward to tomorrow too. 10 is fine, but if Eloise asks, please tell

her it's 9:30.

Colin: lol, that sounds about right.

Colin: Btw, do you know who's meant to be driving?

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 22 August 2024
[10:07]

Colin: did you fucking leave without saying goodbye to anyone?

Colin: I know you're pissed but

Colin: wow.

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[13:56]

Colin: sorry for texting you earlier

Colin: I know you asked for space I just **Colin**: I guess I didn't think it meant this



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 25 August 2024 [16:21]

Colin: upon further reflection i think you could be my best friend so that's fun

Colin: and i know you already have one so i don't expect to be yours

Colin: I just wanted you to know that you're mine



[17:09]

Colin: about the best friend thing, I want to reiterate that I don't expect anything from you, I just thought you should know.

Colin: which I now realize is stupid but unsending texts is for COWARDS and I, unlike chicken little, am not a coward.

Colin: https://youtu.be/kUBNn-abuxQ?si=b2iXaXOV 5voaOPJ



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 26 August 2024 [12:04]

Colin: just saw the cutest dogs sharing this giant fucking stick? Like the biggest stick I've ever seen, basically a small log, and they both had it in their mouths and were walking in tandem having a great day

Colin: walking is the wrong word, they were PRANCING actually. Like very posh horses. Or the big kahuna reindeer at the front of santa's sleigh

Colin: they had big stick energy.



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 27 August 2024 [20:58]

Colin: pick up pick up pick up

Colin: Penelope, stop rejecting my calls.

Colin: If the plan is to avoid me forever, just know that I root for your failure.



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Colin: idk if this helps but

Colin: if i had known it was going to make it worse, i probably wouldn't have come over to your flat and taken my clothes off for you.



[22:56]

Colin: actually, that's a lie. i would have. **Colin**: That kiss was incredible, Pen



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 28 August 2024 [15:03]

Colin: this is ironic, considering the current state of our relationship, but

Colin: I made nyt connections my bitch today.

Colin Bridgerton to Pen / N 29 August 2024 [14:54]

Colin: [image24.jpg]

Colin: Davey in the pool!!!!

Colin: Also, Caroline has requested I inform you that she finished Little Women.

Colin: She's very proud of herself. I don't have the heart to tell her it's the abridged version.

Colin: We miss you.



[16:12]

Colin: If you're avoiding me, does that mean you're avoiding my family too? These kids love you, Penelope. They're asking about you. They won't understand why someone they care about just vanished.

Colin: honestly I can't understand either but at least my frontal lobe is developed

Colin: well. supposedly.



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 30 August 2024
[21:36]

Colin: I thought it was normal to feel alone even when I was as close to someone as I could physically be.

Colin: but then we kissed.



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 31 August 2024 [23:50]

Colin: pen just tell me what to do. tell me how to fix it. I don't know how to fix it and I want to so I just need you to tell me because I need you in my life and I don't know how this all fell the fuck apart.

Colin: just help me, pen.



Colin Bridgerton to Pen /\simes 1 September 2024 [8:32]

Colin: Are you coming to mum's party today? I know things are weird with us but she wants you

there.

Colin: And I won't force you to talk to me if you don't want to.

Colin: I mean, I will eventually.

Colin: But not today.



[19:51]

Colin: It was good to see you today.

Colin: I keep going back to what you said at the market the other day, do you remember?

Colin: I fucking hate that you don't think I would stay if you wanted me to.

Colin: So I'm just going to have to prove you wrong.

Colin: Goodnight, Penelope.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 2 September 2024 [1:10]

Colin: Hyacinth has made me a playlist called "all wallowing all the time"

Colin: i feel simultaneously cared for and read for filth

Colin: and also deeply concerned about the mental state of all these lesbians



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 3 September 2024 [23:19]

Colin: saw a compilation of top ten saddest anime deaths but it was just ten different angles of you thanking me before kicking me out

Colin: like it was a fucking favor

Colin: my only hope is that you've blocked me by now because if you actually read this I would simply pass away



Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 4 September 2024 [3:43]

Colin: The shittiest part is that we got really close to the joy, right? It felt like we did.

Colin: I mean, I guess you didn't. **Colin**: But for me, the joy was you.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 5 September 2024 [2:51]

Colin: I don't like not knowing how your day was.

Colin: I guess that's insane because we've known each other since we were kids and we've

never talked like that. But it feels like something we should be doing.

Colin: It feels like it would be right with you.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 6 September, 2024 [5:11]

Colin: it's mad that I spent four days wandering around getting advice and opinions from my family, desperately trying to figure out what to, and then I see you and we talk for five minutes and I just fucking know.

Colin: when the noise was gone and the edges were blurred, it was so obvious.

Colin: four days of wandering. thank god I wound up in front of you.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 7 September 2024 [22:05]

Colin: I'm sorry for wasting your time

Colin: for missing your cues when we were younger

Colin: if you want to give me a chance, I promise I'll be worth it for you. I'll make myself worth it.

Colin: and if we talk and it turns out you don't, I promise I'll leave you be.

Colin: I'll go off and travel again until you're comfortable being around me. You can have my

family, you can have London, you can have anything you want.

Colin: I just want you to be happy, Penelope.

Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 8 September 2024 [21:29]

Colin: today Gregory came over out of the blue because he needed someone to play video games with.

Colin: it was a nice surprise. I think I missed talking to people that aren't myself. and you, of course. I can't forget these delightful one sided conversations we're having.

Colin: it's making me crazy to not get responses from you but I think I'd go really fucking crazy if I didn't talk to you at all.

Colin: so that's the update. Gregory, video games, and missing you.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen / 9 September 2024 [23:13]

Colin: I was ambushed this evening. By Kate and Sophie, of all people.

Colin: apparently they have a weekly wives dinner and they decided to hold it in my flat tonight (I'm starting to think Anthony is deploying people to watch me so that mum doesn't get worried???)

Colin: they spent the whole dinner telling stories about people I didn't know, complaining about my brothers, and gushing about the kids.

Colin: naturally it was the best night I've had in ages and I've asked to be invited next week too. **Colin**: I hope you had a good day today, Pen.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen /\simes 10 September 2024 [18:41]

Colin: yeah. I'm definitely being babysat.

Colin: Hyacinth came today and delivered a power point presentation about how she thinks each member of the family would commit a murder if we had to kill someone.

Colin: it felt strangely accurate??

Colin:

<u>docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hdR0AzbZc0Egvv5yxLYkJFXeOntE8rP9jSjnjugyLl8/edit?usp=sharing</u>

Colin: i'm legitimately afraid

Colin Bridgerton to Pen /_\
11 September 2024
[16:49]

Colin: Daphne's turn. She said watching telly would be a good distraction but I suspect she just wanted to use her kid-free time to binge watch one tree hill.

Colin: the problem is, I... don't understand the title of this show.

Colin: is it that there is only one hill in the town which contains trees on it? Or is it that there's a hill with a singular tree on it and so everyone's like "oh hey, let's meet up at the one tree hill tonight!"

Colin: I just don't know.

Colin: and at this point, I'm too afraid to ask.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen /\simes 12 September 2024 [17:56]

Colin: Eloise was just over and I told her how I feel about you. For real this time. No faffing about like I did the day after we kissed, when I was still confused.

Colin: and then to prove it, I showed her all these fucking texts.

Colin: so even if you've blocked me and you never see them, they've done some good.

Colin: I was so jealous when she got to go home and see you

Colin: I don't really care if something good happened to her it should have happened to me

instead!!!!

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Pen / to Colin Bridgerton 12 September 2024 [18:15]

Pen / N: Hi.

Pen / \int i'm outside your building.

Pen / \int : Buzz me up.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen /\simes 13 September, 2024 [4:02]

Colin: [MayYourLimitsBeUnknown.doc]

Colin: here. for if you wake up and I'm still asleep.

Colin: wait what am I saying

Colin: if you wake up and I'm still asleep, WAKE ME.

Colin: I repeat: do not open this document, Penelope Anne Featherington.

Colin: we have things to do.

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Colin Bridgerton to Pen ^N ♥ ¹
Sunday, 15 September 2024
[11:39]

Colin: So how many kids do you want? I'm fine with whatever, just want to set some expectations.

Pen 🎙 💗 😘: Very funny.

Pen § 3: Am I to expect texts like this every time you run out for coffee?

Colin: Very not joking.

Colin: And yes.

Colin: I know you're only 28 so you can take as long as you need to decide, but just so we're on

the same page... I'm good.

Pen What do you mean by good? **Colin**: Done. Set. Settled. You're it for me.

Colin: I mean, if you want me.

Pen 🦠 💗 😘: You really have no idea, do you.

Pen § 💞 😘: I've been yours since the day we met. I was yours when you were never going to

be mine. I have wanted you every day of my life since the first day I saw you.

Pen 🦠 💗 😘: ...hello?

Colin: yeah fuck the coffee im on my way back

Colin: be in bed when i get there

Pen \(\bigveeta \(\bigveeta \): Hurry up or I'm starting without you, love.