

Dear SHISHY / Shishy.

First I guess I'd like to thank you for making the move of sending such a letter. It does mean a lot to me to have your heartfelt acknowledgement and apology after all this time. And I do feel it through your words as well as what's calmed unsaid.

There is or could be so, so much to say, and at the same time so very little... I know you know what I mean. So I'll opt for the latter for now. Maybe if our paths cross one day we can talk more if it feels right!

I really appreciate as well your message about REDACTED, as well as the crystal. REDACTED's very much taken with it and casts it around everywhere - of course under my watchful eye as I don't want to lose this new treasure! We had a reunion of Drama Ahoi students and I was able to pass on the news as you had written it.... it was an important part of honouring her properly in that time & space (ie our little rehearsal hall in which we all went through so much together,

warts and all (!), and where I grew to know & love her.) So thank you.

I heard through the e-grapevine that AQA passed away not long ago. I'm sorry to hear this and know you must miss her terribly, maybe especially while you're going through whatever family court crap is happening. I'm lucky so far that all the usual suspects in my family are still going strong. I hope it all resolves soon.

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Don't worry ... your letter has not offended me nor reopened any old wounds that I haven't well & truly explored and healed by now. Love and forgiveness is the only way forward ... all the rest is pretty much distracting static. Easy to say, hard to do. I'm well and happy with a good marriage, 2 spunky kids, a smart dog and a good home in REDACTED ... I feel lucky and at the same time feel I've earned it and worked hard for peace in my life. I hope peace & happiness return to you too - no doubt they will.

X Alicia