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Just Say Don't Go

I saw the truck leave the drive way as my heart sank and cracked all at the same time. That is when my life changed forever. One day I was sitting at lunch with my friends on the last week of Freshman year of High School. Most kids talk about their plans that summer not me I was working on my final project for science it was my last chance to be able to pass the class. My friends were saying I was working harder than they have ever seen before. I was never the best student. I said nothing and just worked. My friend Stacie came over and told us that she had the chance to move and live in Miami, Florida. My friends were shocked I wasn't paying attention. Stacie said "Before I make a decision I wanted to see what you guys thought" they all did not know what to say. "What about you Carter what do you think I should do"? "Do you think I should move to Florida?" "Yeah, Yeah sure whatever sounds great" I said. I was so focused on my work I didn't even know what she was talking about. My friend Stan decide that we should have a meeting that night to talk about this whole moving situation.

That night all my friends and I were supposed to meet up at our favorite restaurant but when they saw I never showed up they never talked about the moving situation. Stacie came up to me the next day and asked me again if I think she should move. Now she asked others but everyone knew my opinion was the only one that

mattered. Stacie and I been best friends since we were two years old. So if we had a big decision like this we went to each other for advice. Still I was so caught up in what I doing I gave her no attention and I yelled in an angry tone “ I don’t care just go away move away from me just go away”. That was the biggest mistake of my life that I regret everyday since it happened. So she told all my friends that since I said “move away from me she had decided to move to Florida. Even though I just meant to move away for that moment since I was stressing over the project. My friends couldn’t believe that I said all that and that she decide to move. So all my friends met up at our favorite restaurant and decide to throw a going away party for Stacie. I had finally finished my project and decided to meet up with my friends there but when I got there they acted like I wasn’t there and left. I was so confused since I wasn’t listening before. It was weird since even Stacie wouldn’t talk to me. Of course everyone knows why.

I asked everyone but no one would tell what the hell was going on. I couldn’t figure it out. My head was spinning out of control. It was the last day of school and I passed all my classes. I asked my friends if they wanted to hang but they all told me they had something important to do. I asked but they wouldn’t say. I asked Stacie she wouldn’t talk to me. The next day my friend Stan texted and said “Yo Carter what’s good? Stacie has decided to move to Florida and we throwing her a going away party and we want you to come”. I couldn’t believe what he was telling me. He told that when Stacie asked I yelled at her to move away from me. “Oh my god that is not true” I, said. “She didn’t talk to me about it never”. I was so angry I didn’t go

to the party. Apparently Stacie was devastated that I didn't come to say goodbye even though she was still angry at me for yelling at her. The next day I felt less angry and I ran to her house to say goodbye. I was too late. I saw the truck leave the driveway as my heart sank and cracked all at the same time. That is when I knew my life was changed forever. I couldn't believe I was too late. I never got to say goodbye to my best friend that always stood by me no matter what. That time the cops stopped me at night she was there to back me up. She paid for my lunch when I lost my money. She was always there. Now she is gone forever.

I ran to Stan's house with my face flooded in tears. I was so devastated. Stan gave me a bro hug and told everything was going to be okay and that he would be there to help get me through this. I thanked and told I would do everything I could but it will take awhile. Then I went to Ashley's house who was Stacie's best girl friend. Ashley had no interest in talking to me. I told I needed to talk to her it was important. She finally agreed and I asked her why Stacie never talked to me about moving to Florida. She couldn't believe what I was saying. She yelled "Are you out of your damn mind you had the only opinion that mattered". "She asked you twice and if you said don't go she'd still be here"! "Oh god oh god I am such an idiot". I said. " Well it's about time we agree on something." Ashley said with an attitude. My mom called me and told me that my friend Chris was at my house and wanted to talk to me.

I got to my house Chris was in my room holding the green Giraffe that Stacie gave me on my third birthday my first birthday with her as my friend. " What are doing with that". I asked. " Well I just thought that since you're so mad at Stacie why do you still care about this stuffed animal". He said with a glare. " Put it down Chris I

know what you're thinking don't do it". At that moment my heart broke all over again since Chris ripped off the head of the Giraffe and I tackled him to the ground and punched him in the mouth. "What the hell dude you know how important that Giraffe is my most prized possession"! "I never knew you could care so much about something that girl that never said goodbye to could mean so much". He said as he wiped blood from his mouth. "Well so long Carter have a nice life without me or Stacie. From that day on I miss Stacie everyday but I got friends to help me through it. Chris is not one of them.

Dear Stacie,
I'm sorry for not showing up to your going away party also for telling to go. I wasn't being the good guy you became friends with. i was a mean and selfish person. I was so caught up in my self that I blocked out reality and forgot what was really important. All I had to do was tell you i didn't want you to move but instead I told you to leave. I'm sorry I didn't mean leave the state I just meant I needed privacy so that I could complete my work. I was a young stupid kid back then. I have grown up and gotten to be a better person since the. I was just in a bad place and i wasn't thinking strait. I needed a wake up call but when my friends tried to give me one all I did was push them away. I'm not asking you to forgive me I just want you to understand. Also I want you to know that I'm so sorry I wasn't a good enough friend you are better off without me. I don't know what else to say. I hope you can find in your heart to forgive me. I just hope it's not too late because you and I both know I don't trust this thing beating inside my chest.

