

Subject: She knows you do

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I am making the biggest gamble I'll probably ever make. I have as much knowledge of my own life as I do of the Marianas Trench so I guess anything I do is a gamble. I found the website a year ago. I missed the rest of the school year because I couldn't leave the house. I can't prove anything I know about my life is true. I can't be sure you're not lying, but I can't be sure anyone's not lying. So this is a gamble. Maybe you're the answer that I've been ignoring, or maybe this is the worst decision of my life. I'm aware of this. But I'm hoping.

My life isn't terrible. It's not. I have a nice house and pets and clothes. I can't point at a piece of my life and say "there, there is where the flaw is". But I think you were right. I don't think I have to explain it to you.

The worst thing in the world she can think to call me is you. She says I'm just like you. But I think she's right. I'm everything she complained you were and I think I see the pattern. Of course I'm just like you, cause she's still just like her. Possibly, were both terrible people who blame others for our own faults. Or you're the only person who really understands how much she can hurt.

I have wondered for a year how many moments like the one I'm writing this is would have to happen before I finally broke down and emailed you. I didn't keep count but I guess I know now. I could survive like this. My life isn't hell. It hurts, but it's not hell. But I don't know how I'd cope knowing there's someone out there that could be the answer to every question I have. It's so hard to explain what life with her is like. I don't think anyone has ever gotten it. I know you do.

I don't know what I'm asking for. Answers? A parent? Closure? I don't know. But I can't keep my head down and pretend you're not still out there.

This could very well be the worst decision of my life, but I guess for all your effort you deserve to know your daughter knows you love her.

- daughter