

## The OkCupid Diaries

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I'm sorry I didn't reply to this, I'm not sure if I replied to the other two you're referring to, I think I did but if I didn't, I'm sorry. You've been on okcupid messaging me almost as long as I've been here! I'm trying to reply to the people I never got around to replying to. It seems sad to have left all of them hanging, but sometimes I get a few messages a day...and for months I didn't reply to any. And sometimes they're pretty offensive, so I never even read them. I think that's common for women on this site. But I don't think I recognise that sometimes it really hurts people when they just never even get acknowledged. Ok, anyway, bye.

I'm sorry I never replied to this. It was too long. But you seem nice and have a nice face.

Sorry I didn't reply to this. It sort of scared me a bit. But maybe you'd like to give me a bit of information on the third person, and also, why don't you have a real picture?

Sorry I didn't reply to this, sometimes messages just get lost, or I don't check them for ages or I forget, so I'm sorry. P.s. It's only 81% now :(

I'm sorry I forgot to reply to this, I really am, I know how it feels. I wouldn't say I'm a forgetful person but okcupid really scares me sometime, and I push it out of my head. I feel like I'm play acting a girl looking for a date, and sometimes I'm not sure if I really want to go on a date with a complete stranger! And why am I even on here?! Sorry again, according to your message we appear to be the same person lol!

Hi sorry I didn't reply to this 4 months ago. I think it was mainly because I didn't want to share a project link with you. Or anyone. I think if I did then you'd know my true identity and I don't know if I'm ready for that sort of intimacy on a site like this which is sort of beginning to terrify me, and I don't know if I want to combine dating and art. Or if I want to do any dating. I'm not sure why I started this, but it seems I'm trying to understand my relationship to okcupid by going through all my okcupid messages and trying to explain to people why I haven't replied to them. But it's hard to explain. I think this site is pretty bad for people's perceptions of gender and interactions and stuff like that. Anyway, I also think post is better than apocalyptic. OBVS!

Hey I'm so sorry I didn't reply to this five months ago! I'm really not sure why, cause it would be good to talk to someone about animation on here. I think cause at the time I was on holiday actually, and when I returned I just got really caught up in everything else I was doing. I think I kind of lost a lot of my drive for okcupid, it makes me feel sad and lonely and empty and depressed a lot of the time. And I really can't imagine getting to the point of being motivated enough to go on a date with someone on here. . And this seems to be the point?

I can't remember why I didn't reply to this, but I would like to say I'm sorry that I didn't reply. I guess you got my name wrong so you probably didn't read the first line of my profile. And that' s okay cause I don't read a lot of peoples profiles, I just look at the pictures and go straight for "What I'm looking for"... but still, I thought seeing as you just wrote a brief message and you didn't read my profile, you might not mind too much if I didn't reply. So I'm sure you didn't even notice. But still, I didn't acknowledge you, and that' not cool.

Hey! Sorry I never your replied to your message, it's really nice. I get a bit put off replying when people ask to see my online projects. I was just trying to explain it to someone else. Part of me wants to share, because then we can talk, I can see your work, maybe something creative and interesting will happen. But the other part of me doesn't want to mix okcupid, which sometimes feels sordid and sad and lonely, with my art/work. Which is so much better than that and I really don't want to use it for dates! Hm... I think that's the reason. Anyway, I think as soon as I see people say - send me your work/website, I just ignore them.

As for channa samosa, I think the last time I remember seeing them in London was in a sweet shop by the Sainsburys in Whitechapel - hope that helps!

I don't even really know what this means??? :( I am supposed to be apologising for ignoring your message but really I owe you nothing.

Sorry for not replying to this. I think I just didn't want a date, or I wasn't sure, so instead of making a decision I just ignored your question about locations. It makes me feel drained just thinking meeting someone from here. I am sorry.

A weird thing just happened. Someone else asked why I think people are scared of me, the same question you asked, and then I replied. But looking the last message I sent you 6 months ago, I gave literally an identical answer. Word for word. That make me a bit depressed at how little I've changed.

So I was systematically going through all my old messages and apologizing to people for not replying. And then I came across yours and I missed it out.

But that seems stupid because to you I actually do owe an apology I think. Because I'm sorry about this. I'm sorry I dropped away and we never managed to make it work. I think things got on top of me offline, everything did. September was crazy. I think it was hard to fit you in. And meeting someone shouldn't be a chore even if they are off the internet! I'm sorry. I guess I lost the drive for dating. I actually think that might be healthy. There are obviously more important things.

Anyway, I'm not writing for closure or to make myself feel better, or even really because I do want to go on a date (with anyone.) So I didn't forget, I just couldn't deal with the stress, and unnaturalness of it. :(

This is was quite a strange message. And there didn't really seem to be much I could say in reply... But sorry anyway I didn't acknowledge it cause I guess it takes guts to contact someone out of the blue.

I am sorry I didn't reply to you. But I guess it seemed sort of of the moment you sent it, and there wasn't much to say when I received it sometime later. I wonder where I was, more than half a year ago and how my Wednesday evening was coming along. I don't know. I don't know where I'm going with this message.

I guess you wanted a chat and I wasn't there :(

Well I should of replied, but probably just to say it went downhill with minxie. I'm sorry I didn't reply and tell you this at the time

Oh here you are again. I guess I didn't reply more than once. And you called me minxie twice?? Well I should of replied and said something, but I guess I didn't so I'm sorry for that. I think I dealt with this quite well at the time tho.

I've been going through all my old okcupid messages and apologizing for not replying, or giving some explanation, but it 's beginning to make me feel a little sick reading all these again. And to be honest I don't really feel sorry at all right now. Are you a Policeman?

This is weird. When I opened your message, seeing I didn't reply back in July, I had the intention of apologizing for ignoring you. But I remember your message very well. But what does it mean? "Just a quick update to say I might be in touch once I have my ducks in a row." How could I respond? This is not cool and I'm not sorry. Okay, maybe I'm sorry I didn't reply sooner and tell you this is NOT COOL.

I'm sorry I never replied to you. I am. I'm not saying I want to chat now, but I'm saying at the time I shouldn't of left you hanging mid convo, cause it shows a lack of respect. And even on the internet that can hurt. I don't know why I did, you seemed nice, and I love talking about Photoshop and dolphins. Good luck with this place. It is dark and I'm only just learning

I'm sorry I didn't reply to you. I guess I just didn't know any spaceships, let alone have a favourite. Actually I do know a lot of spaceships. But... well...I don't know anymore... OKCUPID HAS SUCKED ME DRY.

Hi Adam, I'm spending all night trying to let people know why I haven't replied to them. And now I'm at you, and it's been 7 months since you sent this. And I'm sorry I didn't get back to you all those months ago. Especially cause you said you hope you hear back. But I don't know, I guess I was put off that you like boxing. You seem like you're up to loads of good things though. I hope the concert was good. But I'm not sure we're looking for the same things (whatever that is lol!)

Hi there, I'm going through my profile inbox and trying to apologize to everyone I once ignored. I started a couple of days ago and I thought I might do it all in one night but I didn't. It was taking hours and actually it made me feel sort of shit. I seemed like a pointless endurance task and I'm not sure why I even started. But I've had a few days and now I'm back I guess. I sort of want to finish. So anyway, I'm sorry I didn't reply to this, it's funny. I guess tho kind of closed and doesn't really ask for a response?

Yes I guess you are to the point and honest but to me, but I don't know, I guess we are both after different things (I have no idea what I am after!) but I don't know, I don't think the first thing to establish in a new interaction is sexual compatibility. I'm sorry I didn't reply and tell you this sooner.

I'm sorry I didn't reply, I guess you were to the point, you were looking for RL interactions, I don't know. I didn't reply to a lot of messages at this time. My life was pretty complicated and I guess I didn't want more. I still don't. I don't know why I'm telling you this. I'm replying to so many messages they are all running into one long letter to ...I don't know who to... and I guess all you guys are bearing the brunt by getting rambling fragments. So I'm sorry for that too.

Hi, thanks for your message. I guess I'm supposed to be flattered, but not enough to reply I suppose. I'm sorry I didn't reply. I have this weird relationship with okcupid where I sort of want to go on dates and I sort of don't. I'm sort of shallow and only look at other people's photos and also get offended and disgusted when people write to say I look gorgeous. Yes so I don't understand. But I feel objectified by this. But maybe it's my fault for having a profile on here in the first place. Thinking I might delete my profile after all this.

Hey this is a funny and surreal message. Sorry I didn't reply I guess.

Um hi Tony, bit scared messaging you, don't want to initiate another conversation. But I just wanted to say I'm sorry that I didn't reply to this. I guess your first message closed the conversation down, fairly, neither of us were being that nice or that great... and then a week later I got this other message about your parents and tropical fish... I don't know ... I didn't really know how to respond I guess.

Hi, I didn't know what to say to this, that's why I didn't respond, but thanks for giving me a little insight into your life.

Sorry I didn't :) back...

Hm, I guess you've written to me before, and I didn't reply either. Okay, I guess I'm sorry another time. But I guess I wasn't particularly interested in talking to someone who just wanted a reason not to go to the gym?

Hey thanks for your message, I'm sorry I never replied. I know this is a bit weird, I'm just going through all my old okc messages and replying to them and apologising (sometimes it's hard to apologise to people I'm really not sorry about)... But just realised I'm less than a quarter of the way through so I don't really know if I'm going to finish this project. It's sort of draining, and doesn't really have much value.

You again? I'm really sorry I've sent you so many messages in response to yours, I guess I'm trying to keep some consistency. Pls don't reply

Hey sorry I didn't reply to this. Yes I saw Prometheus, but I guess that was a long time ago now. :(

Hey sorry I didn't reply... you seem really nice, I think I just was bored with okcupid, and at this point was really not intending to meet anyone. Didn't want to lead anyone on. I'm going back through time, right now obviously about 9 months in the past, and replying to all the okcupid messages I didn't reply to. It's sort of weird now, because there are people like you... who I did have little dialogues with, people who I discussed meeting up with (but never did)... I'd just got back from holiday, think sort of sad and trying to start a new life, I spent a month in my bedroom editing videos... anyway hope you are well

Hey I didn't reply to this, but then, you were messaging me next weren't you? Well the past is the past, and if you were expecting a reply I'm sorry I didn't. I am responding to people and sorrying them that I never replied. but I was just saying I seem to be going through a spell of people who I did have genuine interactions with and it's weird, and it was all so long ago and I feel like I'm seeing this time line of when I was proactive and engaged with people on okcupid and the periods when I just get loads of horrible messages that I ignore. Anyway. You're probably confused. Ignore me.

Hm. You're a funny one to write to. I guess I'm going through this process where I apologise for not replying to everyone in okcupid. Most of the time it's people who don't deserve an apology, but there's a few who are cooler. Replying to them all is beginning to seem like an impossible task...too many people, not strong enough. Anyway, I didn't reply to you either, so I'm sorry.... but you know, we had this drawn out interaction, you probably had your life going on, and I guess when you finally got around to sending this I was tired of this on and off thing... seemed sort of tiresome and maybe neither of us were interested enough... seemed like a good time to leave it. Anyway I hope you're well and I'm sure you don't even remember. There are definitely no hard feelings on my part. I guess the internet discounts those sorts of things anyway

Hi I didn't reply to this... I'm sorry... in real life I would never just ignore someone... but here it's so easy to do

I'm sorry I didn't reply... I didn't want to meet for coffee but maybe I should of told you instead of not replying. It wasn't personal.

Hey I'm sorry I didn't reply to this. I suppose I didn't really just want to speak to someone who it seemed was only interested in my photos... I think that makes sense. I know it's not your fault. It's the way this site is. I'm learning more and more how horrible okc is. Want to leavvv.e bee non here for hours replying to messagess... hate it.

I think it seemed like you wanted to meet for sex and I didn't want to... that's why I didn't reply

Hi Alex... I found your message a bit objectifying ...like them all. I don't know...I think I need to change my profile and get rid of it... I think I'll delete my profile before a get a chance to reply to all these messages... I want to stop now :(

I want to stop but I can't stop cause now all I want to do is finish this and delete my profile. I'm sorry I don't respond to this what do you expect me to say though???

Now I feel like I'm objectifying people because I'm writing to them like they don't even exist. So I'm writing to you. And I'm sorry I didn't reply to this I don't really know why? But I don't reply to loads....

Hi, I'm in a slow process of trying to apologise to everyone who I didn't reply to on okcupid... I haven't done it for a while because last time I realised how I didn't want to speak to any of the people on here who are messaging me, and I want to delete my profile, and yet I want to finish apologising...but I'm starting to realise I won't. The weird thing is, after I apologise and write these messages to people, they just ignore everything I've written and just write back saying "hi sexy " or something. But anyway, I'm going to send a few messages now... so sorry, cause you seem okay and it was kind of rude of me to leave mid way through a conversation, I wouldn't do it in real life.

This was weird and I'm hoping you were trying to initiate a role play, and not telling the truth that you're on here and lying to your partner about it and cheating on her and hating her... but I didn't want anything to do with you after in case it was true and also a) you were sarcastic about it and b) everything

I'm sorry I never replied to this... I guess didn't trust you

I'm systematically going through all okay cupid messages and saying sorry to people for not replying. I guess I didn't really know what to say, I'm sorry. I'm getting a bit tired of writing them, and the list of messages is sort of endless .x

You're name is hipsters smell therefore you must hate hipsters. Also you saying I'm cute is not going to make me reply... although I guess I'm replying now. And I'm sorry I didn't reply before to say this message was bad. And now I don't know what I'm doing? Should I even be engaging with you?

I'm sorry I didn't reply but what does this mean?? It's quite direct though, I like it for that... But do you just send the same message to everyone but change the first sentence for a quote from their profile?

I'm sorry I didn't reply to this, or probably any of your messages... you contact me all the time with single words. I don't really understand... I don't know where this 'I'm sorry' endeavour I'm doing is

going ... I don't really know if it's very interesting or if what I'm saying is useful to you or to me... I don't know. Maybe this is the last day I'll do it.

Hi I'm sorry I didn't reply to this. Good Chinese tho! I'm trying to apologise to everyone I ever ignored on OkCupid. I've got all the way back to this, which was April 2012, in case you've deleted it.... most people reply to my apologising, completely ignoring my message and I feel a bit like I'm encouraging it all, the OkCupid thing. Which I'm starting to find super weird and bad. But another part of me, now that I've sort of decided I might share these messages in some way, is worried I'm objectifying all these people I'm writing back to. You, I mean you and everyone I'm writing to and apologising to. So ...I guess I'm potentially sorry for that to. ? Oh god.

I didn't know how to reply to this, but I'm sorry I didn't. I guess this is a project I'm doing right now...although it makes me a bit sick to think of it that way - but there goes it. That's the way I do it I guess. I'm replying to everyone I ever ignored on OkCupid. But to think of it as a project makes me feel like I'm using people or objectifying them...and also - that's what I feel?? Tho I'm not sure what to do, but I don't think I'm going to make it through to the end cause I don't want to do this anymore and also I want to delete my profile SOON. I hate it being here so much... but part of me doesn't want to delete. I don't know where this is going. Or if this is an interesting project.

I'm sorry I didn't reply to this, I guess maybe I just wasn't interested? I'm sorry, I know you don't need to hear this, and maybe nothing is preferable, especially 10 months or whatever later.

Hey, I guess I just messaged you about this project, but I didn't realise you messaged me multiple times... so I'm sorry I ignored them both...

Hi this is a nice message. I guess I'm kind of out of OkCupid now, and when I got this I think I was on holiday in America actually. But the truth is I'm not into anything on OkCupid, but I'm sorry I didn't reply.

Hey I'm sorry I didn't reply to this. I don't know what I'm doing or why I'm sorry

Why do you think it's okay to speak to people like this? Is it because I put a picture of myself up on the internet? I don't know. I'm sorry I never replied. I think I'm going to send a few of these more and deactivate my profile. I don't think this is such a good idea... people are replying already to messages I've sent today.

I am trying to reply and say sorry to everyone for not replying, and I'm sorry to you.

I'm sorry I didn't reply to this ... I guess I left the conversation and didn't come back to it... maybe I didn't want to tell you my real job lol.

I'm sorry I didn't reply. I should of said sure I'll come and left and never come back

Hey, I'm trying to reply to all my OkCupid messages and apologise for not replying... but I'm not even halfway through and tbh, I'm finding it objectifying of myself and also the people I'm writing to... so I'm sorry for not replying but I'm just tired and putting off which message will be my last. And keep saying one more. I guess I'll decide it as I'm writing the message. Have a nice day

I didn't reply to this and I'm sorry, I guess it was going in a direction I was uncertain of.

I guess I didn't reply because I wasn't interested in what you were offering. But I'm sorry I didn't reply to say no I'm not.

Hey, I'm replying to these and saying sorry for not replying... It seemed like a sort of impossible task, but now it just feels continuing it and it's going round it circles, and I'm tired and I need to wind it up but it's never going to end,... just slowly grind to a halt. To reply to them all would be so complete but I guess complete and final has never been my game. Oh yes, and I'm sorry for not replying.

Okay I'm sorry for not replying. And I'm sorry if you feel like I'm not treating you like a real person. I don't know... maybe I'll figure it out at some point. This is the last, and maybe I'll look back on this and feel like it was morally questionable, but now, because I don't know... I'm going to stop before I don't do any more damage.