

My Dearest Wells,

14 February, 2018

You're breaking my heart.

I thought you would always have my trust. I thought you would always hold my interest. I thought we would go far together.

But now I'm not so sure. And I...I can't take it anymore.

When I first heard about Alberta¹ I thought it was just a phase. After all, she's in Canada and you...you're supposed to be here with me. But then you dug in deeper and now you're giving her more than ever. You think you're laying the groundwork for a long relationship but you're wrong – it's doomed. And what's so tragic is that you're hurting so many others in the process, not to mention me. You, enthralled by a greedy lust, may not see it but I know that relationship is toxic. It's a dark energy you're spreading and it's poison to us.

And now? When you are in Tacoma you're distant and distracted. I hear rumors that you're running around with Ellen G² from Puget Sound Energy. I know Ellen G and that makes it hurt even more – I know she's totally wrong for you. And I hate to say it (only jealousy and anger make me) but didn't you know that she has a really bad gas problem? If you haven't discovered that by now, you'll soon see – it doesn't make for a good atmosphere.

I implore you to stop your dark obsession with fifty shades of crude. You may enjoy it. They may enjoy it. I may enjoy it. We have enjoyed it. But in the end it really does hurt you, me, and everybody else. It's time to stop.

Please come back to me! Together we can leave this dirty past behind and run off together into the future, the sun on our skin and the wind at our back. I can still forgive. There are so many options.

Alas, my dearest Wells, if you cannot heed my letter I'm afraid I have no choice but to completely withdraw.

Slipping Away,

Your Valentine

¹ Alberta tar sands oil, the dirtiest on earth and "game over" for the climate

² LNG, the Liquid Natural Gas facility being built by Puget Sound Energy, also no good!