

an apology letter to my original characters

Dear friends,

The pain that I have put you all through has caused deep regret. I hear your words. I see your protests. I now realize the mistakes I have made, and it is time I hold myself accountable.

To Sara's husband, Daniel, and their children, Jack, and Nora. Although it was intended for you to lose your loving wife and mother, it was never intended for you to lose yourselves.

To Dominic and Rachel. I kept you from adjusting to the balance between extended family and the family you wanted to start. All you needed was each other, and I let drama stand in the way of your love and potential.

To Roselyn and Raymond. Getting older is something I cannot understand and will not understand for a very long time. I can't imagine what it was like for one to be trapped in a hospital bed, and another to be trapped in their own mind.

To Jason and Maria. You were douchebags. You brought this on yourselves.

To Jordan, Kaiden, and Evelyn. How wrong I was to think sending you on a young adult adventure filled with angels and demons would be fun. Your childhoods and adolescence have been stripped away and were replaced with witty dialogue and cheap thrills. Even after watching you wield magic swords and jump into mouths of sea monsters, it is still hard to remember one thing: You're just kids.

To Sam. I should never have taken your life so quickly. It was only the first page, and it was wretched for you to live for the purpose of death.

Lastly, to Allen and Mike. I know I haven't finished your story. I know you're finally beginning to see light in such a dark place. I know you have just found each other's embrace again after so long questioning the worth of your relationship. I can't say much, but what I can say brings me so much pain. Your ending will not be happy.

I promise to do better. I promise the ones in the future will find peace. I promise I will never abandon you.

Ethan

- Your author, and above all, friend.