Shelley's Dissertation: A Love Story

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I hope you will find my presumptuous in emailing you. I was at your seminar yesterday but I was am afraid was too nervous to not to speak to you afterwards for some reason because I was too nervous to. I was the one wearing a pink teashirt I am afraid it clashed rather. It is a pity so few people come to these seminars for some reason as they have all been really interesting, except the one I missed – silly me! But yours has really struck a with me and I am hoping I hope to to do my dissertation on a related or associated. I think you mentioned paper you have published in, if it is too much trouble could you possibly you send me the reference to if it is no much trouble?

I suppose you are not really busy but (as you think you said) if I think you will be in Oxford for some weeks would it be really silly of me if we could probably meet as I am hoping to do my dissertation on an related or a associated topic? I am afraid it is really rather presumptuous and am afraid you will are far too busy anyway. Anyway I just wanted to write and say how much I liked your seminar paper so much that I really just wanted to write to and say anyway. I am sorry to be a nuisance.

Yours sincerely,
Shelley M. Waring.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I am just overwhelmed at what that I found in in my pigeonhole this morning. (Well this afternoon really!) A real offprint, inscribed to! I have never had a real authors offprint given to me by an author before. I shall certainly try my very hardest to read it though I'm afraid my Italian is really up to much if anything at all in fact. I should really send you something in return though I can't think of what I can't think.

The possibly you mention of us meeting is really exciting well really rather scarey really as I am really rather nervous and am afraid you will just find me a silly and an nuisance actually. But you are right I shall first read try to read some of your article first so first I'll do my best and to let you know how it goes if I do anyway.

Of course it's OK to call me Shelley of course, of course it!

Yours truly,
Shelley M. Waring.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I'm afraid I've been struggling really with the reading the Italian I'm afraid, I've tried everso hard but with just with a dictionary it's really rather slow I'm afraid. I'm afraid you'll think me just a silly airhead and if we meet I'm afraid you'll think me just a silly airhead.

I still have time to think of my dissertation so I am still not hoping to possibly to do it along these lines if possible I think. But I'm afraid you

would might really find it a waste of of your valuable and precious to meet and discuss with me I'm afraid.

I really really appreciate your encouraging though.

Yours truly,
Shelley.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

Thank you for your kind your invitation to to drinks. I shall be glad to accept and to really look forward to meeting you! Thank you very much for your kind and I look really look forward to you.

Yours truly,
Shelley.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I'm sorry I rushed away so soon at your drinksparty I'm afraid, I'm afraid I felt rather overdressed really everyone was just casual and I'd put my best party clothes on for some reason – silly me! You have so many talkative that although it was really lovely to actually to say hello and shake your and say hello I'm afraid being really rather nervous I didn't get more than half sentence beyond that I'm afraid. Then I came over feeling rather nervous and really rather nervous really.

My tutor thinks I should find a easier or less difficult topic for my dissertation and although I'm not really disappointed I'm afraid you'll think she's right I think I'm afraid though I'm rather really disappointed.

You'll be amazed that I'm still working my through the your offprint you gave kindly gave me but I I think I've blown my chances of a serious with you I think and anyway I think there isn't really much point really anyway. I'm sorry not to have been a nuisance.

Yours,
Shelley.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

Your email really just overwhelms me and overwhelms me! I mean I'm not really not any of those things at all really anyway not beautiful and as for not elegant I came to your drinks dressed like a tart for some reason and for some reason was too nervous and and too nervous to say more than half an sentence at your party because I was too nervous to be. It was really silly and embarrassing and silly.

You kindly assume I'm just but I'm afraid I'm find me as just as dimwitted as I think I really seem I'm afraid. How I could possibly hope to do even a passable dissertation on a such challenging a topic my tutor says I really can't think how I could possibly think I could hope to to do a passable a dissertation on such a really topic really.

I feel sure you don't really want me to want to waste your time by accepting and not wasting your time. Please forgive me for making a such a silly an nuisance of myself.

Yours,
Shelley.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I was just overwhelmed and by the flowers and and the guys in the lodge I think as well I think for some reason! (Especially as I don't get up very early!) I'll meet me there at 6.30.

Yes I suppose I do mostly do wear something pink for some reason I hadn't thought about but I suppose it's it is, anyway I think it's the definitely the colour that leaps out of when I open my. Really I think they're just tight because I think I've put on weight on though actually.

I haven't really decided about the the dissertation really anyway there's a couple of weeks anyway. You're really everso kind to encourage and insist we meet up with me, I am rather nervously really looking forward to looking forward to it really rather nervously and am hoping to have some intelligent some questions to you. Thanks again for the lovely.

Yours,
Shelley.

Dear Gab,

Thank you for a wonderful wonderful! I really really loved the meal it was just that that one course that wasn't really what I'd expected for some reason – silly me! (I told you how really my bad Italian was!)

I'm sticking with my thesis my topic now no matter what my tutor, and I look forward to further discussions with you and really looking forward to them. We didn't actually didn't really seem to discuss it all that much at all I think I think I was just too nervous I mean as well as being brainless anyway, I think I was just too nervous to think of the any of the questions I meant to think of as well as as being a silly and brainless anyway and too nervous to. But you are very kind about my encouraging efforts with reading your paper, I think I've really not done really rather well I think. I think my understanding or comprehension of your some of your I hope can't be far too of the mark I think.

Anyway I suspect it's my brain at all (if I had one!) you're interested in at all (I mean if I had one at all) you're not interested in really at all. Just joking! But I'm really not the slightest bit as beautiful as you kept I mean I don't think I am anyway though. If I looked a vacant as we it's just that nobody's ever kissed me like that before like that never mind a Visiting Professor! has ever kissed me like that. I mean I was just really overwhelmed really. Anyway I really enjoyed it, I mean the evening I mean not the kiss of course. But the the kiss as well of course I mean. Thankyou!

Love,
Shelley.

Dearest darling Gab,

Just back in my and emailing you to straight away to say oh I don't I know just oh I don't know, I'm just overwhelmed I what can I say really I'm just overwhelmed, thankyou and I love you and thankyou and I love you and oh I'm just I don't know I'm I mean really what can I really!?

When my feet if my settle anywhere near the I'm off to my tutor with your topic and my dissertation and my letter your letter and my topic I mean, and your letter. To think that a a twitchy silly nervous pink bespectacled clueless bespectacled silly like me could be loved for some reason and loved and loved it's I'm I'm just overwhelmed by really I'm just it's I'm overwhelmed!
All my love my lovely lovely lovely lovely,
Your little Pinky x x x x x x x x x.

Darling Gab,

I love you! I'll and I'll miss you everso while you're on your trip I'll miss you everso so much. But yes my lovely lovely love I'll really I promise I'll get on really with the diss I promise.

What a nuisance losing your all your losing your your lecture notes of course I understand of course my lovely my, a second night of bliss is duly is postponed till you and this time I promise with pink matching pink underwear next time I promise and then and an thousand more, nights I mean. I love you everso. I love everso everso.

What did you mean about photographs?
All my love my love,
Pinky x x x.

Dearest Gab,

I haven't heard you for from from you for everso it seems everso long my lovely love. I miss you everso. It was shocked of course when you went back straight back after the lecture trip was a shock. Lucky Italy! Can I come and let me come and come to and visit you?

It's vacation now so as soon as I'm I've finished the diss I'm I'll be free as soon as I've finished. It's been really hard going (I mean the thesis I mean) without further help from which I'm afraid for some reason I was really rather depending for some reason – silly me! But I did finish the your paper and I think I think I'm doing a a passable a job though anyway I think, I mean for a silly airhead anyway. Of course I've been really quite rather really obviously but I realise you have other commitments and commitments of course obviously.

I hope you are well. Please email or send me a send a postcard or an email or something I really miss you everso! I am hope you are well.
Love,
Shelley x.

Dear Gab,

Why haven't you haven't written? I mean did I I mean I do I can't did I? I can't believe that matching underwear is can be really be all that important as all that. I suppose you just you realised I really wasn't really just the a silly airhead I think I seemed I was after all I suppose?

Well anyway I've worked really worked on it really really hard on it finishing it. It's finished really almost anyway almost, it will just be just a slightly late.

I'm afraid I found it really rather really difficult to keep my mind on my mind for for some reason actually, I mean you could at least just to

write me to me with some excuse I mean instead than thinking me thinking I was just an easy I suppose. Well for some reason I'm afraid from my point of view it wasn't that from my point of view at all for some reason really, actually. Anyway I suppose it was really just really me just being rather really really silly of me really.
Yours,
Shelley.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I hope you will not be an nuisance in emailing you with but I attach a copy of the attached dissertation which I wrote as a result of the kind encouragement you kindly gave you in Oxford by you when you were in Oxford you may remember, for which I am really grateful for and which I attach.

As you will see I have it is dedicated it to you and also it also makes a number of references from your important your paper in the Annali and it is also dedicated for some reason I have also dedicated to you, which I am afraid is really rather presumptuous of but I'm afraid I hope it is not presumptuous of me to. But I am glad to be at last be to to send you in return for the your kind offprint you kindly you gave me when you were in Oxford you may remember.

I realise it will not seem really elementary to you even if not perhaps as silly as the brainless that nitwit that you think might think it would really be expected to be anyway. Anyway if if you find time to read it and have any I should be interested to hear from your comments if you find time to have any but just if it is not a waste of your time though I'm afraid.

I hope I am hoping to do a go on and do, but on different topic.
Yours truly,
Shelley M. Waring.

Dear Dr Mashelo,

I think I think I forgot to press send before attaching for some reason I'm afraid, I mean I meant the dissertation I meant to send I mean – silly me! As usual! I am sorry to not to be a really such an nuisance but anyway I'm hoping the file or document or file is really is attached this time. I am sorry to have a nuisance I'm afraid.
Yours sincerely,
Shelley M. Waring.

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