



# DEAR KOBE

FAN LETTERS TO KOBE

Dear Kobe,

I just want to tell you how much everyone in the world is missing you. For me, you are one of the reasons why I started playing Basketball when I was 7. Your legacy still continues and I can surely say that everyone knows what is meant by yelling „Kobe" when throwing something into the trash for example.

I hope LeBron and the Lakers make you feel happy over there! It would have been such a nice experience for you sitting in the Arena watching your Team and good friend winning the Championship! We love you Kobe!

Best regards, Lukas

Mamba Out!

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Dear Kobe,

You were the reason I got into basketball. At first, I only watched Lakers then after while it spread on other NBA teams and that's how my love for basketball started. Got your first jersey from cousin in USA like 10-12 years ago and I still have it.

It wasn't easy following Lakers since I was in elementary school and +9 hours in time zones, but first thing I'd do when I woke up was to check scores. Still miss you man, that mentality, fierceness, basketball IQ was one of a kind. I hope you and Gigi still hoop up there.

Thank you for everything Mamba!



Dear Kobe,

The first time I saw you on TV I was 11. I wanted to start playing basketball and your matches accompanied my travel in the basketball world.

Last year I was seriously injured and I had to stop playing, but the news of your death made me feel so sad. I hope you can help me to recover from my serious problem.

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Kobe. You inspired millions.

Without legends like you leading the sport forward, I would have never picked up a ball. I am grateful for everything you provided to the game and to the fans. I hope I can show you what watching you play has taught me over the years. Your kindness and style off the court as well was an example to all other players and a younger generation. Thank you, Kobe.

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Dear Kobe.

Thank you for everything you gave to the world. Without you, basketball would not be the same. You gave everything off and on the court. You showed everyone what it's like to really love somebody. We will be forever thankful for that.

Rest in peace black mamba. Mamba out

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The biggest example how failure is never an option!!

#mambamentality #mambaout

Dear Kobe,

It's time to say goodbye.

We both can savor every moment we have left together.

The good and the bad.

We have given each other

All that we have.

And we both know, no matter what You do next

You'll always be that kid

With the rolled up socks

Garbage can in the corner

:05 seconds on the clock

Ball in your hands.

5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1

Love you always,

Basketball

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Kobe,

thank you for the memories through the years. I was not a fan of your team, but always a fan of you as a player and person.

Most people my age pretty much grew up idolizing you and now we are already telling stories of your greatness and work attitude to our children.

My daughter now has her own pair of your shoes and yells KOBEEEE during our practice sessions.

I hope that she too will be inspired by your life.

Rip to you and your daughter



Definitely one of the greatest NBA players ever. Your career transformation from a cocky, fearless kid to the Black Mamba. Putting fear into opponents with a single stare and deadly clutch performance was extraordinary.

Incredible accomplishments throughout your career easily contradict any criticism and hate you received. Numbers 8 and 24 are now forever hanging at the Staples Center. Plus they are forever engraved in the basketball fans' hearts all around the world.

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Dear Kobe,

thank you for teaching me the way of understanding life and basketball. You were an icon for me. The way you played and always wanted more from yourself... damn. Would love to realize that January 26th was just a dream.. This whole 2020 is just MESSED UP.. Miss u man.. Rip Kobe..

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Such a tragedy you are gone bro, I remember the first time I saw you in real life at my first ever Lakers game. The way you mastered the ball, no one will ever grace the court the way you did.

Watching the Lakers games just aren't the same without you. If I could watch you dribble the ball one more time I would pay thousands. You really were an inspiration to me and it hurts that you when so soon. RIP Kobe. The greatest baller of all time. Dance with the angels up there!

Dear Kobe!

I'm still in utter shock... 😞😞😞 The message You always shared of hard work, dedication, turning negativity into fuel to perform at the highest level, that fierce mamba mentality is something I applied to my life.

All that was motivation for me to push hard and keep going on no matter how hard it was and what anyone said.

To lose You like this only reminds us of the fragility of life. We lost a legend.

Rest easy to a legend and my favourite ball player ever. You will forever be missed. ❤️❤️

Laszlo

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Dear Kobe,

we did it this year, all we did is for you man for real, your legacy will be continued.

BLACK MAMBA FOREVER

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No matter how hard you work at your craft and no matter how successful you become, people just have to find something negative to hang on you. The bar is always being raised as you go.

The rules are always being rewritten... There's aggravation that comes with that, but that's part of what makes triumph so sweet





Dear Kobe,

I never was a fan of your game because you never passed the ball,

I hated you because I was a fan of D Wade,

I hated you because deep down I knew you were one of the best shooting guards of all time and that my favorite guy couldn't surpass you.

Through it all, when I heard the news of your passing, I felt weird. I felt sad.

I hated you, but you proved your haters - including me - wrong so many times.

That's when I realized I respected you and that I was actually a fan. You let your game and your dedication speak for themselves. No one loved the game more than you did. You still had so much to give the basketball world. Looking down on what you gave to basketball in the world, there's no way to hate you. Thank you, Kobe, for showing the way, for showing what Mamba Mentality is all about.

Peace out

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Dear Kobe.

A lot has happened since we lost you. The world is not the same. A deadly virus spread around us changing our everyday routines and lives. It affected everyone everywhere, even sports and basketball.

Nevertheless we had a great NBA season and your Lakers won. LeBron did it and he deserves all the respect for that. I know he would get yours. I know you smile right now down on all of us.

RIP

Kobe,

the GOAT, greatest of all time. Je wordt gemist door alle fans. Wat jij hebt betekend voor basketball is weergaloos.

Onvoorstelbaar dat je weg bent, het is niet te geloven. je komt in een boek met alle grote namen in de historie. je zult nooit vergeten worden.

black mamba forever

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Dragi Kobe,

Hvala ti što si mi inspiracija za život. Zbog tebe sam počeo igrati košarku. Pratio sam te od 10 godine života i gledao te kako osvaja Chip.

Hvala ti na svemu.

Pozdrav, Matija.

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Hi Kobe,

Mein grosses Vorbild. Es war ein riesiger Schock als ich Anfang des Jahres von deinem und Gigis Tod erfahren habe. Aber du wirst für immer weiterleben in unseren Herzen und auf meiner Haut.

In ewiger Liebe

Einer deiner größten Fans



Dear Kobe,

You were always an inspiration to me. On and off the court you always showed what it means to never give up. I modeled my game and personality on you. When I heard the news that you were gone, it brought me to tears. Rest easy mamba.

Thanks for the memories. #MambaOut

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Ti conoscevo per i record.

Ti hanno conosciuto in tanti per la caduta... Ti continueranno a conoscere. Ma la tua forza e la classe riescono ad andare oltre alla vita.

Anche adesso sei un grande per stile e classe, ti porteremo sempre con noi.

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Dear Kobe,

you inspired me to play. Growing up my focus wasn't on basketball but still I remember being in middle school shooting a ball made out of paper into a trashcan and yelling Kobe every time. I decided to start playing when I saw you win your 4th ring and I never lost the love for the game since.

Your death came too fast, you had so much more to give and so many more people to inspire. But even though you are gone, your legacy lives on. I hope you are in a better place.

Truly yours,

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Dear Kobe,

you are still with us. Because heroes come and go, but legends are forever. Your relentless work ethic is something you will be remembered for the most. I always remember the story from your Olympic coach and your workout that lasted from 3:30 to almost noon.

There is no shortcut to greatness, you were the best proof for that. Rest in peace with your little Gigi, you will always live in the hearts of true fans...

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Dear Kobe,

since I'm your biggest fan I miss you very much. Your legacy here is priceless. Lots of youngsters will follow your footsteps. This game is best for all, no matter black or white, old or young, rich or poor...

Thanks for all the great memories Mamba. Rest easy.

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Caro Kobe,

ancora ti penso, ancora non ci credo. Da quando ho iniziato i primi palleggi con la palla da basket sei stato il mio esempio, io una palla la tua canotta e la mia borsa con il tuo numero con cui uscivo e andavo ad allenarmi. Quanti tiri segnati urlando poi il tuo nome "KOBEEEEEEEE". Sei e sarai sempre un esempio per me, nello sport e come persona.

Un tuo caro fan italiano, Luca.

Dear Kobe Bryant,

Like so many others, I will never forget where I was when I heard the news. I could not believe it then, and I'm still not so sure I believe it to this day. How could?

Kobe Bryant is the reason I fell in love with the sport. Growing up, watching him play set a fire in my mind. Seeing him compete on the court grew a competitive side that I still have today. Without him and his work ethic, basketball and every other sport wouldn't be where it is today. Anyone who grew up watching basketball in the 2000s was inspired by Kobe Bryant's relentless work ethic and amazing play. Kobe is an icon for sports and I'm thankful I got to grow up watching him compete.

Thank you, Kobe, for being the Legend of my generation: inspiring millions of kids to yell "Kobe" whenever we shot anything.

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Greatness and humility.

That is what you are. Losing you was devastating. You were my true hero, not only because of your playing ability but also because of the man you are. An amazing husband, father, role model, teammate. You are simply unbelievable. I wish I could have seen you in person. But I know you are always with us.

You will be truly missed...

Rest in peace.





Dear Kobe,

THE Black mamba, first of all RESPECT. AND NOTHING OTHER THAN RESPECT. When I heard the news on 26.1.2020 I couldn't believe it. In my head I was thinking no way it's way too soon for u to leave us. Then I heard that your daughter Gigi was on helicopter with u. :( I was sooo shocked. For the rest of the night I was reading through your book Mamba mentality. U really was and you still are a huge inspiration to everyone in this world, because your killer mentality, winning mentality, respect that u had. I remember myself yelling KOBEEEE when I was shooting hoops in my backyard.

Sad times :( Kobe and Gigi you were both taken from us way too soon.

REST IN PEACE BOTH OF YALL :(

\*For some reason I'm still waiting for u to magically appear in a back to the future car and that year 2020 was nothing but a nightmare.

RIP KOBE

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A wonderful human being.

I will always be thankful for how you inspired me and made me a better person. I hope your legacy will continue forever. You are truly remarkable and you deserve all the positive messages and compliments.

I hope you will find peace wherever you are and are blessing us from up above.

Thank you



Dear Kobe,

Thank you for giving me the greatest basketball experience of my life! I watched you drop 40 on Monta Ellis and the Golden State Warriors in 2010. Luckily, I was just few rows from the floor!! It was a dream come true for me.

Your hard work and dedication to your craft have always inspired me to be my greatest! I am playing basketball again in France and I strive to keep the Mamba mentality alive in my and my teammates! Thank you 8/24!!

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Dear Kobe!

First things first Rest in Peace Kobe! In my opinion you are one of the best basketball players in the world and you will remain to be it forever! I am a sportsman as well and you are so inspiring for me during my career.

Your achievements and your life is an example for everyone on the earth. I know you are playing with the best in Heaven! Bless you and your daughter!

God bless you,  
Lorand

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You were a true inspiration. You never gave up. I've been collecting your sneakers for very long. You were the best payer After MJ.

We miss you a lot.

Dear Kobe,

I always don't care too much when a VIP dies, I used to be sad but it didn't affect much to me. When I heard about your death, it happens like a close friend left this world.

I m still not believe actually, you were so young and half of your life. I loved NBA finals 2010 very much, you brought me so much passion...

Thank you Mamba, I pray for your family.

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Hey Kobe,

mein Name ist Leon und ich wohne in Deutschland und möchte dir diesen Brief schreiben auch wenn du keine Ahnung hast wer ich bin. Ich möchte dir nur Mitteilen das du in meinen Leben eine Große Motivation warst und es auch immer noch bist. Du wolltest das wir das beste aus uns machen und steigen in jedem Bereich. So habe ich mit paar Basketball Tutorials von Youtube angefangen und bin ins Gym gegangen weil ich davor mega unspottlich war aber Basketball mir schon immer gefallen hat (vlt. wegen meiner 193cm Körpergröße haha).

So habe ich nach einem Jahr meine Sprungkraft sehr verstärkt und mein Körper in Form gebracht und mir die Spiele von dir angeschaut. Nicht nur im Sport hab ich versucht aufzusteigen auch in meinem Beruflichen Leben bin ich selbstständig geworden und mache mir einen gutes Gehalt. Ich danke dir für die ganze Motivation und die tollen und unterhaltsamen Spiele die du der Welt gezeigt hast und wünsche dir das du an einem Besseren Ort bist und deiner Familie alles gute <3

Leon.



Dragi Kobe,

Tvoja karijera na terenu i van njega je legendarna. Tvoj utjecaj na igru će se zauvijek osjećati u svijetu košarke. Tvoja je igra inspirirala tolike, uključujući mene na bolje.

Hvala ti na svemu. Fly high Mamba.

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Kobe je čovek, ki je navdihnii nešteto ljudi. Njegova želja po uspehu in trud, ki ga je vložil v svojo igro srta neverjetna. Vse dolge noči in zgodnja jutra so le dokaz za to trdo delo, zato uspeh ni nekaj presenetljivega. Bil je inovativen in se poglobil v vsako stvar, ki mu je prečkala pot, saj je bil tudi prvi ki je uvedel nizke čevlje, ki so kasneje prevladale.

Pogrešamo te Kobe, na svetu si res pustil ogormen vtis.

HVALA!

MAMBA OUT!

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Dear Kobe,

Thank you...

Thank you for teaching us how to play the game of basketball with passion...

Thank you for telling us to rise no matter how hard we fall...

Thank you for being a great leader to the oppressed...

Thank you for showing us greatness on and off the court...

Thank you for inspiring us to be the best version of ourselves...

I know you will always look down on us...

We will never forget you BLACK MAMBA!!!



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Dear Kobe,

you left us too soon and we are very sad. You left us a lot to learn from I hope you have a good time wherever you are. I believe you dominate there with your game too.

Rest in peace...

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Drogi Kobe,

to bardzo niesprawiedliwe, że musiałeś nas opuścić tak wcześnie. Miałbyś wiele radości oglądając obecnych Jeziorowców zdobywających kolejne mistrzostwa dla drużyny, dla której poświęciłeś bardzo dużo, całą swoją karierę. Wiedz, że byłeś i nadal jesteś dla mnie wielką inspiracją.

Sz szczególnie w kontekście dążenia do bycia lepszym każdego dnia. Bardzo mi Cię brakuje i mam nadzieję, że jeszcze kiedyś będę miał okazję Cię spotkać i z Tobą porozmawiać, a może i zagrać Ivsl.

Do zobaczenia!

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Dear Kobe,

Perhaps passing through the gates of death is like passing quietly through the gate in a pasture fence. On the other side, you keep walking, without the need to look back. No shock, no drama, just the lifting of a plank or two in a simple wooden gate in a clearing. Neither pain, nor floods of light, nor great voices, but just the silent crossing of a meadow. Perhaps a better, more beautiful place. I hope you found your peace that you deserve. It's unfair.

See you soon legend ♥

Dear Kobe

We've never met. Of course, we didn't. You are a superstar. An icon. The Michael Jordan of my generation. But still, the inspiration and effect your career had on me are beyond what words are able to express.

Even though I never was a Lakers fan, I truly admired and, sometimes hated seeing you play and destroy my favorite team back then. It all started with the Finals in 2001. We had no chance. I could see it in your eyes. Even as a kid, I noticed that there is something different going on inside of you.

I still remember all the discussions and conversations I had because of you. Arguing with friends and teammates after school on instant messaging platforms for hours about you vs. T-Mac or Al. After discussing all this online, we all went to practice, wearing your shoes and jerseys, arguing all over again from the beginning.

The thing is, I will not only miss you as a player. First and foremost, I will miss you for the inspiration you were able to give others. The hard work, the dedication. I truly admired that. I always had that mentality when perfecting my skills for my job. Not ultimately in the gym - but at other situations in life. When some of my friends went out partying during the week, I stayed at home, focusing on work and the responsibilities I had for the next morning. Ownership, accountability, and respect were the values I got from studying you as a human being. I am proud of my achievements - even though I sometimes struggle to acknowledge that.

But most importantly you were responsible for all the laughs, hugs and conversations I was able to have with my teammates and friends about you. Taking difficult in-your-face-fadeaways yelling your name through our gym. Watching basketball at night just to see what kind of shoes you are wearing. You were the guy who made me collect shoes. Just through you, I was able to meet the most important people who surround me day-by-day. My good friends, my best friend and even the love of my life. That's what basketball gave me. And I started playing because of you and Al. Just yesterday, hours before your passing, I played an amateur basketball game - wearing your latest shoe and number 8.

God has its plans - I am sure about that. But still, it's hard for me to understand and to swallow. Watching you and Gigi courtside has always filled my heart with joy. I promise you one thing: We, all basketball players around the world, who are so passionate about this sport because of guys like you - we will keep your legacy around forever and ever!



I remember the year of '96, You came to NBA.

I was a 15-year-old kid. And You, another kid, straight out of high school, challenged my role model at the time, MR. Air, man I kind of hated You for that. I couldn't believe that something like that is even possible. But as the years went by, Your game and Your drive for winning won me over. And suddenly I had two favorite players. All of a sudden I bought Lakers jersey and on the court, every day, I tried to do the things You did on every game. Two times I was heartbroken because of sport, both times my favorite players were to blame, both role models retired through the years. I watched Your last game and Your speech at the end... Mamba out... My heart was saying no, no, no... I couldn't imagine the NBA without You. I thought that sucks and I was very sad, at that time I thought that that is the worst thing that could happen. I couldn't imagine that the worst is yet to come.

When I saw the news on January 26 I couldn't believe what I am seeing and hearing. And then my kid asked me: "Dad why are you so sad and why are tears in your eyes?" The only thing I could get myself to say was... Mamba out... Damn

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Dragi Kobe.

Zame si bil velika inspiracija. Odkar sem začel igrati košarko sem te spremljal in zame si bil idol. Ko se je zgodila nesreča in si ti, tvoja hčer in še 10 drugih umrlo, nisem moral vrjeti svojim ušesom.

Vedno sem si želel meti tvoje čevlje in to mi daje velik zagon.

Počivaj v miru black mamba.

*Kobe Bryant*



Dear Kobe,

thank u for everything u have done. thank u for teaching us the game of basketball. thank u for showing us the strength we have in ourselves. thank u for telling us to believe in ourselves.

the world misses you very much mamba

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Dear Kobe,

You can't imagine how inspirational you are for many of us. We can learn a lot from how you approach life. Especially in COVID-19 times it is important to be healthy, both physically and mentally. You make it easier.

Thank you for that. I am writing this letter in present tense since you are still with us. Legends never die. What can I say?

BARNA OUT

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Dear Kobe,

To my biggest inspiration, to my hero, to my idol, I know that you are happy with your loving daughter up there. I miss you here, I miss your creativity, and high IQ plays in the game of basketball.

You inspired me not only to continue to work hard for basketball, you made me a better person. I am living life because of your motivation to me. I want to keep something that I will see every day, such as these shoes, to remind me of how perfect person you were. Infinity love, 24/8!

Love you, Toni

Dear Kobe,

from the moment I could pick up a basketball, and shoot imaginary game-winning shots in my bedroom, I fell in love with you and the game of basketball. It was when my other hero Pau Gasol (also from Spain) joined the team that I fully started to understand the game. That's when you won two championships in a row and made me a very happy kid.

I will always admire your mentality both on and off the court and take notes for the rest of my life. You got 5 championships in the game of basketball, but uncountable in your life, remember that.

Love you always, Christian Pablos

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Dear Kobe "Bean" Bryant,

This letter is not to praise your life and how you helped me change my mental awareness. This is a letter to praise your legacy and how big of an impact your life had on everyone involved with the game and beyond. The black mamba, the Kobe Wan Kenobi, the Lord of The Rings, thank you for existing thank you for your beautiful game you have given us.

Your hard work sportsmanship and persistence with training showed me and everyone around me what it means to be great with something you do. This year we lost you but this is not the end, it's only the beginning of you your legacy and the beginning of the generations that will follow your steps.

We love you Kobe you will always be our number one most hard-working player ever. Again may your body rest in peace but your soul and mindset are within all of us forever.

Yours truly, Antonio



*LAKERS*

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Dear Kobe,

basketball misses you so much. We lost a legend who is inspiring many people around the world. It is very sad watching NBA and knowing that you are not here with us anymore. But there is one great thing that happened last week.

LA Lakers won that ring for you.

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Dear Kobe,

you were Our inspiration, you were Our God, you gave Us new deep look and insider knowledge on basketball game. You really changed our lives in many ways.

From the moment, I have heard and learned about Mamba Mentality, it changed my view on the world. It changed my thinking, my priorities, my passion and my basketball game.

Thank you for all, Kobe! You will be always in our hearts.

Mamba Forever!

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Dear Kobe,

to write what your death represents for me, for us, for everyone who loves basketball is quite impossible, but I can write that what you had done for the sport I love will stay forever and we will never forget it.

Thank you.

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Dear Kobe Bryant,

I'm writing you to express my deep appreciation for everything you've accomplished in your unfairly short life. As a casual basketball player I haven't followed the American basketball scene actively, but luckily I got to experience your greatness on the court and beyond. The Lakers and especially you inspired many people like me to way more than just playing basketball.

You approached every human with admirable respect and taught your youngsters to do the same. With achievements like your Sports Academy you truly created a special legacy that will not only introduce the youth to sports but more significantly teach them your principles and give them a sense of community that will shape their future. You're a true idol and I want to thank you for all the inspirations and memories that the world will never let go of.

Rest in peace.

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Dear Kobe,

I'll write the letter in Italian because I know how much you loved our country, despite your life took you to travel all around the world.

Mi piace cogliere il lato positivo delle cose, e nonostante la tua sia una indescrivibile perdita sia dal punto di vista sportivo che umano, voglio pensare che ti sia consegnato alla storia come uno dei più grandi atleti di tutti i tempi, ed è stupendo che i ragazzi nello sport e nella vita, nel presente e nel futuro, possano avere te come esempio.

rest in power legend.

Dear Bean.

As a child I've always looked upon you. You were and still are my inspiration every day. I miss you but I know that you are looking down to us and watching us over. I wish we could've witnessed a finals between you and Bron but that's in god's hands.

Thank you for everything.

PS: say hi to Gigi

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Dear Kobe,

It's difficult to express in words the feelings I had when I heard about your passing.

All I can say is that the only time I've ever felt that way was at my grandfather's funeral and that was a very sad day for me. What this means is that you were basically like family to me and I will always cherish the memories I had of watching your games on my TV. It pains me that I've never had the opportunity to see your games live on the court and that I'll have to settle with watching replays on YouTube but I still appreciate the chance to witness your greatness playing basketball throughout your whole career.

I know you and Gigi are looking down smiling upon all of us so please do know all of us fans are smiling back.

Much love,

Shawn Quach



Dear Kobe,

you have always been an idol and I know you are an idol for other people in Germany and abroad. Your story, your playstyle and your will to win have inspired numerous people to follow you and become a better sportsman and a better person. You are still one of the sports' greatest global ambassadors.

The five-time NBA champion. The Oscar winner. The always-present father and loving Husband to your wife Vanessa. You have always been humble and outstanding!

I will truly never forget you, your Matthias!

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Dear Kobe Bryant,

Thank you for all the years, thank you for 5 championships, thank you for your loyalty, thank you for every moment spent on the court so we can appreciate the real greatness. Never realised your retirement would come so soon, but the fact is you can't spend all your life on the court and play until you pass away...

I remember the time when everyone wanted to be like Mike, now everyone wants to be the next Kobe Bryant, but one thing I learned from you is to be yourself, that's where the real greatness comes from....

We will never forget you!



Dear Kobe,

Thank you for all amazing memories and all of the stories you gave this world. You gave generations of kids hope and willpower to chase their dreams. I am one of them as well. Your legacy will never be forgotten and we will make sure all of the generations that are yet to come to hear about your amazing life.

Thank you for all of the games and highlights that we can see over and over again. I will never forget the day I first saw your game and I decided I want to be just like you. I followed everything related to you and I became Laker4Life. All of the records all of the achievements you made are amazing and everybody will know the name Black Mamba.

So thank you. Thank you for showing us there is a way to achieve all of our dreams. And I will never forget last game where you stepped on the court for the last time and dropped 60 against Utah. Shaq challenged you to drop 50. You put on a show and dropped 60.

You will be forever missed but never forgotten. In your own words.

Mamba out.

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Dear Kobe,

I miss watching you a lot. It is very sad what happened to you. Thank you for everything that you have done. Well done on all your achievements. Everyone was shocked when they found out what happened. Hopefully you are doing okay now

From Ben



There are no words to describe the feeling you get when experiencing the loss of your idol.

Many of us have gone through it at different stages in our lives – there's nothing that can prepare you for it and rarely anything that can comfort you. But what about the loss of someone you feel like you've always known but never met. That's what I imagine a lot of basketball fans are going through right now.

Kobe Bryant felt like a fixture in a lot of our lives and most of us never got a chance to meet him.

RIP Black Mamba.

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Dear Kobe,

we, the entire Basketball community and not only, miss you every day. Sometimes I think "Why did they get into that helicopter!" But then, it's life... You and I are of the same generation (I'm class of 79), so I always used to tell myself "I'm not old, I'm Kobe's age!"

Kobe, you made a real difference in my life, you made me more competitive, more honest with myself and others and thanks to you I was able to find balance in my life.

I'll always try to live my life with that Mamba Mentality that will always mean so much to this world. "The most important thing is to try and inspire people, so that they can be great at whatever they want to do". You inspired me Kobe.

Miss you Kobe Bean Bryant.

# WEATHER THE STORM



Dear Kobe,

thank you for all you have done for the game of basketball. You were an inspiration to so many young children growing up. Whether it be shooting something into a trash can in school and shouting "KOBE" or just imitating your jumpers and game-winners in the drive-way, you inspired kids all around the globe to be a better basketball player or to become a basketball player.

Thank you, Kobe, for giving young ball-players around the world a reason to wear the number 8 or the number 24. Every kid has a reason for their number, and you were the reason that countless young ball-players wore that number 24 on their jersey. Because you inspired them. Kobe's presence will be missed, but his mark and legacy on the game of basketball have forever been etched in history and the game was changed for the better because of Kobe Bryant.

Kobe Bryant was, is, and always will be, a legend. Kobe, you will be sorely missed.

God rest you and your daughter's soul.

Ana Š.

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Kobe, you're a legend.

We will always remember your plays.

We will always appreciate your skills.

We will never forget you. May you rest easy.

Hope we play someday together



Dear Kobe,

thank you for being an idol to me when I was a kid and had none. Thank you for making me fall in love with the Lakers. Thank you for an opportunity to see you grow as a player while I was growing up. Thank you for being the best in my eyes.

I will miss you forever.

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Kobe

I always wanted to meet you in person but I never got the chance because I live in Europe. You were my inspiration to become someone bigger in the basketball world. I watch you all the time on youtube and you inspire my everyday.

I always wanted to be like you now with your shoes I may be great like you were. And remember we will always miss you and your great playstyle. And you will never be forgotten.

Rest In Peace Mamba☺ .

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Kedves Kobe!

'97-ben láttalak először játszani az arany-lila mezben. Elvarázsolt már akkor a tűz, amit a pályára vittél és ez azóta sem változott. Minden bajnoki címed végig szurkoltam. Köszönöm a gyerekkorom élményeit. Köszönöm a Sport szeretetét.

Köszönök mindent, Kobe!

Dear Kobe Bryant,

I hate you. Can you blame me?

As a Celtics fan, I rooted against you for two decades. I rejoiced in your agony when my Celtics beat you in the 2008 Finals. Paul Pierce deserved it way more than you did. You already had three rings at the time. But three just wasn't enough for you. You got your revenge and ultimately your fifth ring in 2010 while ripping my heart out in the process. I hope you still know how lucky you are that Kendrick Perkins was out for Game 7.

They say you never truly know what you got 'til it's gone. So before you go, I just want to say thank you for being far more than just a great basketball player. To an entire generation of NBA fans, you are basketball. I can't believe I'm saying this... but I'm really going to miss you.

Love (and hate) you always,

A Celtics fan who didn't appreciate you enough

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Dear Kobe,

thank you for helping me become a better player and a better person. Thank you for being an inspiration for a generation of athletes and for all your input in the game of basketball. You don't know what you meant to the world, especially all those kids yelling Kobe when shooting.

The way you played the game was like art, simple and beautiful, with no moves wasted, but at the same time, it was tough to do.

Kobe thank you for being Kobe.



Dear Kobe,

I loved the way that you played at the Lakers. The energy and vibes you gave off on the field were amazing. I hope you're having a great time up there. Still shooting balls into the ring as always.

You were the best.

Lots of love, Jasper W.

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Dear Kobe,

I cannot even put it into perspective how much you changed my life. You were the first NBA star and player that I watched. You inspired me to take basketball seriously. Because of you I worked as hard as I could, while I may not be the most naturally talented player, I work hard and play hard.

I hope you and Gigi are balling in heaven right now. And honestly, we can't be sad that you are gone, we need to be happy that you existed and brought so many smiles to people's faces and that you have done so much for the game of basketball globally.

Thank You

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科比，你在天堂和上帝斗牛的时候记得让着点他，我为你和gigi献上诚挚的祈祷！2020年，湖人也夺冠了，你一定看到了吧！湖人继承了你的曼巴精神！

kobe, once a laker, always a laker!





Dear Kobe,

Somehow, it has already been roughly nine months since that fateful event transpired in Calabasas, California. A day of sheer bewilderment, countless people wept at the loss of one of their heroes. I know I did. After all, throughout the last few years, you had become one of my greatest inspirations.

I miss you Kobe, may you rest in peace.

My hero, my mate.

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Dragi Kobe!

K - Kralj LA!

O - Offensive god!

B - Best Laker ever!

E - Elite shooter!

B - Black Mamba!

R - Rad dad!

Y - Your work ethic!

A - Angell!

N - Next level!

T - THANK YOU!

#mambaout

Caro Kobe,

sono cresciuto ammirandoti in campo, sognando un giorno di calcare quei parquet che tutti i ragazzini sognano. Ammiravo e ammiro ancora oggi la tua personalità. Ho ancora impressa in mente la tua frase: se non sei te a credere in te stesso chi lo farà per te? Hai segnato un'epoca, hai fatto sognare milioni di bambini.

Grazie

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Dear Kobe,

Your not only a great basketball player, you are a legend. You inspired many people just like you inspired me. If it weren't for you, I would not be in love with basketball like I am now. You are not only my idol, you are someone I can always look up to, and always have great examples.

With love Franjo Kranjcec

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Dear Kobe,

When I saw on the news that you passed away I couldn't believe it. At first I thought it was some sort of prank. It just didn't seem real. But then I realized it was real and I just sat in my room crying for an hour.

Thank you for all the memories you've created and it's a shame that you had to leave so early. You are an inspiration to all of us young players.

Hope you're doing well. R.I.P.



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Dear Kobe,

It's kinda crazy that I'm writing this letter at this time, as neither I nor any of the other millions of basketball supporters could've predicted your passing, but here we are. You are the player that got me into basketball all those years ago, and watching your game still mesmerises me just as much as it did 4 years ago when you retired, and just as much as it did 24 years ago when you entered the NBA as a rookie.

I think I speak for many many others when I say that if I've ever needed motivation in my darkest and lowest times, I almost always find it in your words about mentality and about working hard. You have set such an example for countless millions of people across the world to look up to, and I hope to one day achieve greatness just like you.

I've never owned a pair of Kobe's before, but they've always been one of the grails of basketball shoes to me, they've always had an underlying greatness to them, as if they cannot be beaten compared to other shoes on the market, which is quite like you in a way I suppose.

When I heard about your passing back in January was at a pretty low time, I'd just injured myself during a frustratingly bad basketball game, and coming back home and hearing about you made me realize just how quickly things can change, so ever since I've worked hard and stayed strong in your honour.

Rest easy Bean

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Kedves Kobe!

Köszönöm, hogy igazán megszeretteted velem ezt a csodálatos játékot!

Legenda vagy!



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Dear Kobe,

Although I'm a big LeBron James fan, the moment of the news about your death is still one of the biggest and heaviest moments in my life.

And although I didn't know you personally, didn't even have the chance to see you live on the court, I KNEW YOU. At least, that's how it felt, the morning after, the rest of the week and still now.

You changed people's lives, without them even knowing. Too bad that true words of amazing persons always get more intense after they die, you're still changing people's lives!

The only good little thing that has to do with your death, is that people realize that you can't hate greatness, it's just a waste. So this letter is for all the people who hated you, who hated LeBron James, who hated somebody. Don't, just don't, cause it can be over any moment.

Ciao Kobe, hope you're shooting the lights out up there!!!

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Dear Kobe,

almost 9 months have passed. We miss you as a player. We miss what your person represented. Everyone, just like you, has his flaws, but you became a role-model for your endurance and mentality.

It's strange how you affected people's attitude towards life through basketball, and that is your inheritance to us.

Mamba Mentality Forever.

Kobe ni bil le košarkar bil je mnogo več.

Bitje katero je navdihnilo milijone po celem svetu. Sam sem dokaj mlad in sem prvič zanj slišal šele leta 2019. Nisem vedel kdo je in kaj je, videl pa sem da je nekaj izjemnega pri njegovem načinu igranja in metih. Sam nikoli nisem treniral košarke ali pa imel nekoga, ki bi me vpeljal v ta čaroben svet.

Kobe vsekakor ni edini igralec, ki me je navdušil nad košarko. Je pa igralec za katerega lahko rečem, da mi je razumevanje košarke popeljal na globljo čustveno raven. :)

"Once you know what failure feels like, determination chases success."

RIP Kobe

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Dear Kobe!

It is a tragedy for the whole world you have passed. What is even worse your daughter had to come with you. I am sure you are in a better place playing some HORSE and reminiscing about old times.

You were an amazing player as well as human being. There will never be anyone like you.

Thank you for being one of a kind and showing the world what is mamba mentality.

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Dear Kobe,

I just want to tell you that you were a big inspiration and you taught me that mamba mentality which really helped me.

Thank you Kobe R.I.P





Dear Kobe.

Thank you for inspiring me throughout your career and beyond. Your mentality and skills have truly been a motivation for me and many others. I have many of your shoes in my collection and I will continue to collect them and enjoy in them to keep your legacy alive.

May you and Gigi rest in peace.

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Dear Kobe,

I am a big fan. You are my true inspiration. For me you are the GOAT. I really liked your afro hairstyle. My favorite number is 8 because of you. I also wear your shoes but would like to upgrade them and buy a new pair, and I have your 2 jerseys.

Have a nice day.

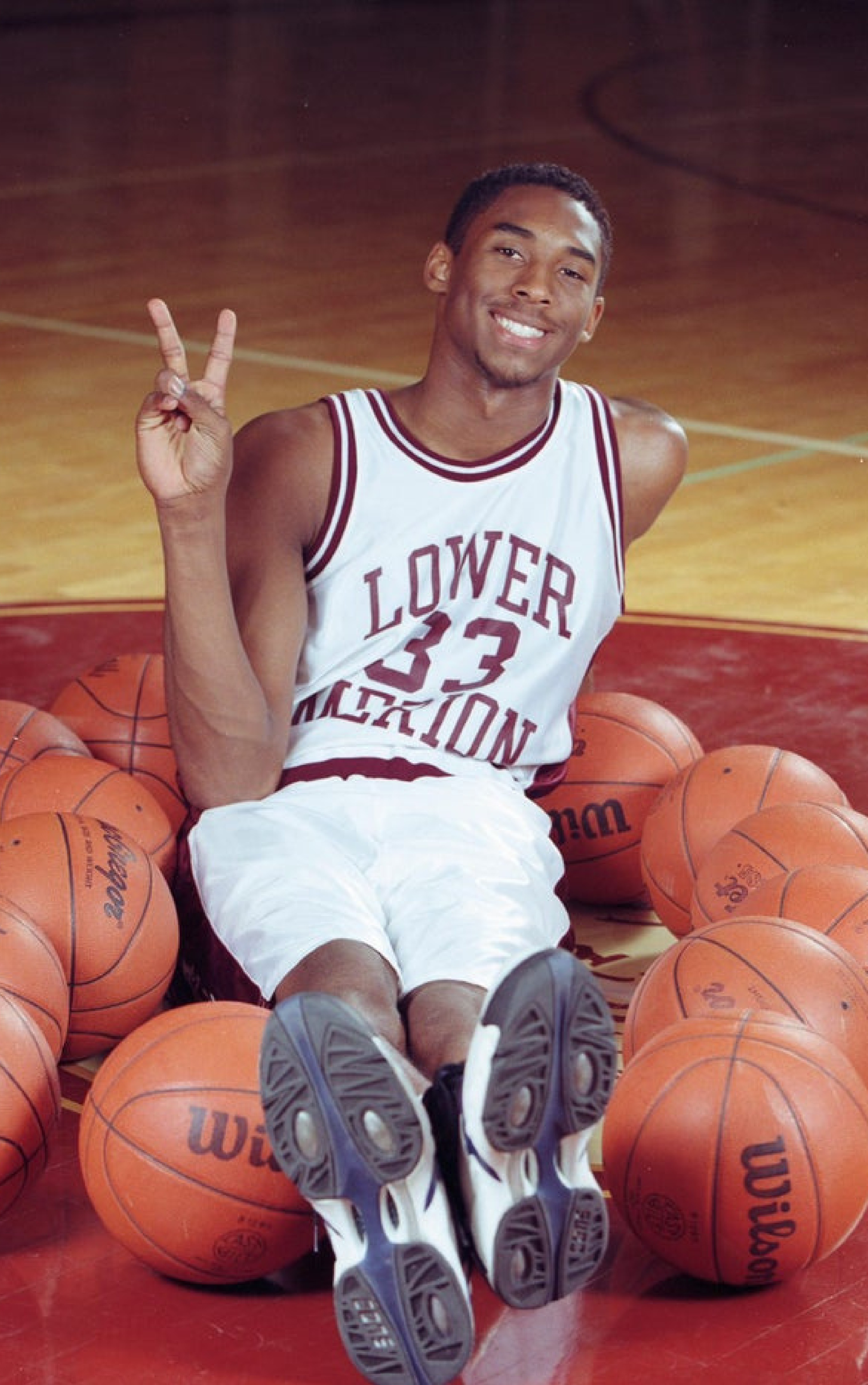
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Dear Kobe!

I will be short and deadly focused like you. I admired you. I grew up and understood you. I learned about you. I became a follower of your mentality, and use it to be successful in my life. I will never forget you. Your legacy lives on forever.

Trust me, I always make you proud, because I do what I love and inspire others to be themselves.

Mamba for life!



Dear Kobe!

Not a day goes by without people remembering you and realizing how big you were not only as a player but as a person too. You are a big inspiration to me to be the best version of myself in everyday life. You were my motivation when I used to play ball too.

Thank you for everything Kobe!

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Dear Kobe,

You're the reason for my passion and my love for the game. I have 2 of your jerseys and also a few shoes.

I adore everything that you represent. I am also a basketball player and I try to model my game after yours. "if you put me in a cage with a lion, you should be scared for the lion"...those were the words you said after you came back from your Achilles tear in 2013 (i think) and they show just how unstoppable you were.

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Dear Kobe!

I do not know where I can start. You are my biggest inspiration of my life. I can remember when I got up when you were playing in the middle of the night. I always enjoyed watching you. Your touch and filing to the game are insane. I think there are not going to be any players like you. When you died last year I was really shocked and I was crying for like 2 hours.

I will never forget you and you will always have peace of my heart.

Rip mamba

Dear Kobe,

Your passing was one of a very times where a "celebrity" died and it hit home, in fact, more so than any other. I've always been a Celtics fan, the arch-rival of the Lakers but like most kids when I was young playing ball I would yell "Kobeeeeee!" On my jump shots.

Mamba mentality is a phrase and state of mind that spread throughout your fanbase and even beyond basketball. You will be missed but not forgotten, people will see 33, 8 and 24 on people's backs now and in future generations!

Peace out Kobe!!

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Dear Mr. Kobe Bryant: Hello!

You must not know who I am, but you are a well-known star around me. The first time I heard your name was when I was in elementary school. At that time, I did not pick up the basketball in my hand, nor did I see you playing on the other side of the ocean on TV.

I am very puzzled and confused. I don't know that people will always wear an under-sized No. 24 jersey on the street. I don't know why there are "8" and "under a team uniform with Bryant's name printed on it. 24" Two numbers belong to you. As I grow older, I finally know the reasons for this happening, all because of you. The purple and gold jersey on you has become the belief of countless people.

For many people, you are synonymous with basketball, and you are their entire youth.



Dear Kobe!

We miss you so much. You were a Hero who changed our view of life. Your statements had an enormous influence on our brave steps. The life you lived, your beautiful family and your sports mentality are a perfect sample to follow.

We carry your memories on. We miss you...

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Hey Kobe,

I wanted to start this letter by asking how you are doing, but I know it has no point. I know you're fine anyway, although I cannot describe how fine you are because I've never been to heaven and I have no idea what being fine up there feels like. Me, on the other side – I'm fine. Splendid, even.

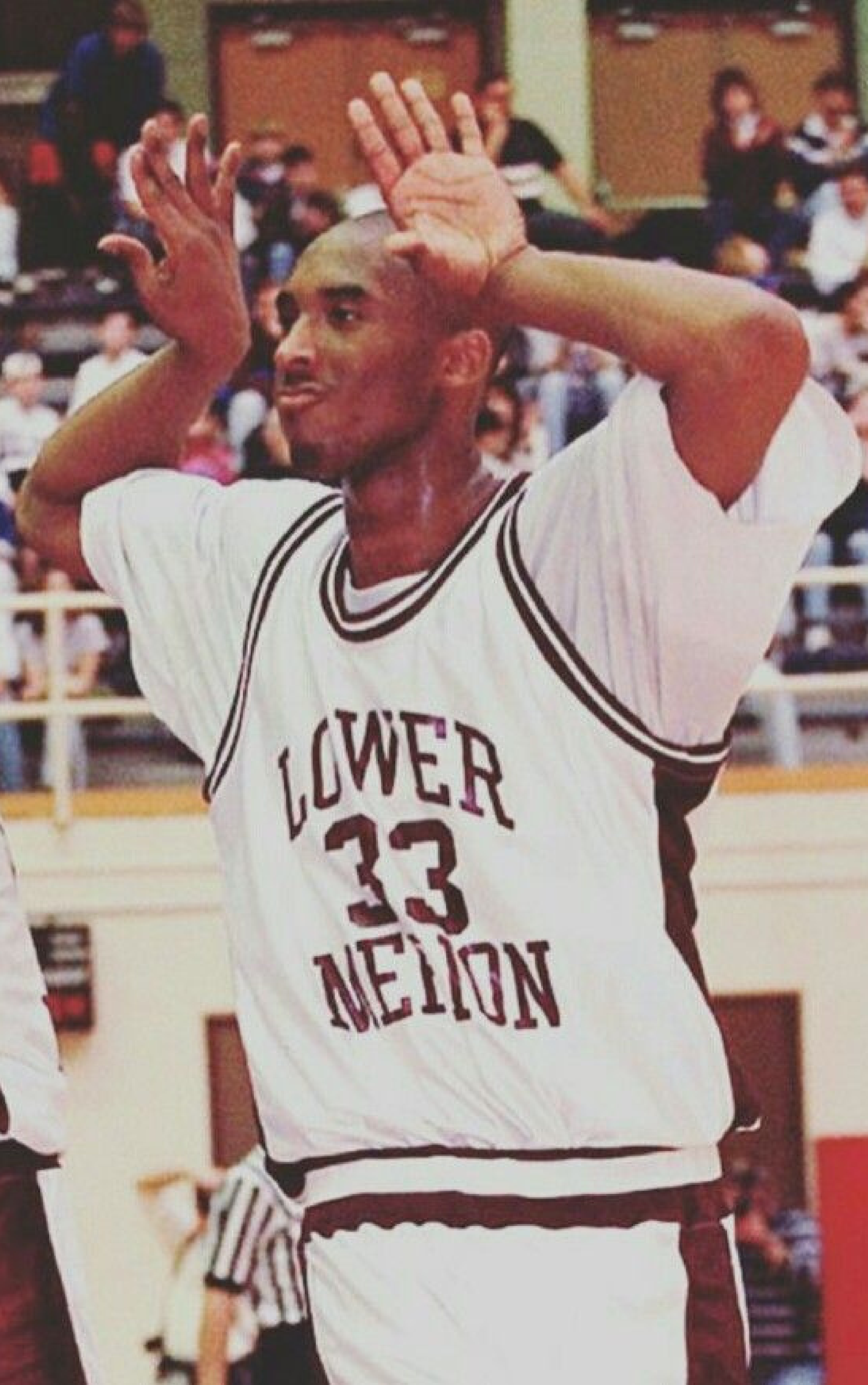
I am very happy with the Lakers championship

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Dear Kobe,

I miss you so much, still can't believe you passed away so early. You have always been my favorite player and my inspiration. Your hard work and perseverance was unmatched, It always made me push harder and become who I am today. I am really sad I will never meet you, but I wanna have your shoes to always have you on my mind.

Mamba Forever!



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Dear Kobe,

I don't think that you were aware of how much you meant to all of us. All of us kids on the street courts, shooting that ball through the net, yelling "Kobe" every time we score. Well, wearing jersey with number 8 or 24 on the back, you know that you can't miss.

You truly were and are an inspiration, and always will be. Entering the raffle, 5 seconds on the clock, ball in my hands: 5...4...3...2.....!; "Kobe!"

Love you, Bean.

P. S. Say hi to Petro for me

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My love for basketball is like a fire that never goes out,

Day in and day out, I'm always playing the game, During game day I always have a routine, every day before the game I'm always doing the same. It's like a job I play at full speed, So long as you live for it, you must play for love of the game, During basketball you don't always get what you need,

Growing up with basketball was the only love I have. One day I plan to play college ball, Growing up I play for fun with my friends, After the eighth grade, I grew tall, Deep down inside I know it's got to end,

The times when you lose aren't fun at all, But deep down inside you know you've got next fall.

Dear Kobe,

9 months have passed from that terrifying day. There isn't a day that I don't think about you and how it's strange to think of life and my routine days without the most inspiring figure I have ever seen.

You have always been a mentor and a landmark for me like for thousands of boys and girls around the world, I think that there are a lot of things that I would have told you but if there is one in particular it is: Stay Easy, you and your little daughter, your teachings will last forever with all the people like me that want to continue your Legacy. You have been so many things, father, husband, mentor, friend, enemy, writer, filmmaker and a lot of other things.

The most important teaching that you have left us will last forever: try to be the better version of yourself every day. I hope we will make you proud with everything we will ever do in our lives. Ah, and I want to tell you one thing that will make you smile.. The Lakers have won the Championship and they have dedicated it to you.

You're gone but not forgotten. I miss you so much,

Eternally your, Paolo.

#Mambaforever

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Kobe

you were my idol, not only like a Basketball player but also like a person and father, I hope you are still teaching Gigi how to ball.

See you one day.

R.I.P Mamba

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#24*

Dear Kobe!

On January 26th i was so shocked. I couldn't believe that you left us so early. I was very sad when i heard the terrible news. I was following you your carrier and your personal life since i was a kid. I read a lot about you and also from you and have seen a lot of interviews with you. You were one of my greatest inspiration to never give up.

You thought me so much about being confident, being and thinking positive and that if you never try you'll never succeed. You were the living example of not giving up. You thought so much for us about how people can achieve nearly anything if they believe in themselves they don't give up and get up every day and work hard to achieve their dreams.

Dear Kobe you left us this year. You left but we will never forget you. We will never forget the happy moments you gave us during your carrier and we also never forget the lessons you have taught us. You were a great husband, a wonderful dad, a great and kind person and one of the greatest basketball players of all time. May the angels protect your never-ending dreams.

Rest in peace Kobe Bean Bryant.

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Dear Kobe,

I am not a Lakers fan. However, I am a Kobe fan and always will be. You were the reason I became interested in playing basketball. The day you died was honestly the worst day even for this year.

Hope you are still the GOAT in heaven.



Dear Kobe,

You are my favorite basketball player since it started playing basketball. I liked you not only as a player but also as a person. Your mentality helps me with many things not just on court but also off court. You were my motivation not to give up and continue fighting. I think about you and Gigi every day and I wish that you were still with us and didn't die in the helicopter crash.

Rest in peace BLACK MAMBA

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Kobe

When I was a kid you were my hero dreaming to be like you the closest I was to you was to wear your jersey and play basketball, now I'm an adult and you will always be part of my childhood stories to my future kids and I will continue your legacy.

Black mamba forever!

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Kobe.

Tisti zaradi katerega se je moja kosarkaska pot sploh zacela. ko se bil mlajsinh let in ko si ti se igral sem se zbuja vsako noc samo zato da sem lahko gledal tvoje tekme. Bil si mi v uзор in vedno mi bos.

Tvoja igra je bila fascinanta in mislim da ne bo nikogar vec s takim smislom za igro. pocivaj v miru. vedno bos imel prostor v mojem srcu.

Kedves Kobe,

Kisgyerek voltam, amikor először láttalak játszani a TV-ben. Attól a naptól kezdve Te lettél az egyetlen igaz példaképem. Neked köszönhetem, hogy elkezdtem kosárlabdázni, megszeretteted velem a játékot, amit azóta is képtelen vagyok megunni. Számtalanszor segítettél már át nehéz időszakokon. Amikor úgy érzem kezdem elveszteni a motivációm az élet bármely területén, csak arra gondolok: "Mit szólna ehhez Kobe?" És ennél több nem is kell, ahhoz, hogy újult erővel küzdjek tovább a céljaimért, hisz tudom, Te sosem adnád fel.

Az első naptól kezdve hűséges Lakers szurkoló lettem. Ünnepelem Veletek a '09 és '10-es duplázáskor. Majd ugyanúgy Veletek maradtam, sosem számított, hogy már megy olyan jól a csapatnak és Te is egyre többet vagy sérült. A búcsúmeccseden éreztem, hogy ha valaki, akkor Te nem köszönhetsz el vereséggel a ligától. Amit akkor az utolsó negyedben közel 38 évesen, tucatnyi sérüléssel a hátad mögött műveltél nem kérdés, hogy minden idők egyik legnagyobb teljesítménye és legszebb búcsúja volt.

Tudtam, hogy el fog jönni az idő, amikor a Lakers újra olyan magasságokban fog szárnyalni, mint a Te idődben. Te is megmondtad, hogy hamarabb lesz, mint bárki gondolja. El is jött. És tudom, hogy a Te kezed fentről is benne volt, mert enélkül biztos, hogy nem sikerült volna.

KÖSZÖNÖK MINDENT KOBE BEAN BRYANT!

Egy örök rajongód, Zsombor

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Thank you for all what you have done in the world of basketball and life.





Dear Kobe,

many times I wished I'd met you, many times I wished I'd share a moment with you that would forever be etched in my mind.

For a young boy who always looked up to you, I really believed you are invincible, you were indeed a real-life superhero. Now as a grown-up I realized that we are all mortal, but even though you're not on our world in your physical form, your presence is felt in each and every one of those who fight and work relentlessly every day toward accomplishing their goals and beyond!

Love you forever Mr. Bryant, give a big hug to Gigi up there in heaven and you're going to continue to be an inspiration until the end of time!

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Kobe je bio sve.

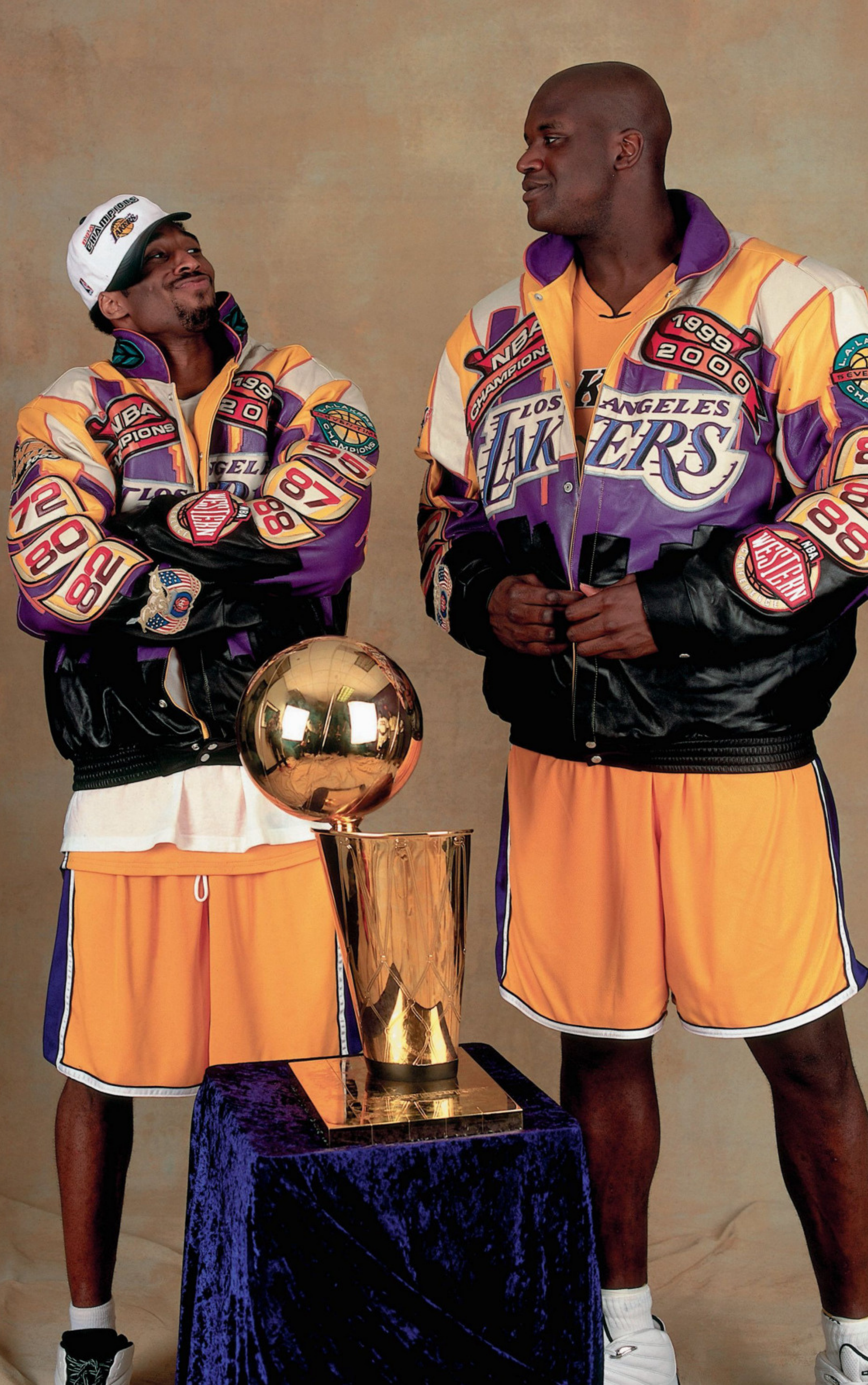
Zbog Kobe Bryanta sam počeo pratiti kosarku. Svadati se sa bratom koji je bio fan Boston Celticsa. Ali sam svadte dobivao. Sve zbog Bryantovih koševa.

Volim te Kobe. Mamba out!

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Thanks Kobe for what you did to basketball and not only. Since I was a kid, I've always taken inspiration from you and my goal to get my best Always.

One time you said mamba's out.....now I say mamba 4ever



Dear Kobe,

You were one of the reasons I started playing basketball. I saw you play on the redeem team in the 2008 Olympics and instantly fell in love with this game. The following year you have won your 4th ring and one season later your 5th. After you won your fifth ring you showed the world your beautiful shoe that will re-release tomorrow. And because of that I became a sneakerhead. Your shoes, especially the Kobe 4 were just different.

I hope I will get the chance to buy this shoe tomorrow because the first time they released I didn't have the chance. I'm always proud to put on your signature shoe, to try your moves and try to get this mamba mentality. You are and will be an inspiration and role model forever.

Thank you for everything you showed us! Rest in Peace Champion!

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Dear Kobe,

You were such a great role model for me when i was a kid. I have rooted you for my whole life since i started playing basketball. You showed me what it means to be the greatest person as you can be. I was having your back when my team had arguments about who is better Kobe or Lebron.

I always yelled at your name when i shot those threes on a court or "threes" to trash bin in classrooms. I really felt down when you passed away. I was on vacation with my father in St.Petersburg and then my father told me that awful news. I couldn't believe that. I really miss those times when you were here.

Your legacy will live forever.

R.I.P Kobe

Dear Kobe,

Your time with us may have been cut short, but you lived a fuller life than most of us. Your achievements have inspired generations of both athletes and individuals, and will continue to for years to come. Whilst your fame started due to your talent on court, your actions off court were just as important.

You have helped improve the lives of thousands of individuals, children and adults, which is no easy feat. Its a shame i'll never get to meet you, but i'll carry your torch forward! I strive to hold myself to the levels of integrity that you displayed, and if I can leave behind a legacy even half as great as yours, i'll be satisfied.

Rest easy, Rob

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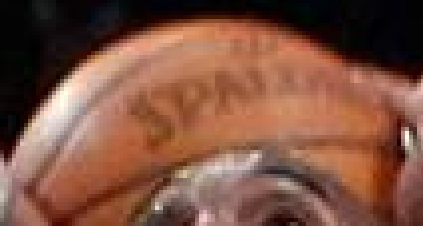
Dear Kobe,

You were always comparing with the great players like Magic Johnson Michael Jordan and LeBron James Because for someone you are one of the best basketball player but for me you are the best of all.

I grew up with your games and your Black Mamba spirit. Your leave is a terrible news for all basketball. I will look forward with all your passion and love inside and outside the Court. Black

Mamba will inspire me forever.

Kobe RIP Meng Wang



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WELLS FARGO

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Ti ho odiato tifando kings in quel lontano 2002, ti ho imparato ad amare, sei passato da essere il mio nemico al mio idolo. Ci manchi ogni giorno di più.

Thanks for the memories, You will never be forgotten. 5...4...3...2...1...

KOOOOOOOOOOBEEEEEEEEEE

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Dragi Kobe,

ovim pismom želio bih ti reći koliki si trag ostavio u mom odrastanju. Košarku sam baš zbog tebe i tvog načina igre zavolio još u ranom djetinjstvu. Kada sam je počeo trenirati moja želja je bila da postanem barem upola dobar košarkaš kao i ti.

Prateći tvoju karijeru dao si mi snagu i hrabrost da ne posustanem i u trenucima kada je bilo najteže. Svaki moj ulazak u dvoranu vođen je jednim ciljem da budem kao ti, ne samo kao igrač, nego kao i prijatelj, roditelj i suigrač. Tvojim odlaskom košarka i svijet sporta više nikada neće biti isti. Gubitak je neizmjeran, ali ostaje nam u nasljeđe tvoja igra i tvoji rezultati.

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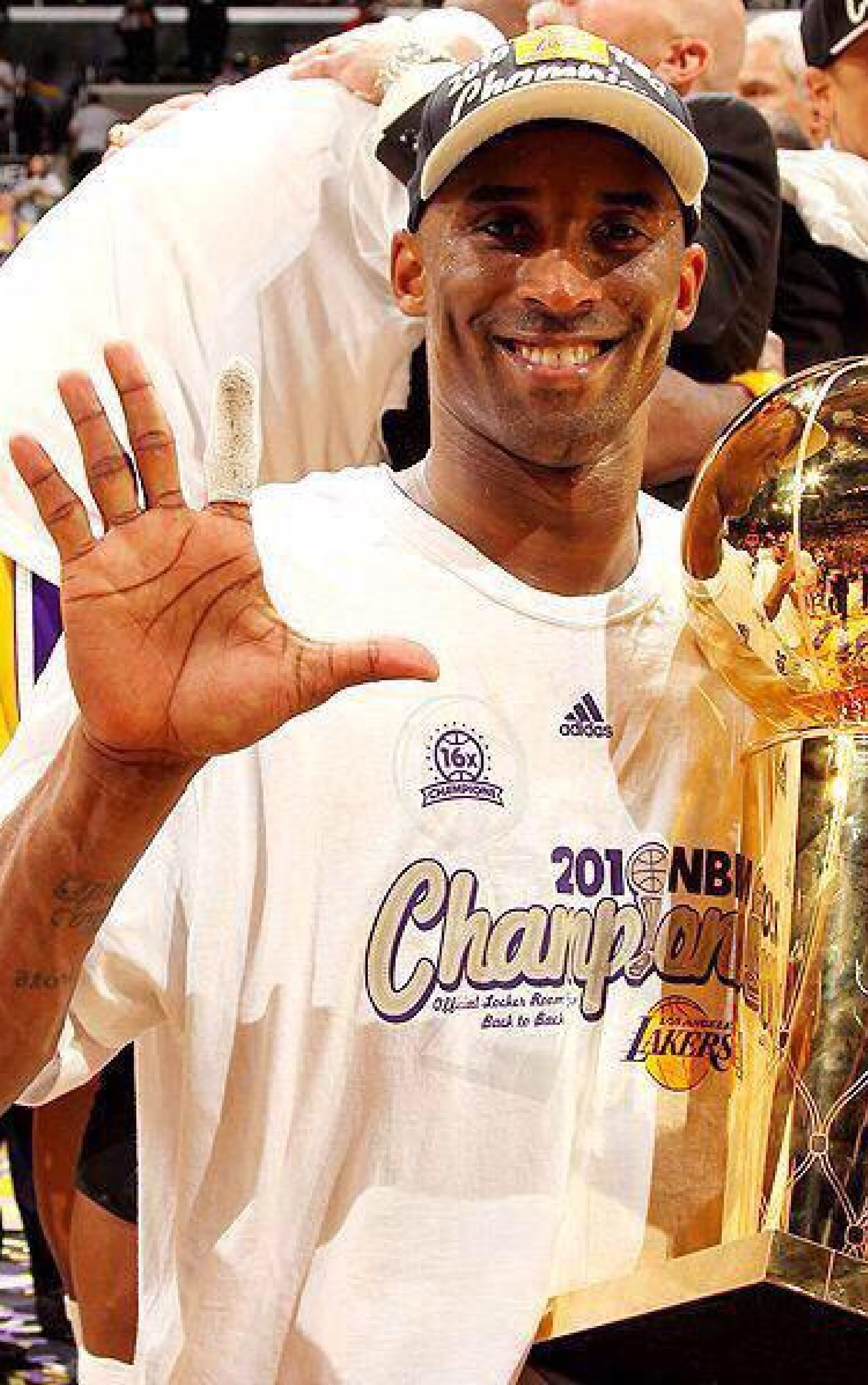
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Kobe, may you rest in greatness!

You once said "the most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they do" this resonates with me every day!

Thank you! RIP



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Dear Kobe.

I remember vividly when you were drafted by the Hornets. And then traded to the Lakers. I just started following NBA the season before that. I was a young and fresh basketball fan. A rookie so to say. Sort of like you at that time. And you immediately won my heart. I must admit, it was the dunks and the swag you had. Even though you were just an 18-year old kid. Back it wasn't that easy to come across video highlights and games. But I watched everything that was available. Even though I was just around 13 years of age, I got up for every game, no matter what time it was. I of course had to do this secretly, because I was supposed to be asleep at that time. But I'm glad I wasn't. Because with every game and highlight that I saw, my love for basketball grew. And in large part thanks to you. Because you made it exciting. I rooted for you against MJ at the '98 All-Star game. I rooted for Lakers in the Finals when you played with Shaq and Big shot Bob. Even though I was generally for the underdogs, which you never were.

My most prized possession at that time was your jersey which I wore constantly. I got it for successfully finishing 1st year of high school. And then I wore it to class, to basketball courts and even for Halloween when I went out dressed as Kobe. I have to admit I didn't like it when you quarreled with Shaq. He was also one of my fave players. And I resented you a bit that you "chased" him out of town. I started rooting against your Lakers. I even hated the Mamba moniker. But still, I never lost respect and I admired your game, which I also tried to mimic like millions of other fans still do across the globe.

As I grew older, the petty childhood resentment faded. When you were nearing the end of your playing career I wanted to watch your every game. I also watched your tremendous last performance against Utah Jazz. What a showtime. You were the best at creating showtime. And when I watched your movie "Dear Basketball" I cried a little. But not as much as I cried when I heard the sad news this February. We just came in the wardrobe after our basketball practice and I saw the breaking news on my phone. You. And Gigi. A little kid full of hopes and dreams. It was surreal. It was something that just doesn't happen in this world. Shouldn't happen. Even though I never met you for real in my life, I felt like a family member died. I went home, still in shock and still not completely believing it. When I got home, the news spread everywhere. It was real. For the next few weeks I watched your highlights every day. I still do.

You were one of a kind and in our minds and hearts, you will live forever. Hats down.



Dear Kobe Bryant!

I hope you are happy and playing basketball wherever it may be. You were an inspiration to all of us. Just so you know the Lakers did their thing and got the ring for you. Job finished. I think you would have been proud.

RIP

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Dear Kobe,

We miss you. Thank you for everything you have done for the game. Thank you for the great scoring performances. Thank you for the championships. Thank you for Mamba mentality. Lastly, thank you for being Kobe.

Love Always, One of your #1 fans

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Vse se je začelo ko sm te prvič gledal, bil sem zelo navdušen nad tvojo igro. Zato se tudi zdaj ukvarjam z košarko. Pustil si velik pečat v NBA-ju, v svoji zadnji tekmi si dosegel 61 točk, to uspe le najboljšim.

Zame si edn najboljših, ki je kadarkoli igral to igro. NBA si povzdignil na povsem nov nivo in zato smo ti usi hvaležni. Tudi ko si se upokojil si bil mnogim idol. Na žalost si umrl že zelo mlad cel svet je žaloval zate, tudi tisti ki te morda niso marali a takih je zelo malo.

Se enkrat hvala za use kar si naredil za košarko



Dear Kobe,

I'm from 84 and living in a country that is not famous for its basketball (Netherlands). So I mainly grew up with the famous MJ and the Chicago Bulls. I always thought that the talent in those teams was from another universe until you came to the NBA. I remember the all Star game where you were playing one on one against MJ and showed that the new superstar has arrived. The years with the Lakers with Shaq were not fair because you were too good. Later you proved you didn't need Shaq to win championships.

But enough about your great career, I really got touched by your tragic accident because I'm a father as well. And I can't imagine how terrible the last moments were with your daughter. I'm sure you were the supporting father in those moments and the dedication you had for your children and wife is a great example for my relationship. I'm not religious but if there's a heaven I'm sure you have a great spot.

Rest in peace Kobe.

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Dear Kobe,

Thank you for everything you have done for this beautiful game. Thanks to you I fell in love with the game of basketball, which became a big passion in my life. You taught me about the Mamba mentality and I wish that I would've used it earlier in my life.

I will miss you always but I will make sure that the Mamba mentality lives on. And, of course, I will never stop yelling "Kobe" after letting that ball into the air!

Rest in peace Mamba!



First of all, I state that I am not going to write a letter directly to Kobe because I would not feel at ease. Instead I prefer to describe what Kobe Bryant represented and represents for me and for every athlete.

Kobe Bryant was not only one of the most decisive players in NBA history with titles and records, but an inspirational figure for the world of sports worldwide. I am an athlete who practices an individual sport and I know how difficult it is to ALWAYS be available to others and not just look at yourself, on and off the field / gym. In any team sport we have examples of athletes with enormous talent who by choice or not fail to transmit the same energy and determination (the mamba mentality) (however, they cannot be blamed) to never give up, to take the team on the shoulders and lead it to victory.

This is because by nature man tends to be selfish and, especially in high-level sports, one tends to see one's teammates as "rivals" for their place on the pitch. But no, Kobe Bryant was the best in the field, but he also helped to raise the general level of the team and this is a symptom of being a reference figure and inspiration.

The thing that struck me the most in documentaries and post-death speeches is that any player (Anthony Davis, James, Harden, etc.) describes him as the first person who helped them at the beginning of their career, especially in games with the American national team. Anyone who practices sports recognizes the added value of feeling welcomed and at ease when joining a group and starting a new experience!

Thanks for giving us an eternal example to follow, thank you, Kobe Bryant.

By an Italian fan, Stefano

Dear Bean,

You were the reason that I and many others have started playing the game and you was one of the most if not the most inspirational person in my life. You have taught me so many things about life and not giving up. My first game I've ever watched was when you had 81 against the Raptors and I was like "Man I wanna be like that guy". Then I started playing basketball in the 7th grade and I remember on my very first match I begged for my mom to buy me your sneakers so I could play like you.

To me you will always be here in my heart and you will always be the greatest to ever do it in the purple and gold.

We miss you Kobe...

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Dear Kobe!

We miss you every day and world is different without you! Luckily there are young talented basketball players that will inspire others as you inspired them. One of them is for sure Luka Dončić. We love him!

Rest in peace Legend!

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Dear Kobe!

You are a big inspiration to people all over world, as you are to me. You motivate me to be the best version of myself every day. You are missed and you left great legacy behind.

Rest in peace Legend.



Dear Kobe,

I hope you found your team in heaven and you are probably ballin right now with all the other legends. I'm sure you saw how LeBron James and Anthony Davies won the championship with the Lakers. I could imagine you being very proud of them.

Your mentality impressed not only basketball kinds all over the world but also everyone i could imagine and several children wanted to start playing basketball because of you. When i have the ball in my hands i always think about what you would have done in my situation.

Stay safe take care of your daughter and your family.

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Dear Kobe,

I am forever grateful for your sharing your talent to the whole world. I am a Lakers fan since the early 80s. I like Kareem, Magic, Worthy and Shaq, but you are my favourite Laker of all time. I think you are the greatest Laker.

You have been an inspiration to not only basketball players, athletes but also to ordinary people. Children who want to be successful basketball players, look up to you and your Mamba mentality. You will forever be in our hearts.

Rest in peace now Mamba.





Dear Kobe,

Ever since i was a little boy, i've only acknowledged YOU. Let me tell you how i came to love you so much. I've seen MJ play, i've seen A.I. play, i've seen Vinanity play, Dirk, KG, Shaq and so many more that came after. Yeah, i've watched NBA alot. In my high school, every time i had an opportunity i watched NBA highlights on a school computer. Sometimes in a library and sometimes in class called informatika. Back then we did not yet have smartphones, and couldn't really afford a computer at home. So i eagerly watched nba highlights anywhere i could. And one time i saw this youtube video, where it shown highlights of you with a background music of Tine Turner - Simply the Best. That is when i fell in love with YOU. I studied your moves, idolised you, wanted to play like you and noone would convince me that you are not THE BEST!

Everyone around me kept saying MJ this and MJ that, but even though i was an outcast with my opinion who the best was, i stood firm in opposing my friends, saying "no KOBE is THE BEST!!!"

To me, you were THE GOAT!

I have had countless debates, about who is better, but after some time people realised there was no changing my mind. My case was made. KOBE IS GOAT! And i always tried my best to prove it,with my play.

I became a diehard L.A.LAKERS fan because of you, and i have stayed a diehard lakers fan for 20 years you have played, and i still am to this day. I could go on and on, about your career and accomplishments, about the goat debate, about Shaq feud, about your offcourt stuff, about always wanting to see you play in person but never got the chance to, about the rings, blood, sweat, tears, work ethic, belief, your tragic passing and also passing of Gianna and everyone that passed aswell on that day, mamba mentality and so so so much more, but i will conclude it by thanking you! KOBE BEAN BRYANT, i am thankful to you beyond measure, you have helped me get thru some very hard times in my life and for that i am massively thankful. You have lit a fire in me, that has kept me going and going and going. Thanks to you i have learned to draw energy from haters. To be a better version of myself each and every day. To persist when others quit. To raise instead of falling. To never quit. To always keep going. To finish what i've started and so much more. But finally THANK YOU, for revealing to me, what MAMBA MENTALITY is. When i think of you, it always brings me positive thoughts and even though your passing has crushed me at first i always tell myself to look on the good instead of bad, keep going and focusing on living my life to the fullest and i know that is MAMBA MENTALITY.

THANK YOU KOBE,

GOD I MISS YOU,

MAMBA OUT,

BUT IN MY HEART,

YOU LIVE ON MY BROTHER! ♥♥😊😊

MAMBA FOR LIFE!!!!

Dear Kobe!

You were my favourite basketball player and I cheer for the Lakers because of you. Before you were gone, I couldn't imagine to feel such pain because of a man whom I didn't know personally. Whenever I play basketball I try to play with Mamba mentality and never give up.

I just want to play with the same mentality with which you did. Since you were gone I try to collect your stuff to remember you. I hope that you rest easy champ!

Wishing you all the best Gergo

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Dear Kobe,

how are you doing? Recently the company Grosbasket released some of your brand new shoes, which are in the colours of my home city. In need of new shoes, which would most definitely be from the Kobe line, I immediately looked into these ones. Turns out that they were doing a 10-question quiz about your life accomplishments and things that are related to you. I happily participated in the quiz, which to me had awoken all the known things about you.

Thank you for changing the game of basketball in a good way that inspires many others. Thank you for being you. Thank you, Kobe, for being the legend you are. You will forever live on in our hearts.

Kind regards, Miha D.



Dear Kobe,

Although I am not playing Basketball I am a Big Fan of you and What a huge impact you had on the Sport of Basketball. My boyfriend is also a huge fan of you and I want to make him happy with this Special pair from one of the greatest of all Time.

We just watched some documentary About you and it was a great experience to see what a single human being is able to do to make the world of Basketball better. I wish your family the best because they deserve it!

Hopefully the Lakers can make you proud the next couple of years but I am sure they will!

In Love Theresa

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Dear Kobe,

For me, you are on of the reasons why I started playing Basketball when I was 9 although I am Girl. Your legacy still continues Everywhere on the world and I can surely say that you cause change for what it means to have a winning mentality.

I hope the Lakers Squad makes you feel happy over there! I just bought the mamba Jersey which the Lakers wear in the finals and it is such a nice memory for one of the greatest of all Time! Vanessa will take care of your children and i am Sure That Gigi will make it to the WNBA someday!

Best regards Jana and Mamba Out! <3



MAMBACITA #2

LOS ANGELES LAKERS

Caro Kobe,

sto provando ad immaginare che tu sia veramente dall'altro lato a leggere questa lettera. Vedi il basket è il mio sport preferito, a dirla tutta l'unico che abbia veramente praticato e tu per me sei stato il suo massimo esponente, potrei dire il mio Jordan ma non sarebbe abbastanza perché significherebbe metterti dietro a lui. Tu in realtà sei il mio Bryant, non ci sono paragoni affettivi che possano reggere il confronto. Per di più eri molto legato all'Italia, il mio paese e sono sicuro che avresti fatto molto per la pallacanestro italiana (già in parte avevi iniziato). Il mio più grosso rimpianto è non essere potuto venire a Milano a vederti quando sei passato dalla nostra Italia ma mi dicevo: "prima o poi lo vedrò, anche da lontano ma riuscirò a vederlo tanto lui è legato all'Italia, sono sicuro che capiterà". Purtroppo sappiamo tutti com'è andata e questo basta a spiegare il famoso detto "carpe diem".

Sei stato un esempio di sport e di vita perché con la tua forza e determinazione e mille altre caratteristiche che si riassumono nella "mamba mentality" ci hai regalato un prezioso insegnamento: non esistono limiti per un uomo che crede in sé stesso e che ha la forza di lavorare duro ogni giorno per raggiungere i traguardi prefissati. Questo è vero sia quando si è all'apice della forma ma anche quando dopo aver costruito tanto bisogna ripartire da zero (come è stato per te dopo i tanti infortuni).

E alla fine se saremo capaci di tenere duro scopriremo con sorpresa che non solo raggiungeremo quei traguardi di cui parlavo prima ma saremo capaci di superarli e la gioia che ne deriverà per noi e per le nostre famiglie ripagherà tutti gli sforzi fatti. Si ho detto la parola "famiglia" e non l'ho detta per caso. Infatti se per noi eri un modello di sport e di vita, per qualcuno eri molto di più, eri un marito, un padre, un figlio, un fratello, un amico fraterno. E se per noi il dolore è stato immenso, non oso immaginare quanto sia stato per tutti loro. Ma se siamo qui oggi a parlare di mamba mentality significa che qualcosa ci hai lasciato, dunque non bisogna lasciar vincere la tristezza ma bisogna lavorare duro per trasformare la tristezza in gioia per sé e per chi ci circonda. La mia piccola gioia di oggi? Visto quanto è diventato difficile avere qualcosa di tuo, sarebbe poter avere un tuo ricordo da conservare gelosamente.

A presto amico mio e grazie di tutto.

Dear Kobe,

Thank you for showing me what hard work can get you. The relentless desire to be the very best at something and how there are so many ways of achieving those goals. I'm grateful that I was able to follow your journey thru the years and see how it drove you to be the very best version of yourself.

Thank you for showing me that every detail matters because it does. Thank you to introducing me to the beautiful game of basketball that I grew to love, I aspire to be as great as you are.

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Drága Kobe,

amit te tettél a kosárlabdázásért világszerte az megismételhetetlen. Sosem remegtél a hírnévért mégis az egyik hanem a legnagyobb ikonja lettél ennek sportnak...

Sok mindent írhatnék de szerintem ebben minden benne van: KÖSZÖNÖM!

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Dear Kobe,

You were one of the greatest to ever touch a basketball. You were more than just a basketball player, you were a great human being. You looked after others instead of yourself. You were all about taking care of your family. You were always two steps ahead of everybody and we're always prepared for whatever came to you. Everybody loved you and will be terribly missed.

I know you are watching over us.

MAMBA OUT.





Kobe je bil moj idol že odkar sem začel trenirati košarko. Na igrišču je bil nezaustavljiv, in zato ima 5 prstanov.

S svojo mentaliteto me je navduševal in me hkrati spodbujal. Ko sem izvedel da je umrl sem bil zelo žalosten, saj je umrla legenda. Vedno se ga bom spominjal kot enega izmed najboljših igralcev vseh časov.

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Dear Kobe,

First of all, I miss you, we miss you, I'm not a good writer but what I write is written with the heart. After MJ you have been my idol, the path that every kid would like to follow in his life, a real example, of sacrifice, results and dedication.

I had 6 pairs of your shoes, the best as the player who wore them, and now to have your shoe as a simple souvenir you have to participate in raffle or pay hundreds of euros, just to have your own material in my bedroom. In part you are Italian just like me, and as long as there are people who love you your name will not be forgotten.

Mamba we miss you, MAMBA I miss you .. with love Gabriele.

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Once in a trillion. That is what you are.

5 Nba championships is an unbelievable achievement. You always stuck with the lakers and tried your best to win another championship. Your loyalty is second to none.

Most players with your level of ability would trade teams to try and achieve success. however, you were loyal to your team and stuck with them through thick and thin.



Dragi Kobe,

Bil si mi velik vzor ne samo za košarko tudi za življenje. Pokazal si da lahko tudi s slabim prvim letom v NBA postanes legenda. Pokazal si mi da obstaja moč tudi ko si v največjih bolečinah.

Bil si izjemen košarkar in predvsem človek, res žalostno ker nemoremo biti priča vsemu kar bi lahko naredil v svojem življenju izven košarke. Umrl si na dan 26.01.2020 to je bil 1 dan pred mojim rojstnim dnevom, ki mi bo ostal v ne najboljšem spominu.

Počivaj v miru Mamba.

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Dear Kobe,

there is not a day that goes by when I don't think about you. It still doesn't feel real that you're not around. At the same time, your presence is more felt than never. I can't thank you enough for everything I have been able to learn from you and still am. You will forever be my hero, and I do hope I get to meet you one day.

Love always

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Kobe, you were a once in a lifetime individual.

I wasn't the biggest basketball fan growing up, but I always knew who you were. And I became a huge fan of you watching your amazing performances. The real game-changer was your 81 point game when I was bewildered. I then realised you are not a human, but you are a god like figure.

Rest in peace, you will never be forgotten.

You are an angel in a world full of devils. You always put yourself second for people in need. The world lost a piece of its heart when you passed away. You will never be forgotten. You are my hero and I will always look up to you for inspiration.

Prayers go out to all your family members. RIP

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From a true fan to a true great.

You are in my opinion the greatest basketball players of all time. And not just because of your immense basketball skills. You stuck with one team who always stuck with you. You showed loyalty in a disloyal world and that will never be forgotten. Your legacy will live forever and will never be forgotten.

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Dear Kobe,

I hope you can understand that I will write you in German since my English isn't the best at all.

Wo fange ich an danke dir für deine tolle Leistung die du immer gezeigt hast. Es war ein Genuss dir zu zusehen. Leider bist du zu früh von uns gegangen. Trotzdem wünsche ich dir da wo du jetzt bist nur das Beste und alle Kraft die du brauchst das gilt auch für deine Familie Liebe Grüße

\* Mamba forever Yannick



I remember the first time I saw you play. I thought you were sensational. Only 18 years old and the ability you had was out of this world. You were showing up NBA legends and guys bigger than you.

After watching that performance I realised greatness was achievable. If you work hard and put 100% effort every time, you will always be successful.

Thank you for your inspiration.

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A true great.

You had a remarkable basketball career and it will live forever. You set the benchmark for what a real legend should be. The world will always be broken without you. You were a shining light in a dark dark world. Your charity work, volunteering and helping others will never be forgotten. You have left a positive mark on the lives of millions of people.

May god be with you and rest in peace

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Dear Kobe,

It has been nearly 10 months since you left us, and I still can't believe you're gone. When I was a kid I didn't really like you, because I was a hardcore LeBron and D-Wade fan, but I have always respected your game. Even though I liked LeBron more, I wanted to play and compete like you. That is why I have a poster of you on my door, so that everytime I leave my room, you remind me to give it all I got, on and off the court.

Rest in heaven Black Mamba and I hope you are practicing, because I will kick your ass when I get there.





Kobe,

you gave us five rings; you showed us what means to love Dear Basketball with passion and obsession. You inspired by accepting any challenge as opportunity to rise, as you did by beating Boston second time around in finals. You thought us that it is not accomplished that matter, but it is how you inspire others to be best version of themselves every day.

You role modeled what it means to be a dad through allowing us to see pure love you had for your family. And the final ring, you exemplified what it means and what it takes to in Hall Of Fame, a Legend - "to become historic you must do historic things".

My son Kobe and I will cherish these 5 rings,

thank you Kobe.

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Dear Kobe...

2020 was a tough year, it's still going, but it'll end soon. A lot of things were going on that should not have happend, but we gotta stay positive. We lost you - a legend, an icon of basketball, an idol to younger and older generation.

But there is nothing we can do, you will always be in our hearts and will be remembered as the most dedicated player with mentality which was just unreal. But basketball is going to move on, with you watching us from the sky.

#mambaforever

Dear Kobe,

On the school court, there are countless boys who treat you as an idol, imitating your shooting posture and posture. When you retired that year, your photos boiled in the circle of friends and hot searches. After daybreak today, you will once again and will be the last time to ignite these "battlefields" with only tears left, because there will never be any dynamic news about you in the future. Still have to say goodbye, because we will meet again eventually.

miss you kobe , Mamba Forever

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Bidone della spazzatura nell'angolo 5 secondi da giocare.

Palla tra le mie mani. 5... 4... 3... 2... 1...

Ti amerò per sempre Kobe

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I can't think of an athlete who has had a bigger impact around the world than you. You have changed people lives by simply being who you are. watching you play is pure inspirtaion.

You give people hope with your never give up attitudde and kindness. I wish everyone in the world was like you than we would live in a better world. But that is not the reality. We only have one kobe, and it will always be like that. You will never be forgotten.

Love always. Black MAMBA \$ LYF



Dragi Kobe,

tvoji legendarni nastopi so se začeli že ob tvojem prvem koraku na košarkarsko igrišče. Z tvojim tretjim letom starosti si si začel ustvarjati svojo košarkarsko pot. Kot največji navdušenec si spremljal tekme Lakersov in z občudovanjem navijal zanje. Že po končani srednji šoli si bil na Draftu za NBA sprejet leta 1996 in takrat te je začel prepoznavati tudi celoten svet.

Brez strahu si stopil na igrišče in preigral nasprotnike, potem pa zaključil z legendarnim zabijanjem od zadaj. Leta 1996 - 1997 so te vključili tudi v ekipo All-Rookie team. Že v drugem letu toje profesionalne košarkarske poti si bil izbran v All-Stars team. Tri leta zapored si z ekipo Los Angeles Lakers dosegel NBA Championships, v vsej svoji karieri pa si imel kar 5 prstanov. Z O'nealom sta bila izjemen duo, ki sta bila znana po celem svetu. V letu 2006 si izdal svoj prvi model čevlja Air Zoom Kobe I.

Svojo igro si zmeraj nadgrajeval, vedno si bil korak pred ostalimi, nikoli nisi obupal, želel si premagovati najboljše in bil si izjemna oseba z velikim srcem. S svojimi potezami si navdušil tudi mlade nadobudneže, nekateri so košarko začeli igrati prav takrat ko so videli tebe. Tvojo elegantno igro, z hitrimi in eksplozivnimi prodori ter atraktivnimi zaključki.

Kobe s svojo osebnostjo je svet spoznal kaj vse se lahko doseže, če se hoče in kaj lahko pridobiš, če imaš željo po uspehu. "I don't want to be the next Michael Jordan, I only want to be Kobe Brayant."

Nina + Lena



Kobe was my very first jersey.

The highlights of number 8 drove me crazy, me who was just starting to play club basketball at the time. I was so proud to wear this jersey; I used it until the end. This Mamba Mentality particularly helped and carried me during my studies, where I had to fight to achieve my goals. In times of doubt, my poster gave me a boost in my small student room.

To compose this letter in the manner of yours is impossible, as your words were imbued with an unfailing love for this sport. Kobe is in me and will be forever. I will always remember the jersey removal ceremony. For me this celebration was the recognition of all this work, all this relentlessness that you may have had throughout your career under the colors of the Lakers.

We miss you so much. Love

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The great Mamba,

strong, focused and even paranoid are all taught to me by you! Heartache! For everyone, you are more than just a basketball player. you have become a symbol, an idol and a role model. Although most people may not know basketball or watch basketball, when it comes to Kobe, they may know more.

You gives us not only the power of an example, you always affect us, this is an excellent player, an excellent idol. Today we come to remember the quotations that you once said, which is extremely powerful.

Lovely Gianna, there is a father playing basketball with you in the heaven...

Dear Kobe:

Quizás empiece por el final, pero quiero que sepas que te estaré eternamente agradecido y espero que nuestros espíritus se encuentren. Siempre tuviste la manía de ser especial en todos y cada uno de los avatares que esta dura vida te presento delante. Desde tu arrogancia casi de mal gusto en tus comienzos a tu eterna sonrisa de tus finales.

Desde Shaq hasta Pau, desde Paul (Pierce) hasta Cris (Childs).. todos te encumbraron, enmudecieron unos te adoraban y otros te mal dijeron Las veces que me pusiste al borde de la incredulidad, los ojos vidriosos contra Dallas, contra Toronto,... contra todos. En fin, hasta ese maldito domingo, ese día 26 que nos dejaste. Imposible dar crédito, pero así fue. Que Dios te guarde y junto a Gigi, harás que allá donde estés sea un lugar mejor.

Te quiero

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Hi Kobe

you are the reason for me playing basketball. you wew my fav basketball player i have your jersey and to continue my collection it would be great of i could have shoes to. i hope you are seeing me from sky. i started crying when i heard you died it really shocked me.

thank you for everything you done. xou are the reason that la lakers are my favorite team im sad because you couldn't see your team winning chamoionship





Dragi Kobe.

Že od malih nog sem bil navdušen na košarko in v otroštvu sem ves čas poslušal Jordan je najboljši igralec na svetu. Ampak, ko je nastopil čas, da tudi sam spoznam NBA ligo, si največ moje pozornosti v ligi dobil prav ti - no, in Vince Carter. :)

Vsekakor si eden najboljših vseh časov in zame eden izmed tistih, ki si me navdušil za igranje in treniranje košarke. Za vedno bom imel v glavi tvoje nore poteze in vse koše v odločilnih trenutkih. In vedno se bom trudil biti predan temu kar počnem z vsem svojim telesom, srcem in dušo..tako kot si to storil ti..v vseh svojih letih življenja.

Odšel si prekmalu. Počivaj v miru...

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Thank you Kobe for showing me that no matter how tough it gets you can't give up. You made me realise that hard work pays off .My favourite move is fadeaway

I think it's the most beautiful and efficient move in basketball if you know how to do it and Kobe did it the best along with MJ.Thank you Kobe for your greatness truly your biggest fan .

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Dear Kobe Bryant. We miss you alot and we will never forget you because legends live in our hearts forever.

Mamba 4ever!



Dear Kobe,

First of all I hope you doing well up there! I'm still unbelievably sad because you not here anymore and that all of us don't get the chance to benefit more of your greatness of a basketball player and mentor, but mostly because of the greatness of your person. However, I'll keep pushing myself everyday to improve and to get better. Either at basketball or just being a good person.

Finally, I just wanted to thank you again for all the great memories you gave to all of us. Also thank you, that you inspired my whole generation and probably many generations to come. I hope we can make you proud down here!

Best wishes

Viktor

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Dear Hero,

I hope you realise how much impact you had to this world, and to me. The amazing matches i stayed up for to just look at you playing on the field. Your pressmoments made me get goosebumps, your voice made me get goosebumps, and your tragically death made me get goosebumps. The say the best go first, and you, sad enough, made that word true. I hope you're good up there, and may we meet one day up in heaven.

Kobe: I love you and you made this world a better place.

Dear Kobe,

It's really hard to talk about you because your death hit me really hard. I still can't believe that you died in a helicopter accident. You were a big inspiration for many people all around the world. But for me you're like a hero everything about you was perfect and I wished I could be like you every day. You were and will still be my favorite player on court's off court your personality was an inspiration to me in your mentality was always motivation to continue and keep fighting.

Sadly you stopped playing basketball when I just started but I still took an example from you your mentality when you're in the zone you are unstoppable hit every basket. I just really wish you were still here with us.

Rest in peace Black Mamba and Gigi

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One of my childhood idols. A true warrior that never gave up.

You showed the world that failure is never an option. The fear that you put into opponents with that Mamba look in your eyes was sick!!

Definitely one of the greatest NBA players ever!! 8 and 24 forever!

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Dear Kobe,

Thank you for encouraging all of us to strive for greatness. Thank you for reminding us that hard work always brings accomplishments. Thank you for giving us great moments and thank you for bringing 5 titles to LA.

You'll always be remembered because the Black Mamba will never be forgotten.



Dear Kobe,

I have been a fan of basketball as far back as I can remember. I grew up watching Sunset Park, White Men Can't Jump, Above the Rim, Space Jam, And I Mixtape, and Pistol: The Birth of a Legend. I spent most of my free time at a park down the street from my house ballin' with the other neighborhood kids trying to stay out of trouble.

At the park, everyone was a Jordan fan. Jordan is Jordan, and everybody loves MJ, which is why I didn't want to be an MJ fan. He's the G.O.A.T but I never liked following the crowd. What drew me to you was that you too didn't like following the crowd either.

That's why you will be always in our hearts.

RIP Kobe

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Dear Kobe,

I still remember when you came to the game as a young player I had your poster hanging next to my bed next to MJ. You gave me power and hope to go hard on the field. I used to skip school just to play ball and copy your moves and practice the fade away! You will always be in our hearts forever!

Mamba for life! RIP 😞

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Kobe Bryant od kad si otisao, svijet se promjenio. Sve je krenulo nizbrdo od kako si otisao ali uvijek kad pomislim na tebe mi je bolji dan.

Ti si velika inspiracija ljudima diljem svijeta i zauvijek ćemo te pamtiti.

BlackMamba zauvijek u našem srcu!



Dear Kobe,

you were the player we loved to hate just because you were so great. It wasn't easy watching you dominate some of my favourite players but deep down in my heart I knew I was watching someone special. A person that comes around once in a generation and leaves his impact on the whole world.

You became so much more than a basketball player in the eyes of many, including my own. You were a role model for everyone looking to make it in this life through hard work and dedication. I know you wouldn't want us to keep our heads down and wallow in sadness because that's not the Mamba way.

We will keep fighting. That's a promise. You will be forever missed.

Yours truly, a real fan of the game

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Dear Kobe Bryant,

jij en Gigi waren een grote inspiratie voor ons. Bedankt voor alle mooie momenten die je ons hebt mogen geven, de vijf keer dat je kampioen bent geworden met de Lakers, de oscar die je hebt gewonnen, de basketbal coach, de beste wereldwijde ambassadeur, de liefste familieman voor Gianna, Natalie, Bianka, en Capri en de liefdevolle man voor Vanessa. Jij bent onze held.

Rust zacht Black Mamba.



Dear Kobe,

as a big fan of MJ, I enjoyed your "battles" and rivalry. And was happy when I saw that he has a real successor in you. You left an incredible mark in The Game. But in our lives also. I am also a father of three daughters, and am sad when I know how much you and Gianna miss them now, and how much they miss you. But your legacy and legend live on, and will never be forgotten.

Forever Mamba! Boris out!

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I still find it hard to believe what happened, I have a void inside that I believe will never go away, there is no explanation for what happened, it is something that must be accepted and enough without asking questions. you will always remain in my heart.

A big kiss to you and Gianna

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Dear Kobe,

I loved the way that you played at the lakers. The energy and vibes you gave off on the field where amazing. I hope your having a great time up there. Still shooting balls into the ring as always. You were the best.

Lots of love, Jasper Watson



For Kobe Bryant,

Valószínű, hogy soha nem fogod ezt látni .. nem vagyok egy fanatikus kosárlabda néző azonban a te játékaidat volt szerencsém, nem látni, édesapámmal a TV-ben és elképesztő élmény volt mindig. Amikor hallottam a borzalmas hírt és ráadásul az egyik kislányod is veled volt ... hihetetlen és nem mindennapi tragédia...egy döbbenet lett úrrá rajtam,rengeteg fiatalnak szolgáltál példaképként akire felnézhettek.

Sok ember érzett emiatt fizikai fájdalommá manifesztálódott lelki fájdalmat a halálod miatt, hiába éltél sajnos ilyen rövid ideig ,egy legenda vagy és a nevedet soha nem fogjuk elfelejteni,ahogy a kislányodét sem. Remélem békében nyugszol és segíted a családot és mindenkit akit tudsz onnan fentről

R.I.P    Nyugodj békében,Legenda.

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Dear Kobe!

You were one of the reasons i started playing basketball. Back then i didnt admire you as much as I do now. I really love to analyze your game footage and especially your footwork.

I would have liked to see more of you now but i hope you rest well in paradise and hoop everyday with Gigi.



Hi Kobe,

auch wenn es komisch ist dir erst jetzt zu schreiben, tue ich es trotzdem. Klar der erste Gedanken mark sein, dass ich Schuhe gewinne aber auch um mich bei den vielen tollen Erinnerungen zu bedanken. So viele Jahr habe ich dein Talent und deine Ausstrahlung bewundert wie so viele auf dieser Welt.

Und leider bist du viel zu früh gegangen, aber so wird es wohl jeden von uns mal gehen. Was ist sagen will ist das du für so viele Menschen ein Vorbild warst und auch immer noch bist, mich eingeschlossen. Egal wo du jetzt deine Körbe wirst ich hoffe es geht dir gut und du bist glücklich. Hau rein und bleib so wie du bist.

Alles gute von deinem Fan Nico :)

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Dear Kobe,

One of the best players off all time. You stopped playing, but your games will never be forgotten. The nba will never be the same without you.. We will never see you on the field again, but we will never forgot the GOAT.

Ecen if you are gone, we will always have a little Mamba with us.

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Dear Kobe

Even though you're not with us anymore. Your memory lives on. Through the game. Through our hearts. Through our mentality.

We miss you.

From  
Branden

Kobe je bil moj vzornik že od mlajših let.

Bil je inspiracija vsem mladim in starejšim. Njegova igra je bila na drugem nivoju. Zelo me je potrl trenutek ko sem izvedel, da je umrl. Saj nisem mogel vrjeti, da je taksna legenda umrla.

Ampak kot je sam kobe govoril "heroes come and go, but legends stay for ever".

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Dear Black Mamba,

Thank you for being a inspiration and an icon for me. I have wachted you since i began basketballing in 2005. Every play and your pesonalitie was great. Sorry to lose your "black mamba" you can never be replaces ICON!!

BYE TOM

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Dragi Kobe...

odkar sem zacela kosarko si bil ti moj vzornik, vedno sem hotela biti kot ti. Tvoja ljubezen do kosarke me je navdusevala, nihce ni bil kot ti. Dan ko si umrl, je bil eden izmed najhujših dni v mojem zivljenju. Vse kar si zelim je da se vrnes nazaj, da nam spet pokazzes kaj pomeni ko nekaj ljubis.

Hvala ti za vse kar si nam dal, za vedno ti bom hvalezna.

Tvoja Asja.



**LAKERS**

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Dear Kobe,

you weren't just some person, you were a superhero. Injuries didn't affect you like the rest of us mere mortals. You ruptured your Achilles and still knocked down the two free throws. You dislocated your finger, had it popped back into place on the sideline and finished the game. You tore your labrum and chose to just shoot left-handed. You were immortal. Or so we all thought.

It was with those stories in mind that I sat at my desk, stunned and staring at my computer Sunday morning. If anyone could walk away from a helicopter crash unscathed, it was Kobe. But as the wait grew longer and longer, the realization that my desperate dream was turning into a dark reality set in. That his daughter Gianna, the heir apparent to his Black Mamba throne, was on-board with him quickly turned it all into the worst of nightmares.

Thank you Kobe for everything.

David B.

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I remember losing you like it was yesterday.

The way my whole world stood still and I couldn't breathe. I couldn't feel. My whole body was numb. My heart was numb. I couldn't process losing you. Watching the awful news was unbelievable.

Your legacy will go in forever, this years championship ship is a little comforting





A special man in a not so special world. You gave hope to millions of people around the world to be a better individual. One day your legacy will be truly honoured. Your basketball skills were very special. I personally rank you as my favorite player of all time.

Thank you for all the memories.

BLACK MAMBA FOR LIFE!

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Dear Black Mamba,

Thank you for being a inspiration and an icon for me. I have watched you since i began basketballing in 2005. Every play and your personalitie was great. Sorry to lose your "black mamba" you can never be replaces ICON!!

BYE TOM

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Dear Kobe,

I miss you very much You have teach me not only in basketball, but also in the attitude of doing everything "Mamba mentality" I will pass this mentality to the next generation so that it can never stop Appreciate for your contribution to this world.

Thank you

Izgubili smo jednog od najvećih svih vremena, no on će i dalje nastaviti inspirirati ne samo košarkaše nego sve sportaše diljem svijeta. Njegov način igre i razmišljanja promijenio je stil košarke.

Nema osobe koja ne uzvikne "Kobe" kada šutira na koš ili u koš i nema te lopte koja ne uče. Iza sebe je ostavio veliki "legacy".

Postao je institucija jednog grada kao što je Los Angeles.

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You were graceful in defeat and humble in success. That is the mark of a truly great individual.

You inspired millions around the world to be a better person and never give up.

You showed what hard work can achieve in life. And never giving up can result in a remarkable career.

A true legend and inspiration.

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RIP Kobe,

Hope you are resting well.

Wish i could've had the opportunity to watch you in real life :( RIP KING



Dear Kobe,

my idol, my hero!

Thank you, Kobe. For all those nights where I sat in front of a flickering television, finding excitement and wonder from the craft you dedicated your life to. In your high flying highlights I found respite from a world that can be oh so cruel.

Thank you, Kobe. For making post moves and footwork cool again. For taking the fadeaway jumper and perfecting it down to a science. For making every time I throw a piece of paper into a trashcan into the greatest show on earth. "KOBE!"

Thank you, Kobe. For being human + frustrated at times + disappointing people + lifting them up when you think you cannot take anymore or go on any longer. For being imperfect, and having flaws that I could relate to. For being brave + stubborn + arrogant at times but always striving to be the best.

Thank you, Kobe. For showing us that an 18 year old kid could grow old with the game. For never backing down. Not from Michael, not from Shaq, not from LeBron, not from any challenge or obstacle that you faced.

Thank you, Kobe. For letting me get so lost in the story, the pain, the beauty, the suffering, and the triumphs. For playing chess while everyone else was playing checkers. For hitting game winner after game winner after game winner.

Thank you, Kobe. For letting us glimpse your maniacal drive. For willing the Lakers to the finish line. For teaching us the heart of perseverance of a true warrior. For making me laugh, and cry and feel that feeling in my stomach whenever you were in down but never out.

Thank you, Kobe. For playing through all your injuries. For playing with a broken finger, playing on one leg, shooting those free throws without the tendon that even a Greek god needs intact. For pushing further and further, and digging deeper and deeper, when it seemed like there was no where else to go.

Thank you, Kobe. For making me believe in magic. For showing us that an 81 point game, is more than something you can just do in a video game. For making 40 point scoring outbursts look routine, not just once or twice, but for weeks and months at a time. For outscoring teams on your own. For leaving it all out on the court.

Thank you, Kobe. For bringing the nation back to its golden roots. For making us believe in dreams again. For sacrificing your body on defense and setting an example. For making every other player question why they weren't working as hard as you.

Thank you, Kobe. For showing us the beauty in the pain of this thing. For bringing us to the promised land five times. For showing us, that sometimes you fall, sometimes you don't win and that is okay because you might lose the battle, but you will win the war.

Thank you, Kobe. For being all mine, and everyone else's who tuned in night after night to watch you leave your mark on the game of basketball. For being our childhood hero. For making it look so easy, when no one saw the countless hours you put in before you stepped on the stage. For working until your heroes became your peers, and the legends made you one of them.

Thank you, Kobe. For squeezing every ounce of potential from your body. For showing us that we are never out of it. For making us believe that no matter what, you could hit the game winner, make your classic Mamba face, and save the day.

Thank you, Kobe. For showing me that heroes come and go, but legends are forever.

Thank you for simply being there. For simply being you, imperfections and all. There will never be another Kobe "Bean" Bryant.

Really miss you 4 years from the games, and since 26.01.2020 from our life. 😞😞  
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"What can i say?! Mamba Out.

