

Veronica Roth

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The truth is... you are hurting me. Not on purpose, I know that. But I love you and every second that you don't love me back...it hurts.

~Veronica Roth

Maybe there's more we all could have done, but we just have to let the guilt remind us to do better next time.

~Veronica Roth

Sometimes, the best way to help someone is just to be near them.

~Veronica Roth

It reminds me why I chose Dauntless in the first place: not because they are perfect, but because they are alive. Because they are free.

~Veronica Roth

I'm not Dauntless - I'm Divergent. I am whatever I choose to be.

~Veronica Roth

Change, like healing, takes time.

~Veronica Roth

Are you asking me to undress, Tris?' A nervous laugh gurgles from my throat. 'Only ... partially

~Veronica Roth

I pout my lower lip for a second, but then I grin as the pieces come together in my mind. "THAT'S why you like me!" I exclaim. "Because you're not very nice either! It makes so much more sense now.

~Veronica Roth

I'm Divergent. And I can't be controlled.

~Veronica Roth

Some things are hard to let go of.

~Veronica Roth

"What did you do?" I scream. "You die, I die too."

~Veronica Roth

Why is your heart racing Tris?

~Veronica Roth

You know, most boys would enjoy being trapped in close quarters with a girl." I roll my eyes. "Not claustrophobic people, Tris.

~Veronica Roth

Four: Be brave Tris. The first time is always the hardest.

~Veronica Roth

You're too important to just... die.

~Veronica Roth

Your daughter is doing well here. I've been overseeing her training." Since when does "overseeing" include throwing knives at me and scolding me at every opportunity?

~Veronica Roth

I'm going to stop a revolution," I say. I turn right, and Peter follows me.

~Veronica Roth

In 'Insurgent' we realise how large the world really is

~Veronica Roth

What makes you different, makes you dangerous.

~Veronica Roth

Sometimes crying or laughing are the only options left, and laughing feels better right now.

~Veronica Roth

...there is power in self-sacrifice.

~Veronica Roth

I feel like someone breathed new air into my lungs. I am not Abnegation. I am not Dauntless. I am Divergent.

~Veronica Roth

We believe in ordinary acts of bravery, in the courage that drives one person to stand up for another.

~Veronica Roth

I will be my undoing If I become my obsession.

~Veronica Roth

Do remember, though, that sometimes the people you oppress become mightier than you would like.

~Veronica Roth

I have a theory that selflessness and bravery aren't all that different.

~Veronica Roth

Fear doesn't shut you down; it wakes you up

~Veronica Roth

There are so many ways to be brave in this world. Sometimes it involves giving up everything you have ever known, or everyone you have ever loved for the sake of something greater.

~Veronica Roth

Grief is not as heavy as guilt, but it takes more away from you.

~Veronica Roth

Pride is what killed Al, and it is the flaw in every Dauntless heart. It is in mine.

~Veronica Roth

I only came for Cake" -Tobias Eaton, Divergent

~Veronica Roth

Who cares about pretty? I'm going for noticeable.

~Veronica Roth

My name is Four,â€• I say. â€œCall me â€˜Stiff' again and you and I will have a problem.

~Veronica Roth

Becoming fearless isn't the point. That's impossible. It's learning how to control your fear, and how to be free from it.

~Veronica Roth

Arrogance is one of the flaws in the Erudite heart -- I know. It is often in mine.

~Veronica Roth

Hearing him talk about his mother, about his intact family, makes my chest hurt for a second, like someone pierced it with a needle.

~Veronica Roth

Shh,â€• I say. â€œArms around me.â€• Obediently, he slips both arms around my waist. I smile at the wall. I am not enjoying this. I am not, not even a little bit, no.

~Veronica Roth

Maybe it's a little depressing to think that my vision of a perfect world is actually so messed up, but I think it means that I don't really understand what 'perfect' is.

~Veronica Roth

I keep finding myself stifled by the company of others and then crippled by loneliness when I leave them. I am terrified and I don't even know of what, because I have lost everything already.

~Veronica Roth

I am better off doing as abnegation taught me: turning away from myself, projecting always outward, and hoping that in whatever is next, I will be better than I am now.

~Veronica Roth

Then I realize what it is. It's him. Something about him makes me feel like I am about to fall. Or turn to liquid. Or burst into flames.

~Veronica Roth

Did you ever meet someone named Caleb?" I say. 'Caleb,' Fernando says. "Yes, there was a Caleb in my initiate class. Brilliant, but he was... what's the colloquial term for it? A suck-up." he smirks.

~Veronica Roth

I confessed to Tobias, soon after that, that I had lost my entire family. And he assured me that he was my family now. -Tris Prior

~Veronica Roth

What is wrong with you?' I shake my head. 'Pull it together.' And that's what it feels like: pulling the different parts of me up and in like a shoelace. I feel suffocated, but at least I feel strong.

~Veronica Roth

It's strange how a word, a phrase, a sentence, can feel like a blow to the head.

~Veronica Roth

If I let a little of the emotion out, all of it will come out, and it will never end.

~Veronica Roth

I traded cowardice for cruelty; I traded weakness for ferocity.

~Veronica Roth

Looking away is submissive. Looking [..] in the eye is a challenge.

~Veronica Roth

No selfishness or insecurity kept him from seeing the full extent of her goodness, as it so often does with the rest of us. That kind of love may only be possible in Abnegation. I do not know.

~Veronica Roth

Suicide to them is an act of selfishness. Someone who is truly selfless does not think of himself often enough to desire death.

~Veronica Roth

Sometimes I just... want to see it again. Want to see you awake.

~Veronica Roth

To me, when someone wrongs you, you both share the burden of that wrongdoingâ€”the pain of it weighs on both of you. Forgiveness, then, means choosing to bear the full weight all by yourself.

~Veronica Roth

It reminds me that no embrace will ever feel the same again, because no one will ever be like her again, because she's gone. She's gone, and crying feels so useless, so stupid, but it's all I can do.

~Veronica Roth

Like a wild animal, the truth is too powerful to remain caged.

~Veronica Roth

I have to face the fear. I have to take control of the situation and find a way to make it less frightening.

~Veronica Roth

A Dauntless Ferris wheel wouldn't have cars. You would just hang on tight with your hands, and good luck to you.

~Veronica Roth

The truth has a way of changing people's plans.

~Veronica Roth

But I will find new habits, new thoughts, new rules. I will become something else.

~Veronica Roth

Politeness is deception in pretty packaging.

~Veronica Roth

There is power in controlling something that can do so much damage - in controlling something, period.

~Veronica Roth

Sorry, am I being rude?" she asks. "I'm used to saying whatever is on my mind. Mom used to say that politeness is deception in pretty packaging

~Veronica Roth

My mother told me once that we can't survive alone, but even if we could, we wouldn't want to. Without a faction we have no purpose and no reason to live.

~Veronica Roth

I wonder if fears ever really go away, or if they just lose their power over us.

~Veronica Roth

I feel like myself, strong and weak at once - allowed, at least for a little while, to be both.

~Veronica Roth

Resisting is worth doing.

~Veronica Roth

I laugh, and it's laughter, not light, that casts out the darkness building within me, that reminds me I am still alive, even in this strange place where everything I've ever known is coming apart.

~Veronica Roth

Valuing knowledge above all else results in a lust for power, and that leads men into dark and empty places.

~Veronica Roth

Dauntless: being brave in the midst of fear.

~Veronica Roth

You don't believe things because they make your life better, you believe them because they're true.

~Veronica Roth

I know that change is difficult, and comes slowly, and that it is the work of many days strung together in a long line until the origin of them is forgotten.

~Veronica Roth

A chasm reminds us that there is a fine line between bravery and idiocy.

~Veronica Roth

You're not a coward just because you don't want to hurt people.

~Veronica Roth

I choose him over and over again, and he chooses me.

~Veronica Roth

Don't worry about me handling the pain," I say. "I've had a lot of practice.

~Veronica Roth

Trust me when I tell you, Eaton boy, that resisting is worth doing.

~Veronica Roth

Grabbing hold of facts in the midst of shock is very Erudite of him.

~Veronica Roth

I do know who you are. I just needed to be reminded.

~Veronica Roth

People tend to overestimate my character," I say quietly. "They think that because I'm small, or a girl, or a Stiff, I can't possibly be cruel. But they're wrong.

~Veronica Roth

I don't see any elderly people in the crowd. Are there any old Dauntless? Do they not last that long, or are they just sent away when they can't jump off moving trains anymore?

~Veronica Roth

You chose us. Now we have to choose you.

~Veronica Roth

We believe that preparation eradicates cowardice, which we define as the failure to act in the midst of fear.

~Veronica Roth

Since I was young, I have always known this: Life damages us, every one. We can't escape that damage. But now, I am also learning this: We can be mended. We mend each other.

~Veronica Roth

I belong to the people I love, and they belong to me--they, and the love and loyalty I give them, form my identity far more than any word or group ever could.

~Veronica Roth

Our eyes meet. I hear a train horn, so faint it could be wind whistling through an alleyway. But I know it when I hear it. It sounds like the Dauntless, calling me to them.

~Veronica Roth

And I'm the kind of person who does not let inconsequential things like boys and near death experiences stop her.

~Veronica Roth

What did you do, memorize a map of the city for fun?• says Christina. •Yes,• says Will, looking puzzled. •Didn't you?

~Veronica Roth

Learning how to think in the midst of fear is a lesson that everyone needs to learn.

~Veronica Roth

I think you're still the only person sharp enough to sharpen someone like me.

~Veronica Roth

Cruelty does not make a person dishonest, the same way bravery does

not make a person kind.

~Veronica Roth

I was born for Abegnation. I was planning on leaving Dauntless, and becoming factionless. But then I met 'her', and...I felt like maybe I could make something more of my decision.

~Veronica Roth

I smirk as Peter misses again. I can't help myself. "Hey, Peter," I say, "Remember what a target is?"

~Veronica Roth

He is not sweet or gentle or particularly kind. But he is smart and brave, and even though he saved me, he treated me like I was strong. That is all I need to know.

~Veronica Roth

I'm not anyone,â€• he says. â€œI'm nobody. That's what being factionless is.

~Veronica Roth

No. Because it's so stupid no Dauntless with any sense would speak it, let alone think it. Pansycake. What are you, twelve?" "And a half," he says.

~Veronica Roth

Fine," he says. "Then I love you.

~Veronica Roth

Maybe I was afraid to trust him with something so personal as my devotion.

~Veronica Roth

She has been to the compound before. She remembered this hallway.

She knows about the initiation process. My mother was Dauntless.

~Veronica Roth

Pride blinds people to the truth of what they are.

~Veronica Roth

That our world is so massive that it is completely out of our control, that we cannot possibly be as large as we feel.

~Veronica Roth

I ignore my fear. When I make decisions, I pretend it doesn't exist.

~Veronica Roth

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