

Leaf Letters

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Dear girl,

Hi. I'm a new leaf on the maple tree in your backyard. Just a couple of days ago, I was cramped inside a pod with my brothers and sisters. Then we all just popped out. It was really cool! Since you were the first person I saw, I thought I would introduce myself. Can we be friends?

Leaf

Dear girl,

This is a really nice place to live! I especially like all the bright, colorful flowers on the side of the yard. Tell your mom thanks for me. Our family really doesn't "do" flowers that much. I wished we did! Sometimes I get tired of all the green! Oh, by the way, I saw you chase your ball into your mom's flowers this morning. You did step on a few. But don't worry, I won't tell.

Leaf

Dear girl,

The backyard barbeque this afternoon was loads of fun. I liked the way your dad and his friends brought the grill from the porch and put it right under me. And what a fabulous smell! Eating like that must be an amazing experience. I continue to be fed through my viens. Very boring! Sometimes it's simply too sweet for my taste.

Leaf

Dear girl,

What happened yesterday? You were really upset at your parents! I'm glad you came out and sat in my shade for a while. I think I helped you change your mind a little. Actually, I'm pretty good now at changing things. I can take the sun's harsh light and help turn it into something useful.

Ever heard of maple syrup?

Leaf

Hey girl,

Have you noticed my new outfit? I finally changed clothes like you do! Yeah, no more green! I was getting really tired of looking like everybody else. So now I'm mainly yellow, but with some red on my left side, but not too much.

Anyway, I really love my new look. Everybody else seems to like it as well.

They're always staring in my direction.

I finally feel unique!

Leaf

Hey girlfriend,

Nobody was around to see it, but something incredible happened early this morning – I was able to disconnect myself from the tree and float to the ground. No I'm not kidding. It was such an amazing ride! And just when I was wishing I could do it again, you came outside and threw me and some friends high up in the air. Thanks for being such a great friend.

Leaf

Dear best friend,

So this is where you live! I've never seen anything like it! Your mom came by the other day. She carefully chose me from the ground and took me inside. I

really didn't like the view from down there anyway. Now I'm here on the table beside the big orange pumpkin. I guess I'm part of your family now!

Your sister,

Leaf

Dear big sis,

This is really embarrassing. I don't know how to stop it, but I feel myself turning brown and beginning to shrivel up. I'm also very thirsty and losing the energy I once had. I don't know if I'll be able to write any more letters.

Are we still friends?

Leaf

Dear best friend ever,

This looks like it will be my last letter. I'm pretty cracked up now and back outside. You wouldn't recognize me at all if you saw me. Yesterday your mom put me in a pile with lots of my old friends. It seems we've all turned brown now, so I don't feel so bad. Brown is actually a nice color too. Your mom laid us on some coffee grounds and onion peels. They are just a couple of the weird smells that are in here. I'm not sure how it all works, but I think something good will come of it. Friends forever?

Afraid, but still changing.

Leaf