

"Dear LA Lakers' Fans, I am one of the fans that sniffed Kobe's sleeve on TV during the Lakers vs Jazz game.

I wanted all of you ,my fellow fans, to hear my story. I have been a Lakers' fan since I was 4 years old when my parents immigrated from Mongolia to Utah.

Kobe Bryant and Shaq were jaw dropping to watch as a young kid growing up in a foreign country and not even knowing what basketball was. Kobe is the reason I love the game and watch and play whenever I can. On Monday March 28th 2016, I had the honor of watching Kobe's last game in Utah.

Earlier when I had bought the tickets the guy I bought them from told me to point at my wrist or elbow and players would usually throw their sleeves or arm bands. Never in a million years would I imagine that Kobe would throw me his sleeve.

It was during the waning moments of the game and Kobe had just checked out. My friend next to me yelled at Kobe and asked him for his shoes but Kobe said he had to keep the them. After this I yelled out "Kobe" and pointed at my elbow asking for Kobe's shooting sleeve.

Kobe took off his sleeve and threw it and unfortunately the sleeve was light so it fell short of me. I recognize that what I did next did not look very good on the internet and that I should of asked the guy in front of me for the sleeve.

I apologize to all my fellow Lakers' fans for giving us a bad image. And us Lakers' fans, usually get judged unfairly even those of us who are die hard fans during these tough rebuilding years and stuck with our team post 3-peat.

I wanted to issue a public apology to Lakers' fans every for giving us a bad reputation, and I also wanted to share my side of the story with everyone. I am 20 years old now but I felt like that four year old watching Kobe for the first time again when he threw me that sleeve. Thanks Kobe Bryant for fulfilling a childhood dream of mine and thanks for 20 beautiful years of basketball."