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To: DJ Doran <dj@seafaring.com>
RE: Ahhhh

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You can call me now. LOL!

I'm fine right this moment!!!

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From: DJ Doran [mailto:dj@seafaring.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 5:18 PM
To: Kimberly Paternoster
Subject: Re: Ahhhh

Hi!

Let me know when its ok to call you... we have some work related things to discuss but nothing urgent... I want to respect your space and privacy.

Best regards,

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On Feb 6, 2012, at 5:16 PM, Kimberly Paternoster wrote:

Hey there,

I guess this is going to be up and down like this for a while. I'm so impatient with myself, it's not even funny. I'm feeling better right now. I know once I get into my new place a lot will be easier to deal with. Wish you guys were up here – you know how I love to cook, and I would cook for you in the new place. I hope you manage to make it back up here someday.

I went to see my counselor today, and that was good for me. He said I was doing great. I had told him that last week the anger had gotten me through all of this, but he said that I had talked only about love from my friends and that he thought it was the love that got me through. Probably the anger kept me from calling Chris.

The Super Bowl party was great. There is a group of 4 people there that I've known since I was 24 years old, and those are the people that came immediately to my side when I needed it. I have pulled in TJ and Meghan into this group, as well as Lisa and Chuck. Melissa came too, and she was said if I ever thought about going back to Austin that I shouldn't – that this group was amazing. You know, I guess all this time I kind of took it in stride that we were friends, but when I needed them, they are all there. As I was sitting there just surrounded by these people, I was touched by the fact that I was living in my own version of The Big Chill. I realized that 20 years from now, we'll still be doing this kind of thing together. And then I thought of my friends in Austin, and I have a similar group of people there that love and support me.

I guess I'll be up and down for a while here, but I do know finally I'm moving in a positive direction. After going through the calculations of what I'm saving, my plans, etc... there is no way I could stay with Chris anymore. The benefits of moving on far outweigh the benefits of being with him. I also know the only way I'm going to ever be at peace with myself, and happy with myself is not with Chris.

I recommended to Chris that since the landlords are okay with us breaking the lease now, or at least letting me move out, that it might be a good time for him to move out too. I explained that this place is an expensive burden, and I've had to make a lot of money and stretch things to support this place. He asked me why I would want to live here, and I said that wasn't what I was saying... I was saying he couldn't afford it on his salary. I think he's going to stay stagnant here and not deal with it. Chris tends to be lazy – he found a woman who took care of everything for him so he didn't have to. This is when he started saying I didn't have to move out btw.

Anyway, I'll get through this. I've started looking for work with everyone too, so I know work will pick up soon. I am thankful I've had the time to

deal with these things – I can't imagine having a 9-to-5 job and dealing with a divorce. I don't know how people do it.

Thanks for being patient and being my friend. You and Joe both have done a lot for me already, just being you.

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