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Update

Hi DJ,

As I know you are aware, Chris and I concluded our relationship today. Things are still very much in the air as to what I'm going to do moving forward. He is very intent on staying in this townhouse – odd, since I've been paying the rent all of these months (this place is not cheap), but I told him that I understood it was important to him, so I would do what I could to change the lease to his name as well as move all the utilities into his name too. I don't want to leave here, and with all the business he has in Redondo, I had hoped he would consider moving down there. He says this is his home, and the one things I do know is that he's not a flexible person. I have to save myself, so I will figure it all out.

I am okay and relieved. I am sad, but I am okay. I am not proud of some of the things I've done or said in the past to him, but I do know I'm not the unreasonable and crazy person he's painted in his head about me. As you have said in the past, nobody is blameless in a relationship. Sadly, I will be at fault in his mind for this one too, just like all the previous girlfriends he has had. I am blessed with good friends that love me and a family that also loves and supports me. All these people have come out in droves to be there for me through all of this, including Lisa, who so recently I unintentionally hurt. She's a wonderful woman.

This has been a long time coming. I knew years ago this relationship wasn't good for me. I hung in through the verbal and emotional abuse, probably from some leftover crap from my childhood but also because I saw all the wonderful things about Chris I love, so I tolerated a lot of it. He's a good man with a disturbed heart. But then, I had experience with a disturbed heart, so I believed in him and thought he could change and grow. Ultimately, he did change a lot of things. However, he's not capable of loving me like I want to be loved, and he doesn't seem to love or forgive himself. I finally understand that and accept it. The imbalance of our relationship has caused me a lot of stress and struggle for many years, and I have not acted as well as I should have. I should have stopped it the first time he was verbally abusive to me, but I let it slide. I know better now. Chalk one up to another learning experience. My red flag indicator is on high alert.

I know Chris is concerned I am going to tarnish his name. I still love him, and probably will always have some love for him. However, I am concerned about myself at this point, and while he has said things that have hurt me deeply for so many years, I keep these things close to me. I worked hard to help him get where he is, and I have no interest in ruining his life. I want us both to be okay and move on, and I wish him no ill will – I wish him all the success. I hope he is able to move on without the immense stress he has had and the pressure he's put on himself. It will kill him if he keeps it up.

Finally, as hard as these last few weeks have been for me, I thank you for severing our partnership. It forced me to look at myself, and forced me to start exploring things I had been avoiding. While I'm not happy about that either, I've finally accepted that too, and I'm moving on. Not easy, but I'm going to be okay.

I have hopes now that those daydreams I had about finding someone who cared for my feelings and was interested in what I had to say can come to fruition. I have been alone in this relationship for a long time, and it's been difficult. I turned into a person I didn't like – it was me trying to say "this is not okay for me", and every time I spoke up it caused a fight. I know I'm a kind hearted person, and I know I give (way too much sometimes to the wrong people)... someday I know I will find someone that will appreciate me. I wish I had time to tell you everything, but it's not worth rehashing. It's over now, and it's time to move forward.

As for business stuff, I would very much like to work with you to build the subscription application. That has not changed – business is business. Also, I have spent a lot of time thinking about your offer to double the debt for stock. While I would very much like to do that, I need the cash. I am very much struggling financially right now, and moving forward is going to cost me some money also. I need to talk with you about how that can be relieved.

I would appreciate it if you can take some time on Wednesday to talk with me about the business and financial stuff.

Thanks for your friendship and support.

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