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Call 1:

Hi Meghan and Melisa my friend who's twenty-five, he has been making me feel uncomfortable with what he talks about with me over text and just over the phone. I'm twenty-two and we've been friends for about 2 1/2 years. We went on a study abroad trip together pre-COVID and our host families lived close to each other. So we spent a lot of time together walking to class and the campus, riding the bus and we got really really close to each other because our study abroad group only had like 17 people and so he would like walk me home late cuz I was kind of in a sketchy area. So he'd walk me home late at night and I make sure I got home safe from the bars anyway. We hung out a little bit after we got back to the abroad trip, like during the summer of 2018 until he moved away to go to school across the country. I have always seen our friendship as only friends and I see him kind of like a brother though. I sometimes get this feeling that he may have a crush on me cuz he will blatantly call me babe over text or over the phone and like kind of flirt with me and always swipe up on my Snapchat things and like leave me comments and stuff but I always brush it off and just say hahaha cuz again, I see him like a brother lately. He's begun talking about sexual things with me and eluding to the fact that he may want to like do things with me, over text. The idea of that makes me really uncomfortable out again, and I think of him as a brother he started mentioning like sex and anal in our text conversation one night and I straight-up told him I wasn't comfortable talking about that and I didn't want to talk about it with him. I told him I don't want to talk about that with you. And I blatantly told him to stop and then he followed up by saying sorry if I made you uncomfortable. I thought it would be like a one-time thing and he would move on but the other day he sent me a tiktok. It was a tik tok that talked about like doms and subs and butt plugs and it was basically just things again didn't want to talk about with him. I ignore the video and I didn't respond. But I don't feel unsafe or threatened by him. I just need help figuring out a way to make sure he understands that I don't like discussing sexual things with him before he makes it a habit. We don't talk everyday, but the last two times I have talked to him. It's been along these lines. I've also asked a mutual friend of ours who has the same relationship with him. At least. I think we're both just like kind of friends with them I asked her if he called her babe over text, and she said no, so again, I'm just kind of uncomfortable, and I don't know if I should distance myself or anything any of us would be helpful. I love the podcast. Hope you guys are doing well, and saying safe. Anyway, hope you can help me. Thanks guys bye!

Call 2:

Hi, I don't want to run out of time so I'm just going to get right into it. I'm 19 and my pronouns are she/her. so I used to have a very toxic friend in middle school we went to different high schools so it was really easy to naturally drift apart we don't talk anymore but we still follow each other on Instagram and every once in a while she'll always comment or DM me saying how much she loves me and how she will always love me and how she's so proud of me for getting in University. I didn't mind the messages that first because we aren't friends anymore but I can tell that she wants to be nice and keep in touch. Fast forward to today we didn't talk for over a year and she recently DM'd me with a video where she said an inside joke that happened in 6th grade and I'm going into 3rd year university now. It's been almost a decade where we haven't seen each other and I feel like she is still clinging to our friendship in the past and along with the video she messaged me saying that she's proud of me. I don't know why because I didn't achieve anything recently but I've been on a social media break so I was logged off Instagram for a while and when I logged back in it I saw that she DM'd me again telling me to watch a video because she saw that I didn't open her DM yet I hearted her messages and just replied "LOL" because I didn't want to be mean but I always make sure I message her in a way that won't spark a conversation if that makes sense like I said she will only message me every once in awhile but everytime she does I just get more annoyed. I never told her that I didn't want to be friends anymore because I thought we would naturally drift apart and we did but I didn't think that she would still message me. For context I don't like being confrontational unless I have to and we live in the same general area so if I were to bump into her I feel like it'd be so much less awkward knowing that we just drifted apart rather than me straight up telling her I

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didn't want to be friends. That video was the last straw and I decided to unfollow her and I also made her unfollow me but I'm scared because she knows where I live and I don't think she's going to do anything extreme, she's still a reasonable person despite being extremely toxic but I just don't want to provoke anything or have her DM me asking me why I unfollowed her. I don't know why but I feel scared for some reason. I don't even do anything to make her think we are still friends I don't like her photos or comment or message she's always in my commenting or DMing me first every once in awhile and she just can't take a hint so like I said I unfollowed her and made her and follow me so I'm just waiting to see what happens but I still want to know what you guys think. thanks!

Call 3:

Hey Meghan and Melisa I'm 24 I use she/her pronouns and I am a Leo. I'm basically calling today cuz I feel like I'm not steady enough in my life to seriously date anyone if that makes sense. I've kind of been in the situation for a few years now and it's making me feel lonely. I had a boyfriend from 16 to 21 who was great but it ended after it ran its course I took some time after that just for myself which was awesome and I definitely recommend anyone to do that after a breakup if they can but then once I was ready to get back into dating I was graduating University and I was set on moving elsewhere in the country if not internationally. So this made me resistant to start anything serious because I was leaving and I didn't feel like I had enough time to build a serious relationship so I just didn't really know what to do. I met a guy I really liked during that time and we both wanted to be serious but we avoided making it serious so we pretended it was casual and it's really messy definitely wouldn't recommend anyone do that so I had a bad experience with that and then I moved away and COVID happened and I since come back after I came back I started dating a new guy who I honestly like way more than I expected to I just going to find him on dating apps that I was bored we met 8 months ago and have been exclusive for about 7 so I'm now in a situation where I'm deciding what I want to do when I finish grad school in a couple of months with the main options being continuing with a PhD in person at the school I'm virtually attending which is halfway across the country or working somewhere maybe here I'm not sure. The guy I'm currently seeing is really supportive and sweet but he's kind of been in my shoes before which makes it hard. He kind of feels like he's holding back from getting too attached to me because he is scared that I might be leaving. I've talked to a therapist about it so I kind of just want general advice. I feel like I shouldn't date anyone and I should be alone to avoid hurting myself or them. I'm always candid with anyone I date about the fact that I might leave but it still sucks I basically just feel lost because it's like I can't have feelings for anyone because it's inevitable that it will end because of me and it just seems impossible to expect for someone to want exactly what I do and I'm not really sure if I can compromise my professional or personal goals in a way that is settled enough to date anyone seriously. If you guys have any advice I'd really appreciate it thanks!

Call 4:

Okay, Hi Meghan and Melisa. I'm twenty-two and I'm starting to date women for the first time. I realized over the pandemic I was gay and once I was vaccinated. I wanted to date with this girl from Bumble who was 22 or 21 things felt like we were going really well clicked and it was the most comfortable I've ever felt on a date, it really is like completely different from any of my experiences with men and it felt like so validating and we had like such a good time like it was amazing and since then we've gone on to other dates they were really fun. They were very gay and again, like on these dates it felt like we clicked everything just felt really easy. I wasn't like anxious, I didn't have like a pit in my stomach like I had with men and it was just fun and I felt like we were really connecting and at the end of the third date we even said, you know, like I really like you, I really like you whatever but in between the dates, it seems like she's really distant. She doesn't really feel like like it doesn't seem she is really interested in talking that much texting whatever and I know she's going to an internship in New York this summer. She really hasn't indicated whether or not she's interested in keeping in touch. We've only been talking for like three weeks

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now, but it is just like you leave in a three weeks. So I just I'm kind of not sure where things are going from here. We don't get to see each other again before we leave and I'm really disappointed about that but I understand she's had a lot of friends that she wants to see and spend time with before the summer. So I'm trying to you know, not to be too bothered by it and part of me just feels like maybe this is just a fling before she left for the summer. But at the same time she hinted at going to this Art Exhibit together in October. Let me just - I'm very confused. I'd like to know your perspective, like is this something or am I making it to be bigger in my head? And I guess like how do I know when somebody's actually into me with what? Yeah, like I don't understand how to figure it out cuz I feel like I'm getting mixed messages here and I just don't understand and I guess I've also should I just appreciate the time that I had with this girl and be done and move on? Okay, I guess that's it. Also, I'm a Capricorn and she's an Aries. Love you all bye.

Don't Blame Them:

Hi Meghan and Melisa I was calling in actually for a Don't Blame Them, from season 7 episode 26, your most recent episode, the girl who's getting married, congratulations by the way, but has the pervy uncle and the bitchy aunt, or whatever. So yeah I just had some advice to offer about that, I actually just got married a couple of months ago in April after my whole family and my now husband were fully vaccinated. So my aunts and uncles actually did not attend my wedding, but neither did my dad, but that's another story for another day if you ever wanna hear about that. But I do have some aunts and uncles that are pretty shitty people all around, just the decisions they made. I didn't really want them at my wedding either, so I totally get how she feels. And I can relate! So my dad and my mom, they're divorced, but they both helped financially with the wedding, and one thing I do have to say if that just because they're helping financially does not mean that they should get to make decisions for your wedding, and the way that I went about that is that I had a very point-blank conversation with my parents, like are you helping out of the kindness out of your heart or are you helping with the expectation that you're going to be making decisions, because if it's the expectation that you're going to be making decisions, thanks but no thanks. I would like to plan my wedding how I want to, so definitely go ahead and clear the air there. I think though as far as how to go about the situation, I think if your mom is on your side and you feel comfortable approaching your dad with her, definitely use that to your advantage. I think it's nice to have someone in your corner and it helps you feel validated and you feel like you're not crazy for wanting them there. Cause I felt the same way. But I think Meghan and Melisa were absolutely right, when I got married I was not paying attention to anybody, even though my own dad and aunts and uncles weren't there, I literally didn't give a fuck, I wasn't paying attention to that, you are so wrapped up in marrying the love of your life and enjoyin that day and dancing and drinking and eating, that you're not worried about them. So I think you need to evaluate how much it would actually bother you, because from hindsight is always 2020, and looking back, I wouldn't have cared, like I didn't care that there were people there on my husband's side that I didn't care to be there, and my own aunts and uncles and my dad didn't show and at the end of the day I still had the best time.