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Call 1:

Hey Meghan, Melisa, big fan. So I just wanted to get your guys's advice on what I should do about asking somebody their pronouns in a workplace setting. The person I work with just got hired. They're more feminine-looking, but they're - they have a masculine name. So I don't know if they want to go by she/her, they/them and I don't know if it's appropriate to ask in like a corporate setting - just like background, I was raised very conservative and I'm really trying very hard to have more just accepting viewpoints in general. So this is the first time I've ever had to come across a situation where I needed to ask somebody their pronouns. I just want to know what like the proper way of going about that would be, do I just straight up asked. Hey, what's your pronouns or is that like not cool in a corporate setting? That's it. Thanks guys.

Call 2:

Hi Meghan and Melisa, so I am 19 years old from the UK, I'm currently in my second year of university, and for a bit of background I'm a Pisces as if very obvious in my dilemma, I'm quite emotional. When I started university back in September of 2019 I met this guy who is four years older than me and he was in his final year. We went on a few dates and got along very well but he said very early on that he didn't want anything serious and basically wanted exclusive friends with benefits which is understandable as he's graduating that year and didn't want any kind of ties. But this really freaked me out as I've never been in a relationship, never dated anyone before, or had sex. I just said I need a bit of time to think and to know if that is what I wanted, but what followed was months and months and months back and forth on and off, a lot of tears and mainly me being overdramatic. I never did sleep with him as I knew it would make the situation more complicated but we did spend a lot of time with each other and stayed at each other's quite a bit but he never pressured me and always made me feel safe and comfortable. Anyway with COVID and everything, uni got cut short and I ended up going home in March time for lockdown but we never spoke or messaged after that because things fizzled out in February and flash forward to December 2020, and he graduated and has a job and is living about 20 minutes from my stepfamily who I visit and go and stay with regularly. He messaged me to see if I would be around over Christmas but we never met up because of COVID restrictions and I was spending time with my family, but we did end up messaging for quite a few weeks which brought a lot of old feelings for me and I realize that I really did have feelings for him and never got over him over all this time. We had a very long phone call the other night and which I just word vomited to him about how I felt, we just really assessed the situation and came to the conclusion that we both still want very different things but that if we did change our minds we're always there. Now I still can't stop thinking about it even though we kind of got closure and all that. I don't know whether to risk going for casual and see if that would help or if it would make things worse, just try moving on. But he's still on my mind and I can't - I don't know what to do about it. So any advice or insight would be great, thank you!

Call 3:

Hi guys, I'll get right into it. I'm 23 I'm a Libra and graduated in 2019 and I work full time from home. My boyfriend does too. We have been living together and he's honestly the best person I've ever met and I love him to pieces. My issue is that I was in an extremely toxic relationship from the start of high school to the end of uni. When I finally broke up with him after 6 years because he treated me like I was his mother and would not allow me to do things or have friends and he considered me imperfect because I wasn't a virgin when he met me and of course over the course of six and a half years actually I felt miserable and I would cry so often because of all the shit that he was putting me through. Fast forward to when we broke up, I met my current boyfriend, got together with him two months later, quarantine started unfortunately. After a few months of being super consumed by love and amazement of how truly good love can be, we settled down a bit and I started having time to think and think as you do in quarantine [inaudible] for a year and I slowly started crying again but this time it wasn't so often and I can never tell why I'm actually crying. It's not like I have a specific reason or anything. He wants me to tell him when I feel like I want to

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cry so he can comfort me and he usually does actually or better yet he talks to me and makes me laugh and I don't even cry anymore but it still happens sometimes and every time he's so worried and concerned and of course he is, I would be too if he were the one crying in my arms and to break my heart to beat and I'm beginning to become afraid of telling him anymore and would rather do it alone in the bedroom for a bit to avoid concerning him because I feel completely fine after. I have started therapy today. I wanted to get your guys's opinion on whether or not I should keep telling him or not. I love him so much and it hurts me to see him worried about this over and over again every single time I feel like I have to cry again, even though every single time after I finished I feel completely fine. Thank you guys and hope you're having an as easy as can be quarantine.

Call 4:

Hey Don't Blame Me podcast. I guess I'll just get right into it. There's this girl that I like and she just got out of a nine month relationship. And I know you guys might rip me to shreds because I'm so young, and obviously you shouldn't date somebody that just got out of a relationship because it never ends well, cause there's baggage from that relationship and it's never really good to get back into a relationship like super quick. But I like this girl, we worked together for like a year at the same workplace. And she's also one of the reasons I left because it ended badly but we have so many things in common and I really like her and we go to the same gym and we work out together. And so yeah, I don't really know what to do. But also to preface this, I've never really had a girlfriend before and it's not like I've never tried or anything. It's just I've never done anything like sexually or anything in that respect and so I'm a little nervous if like - cause we hang out often, but if we hang out and like it gets down to it. I've never like done anything. Like the first time I like cuddled with a girl was like four months ago, and I'm eighteen years old. So I just want to have an interesting perspective and if you could have Leo Howard on the podcast again, that would be awesome. He's one of my favorite people and I know he's one of your favorite people Meghan, but anybody's input would be amazing and it would just brighten my day just to know that like, I know even if you guys rip me to shreds on it or it's like good helpful advice. I guess more details would be that, yeah, she did get out of a nine month relationship and it ended badly, but we kind of patched things up. And yeah, so that's pretty much it so far. I guess I'm just going to wait it out and just hear your guys's responses. So, thank you.

Call 5:

Hi Meghan and special guests. I am twenty years old and I'm calling for relationship advice. So I currently have been living with my boyfriend. We were together for a couple months about like a year ago, and then, it was long distance at the time and I was so needing to move home from college which I already knew I was going to move home. I moved home a couple of months later. We tried being together again because really the only reason we broke up was because of distance and we got back together and then a few months later I started staying with him at his apartment. So I currently still live with him. Everything was really good and then for about the past month, he started to become really distant and just way less physically affectionate like there would be days where we wouldn't even kiss and that just really bothered me. Like I would go to bed at night and notice like, oh we didn't kiss or we weren't affectionate at all. And I don't want that to sound needy but I mean like no physical affection. So there'd be times that we'd like go to bed and I'd be like, oh like we didn't even kiss today or like whatever and he would just kind of like laugh and act like he didn't care which would hurt my feelings to have kind of just like go to sleep and let it go or sometimes I would bring it up. Well one time when I brought it up, this was like probably like two three weeks ago now. It was right around our seven months. We've been together for a little less than eight months now when we got back together, he told me that he didn't feel like he was in love with me and he feels like when we've been together for about seven months, he should feel like he's in love with me. We've never said I love you, by the way. He said that he should feel like - he thinks he should feel like he's in love with me, but he doesn't feel that way. And then he also told me he's been thinking about a job

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offer he got last year and turned down because it's 2 1/2 hours away. So he'd be hours away from family because no one lives in that area and we would have to figure out if I would go with him or not and I really would not want to go out there. But I also feel that if I didn't we would break up. So I'm not necessarily looking for advice on the job offer because he hasn't even looked for places to live out there like it's not like he's taking the job, but I just kind of want advice on how to go about this. It's been a couple of weeks. The past week has been good, but I just still feel uneasy about the things that he said, so just let me know your thoughts.