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#### Call 1:

Hey Meghan and Melisa, I'm 27 and two weeks ago I had to leave California to go back to my home country Germany. I didn't want to leave but my visa expired and I had to go. I'm still very jet lagged and depressed and anxious. I have no idea what to do next in life and this isn't really about me. My best friend in California is also not doing great, we just FaceTimed. So he lost his mom to cancer about three years ago. Right before she passed he started dating his now ex-boyfriend. They were on and off until right before the pandemic and my friend called it guits, this time for sure. They had a toxic, manipulative, and unhealthy relationship, like some real big shit happened. Police were involved at some point, they had multiple actual fist fights, they strangled each other. Unfortunately those relationships are the hardest to get over. His ex also had a dog who helped him get over his depression and who was there for him after his mom died. He loves the dog so much and would do anything to get her back. When we were just talking today he mentioned that he was thinking about reaching out to his ex again. I got upset and I tried to reason with him but he talked about how he's in a better place now and he knows what he's doing basically boiling down to him only wanting to fuck with him again to play with his feelings. I told him that I don't think that's a great idea and he shouldn't try and seek revenge. That's not cool and as much as I don't like his ex, he would be playing with everyone's feelings. Also since his mom died and a little before he put on some weight and he still can't really expect accept himself or that he's absolutely gorgeous and incredibly intelligent and talented he keeps saying the gay community has different when it comes to dating though, which I understand I am a bisexual femme-presenting big woman it's not easy out there for queer people especially for bigger queer people. He has such a big heart though and he doesn't realize his own self-worth. I feel so bad for not being able to be there for him and I know it's out of my hands I literally can't do anything when I told him that I will love him no matter what but I also told him that I don't think it's a great idea to reach out to his ex because he wants to get the dog, like basically stealing him. I don't know how to make it clear to him that he will potentially regret that decision. When we ended our call today I could tell that he was hurt, he was crying, I know he misses me and I miss him. It's also his mom's birthday today after tomorrow so he's probably just spiraling but he could hurt himself and I would hate that for him. I'm not a hundred percent sure what kind of advice I'm asking for but I had to talk to someone also he's a Cancer and I'm a Pisces if that helps in any way. Thank you, stay healthy and wear a mask votel blue but you know you two are but you know for your audience. Okay thanks, bye!

#### Call 2:

Hey Meghan and Melisa. I'm calling for some sex or lack thereof advice. I'm nineteen and my boyfriend is 21 and we've been dating for about a year and half. I love him very much and everything is going swimmingly except for this one bump we've hit - for context, we were/are each other's first everything first kiss, first relationship with all that jazz. He grew up in a really Christian home and being grown has ditched a lot of that patriarchal dogma and now has a much more fluid view of religion and I couldn't be dating him if he hadn't done that, but one thing he does hold on to that I do not is abstinence before marriage. And when I say abstinence before marriage though, I mean the kind where like foreplay and blowjobs and that kind of stuff is okay, but like we can't have pants off at the same time and this is the issue. For the past few months since we started guarantining together, we've been doing a lot more sex-related things which is fun. Don't get me wrong, but can also be pretty frustrating for me. He's getting a lot more pleasure than I am because frankly it's a lot easier to give a quick blowjob and it's a lot easier to give a mediocre to good blowjob. He's tried to finger me and eat me out a couple of times, but they were all really uncomfortable and felt cold and weird and just like not really good and that's nothing to do with me not being attracted to him. It's just really hard for me to stay in the mood and not feel pressure when we're still like fully clothed except my pants. And I know that this is the end-all-be-all for right now. He feels bad that I'm not having as good a time as he is and we've talked about it before but it always kind of ends in this weird little circle of I feel like I'm pressuring him into going against that moral and having sex and then he feels bad for not being able to offer me something that I want which makes me

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feel bad that he feels like it's his fault. I don't know, obviously, I'd like to be having sex and it's not fun to always be the one having to finish on their own but I would never want him to do anything with me that he'd regret. So any advice on this would be greatly appreciated. Love you guys and this podcast and this community so much. Yeah. Thanks.

#### Call 3:

Hey Megan and guest I just sent in a different voice mail, but this one would probably make more sense cuz I wasn't like my brain wasn't working. So I'm going to explain this as the best I can so I just got engaged and next year I'm going to get married and one of my best friends or ex best friends I guess is also getting married next year and we're both in each other's wedding. Okay, so I bet you're wondering like why ex-best friend, huh? Okay. So this girl and I were really close for only a year. Like it was only a year. We got super super close and did pretty much everything together, were inseparable like everyone knew we were best friends. No, we both like went to the same church. Whatever. Just keep in mind. We're all super Christian. Okay. So one day we had this thing at church and she decides to go up to my fiance's sister and tell her that she was made to hate her by me and all this crazy stuff that she just wanted to be best friends with her and then it started this huge blowup between me and my fiance's sister and the whole church. I pretty much had a falling out with everyone. But the thing is she didn't like the sister, me and the sister had a couple problems, we weren't the closest people. I didn't always agree with what she said. So I would go to her to I guess rant and just kind of - cause she understood where I was coming from. So I go to her and pretty much confidence and tell her how I felt and she would tell me how she felt when she was not friends with her. So It just put a really weird relationship and I we talked about it, me and my ex-best friend and I was like, hey, this is a little weird. Like, why'd you do that? And there was really no real answers. She said she was manipulated into doing it. Anyways the moral of the story, I'm just deciding I don't want her in my wedding because I don't want this type of energy in it, and I kind of figure out how to go about that and that's what I want y'all's advice for it. So, yeah. Thank you so much. Ya'll have a great day.

#### Call 4:

Hi, Meghan and Melissa. I'm nineteen years old and I'm currently at college right now living on my own and I can I just say I was really excited to for - not excited for this to happen. But this is my podcast moment, and I'm so excited for it to be able to ask you guys for advice finally. And so I am living away from home and I still had belongings at home. Like I still have a whole full bedroom at my house back in back where my parents live and my younger brother lives there. He's thirteen and I have some stuff that was hidden away from things like sex toys and also some like THC CBD stuff. And my thirteen-year-old brother found them and he's asking me to buy him, like he's asking me to buy him all these things now and so I just, I don't know what to do cuz I'm obviously not going to buy him the things that he wants just cuz it's like nicotine and I'm not going to like I can't get my myself by him can't buy nicotine for myself, let alone buy it for a 13 year old. That's so wrong and I would never do that. I need advice on what to do. I just need help and any help is going to be grateful because I I feel like I'm on an episode of Punk'd right now, and I I just have no clue what to do. Thank you guys, bye-bye.

#### Don't Blame Them:

Hi, I'm calling for a Don't Blame Them. By the way, Hi Meghan and Melisa. This is in regards to literally everybody who's been making calls and seemingly ignoring the pandemic. I wanted to just address a couple of things. I found out recently that a friend of mine who I had not been seeing is possibly COVID positive. She doesn't want to get tested. She's just going to isolate but she has been going out and was exposed to COVID and she told me that and she saw her parents the very next day apparently, after she had been exposed so she's freaking out about that. I recently saw Tik Tok of a young twenty-year-old woman who had lost her baby during her fight with COVID. So this isn't a joke guys, literally a

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twenty-year-old lost her baby due to COVID, it can happen to you. It can happen to my friend, it can happen to that woman, it can happen to you and you don't know who you're going to infect you. You might have to go to the grocery store. You might run into front-line workers who are going to get it from you and they might be out of jobs for a while. So please just take that into consideration. All right. Love you guys bye.