



ASK DEANNA!
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Real Advice*

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I want to respond to the advice you gave Shannon in Omaha, NE. You advised her to tell her friend about her cheating fiancé. I feel you should've told her to mind her business. If the groom is cheating then they need to handle that when they cross that bridge after getting married. As a matter of fact, you should've kept your comments to yourself and not answered that letter.

Missy
Milwaukee, WI

Dear Missy:

You're stuck on stupid and not worth two cents in Chinese money. Women like you are the ones that cause infidelity, increased divorce rates, and a mistress getting her butt kicked by a wife. If there's a strong friendship and a woman knows that her friend's husband, boyfriend or fiancé is cheating then she needs to tell it. Obviously, you're the lowdown other woman that can't get her own man and, therefore, support and accept sloppy seconds.

Dear Deanna!

After being married for 10 years, I love my wife, but I think I'm in love with someone else. I'm ready to file for divorce because I want to be with the other woman. My wife and I don't have any children, and I would be willing to split our assets in order to be happy. How do I make sure the love is gone with my wife?

David
Memphis, TN

Dear David:

Check on your love through prayer to seek forgiveness for your adultery and violation of wedding vows. You're confused and sound selfish because things may not be going your way in the marriage. The other woman has no place in this decision, and you need to make her disappear. Seek professional marriage counseling so your wife's story can be heard and a decision made together about your future.

Dear Deanna!

I graduated from high school last year and went straight to college. My boyfriend goes to a college in another state and is putting pressure on me to drop out. He claims he wants me with him everyday. I like him a lot; it's not that serious. I'm not interested in being his maid or struggling financially because he doesn't have a job.

Anonymous
Las Vegas, NV

Dear Anonymous:

It's a bad sign when an unemployed man wants a woman to stop her education to come and play house. You're young and it's not like this is the man that'll be your future husband. Your answer should be no and you should be offended at his request. Do yourself a favor by hitting the books harder and taking a break from the boyfriend. In time, he'll continue to reveal his character, and you'll be better off in the long run.

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Jailed Lil' Kim casts self as victim

NEW YORK (AP) — Lil' Kim rose to fame as a tough, raunchy gangsta girl, the Queen Bee of female rappers with rhymes that cast her as a powerful figure — a female Don in the male-dominated world of rap.

Now, as her latest album is released while she is behind bars, the diminutive diva has added a new element to her persona — victim.

In Kim's eyes, she's been preyed on by an overzealous government trying to punish hip-hop and jealous former friends who ratted her out in the courtroom.

"There's no reason why I should be going to jail. There's no reason why. There's no reason. I didn't shoot anyone, I didn't do anything wrong the way they would say," she told The Associated Press in her waning days of freedom.

"It's not as bad as it could have been, but do I think it was fair? No."

Kim reported to a federal detention center in Philadelphia on Monday to serve 366 days for lying to a grand jury investigating a 2001 shootout involving members of her entourage and a clique loyal to her archenemy, rapper Foxy Brown.



LIL' KIM

On her new album, ironically titled "The Naked Truth," Kim casts herself as a scapegoat of a government bent on cracking down on gangsta rap through investigations and prosecutions.

In recent years, the "government against hip-hop" theme has become a rap mantra, as reports of police surveillance of rappers have surfaced and prominent rap figures have gone to jail or been indicted for various crimes.

"Unfortunately, me as a woman, I had to take one for the team, and when I say for the team I say hip-hop, because I was the poster child for the federal government, for their investigations," she said, curled up on a couch in a posh Manhattan hotel suite, enjoying one of the last com-

forts of celebrity life before heading to prison.

Lil' Kim, born Kimberly Jones, rose to fame more than a decade ago as a member of Junior M.A.F.I.A., an over-sexed female sidekick in the rap clique created by her close acquaintance and mentor, the Notorious B.I.G.

The 4-foot-11 rapper stood out with her flamboyant, Mae West-like personality and B.I.G.-written rhymes.

After Biggie's death, Kim continued to shine, serving up platinum albums while morphing into a glamorous, outrageously clad style icon, through the miracles of high fashion and extensive plastic surgery.

But things fell apart for Kim after she was indicted for perjury for refusing to acknowledge the obvious presence of two friends at a shootout outside New York's top rap radio station.

She was convicted in March. Though several high-profile rappers have been sent to prison after attaining fame, Kim is the first prominent female to do time — a fact not lost on her.

"There were so many more criminal cases in the industry that aren't paid attention to, but yet I'm on trial

for allegedly lying to the government ...I'm going to jail for a year. Does that make sense to you? You've got people who get convicted for gun charges that don't do a day," she said bitterly.

It's a rare flash of anger from a woman who offers no tears, confessionals or regrets about her situation.

During her trial, she wore a stone face to the courtroom, and displayed no emotion before cameras tracking her every move.

"I think that whole situation was emotional. But that's who I am. I handle it in my own way in my personal time," she said.

"Basically, how I handled that whole thing is I kept God first. That was the main thing that helped me get through the whole thing and helped me to be able to walk into the public with my head held up high."

Recording "The Naked Truth" was another way of handling the stress of her conviction.

"My record company (Atlantic Records) was like, 'We're going to give you a week,' Kim recalled. "I was like, 'What? I want to go into the studio tomorrow.' That's my passion, and that was the (See Lil' Kim, Page 9)

Rapper Foxy Brown faces assault charges

NEW YORK (AP) - Foxy Brown, who is facing legal problems in an alleged fight with two Manhattan nail salon workers, says she'll take a break from performing to have surgery for a hearing defect.

Prosecutors allege that Brown, with a cell phone clutched in her closed fist, attacked and kicked one worker in an argument over payment for a manicure. She hit a second worker in the face, authorities said.

The 26-year-old rapper is

charged with misdemeanor assault, attempted assault and harassment. She appeared Thursday in Manhattan Criminal Court, where Judge Martin Murphy set a Dec. 5 trial date.

She refused to discuss the cause of her hearing problems, but said an operation is planned soon. Brown said she will make her last public appearance Sunday before having the surgery.

The rapper, who talked about her hearing difficulty after her court appearance,

obviously strained to hear questions.

Brown has rejected at least two misdemeanor plea deals that would have let her avoid jail time for the alleged Aug. 29, 2004, assault.

"I'm innocent," she said Thursday. "I feel like I'm being railroaded."

Her lawyer, Joseph

Tacopina, said he's confident that Brown will be acquitted if the case goes to trial.

"I hope and pray that it isn't because of her celebrity that this case isn't being resolved," Tacopina said. He said actors Christian Slater and Robert Iler "came out of here with breaks. I hope it's not because she's a rapper."

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