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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend is very overbearing and condescending. He always has something to say about everything and seems as if he waits to pounce on me when I make a mistake. I am becoming stressed because I have to concentrate on everything that I do and everything that I say. The only time things are good is when he's not around or watching television. I want to talk to him about this problem but I feel it will cause problems. Is it me or is he just rude?

Anonymous
Dallas, TX

Dear Anonymous:

Your boyfriend is a rude, insecure bully. If he has your best interests at heart, he wouldn't talk to you like a dog. The next time he tries to call you out, you need to stand up for yourself and let him know where you're coming from. If you haven't slipped, made a mistake or done anything to deserve his lip service, let him have it full force. You then need to let him know that you will not tolerate anymore disrespect and if he continues, then walk and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I have a few girlfriends, and they all have small kids. I don't mind their kids and I love them. However, I have a problem when it comes to our car arrangements. I just purchased a new car and it isn't child friendly. I cringe when I hear them pull the seatbelts out for the car seat. Each time I go with one of my friends, I have to go to the car wash because of fingerprints, trash and garbage from the kids. How do I tell my friends I don't want their kids in my car?

Joyce
Tampa, FL

Dear Joyce:

Your situation is sensitive but not as uncommon as you think. You have to decide if you're going to choose friends without kids or be mature and handle this like an adult. All you have to do is tell your friends that you prefer they drive because you're uncomfortable with the situation. It's going to be almost offensive, but you have the right to care for your vehicle however you choose. On another note, it's not that serious and you can clean your car and get over it.

Dear Deanna!

I am fresh out of a long term relationship, and I really enjoy my single life and freedom. My girlfriends all envy me, and now their boyfriends are accusing them of cheating and looking for men when they hang out with me. I am not going to water down my lifestyle right now, and my friends are having a hard time with this. They say that I am acting loose and as if I don't have any morals. I think they're tied down to balls and chains and are jealous. Am I wrong?

Happy and Free
Online Reader

Dear Happy:

The men of your friends are insecure and obviously don't know their women as well as they think. If your behavior is affecting them, you need to cool off and slow it down a bit when you're around them. These are your friends and you need to still show some respect and regard for the differences in your relationships, or lack thereof. At the end of the day, enjoy your life and realize that everyone is responsible for their choices. Yours just appears more fun right now.

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No 'Ike Turner Day' in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Music legend Ike Turner said he holds nothing against St. Louis' mayor for a decision not to issue a City Hall proclamation in his honor.

Mayor Francis Slay has turned down a request from organizers of the Big Muddy Blues Festival to make Sept. 2 "Ike Turner Day." Turner, 75, is scheduled to perform that day at the blues festival in St. Louis.

Turner says he never asked for the honor. He notes he already has a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame, and said he doesn't worry about whether he's given those honors.

"I just care about making



Ike Turner will not be getting honored in St. Louis, Mo.

people happy in the audience," he said.

Turner's past troubles include a 17-month stint in jail

on a 1990 drug conviction. He was depicted as an abusive husband in "What's Love Got to Do With It," a

1993 movie about ex-wife Tina Turner's life.

Ike Turner admitted in his autobiography that he had hit his former wife, but said the movie depiction is what hurt his career.

"All I can say, and I would say this only to her, is 'I'm sorry,'" he told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in Sunday's edition.

"But I can't undo yesterday. I don't owe anybody else that."

The mayor suggested, through a spokesman, that Ike Turner could visit a St. Louis center that provides services to domestic violence victims to call attention to the issue.

McDonald's drops Twista from tour

NEW YORK (AP) - Rap-er Twista, who was tapped by McDonald's to perform during its nationwide concert series, has been dropped from the lineup because of his "controversial lyrics," the fast food giant said Monday.

The Chicago rapper is better known for his lightning-fast rap delivery than particularly raunchy content: His hits include "Slow Jamz," with Kanye West and Jamie Foxx, and "Overnight Celebrity." However, he does use explicit language and reference drugs in his some of his rhymes.

McDonald's, which initially signed the rapper to perform in Chicago for its 10-city concert series, said it could no longer support Twista for the Aug. 7 performance.

"Although we respect free speech and artistic expression, we do not condone or perpetuate derogatory language," said spokesman William Whitman in a statement.

"We want to ensure these free concerts are fun as well as appropriate for all of our customers."

When asked why they booked the rapper, given his content, the company referred back to the statement.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Twista said that in some ways, he was surprised by the announcement, "especially after hearing from certain people that represented McDonald's that they were fans of the music

and they were excited about the whole thing and that they backed me, and then to hear a few a days later that I was actually not on the show."

However, he blamed the increased criticism of hip-hop in the wake of the racial flap over former CBS radio and MSNBC broadcaster Don Imus for putting pressure on the corporate giant to

drop him from the series.

"They started hearing things. ...feeling like they were getting a little flak, and I felt like rather than stick by me and stick through it, they got scared," he said. "I've been rapping the same way for 15 years. It only became a problem when Don Imus said something negative about Black women and they

needed a scapegoat."

After Imus was fired for calling the Rutgers University women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos," some critics decried what they considered a double standard for rappers who often use derogatory terms about women. Increased pressure was put on rappers and record labels

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