

We did go out on one evening, just so she'd have some time away from all of this crap. We didn't meet a lot, since we live in different cities & keep different schedules. There was also another reason.



Did I tell you that [redacted] thinks there is a veil of secrecy around you & I. I tried to explain that you are very soft spoken & that it is hard to hear you on telephones. He pointed out that I had an answer for every question of his. Makes me wonder if he thinks I rehearsed my lines with you...just in case he ever "caught on." If it weren't so pitiful, I would be angry. Oh, a few weeks ago he denied telling my mom that he wondered if I had found someone. Now I know that he lied. The counselor already knew of "that e-mail guy" I did not tell her. Boy howdy, with me writing to two e-mail guys I bet I had him wondering. He has heard too much about internet romance I guess.

I assured him that we had never kissed or any thing like that, may have held hands a decade ago or so. He spent much time referring back to you & I & extramarital relationships in general as per books he has been reading, not as in ever acknowledging having one himself or in actually accusing me of so. Almost makes me wish I had been more of the flirting type last semester, or this past month & 1/2. But not really. Men are wierd...my advice is stay away from them.

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Sorry Robert about that interlude...but [redacted] did once say to me that he wondered about you signing off on email with "love".& what was that all about..i tried to explain that people such as my friends & relatives often sign off that way & he should just get over it. If a female friend wrote "love" would he think I was having a lesbian relationship with her?

In retrospect, it was silly to have taken it so seriously. But, they were in the process of working things out and there was no need to complicate things any further for her. None of this car to me directly; she would have borne the brunt of any consequences and there was no reason to add more stress to her life - there was plenty of that already.

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I went to the book shelf to grab [redacted] you...the person you were meant to Be" the book opened to a bookmark...Here is stuff from that page..."Another form of psychic cannibalism is that of the classic con artist. In order to snare people, con artists have to be charming and appealing in appearance and manner. Such people have little or no human compassion. They are very good at acting emotional but in reality they lack normal feelings and emotions. Even sexually, they experience very little, although their performance may be quite satisfying to their partners. Sex is simply another way of holding their victims captive. The cannibal is characterized by this total lack of caring for his victim, who remains only an object to be used for his satisfactions and subsequently discarded. They may have developed their manipulative pattern by discovering in childhood that they have some appealing quality which draws people to them & that they are able to manipulate others with their special attraction.....The person who gives or loves indiscriminately contributes to his own destruction. In giving to such a person, one plants seeds in a barren field." Is not that just the perfect thing for a paranoid to read? The page before is even "better". It is about how such people suck people dry...feed on other's achievements. Such as publicly telling people how great their child or wife is at doing things only to get the attention themselves, like "oh what a good parent you are to have a child who can..." or "oh what a modern husband you must be to ..."

I truly was thinking I was in the mood to celebrate that [redacted] & I did not get a divorce till I got this mood & then read those pages in one of his books---I wonder if he marked that page because it reminded him of some one in his life. Usually when I start feeling sad or tired I get some food, but my icecream & pie plate is still in front of me...so i guess I'll just bum.