

Deirdre Moore

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Re: Beach Holiday
Comments + Fight

From:

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Sent:

Sunday, February 24, 2013 1:38 PM ←

To:

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Subject:

RE: I really thought it was about money

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Deirdre,

Your right about it not being about the money - in part!

I've been working my ass off to make money and to find ways to build out a business model that makes me / us less dependant on me having to find work. I said to you that the timing was not great - but you knew that. So instead of coming back and trying to find a way that we all could go somewhere you came back with 'its never a good time' and therefore I'm going. What reaction would you expect from me at that point. I'm out there every day doing my best and I don't get the respect to at least have some opportunity to be part of a vacation with my kids.

As for the 'John, why didn't you ever say something along the lines of "It would break my heart if you were at the beach with the kids without me. Please don't go. Let's plan something together this weekend"? Why in the world would you say "Financial bid now extended. Send me a postcard!"?' I was never given the chance. Go read your emails that you were sending (in the middle of the day when I'm trying to work). It was positioned as a done deal. And yet again for the 4th time I was not (am not) in a position to go way on a few days notice. If the trip was planned, or at least the idea of a last-minute vacation planned for this time period and work commitments came up that would have been different. In my opinion there absolutely were no time pressures for you to demand to go away at this very specific point in time. There was flexibility and we could have tried to work something out instead of making a unilateral decision over night.

Yes, it is sad that this has happened between us and its impact on Sean and Cate.

As far as shutting Mary out I don't believe that's all my doing. We have had many discussions and always come back to the same answer together - that Mary in our lives is risky proposition.

As far as shutting out my dad, I think maybe it was he who shut me out. Maybe the apple doesn't fall far from the tree as I'm sure your thinking.

And as far as shutting you out - how the hell do you think I feel?

I will cry my eyes out to see my kids go away without me.

Sure I will take some of the blame for the situation spinning out of control the way it has - yet you seem to have absolved yourself of any responsibility.

I guess you never really sat back for 1 minute and asked yourself how I would feel if you went without me. I would have never, ever, ever done that to you. NEVER! But I don't think that thought really crossed your mind - not at least to the extent of trying to have a discussion.

And if you really want to know about the last 2/3 weeks ... I thought you were pregnant! ← !?!

-----Original Message-----

From: Deirdre Moore [mailto:dmoore@advisorontrack.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2013 12:36 PM

To: jk@johnkiska.com; jkiska@advisorontrack.com

Subject: I really thought it was about money

Talo D p2

John, given your comments of this morning "You seem to have control of them (the kids) now. I'll take them during my allocated time slot" or something like that, I don't think you're of the mind to *receive* any discussion from me. So, I've put it in an email in case some part of you feels like receiving any discussion from me later.

As I said, I really thought it was about spending the money for a trip. You may not want to believe that, but on Friday night when you said how "utterly disappointed that you were .. that I would rob you of the experience of seeing Sean and Cate seeing a beach for the first time" my very first reaction was shock—evidenced by my offer to "sell the trip" ... "to not go".

In earlier e-mails, I was scrambling to find ways to reduce the impact of the cost of our trip to our savings. Sean wanting a new teacher (and the current schedule just coincidentally ending March 6) made it easy to find \$600 there. Amanda had no problem with 2 weeks off so there was \$600 there. My skipping Level 3 in French saved \$600 there. Mum wanted to pay for herself. I was trying to find a way for you to not worry about the money. Why was I trying to do that? Because even though:

- Callan got extended (a nice cashflow surprise),
- You WON the CMA contract (which is supposed to go longer than the 3 months originally anticipated),
- I've managed to hang on the MarketWatch a little longer, and
- We made 200K last year and we were able to save 25% of that

.... you have spent the past 2/3 (not sure) weeks not going for runs when there's an opportunity (I know French makes it challenging, but on several occasions I offered to do whatever so you could get out for a run which used to be really, really important), spending Saturday afternoons on the couch and (from my point of view) seeming very stressed.

I was trying to give us all a little break and reduce the cost to help you permit yourself to take a little break.

When you wrote that e-mail on Thursday that said "Financial bid now extended to March 13th. Send me a post card!" my heart sank. I couldn't believe you were choosing work over joining us at the beach (and only "missing" 3 business days that could have easily been made up in flights/flying time). With internet, you could have been available if there was some sort of emergency. I couldn't believe that you chose to accept the work and then ... wish us well on the trip. Isn't that what "send me a postcard" means??

I called my mum on Friday morning and said, "Well, looks like you're coming with us. John just really doesn't want to take any time off right now. It's kind of hard to believe. But I'll try to book somewhere that if he changes his mind he can still come for a few days." Mum asked me "Is there any chance we could go to Disney?" I answered her "Oh I would hope that if we were going to Disney that John would want to be a part of *that*. No, I just want to find a beach somewhere."

John, why didn't you ever say something along the lines of "It would break my heart if you were at the beach with the kids without me. Please don't go. Let's plan something together this weekend"? Why in the world would you say "Financial bid now extended. Send me a postcard!"?

I don't know what to say to you. I suspect you're shutting me out. Just so you know, I am not shutting you out. Despite my little quips about "how hard is it to heat up pancakes and waffles?" I just don't know what to say to you.

It is so sad that this has happened. But I really did think it was all about the money. I don't know exactly why you shut your dad out. I do know why you shut Mary out. I suspect you currently considering shutting me out. That's your call. Sean and Cate will be teenagers soon. I hope they don't get shut out too.

I am sorry this has happened. But I don't see how it is my fault. I feel that whatever you decide to do with our relationship is out of my hands.

Anyways ... this is what I would say if we were speaking.



Xo MM2