

Effortless English

Bad Choices

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Dear Dr. Tracy,

I am a 33 year old **divorced** woman with four kids. I was married for 12 years and I have been divorced for **approximately** 3 years. I met my new boyfriend during my divorce. We **hit it off** and have been together ever since. He is a 44 year old divorced man. When I met him he had been divorced for 2 years. Well, I met his ex-wife and she seemed to be an okay person. What I found out 3 months into my relationship with him was that he was **fooling around with** his ex-wife again-- who also at this time had a boyfriend of her own. I **figured** that since I did not have **a committed relationship** with him, I **had no place to** say anything. The problem is it continued further into our relationship, up to the point when I found out I was pregnant. At the same time I found out that he and his ex-wife planned to go to his **family reunion** together. Of course before all of this, I drove by his house one night and saw her car parked outside his home. The **excuse** I got after all of this was that they were considering getting back together. I thought it was very funny that as soon as she met me, she found interest in him again.

I guess my **issue** is the fact that now I am still in this relationship. I have brought a child into this **nonsense** and I hate the fact that he keeps in contact with her. My boyfriend has taken responsibility for her son from a previous relationship. His **excuse** for having so much contact with his ex-wife is because of that boy. I know this is not true but I have no real proof otherwise. I have also **dealt with** him taking women to hotels and **my gut tells me** it was her, but he promises it was not her.

I have tried **to get over** all the cheating. I know that she is very close to his family and I also know that his family does not like me because I **stand up for myself**. I guess **the bottom line** is knowing how much contact his ex-wife has with him and the fact that he knows I **can't stand** her. Am I in a weird relationship with a man that **wants to have his cake and eat it too?** Or am I being **paranoid** and need to trust him when he says he does not want her. I have never had so much **animosity** towards two people in my life. I do love this man, but I feel like I have put myself back in an unhealthy relationship with a man that is trying to lie to me.

To be totally honest, now that I have his child I even hate the fact that he helps her son. She never has to ask for anything regarding that boy, but I have to constantly remind him when our son needs something. He does it for the other boy without thinking, but my son is a second thought even when I have said, "Look at your son. He is in **dire** need". I was married to a cheating man and **hooked up with** another cheating man. I wonder if it's just my bad choices in men.