

## AITA Discussion Exercise 1A



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 **r/AmItheAsshole** · Posted by u/Nice\_Candy81 · 10 hours ago



### AITA for warning my sister about her misogynistic boyfriend?

My sister (21F) has a new boyfriend (36M). They met 3 months ago at a night club. He owns a large scale cleaning business (inherited from his father), makes a lot of money and has a huge ego. Up until now my sister has had 2 boyfriends and both of them were around her age. She was single for a year before she met her current boyfriend though.

My biggest problem with him, besides the fact that he is 15 years older than her, is the fact that he's a raging misogynist. I've only met him once, but he left an extremely bad impression in me. The three of us were having dinner and somehow the topic of the war in Ukraine came up. We were discussing how it's so unfortunate that so many people have lost their lives. At one point, my sister's boyfriend said something to the effect of "Yeah, isn't it funny how women always demand equal pay and treatment, but when things get hot they are the first to flee and men have to deal with everything alone". My sister laughed uncomfortably, but I didn't know how to react, so I kept silent.

She's also shared with me previously that a few times they were about to go out, he's made comments about her dress being "too revealing" and she's had to change her outfit. She's 21, it's only natural that she would dress in such a way.

The other day me and my sister were having coffee at my apartment and I decided it would be a good time to raise my concerns. I pointed all the red signs I am seeing in this guy. My sister currently studies law, she's worked really hard to get into a good college. I told her that if things get more serious, he will 100% force her to quit her career and be a stay at home wife. My sister got angry after hearing these comments and accused me of being jealous because she's found somebody so successful and good looking who is going to take care of her. For the record, I've been single for the past few years, but it's because of personal preference. She then stormed off my apartment. She also hasn't returned any of my calls in the last 2 days.

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**cutehomophone** · 5 hr. ago



OP needs to let her sis know that no one will tell her "I told you so".

So many young folks dig their heels into bad situations because they're afraid of the "humiliation" from "failing".

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Midlife\_Crisis\_46 · 10 hr. ago

Partassipant [1]

NTA This relationship screams of red flags. The whole “change your clothes” reeks of control and it’s only going to get worse. While sometimes age gaps aren’t a big deal, In this case (and I realize I can only speculate) it seems like the boyfriend knows that older women won’t put up with his bull shit so he goes for a younger, inexperienced women who maybe won’t realize yet that the way he treats her is not healthy.

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leese216 · 9 hr. ago

I know OP's sister is 21 and legally an adult, but she's still in college and is dating someone who is 36. THAT in and of itself is a bit of a red flag. The age gap, not really, but the AGES THEMSELVES. If OP's sister was 26 and her bf was 41, that would potentially be fine. But this current sitch is no bueno.

Who at 36 has anything in common with a 21 year old college student, enough to be in a relationship with them? Their lives are at completely different places, with completely different levels of experience.

This reeks of control, especially the comment about making OP's sister change. AND THE FACT THAT SHE DID IT. Gross. Just so gross.

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IstoriaD · 4 hr. ago

I am basically never not creeped when men in their mid 30s and older date women under the age 22. And if you asked men who "coincidentally" date younger women, the reasoning they give is almost always something that comes down to younger women being easier to control. Like:

"Younger women are more 'open'"

"Older women put more pressure on you"

"Older women are more demanding" (probably because they actually have the confidence to be direct about their needs and wants and know they deserve to have those things met)

These guys look for younger women to imprint themselves on, who won't have the experience to see that something is wrong. Oh I think they'd be fine with a woman in her 30s, assuming she looked good, but those women can see through the bullshit.

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kkccola · 7 hr. ago

Partassipant [2]



she definitely doesn't want to admit that the adult relationship with a successful guy she bragged about is actually really bad.

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CoDaDeyLove · 5 hr. ago



I hope she wakes up before she marries the guy. It sounds like he is already attempting to control her. Maybe she will recognize how unhealthy this is before she makes a commitment. Pretty soon he won't want her hanging out with her sister or with friends.

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Wandering\_Scholar6 · 5 hr. ago



Or at least doesn't sign a prenup and takes him to the cleaners when she eventually wakes up, sounds like this creep would deserve it.

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Ashamed-Assumption52 · 3 hr. ago



I hope she's stringing along a sugar daddy to pay for that law degree.

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Infamous\_Control\_778 · 10 hr. ago

Colo-rectal Surgeon [38]

NTA Your sister is at the start of an abusive relationship. The "you're just jealous" line is a dead giveaway. But be careful: you're playing into his hands. Step one: alienate her from friends and family, tell her they're jealous, that she deserves better. Step two: tear her down when she has no one to run to. Keep the lines open, be there for her, but beware that it can take a long time and probably a couple of kids.

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Ok\_Nobody4967 · 9 hr. ago

To piggyback on this comment. Make sure she knows that you are present for her. Keep the communication open. Do not say anything else about the boyfriend. She has to figure this out by herself. NTA

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Classroom\_Visual · 5 hr. ago

Partassipant [3]

Yes, I hope OP sees this. You're playing into the boyfriend's hands by making this an "us and them" situation where the boyfriend and the sister are united against the cruel, judgemental world which doesn't understand their unique, special bond.

OP - if you can google "what to do when a friend is in an abusive relationship" you'll get some good info on how to stay connected to your sister while she (hopefully!!) sees this BF for the parade of red flags that he is. NTA.

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