

AITA Discussion Exercise 1C

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AITA for how I reacted to my fiancé surprising me with “our” dream house?

Not the A-hole

I’m not sure if I’m the world’s most ungrateful person right now or not so...

My fiancé and I are getting married soon. The plan was that once we get married, I would move in with him and then when we were ready to start a family we would buy a house together.

I guess he changed his mind because he surprised me with “our” dream house. The house is beautiful and if we had house hunted together I think I would’ve fallen in love with it. However, I was so upset we wouldn’t be able to pick our forever home together that I just started crying when he told me. I didn’t know how to explain my reaction and I could see I had upset him so I asked him to take me home.

When I got home my family asked me what happened and I explained. They were all very upset with me and said my reaction was bad and that I should’ve been happy he had bought us a house. They told me to call him and apologise. I didn’t, I just went to sleep early.

This happened on Sunday and I finally called him yesterday. He sounded upset with me, I’m not sure if it’s because of my reaction or because I never called or texted him sooner after what happened.

AITA?

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Asshole Aficionado [18]



NTA. A house isn't a good surprise like flowers or a gift card. It's way too big of a decision. You were cut out of the process entirely. Not good.

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It's like those car commercials where someone buys their spouse a car and they come out to a big ribbon on it. I always think "who tf wouldn't want to be included in picking out their own car?" This is even worse.

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Partassipant [2]



SAME holy shit those commercials drive me nuts. It would be one thing if it had been discussed at-length and they knew *exactly* what the person wanted, but in the case where I think it would be appropriate there would be basically zero surprise as is depicted in these commercials. The people always react like they had zero clue and getting a car is completely out of fucking nowhere. That is just one of those "gifts" which should be in zero ways a surprise and the recipient is a part of it from start to finish.

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My stepdad gifted my mom a BMW a few years ago - ribbon and all - she wouldn't stop bitching about it for a whole year. My stepdad went to the dealership with her and traded it in for a different model and now she's happy. Lesson learned lol

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messy_bitch420 · 1 yr. ago



Tell him to keep the house and the ring. He sounds controlling and manipulative af. I wouldn't marry that or you're looking at a lifetime full of being excluded from major decisions and gaslighting.

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Extra-Gas-5863 · 1 yr. ago · edited 1 yr. ago

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INFO: Did he buy himself a house or is your name also going to be in the papers?

NTA - This is a really inconsiderate thing to do and he obviously does not value your opinion in making huge life decisions. Red flags all around.

Edit fixed typo.

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reditbuju · 1 yr. ago



INFO: Did he buy himself a house or is your name also going to be in the papers?

This is what I am also wondering about. Was it a way to get around having OP's name on the paper's? I wonder how they are dealing with the rest of the finances.

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Partassipant [2]



I'm not even sure how you put someone's name on the papers wholly without their knowledge anyway, but I'd have been even more pissed if someone bought an entire house and had my name put on it without consulting me at all. I just can't believe that they already had these plans and will be getting married soon and he went ahead and did this completely without her. What kind of AH thinks their spouse will not want *some* say in choosing the house they're going to buy and live in?? This just sounds like he wanted this particular house and didn't want to be bothered with OP's input and wanted to prevent her from being able to say no to it so he just did it. I'd be furious, I don't care how much of a "dream home" it is. You don't just do shit like this without consulting your life partner who is presumably going to be hugely affected by it.

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Kandyxp5 · 1 yr. ago



NTA for feeling that way about him not consulting you on the house. Bit of YTA for just ghosting and not communicating anything for as long as you did.

It's a lot to take in right before getting married and what you're dealing with is along the lines of "if this is how he starts what else will he be like this with" also you may be feeling like your opinion/ideas/feelings/concerns don't matter with something as big as a house AND you likely feel variations of betrayed and lonely because of it.

He probably thought he was gonna get some YouTube/HGTV scream cry positive reaction but obvi did not.

Going forward you may want to try and talk together on his expectations of how that should have gone and why they do not fit yours. You two should try to look at things zoomed out and see if there are other areas of your lives that he maybe steamrolls you or fails to consult you. On your side you may need to evaluate if you allow this and maybe even welcome it in anyway. You may not stand up for yourself in ways you should or you may not be setting boundaries that would help you in this relationship. Not blaming you for his actions here though cus as far as him buying a damn house that's just bonkers imo.

All that aside this can be mended and y'all can come together. It may be good on y'all to do something fun about it when you're feeling better like go "house hunting" and walk in it as if it's the first time and it's a open house with snacks and stuff and then y'all "sneak into the master bedroom" and decide to spend the night and order pizza. Something to help you be okay with the house and start it on a fresh and fun vibe.

My advice though is don't step foot in that place in the midst of an argument and def don't go in there until y'all have talked about stuff—preferably in a place neither of you own atm if possible.

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