

Nicki, I do my best not to let the past rule how I look to the future. My mother had a tough life in ways I cannot and will not share on this forum. Suffice to say she was emotionally damaged long before I came on the scene. As a child and a teen I didn't know how to cope with her state of mind because I didn't understand her. As an adult I not only understand her but I feel pain at having added to her pain and trouble in so many ways and for so long. These days I accept her as she is and am grateful for every day she remains a part of my life.

I'm sure your daughter one day will be more understanding of your perspective and hopefully your relationship will flourish.