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Dear Ms. Jada:

It appeased the muse in me to know that you like my writing enough to respond. I found your choice of words to be both refreshing and brutally honest. Or as Steve Harvey would say, "Straight talk with no chaser." Being a man and being in my environment, rarely do I ever hear a woman being honest. Not bashing women, but at times they can be dishonest. So your response was not only needed, but appreciated.

Now, with that being said, let's dive right in. I apologize on behalf of all men for the crap you've had to deal with because of our insecurities. Though I have never caused you pain, I have been responsible for many of sleepless nights for you fellow sisters. So when I speak I must include myself. I know we can be some real... tools;) I can't speak for all men when I say this, but when I enter into a relationship, I enter with the sole purpose of it being a partnership. So my decisions are not only for me, but you as well. So if I shall fall on hard times, it goes without saying that you'll have my back and me vice versa. But if you have a man back so much that he's sucking you dry and you have nothing to give yourself at night, then you must cut him loose. No woman should have to give a man everything she has, if so what will she have left to give herself or her child? If that's how your last relationship was, then I'm sorry. I just hope you was able to take something positive from it.

Jada, I'm not the kind of man who will talk down about another brother because I do believe in unity. Not in the typical bro's over hoes crap, but in true camaraderie where men have one another's backs. But I have to keep it real and say, if you were there for him and for some reason he didn't see it fit to be there for you when you needed him, then that's his loss. Not only are you stronger, but you learned that he wasn't Mr. Right to begin with. I've always been under the impression that a woman who can hold her man down under the roughest conditions is a keeper. You just wasn't his to keep. Feel me? Sooner or later, someone will be able to look past all of the talk and the rumors and see you for the real beautiful and trustworthy person that you are. And if they're smart, they'll keep you close to their heart.

Don't take this the wrong way, but I caution you on your approach when entering into a relationship. I'm not saying what you're doing is wrong by any shape, form, or fashion. But it could come off in a way you hadn't

anticipated. what i'm speaking on is when you said, " you have to let people know when you invite them into your life that they are there because you want them to be," I know exactly what you mean, but not all men will see it that way. Some will see it as you saying, "I don't need you," and it will be seen as a threat to their manhood. I'm also not saying that you should dumb down or not bask in the afterglow of your success because you've earned it. But when talking to men, you have to be clear. Because although i know what you're saying many men will conceive it as saying something else entirely. And when a man feels his manhood is under siege, he will attack. Then you'll hear, "that's why you can't keep a man. It's because of this or that."

What he really needs to do is sit you down and have a heart to heart conversation if he feels that way. But most men won't. They'll see it as waving the white flag of surrender. And he can't do that. Oh, no!:) What many men lack is the communication skill to tell their woman how they feel. Feelings is looked at as being a weakness, when I know it to be the complete opposite. If a man can express himself without feeling weak, then he is worth loving. Why? Because you know he won't just up and cheat on you when things get rough. Instead he'll sit you down and tell you that he is unhappy. That's my opinion, anyways. I would rather break it off before running around and hurting the woman I claim to love when she finds out.

So believe me my friend, old boy or whoever he was is the one missing out on your preciousness. Maybe with your help he could've been his best self. And you could've inspired one another to achieve your highest goals in life. Now he'll never know!

WOW! I can truly appreciate a woman who can be independent and ^{not} have to rely on a man. Who would rather go out and make her own path in life. When you wrote, " I leave the impression that I was me before we met, i'll definitely be me when he leave," i nearly jumped out of my bed as I read your words. I was like, DAMN! Now this is a woman who knows her self worth. She knows that she deserves to be cherished and treated like a queen. As for the man who weren't able to recognize that, I apologize for them. A woman who can speak her mind is definitely worth being loved in my eyes. i never understood how a woman could think that she's who she is because of her man. I mean, sure if you have a man who is nurturing, inspiring, and loving, then you can always learn and grow 'with' him. WITH being the key word, and not because of him. When everything is all said and done, you'll still be you and he'll still be him. For you to both recognize this and understand it is so beautiful

to me, Jada. It shows how special a woman you are.

As for the comment you made about people not being the people they portray to be, I agree. It seems like ~~like~~ everyone wants to pretend. This is a subject that I would love nothing more than to go deep on with you, but maybe that can be something else we can trade thoughts on. But I will leave you with this: Love saves us only if we want to be saved. So many seekers after love are taught in childhood to feel unworthy, that nobody could love them. So in defense, they construct this false self. As adults, they meet people who fall in love with their false self, but this self does not love. at some point glimpses of ~~this false~~ ^{their true} self emerges. That's when disappointment comes. Rejected by their chosen love, the message received in childhood is confirmed. Nobody could love them as they really are.....

And thus continue the cycle of pretending. I would love to trade a few ideas with you again. Who knows, we may just shatter a few stereotypes about men and women. Well, take care of yourself, my friend. You know where to reach me.

Until next time, you're on A DAY IN THE LIFE," with me,

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