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Laura Owens

June 28, 2023 at 8:11 PM

Having the baby if I don't hear back tonight.

To: Clayton Echard

I'm physically and emotionally exhausted from the pregnancy and all of this. I just need clarity as to what we are doing. I have offered to give you control over the outcome of the pregnancy if we date exclusively and care for each other. I bring a lot to the table and feel like I could really make you a better person. Yes, I've called out your BS a lot, but it's because I know you are better than how you act sometimes. I get your anxiety because I've been there and truly believe in your mission despite the fact that you haven't shown me kindness when clearly I have been emotionally struggling through all of this.

I couldn't give a shit that you were The Bachelor and still know nothing about you other than the clips I saw of you with two girls when I was angry at you. I want to get to know you and be a great partner for you. I would feel exactly the same way if I was in this situation with any man; I need to care about someone and trust them to consider ending a human life when I want nothing more than to be a mom someday. Don't you understand that?

In regards to intimacy -- I know it's important to you and it is to me as well. If you think about it, having sex with me is the safest thing you can do at this point. I'm already pregnant and if we choose to go this route (and trust each other enough to have sex), then we are at the point where I would be taking abortion pills...so there's no risk. Also, under no circumstances would I have an abortion if you want to be on dating apps or seeing other women while we are figuring this out. I would want to date with intention.

I know what I bring to the table as a partner and I'm well aware that you don't want to become a father right now. It's a win-win situation for you, but a huge leap of faith for me. You haven't been trustworthy to this point, so I'm the one taking a gamble on the outcome of this. You could be leading me on, but I would take your word that you're not because for whatever reason, despite how you've treated me, I believe in you. We're both hard headed as hell, but I think we can make a very good team. If I didn't think so, I would just go ahead and have the kid since like I said, I want to be a mom more than anything in the world.

I need to know your decision tonight because I am getting rid of the abortion pills if it's a no or if I don't hear back from you. I really do need to adjust my seizure medication and take other precautions for my health and the wellbeing of our baby if we are going to have a kid. You're the father -- there's no two ways about it -- so saying no here is a guarantee you will be a dad.

Laura

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**Clayton Echard**

June 28, 2023 at 8:36 PM

Re: Having the baby if I don't hear back tonight.

To: Laura Owens

I will not date you in any capacity, as I do not have any interest in you. So, you can proceed however you'd like.

I will be awaiting the ultrasound on the 8th week and then will do a paternity test as soon as I'm able to.

You have told me a million times now that you'll give me "one more chance" to move forward with dating you, but I'm 100% not going to do that, so please just stop communicating with me from this point forward. I will find someone else to love and share my life with. I may honestly move to the east coast at this point as well. We'll see. I can do whatever I want with my life, but what I won't do is allow you to hold me back. And don't try to explain to me that I can't move out of the state and away from you. I absolutely can. All I have to do is either take 100% custody of the child or allow you to have 100% custody. Joint isn't an option and is never mandated. That's common sense. Besides, I will fight until I have no fight left in me to not have you be a part of my life. The courts can't force someone to stay with someone else. That's unheard of and has never been done. Just remember, there is no scenario in which we raise the child together, if you even have a child, which I'm still not convinced. But if you do and it is somehow miraculously mine, like I said, I'll take care of the child if that's what it comes to, but I WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE co-parent with you. Just want to make that clear. I would rather co-parent with literally anybody else besides you, as you have shown me you don't respect my opinion. You just force what you want onto people to get your way and it is gross.

That's my two-cents. Take it or leave it. Again, there's no more need for conversation and no more need for you to pester me each day until the 8th week. I tell you to stop sending me messages and you just have zero respect and keep sending them regardless. So, I suppose I'll just continue to receive them and not respond, as my days are much better when I don't interact with you.

Clayton Echard