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Need advice about sex or relationships? I'm here to help. If you have a question, send it to casualsex@tribune.com. I'd love to hear what's on your mind.

THE DEAL: One reader described his situation as needing some time away from his girlfriend to "sow his wild oats." The only problem is his girlfriend of six months wants a bigger commitment. She said he could go romping for three months if he promised to come home and give her a commitment afterward. He's slobbering to take her up on it, but wonders if somehow sleeping around while his girlfriend waits will backfire.

MY TAKE: This woman doesn't want you tramping up any more than you want to stay with her. Either respect her wishes or change yours. Having your cake and eating it will be much less enjoyable when that cake turns really, really, really bitter.

THE DEAL: A young pup of a reader has a thing for an "amazing older woman." He's convinced if she were to get to know him, they'd be perfect together. The problem is he doesn't think it'll happen because she's too worried about what her friends would think of the age difference. He wants to know how to get her attention so she'll at least give him a real shot.

MY TAKE: It's about her comfort, not his character. Unless you can slap a few quick years on your age, there's nothing you can do but wait. The older you get, the less age difference typically matters anyway. Just consider this: If she's still letting her friends dictate her decisions, she may be the one who's too young for you.

THE DEAL: Our reader and his college love reunited after a 25-year separation. After the reunion, they got married. The catch: They didn't tell the bride's family because her mom doesn't believe our guy is good for her daughter based on 25-year-old rumors. The bride is afraid when her mother finds out, she'll be disowned. Therefore, his new wife has asked our man to stay away for two months while she breaks the news to her mom. He wants to know how to deal in this situation.

MY TAKE: You've made the commitment in private, keep it in public. Create a united front from the start. It's the only way to gain respect, especially from a family who doesn't believe you're man enough to stand with their daughter. If you two didn't think it was necessary to get permission to marry, why do you need permission to be married? Live how you want, the world will always catch up.

THE DEAL: A "healthy 33 year-old guy who happens to have a tickling fetish." He loves looking at women's feet and is being "driven crazy" by all the sandal-wearing Chicago ladies. He wants to know how to ask women upfront if they like getting their feet tickled.

MY TAKE: If you get to the point when her foot is on your lap, tickle it. Then ask if she likes it. Before then, you may want to focus on the simple things that lead up to that point--like her name.

THE DEAL: One woman recently broke up with the guy she was having an affair with while dating her boyfriend. Because the affair is over, she's thinking about confessing her trysts to her boyfriend. But she's afraid her guy will leave her if he knows the truth, so she's not sure what to do.

MY TAKE: It's always better to leave the truth than stay with a lie.

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