I know - but half her problem is just getting one and setting it up.

It's small, for one. She would probably benefit from a larger screen and better camera. Also I'm pretty sure it's so old that certain security or app features are becoming obsolete

If I could just pay the deposit or something... I dunno. I'll think about it some more I guess



I taught her how to use a google calendar last week and this is how we "screenshared" lol

Dec 24, 2022 at 7:46 PM

Sorry just saw this

All good

Dec 25, 2022 at 8:25 AM

Do you guys have a working printer?

No

Ok just checking thanks. Still on for 10, right?

Yeah

Can Frank come?

No

Jan 3, 2023 at 8:08 AM



Jan 3, 2023 at 9:21 AM

Haha thanks

Offer still stands to babysit if you decide to ever go out and celebrate child free for a night.

So the nationwide shortage of adderall finally hit my pharmacy and I've been told by multiple pharmacists that, "unfortunately people are just going without"

This is not an option for me so I'm reaching out to everyone I know locally to see if they know of anyone that has any. No biggie if you don't. I just figured it couldn't hurt to ask everyone.

I don't sorry that sucks

Thanks yeah it brutal.

Jan 14, 2023 at 8:52 AM

Hey did you ask me for Calvin's social security number for a work thing a while back?

No just Lucy's right before he was born for my life insurance beneficiary stuff.

Ok

Why? Has a vulture already managed to steal his identity?

No I need it for tax purposes and couldn't find it, turns out we haven't gotten him one yet.

I thought I had given you his

Ah gotcha

Thanks

Jan 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM

I'm need to buy plane tickets today - do you want to do it on your credit card for points?

Nah don't worry it, last time we did it it didn't get as many points cuz it wasn't in our name



Jan 18, 2023 at 4:21 PM



He's finally getting a face and looking like a person!!

Jan 21, 2023 at 10:23 AM



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Is Lucy available tomorrow? I know this is last minute so all good if you guys have plans.

Shit ya sorry it's one of her buddies bday party

Feb 5, 2023 at 6:02 PM

Hey so I hear your in Florida

Oh yeah. From mom or Nick? Or both?

Mom

You're also turning 40 soon!

Nick pulled some cruel dramatic shit. So I feel 21 ha

You guys are talking?

I had Cortney Zaret figure out a personal consolidated loan schedule/agreement from him so I could fix my credit and pay for this dental operation I need on Thursday that my insurance only covers half of - needing \$600ish to cover •

He asked me to lower the rate to more favorable for me and then called to pick apart the email I sent bc it wasn't "professional" enough and "nice" enough. It was disrespectful (it wasn't. It was direct with some boundaries).

Ya not ideal to have to ask him

It was an exercise in control. His behavior was telling. He was salivating over the prospect of having power over me again. I can't go through with it if that's his headspace now. I was burned from the jump. What kind of asshole brings up a decade old issue that he wasn't even that mad about at the time. He just holstered it for this exact moment. He continually interrupted and tried to gaslight me and he was frustrated I had everything all worked out without any of his input. So he tried to accuse me of a shitty attitude via the tone of my email? Who the fuck asks someone to rewrite an email?!? To a family member?? Because it's not professional enough or alternatively not "nice" enough. It has to be *just right for him. Total misogynist.

Copy pasted from my recap to mom after it happened ^^^

What kind of dental work do you need done?

Tooth pulled, bone graft, new tooth

Omg 🕌



No wonder they won't cover \$600. The total procedure is probably \$5k

> Put it this way - my wisdom teeth involved putting me under and I was fully covered. They won't knock me out for this. Just numb needle 😭

Oh Christ no way

They tried to do that in removing my stents from my ureter when I had kidney stones, and I flat out refused.

Told them I'd need to be put under

Obv I did that but they said if I did it'd have to be done by an oral surgeon and be even more expensive

Damn dude that sucks

Feb 5, 2023 at 9:01 PM

Here's a pic of the kiddos to cheat you up

Cheer

These are great. Lucy is really coming into her own. Love to see it.

Feb 7, 2023 at 9:25 AM

Do you think you could put in a word with Nick for me? I've explored my other options and I have none. It'd be nice if you could soften him up a bit before I eat shit later and agree to rewrite the email (20)

No I'm not getting involved in y'all's affairs

If my mouth weren't in such pain I would just wait it out but

Gotcha. Ok

That sucks dude- how did this happen to your tooth?

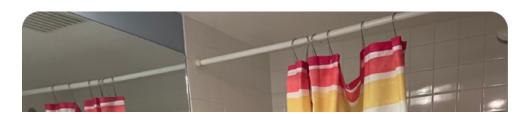
I mean, after 35ish, your teeth apparently get worse faster. The pandemic didn't help but mostly I haven't had dental insurance in like 5 years. The cavity got bad and went untreated but I literally made the appointment as soon as my shit kicked in. Without regular checkups, I never knew I needed a "deep clean"

I had no idea there were levels to the torture

Ugh man that is brutal I'm going to schedule a cleaning

So take this as your sign

I have 2 other teeny tiny cavities I can't even feel too. Consider this my new PSA. Make appointments for the whole fam lol





I'm making the kids bathroom less tragic btw. I was gonna surprise mom but that was after Nick implied he'd be loaning me the money. I've only spent \$60ish tho. Hopefully she doesn't freak out

Did you put new tile in?

Peel and stick. It was \$25 and took 30 min.

Ah

If she hates it she can have a new project in putting it back to before haha





Same idea with the gold handles





Mom did give me permission to burn these though

Feb 25, 2023 at 7:31 AM

Hey you turn 40 next week (haha) do you want to come over for dinner? Most likely next Sunday?

Feb 25, 2023 at 8:34 AM

Soooo funny! But yeah that'd be dope. Can I get a birthday ride?

Yeah

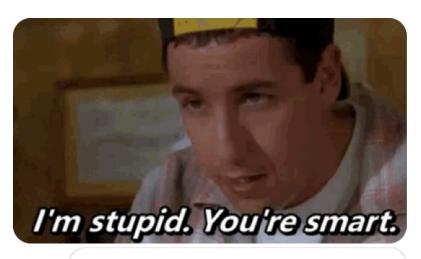
I would've come regardless but thanks!

So plan for 3/5 I'll let you know if anything changes

Can do!

So I have to get another tooth pulled (I know \bigcirc). And I sucked it up and asked Nick for that loan again with this meme:

Ugh that is brutal



No response vet but keep fingers crossed

Ugh that is brutal

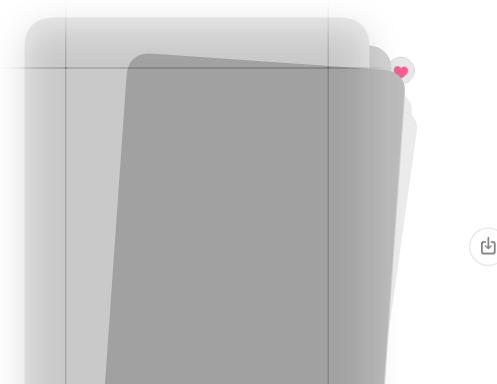
I know. Take it as a sign if you haven't already. After 35 your teeth bones deteriorate much faster I guess b

Mar 1, 2023 at 7:16 AM



Haha thanks! Luckily my immaturity will keep me young forever

Still waiting for some super cute pics of my niblings....





Mar 1, 2023 at 9:20 AM



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Lol I thought this was going to be her saying happy birthday but this is better

Mar 2, 2023 at 4:58 PM

So I heard through a third party that you're too scared to visit Chicago bc of the crime? Is this true??

Why do you suck so much?

A) I don't suck. If anyone sucks here it's Nick. Maybe you for the misplaced blame. B) if it's SUCH a big deal to you that someone repeats what he said to you then maybe don't share it to begin with

C) you've made it clear I can't ask you about him at all so it's not like I'm gonna check with you first

D) is it true?



Yeah didn't I tell you that?

No. Dave and Jess did

Or was it mom

Ah

Either way, seems like you told everyone *but me so maybe don't blame me for people knowing

Your right I don't blame you I'm sorry. You just stir the pot it's what you do idk why I got so upset.

Sorry

And for real?!? Like he had to be kidding, no? It's too dangerous for him but not for his son and young family?!? 👸 🕓

Thanks? I'll take it.

It wouldn't be stirring the pot if it were a normal valid concern, imo. But everyone basically knows it's a crazy statement so he's embarrassed when people find out about it outside of the particular context. If he's so scared, why not just answer? Or why would he care if I found out?

Mar 5, 2023 at 12:33 PM

Hey our house is a mess and we have no food to make. Can we take you out to eat down by you instead?

Lol absolutely. We can even just order takeout to my place if that's even easier.

I got a new bissel vacuum cleaner for myself this week so my house is pretty clean rn haha



Ok I'm in the burbs right now with the kids and dog gonna head home and then wel head over shortly after

What time is that ideally for you? It's still early so take your time.

Earlier the better not sure I'll text when I get home but it'll be earlier than you're used to $\stackrel{\smile}{\ensuremath{\text{e}}}$

Ok. As long as it's still in the dinner area, that's cool

Is 4 too early? If it is maybe we can do brunch next weekend-

sorry about all this... Kids usually start bedtime at 6 Nah 4 works. I'm flexible. No worries. Ok cool thanks 🙏 Mar 14, 2023 at 12:17 PM If you're looking for an inexpensive gift for Lucy she needs a new pair of headphones. Preferably ones that are wired and Bluetooth. Let me know if you go a different route bc she absolutely needs it for the plane I gotchu - when is her official bday again? 21st? There's a cluster of dates around hers that I always mix up And they don't have to be pink or anything. Bday is the 29th. Oh are you sure? Family party is Sunday the 26th About the pink - I'm kidding of course Party with her buddies is 4/3 Yeah I'd almost prefer you not get pink. Are you gonna send out a google cal event? Also can you put your Florida dates on the Galambos family calendar for me? I want to try to encourage mom to learn new skills We don't really use google calendar What do you use? I can adapt For WhT

To coordinate your family schedules, keep track of important dates, times, birthdays, etc. Like do you have a physical Milk calendar hanging somewhere like we had growing up? Do you use google cal for work at all?

I use google calendar I guess but I don't share it with anyone.

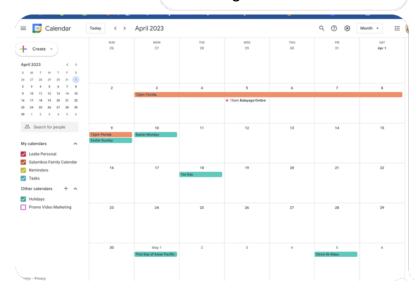
There I did it just for you.

Well you can copy relevant dates to the Galambos Family calendar if you want. You don't have to but I think it's a good beginner skill for mom to grasp. PLUS I'd like to know what the Florida snow bird season looks like next year ••

I mean, I think you did it for yourself, technically haha. As the kids get older, you'll likely need to sync some sort of calendar amongst the fam

No I made it purple that means you can see it right?

It's orange for me but I see it:





Mar 26, 2023 at 3:17 PM

Can you send me your address again?

I don't think I heard the answer yesterday but why is Nick selling his boat?

Mar 29, 2023 at 7:09 AM

Please show this to Lucy:



Haha will do

Maybe I could FaceTime later?

Sure I'm picking her up at two

Mon, Apr 3 at 1:05 PM



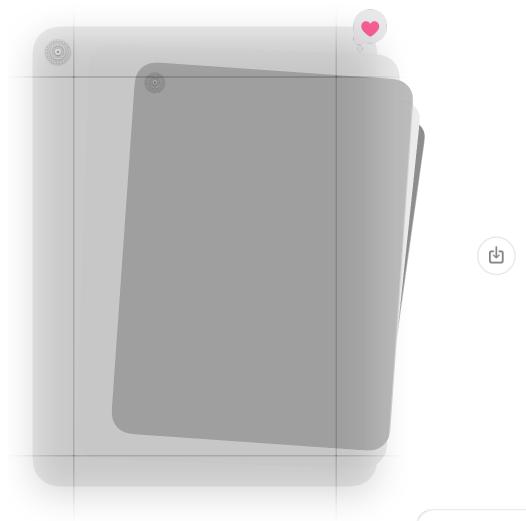




Tue, Apr 4 at 8:55 PM

More cute pics plz thx

Wed, Apr 5 at 4:34 PM



Loooove! How did the headphones work out?

Also, that's my Vans hat that Lucy can have lol

Headphones worked great

You seeing Nick while you're down there in the safety of Florida?

Ya were over at their house now for dinner

Same place as the one when I was thrown out?

Idk probably?

I guess I'm assuming you haven't visited their house since around then but I don't actually know. So probably sounds about right

Is Lucy getting spoiled with some retroactive presents? Or a birthday gift or two?

Yep

Nice well I won't keep you. I know even if you heard another gem comparable to Nicks new fear of Chicago, you wouldn't tell me lol

Ok

Ugh. I don't know why I'm all FOMO and teary eyed right now!

But I guess maybe I want to remind you that he can seem all warm and fuzzy but he's treated me like shit as recently as last month. He's been a terrible person to the rest of us and he's never been held accountable for anything. By others or himself.

I am fully aware of his past actions.

You aren't - because I haven't told you some of the worst of it. But I get what you're saying. You know what kind of person he is and you're good with it. Heard. I'll stop.

Sat, Apr 15 at 1:32 PM

At work what's up!

I was seeing if you guys had any plans to be closer to the burbs this weekend. I've been on the phone for 2+ hours trying to find medication and the last place told me the burbs might be a better bet

Ah no but if we did you'd want the closest pharmacy to 612 s Louis in mt. Prospect.

Ok thx

Omg you must be good luck. I just found some at 4802 Lincoln

In Chicago?

Yeah!

Isn't that right by your place?

I just meant the act of texting you or thinking of pharmacy's near you was good luck

Yeah

Tue, May 2 at 8:53 AM

Hey, do you want to go in on an Apple Watch for mom for Mother's Day?

I hate to put it like this but she's getting older and I'd feel better if she had one I think

You think mom would voluntarily wear an Apple Watch?

Maybe? I think if we explained the benefits and how it can track her health

She likes you best, feel her out 🕻



I think it's also something expensive enough she'd feel compelled to wear



I can't roll my eyes hard enough at that comment.

Lol

Wed, May 3 at 7:23 AM

Ok so yeah she seemed open to it

Oh wow nice work!

The cheaper one right?

Not the \$750 one

I have not gone into the price research phase of this plan lol

So yeah, you can pick. Cheaper works for me

Thu, May 4 at 8:25 AM



United Airlines plans to hire thousands of workers in Chicago

Chicago Tribune

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Fri, May 5 at 12:16 PM

Alright I got her the watch it's coming Sunday. It was 190

Sure

Oh also do you have venmo? I quit Chase

Yeah

Sat, May 6 at 6:20 PM

Did you pay the wrong Alex galambos?

My picture is Sadie

No - did you send me your info?

I meant to ask you for a link

Oh I found you. Never mind. Sending now

Alex Galambos





It gets there Sunday. She's gona wait til Mother's Day to open. We're still gona send a card

Κk

Fri, May 12 at 7:49 AM

Can we do family FaceTime when mom opens her gift?

Sure

Sun, May 14 at 10:14 AM

I'm headed to the Walgreens by your place. You guys home and open to a pop in by chance?

What time?

I'm about to grab an Uber rn. I just got a call my shit was ready

No biggie if not

Yea come by we have to go to genes to get brats

Ok. It'll be a min anyways

Also mr chapman is coming over around noon.

I won't be too long - just thought I'd take advantage while I was in the hood



Sun, May 21 at 7:36 AM



PSA: if you want to get Sadie to stop barking, I've found the miracle you've been waiting for....

You just can't let the kids get a hold of it

Ok I'll bite how does it work

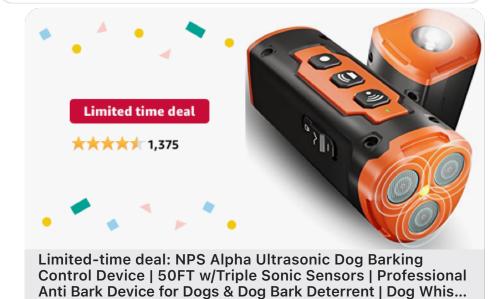
Three buttons. One is just a beep that we can hear. If that doesn't work, there's a silent, louder button you can push that's like a dog whistle. The third is just a flashlight I think lol

Frank responded so well to the beep, I've only had to use the super sonic button once or twice and now he's just scared of when I reach for it haha

They just warn against kids be they could push that super sonic button and not realize their making the dogs insane

*they're

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That's great but we don't really have an issue with Sadie barking to much

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Usually I'll tell her to stop and start walking towards her and she'll slink away and stop.

Lol I've been to your place. I disagree but ok

Wed, May 24 at 11:31 AM

Mom is returning her watch for a fit bit. I'm refund whatever the difference is.

Wtf is it broken?

Wed, May 24 at 5:44 PM

No she just didn't like it. It was too big for her

Thu, May 25 at 12:35 PM

I'll just send you back your money now and we'll figure it out when she actually purchases it

Whatever works

Wed, May 31 at 3:54 PM

Hey did I do anything super dumb at Lucy's birthday party? Like something embarrassing? To you or that you think I should've been embarrassed about?

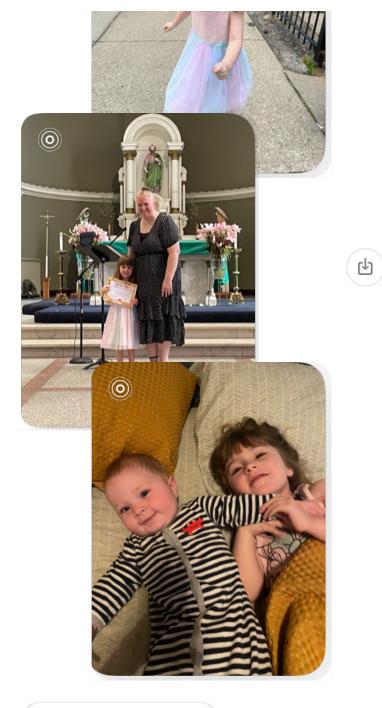
Wed, May 31 at 6:01 PM

K I'll take that as a No. lol. Mom was shrieking at me about being high there.

But you were serving drinks and I don't recall saying anything offensive or putting my foot in my mouth? I just wanted to double check

Wed, Jun 7 at 9:41 AM





Lucy's grad ceremony

So fucking cute. Thanks!

Sat, Jun 10 at 4:48 PM

I'll be in your neighborhood again tomorrow to pick up my meds. You guys around?

Sat, Jun 10 at 8:31 PM

Hey tomorrow is no good we have a bunch of errand and then a party to go to

Sun, Jun 25 at 9:02 AM

Sorry to have to group chat but mom is accusing me of being addicted to weed and adderall and now also doubting my ADHD diagnosis and even that I see a therapist.

So I'm trying to at least get her off the weed thing. I have no idea why she all of a sudden thinks she's an addiction expert but it's rude and getting hurtful.

Fri, Jun 30 at 6:32 PM

You planning on seeing Nick at all? He asked if I was interested in seeing him and I told him I'd be open to it if it was just him.

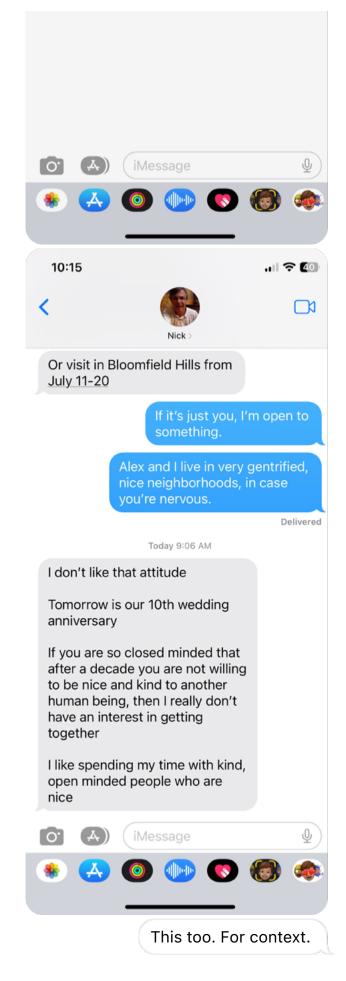
Hey idk yet we're still in saugatuck we get back Sunday and then gotta work.

> Text Message Sat, Jul 1 at 10:15 AM

Gotcha. Just curious. For context this is one of the messages I woke up to this morning. You don't have to respond. I just want you to have the info

I haven't responded either fwiw



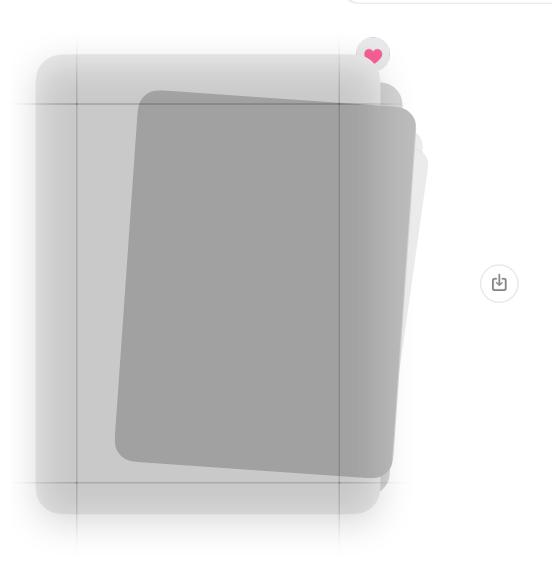


iMessage Mon, Jul 10 at 11:39 AM regular pharmacy. That being said, it now serves as a reminder to see what my nibblings have been up to lately....

Not much Lucy is busy with camps, gymnastics, ballet, karate

Calvin is a potato

Such a **\limits**. Send some pics when you get a chance plz



Omg he looks just like you

Yeah I was also a giant potato at this age apparently.

I mean - all babies are, imo

Btw - one of my clients is Pixar Putt at Navy Pier. Let me know if you guys would like to go do that one day before it ends later this month.



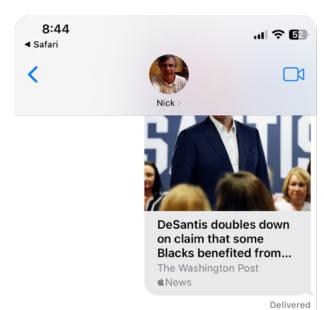


This is our first floor neighbors kid. She turns 2 in December for some size context.

You owe Maggie something really nice every year on his birthday

Jesus

Wed, Jul 26 at 8:44 AM



Today 8:24 AM

This is Teri.
Your Father is in surgery. I texted you from my phone but I'm not sure if you have me blocked so I am doing this on Nicks phone then deleting it. He is in for a Cardioversion and some other procedures on his heart. I'm not going to update you from his phone you'll need to text me from my phone. 813-760-3310.

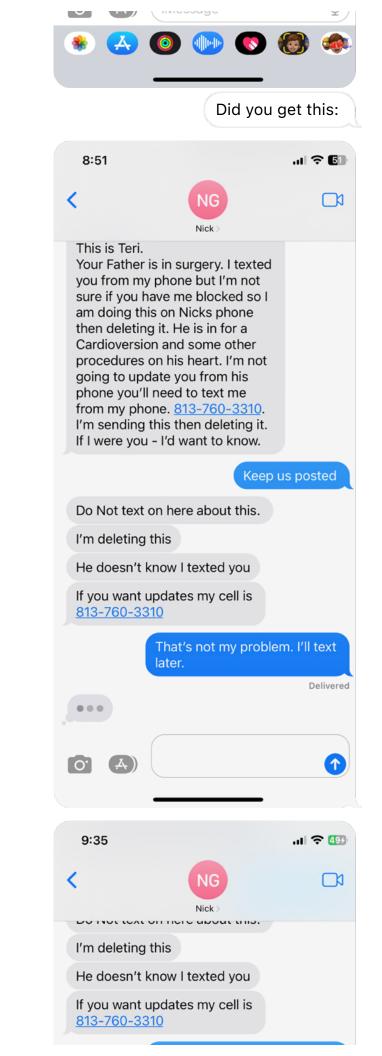
I'm sending this then deleting it. If I were you - I'd want to know.

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Hi Leslie









Keep me out of it

I'm not involving you? I'm just showing you in the interest of visibility. So they can't lie about me

Dude

Come on

You should abeen a lawyer

It's the only defense I have. I used to show you in hopes you would see how poorly they treat me and stick up for me but I haven't thought like that in YEARS. Truly the only reason I want you to see the communication is so if they try to bring me up - which I'm sure they've done or would do - you at least have some context.

Sun, Aug 6 at 12:35 PM

When we went to the World Series was that in 2006 or 2012

Had to be 2012 bc I was out of college and broken up with Tim (the sign)

Tell him I said hello

Thu, Aug 10 at 7:03 PM



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Not really your jam but the job is fairly easy and once in the company you could position yourself for a sales job or something you were more interested in

Thanks I'll look into it

Kk. Benefits are good, weekends off and unlimited PTO - fwiw. I don't know what it pays but they're pretty fair. It says Austin TX based preferred but Chicago would be one of your markets so living here is fine. You'd be working from home 3-4 days a week anyways

Wed, Aug 16 at 10:33 AM

So my dentist *just told me I have the option to get sedated (the last place wasn't set up for it) so I'm now going under at 7am tomorrow. They won't let me just walk home. I need an escort.

That's awesome!

I know. I have tears in my eyes

Has mom left town yet? She's not answering and she said she'd be available for payment help

She's leaving this morning idk if she's left yet

Oh I thought maybe you were with her for some dumb reason. Ok

No I'm at work

Yeah duh. I just texted Maggie

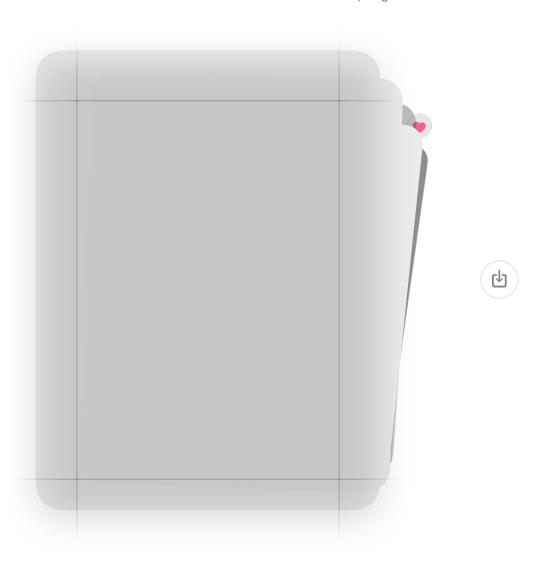
She's also at work

She started this week



Derp. Duh. Ok thx

Fri, Aug 25 at 3:40 PM







Omg



That look .

Sun, Sep 3 at 7:00 PM

Hey are you going to riot fest?

No plans to. You?

Yeah, I got Maggie a three day pass. I'm gonna go one day probably

You know I could've gotten you passes, right? Just saying...

I did not

I work for do312. So there's very few fests or shows I don't have access to. Even Phish is easier with a live nation connection. Not free but 100 level pair of tickets for face value no fees for all 3 nights.

Riot Fest would've been a free 3 day media pass, I think. If they haven't already put our company request in, I'll see if I can get a pair. Audrey and Lorna were talking about going for a day anyways.

Alright cool

Thu, Sep 14 at 9:14 AM

Hey I'm about to pull the trigger on a ticket for myself for Saturday- yay or nay?

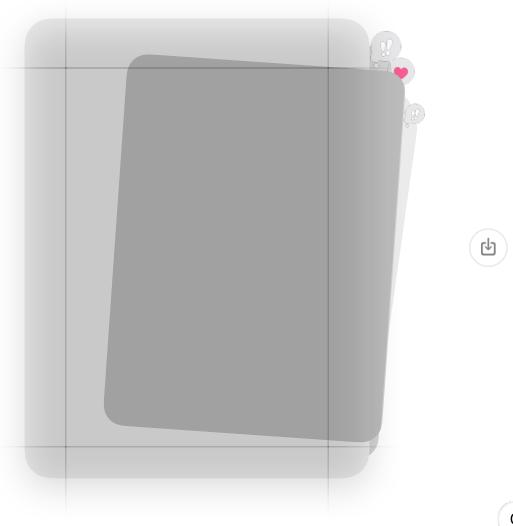
Pull it - I didn't get a request in, in time.

Thanks anyways

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Yeah - np. With some advance warning, I can get tix for most things. As long as it's in a DoStuff city at least....

Wed, Sep 20 at 11:00 AM



Omg Calvin is a little human now!

He's enormous he's in two year old clothing

Bahahaha

Sat, Sep 30 at 12:42 PM

Yo so is Lucy still team mini mouse or is she cycling through phases and onto something else rn? What's my girl into these days?

Yes she used to be into bluey but now she really likes Pokémon

Damn, I'm down with Bluey but stayed away from Pokémon bc I don't want to ever want to have a conversation with an adult super fan

super ran.

Good intel though, thanks. Let me know if/when she gets into anything else interesting

Ok

So I already know this is outta the realm of possibilities for you guys but Phish is the weekend after next and Dopapod, who I'm managing marketing for is playing an after show at Chop Shop Friday Oct. 13th

Lol I don't think a midnight show is in the cards for us but appreciate the invite nonetheless

Yeah, I haven't made it out past <u>1am</u> since like pre pandemic. I had the chance to get Phish floor seats but I opted for 100 levels instead. I need sitting. Sitting rules.

Agreed.

Mon, Oct 2 at 2:50 PM

Do you know when you're getting your teeth procedure done yet?

Sometime after next weekend. Once Phish and Dopapod are done I have to sort it out

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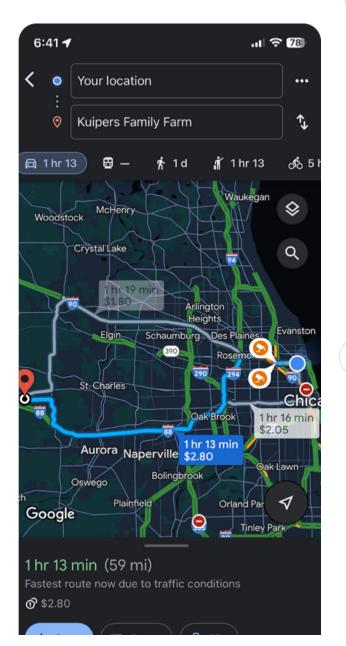
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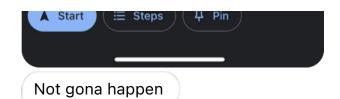


Omg so cute!

I don't have any pumpkins if y'all make the trek again sometime....



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Sat, Oct 21 at 7:06 PM

You got your procedure scheduled?

No not yet

Mon, Oct 30 at 1:52 PM





Lucy lost her first tooth



Frankie lost his last brain cell

Thu, Nov 2 at 7:06 PM

Hey how much did you pay for flights to Florida?

Used miles for both thanksgiving and Xmas. We booked far out do it was super cheap

But we have to fly back the day after thanksgiving and then Xmas eve

You're not even staying until Christmas Day? Mom must be crushed

No meaning we get there Xmas eve

Ohhhhh ok that makes way more sense

Leave Jan 5

I bet you \$10 mom picks you guys up from the airport Xmas eve and doesn't make you feel like you put her out at all. Come onnnn bet me. It's almost the same distance from Ann Arbor to home as it is from TPA to the condo 40

Double or nothing you don't even fight about it or have to ask twice

I don't disagree but Ann Arbor is 45 minutes from home so 1.5 round trip

I wish I could afford to go but it doesn't make sense for me to spend so much

Airport to condo is like 45 round trip

Yeahhhh you right. As soon as I typed that I was like, that's not as close as I want it to be lol

She's probably upset you're not going home at all?

lol well she's not acting like it. And if she wanted me to be there so badly, she should've involved me more with the planning of it.

We are only spending Xmas with her not thanksgiving

It's insane to expect someone to spend that kind of money on spending the holidays with people that aren't very cool or nice to them the rest of the year lol

What're your thanksgiving plans?

We're going to florida

You can't even say you're spending it with Nick? Lol grow a pair

Well ya but we're staying at moms

But that's interesting. Since you've always said it would never happen lol. I hope it doesn't blow up in anyone's face

But as far as I know mom will be in Bloomfield for thanksgiving

I just stayed with them for the lions bucs game last weekend. No drama or bullshit

Well I'm glad you're giving him another chance after all the shitty things he's done in the past. It would be so cool if you

guys would afford the the same courtesy in terms of perspective one day

I mean, you treat me like I'm this version of myself I haven't been in over a decade, I never get the benefit of the doubt, I'm crazy, selfish, whatever. I'm never invited to family shit. Maybe if I had his money?

BUT that being said, I think things might warm up with Nick if he doesn't do anything dumb with respect to my upcoming surgery and dealing with mom

Are you suggesting we're only trying to spend time with them bc they have money?

No I'm saying that if I had more money and a car, I'd be more mobile and flexible and able to offer you guys better hangs

You told me how much you make and how much your rent is....

No I'm saying that if I had more money, I'd have a car and be more flexible and maybe able to offer you guys better hangs with lower lifts on your end.

I'm pretty sure you probably make more money than I do at this point

I haven't gotten my year raise yet but I only just hit it on the 17th. I'm only embarrassingly open about it bc the reason it's so stigmatized to talk about is to keep people in place. Which I dislike. Knowledge is power

I don't know how much you make bc you only told me a commish structure I think. I was trying to find out without asking so I could keep an eye out for better jobs for you.

Also did you know that mom didn't know or put together what PTO stood for?? She learned what it means to have unlimited paid time off just two weeks ago. Adorbz

Yes that does not surprise me

BUT that being said, I think things might warm up with Nick if he doesn't do anything dumb with respect to my upcoming surgery and dealing with mom

That's great but idk what you mean by that. I know an email she sent to him about it

Yeah she emailed him without telling me (well I had broke down and cried and begged her to a couple weeks prior which she was aggressively against) and then he called me and I was like, in absolute shock.

She's like, "I decided it would be best if I were the go between with you and your father bc you'll say something to screw it up"

In my head I'm like, yes. Please. I asked you to step up and be a mature parent weeks ago but I'll take it.

I had no idea you and him were besties now tho, that must be crushing her MUCH more than me skipping Xmas. Haha. It also explains the uptick in her projections on to me. She was literally screaming at me for being irresponsible about my own surgery that I need to live. She thinks I'm just gonna forget to schedule it and die. She told me that!

She said she doesn't trust me to ask my doctors the right questions or game out other options with qualified third parties.

I think the less I know about the situation between you three the better

lol I'm sure. But why do I have this unfair burden to bear by myself? I wish I didn't know plenty of shit I already do. Sucks.

Sorry what unfair burden- your teeth needing to be replaced?

Noooo, the unfair way they treat us. Like, mom is clearly projecting or redirecting some of her recent disappointment of you and dad hanging out by picking on me. She's not saying that specifically but she *is being crazier than usual and I've seen this behavior pattern before

She can't tell you how upset she is that she doesn't like, live in your house and babysit the grandkids so she yells at a 40 year old woman about her concern over her the possibility I'll forget to make an appointment that I would be otherwise unable to eat solid foods without.

And then still not be able to problem solve my way out of dying



Kinda. But we've told her to sell the condo and buy a place in chicago so we can spend more time with her and she won't so

She can't be THAT mad about it

Right! There's usually a solution. Which honestly, only fuels this redirect 9 times outta 10. Bc then you have to avoid the solution talk too

Kk well, great talk bestie. Make sure you check in once and a while to make sure I was able to feed myself on any given day

Ok

Sat, Nov 11 at 4:39 PM

Hey, when is Calvin's actual birthday? It's any day now right?

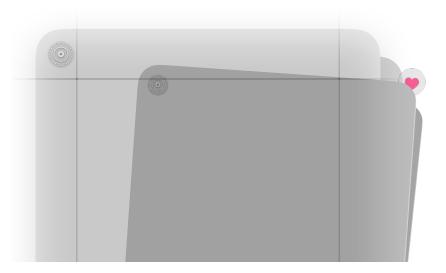
Yep 11/14

Mon, Nov 13 at 12:08 PM

I haven't heard anything about a party so my gift won't arrive by tomorrow but by EOW for sure. He's cool tho, right? He still doesn't know what day it is yet? Lol

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No party for him. Yes he's still cool, he just started walking. Not just taking steps but walking across a room



Sounds like your guys' life just got a lot more chaotic lol

Yeah and they are both fighting pretty bad colds which sucks, hopefully they are better by next week. Traveling with sick kids is not ideal

2 tickets to Germ city please 🛞



Tue, Nov 14 at 8:41 AM



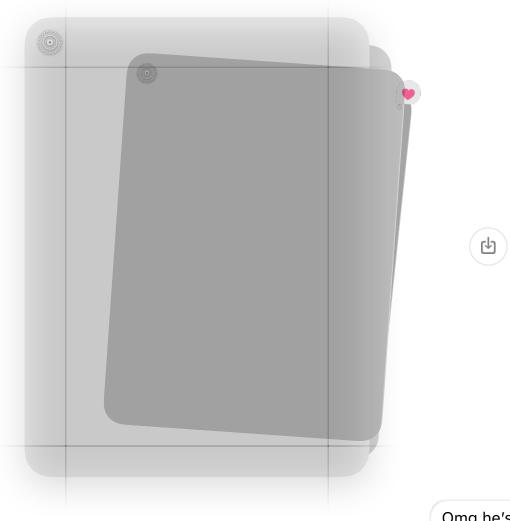
Plz show this to Calvin and give him a squeeze for me!

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Alrighty will do. I'll FaceTime when he opens your gift

Kk. Won't be for a couple days but I'd appreciate that!

Tue, Nov 14 at 8:02 PM



Omg he's the best! So aggressively cute!!

Wed, Nov 15 at 5:51 PM

I sent you something from Amazon. You can track the delivery with this link.



Track Package

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Thu, Nov 16 at 7:38 AM

Did you get my package last night?

Just got this this morning

Very thoughtful



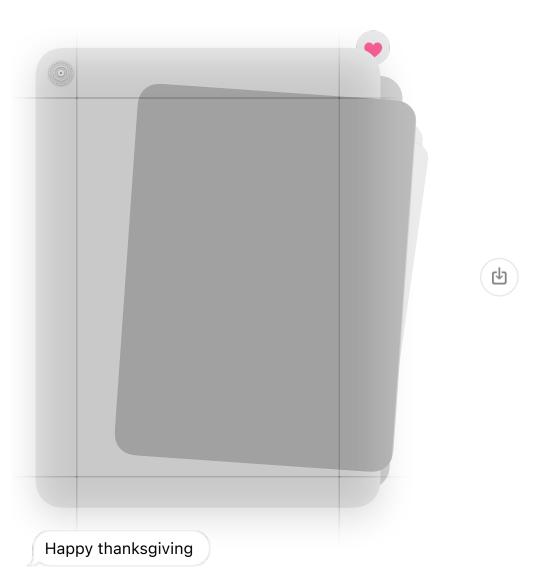




He's dancing

Did you open it? I thought I was getting a FaceTime?

Thu, Nov 23 at 8:36 AM



Ayyyy back at ya!

These pics are great

What are you doing today

Nothing. Job searching. I got let go last week outta nowhere.

Omg that's super shitty. What was their reasoning? That means

you can get unemployment right?

They offered me a months severance but I had to sign the paper that day by 6pm so I took it obviously. So I don't think I can get unemployment but even if I could, I've lived off of that before and it's nothing.

I just need to tell mom and dad. Then be nice to dad so he pays for my surgery since no one will hire someone that has to get operated on soon.

Part of it probably has to do with the surgery and recovery time but I'll never prove it

I'm dreading telling mom bc she'll go into a total panic

Sorry to unload on ya haha.

Did you have to tell them about the surgery?

Yeah, I was gonna be out for like 2-4 weeks and it's not like a maternity leave where it's obviously coming.

I didn't think it would be an issue and even if it was, there's no way I could know or prove that.

Fuck

My sole source of income is a jam band. I'm a wook again 😭







Seems highly illegal but ya only if you can prove

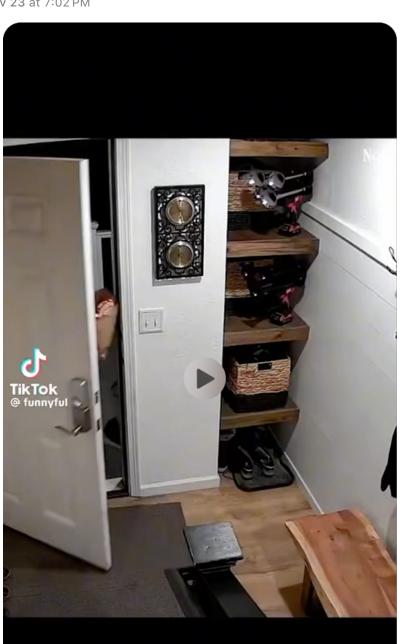
What reason did they give you? Like cutting budget or what

They're pivoting to a ticketing subscription service - I also started to notice some things and ask some questions that I don't think I was supposed to notice and ask about.

Ah well that sounds kinda legit I guess.

And yeah mom will just turn into an anxious reck if you tell her for sure.

Thu, Nov 23 at 7:02 PM



lol I meant to send that to someone else. I stand by it though.

Fri, Nov 24 at 5:24 PM

So how was thanksgiving? Anything notable you feel comfortable sharing? I take it he's in a pretty decent mood? I gotta pull the trigger on telling him soon 😭

I'm comfortable sharing photos if you're comfortable seeing them

Ok. No pressure. I was looking for more of a vibe check before I head into the metaphorical lions den

Yeah Lucy is extremely attached. They go by papa and Mimi

Nice. I expected them to be cool but honestly I thought it could've gone either way. Maybe I could get her to film a vid vouching for me lol







Thanks for including that shot of you and hulk W



How's mom doing? Are you in touch with her? Just wondering if she did thanksgiving with someone

She's been sick as a dog we FaceTimed briefly

I'll shoot her a text. I devoted my last therapy session today to dealing with whatever her terrible reaction will be. I feel prepared

Are you still down there?

Thanks for including that shot of you and hulk



Whatcha gona do about it brother

Yes we fly back tomorrow morning

Sat. Nov 25 at 5:22 PM

Nick said he can't afford to loan out the 20k deposit and then I basically listened to him and Terri mansplain calling insurance companies vs going on the internet.

Oh bonus fun points for all the, "you're strong" and "this is a test" and "you'll get through this" that were absolutely unwarranted. So much so to the point where I eventually had to be like, thank you. I know. I'm a bad ass bitch and this is not my first, "when it rains it pours scenario."

I said I would do all their suggestions and they still managed to find a way to yell at me and make me feel like shit. He's like, "I can't help you financially, but I know I can help you in other ways."

I'm like, thanks but I'm really just looking for the financial support. You're not giving me any insider info here that I wouldn't have surfaced eventually in figuring this situation out.

I don't understand you're against a second opinion?

I got one already

And they said you need all your teeth removed based on how your teeth were?

No, based off of my bone deterioration underneath my teeth. They took a regular X-ray and a 3d one.

Bones are WEAK lol

There's no real denying I have this disease and need this operation. The only thing to really adjust are things like materials (is porcelain

The only option?}

Maybe I only need 2 posts vs. 4 on the bottom. So they're putting together some tiers for me

Sun, Nov 26 at 7:00 PM





But I thought you didn't talk to dad about me? It's a strict policy I thought.

Yeah not so much anymore

Wait we didn't say shit about you- he just spilled his guts about what was goin on

All we did was listen

Ok. Good to know. I'm relieved if this means we can talk about dad again and you won't be so withholding about stuff.

I didn't think for a second you guys would make that kind of weird snap judgement with only third hand knowledge. Don't worry. I'm not mad. I just want you to be looped in that he's weaponizing your relationship against me. It seems small but he loves to divide people.

Yeah, then he told me that he wants me to try to convince you to see Terry's cousin for a second opinion and I said it's pointless

Personally, I don't see why they are trying so hard when you guys have such a shitty relationship

All they say is that they don't wanna see you ruined your health

I essentially told him he was wasting his time politely

But for what it's worth, I would do anything and everything to find someone who would advise against getting the procedure done even if it was Carrie's family I mean, here's the thing. They're so fucking intense and weird and always on the speaker phone sharing that one brain cell and it's insulting because rich people have NO IDEA how the system works but he thinks all I have to do is sign up for COBRA (*properly according to Teri so I don't have a monthly payment), research and find this rare unicorn dental policy that Terri, in all her insurance expertise is positive exists but can't tell me where.

But they think they're teaching me some sort of lesson. Like I'm asking for a loan to cover my DUI court fees or something of my own irresponsible doing. But the system is BROKEN and I just need help and if a family member can easily provide it, financially speaking - it really sucks that they won't.

Like, I'm being "tested" or whatever and, things look bad now but "you're smart and strong and you'll figure it out". I mean, thank you? I know all that though. This isn't an emotional support call, it's a logistical financial one. I could be a child prodigy that grew up in an affluent community and had access to all the very best opportunities and STILL END UP IN THIS SITUATION. It's not something that happens to just stupid people lol

Well I hope you're right.

About what?

I didn't say I wasn't going to see their dentist. I just said I was no longer discussing my medical situation with them. I could very well be planning on going in to that dentist office tomorrow but I need to nip this flow of info in the bud while I can. I can't have them involved to the degree they were yesterday if they're not going to finance it, lol

Well hopefully you do go- she says you don't need it yet and then you won't have to ask them to finance it.

You unsent a message

Omg. I've ever unsent a text before! That was weird.

The gist of it was, thanks for your input and concern. I appreciate it. I'm just exhausted from always having to convince people that I know how to talk to a doctor and that I'm going to make the decision that's right for me. I've been told to look into Mexico, ask about the cost of the materials they're using, look into going to the burbs, find unicorn insurance - oh and be unemployed unexpectedly too

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It's a lot and I don't think I'm out of line for just removing him from the discussion. He's got no skin in the game and it's only piling on top of my stress.

And one last thing I'd like to note - and let me preface it by saying I know this is not your fault and I'm not implying that it is - but I know that if you were in my position and needed to get an expensive medical operation, they wouldn't make you jump through any hoops or question your judgement and sanity.

And that's not just because you're the favorite, lol. You're also a man - so people automatically believe you when you talk.

They absolutely would encourage me to find option b c and d if option a was financial hardship or lasting health concerns.

In fact they'd probably be 100 times more insistent about it

Right - you'd be encouraged. But not screamed and yelled at and made to feel like getting this hereditary disease is my fault.

I disagree with the insistence part

But who knows for sure, it's an impossible comparison.

Also, I've given them my options B, C and D. I've seen 2 dentists this year already. It's not like I'm NOT taking care of things. It's just I'm not doing it in their exact way that they know is right.

Wed, Nov 29 at 10:13 AM

I'm at work rn what's up

Oh nothing big. Just want to fill you in on the dental thing and have a quick chat about the importance of withholding certain info from certain ppl. Call me after work?

Sure

Thu, Nov 30 at 9:15 AM

Sorry I jumped off the phone last night. I got upset bc I wanted to vent to someone who was caught up to the situation and you shut it down.

Which, you should do if you're not comfortable, of course, but just a couple days ago you let Nick "spill his guts" to you guys. I

and when I didn't, it really hurt my feelings.

You were just bashing them, they didn't really bash you.

Oh. What did you talk about then? I just don't see how he spills his guts about how pissed off he is with me but doesn't bash me?

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I'm genuinely curious, is all. I can accept that you're only allowing venting on a conditional basis. I'm just trying to wrap my head around it.

Thu, Nov 30 at 8:35 PM

Go Red Wings

Sun, Dec 10 at 8:06 AM

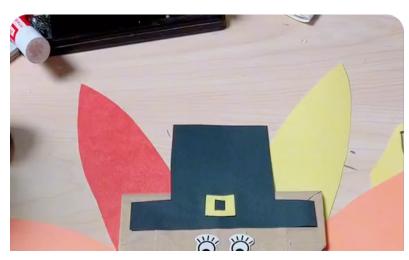
Hey, big favor. Do you or Maggie have any pain meds? I'm having a tooth issue that's gotten progressively worse since I called the dentist on Friday for a Monday appointment. I just need to get through the day.

We don't have anything more than Tylenol or ibuprofen

Ok thx. That's what I have too.

I've been timing it and 4 Advils are putting a tiny dent in the pain after 20 min. Yesterday I was taking an Advil/tylenol hybrid with similar results

Mon, Dec 11 at 8:25 AM







Mon, Dec 11 at 9:28 AM

Loll

Wed, Dec 13 at 12:55 PM



Hey it's my day off I got Calvin but no car. He usually naps around <u>noon</u> but we're here if you wanna swing by early.

He's got a cold but probably not contagious by now

Ok. Like 10am-ish?

Anytime, just before nap.

Fri, Dec 22 at 6:37 AM

I know what you can get the kiddos if you haven't already. Apple gift card- Lucy has educational games on the iPad that are crazy and subscription driven. We have the free version of most of them.

That's funny, I was just ordering their gifts rn.

Your call

Don't spend a lot

Oh yeah, I'll snag that for her. I want something tangible she can open tho. Preferably something loud and/or messy for ya

Found it

Soggy Doggy, The Showering Shaking Wet Dog Award-Winning Board Game for Family Night Fun Games for Kids Toys & Games, for Kids Ages 4...



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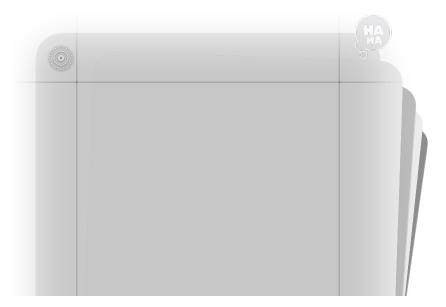
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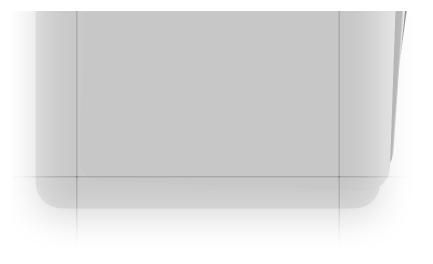
Merry Xmas

Merry Christmas! Would love to FaceTime my niblings if possible at some point

Thu, Dec 28 at 11:18 AM







These are great!! Thank you!!

Sun, Dec 31 at 11:09 AM

Have you heard of a band called tire fire?

Backyard Tire Fire, yes

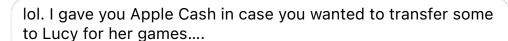
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Wed, Jan 3 at 6:28 AM



Happy birthday!

Thanks dude. That will go towards my bday beers 🏢



That being said, I fully support a round of beers too 🤘



Oh ok idk how to use it

Me either really, I just figured that it'd be easiest bc Apple is so incestuous.

Fri, Jan 12 at 4:13 PM

Guess who got a MF JOB today?!

Great to hear

Where

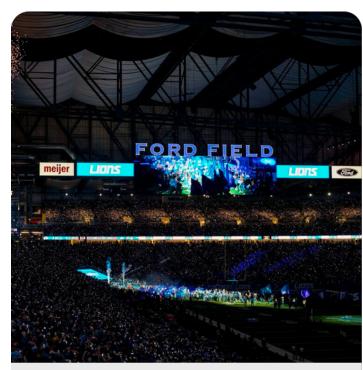
It's not official official yet but he's sending me an offer over the weekend. A small company based out of Baltimore and recently opened a new Nashville office. Death Waltz Media.

It's an entertainment consulting company specializing in bands, venues and festivals

Sounds cool

Thanks! It's basically exactly what I want to do and the kind of clients I want to work with.

Sun, Jan 21 at 4:18 PM

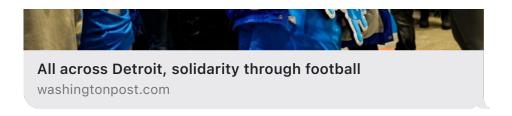


All across Detroit, solidarity through football
The Washington Post

News

I don't have Apple news and I'm not giving them my email through the article





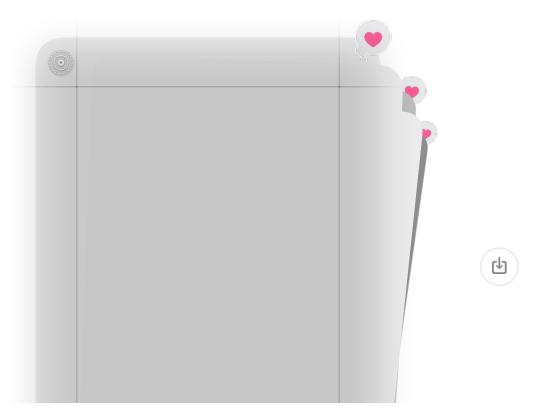
Sun, Jan 21 at 6:58 PM



Sun, Jan 28 at 9:21 AM

Can I get some updated pics of the niblings?

Sun, Jan 28 at 10:39 AM

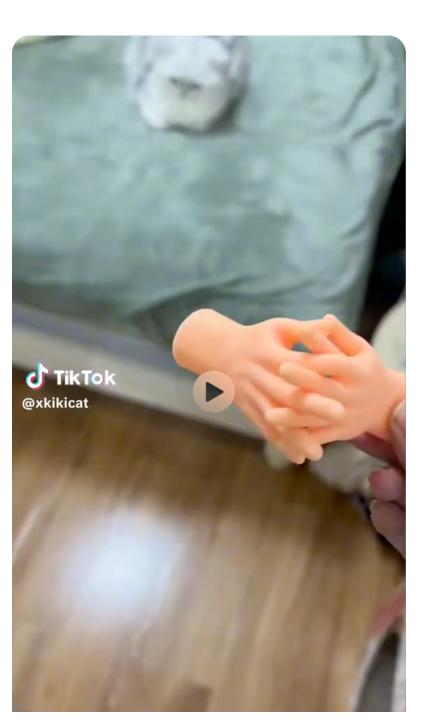


Sun, Jan 28 at 2:35 PM

Rachel's working so I'll just be watching the game on the couch if you wanna come by and watch with someone else

Thanks for the offer but probably gona hang here

Thu, Feb 1 at 3:25 PM



Fri, Feb 9 at 1:25 PM



New gift idea for mom unlocked

Haha

Sat, Feb 10 at 10:36 AM

Nick texted. Are you seeing him tomorrow?

I was just asking bc I might see him too but tomorrow is the Super Bowl and the bars will be awful.

Then I witnessed an attempted grand theft auto happen in front of me just now. Complete with ski masks and a getaway car. They broke the window, climbed in, and as I started to knock on my neighbors door they climbed out and sped off without the car

You don't drive a Kia tho, do you?

Holy shit. No outback

I'm like, fuck - I should snap a pic of the getaway car at least, but it was pretty close to me and I didn't want them to see me do it so, luckily, Audrey lives right there so I started banging on her door to let me in so I would have somewhere to escape to if they started to notice me. But she wasn't home and they sped off and I did nothing. Womp womp. The Kia Boiz will strike again....

Their getaway car was either stolen or had stolen plates on it 100%

> Yeah good point. I don't even blame these kids that much. Crime is a symptom of a society that's not meeting its basic needs and nowhere are those needs not being met more than in some Chicago neighborhoods. They just looked scared.

Nah fuck those guys.

Lol. Sorry but I'm here for the nonviolent offenders. But the second it turns violent or sexist, yeah- FUCK those guys haha

Sun, Feb 11 at 5:29 PM

Lol who could've guessed that these FACE TATOOS would look so stupid on me while I sang America the beautiful with my acoustic guitar 🥮 😂 🥮

What a fucking moron. God bless America 🔨



Sun, Feb 11 at 7:25 PM

Oh, you hating on a musician? I never thought I'd see the day.

Maybe the most boomer comment you've ever made

Lol I hate on musicians ALL DAY for my job. Mostly related to them weaponizing their incompetence

I'd say it was coming more from a place of artist development and brand management and less of a place of "why would anyone do that"?

Like idgaf if my cashier at Jewel Osco has a face tattoo. A boomer commenter definitely would.

Thu, Feb 22 at 6:58 PM

Requesting some fresh Lucy + Calvin content plz

Fri, Mar 1 at 6:17 AM

Happy birthday a card and small gift is in the mail did you get it yet?

No.

Taking a break from giving me the silent treatment? Over what, by the way? The unforgivable sin of having a meltdown in response to my own mom and brother mocking and invalidating my claims (and proof) of verbal and mental abuse??

Over the fact that every time you speak to me it's always something negative- "dad is doing this to me" etc. it's never "hey how are you or the kiddos?" Etc.

Setting aside that you never ask about my personal life either, I ask for updates on the kids regularly. You're the one who cut off my access to them, essentially.

Whatever is going on with us, it shouldn't affect my relationship with my niece and nephew. I know I'm not a parent but this seems to be the consensus of other parents and mental health professionals

I just don't understand why you don't like me so much. I only recently talking to Nick again. And let's be honest - You've been barely tolerating me since Lucy was born.





This was a negative text?

Rachel's working so I'll just be watching the game on the couch if you wanna come by and watch with someone else

This seems like a nice gesture/text?



This got a laugh!

It's a small % of our interactions

It's just always something with you dude. Ever since the divorce.

Got it.

The divorce really changed you idk

So that's why you're giving me the silent treatment? Because mom and dad's divorce "changed me"? And that's why you won't send me pics of Lucy and Calvin anymore? Because I'm negative "every time" we talk?

You're not wrong. The divorce changed the dynamics and my relationship with mom and dad for sure. As it did with you. But that's what divorce does. I've had enough therapy to give myself some grace there. It wasn't our fault.

Ok well thanks for the birthday wishes I guess? Luckily I got myself a gift this year: I've forgiven you and mom for the way

you both mocked and invalidated my proof of abuse last week. You probably didn't realize how offensive, hurtful and rude that reaction was.

I'm giving you the silent treatment bc it's always drama with you and it's easier/less dramatic to not deal with you. A perfect example would be just above. Any normal person would just say "thanks no I haven't gotten it" but then you started an argument on why I'm giving you the silent treatment

Or randonmly sending audio recordings of you and dads conversation

I don't need that I have enough stress in my life as is man.

Or randonmly sending audio recordings of you and dads conversation

I've done this more than once?

Or screen shots of convos same thing

Yes all the time

Like 60% of our conversations

I'm giving you the silent treatment bc it's always drama with you and it's easier/less dramatic to not deal with you. A perfect example would be just above. Any normal person would just say "thanks no I haven't gotten it" but...

Lol. Maybe in the last year or so since you told me you're talking to Nick again. But that doesn't count for the years when I wasn't talking ti him?

K maybe 40% but still it's too much

Got it. So I'm just supposed to be grateful for the bday s/o and shut up

I'm sorry my ratio of memes to valid complaints about our parents isn't to your specifications. Fwiw - the % of times that you've been the one to reach out to me about anything unprompted hovers around 0%

I'm giving you the silent treatment bc it's always drama with you and it's easier/less dramatic to not deal with you. A perfect example would be just above. Any normal person would just say "thanks no I haven't gotten it" but...

If it was dad you were beefing with it was either society as a whole or mom

You just don't like me, Alex. Just be honest. I don't talk about things you like in the way you want me to talk about them. Is it worth ruining my relationship with my niece and nephew tho? To the point of you refusing to send updated pics? It has nothing to do with them. It's not like I'm taking my concerns to them.

Since this is the way you feel about me, why even bother sending a gift or texting me happy birthday?

Your relationship with you niece and nephew? Bro you asked to come see Lucy maybe once in 2018

Since this is the way you feel about me, why even bother sending a gift or texting me happy birthday?

It was from Lucy.

Ok. If that's what you think.

Ditto

Get the last word in too

I've certainly been by to see them more than you've brought them to me or invited me to any family activity. Sorry, to burst your bubble but I stopped by to see Calvin recently and I'm pretty sure he was born after 2018 bro I'm not invited to any museums or parks or pumpkin patches. No family game nights or Sunday dinners. You are the one dictating the vibe of our relationship and I think you're stuck on this stereotype that's exaggerated in your own mind.

I know this bc I've compared notes with other parents, plus medical professionals. As far as I know, you're not in therapy or seeing a psychiatrist - how can you be sure you're not the problem? I think you're so used to thinking one way, you're incapable of seeing me in any other light.

Happy birthday a card and small gift is in the mail did you get it yet?

So this is from Lucy and not you? Lucy says happy birthday? Why wouldn't you add that here?

Since this is the way you feel about me, why even bother sending a gift or texting me happy birthday?

Bc you asked

Ok well if a child is the one wishing happy birthday and not the adult, it's usually customary to include that somewhere

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Sat, Mar 2 at 10:44 AM

I want to point out that based off of yesterday's semiilluminating convo, it seems to me that you think it's being dramatic when I stick up for myself. Like when I "beef" with Nick or society (IoI) - I'm telling you about a time when I'm treated unjustly or with extreme bias.

I realized that even if you agree with whatever I'm talking about (Nick demanding to talk to my doctor without me), it's the act of disclosure and the disruption it causes that you seem to lump all in together as one big negative exaggerated stereotype. You hate the boat being rocked, no matter the cause.

This type of tone-policing (the classic case being a demand that someone should refrain from making others uncomfortable by expressing their legitimate anger.) is rude, condescending and

can be really damaging. I hope you learn to identify it in yourself before Lucy starts having different opinions and/or expressing herself in a way that you don't like or that makes you uncomfortable.

The day I take parenting advice from you will be a cold day in hell. I'm going to block you now.

That's not advice really, just a hope I have for you and Lucy. I don't know shit about parenting Iol.

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