

FR: Wife's trip

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My father-in-law had a major medical issue recently. My wife went to visit him and her family for a couple weeks, so I was left running things by myself while she was gone. I put into practice a few things I learned here.

(About my father-in-law: his surgery went well, and although he's not completely out of the woods yet, things are looking good.)

Own your shit

Being a sober captain, I owned my shit while she was gone. Kept the kids on schedule, put familiar meals on the table (she cooks more often due to schedule, but I'm the better cook), and just generally managed things. Every time we talked on the phone or Skype, the message was pretty much the exact opposite of "I don't know how you do it, and I can't wait for you to come home." She came home to a clean house and smiling kids.

Maintain mystery

Before MRP, because I was completely 100% bought into communication (and, frankly, for the validation), I would have totally gone full disclosure and told her every little detail of what was going on. MRP, never go full disclosure.

There were plenty of things I purposely didn't mention. Some of them the kids told her about. Some of them she found out about when she got back. Some of them simply haven't come up.

For example: After a "Things were ok today. How is your Dad?" from me, the kids got on the phone and went "Mommy, Mommy, you won't believe, we did today, and "

Stuff went sideways a few times, too. Just handled it and kept moving forward.

Results

"Did you miss me while I was gone?" (I got this several times. Comfort test?)

"Aren't you less stressed now that I'm back?" (Don't you love the smell of solipsism in the morning?)

"I'm so glad I knew you had things handled here, so I could just focus on my father's issues. Thank you, honey."

"My friends were looking at our pictures, and they think you're so young-looking and handsome."

"You know, I should dress sexier while I still have a beautiful body. I shouldn't wait until I'm old and fat."
(Pretty sure this was a result of seeing her friends back in her hometown, and seeing how time has treated them versus her)

Various comments about how she missed my cock while she was gone.

And, her definitely being more affectionate and sexy, even during shark week (when things are usually pretty meh).

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Life gets better when you're out of the habit of seeking validation for the shit you should be doing anyway.

Keep working and having fun.

Turn those shit tests into foreplay.

WhiteTrashKiller • 5 points • 5 July, 2016 01:10 AM

Life also gets better when you are a chisled greek god compared to every one of her friends fat hambeasts and their even fatter Blue Balled Hubby.....

red_blue_and_hot[S] • 2 points • 5 July, 2016 01:16 AM

Maybe one day

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Don't you love the smell of solipsism in the morning?

Tres clever. Plus one for you, very witty. Excellent.

sexyshoulderdevil • 3 points • 5 July, 2016 01:05 AM

The thing is...I'm not sure she was out right shit testing him. It almost seems like a comfort test because she's become self conscious at how well he did without her...so now she's looking for validation and reassurance that she adds something to his life. Most of the quotes he put sounded like a wife that was trying to be submissive, appreciative and sexual to please him.

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Yep, I agree with you. I was just digging the Col Kilgore reference.

red_blue_and_hot[S] • 1 point • 5 July, 2016 01:25 AM

A comfort test was likely the undercurrent, but it was presented mostly as a given, hence my solipsism comment. My response was that honestly, it was about the same amount of stress, but a different type of stress.

ex_addict_bro • 5 points • 5 July, 2016 03:59 AM

Post divorce and moving out I quickly realized that the biggest problem for me was... nothing. Including handling of my 1,5 yo son.

Remember that guys. You can handle everything she does even better. Maybe except breastfeeding.

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And that's optional anyway.

ex_addict_bro • 4 points • 5 July, 2016 10:35 AM

Perhaps this is why they all whine about their tasks so much. This is so hard that is so hard. So you think,

oh well, I need that woman so she can do all those hard womanly tasks.

Bullshit.

The devil is in the details. Suddenly in my kitchen coffee seems to never end and all the new non stick frying pans still are non sticky. Suddenly I have time for everything, suddenly I look better, perhaps because I finally don't have any sugars in my home.

Marriage. Not even once.

alphabet49 • 1 point • 5 July, 2016 04:51 PM

Lucky man.

Big_Daddy_PDX • 5 points • 5 July, 2016 12:27 AM

lol, it's hilarious how women get that impression that it will be so tough while they're gone. I do basically the same routine while she's out - totally clean house, dinner cleaned up, kids laughing and having fun as they get ready for bed (on schedule).

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so how'd you respond to her comfort tests ?

red_blue_and_hot[S] • 3 points • 5 July, 2016 01:06 AM

Mostly a ten second kiss, or something along the lines of "*Yeah, I missed that.*" after sex. There was also some joking in there, too.

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I was expecting a very different FR from the title.

GC0W30 • 3 points • 5 July, 2016 02:56 AM

3 miles of Jamaican dick, her using his credit card to pay for a trip to Denmark with her high school boyfriend?

Maybe she took the kids on a trip along with his entire savings account and still hasn't come back a month later?

Sure as hell what I was expecting, too!

Good on you, OP! Keep it up!

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That might very well have still happened. It just was as story about Mr Mom instead