

Letters to Jo and John

Questions

1. I've been with my girlfriend for a few months now, and I go round to her house a lot. I have begun developing feelings for her mother, and don't know what to do about it, as I sometimes get the feeling that its mutual. What should I do?
2. I haven't spoken to my best friend in months. I can't even remember what we argued about and obviously I miss her, but I'm worried about how to approach her after so long. She's got a new group of mates and I don't want to look stupid by trying to talk to her if she hates me. What should I do?

Jo's Answer to 1

All I know is if you were my boyfriend, and you thought you fancied my mum, it would be terrifying. There is absolutely nowhere this can go. Whether the feeling is mutual or not doesn't matter - just try and forget it. Focus on your girlfriend – she's the only one in this family (unless she has a gay brother) who you could ever consider as anything more than a friend. It's natural to have feelings towards older people; other people's parents, teachers, whatever – but the outcome is messy and never ever as good as it is in your head.



Jo's Answer to 2

Stupid arguments happen all the time. If she's your best mate, she's obviously been missing you as well, so finding the time to have just a quick chat or send a text will at least clear the air and should start the ball rolling. Fights like this, especially ones you can't even remember, are not worth losing a friend over; especially a best friend.

John's Answer to 1

Well, even if the feeling is mutual it's really not a very good idea. The fact that she's your girlfriend's mum should automatically bring up warnings, mothers are normally very protective over their children so for you're to have to hurt her child really wouldn't make you look better. Just drop the thoughts, people get thoughts.



John's Answer to 2

Just get it off your chest, talk to her, what harm can come of talking? Otherwise you'll never know if you could have been the good friends that you were before hand. However if she doesn't like you anymore then words could fly, so watch your footing with this one, but don't be too worried. A leap of faith is required here, be confident and everything will come out ok.



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