“I took his intensity as love instead of something just dark.”

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“I had to think of them and what they wanted, but they didn’t care what I wanted. It was like I didn’t matter.”

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“He made me feel like leaving him would be selfish and wrong, even though I was suffering.”

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“They said they would kill themself if I ever left them.”

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“After I broke up with him, he started following me everywhere. I was scared for my life.”

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“Once I began to think about leaving is when the harassment and abuse really escalated and when I felt the most afraid.”

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“They treated me like a tool. Always disrespecting in public.”

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“My friends told me he was trouble. I just thought they were jealous of our love. They were right, there was no love, just control.”

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“She lied about me on Facebook. I lost friends. It just hurt so bad. Once it was out there, there was nothing I could do.”

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“He shared private photos of me with his friends. It was humiliating.”

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“She told my mom I was gay. I wasn’t ready. I wanted to do it on my own – she took that away from me.”

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“He slams me for my taste in music and movies. I’m not even allowed to like that stuff anymore. It’s always about what wants to watch or listen to.”

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“I apologize for everything that happens. I feel like it’s always my fault when he explodes.”

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“He had this crazy look in his eyes, like something had snapped. It was so scary.”

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“He literally smashed my phone when I got a text from a guy friend.”

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“He was so rough with my cat, always teasing like he was going to do something messed up to her. The things he said were just disgusting. I didn’t know if he was really joking.”

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“His knife was always on him. Always. Sometimes he put my hand in his pocket, just to show me.”

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“She made me run drugs for her. I hated it, but what could I do?”

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“He wanted sex all the time. He said if I didn’t give it to him he’d get it somewhere else.”

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“Just because I’m bi doesn’t mean I’m a slut! He accuses me of cheating with practically everyone. I feel like I can’t have friends at all.”

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“He blamed his bad grades on having to watch over me all the time.”

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“The texting never stopped. I would get 75 to 100 texts a day asking what I was doing, where I was, who was I with.”

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“He would check my phone to see who else I was texting.”

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“He makes fun of my accent and even goes around telling people I’m an ‘illegal alien.’”

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“He played on my fears, he played on my shame.”

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“I made excuses for his behavior to my friends and family.”

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“‘You’re stupid’ is how he greets me.”

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“He told me I was lucky to have him, who would love a fat pig like me?”

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“He said if I really loved him, I’d have sex with him.”

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“She doesn’t let me hang out with my friends. She says she should be enough.”

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“If he wanted to get some, he’d just get me wasted.”

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