



AIBU?

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CAST consists of 3 online posters

**WOMAN** original poster on mumsnet.com - mother of young boy and girl  
**stillsores** man *seated in audience*  
**nineversions** woman *seated in audience*

Invisible characters

husband **WOMAN's** darling husband  
 daughter **WOMAN's** and husband's young darling daughter

KITCHEN.

**WOMAN:**

TAPS PHONE KEYS TO COMPOSE AND SUBMIT POST.

I need help.

STARTS COOKING. CALLS TO CHILDREN IN NEXT ROOM (LOUNGE).

Play nicely together! Look after Granny and Gramps while I cook tea!

LOOKS UP AS INVISIBLE HUSBAND ENTERS KITCHEN.

Please go and sit with your parents.

GENTLY REMOVES INVISIBLE HUSBAND'S HANDS FROM HER BUTTOCK.

I don't need help.

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REMOVES INVISIBLE HUSBAND'S HAND FROM HER BUTTOCK MORE FIRMLY.

I don't want a kiss.

DARTS HEAD SIDEWAYS TO AVOID INVISIBLE HUSBAND'S ATTEMPTED KISS.

I can check my own breasts for lumps.

MOVES INVISIBLE HUSBAND'S HAND FROM HER BREAST.

Leave me alone!

WITH HER EYES, FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO DISHWASHER.

*I'll* do the dishwasher.

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND WHO IS LOADING DISHWASHER.

I said *I'll* load it. Please go back to your parents.

SIGHS.

At least point the cutlery downwards in the basket. How ... many times do I have to tell you?

EXASPERATED. TO AUDIENCE.

I nearly said 'How hard is it?' but if I don't watch every word, he turns it into innuendo.

SHOWING HUSBAND HOW TO PLACE KNIVES CORRECTLY IN CUTLERY BASKET, **WOMAN** REMOVES TWO KNIVES POINTING UPWARDS AND REPLACES THEM IN CUTLERY BASKET WITH BLADES POINTING DOWNWARDS.

**WOMAN:**

Blade down. Blade down.

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND.

I don't want to spank you. *Please* make sure the floor's completely dry. Do you want the children to slip?

GRABS CLOTH, DRIES WET PATCH ON FLOOR NEAR DISHWASHER, WRINGS OUT THE CLOTH IN SINK. TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND.

You and your contract. Will you stop going on about that bloody contract!

PAUSE. LOUDLY.

I don't care if your parents hear me. I've asked you to stop and you haven't.

WATCHES INVISIBLE HUSBAND LEAVE.

TO AUDIENCE.

AIBU? Am I being unreasonable for snapping at darling husband so much? I keep having sex with him just to get him off my back. (PAUSE.) How do I make him understand I'm too knackered?

**stillsore** RISES FROM HIS SEAT IN AUDIENCE. LOOKS AT HIS PHONE.

**stillsore:**

Hi Mumsnetters. Stillsore here.

TO **WOMAN**.

YANBU. Of course you're not being unreasonable. Make darling husband do some parenting. Just stab a fork in his hand every time it comes near.

**WOMAN:** DEFENDING HUSBAND.

He's a good dad. He does a lot around the house.

**stillsores:** Bet he doesn't do the housework *properly*.

**WOMAN:** He doesn't stack the dishwasher how I'd like and the kitchen floor's a bit of a lake once he's finished mopping it. But they're hardly crimes.

**stillsores:** Bet you do far more.

**WOMAN:** He cooks tea, irons, and takes our darling children to all their appointments. He even gets up with them at the weekend so I can lie in.

**stillsores:** How come you're cooking now then?

**WOMAN:** Gives me a break from his parents and our darling children. (REFLECTS.) He's good fun when he's not pestering me for sex.

After his parents have gone we have to get the kids to bed. Darling son has a parents' evening tomorrow and darling daughter has one next week. I shouldn't complain but it's never-ending.

**stillsores:** They shouldn't call them Parents' 'Evenings'. The teachers run so late they should call them Parents' Nights.

**WOMAN:** I don't mind waiting. All the kids love darling son's teacher. I've always liked him too. (PAUSE.) I just hope darling husband doesn't try anything tonight because I won't be up for it.

**stillsores:** Hasn't he heard of #MeToo?

**WOMAN** LOOKS OVER SHOULDER AS INVISIBLE DAUGHTER ENTERS KITCHEN.

Mummy's cooking, sweetie.

**WOMAN** STROKES INVISIBLE DAUGHTER'S HAIR WHILE STIRRING PAN. TO INVISIBLE DAUGHTER.

Please go back to Granny and Gramps.

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND IN LOUNGE.

Please come and get Aimee!

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND AS HE ARRIVES IN KITCHEN.

Thank you.

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND.

Get off me!

TO INVISIBLE DAUGHTER.

Not you, Aimee.

TO INVISIBLE HUSBAND.

Don't tell her that!

TO INVISIBLE DAUGHTER.

**WOMAN:** Mummy *does* love Daddy but she's trying to cook. Mummy needs you both with Granny and Gramps.

WITH EYES, FOLLOWS INVISIBLE HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER WHO LEAVE KITCHEN.

TO AUDIENCE.

**WOMAN:** See what I mean?

**stillsore:** He knows you don't want to be touched. That's sexual assault. He even gropes you in front of your children. LTB.

**WOMAN:** LTB?

**nineversions** RISES FROM HER SEAT IN AUDIENCE. ADDRESSES OWN PHONE. TYPES AS SHE READS HER POST ALOUD.

**nineversions:** By posting LTB, stillsore means he thinks you should 'Leave the bastard'.

**WOMAN:** I don't mind him touching me when I'm not stressed as long as he's considerate, but I can't cope with being touched 24/7.

**nineversions:** TO **WOMAN**.

I'm interested to know why you married him.

**WOMAN:** He was the opposite of my ex.

**nineversions:** Was your ex a slob?

**WOMAN:** No, but he hated sex. He only ever wanted cuddles.

**stillsore:** Bet he was a porn addict.

**WOMAN:** I don't think so.

**nineversions:** Did you love him?

PAUSE.

Are you still there?

LONG PAUSE.

**WOMAN:** Sorry. The pan was about to boil over.