

Hi Mami,

My name is Brooke, I work with Steve and he and I got into a pretty heated argument on Sunday about the fact he hasn't been honest with you about our relationship. You see I'm the woman he's been seeing for awhile now, and I'm not just some random girl he had sex with in parking lots, I'm actually a close friend who works with him on a frequent basis. I care about him a lot and I've been asking him to come clean to you about everything, from when we first slept together in St Louis in his hotel suite (where he assured me I wouldn't have to worry about getting pregnant since his vasectomy) to the fact that we have continued to talk, see each other and schedule meet-ups even since you found out. He's upset because I told him I was going to tell you everything, but it's important that you know this. We text all day when he's at work and talk via hotel phones on the road. The texts have always been mostly about the sexual side of our relationship and I have some saved if you ever want to see them, basically stuff like when we'll meet up next, what we want to do to each other physically and how we feel about each other.

But it's more than that, some of the texts and most of the calls are more about our friendship. We talk about his life like when he went to see [SON 1] pitch and how he did, the fact that [SON 1] is starting football this week with 4 hour long practices, that [SON 2] is going to be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and gets stuck with babysitting duty a lot, when you have family movie nights at home, and when he's taking [SON 3] and [SON 4] to baseball games and how close the boys are only being a year apart. But he talks to me about serious stuff too, that in some ways [SON 3] and [SON 4] are the product of your reunion after his last affair, a sort of band-aid on a more serious problem, and now they're the one thing holding him in your marriage since they're not old enough to understand (especially considering you were able to talk to [SON 1] and [SON 2] about the affair). That you married him in Michigan right after college and while he's glad you decided to stay at home, he enjoys being with me because I have more of a passion and drive to really do something with my life. And that you're making him go back to mass and therapy despite the fact that he doesn't believe it will save your marriage, but he doesn't want to lose his kids.

I'm not telling you all of this to hurt you in any way, but simply to show you that I am a real person in his life and that I care deeply about his happiness. I was raised Catholic too and while I know our faith dissuades divorce, it also respects it with regards to infidelity because people should have the opportunity to be with the whomever makes them happy and can give them what they need. I'm coming out now because I'm sick of hiding and sneaking around behind your back. After I brought up our next planned intimate time together in LA and Steve told me maybe we should just talk there and lay low for awhile so you or whomever that woman that called won't find out about me, I realized he hasn't even begun to tell you the truth. I may only be 22, but I'm not stupid, and I hope you can understand we never wanted you to find out about us this way. I want you to meet me and I want to tell you anything you want to know, my cell number is [REDACTED] check the phone records you can see I'm not lying and to top it off Steve has a big birthmark on his crotch right above his penis and one on his left inner thigh, so you know I'm not being fake. Whether he chooses to stay in a loveless marriage for his kids or to move on and be with someone whom he says makes him feel better than he's ever felt, it's up to him, but at least everything's now out in the open.