

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

(The following are concerns I have regarding Killian under the mother's care)

Unprofessional		
Subject	Description/Example	How it will affect child
Isolation From Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren has over the course of the years, isolated me from family by not allowing me travel alone with Killian and limiting the visits with my family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She has insulted my family (ex. Naveen) ○ Ignored calls from Killian's grandfather ○ Has created unnecessary drama to make my side of family unwelcome in our home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is unfair to the Killian and my family, as they have shown great interest and want to spend time with him ● It is unfair to me, as I depend on my family in times like this and for their love and support they have provided me my whole life ● Killian will be an only child, and it is imperative he has an extended family to lean on when needed
Isolation from Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From the Maren's proposed custody schedule, the allocation of time is completely skewed in favor of Maren <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does one go from a 85/15 schedule unwarranted without the intention to separate the child from the father 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This prevents Killian from having a significant relationship with me, his father ● A father that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wants to be a significant part of the child's life ○ Is taking steps to be financially stable for the child ○ Has a secure, loving, and supportive family that will be there and provide for him when needed
Premature Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren has the tendency to make rash decisions without considering other people ● Fran's House - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren found out a mutual friend was moving out of her Encinitas home and planning to rent it ○ Maren immediately inquired moving into the friend's house without consulting me ○ I was embarrassed, insulted and had no intent of moving ● Tenant Refrigerator - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren has helped manage my father's rental property ○ When tenants overloaded the freezer, the compressor broke ○ Maren asked me to unload our garage fridge and bring it over to the tenants ○ I said NO because in the lease it states - Landlord has to up 48 hours to bring in a repairman ○ Because she was so inflexible on this situation, I did bring the fridge over ○ Take in mind, she wrote the lease with my father 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Without properly thinking and taking account all factors and variables, such decisions can be the wrong decisions for the child ● Maren has the tendency to make decisions without consulting other parties involved ● This Leads to me believe that she has not consulted and confirmed with her mother and step father of the ADU and move to Encinitas
Constant Complaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren has the tendency to complain a lot which is exhausting and unhealthy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She constantly complains about everything: Killian's school, how much I enjoy napping, neighbor's schedules, my cooking, the supplies I use to clean, TV shows, etc... (The list goes on) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Constant negativity in a child's life, in anyone's life, is not healthy ● Child should be in a positive a home ● It is safe to say, Maren will most likely complain about me to Killian; such comments can warp his perspective of me
Comments in therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren has made the following comments in therapy ● Twice before Thanksgiving she said <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "I gotta do what's best for me, and take my kid and go" ○ Killian is OUR kid ● After we decided to separate, she said <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "I wish I had done this whole process by myself." ○ Referring to having a child without me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implies she has the intention of removing Killian from his me, and me from Killian
Disregard for Structure/Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren is a stickler for Killian being on a schedule, however, she has a complete disregard for her own time and other peoples' schedules ● Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She chooses to pick Killian up at 4pm, instead of 5:30, she would interrupt my work day to assist her with Killian ○ To make our lives easier as parents and because of the difficulty we were having in our relationship, I tried to make a schedule allocating child responsibilities, meal planning, and household chores. I would post this on the fridge every week; she never even gave the schedule a try (schedules can be provided) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● She could be irresponsible with the custody schedule, which could affect my time with Killian and cause unnecessary inconveniences
Disrespecting Boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Throughout therapy, I have learned a lot about boundaries ● Maren has zero respect for boundaries ● Personal space boundaries - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obviously from Maren's messiness, clutter, and hoarding, she has invaded my personal space and prevented our home from being organized and functional ● Emotional boundaries - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She could say the same about me, but she has disrespected any emotional boundaries I have had 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Even children have boundaries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I have tried explaining my issues using "I" statements and she continuously ignored my concerns ● Time boundaries (see above) - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your time is never as important as her time 	
Her proposed custody schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Her proposed schedule custody is the most selfish act I have seen yet from her <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking if 85/15 is absurd ○ There is no justification to move Killian more than 2 hours away from me ○ Taking Killian away from his room, bathroom, and school is not helping the child ○ To think living in an unit smaller than 400 sq ft is what's best for child is completely unreasonable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Her proposed custody schedule and living arrangement is completely unfair to Killian and me; her motive behind this is strictly her desire to move to Encinitas

Cleanliness

Subject	Description/Example	How it will affect child
Messy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maren is beyond messy • Father has to spend 8 hours cleaning whole house once a month, mother does not participate nor considers it a priority • Father spends every other night for at least an hour cleaning the kitchen (see video for amount of work entailed) • She chooses not to help me clean or enforce the child to pick up his toys which reflected on his visit to Valley Village Montessori School • Example of mother's messiness include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Kitchen (See video of house when Killian and I were out of town for one night) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Never puts a dish in the sink/dishwasher nor ever loads and unloads the dishwasher ■ Never cleans up after food prep or cooking leaving cabinet doors open, sharp knives, and food out for the child to grab (see photo) ■ Leaves food out throughout the day causing constant fruit flies (had to purchase a machine specifically for fruit flies) (see photo) ◦ Bedroom examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maren has tried to develop and purchased multiple laundry accessories to have a laundry system, yet that has failed as she continues to leave her clothes on the floor in the shared room ◦ Rest of the house examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After I clean, if there is ever an open table top, within hours it will be filled with her possessions creating no place to sit down and eat (see photos) ■ She has a designated work area, with a standing desk and two monitors, yet she never uses the area because it is filled with her possessions (see photos of desk) ■ Her used plates, napkins, tissues, tea bags, and female hygiene products (photo can be provided but is not suited for the courtroom) never make it to a trash can ■ God forbid she will ever breakdown a box from her excessive delivered shopping ■ She leaves Killian's diapers on stairwell towards the garage waiting for me to dispose and never takes the trash/recycling out nor will ever make the 100 yard trek to the condo complex dumpsters (see photo) • See photos of house in a messy state vs. what it should look like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With this behavior, to live in a 384 sq ft ADU would be unhealthy and an unsafe environment for a child of 2-3 yrs old or respectful to the child's shared space • Father is most concerned child will develop these messy habits in future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ In fact, at one point during our Marriage, Maren's adoptive mother apologized and took responsibility for Maren's messiness by saying she should have been better with Maren about the cleaning when Maren was younger.
Hoarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As much as she will not admit it, mother borders on hoarder (which, according to the TV show, is a disease) • Closets (closet space is quite limited in our house) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Despite having a 6 ft, 6 drawer dresser, she shares a closet with the child, which is fine for items that need to be hung, yet her stuff has crept into every other closet in the house, including my (see boundaries section), the coat, and linen closets • Garage (see photos) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Our garage is filled with items she refuses to depart with (see photos); those items include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Furniture and items from her previous marriage ■ Unnecessary bins filled with stuff from her past, such as floppy disks, old mail, and my favorite, rocks from an archaeological dig from Jordan ■ Bins of wrapping paper, yet she gets new wrapping paper every year ■ A pilates machine and a treadmill she no longer uses ■ Boxes of unused nursing accessories that she chose not to use ■ Props that were used for her job on video shoots, which should be her employer's responsibility • She will use time as the excuse for not being able to get rid everything • I bought this place for an attached garage to have room for two things; my car and my hockey equipment (see boundaries) • Look at photo what garage should like before we gave up our storage unit • Mother called and paid for a professional Declutter Organizer while I was out of town with child • Travel - It takes her a whole day to pack because she overpacks, and when she returns, it takes her more than week to unpack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above • The child should have enough room for his possessions and his baggage should not take up space on someone else's property; • this is home, and his stuff belongs at home

Mental Health		
Subject	Description/Example	How it will affect child
Postpartum Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During couples therapy, Maren did mention she was diagnosed with Postpartum Depression Maren also admitted this openly my cousin, Madhuri Mansukhani 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After speaking with a licensed therapist, postpartum depression should only last for a couple months, and if symptoms have continued, it is most likely one is in a full state of depression (see next section)
Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether it be our marital issues, continuation of postpartum, her employment status, our financial state, her excessive shopping, our living conditions, or anything else, Maren has shown signs of shifts in mood, energy, and activity levels, including periods of depression Maren's adoptive parents history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Father was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder Because of father, mother had depression According to NIH - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While adopted children cannot inherit depression genes from adoptive parents due to genetic unrelatedness, research suggests that the environment created by adoptive parents, particularly if they have depression, can significantly influence the adoptee's risk of developing mental health issues, including depression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (see souce, paragraph 7, line 10) So it possible, this could account for Maren's depression state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health today is taken quite seriously, and I need to know this will not affect her parenting obligations and responsibilities If she is diagnosed with depression, I would hope she would seek, and if necessary, take any medication to make sure she is stable to care for the child This issue was addressed in couples therapy, however the therapist shot down the subject because attacking mental health issues would not benefit either parties
Anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maren has shown symptoms of anxiety - Excessive worrying - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She already believes Killian is on spectrum because of his obsession with Hot Wheels and how he organizes them She believed she had Lupus (see hypochondriac) she felt something was wrong and used the internet to self diagnose herself Irritability - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any toddler would make a parent irritable, however she directs that irritability at others such as me or her adoptive mother, Jeanne If I put the diaper wipes back in the diaper pail, and the pail back on the diaper station, where the wipes belong, and she can find it, look out If Killian goes off his schedule by a half hour, she will lose it (example, Thanksgiving and Nick's dinner) Difficult concentrating - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maren is always asking for time that she needs to work, yet I find her watching TV mid afternoon while she should be working from 9am - 4pm Sleep Disruption - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maren wakes up in the middle of night every night, with her mind racing, and chooses to go on the phone instead trying to go back to sleep Intrusive thoughts - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maren thought my cousins wanted to kidnap Killian because of how cute he was. No joke! She said to me, "If they want my child, they can go find a husband and get one themselves!" She was not joking; she was angry Fatigue - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She will attack me on my how much I love to nap, but my fatigue is consistent More often than not she will say, "I just got really tired." This is her indication that she wants me to be on Killian duty Last Mother's Day, when Maren's mother was inquiring about couples therapy, she said to me, "Maren needs to uncomplacate her life!" So it is not just me that believes Maren has anxiety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health is a great concern of mine because of my history Anxiety - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I started therapy in 2014 for test anxiety for taking the GMAT exam for a MBA program Test anxiety lead to individual therapy and seeing a psychiatrist, where I was prescribed Prozac (fluoxetine) I take the medicine during difficult times, such when I was preparing for GMAT, during my mother's death, and when I was laid off Surprisingly, I am not taking it during this divorce process I also am in individual therapy now, as recommended through couples therapy ADHD - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation dated back to elementary school can be provided I have been prescribed Concerta when needed to focus, only used for studying and work Maren has also attacked this issue during couples therapy, and I expect her to use this against me I mention this because I am self aware these issues and have taken steps to address them Anxiety is, of course, difficult on the individual, however if these stressors are not managed, it can even take a toll on the people around them. I had no idea what emotional exhaustion and stress was in a relationship until my personal therapist explained to me what was happening Maren's anxiety caused stress in our home, I relished being at work more than coming home, and I do not want my son to have the same feeling; his home should be his safe place I have addressed my issues, and I wish Maren would address these issues before Killian goes through this transition This is where my favorite phrase comes in, "Get your own house in order!"
NPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one wants to hear this, but as time has gone on in our relationship, I believe she may have Narcissistic personality disorder (NPD) The following link is explains the definitions of the NPD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.mayoclinic.org (NPD) If needed, I will provide an example for every point the Mayo Clinic defines for someone with NPD But to be brief, this why I believe she has NPD - Maren has patterns of playing the victim, blaming, and lacking accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When I asked why she is so messy, she blamed her adoptive mother for how overwhelmed she was with a Bipolar husband and trying to keep a family and house together She has blamed me for our relationship and financial issues due to me not working, yet her spending is out of control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This a toxic behavior, and I am concerned with my son being in this environment NPD destroys relationships; I encourage the court and her family to require and/or intervene for her to seek more help than just counseling to address this and all her other issues and needs before she becomes a single parent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maren uses manipulation tactics to get what she wants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ She can cry on demand to make someone cave in to her needs (which is common with people with NPD as they believe their needs are the priority) ◦ Maren has planted guilt trips on me to prioritize her needs over mine and of the child (case in point, her intention to move to Encinitas) • Mother has consistently had relationships issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Obviously our relationship has soured ◦ She has multiple failed marriages ◦ Her relationship with her adoptive mother (they did not talk for significant portion of 2024), father, and brother all have had issues • Though NPD should be diagnosed by a professional, as I mentioned, I can provide more examples if needed because this is a major accusation 	
Aggressive (Verbal) behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of Maren's anxiety, her irritability has caused her to display aggressive behavior • To be clear, this is only verbal • Example (Customer service agents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>When I flew home alone with Killian, I left the child's travel seat at baggage claim (I take full accountability)</i> ◦ After calling customer service, they said they will inquire where the bag is ◦ A week later, Maren decided to call customer service herself ◦ During her call, I was in the garage, and I could hear her verbally abusing the customer agent ◦ I went inside and brought Killian outside, so he did not have to witness Maren's rage (her anger was at me and misplaced onto the service rep) ◦ After getting nowhere with customer service, a rep calls a day later and located the bag • This has happened multiple times with customer service agents; healthcare reps and restaurant personnel after messing up on take out orders; she even made our contractor cry • Granted, we are divorcing because I probably irritate her more than anyone right now, but she has a short fuse. She snaps at me when - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ When I take a nap ◦ Am doing something else that is not a priority of hers (ex. NYE patio cleaning, taking trash out before leaving) ◦ When I ask simple questions or to clarify something (ex. boba smoothie, GPS bracelet) ◦ If I unintentionally caused her an inconvenience (ex. 409 incident) • Maren also has the tendency of "Her way or no way," which concerns me because I believe she will make co-parenting quite difficult and make things worse for the both of us; because of this, it will be the child that suffers (This statement was also observed by Maren's mother when I dropped her off at Union Station) • Maren displays behavior that of a "Karen" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maren might not be physical, but maren's comments, body language and tone can be just a form of verbal abuse • I do not want my child picking up these habits and/or treating people with disrespect
Hypochondriac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By definition a hypochondriac is a person who excessively worries about their health, often interpreting normal bodily sensations as signs of a serious illness despite having no medical basis for their concerns. (Google) • Maren has complained excessively about her hormone deficiencies since her pregnancy and is constantly buying vitamins and other supplements (see photo of cabinet) • Lupus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maren was sure she had Lupus because she had similar symptoms ◦ She did actually see a doctor, and the results were negative • She unnecessarily adds stress to herself • On everyday basis, she complains about some physical; it is not one thing, it is another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This may be irrelevant, but a child does not need this drama • The mother should take of the child, not the child taking care of the mother
Lack of patience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether it be her anxiety, she has a lack of patience • Yes this is a common trait, but in her case, she has caused our family a great deal of stress • Subaru - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Her car's engine and transmission needed a great deal of work ◦ The repair took over 2 weeks, during that time, Maren insisted she needed a new car ◦ I tried to tell her, we were getting the Subaru back ◦ We ended buying a new car, putting \$5K down and taking a \$900/mo loan ◦ This decision caused us to pay for the repair, pay a down payment, and add a new loan • Renovation to my our condo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maren and I wanted to renovate our condo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This behavior accompanies Maren's premature behavior where rash decisions regarding the child could made • Case in point, the move the Encinitas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We invested \$100K and went significantly over budget ○ The agreement was to live in the Condo for four to five years, then move into my father's property ○ In July of 2024, the current tenant moved out, and Maren wanted to move in the my father's place ○ She had her financial reasons, however, my father said "NO" ○ I believe this be a major contributing factor to ending our marriage and wanting to move to Encinitas 	
Lack of independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren has a lack of independence for the following reasons ● Difficulty doing things by herself <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She always needs extra hands with simple Killian tasks, getting him in and out of the car, getting him ready for bed ○ Since the child was born, I have felt like her personal assistant, rather than her husband ○ When Killian was born and even to this day, Maren does not believe in divide and conquer, which she selfishly believes I should be helping her instead of tending to the rest of the household responsibilities ○ Cleaning - she relies on her mother and a professional declutter organizer to organize and clean out her possessions ● Maren's relationships - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren has been married twice before me (I am her 3rd marriage) ○ She was married either during or shortly after her undergrad ○ After her first marriage, she moved to San Diego because she developed a relationship with her biological mother, where she married a second time ○ After divorcing her second husband, she moved in with her mother in Encinitas ○ We met the day her 2nd divorce was official ○ Now divorcing me, she is choosing to impose on her mother again for the assistance she is anticipating she will need for Killian ○ Her history of always being in a relationship, and in between these relationships, finding someone to support her shows a lack of independence ● Believe me, I am more than independent, willing, and able to care for Killian as I have always been alone till I was 40yr old 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being self sufficient and capable of doing things on her own is crucial to raising a child ● It also concerns me if she is going to bring another person into Killian's world; this serial pattern of marriages should raise a red flag as it is not a consistent environment for a child

MAREN'S FAMILY		
Subject	Description/Example	How it will affect child
Adoptive Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neal (Father) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diagnosed Bipolar ○ Died last year of Pancreatic cancer ● Jeanne (Mother) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suffered from depression ○ Divorced Neal when Maren was in undergrad ○ Lives in Kansas City, MO by herself ○ Jeanne is a wonderful person and mother, yet Maren and Jeanne have had their issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren feels she had a rough childhood and blames Jeanne for this ● Mathias (Older brother) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mathias is not Maren's biological brother ○ Divorced once ○ Has a child from his first marriage ○ Has a second wife, Lori ○ Lori has children from a previous marriage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● My only concern with this family is Mathias' step son, Tanner ● When I went to visit - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tanner refused to shake my hand ○ Tanner was carrying an exposed firearm ○ Jeanne was considerate to ask me if I felt uncomfortable because she noticed Tanner's interaction and behavior ● It felt racist, Killian is half Indian, so yes, I am concerned
Mary's Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim (Mary's Father) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apparently not Mary's real father according to Ancestry.com ○ In fact, he is not the father of all his four daughters ● Nancy (Mary's mother) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy and Jim are still together ● Mary (Maren's biological mother) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gave Maren up for adoption at age 17 ○ Never had children again, and married once before ● Stan (Mary's current husband, Maren's step father) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has three children from a previous marriage, two sons, one daughter ○ Estranged from older son ○ Younger son has a child with his girlfriend from high school, couple never married ● Tina (Mary's sister) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Divorced with three children, two daughters, one boy ○ Son is a recluse and lives in basement (not kidding), I have never met him and found out about him just last year ● Angie (Mary's sister) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren considers her an alcoholic, yet Maren thinks everyone is an addict if they enjoy something ○ Divorced, ex-husband has been incarcerated ○ Two children, one son and one daughter ● Suzie (Mary's sister) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren thinks she is an alcoholic too ○ Divorced with children, two daughters ○ CJ, Suzie's current husband, has a son from a previous marriage (Both father and son are great people) ○ Suzie's relationship with younger daughter is not healthy according to Maren 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please understand, I do believe Mary's relatives are very nice people ● Mary also is the glue that holds this family together, which I greatly respect. ● Though it does concern me that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The father, Jim, is unaware that none of his daughters are his biological children ○ Every member in that family has been divorced ○ Even though Mary's parents are still married, Nancy got around during her marriage ● It is hard to not sound judgmental, but in my culture and in my opinion, this is far from a functional family ● When I met Maren, I honestly believed she wanted and shared the same family values that my culture believes in; It is clear from Maren's adoptive family and Mary's family, they do not believe in the same values ● I would like Killian to be exposed to healthy relationships, stable family members, and especially share the same family values
Maren's Exes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eric (Husband One) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not know anything about him ○ Maren's claims he was really controlling which is why she left the marriage ● Mike (Husband two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren was Mike's second marriage ○ Mike had two kids from his previous marriage, one son, one daughter ○ Maren left Mike for the reason he no longer wanted to have children, so she says ○ Mike has had legal trouble after his relationship with Maren for accidentally setting off a firearm off in his car ○ Mike died in a motorcycle accident (he crashed into a pole and died on impact) in March of 2024 ○ Because of his legal trouble, it is unsure whether it was suicide or not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns me of her next relationship, what kind of person she will bring into my son's life ● Her pattern of unsuccessful relationships is not healthy, and Killian deserves to be in a consistent stable environment

FINANCIAL VALUES

Subject	Description/Example	How it will affect child
Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren excessively spends, this statement has also been observed by her mother, Mary (day we were leaving for Kelowna, BC) ● Groceries - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We spent \$11K last year, that expense could easily be cut in half ○ Because of her expensive taste, everything has to be organic and pure and not bought at generic grocery stores; examples include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Eggs - \$11.19/12 ct vs. \$6.99/18 ct (both organic) ■ Chicken Broth - \$5.49 (Bonafide) vs. \$2.99 (Thrive organic) ■ Matcha - \$47.99 (her brand) vs. \$18.99 (Whole foods) ○ This may be petty and people do have high standards what goes in their bodies, but when we are trying to save money and for every visit, and every item being \$1-2 cheaper, it can add up and cut the cost of bills ● Child accessories - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bubble Bath - \$15.99/32oz. (Aaffia) vs \$18.99/60oz. (Dr. Teal's) ○ Lotion \$23/5 oz. vs \$6.07/8 oz ○ Yes, my kid deserves the best, and I am sure Maren is concerned what chemicals are in these products, but again, there is room to save ○ There is definitely room to cut back with Killian's toys ● Renovation - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren took lead on our renovation project ○ The project was quoted \$100K, with an expectation it will go over budget, I just had no idea how over budget the project went ○ I took \$50K from investments, and we agreed to take the other \$50K through a HELOC ○ Maren secured the HELOC, but it was \$64K (\$14K more than agreed) ○ In addition to the HELOC, we incurred significant credit debt because of additional expenses to the project such as materials, finishes, sinks, doors, and accessories (all where her expensive taste played a role) ○ I am just as responsible but because I let her take over the finances after I was laid off, though I thought she had it all under control ● Multiple of everything <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strollers Maren was smart to find Killian's strollers used because she has top of line taste, however we, at one point, had four strollers in the house ○ Standing Desk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Before marriage I bought Maren a motorized standing desk ■ In her new work area, she wanted a new desk because it could not fit a file cabinet underneath it ■ She bought a butcher block, and a friend made a custom built-in floating desk to accommodate the file cabinet ■ She then choose to by a riser to make her desk standing ■ Now we have two standing desks, when we could have just put the cabinet elsewhere; we are also out another \$500 ● Pregnancy costs - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I was very considerate to make Maren comfortable during the pregnancy progress ○ She did not have a good experience with her OB dr., so she insisted on going with midwives which was all of pocket expenses ○ She also insisted on having a pre and post doula, again, out of pocket expenses ○ She could have just found another dr., and could have asked family to help ○ For most people, these are luxuries, and we had to dig into my father's passive income to accommodate these needs ○ Yet again, I am responsible for letting this happen but my intent was to support wife during a difficult time for a mother ● Custom Ring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren wanted a custom ring, and she had a friend in diamond business and insisted we go with her (as unethical as this is, I would have gone with a blood diamond) ○ I budgeted \$10K for this, however, the design cause the price to increase another \$8K ○ We could have scaled the design back ○ I did not because I did not want to rock the boat so early in our marriage ○ Little did I know, this was going to be a pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If Maren's spending habits lead to debt or trouble covering costs such as rent, groceries, or school needs, Killian could experience stress, insecurity, and instability. ● Because Maren and I have different financial values and spending practices, Killian can develop Maren's impulsive or irresponsible money habits and thinking. These are not the financial values I want to teach my son. ● Our financial issues and values have played a significant role in why we are divorcing. With Maren, I am anticipating these issues to continue, and this constant conflict can spill over to Killian emotionally. It took a toll on Maren and probably will affect Killian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I am not so upset with this issue as the ring was appraised over \$40 ○ With that said, she could always sell the ring if she needs financial assistance as it has no meaning anymore ○ She also, and this applies to her messiness, did leave the her ring in Killian's car seat cup holder and could not find it for two weeks 	
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since I am have known Maren, I have always known her to have loans ● I believe her debts were not settled when she moved in and when we got married, which was why I was paying for the mortgage and utilities ● Before Maren, I had only two loans, my car and my mortgage ● Since we married - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have a HELOC ○ An additional car loan ○ Two credit card consolidated loans ● We (I say we, as I am just as responsible) have depleted - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All my personal savings I had before marriage ○ All my father's passive income since 2021 ● Maren has blamed me and my unemployment for her not be able to develop a nest egg for herself (this was mentioned in therapy), so clearly she wants to save for herself, but expects and depends on me and my family to pick up the tab on OUR debts ● She is also blaming me destroying her credit for these loans, yet she was the one initiated these loans ● Please note, she will bring up - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I borrowed \$7 from my father, used \$4K from my savings for the down payment on the trailer for the Bartending Services business ○ As well as added a \$800/mo loan and additional expenses for the trailer ○ Though, I looked at that as a business investment as it was going to be my employment until I found stable work and establish a source of consistent income between contract positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren's anxiousness, frustration, and worrying about our finances has taken an emotional toll on our marriage. This burden will continue well after the divorce, and I would prefer Killian not be exposed to this emotional stress. ● I had the privilege of growing up without debt because of how financially responsible my parents were. I was able to enjoy extracurriculars (ice hockey is not cheap), private schools, and my own space. Being able to provide these resources, greatly affects a child's development, education (see next section), and sense of security. ● This debt is forcing Maren to downsize and may cause her to constantly move Killian from home to home; that instability could be detrimental to the feeling of where his home is and his sense of belonging. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This also applies to adults. ○ From 1990 to 2008, from boarding school to my career in LA, I was not in the same location for more than three years. ○ Coming home to my parents' home in Maryland was always my home. ● As stated in the above section, debt is not the financial model I want to teach my son.
<p>Education Values</p> <p>Maren's view of education is very different from mine and my family's, largely because of her financial perspective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Maren to work in the educational sector, she sure does have a skewed view of education and does not value an education like most people ● My family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has had a significant emphasis on education, and I would not be where I am today without my education ○ Every single member of my family not only has undergrad but also post degrees as we see education as a financial investment ● Her family - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren has an undergrad and a masters, so props to Jeanne to support her through her education, but she is choosing to live with Mary ○ Mary did attend college, but no other member of family has attended any school after high school ● My desire to obtain an MBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since 2014, I have had eyes set on an MBA because my of the success my family has had as MBAs and the lack of leadership within the entertainment industry ○ When laid off in early 2023, I thought now would be the time to apply ○ Maren was so dead against it because she thought we should the tuition price for surrogacy if decided we decided to have a second child or we can use the money to purchase another property for passive income ○ I looked at going back to school as an investment in myself and to give me an opportunity to prolong my career with more options ○ My last experience in the industry (my 6 month contract position) solidified my desire to go back to school ○ I may be unemployed, but there is no way I would have been qualified to apply to a Top 5 EMBA (No. 1 in LA) without my previous education or my families encouragement ● Her Comments towards education - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When my niece got accepted in Tulane, I was extremely proud of her ○ Maren says, "Of course she got in, her mother makes over a million a year!" ○ When I opened the idea of going back to school, she said to me, "You only want to get your MBA because all of your family has one, and you want to go to UM because of the name!" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Killian should have role models in his family. I still, to this day, look up to my family because of the success they have had, which they could not have achieved without their education. ● I would hope that Killian would like to attend college, and if and when he does get accepted, the last thing I want him to hear is his mother saying, "you got in because of grandfather's inheritance." ● Education is a privilege, and I would like to provide that privilege to my son. ● Education - encourage it, be proud of it, and most importantly, use it to give yourself options and opportunities in life.
Obsession with inheritances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Her comments regarding inheritances scares and leads to me believe she depends in them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maren's dependency and expectations of inheritances completely violate any lessons regarding the financial management I want to teach Killian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During couple therapy, the session where she announced she wanted to separate, she said, “When are you going to live your life, when your father dies?” Regarding the inheritance I will get my father, and the fact that we could not move to my father’s property. ○ She has said to Killian jokingly, he has nothing to worry about (regarding his future) because he will be getting inheritances from all his grandparents. ○ These comments have raised such a red flag with me and pursued me to speak with my family to protect myself from her taking any inheritance I come into ○ These comments display behaviors that of a “Gold Digger” ● Jeanne and Mary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maren’s adoptive mother chose Maren not be the executor of her estate ○ Maren was extremely hurt, insulted and disappointed, and because of this, it just added to the strained relationship her and Jeanne have ○ I believe Jeanne to do this is because she shares my same opinions of Maren’s dependance and entitlement to inheritances ○ I have not heard this from Mary or Jeanne, nor should I, but Maren claims she will be receiving and entitled to ¼ of Mary’s and Stan’s estate, and ½ of Jeanne’s estate ● Killian - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I have no intention to use any such inheritance for personal or lavished luxuries, when we are already in the position to live comfortably; for the following reason ○ As I, and my family, have stressed education, which we should have already been saving for Killian’s, I would prefer to use any inheritance for Killian’s needs, education, and future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I do not want Killian to learn about and depend on unearned wealth ○ If killian were to know of any inheritance is in his future and shows Maren’s characteristics towards money, it may kill his motivation and ambitions to achieve goals for himself, making him complacent ● If Maren were to come in any inheritance, her first action would to me meet her needs, therefore, it will kill any opportunity for the financial support we can provide Killian
Passive income and equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before we were married, she has always discussed having passive income and her desire for equity in her job ● There is doubt, everyone would love to have passive income and eliminate the daily stresses of finding work, not enjoying their work, and the day that downsizing comes ● My father’s passive income from his LA property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plan as discussed by father for that income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In order to get my father to invest in a property here in LA since selling our family home in Maryland, I had to prove to my father how the money would be used ■ I created, before marriage and Killian, a cash flow spreadsheet document (document can be provided) for him to greenlight the purchase ■ The plan was to rent his property until I was able to pay off the mortgage on the condo, which is why I refinanced to a 15 yr loan at a lower interest rate, and we decided to renovate ■ In a few years, we would move in that house, rent the condo, and build an ADU, so that we could generate income from both properties ○ That income was to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Create consistent income if one were to be out or work ■ Our retirement ■ Killian’s extracurriculars, education, and future ○ Maren honestly believes she is entitled my father’s income and that home ○ She also believes she should not feel guilty about using that income ○ Since marriage - that income has been used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Covering expenses since I have been out of work ■ Paying for additional expenses encountered from the renovation ○ Before marriage - that income was used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wedding ■ Medical expenses for IVF, midwives, genetic testing, and doulas ○ Entitlement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Not even after a one year of renovating our condo (see > Mental Health > Lack of Patience > Renovation to my our condo > Bullet 3) when the tenants moved out, Maren was adamant about moving into my father’s property, and when my father said “NO,” this created a great strain our marriage ■ She wanted to move in that house because it had an additional guest room for her mother, a backyard for Killian, and probably space for all her possessions ■ She also thought we would be saving more money, however she did not take into account that money we would be saving, technically, is not her money; it is my father’s ■ We haven’t saved a penny in four years due to financial struggles, so her entitlement to money that isn’t hers shows poor financial judgment ● In addition to Maren’s obsession of passive income and inheritances, she also talks about wanting equity from her current employer and future employers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Because of her reliance on my father’s income, we have not had the opportunity to build towards our future financial plan, and save for our retirement and Killian ● Passive means additional income, if she chooses this path she will be at the hands of outside forces such as market trends and economic downturns; and unexpectedly not be able to provide for Killian. ● IMO - Equity is luxury and privilege, and it only will provide if a company is successful. This high risk/high reward mentality is something I would not depend on knowing I have a child to provide for. ● See section above for additional reasons

Day Care/Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Killian's day care went from 8:30am to 4pm, we enrolled him in preschool because it was cheaper (school recommended by her family friend, Erin) and had extended care till 5:30pm ● Maren insists on picking Killian up at 4pm because she feels the day is too long for him ● This is a problem for the following reasons - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It takes away from her and my schedule from working the full hours of a work day (see Selfish > Disregard for structure/schedules > Examples > Bullet 1) ○ By choosing to do this, we - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Are wasting \$325/mo in a full time schedule at \$1950/mo ■ Could be saving \$475/mo, let him nap at home, in a part-time schedule at \$1475/mo ● Her custody plans proposes - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Killian joins a new school at \$2,069/mo, an increase of \$120/mo (\$1440/yr) ○ Maren's proposed plan would cost us \$24,840/mo, totalling \$49,680 for the next two years ○ If Killian were to stay at his current school and enroll in TK at Colfax, we would save \$26,280 for the next 2 yrs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See response to RFO > School Comparisons section regarding Killian's school options. ● Why put both of us in more debt and financial stress if we can avoid it? ● Again, poor financial judgement from Maren, which could prevent Killian from his educational opportunities. ● Regarding early pick-up at his current school, I am not saying I do not want play with my child; I am believe we can could use that time towards required work hours and/or tending to household responsibilities.
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