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SEXTECH EDITOR

One of my close friends is dating a girl some years younger than he is. She comes off as a nice and grounded person, but is still immature about dealing with some social situations. She is likely to misinterpret anything said about her by other people as negative and offensive and reportedly flew off the handle at their mutual acquaintance when an issue came up, instead of approaching her in a civil manner. I've observed them happy together, but I've also seen that he's changed his behavior and habits, because she can easily get jealous. I met her a few times, and she never personally offended me. However, I've known him longer than she has, and I don't think that relationship is going anywhere. Should I approach him about this and if yes, how?

A: As tough as this might be, the best approach to this situation is to simply be patient and supportive. If the relationship is going nowhere, then it will run its natural course and eventually you won't have to worry about her anymore. If you bring it up with your friend, you risk damaging your relationship with him. His instinct might be to defend her, and he might get upset. If she hasn't offended you, it would unwise to bring it up, as your friend might consider this to be crossing the line. If he's happy, then it is your duty as his friend to be happy for him too. Time will tell whether you're right or wrong about her, but in either case, holding your tongue will protect your friendship, and in the end, it's up to your friend to date whoever he chooses. Good luck!



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