Whenever she gets too close, her boyfriend runs and hides.

When things get too close, too intimate or too stressul with her boyfriend for four years, however, it becomes too worrisome or what’s going on. I never push him to talk about why he’s like that, for fear he’ll react further. Do I constantly accept this intermittent behavior in an otherwise fine relationship or do I turn and run? Do all lack communication skills and rape into that love or has my boyfriend? — Rehanna

Dearest Rejected:

Your boyfriend sounds like a selfish jerk, and you sound like a dying pigeon. It seems as though you’ve treated your boyfriend not only lack communication skills, but also a base of what constitutes a healthy relationship. Until you start talking to each other, this relationship is going nowhere. So next time holdful pulls another one of his disappearing acts, do some communicating yourself and tell him you’ve vanish him just as quickly unless he turns talking.

— Rehanna

New Year’s Eve with the Kozoupes

Looking for a hip way to bring in the New Year? ’89 in 2004 at the Rosetown with The Detroit News’ Motown Lowdown

The event, co-sponsored by The News, will begin at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 and will feature a Garden of Eden theme, complete with JBL trees of lovers, a champagne split and party favors. Hosts are events producer/rehearsal hall Khalil Rahmadan and Rosetown vice president John Schmeltzer. Security attire is a must.

The Rosetown is at 100 Marquette Drive in Detroit. Tickets are $50 per person in advance. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Northeast Ruby in Education. Call 734-792-4829.

— Lorna

Your dad has been a widow for almost one year, for the second one. I can tell he is pretty lonely, but I am so afraid for him to be in a situation again where he might suffer another attack. Any suggestions on what I can do for him?

— Troubled In Troy

Dearest Troubled:

Let him be lonely if that’s what he wants. It’s better than the rejection that comes along with dating. He’s too vulnerable. It has only been a year since his second week-loss. You’ve been trying to get him away from starting any romantic relationships right now. — Lorna

Know that there are five stages of grief. The natural progression of someone who suffers a loss is denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and finally acceptance. Identify where your father is currently. It may help you to better cope with his loneliness.

— Rhoda

My girlfriend once said that she really be heartbroken, miserable and doing the shower cry than being and unlimited with no love interest. Love is about fun and love. Stop being so protective and cautious and trust that if he falls again, he will get back up. — Rehanna

They say heal when all gods and I can think of no better way to pass that time than to jam-pack his days with fun, fibre. He may be just going through the motions and not in the mood, but a little persuasion on your part is all it takes! Such with new and interesting activities may be just what he needs. Can’t predict, can control, what’s in store for him in terms of love and loss, so just enjoy your crystal ball and let him make the call.

— Rehanna