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Why am I coming now?

1. My Lawyer has been suspended

- 1.1. I only knew 1 day before my 2nd mediation on 9 Apr 2024, she told me to represent myself since it was only a review.
- 1.2. We are waiting for the 3rd court order, 8 more DSSA sessions.
- 1.3. There will be a 3rd review at the end of these 8 sessions and I need a lawyer to represent me.

2. I feel that my previous lawyer has overlooked my case

- 2.1. Said it was pointless to spend that money for court because 99.99% divorce cases are shared custody.
- 2.2. But I have never been married**
- 2.3. Child's father has never paid for any expenses for the child ever since her birth on 4 Aug 2021 to 31 May 2023.
- 2.4. I also wasn't able to claim any of the initial child expenses from him.
- 2.5. There were a lot of lies and discrepancies in his affidavit which I have proof of but was never used (e.g recording) because they advised me that it would cost a lot to transcript and translate.
- 2.6. I would still have to let him see the child through DSSA and told me not to worry if the child is very close to me.

3. Has affected my focus at work and lessen quality time spent in caring for my child

- 3.1. Child's father is giving me problems by nitpicking on maintenance, harassing, threatening, slandering me under the false concern for the child.
 - 3.1.1. After knowing on 24 Sep 2023 that I had moved out of my parents' place to a rental room, from 8 Nov 2023 to 15 Mar 2024, he has repeatedly asked to see the child almost on a weekly basis but the same enthusiasm was not shown during the period after I gave birth. Why?
 - 3.1.2. During the period after I gave birth, I blocked him on WhatsApp but he could still send me messages through sms and call me through the phone carrier or contact my parents or come up to my place of

residence, but no enthusiasm in concern for the child was shown from him.

3.2. **He is very controlling and threatens me when things do not go his way.** His constant prying about me and pretended concern for the child had led to harassment. **It is very frustrating because I do not have the capacity to be dealing with this narcissist when I already have enough on my hands having to work and to look after a young child.**

3.3. My boss can be my reference for all these issues happening as she hired me 2 months after I gave birth. She believed that I was capable enough to handle both work and a newborn. However after the child's father's sudden appearance in my life, I often need to request time off for managing these personal issues.



Belle Teo

To Lin Li Teo; Jason Soriano

Cc Ting Luo; Candy Ong Ong Bee Theng; FA Freddie

You replied to this message on 20/2/2024 12:43 pm.

Hi Lin Li,

If there are is no week 4 n=40, how many cases have we submitted to client so far, have we crossed 1000?



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4. BTO, Care and control of the child.

4.1. My BTO will be coming next year 2025 and I am afraid that he will use unscrupulous methods to get back some form of care and control for the child inorder to have rights for a BTO under single parents scheme.

4.1.1. Since I've applied for a flat with my child's name and she has to be living in the HDB for at least 5 years (MOP).

4.1.2. The child's father will surely dispute my rights to the BTO if the court allows the child to sleepover at the father's place of residence.

- 4.1.3. Would it be possible to replace the child's name with my biological dad if that happens? He does not have any properties under his name.
- 4.2. As a mother and based on interaction with the child's father, I know that his intentions to come back for the child is not based on wanting to truly provide for the child.
 - 4.2.1. **He is nitpicky about having to pay maintenance and gives excuses for not enrolling the child for enrichment classes.**
 - 4.2.2. He wants the benefits that come with being a Single parent.
E.g Apply for BTO, 2 weeks paid paternity leave, claim paid child care and extended childcare leave.
- 4.3. He has plans for gaining back some form of access for care and control of the child. This is because:
 - 4.3.1. In his affidavit, he has requested for care and control to be given entirely to him but it was not given to him in the end.
- 4.4. He has repeatedly offered for me to move back to his place of residence even when I had rejected him. (I have since move out of my parent's place and is renting from friend's grandparents). Even before that, he has suggested not to ROM but to cohabit in his place of residence.
- 4.5. **Asked me in text if I have plans to apply for a BTO since I was eligible as I have care and concern right for my child.**
- 4.6. Repeatedly asked me almost every month if we have adjusted well to our new environment even when I told him that we are fine and that he didn't have to keep asking but he retaliated by saying I have to manage his expectations.
 - 4.6.1. I have been renting from my friend's grandparents since August 2023 and he doesn't know exactly when I have moved in and that I have visited them on a weekly basis ever since I gave birth to the child, so it was not like an overnight shock for the child.
- 4.7. Repeatedly asked to see the child outside of court order arrangement and threatened he could contest for the care and control of the child when I refused.
- 4.8. Asked me who was going to take care of us as we were sick. This was when we could not attend DSSA.
- 4.9. Told me he observed the child has some mental illness and that she needed to move back to his house to ensure the child's mental-wellness.
- 4.10. Other illogical suggestions for the child.

- 4.11. Constantly push me for a call or face-to-face discussion even when I have refused and explained to him that he always blamed it on miscommunication.

Screenshot asking if I will apply BTO which is none of his concern.



Questions for and things I want change:

1. Don't know if I need to pay for additional DSSA sessions.

Lawyer assured me that I didn't need to pay but the court order was not clear.

1.1. Under what circumstances do I need to pay? I do not have the means to pay the fees as I have my own living expenditures plus I am under false allegations of parental alienation.

1.2. DSSA then tells me that since both parties do not want to pay for additional sessions, then they will have to expedite the process.

2. I exported my whatsapp chat with the child's father to email. The exported chat is now in Txt format. Can this be used as court evidence?

3. Child's father calls the school to check why there is no working mother subsidy. I do not know what to do now.

3.1. Under court order, I do not have to send a monthly school invoice but the child's father insists as he is paying 60% of the school fees and afraid that I will not update him on any price revision to the school fees.

3.2. Under my lawyer's recommendation, she told me to bill him the full amount but he called the school to check why there was no working mother's subsidy.

3.3. The lawyer's firm admin has told me that it was reasonable for him to be asking for a school invoice as he was paying more but have they forgotten that I had raised the child by myself and had not claimed a single cent from him.

4. I want sole custody. I do not want to have any discussion/decision about the child with the child's father.

4.1. I have never been married to the child's father and am not a divorcee. I am an unwed single mother so why was my case applied using divorced law?

4.2. I was not paid for initial child expenses and do not mind not taking any maintenance from him if I can have sole custody.

4.3. I have full care and control for the child but he has many times put his foot into where it should have been his concern.

4.4. His words are very conflicting and it is very difficult and time consuming to arrive at a conclusion and especially having to come to a mutual decision about the child.

- 4.4.1. The MSF counsellors have told me that their goal for us would be to co-parent the child. He is only going to waste my time and find many more ways to speak to me and I do not want this.
- 4.5. I do not want to inform him of any of the decisions I make for the child.
- 4.6. Although I am under a 3 months work contract, I have been renewed for 2 years. I have my own financial burden on the upcoming BTO next year but I am independent, financially stable and able to bring up my child alone.
- 4.7. I do not want to even reconcile with the child's father. He has proven so much trouble for me in the past before and after I was pregnant.
- 4.7.1. He has depleted my child of an incomplete family to begin with when he did not want to ROM.
- 4.7.2. If he can promise to marry but at the last minute back out when I was already 7 months pregnant and twist his words saying that I was the one who did not want to marry.
- 4.7.3. If he can promise to arrange care for my confinement but backs out.
- 4.7.4. If he can say he wants to care for the child but nitpicks on maintenance, school fees, enrichment classes and even forget to pay on time.
- 4.7.5. If he had verbally and emotionally abused me.
- 4.7.6. If he had threatened and slandered me when things he requested about the child did not go his way.
- 4.7.7. **Then what makes the court think these are non relevant issues and that it would not directly impact the child and that he is going to be a good father when these are already happening with the child in the picture.**
- It is unfair that he can get away with all these and while still creating tension with me, a mother with a young child. Do you think that this is only going to be better from now on?
- Then who will be liable if my child goes through what I had gone through? I have to be the one there again to collect all the broken pieces to fix my child.

5. **Advice for situation at DSSA visitation.**

For the 3rd court order, the MSF counsellor at DSSA will be arranging for my child and her father to interact outside of the centre near the vicinity and report back to the counsellor at the centre after 2 hours. I do not like this arrangement.

- 5.1. Voiced concerns over a child's young age and father has no experience in handling a toddler. Interaction has only been inside the centre for most of the time and the child still cries to look for me but counsellors say that they have managed to pacify her.
- 5.2. The Counselor said because both parties did not want to pay for extra sessions. They are trying to find a solution to expedite the process and since there has been improvement with the interaction between the father and child. They are pushing for this.
- 5.3. I asked if the counsellor can join for all the fully 8 outdoor sessions. She would only do so for the first few sessions and would not be around for the rest as she wanted the father to be able to connect with the child independently, **but how was she going to know if the interaction was okay if she was not going to be around for the rest of the sessions?**
- 5.4. She told me I could stick around and observe for the rest of the outdoor sessions if I was worried. Already I have anxiety about being in the same space as the child's father, now I need to prepare myself in the event he decides to fabricate lies if interaction does not go well with the child outside the centre.
- 5.5. On an earlier different occasion, I had told the MSF counsellors separately that I was uncomfortable being in the presence of the child's father after what I had suffered from him. (verbal and emotional abuse)
Their suggestion would put me into anxiety as I have to be stuck with the child's father for a whole 2 hours and yet I cannot NOT be there as I worry for the safety of my child in an outdoor environment with someone who has no experience in handling a toddler.
- 5.6. I was told to fill up a feedback form and in the presence of the father.
- 5.7. I have also told the counsellor that I don't want my child to be looking at devices during their interaction, but I still see my child with the phone when I pick her up.
- 5.8. As a mother, I feel that my child is only accommodating due to the availability of the toys. I feel very helpless and I did not know if I could disagree with their

suggestion because he would always make it seem as though I was being difficult and had threatened me previously to hold me in contempt.

- 5.9. For the previous DSSA sessions, the child has cried to the point that she was clinging on to me. My friend was there and the other counsellors also saw it. I did not know if I could stop the session and every time, the counsellor had to take the child by force. It was only after I had sat inside the room that the child was not as afraid for subsequent sessions.
- 5.10. I have also told the counsellor that the child is extra sticky when she is back from the DSSA sessions to the point that she wants me to carry her even when she is showering.

5.11. Screenshot for 4.8. Child's father threatens to hold me in contempt.



6. If things really goes well for them and that it leads to unsupervised visits (preferably not):

- 6.1. Can I choose the location for pick up and drop-off at the Yishun Neighbourhood police post? We can lodge a police report in the event my daughter doesn't want to follow.
- 6.2. Pick-up and drop-off only by father and not other family members as I do not want to hear them revisit the past.
- 6.3. Unsupervised timing to be on mornings only, 9am-11am. Children have more energy in the morning for outdoor activities. I also request for the guy to fit into my schedule as he only needs to spend a few hours of his life each week to see the child whereas I need to plan my schedule to care for my child 24/7.
- 6.4. Unsupervised visit only between the father and daughter in an outdoor setting with people, best if it has supervision or records to prove. Does the court have any suggestions?
I.e. Hourly indoor playground or hourly play area.
- 6.5. Do not allow a sleepover or toddler to go back to their house as all their family members are all males. There are also rising cases where fathers or males in the family sexually exploit daughters and only come to light years later. This is my sweat and blood and I want to prevent any mishaps. We can't wait for damage to be done by then it would have already traumatised the child.

Backstory

1. Child is 2 years and 8 months old. She was born out of wedlock on 4 August 2021.
2. We were never married and we are not divorce. I am a single mother.
3. When I found out I was pregnant on 6 Dec 202, I initially did not want to continue during early pregnancy as we already had many differences.
 - 3.1. but he pursued and gave assurance on financials and caregiving for the child.
 - 3.2. However, it led to even more lengthy never-ending disagreements with the child's father and his family due to his flickered-mindedness.
 - 3.3. By then I was already 5 months pregnant (March 2021) and eventually left his house at 7 months pregnant (12 June 2021) as I could not take their nonsense any longer.
4. He is controlling, irresponsible and verbally abusive.
5. Tried to stop the wedding banquet/ ROM (7 March 2021), 1 week before when wedding invites were already sent out and by then I was 5 months pregnant.
 - 5.1. I have audio recording as proof that the child's father had lied in his affidavit stating that it was I who wanted to postpone/cancel the wedding and suggested that we foster the child. (Audio recording @ 0:21:00)
 - 5.1.1. 21:00- He suggested for me to give birth and not to ROM first and to observe our relationship staying at his house and if okay then ROM.
21:43- I told him that I'm willing to let all these past slide despite our differences and he say there's no guarantee in the future that we won't quarrel.
23:06- He agreed that this suggestion is not good but still wanted to go for it.
24:33- Told him if now don't want to ROM, whether I abort or give birth is none of his business
27:11 - I wanted a complete family when I was pregnant.
29:34 - Explaining to him that when I texted that I didn't want to ROM, I didn't really mean it. Else, I wouldn't have asked him to come up on 3/3/21 to explain to him.
29:46 - He knows but still wants to postpone the ROM.
 - 5.2. **He has provided evidence of me texting him on 20 January 2021 that I don't want the baby/ want to abort the baby and that I didn't want to marry. I said this out of anger because he and his family had twisted their words.** Initially his family had suggested providing a larger number of

banquet tables but later said that we should not have suggested taking on an smaller number of tables.

- 5.3. However, in my audio recording later on 7 March 2021, I told him that I have already apologised to him (0:11:45) and that episode was over from few days ago (3 March 2021) but he brought it up again saying we have too many conflicts and cannot be guaranteed that I won't quarrel with him in the future.
- 5.4. My intentions were clear that the baby will have nothing to do with him if he refuses to marry because how could this be assuming responsibility if he could not even give the baby a complete family? By his twisted logic, he emphasised that he will still be responsible for the baby but only not married.
6. On the same day, 7 March 2021, both families talked and had agreed to put our differences aside and to ROM which is why we proceeded with the wedding banquet.
7. However, on the day of the wedding banquet on 18 March 2021, he told me that he was forced into the marriage. After I moved in with his family on 18 March 2021, I registered for ROM in May 2021, we sat in the video call with ROM person to confirm details and had also, with approval, submitted his parents NRIC as witnesses, but insisted again that he was forced.

I was the one who registered for marriage, emailed to look for solemnizers and yet in the affidavit, he painted me in the light that I was the one who did not want to marry at all.

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You have successfully filed a notice of marriage. Please follow the instructions given below. To check on transaction status, go to 'Search on Application'.	
Summary of Notice of Marriage	
Notice No	IF399144 (Wednesday, 12 May 2021 11:44:56 PM) (This is an external e-File) Please keep this number confidential. You will need to use it to change solemnization details.
Appointment at ROM - for Verification of Documents & Statutory Declaration	10 June 2021, Between 2.00pm to 3.00pm Both parties to the intended marriage must be present. Please do not change this appointment. Thank you.
Solemnization Details (Solemnizer: MR CHEW GHIM BOK) Time Venue	12 June 2021, Saturday 11:00 AM BLK 411 YISHUN RING ROAD, #08-1815, S760411
Groom	NG YONG XUAN
Bride	TEO LIN LI
Witness 1	NG THIAM SENG
Witness 2	OH QUEE KHIM

Cost of registering ROM is \$42

File Notice of Marriage

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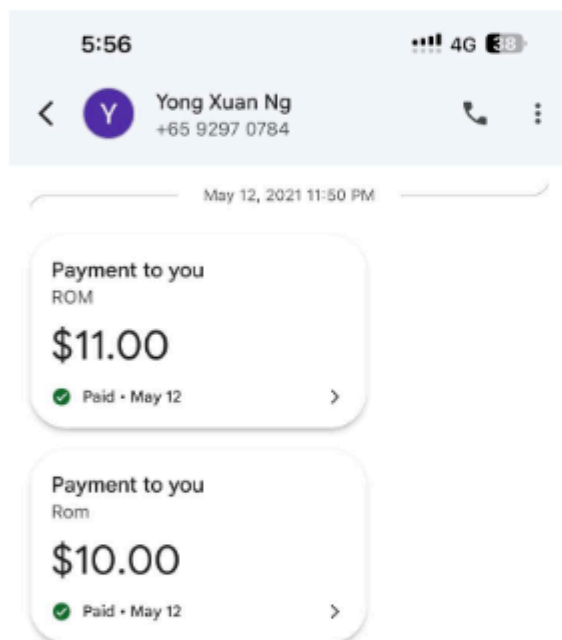
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Transaction Time	:	11:48pm

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He transferred me half of the cost for ROM, \$21.



gbchew <gbchew@skyven.com>
to me ▾

Dear Lin Li,
I spoke to you on the phone earlier.
Yes, I am available to solemnise your marriage virtually on 12 June at 11am.
Attached is the signed consent form. Please fill up and return a copy to me.
Best
gb
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Screenshot of exported chat of our conversation of me looking for other solemnizers and I was happy that we had someone who agreed to be our solemnizers.

12/05/2021, 4:31 pm - Lin: I emailed 5 other JPs
12/05/2021, 4:31 pm - Lin: let me try to email the other popular ones
12/05/2021, 4:32 pm - Yong Xuan: Ask him what are his available dates
12/05/2021, 4:33 pm - Lin: no la is very common to face rejection from these people
12/05/2021, 4:33 pm - Lin: if we work around his schedule and then tell us like July also difficult
12/05/2021, 4:54 pm - Lin: or do u want to go to the rom center to marry instead
12/05/2021, 4:54 pm - Lin: easier
12/05/2021, 4:54 pm - Lin: no need to email 1 by 1
12/05/2021, 5:03 pm - Yong Xuan: Need swap test
12/05/2021, 5:03 pm - Yong Xuan: Dont need book them in advance also meh
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: swap la
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: it is easier
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: cuz just need to book a date
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Yong Xuan: Need go down twice
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: then go down twice
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: cuz what if no one reply
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Yong Xuan: Try first
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Lin: all cannot make it
12/05/2021, 5:04 pm - Yong Xuan: Later i see how
12/05/2021, 5:07 pm - Lin: OH SOMEONE CALL ME BACK
12/05/2021, 5:09 pm - Lin: YAAAAAYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY
12/05/2021, 5:21 pm - Lin: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1276926885771036>
12/05/2021, 5:21 pm - Lin: our solemnizer
12/05/2021, 5:21 pm - Lin: ChewGhim Bok

8. The child's father wanted to save cost by not hiring a confinement nanny and telling me during early pregnancy that his parents could take care of the baby and that I could rest.
 - 8.1. But later during discussion between both parents in Jan/Feb 2021, his mother said she did not know how to do confinement and then we had agreed to look for a confinement nanny and food.
 - 8.2. From March to May 2021, he gave a lot of excuses and persisted not to hire a confinement nanny, not to get his mother involved and told me that I could be more hands-on, even after he agreed early on that I should rest and I had told him from very early on I needed a confinement nanny. He also asked me to pay for my own confinement food because it was for the child eating.
 - 8.3. He only started to look for a confinement nanny after his mother had asked him to but by then it was too late as every confinement agency was fully booked. He did not think about my body needing to recover after giving birth.
9. One day before the ROM, the child's father and his family gave a lot of excuses as to why they could not proceed with the ROM. List of excuses:
 - 9.1. Father last minute cannot take leave from work
 - 9.2. Other 2 siblings cannot wake up in time and the other has work.
 - 9.3. Only wanted his own family members to be witnesses and refused substitute witnesses such as my parents and friends.

- 9.4. Screenshot of me asking my friend to be substitute witness for the ROM on 12 June 2021.



10. Left his parent's house on 12 June 2021 as I couldn't take any more nonsense coming from him and his family.
11. Before I left his house on 12 June 2021, we mutually agreed that I will take care of the child since he did not want to ROM and was always nonchalant about planning/preparation for the baby.
- 11.1. Which is why I did not file for any maintenance nor look for his trouble as I wanted a fresh start.

12. The child's father later changed his mind and reached out to me sparingly by text but would direct me to his mother and did not put in real effort to come and see the child. Screenshot of him telling me he wants to join me for the gynae clinic but later says his mother will attend on behalf of him.

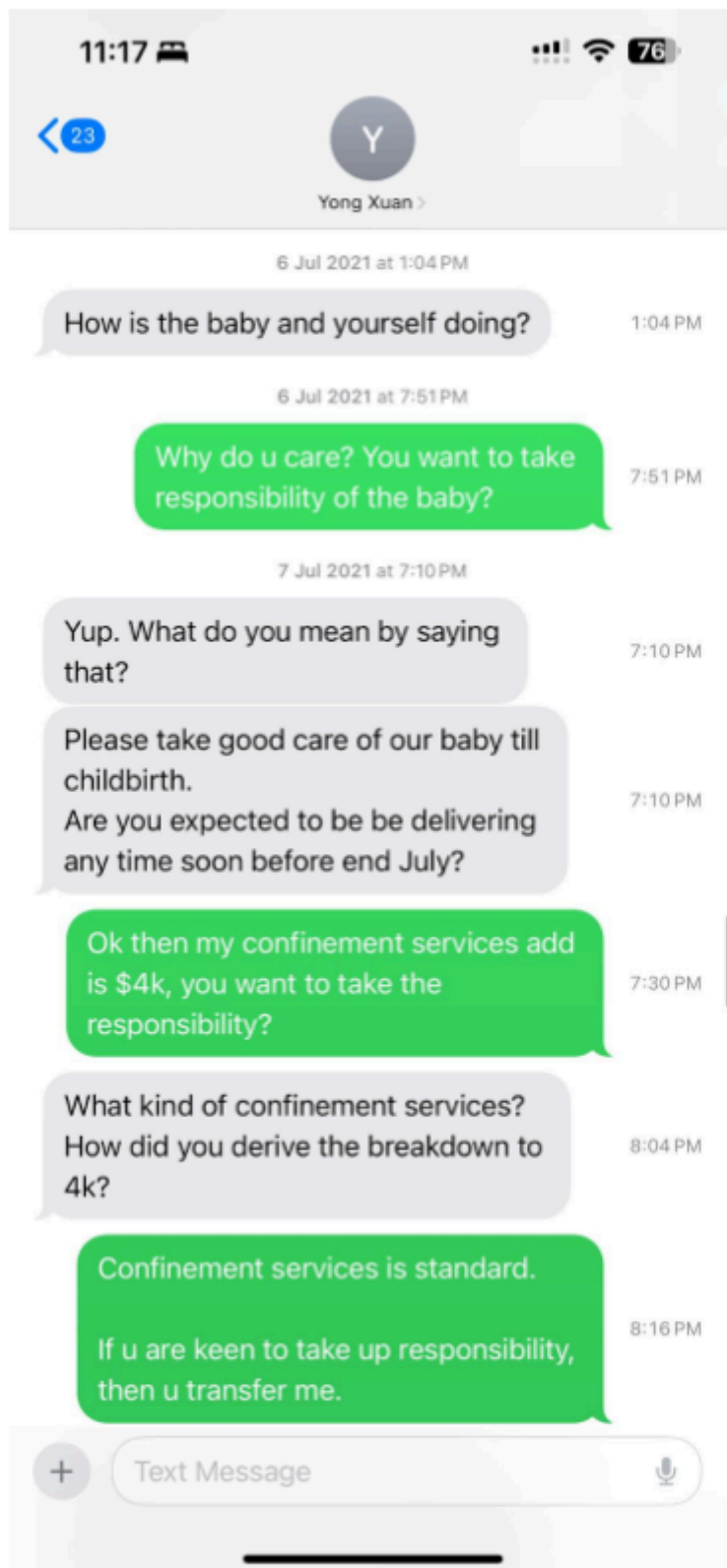


Screenshot of him telling me if they both can meet me at said location but then shortly changed to his mother.

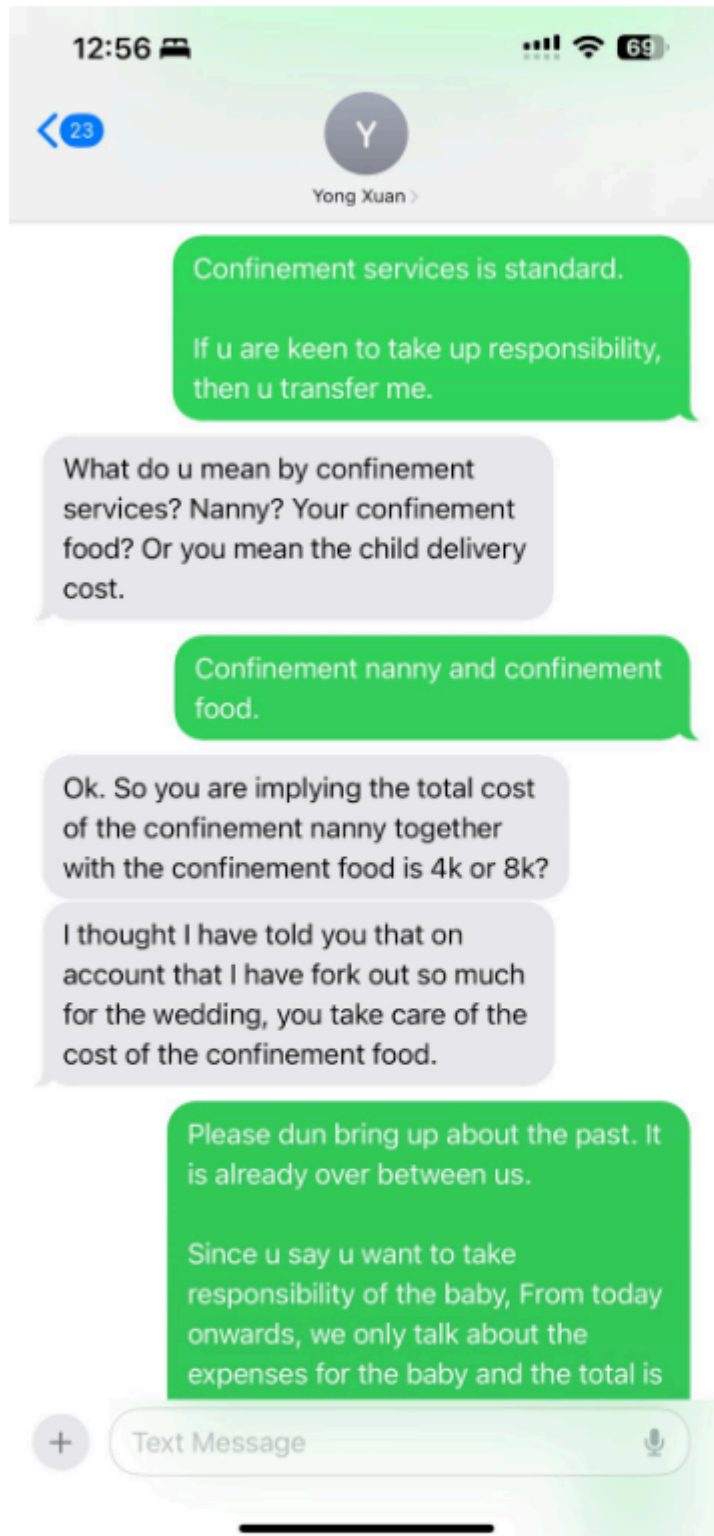


We had mutually agreed that I will take care of the child and that he won't disturb our lives but I've still given him chances. I have shared information the cost of confinement with him

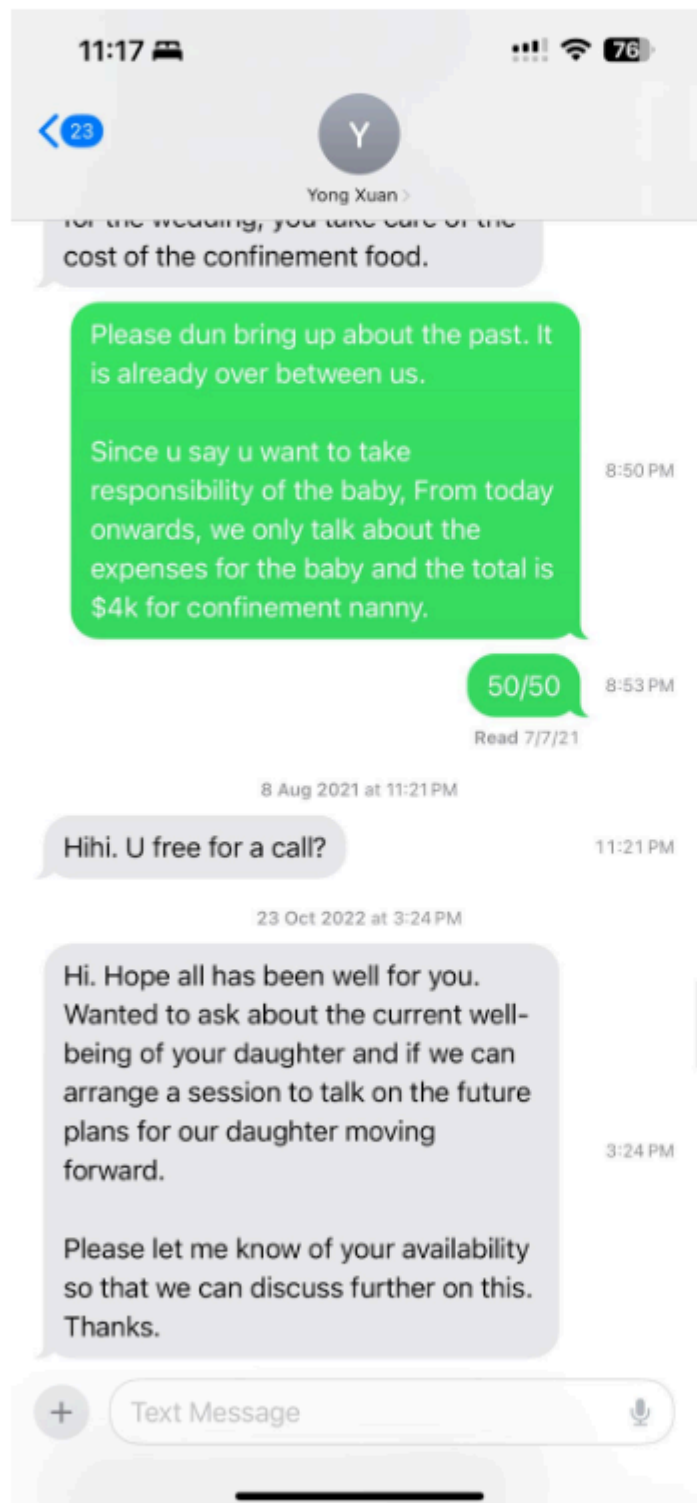
before but yet he acted like he didn't know the cost of confinement and did not want to pay for it.



He told me that confinement food is not child-related expenses because I am the one eating and not the child. I had no choice but to pay for it on my own.



He said he wanted to take responsibility for the baby but did not reply to my suggestion at all and only contacted me a month later via a single text and call, but I was occupied with having to care for the baby. Then he texted me almost 1 year later on 23 October 2022 and I did not reply because he was never there for the confinement or made the effort to come up to check on us. Then I received his lawyer letter the following month in Nov 2022 for claims against parental alienation.



WhatsApp Chat with Yong Xuan



Teo Lin Li <teolili@gmail.com>
to me

24 Jun 2021, 15:31

Chat history is attached as "WhatsApp Chat with Yong Xuan" file to this email

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