



WORKSHEET

THE STORIES

Activity 4

Story 1: Josh

Josh is 22, a university student and has disability in mobility for which he needs to spend considerable time on a wheel-chair. He started a new relationship a few months ago. His new partner is quite possessive, doesn't like it when he talks to other people when they are together and gets upset when Josh doesn't answer their calls or texts immediately. A few times, the partner followed Josh to his university, to check up on him. Josh also realized that his partner installed an app on his phone so they could track his location and movements. When Josh tried to ask his partner to , the partner hit him and threatened 'You need to do what I say or I will leave you!'. The next day [Continue the story]

Story 2: Miguel and Paul

Miguel and Paul are both 17 years old and have been going out for a few months. Over the last two months, Miguel has started to behave differently. He constantly holds Paul's hand tightly, gets very close to him when they are around other people (and especially other boys), constantly texts him to see what he's up to and gets upset if he doesn't reply immediately. He calls Paul every night to say goodnight and if he is not home he wants to know where he is.

Paul stayed at his friend's Matias' house the other night as the boys had arranged to go to a party with some friends. Matias posted some photos on Instagram from their outing, with them having fun and taking some sexy poses. One of the

pictures was a selfie of Paul with his arm around Anton, a drummer Matias is in a band with. Miguel got extremely upset and [Continue the story]

Story 3: Anais

Anais is a trans sex worker. She got into a relationship with Ivan a few months ago. Ivan often tries to get money off from her, especially if he knows that Anais has been with a client. He also demands that she buys him presents or alcohol. Last night, when they met up he forced her to get drunk with him, even though she didn't want to and then he insisted they have sex. Anais had just come back from a client and didn't feel like it at that moment because she was tired. Ivan then grabbed her from the shoulders, pinned her to the wall and said : 'We ARE having sex right now because I said so. And don't even bother asking me to use a condom 'cause I won't! If you don't have sex with me, I will call the cops on you! Do you hear me? Let's see what the police has to say about a trans whore!'. Anais..... [Continue the story]

Story 4: Petra and Jana

Petra and Jana are in a relationship for the past three years and they recently moved in together. Petra is out as a lesbian. Jana identifies themselves as queer and are not out. Petra is often psychologically and verbally abusive towards Jana. She makes sarcastic comments about Jana's clothes, body and appearance and often calls



Jana 'fat' and 'monkey face'. Petra also uses Jana's identity as a form of control by limiting their access to friends and social networks. Petra also likes to get her own way. When Jana didn't want to go to a restaurant that Petra chose, Petra got really pissed off and threw a coffee mug across the room and broke it. On top of that, she demanded that Jana cleans it up : 'Look what you made me do! It is all your fault'. Jana felt really uncomfortable after this scene. Next morning, Jana told Petra that they want a break from the relationship to think things over. Petra responds by threatening to tell Jana's employer and their parents, about their gender and sexual identity. [Continue the story]

Story 5: Clementina and Django

Clementina and Django have met through common friends. They have been dating for 4 months. Last night they went out to a club with some friends. At some point, Django noticed a young man dancing next to Clementina, slowly getting closer to her trying to get her attention. Django went towards them, and tightly put his arm around Clementina, in order to show the guy that Clementina is his girlfriend. The other guy left. Soon after, Django went with a friend to get drinks, and when they returned, he saw the same guy again dancing next to Clementina, trying to speak to her. Django got angry, swore at the guy and began pushing him. Clementina got angry, and without saying a word, got up and left the club, leaving Django standing still. When Django called her to confront her about leaving, she..... [Continue the story]

Story 6: Ismi

Ismi has been in a relationship for about a year now. Lately, though, her partner has started to complain that she got fat and that they are ashamed to go out with her. Her partner is always commenting on other girls' appearance and how

sexy they are, comparing them to Ismi. They also post pictures of skinny women on their Instagram account commenting how sexy they are. Her partner insists that Ismi should lose weight because she would look sexier and doesn't allow her to eat what she wants when they go out. Last week, her partner told her that they wanted to end the relationship unless Ismi loses weight. [Continue the story]

Story 7: Catarina

Catarina and George have been married for 7 years. They have a son together, Anthony. George is a very traditional husband, expects his food on the table when he comes home from work, the house clean and everything domestic being taken care of. He also has a problem with Catarina working, because he feels that a woman's place is at home. Catarina enjoys her work and despite her husband's pressures, she continues working but she bends herself backwards, ensuring that everything at home is in order, so George wouldn't have a reason to complain.

Anthony is now 6 years old and he's very impulsive and energetic. Lately he has been acting out at school and getting into fights with other children. When the principal called George to let him know of his son's behaviour, George got really upset. He started screaming at Catarina, blaming her that she is the one responsible for Anthony's bad behaviour. He also called her useless because she couldn't raise their son properly. George mentioned that this was all her fault because she spends much time at work while she should have been at home and be a better mother to Anthony. George and Catarina got into a huge fight because of this. Afterwards, Catarina was verbally cruel to Anthony, saying that he is an ungrateful child and he only creates problems for her. [Continue the story]

