

Late Wednesday evening

Dearest Patricia:

It was a joy to have you
as a breakfast companion this morning!
And thanks for confiding in me, though
once again I regret not having been
home when you called me for suggestions
on the Kathy situation.

The advice of the friend who said, "you
live on a different plane from the rest of
this crowd. Be above their petty efforts to make
you uncomfortable" — is sound advice.
As was said, a person of genuine quality,
(whether royalty, aristocracy or what not)
ignores such attitudes. In time those
concerned will recognize that they have
been in the wrong & mistaken about you.
This may mean tough going for a while,
but you'll just hold your head above it and
in the long run you'll win. Anyway,
you have a corps of friends of both
sexes to whom you can confide & ask
for advice. They'll provide the understanding
reassurance & support you need &
if pushed sufficiently, you can, of course,
drop anyone or group from your welcome
list. And may I always be included
in such a "queen's guard" as I'm suggesting
that you have! I'll do my best always to merit
the inclusion

Neva & I had one friend in Palo Alto whose husband was the object of a definite campaign on the part of another woman to take him away from her. But by following the kind of course that your adviser friend (a friend) have given and that I support, one friend won out completely. She depended on a group of us and at one point I was able to play a decisive influence in settling the issue without even a shred of publicity or any action one little friend would have felt to be beneath her or in poor taste.

Now I have a few positive suggestions for you to react to & adopt or reject as you see fit.

1. As I suggested recently maintain an attitude of caution with any newly attentive male until you have some basis of appraising his character and "passing him" as you have done with Ron or rejecting him as you've done with several others you've told me about. - No need to name them here.

2. Except with those who have been tried & are trusted, be chary of invitations to "come in", except in the daytime or early evening when you may expect calls from others whom you know. There the old dictum of the Stanford Dean of Women 50 years ago is sound, "In numbers there is strength & protection."

3. If & when you have any reason
whatever to be doubtful of some one
who is in your apartment, "remember
some message" or matter that you
have "forgot" to clear up with one of
your trusted friends. Call him on the
phone & ask him to come over & bring
something - anything you may want
or to come over for something you must
discuss with him, & try to dismiss
the one of whom you are not sure. Do
as you did in the R. & K. problem -
phone me, or phone the others in success-
ion till you get one of them or more.
The one dismissed should get the
point. If not, you may have to tell
him later as you've done with others
that you can't give him any more
time. You have ~~too many~~ ^{to accept others'} commit-
ments already! Your active mind &
fertile imagination can dream up &
keep on reserve quite an assortment
of interests for which you may have a
"reason" to call a friend or two whenever

there is a need.
If when you return home from an
evening out with anyone you aren't
completely sure of, say goodnight &
make it complete & final while you are
still outside your door, on the porch. And
face your ~~the~~ questionable escort when you

do + face outward from your door.

5 When you unlock your door keep your other hand on the screen + enter in such a way that you can put the screen between you and the ventrified individual.

6. Let the friends - primarily the males - whom you do trust know you are going to depend on them for help if # as the need arises. They will rise to the challenge, be proud of their protective status + though you may never actually have to call on them, they will declare + live up to their declaration of loyalty.

7. Take occasion - according to your discretion - when you are out with someone & new with whom complete trust has not yet been established - that you do have two or three close friends to whom you do and can confide in case of need + on whom you can call for help + support. I'm sure that you are careful enough to do this + it will be a bulwark of strength for you.

Where another girl concentrates + depends on her "steady", you will "call in" your several friends - one or more of them. Most males who tend to be "careless" in their relations are hesitant to attempt any invasion of "rights" or "territory" that is already established, especially if they get no encouragement from their immediately intended "quarry". I think this is all for now - but some of it may help + give you ideas to work on. Goodnight, Beautiful!
Love Carl.