

### Find-a-Flaw Activity

AITA for “taking care of” my neighbor’s yorkshire terrier to finally get a good night’s sleep?

I (27F) live in a small apartment in NYC with extremely thin walls. You can hear EVERYTHING from my bedroom. Recently someone moved into the apartment across from my bedroom window. They leave their dog in the courtyard at night. AND THIS THING NEVER, EVER STOPS BARKING! Ive been on three hours of sleep for the last month because of this thing. Im pretty sure it is just a tiny yorkshire terrier, but this thing is so LOUD! I cant sleep. I cant work. I just moved so I cant move again. I lost my voice just screaming at this thing! I tried calling the police, but they wont do anything.

Well long story short, I have this eccentric neighbor who suggested something I hadnt considered before... what if there should be an unfortunate accident, if you know what I mean? Okay, okay, ordinarily id NEVER consider something like this, but this thing was ruining my life! Eventually I just couldnt take it anymore. So late one night I put some antifreeze in the dogs water dish. Ive been sleeping like a baby ever since.

Fast forward to present day. Ive been dating this amazing guy (lets call him Jake) and he found out about what happened. Jake was really, really angry and I think hes considering break up with me now.

Hear me out though. First of all, ive been in difficult situations like this a two or three times before, where I had to “take care of” something, and I always do the right thing. Even Jake would agree. For example, there used to be this homeless man who would constantly catcall women at night and scream at people for not giving him money. I took care of him by calling the police, who got rid of him. Even Jake agreed that this was the right thing to do! But if it is okay to get rid of something when it is causing everyone a lot of stress, then why shouldnt it be okay for me to get rid of this dog?!

Second of all, Jake is being a total hypocrite. Hold on, I have to give some more backstory.

Jake is an avid hunter. Not just ducks and geese but sometimes deer too. My more “liberal” friends dont like this, but I always stand up for Jake. These animals they arent human beings. If you thought it was wrong to kill these things, then what next? Spiders?! Here is what I would argue: if its not okay to kill spiders, then it is not okay to kill dogs. But everyone would agree that it is okay to kill spiders, so it’s also okay to kill dogs!

Anyway, the point is that Jake is fine with killing all these animals, so why is he being so uptight about this dog that is causing me way more suffering than any deer has ever caused him?! This dog was ruining my life, so I say the ends justify the means! Jake is just being a big hypocrite. So when he suggested that im being an asshole, it is pretty clear to me that hes mistaken about that.

Okay one last thing. I went to a really great college, but Jake never graduated. I think this is why im usually able to win arguments with him. My theory is... he always been intimidated by this. So of course HE thinks Im being an asshole. Thats one reason why I think Im not being an asshole in this situation. Because HE claims I am!

TL;DR: took care of my neighbor’s yorkshire terrier to finally get a good night’s sleep. Boyfriend is upset and might break up with me because he thinks I was an asshole. Am I?