

THE BREAKUP

Myra told Myron that they shouldn't see each other for a while. Her doctor had suggested that she take a short vacation from her job and a long vacation from Myron.

"What did you tell him about me?" Myron asked.

She told her doctor that she had dreams about Myron leaving her. She sometimes dreamed that he pushed her out of his car in the middle of nowhere. She would be crying on the side of the road in the middle of the night, cold and scared, as the taillights disappeared.

"What kind of dream is that?" Myron's voice was loud. "Do you think I would ever do that to you?" She said that she didn't know.

"You don't know?! Of course I wouldn't do that to you! I love you!"

Myra asked Myron to lower his voice. She no longer believed that he loved her. One day, feeling low and insecure, she had told Myron that it would be nice to get away for the weekend. Perhaps they could go to a quiet resort in the mountains. He told her that he was playing golf that Saturday. Maybe they could go to a resort another time. She was astounded.

"I needed you that weekend. Instead, you preferred to play golf. Now there is a shadow on my heart that nothing can remove," she told him sadly.

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verb (used with object)

1.

to overwhelm with amazement; astonish greatly; shock with wonder or surprise.

adjective

2.

Archaic. astonished; astounded.

Origin:

1275–1325; Middle English astoun (e) d, past participle of astonen, variant of astonyen to astonish

Related forms

as-tound-ment, noun

tail-light [teyl-lahyt] **Show IPA**

noun

a light, usually red, at the rear of an automobile, train, etc.

Also called tail lamp.

Origin:

1835–45; tail1 + light1