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I am a 26-year-old female, and **I've been** with my boyfriend **for almost** five years. Our relationship is pretty good, **for the most part**, but **I'm having** a few reservations. I don't really know how to **bring up** this **subject**, because I feel like I'm just **being** a **bratty** little **princess**. But **here goes**:

I feel **like** I'm **at the bottom of** my boyfriend's **priority list**. **He'll** stay **up** until 5:00 a.m. working on something, but he won't **sacrifice** an hour to do something with me. He **leaves for** work **around** 9:30 a.m., and **most nights doesn't come home until** 10:00 p.m.

Every **household expense** must be **split** exactly 50/50, **regardless of the fact that** he **makes four times what** I make. If I eat a little more than my **fair share**, he **makes me pay** him **back**.

He has a car and I **don't**, but he'll **only ever give me a lift** somewhere if he's already going **that way**—but he **still** makes me pay for gas, **despite the fact that** he was already going that way. He doesn't **bat an eyelash at spending** \$2,500 **on** new stereo equipment, but **puts** a \$50 **capper** on my birthday dinner, **saying** "If it **goes over** \$50, you're paying the rest."

If I'm **stranded** out **in the middle of nowhere** in the middle of the night and call him **crying** (this **actually** happened), he'll tell me to call my other friends **first**, and if **none** of them can **give me a ride** home, then **I'm allowed to** call him **back** and he'll **come get me**—but I'm paying for gas.

He **wants me to go** to college, **which** I'm doing this September, and so I asked him if he would let me pay **slightly** less than 50/50 for rent **so I could afford** it. His **response** was: "Lots of people **put themselves through** college, why should you get any **special treatment**?"

**Here's the thing, though**: Isn't it **only fair** to split our expenses 50/50, **even if** it breaks me? And isn't it fair to ask for gas money when he has to **do all the driving**? Can I really **expect a man to spend** more on me than I can spend on him? I don't want to be showered with expensive gifts and **lavish** vacations, **though**. I just want to feel like **I'm worth** SOMETHING, you know? **Am I being** selfish? ... Kate