

“Sick” Boundaries



Male Role:	Female Role:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundaries between partners are simultaneously too strong and yet non-existent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is needy, vulnerable, weak, and a victim who is unable to separate herself from the “love” and attention of a man.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The misogynist builds walls around himself to keep the woman away, fearing that if she gets too close she’ll notice his shame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her worth and sense of self is so shaky that she only sees herself as valuable when tied to him in some way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> His bullying serves to control her and keep her from abandoning him, but also to keep her at arms length emotionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She lets his personality overwhelm her and gives way to the force of his persona. She leans on his bravado, mistaking it for strength.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He comes across as a self-made man, independent, self-assured, confident, needing no one, yet he is so insecure, so unsure of himself, so unable to separate from her that he sees her, totally and only, as an extension of himself. He is incapable of seeing her as a separate human being 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She has never learned to hold her own with a significant other, particularly a male She blindly plays victim and loses more and more of herself day by day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain his security, her boundaries must merge with his and she must become him 	