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About Me:

At my core, I'm a storyteller. I love nothing more than helping others tell their story, entertaining and informing folks through the power of word, and using my passion for a purpose.

I have experience in several genres of writing – from self-publishing memoirs to screenwriting and online journalism – as well as conforming to different brand's voices. I adapt to new situations well, am self-motivated and highly organized, and a quick learner.

Below, please find a sample of my writing.

PerezHilton.com

About: pop culture news written in the engaging style of the founder.

Sample 3:

(Was one of the most read stories on the site in recent months.) LINK: <u>HERE</u>

Taylor Swift & Travis Kelce Had Their First Big Fight -- And She Doesn't Get Along With His Sister-In-Law Kylie?!

UPDATE 12:40 P.M. PST: Good news, Taylor and Travis stans!

We can exclusively confirm this report about Taylor and Kylie Kelce not getting along is NOT TRUE! Inside sources tell us this is just folks trying to sell a narrative for clicks, that there's no truth to the story of the fight whatsoever!

Phew, right?? Glad to hear it — because these two seem SO GOOD together!

Oh, no!! Has Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's long, happy honeymoon phase finally ended??

According to a shocking new report from Life & Style last week, the lovebirds hit a rough patch over the holidays — caused by their first fight AND a feud with Jason Kelce's wife Kylie?! Really????

Sources told the outlet that the 34-year-old Kansas City Chiefs star didn't take his Christmas day loss to the Las Vegas Raiders very lightly — even though TayTay had traveled to be with him for the festivities. The team hasn't been doing great lately, and coming up short again got him in a bad mood. The tight end "wasn't himself for days," a source dished: "He snapped at Taylor and they had their first fight."

Yikes! On Christmas, too? That sux! But it makes even more sense why Travis said he had the "worst" holiday!

Thankfully, the NFL star quickly realized he was in the wrong, the confidant noted:

"He apologized after but Taylor definitely felt hurt and confused. It was rough."

Despite beginning to get close with Travis' parents Donna and Ed Kelce, the Anti-Hero artist turned to her new pal, Patrick Mahomes' wife Brittany, for advice, who told her to "let Travis lick his wounds, but it wasn't easy." Oof.

The drama was so intense, the singer considered cutting her trip short and leaving Missouri before New Year's Eve! Why? Well, she worried the athlete's game against the Cincinnati Bengals might be a flop, too, and she didn't want to ruin a second holiday. Thankfully, she stayed and the Chiefs won, resulting in a romantic night out with her beau! Phew!

Their troubles, however, are supposedly far from over! According to the site, Kylie has left Taylor feeling hurt AF after making seemingly rude comments about her! The center and his wife supposedly aren't fans of the high-profile new relationship, an insider explained:

"Taylor hasn't had the best reception from Jason and his wife."

The insider believes a feud first began in November when Kylie commented on all the hype her family has been receiving in the last few months — you know, the same time frame the Grammy winner publically entered the picture. She said in an interview with Spectrum News KC: "It's not particularly my cup of tea to be in the spotlight or in front of a camera."

As for whether she'd be in the "Kelce suite" at the Chiefs vs. Eagles game at the time, she added:

"I'm a stands girl. I love sitting in the stands, cheering with the fans, even if it's in an opposing team's stadium. Travis has a lot of people that come to games, appropriately so. Everyone loves to support him but it means that it's a tight squeeze in there. Also, it's fun to cheer and not feel like the entire room's rooting against you."

If that's a dig at Taylor, it's SUPER shady! It's not like the pop star has a choice whether she's in the stands or the VIP box. While Kylie didn't clarify if she was signally anyone out, many thought it was a diss — including the All Too Well artist:

"Taylor took that personally and since then it's been very awkward."

Even Jason seems to be wary of the romance, telling NBC Sports' Peter King in October that he's "happy for my brother," but added:

"This is another level of stardom that typically football players don't deal with. And so on one hand, really, really happy for my brother and where he's at in his current situation with Taylor. But on the other hand, there's some, I think, alarms sometimes with how, you know, over-in-pursuit people can be."

Oof. Not great to have one-half of her future in-laws unsure! But if you ask the songwriter's friends, they'd say Jason and Kylie are just jealous of how much attention Taylor and Travis' relationship has been getting, the source went on: "Taylor understands that it can be exhausting, but she can't help that everything she does becomes front-page news."

Innerestingly, it's not just outside forces starting to get in the middle of the romance, though! Naturally, the long distance is starting to weigh on TayTay, as she's been the one doing most of the traveling right now. But once she gets on her international tour, that will likely change. There's also tension over rumors the football player wants to use the spotlight of his relationship to become the next Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Using his girlfriend as a stepping stone? Now that would be a big problem!

Despite these new issues starting to creep up, the couple's friends still hope they can overcome their problems. And talk of a possible engagement in the future does suggest things aren't as bad as this source is making it seem. We can only hope!

Reactions? Do you believe this? Sound OFF (below)!

SAMPLE 4:

LINK: <u>HERE</u>.

Queen Elizabeth Dead At 96

The world is mourning a legend. After an impressive 96 years — 70 on the throne, the longest reign in history — Queen Elizabeth II has sadly passed away. Her eldest son Prince Charles, 73, will take the throne.

The royal matriarch's health has been notably deteriorating in the last few years. While she maintained a busy schedule, even after the death of her 99-year-old husband Prince Philip in April 2021, the Queen was forced to cancel a scheduled virtual Privy Council meeting on Wednesday, per doctor's orders. Medical professionals stated she was resting at Balmoral in Scotland, and her family was rushing to be by her side.

In a statement, the Palace announced with great sadness:

"The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and the Queen Consort remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Elizabeth died surrounded by her loved ones including Charles, Camilla Parker Bowles, Prince William, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, and Prince Harry. Meghan Markle and Kate Middleton stayed behind.

Ever since the death of the Duke of Edinburgh (whom she married in 1947), the Queen has hardly taken a moment to mourn, or so it seemed on the outside — we know her grief must have been overwhelming in private. She's also been faced with stress following Harry and Meghan's separation from the British establishment, and Andrew's Jeffrey Epstein scandal.

This loss will be felt around the world for a long time. With her impressive reign that spanned decades, it's easy to forget that the daughter of King

George VI was never supposed to take the throne in the first place. After her father died (her uncle King Edward VIII abdicated in 1936 to marry the divorced American socialite Wallis Simpson), Elizabeth assumed the crown at just 25 years old. Can U imagine that much pressure at that young age??

She did an incredible job since her coronation in 1953, becoming one of the most-watched and beloved royals ever, known for taking a serious interest in political affairs and modernizing the monarchy. She's also most known for doing things her own way. In 1940, for instance, during a royal tour of Australia and New Zealand, she bucked tradition by taking a casual stroll to greet crowds instead of waving from a protected distance. Amazing!

We're thinking of the entire Royal family as they mourn this insurmountable loss. We hope, if anything, it brings them closer and reminds them of what is important in life: family. May she rest in peace...

Marblehead Reporter

SAMPLE 5:

About: written for a small town local newspaper. LINK: <u>HERE</u>.

Garden Club sale to honor late Carolyn Lynch

Marblehead Garden Club's 85th Annual Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 7, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Gerry 5 Veteran's Fire Association, 210 Beacon St.

This year the sale honors late resident Carolyn Lynch, "one of the best presidents we've had," said club member Elise Tuve. Lynch died last October due to complications of leukemia and has been dearly missed in the community ever since, members said.

Lynch claimed membership to the Marblehead Garden Club for 39 years and has been described as "an inspiration."

Lynch was a "loyal worker" thereafter, said Tuve. She was dedicated to the research of plants that would reflect the historical period of the Jeremiah Lee Mansion in the 18th century and were native to this area. Lynch gave illustrated lectures to the club about plants and her gardens at her Marblehead and Ireland homes, according to members.

She was "interested in different things," said Tuve, and could easily strike up a conversation about a multitude of topics. Other passions included playing bridge - which she won many international competitions for - and helping local and regional communities through the Lynch Foundation.

Sharing her love of gardening with others brought Lynch much joy, said fellow club members. She also taught her daughters and grandchildren to

garden and made sure to spend time with the young members of the club as well.

A friend and fellow members described Lynch as, "delightful, witty, bright, and engaging." Her passion for gardening blossomed with every passing day, according to the club.

Proceeds from the event supports gardening projects at the Jeremiah Lee Mansion and in other public areas, the club said in a statement. The non-profit organization will spend the sale's earnings on garden wall repairs, tree planting, and other Garden Club projects. This plant sale also benefits the Marblehead Museum.

The sale offers a perfect gathering place for gardeners of all levels, said Tuve, adding that members are eager to help educate townspeople in a friendly manner and will be available to offer assistance.

Each member's main goal is to "make the consumer feel glad to come," said Tuve. While this spring's wintery weather may affect what plants are sold on Saturday, the sale will still be the perfect place to pick up Mother's Day flowers, Tuve said. She suggested people buy Trillium, which are native wildflowers, or herbs, which are fun for mothers to place around the house to enjoy the smell or to use in looking.

Plants picked from the Lee Mansion garden are also sure be a hit for Mother's Day, organizers said. The plant sale, the club said, is an exciting event to bring the community together to honor Lynch and enjoy one of spring's finest attributes: flowers.