



Survivors Stories DVD

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And I chose to have a lesbian relationship and had lesbian relationships for the following fourteen years. What I wasn't aware of and was even more shocked with, was the fact that this first relationship with a woman had actually been abusive, was showing signs that for me was, hold on a minute, this was similar, this feels a bit like what I had before in terms of the mental and emotional say warning flags.

I expected a certain amount of empathy from a woman most definitely, particularly after hearing the sort of horror that I'd been through and knowing full well that you know there are many women who experience this and that the lesbian community can be very active in fighting for the rights of women and young women and girls oppressed, regardless of sexuality. They have been vocal and able to do that.

So there was part of me that expected a greater understanding from a woman. And initially there was a lot of understanding, but what this woman was doing was eking out my story and working out where my soft spots were.