

Good morning, and thank you for joining me. ^{A couple} Many of you in this room are my friends. Many of you in this room know me. ^{A few} Many of you have cheered for me or you've worked with me or ^{Chelsea} you've supported me.

Now every one of you has good reason to be critical of me. I want to say to each of you, simply and directly, I am deeply sorry for my ^{fairly} irresponsible and selfish behaviour I engaged in.

I know people want to find out how I could be so selfish and so foolishly ^{as to get caught} People want to know how I could have done these things to my wife ^{Cheryl} Elin and ^{to} my children. And while I have always tried to be a ^{private} person, there are some things I want to say. ^{* don't mention kids. Cheryl & the press don't know about them}


^{Cheryl} Elin and I ^{not yet} started the process of discussing the damage caused by my behaviour. As ^{Cheryl} Elin pointed out to me, my real apology to her will not come in the form of words, it will come from my behaviour over time. We have a lot to discuss; however, what we say to each other will remain between the two of us, ^{text it to a Page 3 girl} unless I accidentally ^{does this sound a bit saucy?}

^{'let myself down' etc - inflatable school joke?} I am also aware of the pain my behaviour has caused to those of you in this room. I have ^{both} let you down, and I have let down my fans. For many of you, especially my friends, my behaviour has been a personal disappointment. To those of you who work for me, I have let you down personally and professionally. My behaviour has caused considerable worry to my business partners, ^{at Bouji's Night Club} although I am hoping to secure sponsorship ^{the bar} from a mobile phone company.

To everyone involved ^{in my foundation}, including ^{my staff}, board of directors, sponsors, and most importantly, the young students ^{we reach}, our work is more important than ever. Thirteen years ago, my dad and I envisioned helping young people achieve their dreams through education. This work remains unchanged and will continue to grow. ^{Football} From the Learning Center students in Southern California to ^{the Earl Woods scholars in Washington, D.C.}, millions of kids have changed their lives, and I am dedicated to making sure that continues. ^{Page 3 girls}

* replace 'work' with 'penis' = good gag, wins sympathy

bla bla bla... CUT? [But still, I know I have bitterly disappointed all of you. I have made you question who I am and how I could have done the things I did. I am embarrassed that I have put you in this position.]

For all that I have done, I am so sorry. 

I have a lot to ^{Cheryl} (atone) for, but there is one issue I really want to discuss. Some people have speculated that ^{Cheryl} Elin somehow ^{mimed} hurt or attacked me on ^{stage at the Brits} Thanksgiving night. It angers me that people would fabricate a story like that. ^{Cheryl} Elin never ^{hit me} that night or any other night. There has never been an episode of ^{domestic violence} in our marriage, ever. ^{Cheryl} Elin has shown enormous grace and poise throughout ^{this ordeal}. ^{Cheryl} Elin deserves ^{praise, not blame}. ^{a Brit for Best Solo Artist} ^{the dance routine}

The issue involved here was my repeated irresponsible behaviour. I was ^{not} unfaithful. I had ^{no} affairs. I ^{cheated}. What I did is ^{not acceptable}, and I am the only person to ^{blame}. ^{threw up on another woman once} ^{a bit of fun} ^{send pics of my cox to glamour models (see Vernon Kay)}