

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FINDOM ADDICTION

- 1. We lust after and put on a pedestal, people and things that harm us financially.
- 2. We sexualize feelings of stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, shame, and fear.
- 3. We mistake toxic findom dynamics for the connection of friendship and romance. And so, we engage with people who are unavailable for it.
- 4. We cycle through binding ourselves to findom through promises and trying to regain the freedom we sacrificed.
- 5. As we try to repair our financial self harm, we are financially anorexic: we deprive ourselves and we alternate between giving ourselves to findom, and not giving to ourselves.
- 6. We mistake financial submission and adoration for both the giving and receiving of nurturing care and support.
- 7. Fearing the authentic connection we need, we seek intimacy in forms of self-harm and immorality, and substitute love with intense sexual arousal.
- 8. Drama and conflicts drive us to double down on our emotional investment, instead of guarding our dignity, safety, health, and sanity.
- 9. Giving away control through findom serves to alleviate our fear of responsibility for ourselves and our actions.
- 10. Being unable to set healthy boundaries, we become disgruntled when we don't get what we think we deserve.
- 11. We sexualize powerlessness, failure, and the addiction itself, blurring the lines between our desire for living life fully and seeing relapse as a cycle that 'improves' the addictive rush.
- 12. We frame our lack of control in spending as generosity.