

September 24, 2019

Dear Jo,

I have spent the past year searching for a new home for my toy store. This has been difficult -- painful and expensive; but I believe I have finally found an alternative space and am ready to move on.

I regret that any of my words or actions have been hurtful. All I can say is that my heart broke when you informed me that there would no longer be a place for me in the Red Barn Shops that have been my home for 13 years. Once Upon a Time Toys has been in business in this location for over 40 years. I had hoped to be there for many years to come, and my daughter after me. It has taken me awhile to get my head around the idea that you have other plans for the center that do not include me.

Despite this sadness, I have endeavored to comport myself and my business professionally, with the same enthusiasm and integrity as I have throughout the past 13 years. I have continued to pay rent on time (or early) each month and have continued to join in all shared activities with the other stores. I will continue to do so as long as I am there.

My exact plans are still in flux, but I hope to begin packing up my store in October and be out in early November. I hope that you will accept my November rent as final payment, with no further rents due. I will, of course, leave the space in as good, or better, condition as it was when I first moved in.

I suspect it will be awhile before I can call another store "home", but I will do my best to bring honor and integrity to this next stage of my life and to this lovely community which, I believe, we both hold dear.

Sincerely,



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