



divulged, referring to the man who savagely beat her during an argument in 2009.

Even Oprah, no stranger to guests making stunning revelations on her show, claimed she was shocked by Rihanna's admission. And when the 24-year-old pop star insisted she felt "protective" of Chris, 23, following the brutal episode, Oprah called the statement "powerful."

getting violent with her mother - helped her to forgive Chris.

After the attack, the Barbadian beauty explained, "I was resentful. I held a grudge. I was dark. I was angry." These days she and Chris are "close friends," she said, but on the rare occasions when they see each other, she added, "It's awkward — because I still love him." ★

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"Rihanna sounds like many abused women, focusing more on protecting him and minimizing her own emotional pain," Dr. Seth Meyers, author of Dr. Seth's Love Prescription, tells Star. "It's no surprise that she comes from a family with turbulent relationships. Unless she gets therapy to heal her distorted thinking, she will continue to be drawn to men with anger issues.'



