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Mother Of Five Tests Limits Of Cousin's Ability To Help

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My cousin "Opal" and I grew up together. We were always close. She has gone through some rough times, and I have been trying to help her out.

She has five children (ages 10 to 2) and I have one child who is 13. The fathers of her children are not helpful. I recently completed my education and am looking for

work, so money is tight. Opal doesn't feed her kids before bringing them over or provide diapers for the little one. She promises to reimburse me, but rarely does. Most of the time I keep my mouth shut because I know she doesn't make much as a server. How can I make her understand that even though I have only one child that doesn't mean I have the money to help her out with her five?

Also, when I baby-sit her children, they are rowdy and destructive. But if I try to raise the subject, it creates tension between us.

I love Opal. I want to help her. But when is it enough? I don't want to withdraw my help completely, but it has become more than my household can bear. - CARING COUSIN IN MISSOURI

DEAR CARING COUSIN: Nothing will change until you are ready to tell Cousin Opal enough is enough and set some strict rules. That she has had five children with different deadbeat boyfriends is not your fault. One accidental pregnancy - or even two - can happen. But FIVE should be a clue that your cousin is irresponsible.

Tell Opal that unless her children are fed before they arrive and she provides diapers, you will no longer baby-sit for her. (It wouldn't be a bad idea to tell her to include some snacks as well.) Tell her that before her children come over she is to instruct them to be on their best behavior. Her household may be chaotic because there are no rules - so don't blame those children for their bad behavior.

When they arrive, tell them that in YOUR

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 5:47 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015:

This year you finally will be able to accomplish a long-term goal. Be aware that this will involve a lot of communication from you. Others dominate far more often than you realize. Normally, you might be concerned; however, you'll find that you don't have the time or energy to make a fuss. If you are single, someone very different from you is likely to find you exciting and easy to relate to. You will recognize this person as being special from the very beginning. If you are attached, the two of you often like going out on the town together, though you need to be careful about your spending habits. It is easy for the two of you to go overboard. CAPRICORN can be very pushy.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

house there are rules. Explain clearly what they are and that there are rewards for good behavior. Make clear that if they can't be good, they won't be welcomed back without their mother.

If the penalty for drawing the line is that there is tension between you and your cousin, the upside will be that you will be taken advantage of less often.

> DEAR ABBY: I'm a 49-year-old gay man who has been in a relationship with my partner, "Alex," for almost 25 years. We plan to have a silver anniversary party in July. When I mentioned it to my two sisters, both had similar reactions - it's not "appropriate" and "silver anniversaries are for married couples and you're not married.'

Abby, is it wrong to celebrate a silver anniversary with Alex? If not, should I send invitations to my two sisters? - LONG-TERM IN LONG BEACH

DEAR LONG-TERM: Of course it's not wrong! The option of marriage wasn't available to gay people 25 years ago. A quarter of a century together is something to celebrate.

Knowing your sisters' feelings, you'd be justified in excluding them from your guest list. However, consider taking the high road and inviting them anyway. Then, whether they attend or not becomes their decision.

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LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person always surprises you with his or her ever-changing attitudes and perspective. Someone you admire might not be in a good mood. You would be wise to steer clear. Tonight: Don't push yourself too hard.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You might be irritated with a partner. Keep your distance until you both are in a better mood. Time is your ally. It appears that you have a lot to complete and will need some uninterrupted time. Come late afternoon, you will feel rejuvenated. Tonight: Party time!

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might want to return some calls before you schedule meetings or make other plans. However, it is likely that someone else already has made plans without telling you. You have a lot of ground to cover, and a lot of people are seeking you out. Tonight: Take off.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★ ★ ★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you must complete. Understand how much pressure you have on you right now. Be more forthright about establishing your limits, and you will find others to be very receptive. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

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 $\star \star \star \star$ Check on the quality of your work during the day, as you won't want to make any errors. Later, others will look at your work and note the excellence with which it is produced. You will land well because of your meticulous attention to detail. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You'll have time to iron out any issues you have with a close associate or family member. The topic might be guite serious. Perhaps the two of you don't see eye to eye. As a result of your conversation, you will make better choices. Tonight: Do some much-needed research.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** Consider making a different decision regarding a relationship. Perhaps you are ready for a stronger partnership, or you could be interested in making an important investment that could affect the relationship. Verify first that you are financially ready. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Dive into your work, and get as much done as possible. Your efficiency will be tested, as others seek you out to pitch in with their projects. Be willing to rearrange your schedule, if need be, or ask someone to fill in for you. Make calls later in the afternoon. Tonight: Meet friends.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT







MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



**** Use the daylight hours to the max, when you'll have much more under control. You will see a substantial difference in others' responses as a result. You have the ability to convince others of the rightness of your thoughts, but still listen to suggestions. Tonight: Pay bills.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★ ★ ★ You can afford to play it low-key today. You will be missed, but at this point, you might need some extra time to deal with a child or loved one. The Moon moves into your sign later today. which will bring a smile to your face. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

*** Expect to hear a lot of feedback from friends and associates, especially after a meeting. Everyone seems to want to put in his or her two cents. You could be overwhelmed by a close friend's gesture. Pull back, if need be -- he or she will understand. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Others notice your appearance and attitude. What occurs will be a direct reflection of the energy you put out. A friend might go out of his or her way to please you. You might be uncomfortable with what you hear. Postpone a personal matter until later. Tonight: Out late.

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