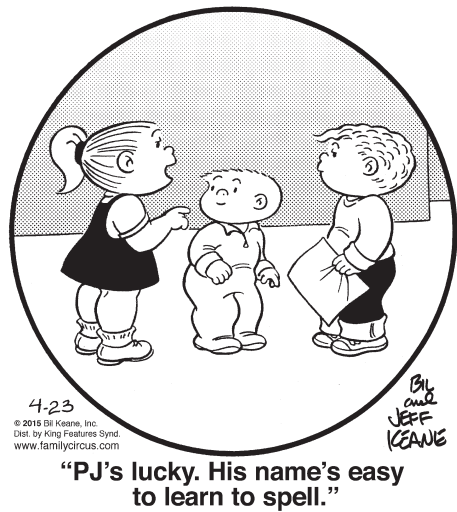


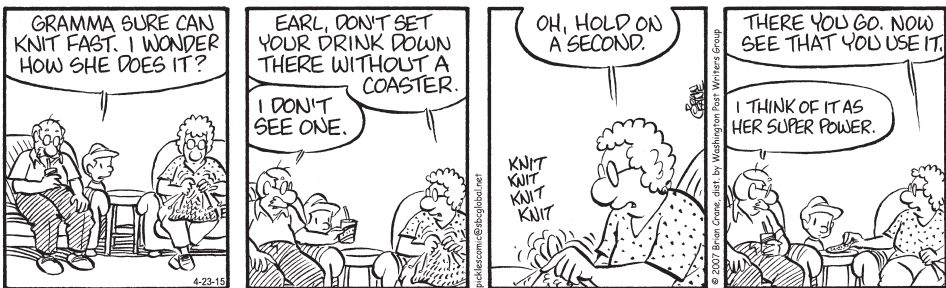
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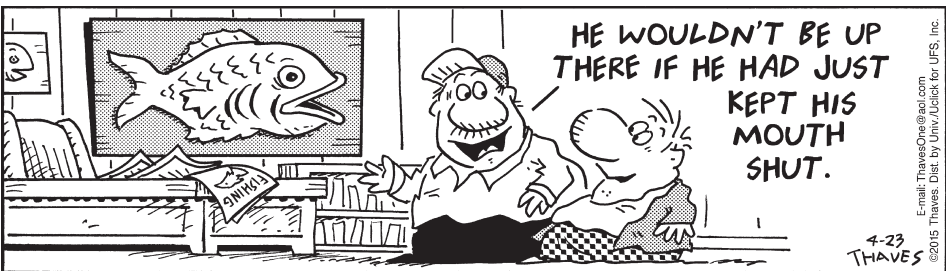
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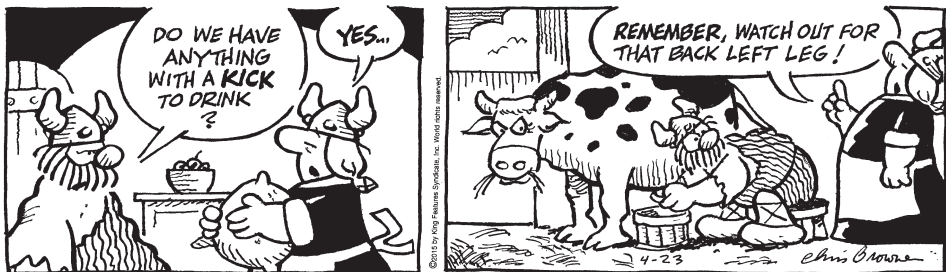
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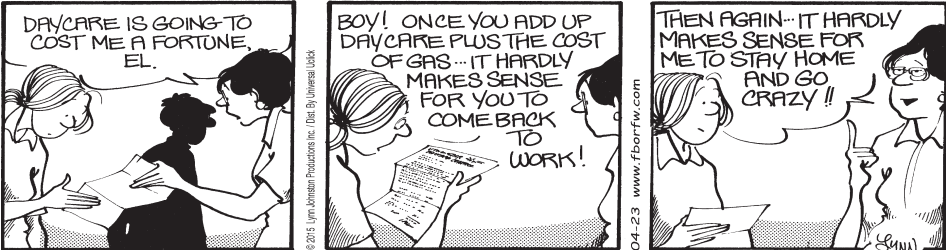
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## Resentment Is Thanks Mom Gets For Helping Son's Family

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Rick," and daughter-in-law, "Amy," seem to really dislike me. I try to be kind and not pry, but they live with me and it can make for a full house. They have had job difficulties and work injuries that brought them back to my home. Her parents don't care for my son, so living there was not an option.

Amy does not help at all with the housework. Rick does most of it. They also have a wonderful 21-month-old boy. A second baby is on the way. They have lived with me for four years now.

Abby, Amy shows no respect for my home or for me. I mostly keep quiet so as to not push away my only son. I want to be part of my grandson's life. Please advise me on handling this matter. — UNDERVALUED OUT WEST

DEAR UNDERVALUED: By allowing your son and daughter-in-law to live with you for such an extended period of time, you have fostered their dependence on you. That may be why your daughter-in-law is resentful rather than grateful for your generosity in giving them a roof over their heads.

That they would conceive a second child under these circumstances — without jobs and no place of their own — tells me they are immature and irresponsible. Give them a date to be out — say one month — and stick to it. If they want to know why, tell them the truth. You should not have to live in a house with a daughter-in-law who treats you like the enemy because it is not healthy for any of you.

If you are afraid the only way to have a relationship with your grandchildren is to tolerate being used, I think you are mistaken. As long as you can provide material assistance to these two, they'll keep you around.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for almost 31 years. We have had a good marriage, but for the last couple of years, my husband has told me that I snore when we go to sleep at night.

He is a very light sleeper, and understandably, it wakes him and then he wakes me to make me stop. This goes on all night long. Needless to say, neither of us is happy in the morning. We have now started sleeping in separate rooms.

The issue I am having now is, my husband will be retiring in a few months and he wants us to do a lot of traveling, mainly cruising. I'm not sure how this will work with our new sleeping arrangement. — SLEEPY IN ALABAMA

DEAR SLEEPY: Have you discussed your snoring with your physician? Snoring can be a symptom of a medical problem that's fixable. When your husband first told you about it, you should have mentioned it to your doctor. Ear plugs might help your husband, but if there is a medical solution for your snoring, it would make your problem moot.

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### 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 Taurus and a Moon in Cancer.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015:

This year you will communicate more effectively. Your instincts and perspective take you to a different level from those around you. You will have to filter what you say to some friends and loved ones. If you are single, you could meet an exotic person in the second half of your birthday year. This person manifests the same type of vision you have, but his or her perspective is different. If you are attached, you could find your significant other becoming more distant than in the past. Recognize that you might need to learn to speak to each other differently. CANCER can change his or her mind quickly.

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)

★★★ You understand an expenditure surrounding your home and/or family. However, another person who is involved might not. Clearly, you are alone in this choice. Follow your intuition on how to proceed, and let go of your vision. Tonight: Awkwardness will disappear.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Your words have an impact; trust that others will react accordingly. A partner might seem distant, perhaps in response to what you are saying. Is getting your way more important than having an easy interaction? Find some middle ground. Tonight: A close friend cops an attitude.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Be aware of what is occurring between you and someone else. Words could belie what is happening. Share more of what you care about, and encourage others to be more authentic. Getting to that point might be interesting. Tonight: Buy a card on the way home.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Friends support your drive to get what you want and/or to complete a project. Your biggest barrier could be your energy; it's not endless, though you act as if it is. Keep in mind the end results, but take needed breaks along the way. Tonight: Choose what is best for you.

#### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ A parent or higher-up seems to be very sure of him- or herself. Use your instincts when

dealing with this person, and you will know what to do. A key friend might help you create circumstances that are much more to your liking. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

#### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to imagine what it is like to have the power to change what is going on around you. A key associate seems inspired by your thinking, and he or she is likely to play a dominant role. Sit back and see what happens. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might need to view a situation in a different light. Your sense of humor could be off-color, but it will help many of those around you gain a perspective on their immediate dealings. Pressure comes from your own expectations of yourself. Ease up some. Tonight: Say little.

#### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Detach, and you'll find the answers you're looking for. Follow your instincts. Others might respond in a way that delights you. Recognize the lack of facts being presented by someone, and let your imagination fill in the gaps. Tonight: Listen to a favorite type of music.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Someone close to you is likely to seek you out. Remain open, and listen to your intuition — not your mental chatter. Recognize the role your inner dialogue plays in your life, especially if the facts are not confirmed. Relax and listen more. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Be aware of your ability to move people when you approach them with sensitivity. You could feel a little off, as you might be depressed or tired. Make time for a cat nap or whatever else you feel will heal you. Tonight: What you say could be confusing, yet it will be right-on.

#### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

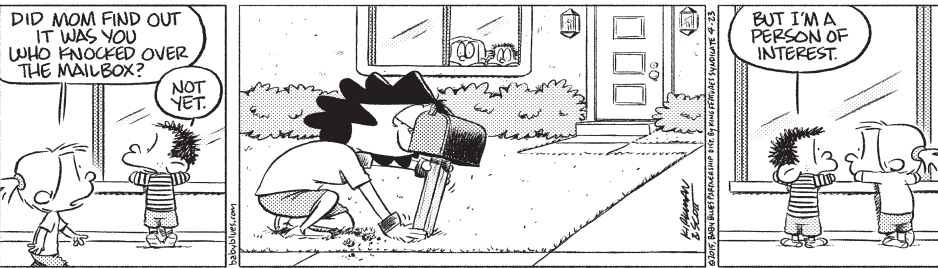
★★★★ Try to be more nurturing when dealing with those in your daily life. Your ability to empathize with others could be instrumental. A friend will let you know that he or she doesn't agree with you. Listen, but tune in to your inner voice. Tonight: Avoid a heated discussion.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Make it OK to be on cruise control, even if a boss or a parent criticizes your behavior. Do what is necessary to appease this person, and know that your intuition is working for you. If you are single, an encounter with a new person could be significant. Tonight: Let down your hair.

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