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Wife Cheating On Husband **Needs To Figure Out Why**

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and on my second marriage. My husband of two years is every girl's dream man – the kindest, gentlest, most patient guy. He loves me for everything, including my flaws. I honestly believe he is the only one who could ever handle me.

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so I'm right!

So tell me, why am I cheating on him? I

never thought I could find myself in this situation. I have a lot happening in my life, but there is no excuse for why I am straying from such an amazing husband. I love him, but when I get a text, I hope so badly that it's from the other man, and when it's from my husband I feel disappointment.

We see the other man. He works for my parents. This situation is **DEAR ABBY** messy, and I don't know what to do. Jeanne Phillips I can't tell my husband – it would ruin his life. I'd rather just leave him without giving any reason than tell him the truth. I want to leave him and live my own life, but I'm afraid to be on my own. I don't know why I stay. I'm lost and confused. Can I have some advice, please? - RECKLESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR RECKLESS: You're playing at matrimony as if it were a game instead of a deep, enduring partnership. Staying married to someone because you're afraid to be on your own is doing both of you a disservice.

If you think leaving your husband "for no reason" would be less hurtful than telling him the truth, you are mistaken. You owe it to him to level with him about the affair so he won't blame himself for your leaving. When you do, I strongly recommend that you get counseling from a licensed mental health professional to help you slow down and more carefully consider what you're doing before you marry a third time.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 3 1/2 years to my wonderful husband. We are both

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Aries if born before 9:29 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5, 2015:

This year you blossom into a more dynamic and creative person. You are likely to become more of a problem-solver as a result. This will be helpful, as there will be issues surrounding your domestic life. You also might decide to establish a home-based business. If you are single, you could meet someone quite easily, even in the next week. This person will be significant to your next year, if not longer. If you are attached, you will experience a newfound closeness within your relationship. TAURUS can be a stick in the mud

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)

★ ★ ★ Your impulsiveness might cause a problem, especially if you trigger a partner because

51. It's my first marriage and his second. He complains that I am not sensual enough for his needs, or intimate enough. I have been with only two men in my life but have dated a lot. I'm Čatholic and had no complaints from my ex-fiance.

My question is: How do I become more sensual and intimate? His complaints are vague. We see a marriage counselor every three weeks. I can ask the counselor. I can ask a close friend. I can buy books, but thought I'd also give you a try. – NOT GOOD ENOUGH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NOT GOOD: Honest communication is essential in a strong marriage, so the person to ask is your husband because only he can answer this question.

I'm glad that the two of you are in marriage counseling, and I recommend you raise this subject during

your next session. Because your husband seems capable of only vague answers when you have asked for clarification, your counselor may be able to encourage him to open up. If that's not possible, then the two of you should consult a licensed sex therapist.

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ation that arises today. Detach and read between the lines. At the same time, be aware of a tendency to get angry and bottle up those feelings; they can backfire on you. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

* * * * You will discover that a lot is happening behind the scenes. Don't run away from these situations. In order to have a calm life, you need to handle these issues. Know that everything will work itself out. Tonight: Chat over a dinner.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You will gain insight through a conversation with a friend. Explore your options carefully. You could get some powerful feedback from this person. You don't need to agree, but you do have to listen. Tonight: Where you want to be.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Evaluate what is happening around you. Consider how a minor change could improve the situation. There are many options you might have closed off. Now is the time to open one of them up. Tonight: Do something just for you.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

* * * * You might need to manage a situation differently from how you have in the past. Your ability to make a difference in someone's life emerges. u are likely to help this pers

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I'M LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND WITH A BIG TAIL.

fiery ways are likely to mark the afternoon. Tonight: Make it your day to do what you want.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★ ★ ★ Follow through on what is needed. You could be overwhelmed by certain situations that arise unexpectedly. It would be wise to take a step back for now. Be aware of what is happening around you. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Honor a request from a friend or an associate. This person often is a supporter of yours. Make sure you do the same when he or she is in need. Look for new solutions when someone drops the ball. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might want to rethink a personal matter that often bothers you. If you don't handle this issue appropriately, you will end up feeling angry. Accept a higher-up's feedback, even if you don't agree. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Don't stand on ceremony with a situ-

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as a result. Tonight: Off to the gym. CAPRICORN (DEC . 22-JAN. 19)

★ ★ ★ Pressure builds on the homefront. You could create more tension than need be because of a judgment you are making. Try to put less pressure on yourself. Encourage a brainstorming session. Tonight: Relax, and others will too.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Speak your mind, and allow others to respond in the same way. A boss could be very touchy and difficult. In fact, you might find yourself feeling closed off from this person. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star$ Be aware of your spending patterns, and assess the likely outcome of your choices. If you take that information to heart, you will be able to head in the right direction. Do whatever you can to empower yourself. Tonight: Pay bills first.

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