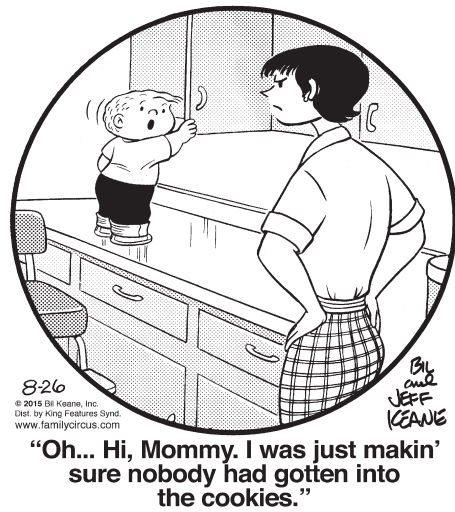
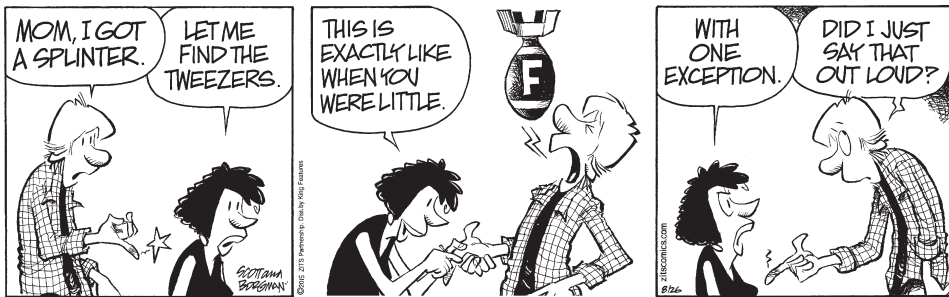


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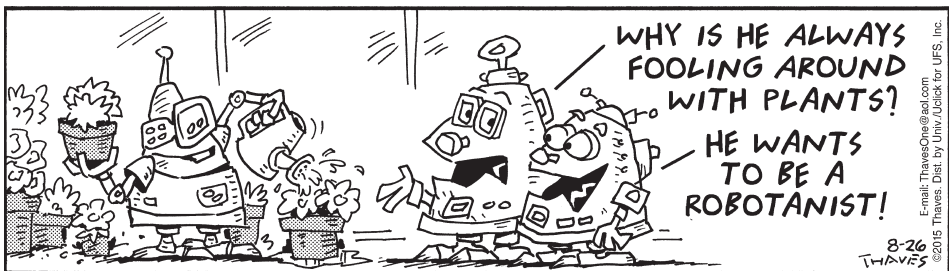
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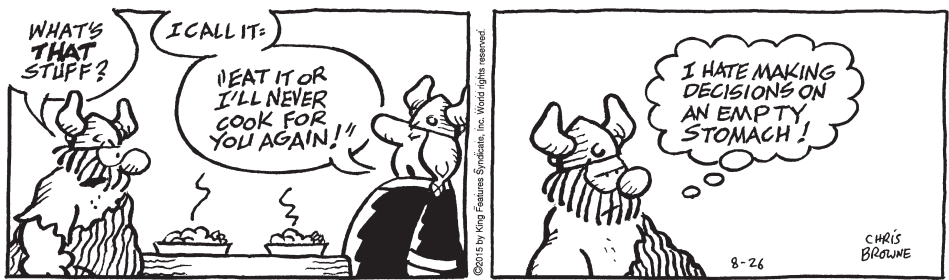
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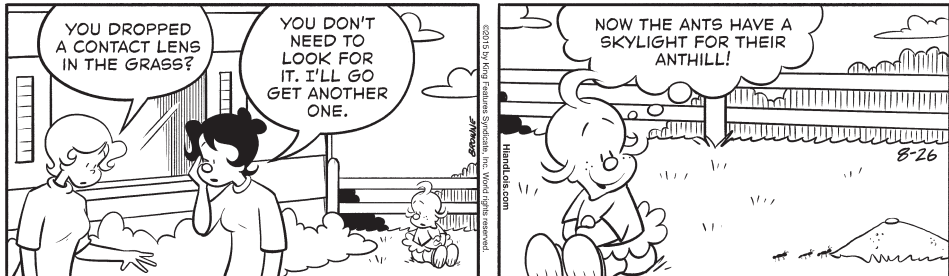
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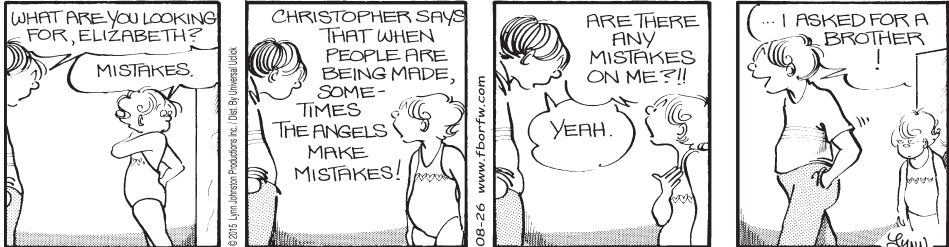
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## Wife In Loveless Marriage Longs For Intimate Romance

DEAR ABBY: The wedding night I had dreamed about forever was supposed to be the most romantic and amazing of my life with the one person I can't live without. Instead, it was the most humiliating experience I have ever had. I dressed in a beautiful negligee, and my husband didn't even take a second look at me. I was so embarrassed, I rolled over and pretended to fall asleep. That was my big night, the one night I'll never get again.

This same man brags about the sexual encounters he had with his ex-wife, cyber sex and his 13-hour sexathon. When I try to touch him, he seems repulsed and pulls away. My heart can't take the never-ending rejection and the nights of crying because I don't know what I have done wrong.

The sad thing is, I'm pretty sure he has never even noticed. Even an intimate kiss would be enough for me now. I dream of a man who loves me so much he stares at me from across the room, who can't wait to get his hands on me even if it's just for a second. Unfortunately, that's not my marriage. Don't I deserve happiness? And will this ever change? – UNTOUCHED IN TEXAS

DEAR UNTOUCHED: Of course you deserve happiness. But nothing will change until you start asking questions and demand answers. The only thing you have done "wrong" is to have tolerated the status quo.

Has it occurred to you that your husband has been lying to you about his sexual exploits? He may be impotent, gay, or so hooked on cyber porn that there is nothing left for you. Make it your business to find out. Ask him. And if he isn't forthcoming, talk with his ex-wife. If your marriage was never consummated, you may be entitled to an annulment.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago I was told by a fertility doctor that I can't have children. Having a husband, children and a home in which we can build memories and traditions

were the only things I ever wanted in life.

Since then I have tried to find meaning in life and things to fill the huge void that would have been filled by my dreams. I have not been successful. I have been on antidepressants, gone to counseling, volunteered, held a job, traveled, and confided in loved ones who, frankly, don't want to hear about it any longer (and I don't blame them). But I still feel completely empty.

There isn't anything I look forward to in life. (I'm 45, divorced, most of my family has passed on, and I am an atheist.) I don't know what else to do or where else to turn. Can you help me? – BROKEN RECORD

DEAR BROKEN: What immediately comes to mind is that feeling as you do about children, you might make a terrific foster parent or adoptive parent to an older child. There are many

in the system who need loving, supportive homes.

However, if that doesn't work for you, consider looking into volunteering to become a court-appointed advocate for abused and neglected children through a program called CASA. CASA volunteers make sure these vulnerable children don't get lost in the legal system, and you might find that to be rewarding. You'll find more information about this at [casaforchildren.org](http://casaforchildren.org).

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### JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Capricorn.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2015:

This year you have a lot of good news heading your way. You might see certain matters differently from how you have in the past. You have a way of that draws many people toward you. You will make an impact. If you are single, you have the pick of the flock, or so it might seem. You will enjoy being a social butterfly. If you are attached, the two of you head in a new direction. Your bond will be revitalized with new intensity. You are likely to start a new chapter in your relationship. CAPRICORN knows how to get your attention!

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)

Apply innovative thinking to your ideas. A partner might not be on board with your plan, but try not to let it affect you. Bypass that attitude, and zero in what you know will work in a situation that seems to baffle many other people. Tonight: Where the action is.

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

Tap into your imagination when listening to others about a certain issue. You will understand where they are coming from, but perhaps you see a different solution. Share your ideas while still acknowledging theirs. Tonight: Detach, and observe what happens.

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

You could hear more news than you would like to. A friend might have a similar reaction. You have choices to make, but confusion surrounds you. If you do feel unsure, take a step back. Don't forget to spend time with a special loved one. Tonight: Remain upbeat.

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

A child or dear friend seems to close down right in front of you. You'll recognize that there is very little you can do. Open up and share your vulnerability with this person. You might not see an immediate reaction, but you will, given some time. Tonight: Speak your mind.

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

Deal directly with someone who affects

your day-to-day decisions. This person is likely someone you encounter nearly every day. Refuse to be talked into anything that might force you to spend more money than you would like. It's OK to say "no." Tonight: Take a brisk walk.

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

You have the ability to draw in a loved one or dear friend. Your charisma speaks for itself. This person will open up to you, given some time. Be open with him or her as well. You might be delighted by the warmth and nature of this bond. Tonight: Happiest at home.

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

You might want to cocoon at home. Thankfully, no one will make an attempt to stop you. Sometimes pulling back helps you relax and gain a deeper perspective. You will be a lot happier if you can slow down and cut some of the impulsiveness out of a situation. Tonight: Order in.

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

Know your limits. Understand what you need to do in order to get past your irritable mood. Waiting for that to happen on its own won't help matters. You might want to be more realistic about a financial decision. Tonight: Refuse to stand on ceremony.

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

You might want to review what is being presented as a "financially secure" or "good" idea. You usually are able to see through others' ruses. This period isn't any different. Use your ingenuity and resourcefulness. Tonight: Try a new role.

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

You could be thinking in terms of making a major change. Hold off for a little while, and see if you still want to step away from the status quo. This type of behavior is very unlike you. Think through your options before doing anything drastic. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

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

You might want to switch gears quickly because of news you hear. Slow down before you jump to a conclusion. The unexpected runs through your day. What happens in the morning could be very different from what happens in the evening. Tonight: Take some time off.

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

You could be out of sorts as you seek out a response from a friend. Stay calm, and you will see what arises, although it might not be to your liking. The good news is that you can still have a say in what happens. Tonight: Midweek celebration. Invite your friends along!

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