

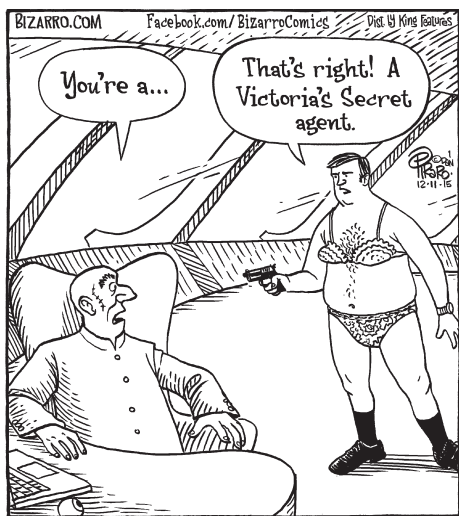
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Giving In To Angry Vengeance Splits Woman's Family Apart

DEAR ABBY: I made a big mistake three years ago. When I found out my husband was cheating on me, I became vengeful and sought revenge. I ended up sleeping with my sister-in-law's boyfriend to get back at my husband and at her for some things she did in the past. It took my pain away – for a bit.

Abby, I am not this kind of person. I'm not an evil, conniving tramp. I regret what I did every day, and I feel like garbage.

My sister-in-law and I haven't spoken since I decided to tell her the truth. My husband and I (miraculously) were able to work through our problems, and our relationship is stronger than ever. My sister-in-law and her boyfriend have remained together, and I don't speak to him anymore either.

What can I do to earn forgiveness? Is this even forgivable? How can I mend this family I helped tear apart? – ONLY HUMAN IN HOUSTON

DEAR ONLY HUMAN: You might start by apologizing to your sister-in-law for the pain you caused her. But after that, the decision about whether she can forgive you or wants anything more to do with you will be up to her.

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, "Becca," just turned 6. One of her favorite things to do is role-play, which includes the prince (me) kissing her, sometimes at the end of a wedding ceremony. Becca also likes to sit on my lap. My wife thinks I shouldn't allow her to sit there and that the interaction isn't appropriate. She says I may be mistaken for some kind of predator. It hurts me and Becca when I tell her we must find some other playtime scenario. I think it's harmless.

Who's right here? My wife or me? Is there an age a granddaughter reaches when this kind of interaction becomes taboo? What about giving her a goodbye kiss when she departs? – BAF-FLED GRANDPA IN EL PASO

DEAR BAF-FLED: Do Becca's parents agree with your wife? I would be more concerned with whether they consider your playing Prince

Charming to be inappropriate. At 6, I see no harm in it. When Becca is 8 or 9, your wife may have a point. Of course, by then she may prefer to be Supergirl rather than a princess, and have other objectives than being a bride.

As to kissing your granddaughter hello or goodbye, that's perfectly appropriate regardless of her age. And when you do, I seriously doubt anyone will mistake you for a predator.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I married the woman of my dreams two months ago. I asked my father to be my best man and he accepted, but he didn't fulfill his duties. There was no bachelor party, no best man speech, and he and my mother left the reception after only an hour. I was hurt and disappointed.

I have avoided talking to him since. Should I tell him how much he hurt me, or just try to forgive and forget? – LET-DOWN GROOM IN MACON, GA.

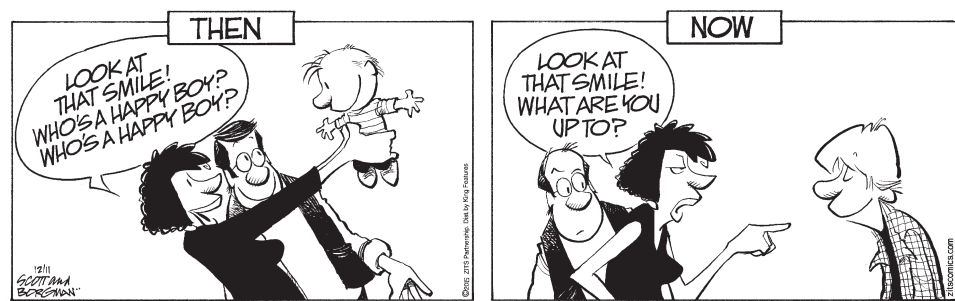
DEAR GROOM: I vote for doing both, if you can. When your father accepted the invitation, he may not have understood that being your best man would involve more than standing beside you at the altar. Why he and your mother would leave the reception early is puzzling, but it may have meant that for some reason they felt uncomfortable there. You need to explore that.

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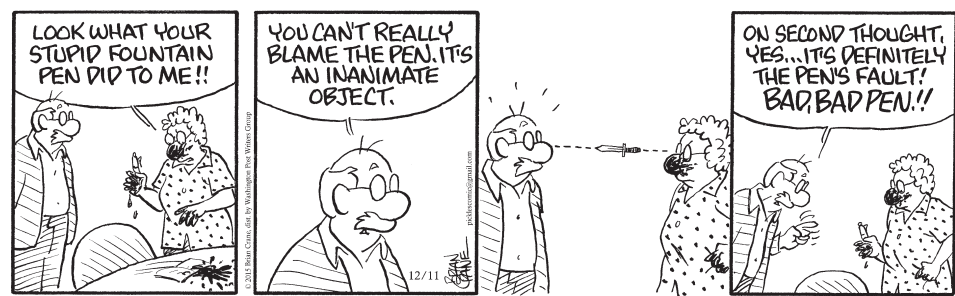
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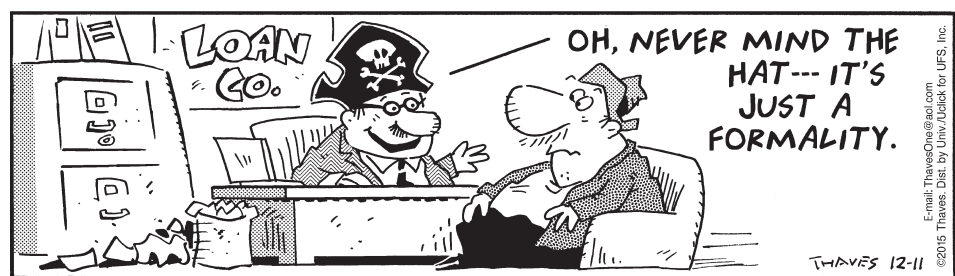
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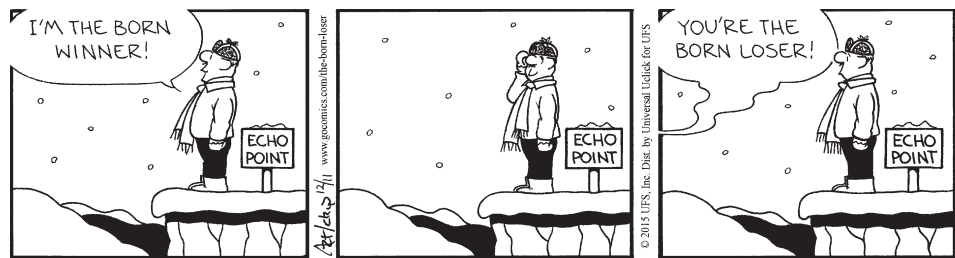
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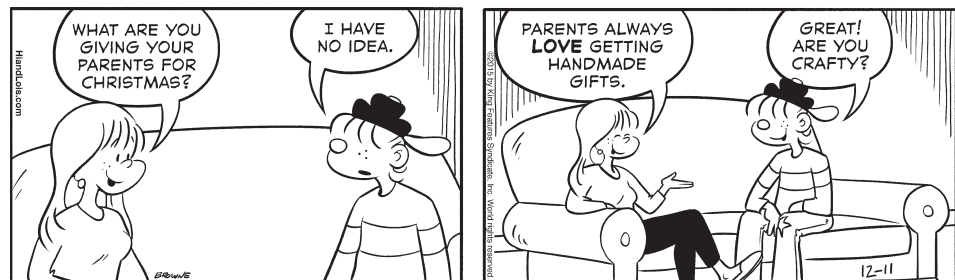
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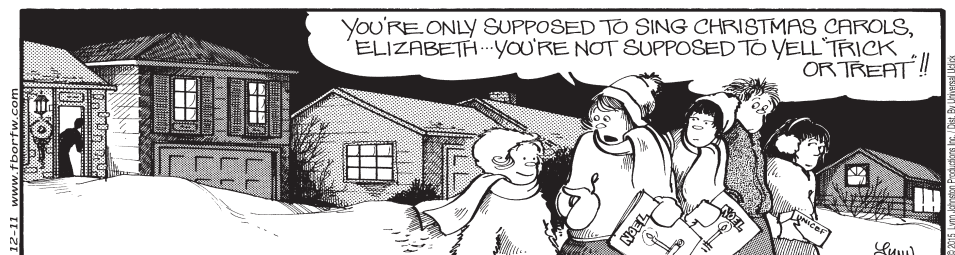
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 and Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 2015:

This year your birthday coincides with a New Moon in your sign. This New Moon will add to your allure and desirability. It also will provide an unusual resourcefulness and the ability to have a new beginning, which could happen in several different areas of your life. Be careful, as you also will express a tendency to be me-oriented. If you are single, your charisma will attract others, and you will have some choices to make. If you are attached, be careful, as a relationship is a two-way street. Be sensitive to your sweetie's needs, and you will experience a more rewarding relationship. A fellow SAGITTARIUS born on a different day won't experience as much good fortune as you will this year.

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 might be eyeing a mini-getaway with relief and excitement. Consider making a gesture to make and keep the peace. If you understand where someone else is coming from, he or she will be more open to seeing matters from your point of view. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** Your ability to make a difference comes forward. A friend means well, but might not be sure what to do. A new beginning becomes possible after a lengthy conversation. Someone clearly knows and understands that you care. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

***** Your ability to move past a problem and come to an understanding emerges. You have an opportunity with your gift of gab to make the peace. As a result, you will find that solutions come easily. Don't resort to finger-pointing. Tonight: Allow your imagination to take over.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

**** Your creativity emerges. A budding flirtation could build to a lot more, should you want that type of connection. Resist going overboard in whatever you are involved with. Excess seems to happen naturally with you at this point in time. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** You might be extremely playful. One-on-one relating will result in a compliment from someone you care about. Be direct with a friend about what is going on. You need to know where this person stands. Understanding evolves to a new level. Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

***** You could be in a position where you feel pressured by a family member's wants and needs. Realize that you are making a judgment about responsibilities. Ask for some help. People naturally respond positively to you. Tonight: Head home early, if you want.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** You have a lot of energy and can apply it to any matter you consider to be important. Communication improves once you clear up a mis-understanding. You might feel as if you can tackle anything you want or need to. Tonight: Chat with a friend, and accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** Be careful if handling funds right now. You easily could make a mistake when counting your change or while looking at your budget. A friend might try to convince you not to worry. However, he or she can be overly optimistic. Tonight: Treat a loved one to TGIF!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

***** Your creativity and energy allow you to float right over any issue. A friend or loved one could push to have something go his or her way. You might want to stop and think through a decision rather than impulsively leap in. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

*** Sit back and look around. Though you will make a snap judgment, you shouldn't act on it. Keep your eyes open and see what happens. A higher-up will appreciate a direct response to his or her inquiry. Don't try to guess what he or she wants; just ask. Tonight: Be discreet.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

**** You are the sign of friendship, and your friends seem to be all over the place today. Wherever you go, an invitation seems to come along with a conversation. Decide where you want to be and with whom. Make plans accordingly. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

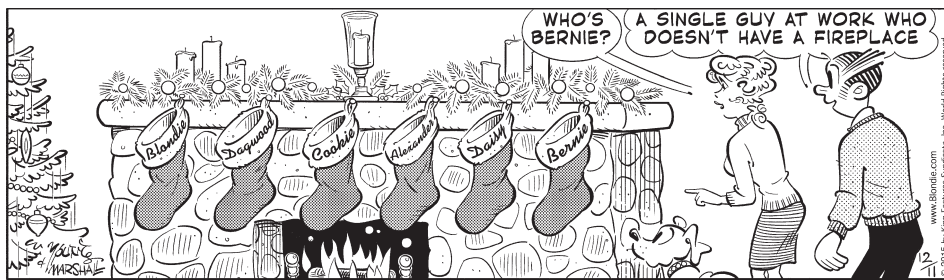
**** You might want to frolic, but that means not handling certain responsibilities. You could be confused about what you can do under some tension-laden circumstances. Toss yourself into your to-do list and clear out as much as possible. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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