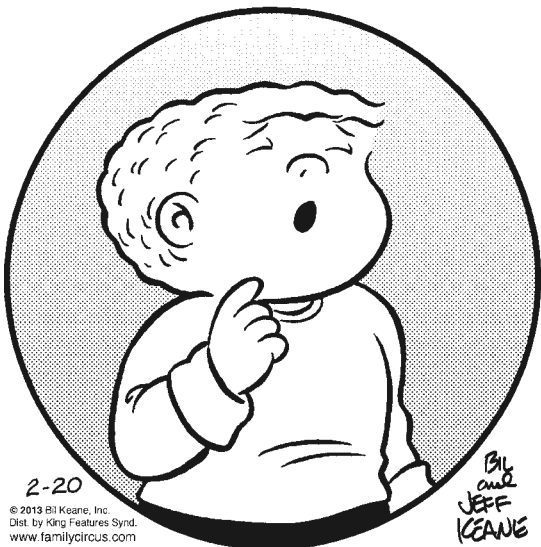


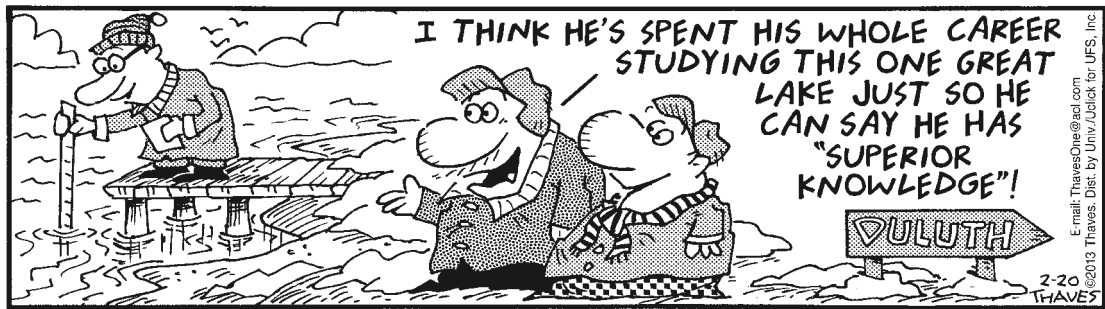
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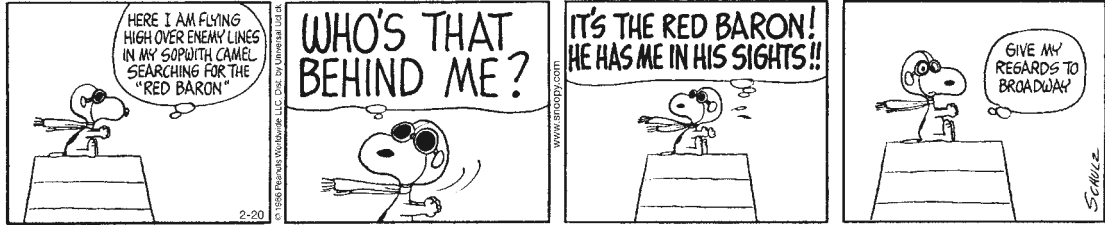
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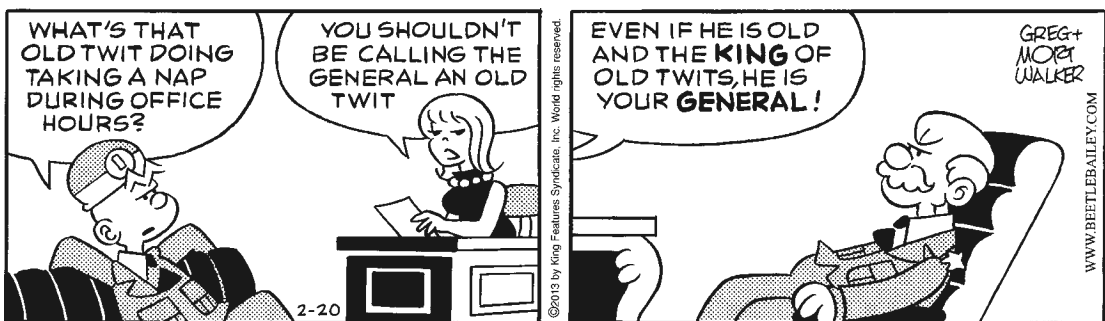
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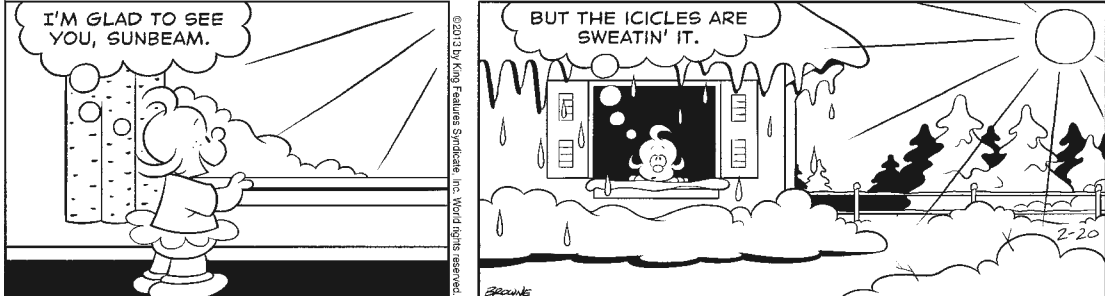
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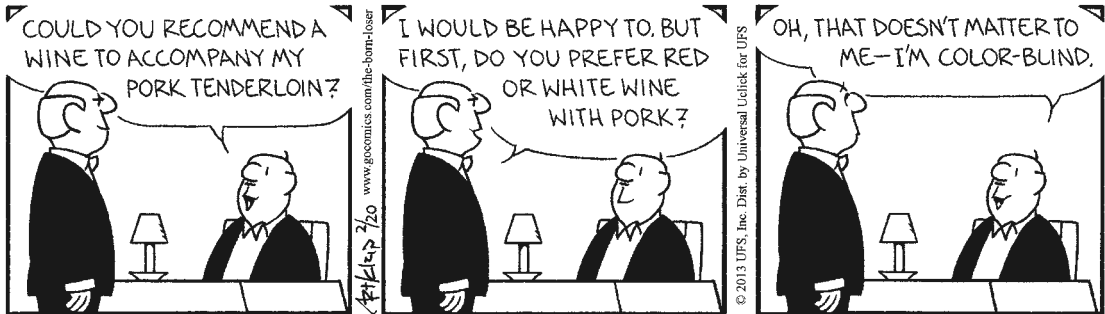
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Boyfriend's X-Rated Experience Leaves Woman Feeling Blue

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Doug" (24), and I (22) have been in a long-distance relationship for a year, but we were friends for a couple of years before that. I had never had a serious relationship before and lacked experience. Doug has not only been in two other long-term relationships, but has had sex with more than 15 women. One of them is an amateur porn actress.

I knew about this, but it didn't bother me until recently. Doug had a party, and while he was drunk he told one of his buddies — in front of me — that he should watch a certain porn film starring his ex-girlfriend. It made me feel awkward. The next day he apologized.

Of course, having learned her name, I couldn't help myself from searching for her on the Internet. Now I can't stop comparing myself to her, and I feel intimidated and frustrated.

I have been struggling with how to get over it. Doug has told me many times that he loves me and I believe him. But those stupid, drunken comments really knocked me down. How do I get over my boyfriend's past? — ECLIPSED BY A "STAR" IN NEW YORK

DEAR ECLIPSED: A giant step in the right direction would be to quit comparing yourself to a porn actress. In his addled condition, your immature boyfriend couldn't resist bragging to his buddies because he thought it would impress them with his prowess. If he had serious feelings about her, he would still be with her, not in a relationship with you.

That said, it would be in your best interest to find out if this woman really was a "girlfriend" or one of his one-night stands. If he is in a long-distance relationship with you and tends to be promiscuous, you should be more concerned about his judgment than how to get over his past.

DEAR ABBY: We have always purchased rather than leased our cars. One of them has 225,000 miles on the odometer and is running well. I have two friends who lease expensive foreign cars. Keeping the mileage down on their cars is important to them, especially when it comes time to return them at the end of the lease.

Because of this, I find myself driving more often than I should. One friend attends a weekly meeting with me, and we're supposed to take turns driving each other every other week. But somehow I end up at the wheel more often. I'd hate to start writing down our outings, but I'm beginning to feel used.

While I respect their decision to lease expensive new cars, it is not my responsibility to keep their expenses down. Both of these women are in a better financial position than I am, although we are all "comfortable."

Any ideas about how to approach this without seeming petty? It has been going on for a long while and is starting to bother me. — DRIVEN TOO FAR IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR DRIVEN TOO FAR: If you feel that you are being taken advantage of, then you probably are. I recommend you wear these ladies off your chauffeur services by being less available when they need a ride. And if you are asked why, remind them of your original agreement to share the driving duties 50-50.

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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 Pisces and a Moon in Gemini if born before 10:48 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 2013:

You have many dreams that you choose not to share. This year, you might witness one of them being fulfilled. You become incredibly intuitive and seem to have strong premonitions. If you are single, you could meet someone who seems so special that you have to pinch yourself to make sure the experience is real. Be careful. When you put someone on a pedestal, there is only one way to go ... and that is down. If you are attached, the two of you seem to develop a new style of communication. Understand that there could be a lot of confusion around your relationship this year. Do not listen to gossip or hearsay, especially from a GEMINI.

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 find that others often seek you out. Use your imagination, and you'll come up with many workable ideas. In fact, you'll have so many options that you might not know which way to go. You have a unique way of understanding personal issues. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Your sense of timing and choice of words appear to be right on, and many people will react to them. You understand far more than others might realize. Listen to someone's news, but take it with a grain of salt. You'll want to do what is most workable. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Be conscious of your limits before you jump into a situation. Your view of what is provocative could change radically. A matter involving your career might not be resolvable at this point. You know what must be done. Carefully consider your options. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Know when to say that you have had enough. Your sense of humor will come out as you begin to understand what motivates others. Detachment gives you a unique perspective that allows you to see a situation differently. Tonight: Have a ball with friends and loved ones.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might want to be more mindful of your

spending, needs and assets. Once you are, you will make better choices. Your ability to understand vagueness can help you in your dealings, but you still might need more information. Friends surround you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Understand who you are and with whom you will be dealing. Conversations might become animated, and you could receive more feedback as a result. Trust your intuition when reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Pressure builds. You might feel as if you have little time to accomplish a lot. Reach out to someone you really care about. This person's reaction could shock you. A boss pushes hard to get his or her way. You could become overwhelmed as a result. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could gain critical information that will help you move a project to a different level. Ask questions, and you'll come up with a better solution or a more workable idea. Your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Respond appropriately.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 21-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to head in a new direction. Despite what is happening with others' insecurities, a partner or associate supports you 100 percent. This person follows his or her intuition. Communication flourishes in real-estate issues. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. You often use logic to explain your actions or decisions, but know that they were motivated by a gut feeling or an intuitive hunch. Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Listen to a friend and follow through on his or her suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Maintain a mellow attitude when dealing with co-workers and associates. They need to ask questions in order to understand why you are moving in a certain direction. You might need to seek out more information on a financial decision. Tonight: Get feedback from others.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Tap into your endless creativity, and know that there are answers to your questions. How you handle a personal detail could change the outcome of an entire situation. Use your ingenuity. Others enjoy their conversations with you. Tonight: Easy works. Attention is reciprocal.

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