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Journals Are A Last Link To Deceased Sister's Life

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DEAR ABBY: My sister died suddenly. She hadn't been ill, and it was a shock. Although she tried hard to have a relationship with me over the years, I had trouble relating to her and we weren't close.

I am sorry to say that I never took the time to get to know her. I'm left now with many questions about the sister I always had, but never really

knew. As her next of kin, I'm responsible for packing up her things, and I came across several journals. I would like to read them because I feel they would help me to understand her better, but I also feel it might be disrespectful to go through something of hers that was so personal.

What do you think? Would it be wrong to read them? I wish I had her here to talk to instead of journals to snoop through. - RE-GRETFUL IN OAKLAND

DEAR REGRETFUL: I'm sorry for your loss, and your regrets. Because you would like to know your sibling, I think you should read her journals. While it's sad that you have to make her acquaintance in this way, it would be better than never having known her at all.

DEAR ABBY: I love my wife, but I find it difficult to take her to any function where there will be many people. She doesn't comprehend most conversations. She acts like she's listening, but if prompted for a reply, it's obvious she wasn't.

While she doesn't seem to care, I find it embarrassing. People tend to shy away from her, leaving her by herself. Because of this, we don't often get invited back. At Christmas, when I received my invitation to the annual office party, I sent my regrets.

If I try to talk to my wife about this issue, she gets defensive and accuses me of picking on her. Advice? - THE NORTH 40 IN VIR-GINIA

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 Aquarius and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 15, 2014:

This year you are able to verbalize some of vour more creative ideas. Others will see ways to practically apply some of those ideas. A friend or partner could become both a muse and an adviser. If you are single, you could meet a potential suitor sometime after June, and find that there is more of a romantic dynamic than you initially had thought. This relationship could become quite intense. If you are attached, the two of you might opt to take up a new hobby or pastime together that demands imagination. The two of you will enjoy your time together even more than you have in the

DEAR NORTH 40: It would be interesting to know if your wife's problem is an inability to comprehend English well, a hearing problem or a social anxiety disorder. Of course, we'll never know unless you're able to have an honest conversation with her about it and explain how it affects you. If there is a solu-

tion, your wife will have to want to find it.

As to functions having to do with business, if she's uncomfortable in that environment, then you should attend without her.

Saturday, 2.15.14

DEAR ABBY: I'm a secretary who happens to make really good coffee. An employee who works in the building likes my coffee and has made himself comfortable at my desk in the morning before he starts work and afterward, before his second job.

I am not comfortable with this. He plants himself at my desk, and I find myself having to work around him. He has become a fixture in my office and I need it to stop. How can I go about this without hurting his feelings? -NOT HIS BARISTA

DEAR NOT: From where I sit, it looks like the man may have a

crush on you. Because you want less of his company, tell him you need to get to work or get your work finished — and that his presence at your desk is distracting. Tell him you're flattered that he likes your coffee and he's welcome to a cup, but he needs to drink it elsewhere. If you say it pleasantly, his feelings shouldn't be hurt.

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back from a loved one. You are likely to toss caution to the wayside. Some of you actually might decide to book a weekend getaway in the very near future. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Finally you'll get to call the shots and make the plans. For the most part, everyone will be pleased. A loved one could surprise you with his or her reaction. Consider weighing the pros and cons of a situation before taking any action. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

★★ You could be overtired and withdrawn. You'll want a situation to move in the direction you desire, but the person you are dealing with has not one predictable bone in his or her body. Let your creativity flourish. Deal with a family member directly. Tonight: Opt for quieter plans.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your ability to move a personal matter



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recent past. VIRGO can be very nurturing.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Someone finally might express his or her idea in a way that is clear and direct. You likely will respond with a sense of delight and relief. Listen to your inner voice about a personal matter or a situation that is pivotal to you. Tonight: Make it an early night.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star$ Someone you look up to will let you know exactly what he or she is thinking. You are likely to go along for the ride, as you understand this person's important role in your life. Make plans that keep you close to home. Tonight: Love the moment with favorite friends.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might opt to stay close to home, which really is not your style. Whether you are deep into a book or something else, you will feel quite content. A special invitation could sound reasonable financially, but you might be surprised by the fringe costs. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You will be far more verbal than you typically are. You also will be so precise with your words that you could rule out a suggestion from someone else. Is that what you really want to do? Being vague has its advantages too. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite haunt.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Take a stronger stance in dealing with your finances. You might get some important feed-

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along, while still being able to kick back and enjoy your friends, will emerge. Those around you would not even guess that you have your share of problems. Reach out for news from a loved one. Tonight: Where the action is

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to come to an understanding with an older friend or relative. You sometimes rub each other the wrong way. Recognize that you are in a position where it might be easier for you to make the first move. Tonight: Bring others together for a celebration.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You might experience an urge to explore a different setting. You would get bored if you were not always expanding and having new experiences. A loved one will be simply delighted to join you and experience today's twists and turns. Tonight: Opt for a different type of cuisine.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You finally will level off and relax; however, someone in your immediate circle could pop in and perhaps share some shocking news. Still, you'll remain mellow and actually find the situation humorous. Get into a favorite sport or hobby. Tonight: Just don't overdo it.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others. Understand that you are likely to partake in something that you normally would not choose to do. The nature of your companions will convince you that fun can be had as long as you hang out by them. You might enjoy yourself. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

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