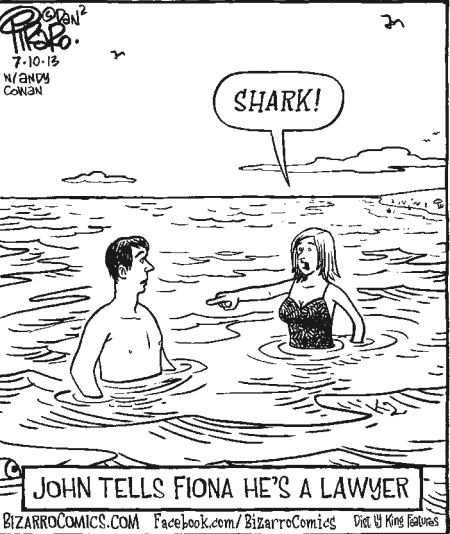


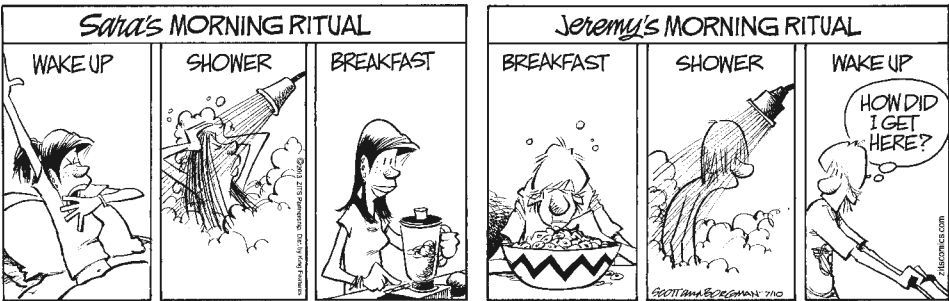
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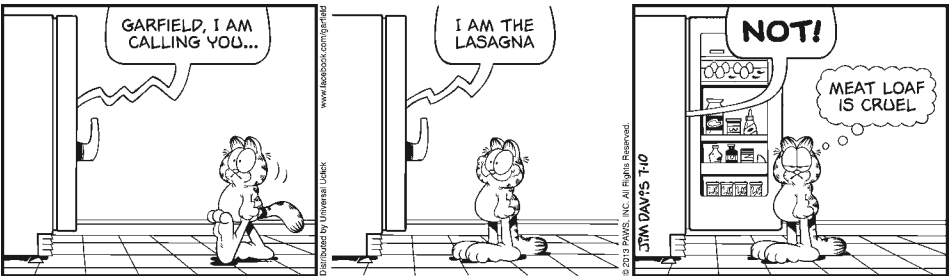
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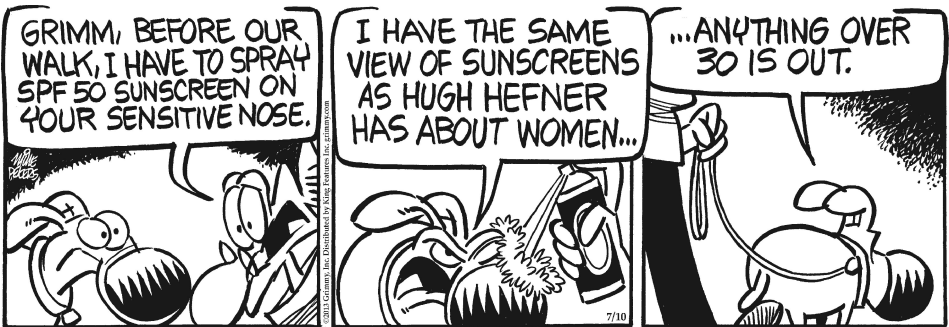
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Girl In Abusive Relationship Must Get Out – And Fast

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who has been in a relationship for a year and a half with "Richard." I love him with everything in me, but he is mentally and physically abusive. He is also addicted to cough medicine. I knew I should have stopped talking to him before we started dating, but he was such a mess I thought I could help him — and I did. He's no longer an alcoholic. He went to jail for seven months because of our age difference, but I refused to testify, so he got out. While he was in there I thought he had changed and wouldn't hit me anymore, but he still does.

Anyone in their right mind would get up and leave, but the one time I did, he pretended he didn't care and I attempted suicide. I don't know what to do. I love him, but I know I shouldn't. — ABUSED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TEEN: I'm glad you wrote. Richard may no longer be drinking liquor, but cough medicines contain alcohol, which means he's still an alcoholic. His violence toward women will probably never stop unless he is incarcerated for it, and even then there is no guarantee.

Regardless of how much love you give him, you can't fix what's wrong with him or make him love you back because he isn't capable of it.

Because you are so emotionally fragile, you should seek refuge with relatives who can help you heal physically and emotionally from this experience. If that's not possible, then contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Its website is www.thehotline.org, and the toll-free phone number is 800-799-7233. Ask for a referral to a women's shelter where you can receive counseling and support.

Help is available for you if you are open to it. Staying where you are is not an option because if you do, this man could kill you.

DEAR ABBY: While riding with my new boss to a sales appointment, he needed some information from his company-issued iPad. He asked me to turn it on and gave me the pass-

code. When I did, up popped a porn site. He almost wrecked the car grabbing the iPad from me.

Not another word was said until we arrived at the appointment and he looked up the item prior to going in. Nothing has been said about this incident since.

Every time I think about my boss having gone to that porn site before I touched the iPad, I get sick to my stomach. HE makes me sick. Do I resign or stay? — GROSSED OUT IN OHIO

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If the nausea is affecting your ability to perform your job, you should quit. But before you do, be sure you have another one lined up. And when you interview, as tempting as it may be, refrain from saying anything negative about your boss because to do otherwise will reflect poorly on you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend wants to open the door for me when I am the one driving. I'm thrilled that he wants to be a gentleman, and I love when he opens the door for me when I am in the passenger seat or in front of any other door, as he always does. I am just not comfortable with it when I'm the one who's driving. It seems awkward to me. Your thoughts? — AT A LOSS IN COLORADO

DEAR AT A LOSS: Your boyfriend may do this because he wants to please you, or he was raised this way. Personally, I think what he's doing is endearing. However, because it makes you uncomfortable, explain that it "isn't necessary" and you would prefer he not do it when you are the driver.

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013:

This year you make waves, no matter which direction you head. You are in the first year of a new 12-year luck cycle. This is an excellent year for new beginnings. You are capable of starting projects and/or ideas that you normally would feel are impossible. If you are single, a relationship could be full of surprises. Make sure that you are ready for this. If you are attached, your bond will develop an exciting, dynamic undertone if you remain sensitive to your significant other. Guard against being too me-oriented. LEO can be quite self-centered.

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 seem to be surprisingly different somehow, according to a friend. Lately, you have become more willing to talk about personal matters, which allows for greater intimacy. Express compassion to a child or loved one, as he or she needs it. Tonight: Paint the town red.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could be more secure if you relaxed a bit and worked through a situation that is going on within your immediate environment. You suddenly might gain a new insight during the day, which will explain a lot. Answers come forward. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have a way about you that attracts many people. You might be surprised by a dear friend's spontaneity. You would never have expected what happens. Lighten up a conversation, and share more of your day-to-day life. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite spot!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be surprised by what someone says or does. Be aware of how much you have to offer. Make a point of listening to your inner voice; know what your limits are and what you want to express. Do not back yourself into a corner. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You unexpectedly could beam in what you desire and surprise yourself. Express your caring, especially as it is obvious and you

can't deny the strength of your feelings. Be willing to put yourself on the line when dealing with a friend or loved one. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ A partner could surprise you with his or her reaction to what you are doing. You might need to pull back more in order to see why a certain situation is developing. Remain upbeat. Someone who usually is closed off will show a willingness to talk. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ You'll wonder about someone's surprising appearance or unexpected availability. Do not assume that this person's action or stance is a because of a change of perspective. Make the most of this special moment. Tonight: Only what you want, and only with the company you want.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might be far too involved with a situation. Be more aware of your image and chosen direction. You know exactly what you want and why. Do not back off, but do observe others' responses. You might want to rethink your position. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ You can't go wrong with spontaneity. You might wonder which way to go, and might overthink the issue as a result. Impulsiveness is favored. You could hear some surprising news from a loved one and feel delighted. Tonight: Detach rather than get triggered.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Know that you might need to revise your thinking as a result of this conversation. You will get a better understanding of what someone might be thinking. Working closely with one person promises better results. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★★ You experience events and see people differently from how the majority of others do. That is one of your strengths. Do not feel as if you have to prove yourself. You could be surprised by someone you encounter today. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ You still might be better off if you say "no" to a risk, especially if it involves your finances. The unexpected runs riot through your finances, and it also affects others' behavior. If need be, express your caring through actions, not words. Tonight: Make a special offer to a loved one.

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