

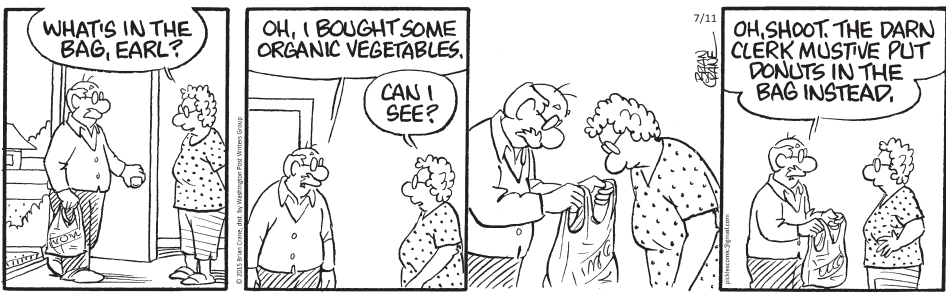
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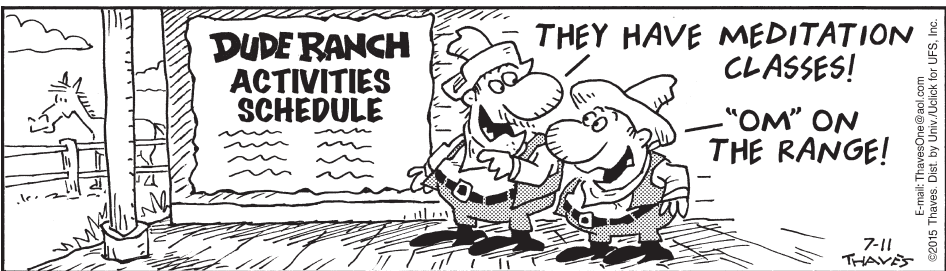
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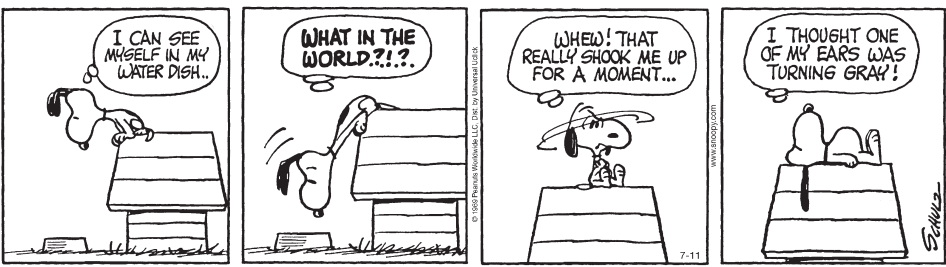
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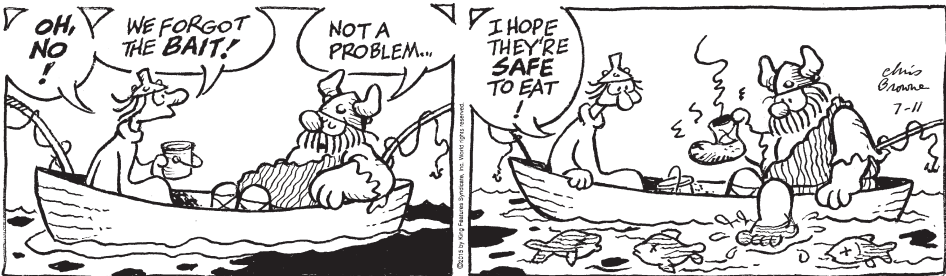
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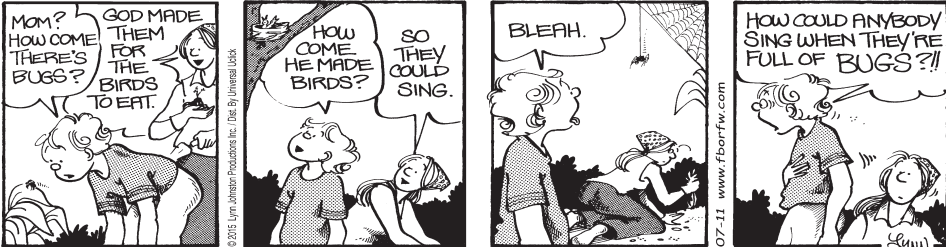
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Wife's Future Is A Difficult Subject For Dying Husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband has stage 4 cancer and is in constant pain. A big worry for him is my being alone in life after his passing. Several months ago when the subject came up, I told him that while I'm not a prophet, I know I'll be OK. I'm a social person. I have a nice support group with various organizations, and I'm close with family and co-workers, etc.

Four months ago, a high school friend and I reconnected. We have shared many conversations and have built a meaningful relationship. The gnawing question is, do I share this information with my husband now, wait until he mentions his leaving me alone again or say nothing? There is a fine line here between putting my husband's fears to rest and potentially making him feel he will be easily replaced.

This is not a topic I feel comfortable sharing with my friends. I'm curious what other women have done in similar situations. Do they explore the new situation, have an affair or maintain a celibate relationship? Your response will help with some of the stress I'm having at this juncture. – NOT EASILY REPLACED

DEAR NOT EASILY REPLACED: I know I will hear from my readers once your letter is published, and I'm just as certain their responses will indicate that they have done each of the things you mentioned.

I agree that there is a fine line between putting your husband's fears to rest and making him feel he will be easily replaced. The reality is, whether things work out with your old school chum or the budding romance comes to nothing, relationships are not interchangeable. You have shared history with your husband that can't be duplicated.

While your husband is a special man whose only concern is for you, in my heart, I don't think news of this relationship should be shared with him. I don't know how much more time he has on this earth, but I think you would feel better about yourself if you postponed an affair until after your husband is gone. If this old friend cares deeply for you, he should be willing to wait.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé, "Jasper," says I'm weird for talking to my daughter while I'm driving to work and 90 percent of the time on my commute back home. She's a young mother with a 1-year-old and a 4-year-old. Her husband is "difficult," and there are also some personal issues – but I am proud of how well she's doing.

I work full time and she works part time, so even though we live in the same town, we don't see each other as often as we'd like. At 25, she is growing into my best friend, and I love helping her through decisions, etc. I don't agree that this is weird at all. I believe most mothers and daughters do this.

How can I get through to my fiancé that this is normal? Even if it weren't, it isn't getting in his way or taking anything away from him. Don't you agree he should just let it be? – GOOD MOTHER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR GOOD MOTHER: Yes, I do. If your fiancé had said he was concerned that you might get into an accident because your conversations were distracting, I would answer differently. However, that he would label your closeness to your daughter "weird" makes me wonder if he might be jealous of the bond you share with her. Are you giving him his fair share of your attention?

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Taurus if born before 5:52 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015:

This year expect swift changes, especially in your personality. You could go from being content to impulsive in less than a minute. Others might not be sure how to accept and deal with your mood swings. If you are single, your multifaceted personality draws many people toward you. After summer, sometime before your next birthday, you will meet someone you simply can't resist. This bond could be very intense. Proceed with care. If you are attached, your sweetie might want to spend more time with you at home. GEMINI often intimidates you.

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)

Make sure you complete certain errands and head to the gym to get some exercise. With those things accomplished, you'll return to being the people-person who delights your inner circle. Return calls and sort through invitations. Tonight: A comment might lead to a long chat.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You could feel a natural energy surge, and as a result, your charisma will soar. If you have a special wish or want to connect with a particular person, but haven't yet, the time is now. Use this day of abundance and overindulgence well. Tonight: Establish some limits.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Daytime might be the only time you have just to yourself for a while. Some of you might decide to take a long nap or indulge in some other relaxing activity. By midafternoon, you will emerge ready to join friends and loved ones. Tonight: Go for nothing less than what you want.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You are all smiles, and you'll see a situation differently this morning than you will by late afternoon. Hold back your judgments, and remain more in touch with your feelings. Later in the day, try to detach and relax. Tonight: Know that you don't have to do anything.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

HHH Be more forthright in the choices you

make in the morning. You might like to take off with a loved one and indulge in a favorite summer sport. Your personality draws in many people. You need to make time for the special people in your life. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Decide to break barriers. Whether you're planning a trip somewhere you never thought you'd go or you're getting to know a loved one better, you will enjoy yourself. Give up being so judgmental, and enjoy the experience. Tonight: In the middle of whatever is happening.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Defer to someone who seems to want to take command of the day's plans or a special event. You might think that this person needs the experience, or maybe his or her desire just frees you up. Try to be more forthright when making requests. Tonight: Take off.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Make someone feel more important, especially if there has been a sequence of misunderstandings between you. Check in on an older relative who might not be very resourceful. If you feel negatively about this person, let it go. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You have a lot to get done. Do what you must, and you'll discover that there are more enjoyable activities ahead. An invitation involving some physical exercise probably would be an excellent choice. Respond to a friend who might feel left out. Tonight: Try out a new spot.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

So many opportunities come forward that you might need to make a decision that you'd rather not make. Don't avoid a loved one. Be sure to include this person in your plans. A friend could be difficult and pull back if you are not careful. Tonight: Slow down.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You could be taken aback by someone's stubbornness. Could this person's response be a reaction to your tenacity? Try not to be as rigid as you have been with this person, and see what happens. Make a point of returning some calls. Tonight: Paint the town red.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Use the daylight hours to reach out for others, whether it is through email or by phone. You will find that others greet you with a pleasant response. You will be making plans to visit someone before you know it! Meet friends for a movie. Tonight: Make it an early night.

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