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Woman Is Left Bewildered By **Relative's Theft Of Purse**

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DEAR ABBY: Recently, my cousin-in-law, "Carrie," attended a family party. I was happy to see her because I like her and haven't seen her since my wedding in 2011. Carrie has been going through a difficult time because of her mother's death two years ago and her father's remarriage plans.

I know people are prone to do odd things when under stress, but this has me concerned. During the evening, I went to retrieve an item from my handbag. Carrie was with me, and mentioned she loved my purse and then announced she was "stealing it." I realized it wasn't a joke when she dumped the contents of my bag on the kitchen counter in front of several family members. She then handed me \$10 and put my purse in her car!

I was flabbergasted and didn't know how to react. Although I had mentioned that I bought the bag at a thrift store for less than Carrie gave me, I liked it because it is a vintage item. I don't think a replacement will easily be found.

While I was always excited to see Carrie before, I am now leery of seeing she did. Am I wrong to feel offended?

DEAR STUPEFIED: Carrie's behavior was outra-

That you would be so shocked you didn't immediately object is also understandable. The only hope of getting your purse back would be to pay this woman a visit, return her money and tell her it's time to return it. If you're up to the challenge, she may agree. But don't count on it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Wayne" for about a year. Everything is wonderful, but my prob-

ACQUELINE 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 Gemini and a Moon in Leo if born before 9:26 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013:

This year you manifest an extremely idealistic side of your personality. People are not used to seeing you as a dreamer. The more you tap into your imagination, the easier it will be to bring concepts to life. If you are single, let a relationship evolve for a year before you decide it is the real deal. If you are attached, the two of you could fight because you view things differently. Try to accept your sweetie as he or she is, and learn to take the good with the bad. If you do, your relationship will become more dy-namic. VIRGO is detail-oriented.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could get the lion's share of your work done if you prioritize. It might not be worth it, as many of you will be content just tidying up your desk and doing nothing more. Use your imagination in order to get others to share their ideas. Tonight: Happy close to home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

lem is he is stingy when it comes to issuing a compliment. I'll get dressed up — makeup, hair, the whole thing — and ask him what he thinks, and his response is always, "It's OK. You always look beau-

tiful to me, so you don't have to dress up.

Maybe I shouldn't complain about this, but sometimes I feel Wayne would say I looked good if I were sick and vomiting into a toilet. It's not like I want him to say I look awful; I just want more of a response than what I'm getting. Any ideas on how to approach this? — ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL? IN MIN-NESOTA

DEAR ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL: Yes. Approach your boyfriend directly. Tell him there is something you need from him that you're not getting — and that is acknowledgment when you make a special effort. Explain that while you're complimented that he thinks vou're always beautiful, you feel let down by his reaction. If he cares about your feelings, he may be a little more generous.

DEAR ABBY: How and when do I tell the guy I just started seeing that I have bipolar disorder? I don't want to

make him think I'm crazy. On the other hand, I really like him and hope our relationship will grow into something more. I don't want to start it off with a lie. — NOT REALLY CRAZY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR NOT REALLY CRAZY: You shouldn't start off a relationship with a lie. However, health information of any sort is personal, and it need not be revealed until you become friendly enough that there is a reason to know. Once you become good friends, you should disclose any information that is pertinent, including your diagnosis and the fact that it is being managed.

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discover some errors in your budgeting. Make an adjustment, then decide how to remedy the problem. Sometimes you refuse to see the obvious. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You hit one of your power days this month, and you finally will decide to deal with someone who is being difficult in your immediate environment. You might not get the response you desire, but at least you'll have said your piece. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

★★★ You might not be content with an unexpected change that could affect you financially. You can talk the issue out, but at this moment, you don't see eye to eye with anyone. When you are working through a personal issue, you are conceptualizing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

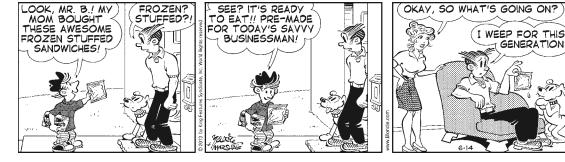
 $\star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what is important. Know that you sometimes push others away with your reticence. Be willing to discuss a problem. Have a discussion with a new friend or loved one. You might not be speaking in clear enough terms. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Others exhibit a type of friendliness in the morning that you never thought you would see again. Seize the moment. If you wait until later, you might not have the same interactions, as people will be seeing situations in a different light. Timing counts. Tonight: Among the crowds.

her again for fear of a repeat of what Do I have any hope of getting my purse back? — STUPEFIED IN NEW YORK

geous and may indicate that she has emotional problems that should be addressed. That you would be offended is understandable.



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I BARK THE

ORDERS AROUND

HERE!

I PAID THEM EXTRA TO THROW

OUT SOME OF YOUR GARBAGE

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 $\star \star \star \star$ Levity builds all day long. Handle what is serious or what cannot be put off any longer. Give up a need for control, and defer to others. An associate might be testy. A meeting could transform into a fun get-together. Relax -- don't worry so much. Tonight: Paint the town red.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Stay centered and know your priorities. Your family will take up any additional time you have, even though you might prefer to deal with other matters. You might feel as though you are running around, putting out one fire after another. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Speak your mind, but use your ability to soften the words. Others will respond better as a result. Reach out to someone at a distance in order to get some feedback. You will gain a more complete perspective if you do. Tonight: Invite a friend or co-worker to join you.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might be more concerned about security-related matters than you have been in a while. You also could

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I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TELL ME ...

IN YOUR YOU'LL HAVE TO DIRECTION HELP ME GET YOUR MOTHER OUT OF THE FAFTERS!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON







MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You seem capable of taking in a lot of changes. Information might be fluctuating, and new facts could continue to appear. A meeting could be uninspiring, as far as resources and ideas go. Your imagination proves to be an endless source of creativity. Tonight: Be around music.

AOUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Allow greater flow between you and others. You have many good ideas. A key loved one relishes his or her one-on-one time with you. You offer up resolutions that are hard to resist. These interactions add to the dimension of a personal relationship. Tonight: At a favorite place.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ You could have much to add to a discussion, but someone who is very practical and perhaps set in his or her ways might not see the beauty of a concept. Though it might be hard to converse with this person, you will make the effort to do so. Tonight: Happiest with a loved one.

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