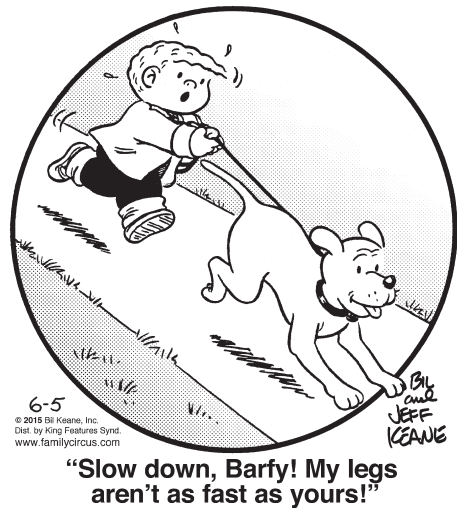


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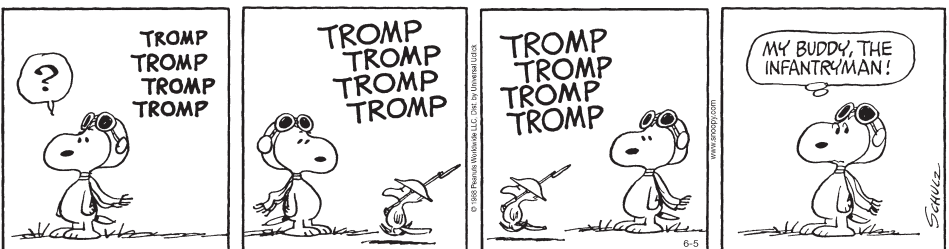
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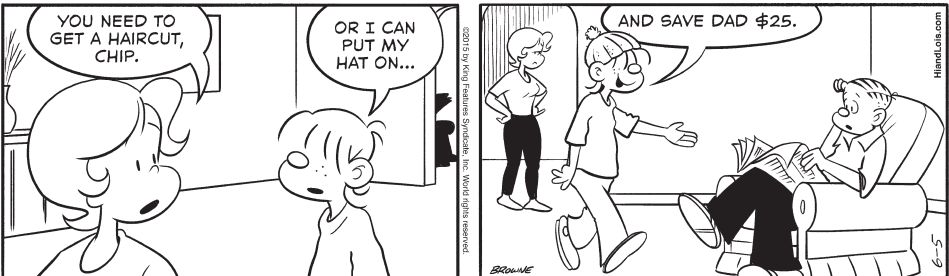
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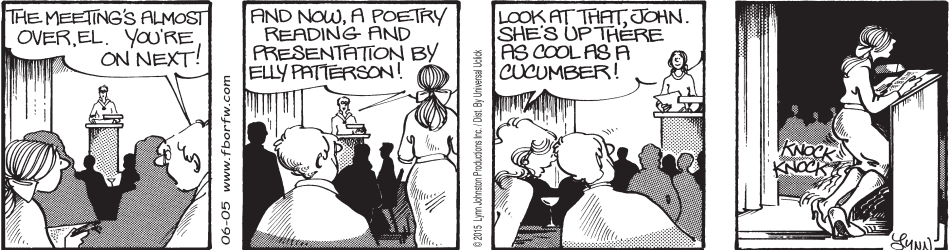
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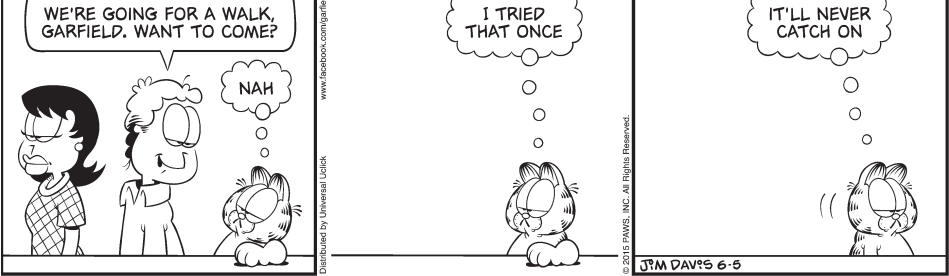
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Softhearted Woman Just Can't Say No To Wannabe Boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am 32 and need advice on setting personal boundaries in my relationships. Simply put, I have a guy friend who has feelings for me that I don't have for him. We dated briefly. I broke it off, and we have continued as friends for two years.

He knows I'm not interested in an intimate relationship with him. However, he has made it clear through words and behavior that he's in love with me, almost to the point of obsession.

I feel he doesn't respect my personal space. We argue – especially if he ends up crashing at my house after a night at the pub. I firmly tell him he can only sleep on my couch, but he'll weasel his way into my bed. I feel I'm enabling him in his clingy behavior because I don't want to hurt his feelings.

I want to be able to act assertively with him and others. I want to stop being so passive, especially with men. Please advise me how to work on this. – PUSHOVER IN VANCOUVER, CANADA

DEAR PUSHOVER: The man you describe appears to be under the impression that he can wear you down if he keeps at it long enough. He isn't interested in being your "friend"; he wants to be your lover.

Because you aren't interested in him that way, quit allowing him to sleep at your place. If he becomes so drunk he can't drive himself home, get him a taxi. Allowing him to sleep over and weasel himself into your bed sends him a mixed message, and that's a mistake.

To create effective boundaries, you must be clear about the messages you send to others. What you appear to need to work on is the ability to say no. Try it. You'll like it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time with my dad. He treats me like a little kid and refuses to recognize that I'm an adult who can make my own decisions. It makes it difficult for us to get along, and I have been spending less time with him because of it.

Abby, I am 40. I haven't lived at home for

more than 20 years. I'm married with kids and hold a responsible job, but he still sees me as a little girl. An example: He will tell me how to do everyday tasks and remind me not to touch the stove or leave the lights on. In his mind, I never grew up.

It has always been this way with him. I have tried talking to him about it, but all he does is roll his eyes like I'm a teenager.

Dad is in his late 60s and I'd really like to have a relationship with him while he is still alive and healthy. Is there anything I can do to make him understand his perspective is skewed and he needs to change his behavior? – DADDY'S GIRL

DEAR DADDY'S GIRL: At his age, you aren't going to change your father. Your chances of improving your relationship with him will

be better if you change the way you react to what he's doing, and realize he says the things he does because it's part of what he thinks is a parent's job. Once you see the humor in it, you'll stop feeling defensive and resenting him. Trust me, it will go a long way toward your having the adult relationship with him that you crave.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 10:02 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015:

This year you often project a more serious side of your personality. Understand the power that your words carry. Others prove to be extremely responsive to you, as you learn to mix diplomacy with effective communication. Higher education and travel could play a significant role in your year. If you are single, someone intriguing walks into your life in the next few months. If you are attached, you enjoy your significant other far more than in the recent past. Make it OK to act like newlyweds. AQUARIUS often involves you in a memorable adventure. 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 want to take a stand in the morning, but getting your point across could be difficult. Others seem to be touchy. Later in the day, tap into your creativity and make what you need happen. You could be surprised how resistance melts. Tonight: Catch some zzz's.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ You have a broader perspective than the majority of people. The reason for this is your ability to distance yourself from situations. You often gain insights into others when you do. You will want to spend a little on your home or on a family member. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Deal with a partner as best you can. You will see a situation emerging that could cause a lot of tension in your life. A friend might be part of the problem. Be smart and detach from the issue quickly. Respond to someone else's inquiry. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Investigate your options with care. How you see an evolving situation might not be accurate. Give yourself some time to mull this over. If you have a hankering to go out and spend a little on yourself, so be it. You will feel great. Tonight: Do not stay home.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You won't allow someone to distract you right now. You could be exhausted by what

is happening around you, as someone seems to sabotage your efforts. A friend or loved one will try hard to get you to return to your normal, outgoing self. Tonight: The Lion roars.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity will come up with an ingenious solution to a problematic situation. Someone you meet will care a lot about you but still might be unavailable. Be ready to deal with this person, because many strong feelings could be evoked. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You will choose to stay close to home in the morning. You might feel as if there are no answers to a complicated situation. A friend is likely to help you figure out what to do with this challenging matter. Follow through as you see fit. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by what you hear from someone who is close to you. Rather than react, express your feelings. A partner might sound strange in his or her response, but a family member will come through with flying colors. Tonight: Invite a pal over for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a change that is occurring with a financial matter. Know when you have had enough of others interfering with your profitable ideas. You might have to establish stronger boundaries than you initially had thought. Tonight: Nap, then head out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You are in a position to make all the difference with an emotional matter involving your home life. You might decide that a different approach would be better. Do not hesitate to put your feelings on the line. Tonight: Time to let go and indulge yourself.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

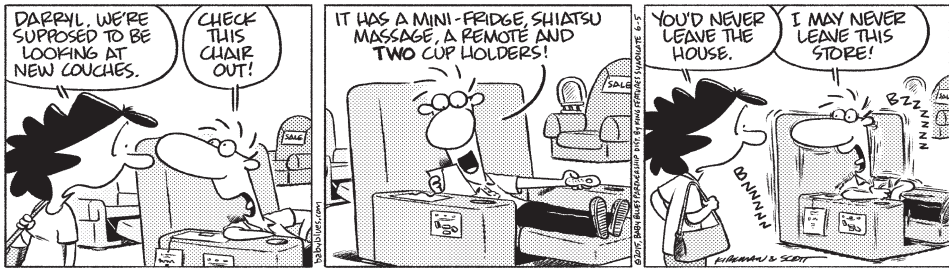
★★★ Make it OK to feel less than perfect today. Do what you must, and try to squeeze in a nap if you can. As a result, you will be surprised by how fast you could witness a change in the way you feel. Return calls when you re-emerge. Tonight: You are all smiles.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

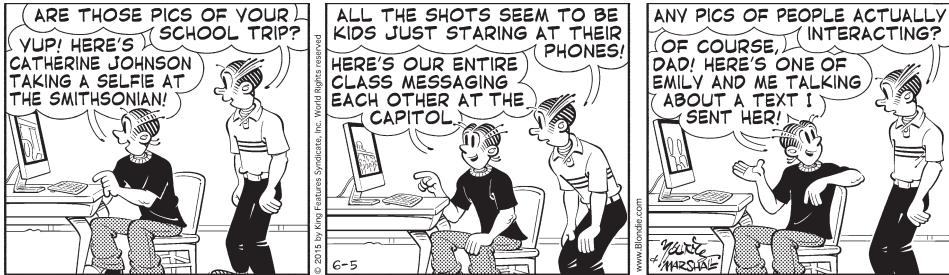
★★★ Listen to your instincts with a friend who tends to cause quite a bit of commotion. Let this person open up and listen carefully to understand where he or she is coming from; you could be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Make it an early night.

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