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Bad Language, Racist Jokes Set Poor Examples For Kids

DEAR ABBY: I recently married for the second time. My first husband was verbally and emotionally abusive. My new husband is kindhearted and takes good care of me. I have one problem though. He curses all the time. (I don't think he realizes he is doing it anymore.)

I believe that cursing makes a person look ignorant. What bothers me most are his racist jokes. I have told him I don't like hearing him insult other races or cultures, but he still does it. He thinks the jokes are funny and he shares them with his kids.

I don't think he is really racist; I just think he's emotionally immature and doesn't realize how rude his behavior is. What do I do? I'm embarrassed by it and don't want to encourage it in his kids. — NO JOKE

DEAR NO JOKE: Your second husband may treat you better than your previous one, but it appears you have married a man who is both a racist and a bigot. I don't blame you for being embarrassed, because jokes of this nature reflect more upon the person telling them than the minority that's ridiculed. Point that out to him, if you haven't already. And you should definitely explain it to his kids so they'll understand that this kind of humor will label them.

DEAR ABBY: After 15 years of trying to establish a relationship with my in-laws, I recently decided to sever my contact with them. They have been deceptive and talk about me to my husband in whispers behind my back. I understand his loyalty to his family, but I strongly feel that continuing to deny that their behavior is unhealthy is unhealthy for me. Being forced to see them makes me physically ill.

How can I help my husband see that he can have a relationship with his parents without my participation? — I'M DONE, IN ARIZONA

DEAR DONE: Avoiding your in-laws isn't

the answer. If your husband hasn't stood up to his parents and sided with you before now, your marriage is in trouble. Find a licensed marriage counselor who can "help" him realize that what his parents have been doing is undercutting his wife and sabotaging his marriage. Then cross your fingers that he's strong enough to do something to correct it.

DEAR ABBY: How can I gently break the news to my sister that I am pregnant? She has been trying to conceive for more than a year, but is still unsuccessful. (I got pregnant within a month of trying.)

What can I do to avoid hurting her feelings when I tell her? I'm only a few weeks along, so I haven't told anyone except my husband, of course. — EXPECTING IN THE EAST

DEAR EXPECTING: Infertility issues can be extremely painful for couples who have been trying to have a child, particularly if the problem has been going on for some time. You should tell your sister privately, in person, and before you start to show. I don't think it's necessary to mention that you became pregnant after only one month, because it might appear that you are gloating.



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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 Gemini and a Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015:

This year you will be described as having your head in the clouds. Often people feel as if you are not listening to them because of this tendency. You come up with unusual yet effective solutions. Work on being more grounded and present. Keep a notebook on you to jot down ideas that pop up at unexpected times. If you are single, you might meet someone who understands you very well. This relationship could become quite special. If you are attached, share more of your wilder thoughts with your significant other. As a result, your sweetie might choose to do the same with you. LEO knows how to make you laugh.

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 simply can't make a bad choice, as all possibilities seem very desirable. You must look past the obvious when dealing with a loved one; this person is really making an effort to connect with you. A loved one's imagination delights you. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** Play it low-key, and stay close to home. Should you need to work, try doing so from home, or consider taking a half-day off. Luxuriating and enjoying yourself fits your mood. Tonight: You are likely to invite some friends over to enjoy an easy, relaxed evening.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** Say what you want, and then do what you want. Others will be unusually receptive to your ideas and how you express yourself. Maintain a sense of humor. Be aware of the cost of a particular decision, both financially and emotionally. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

***** You will be more in touch with your feelings than you have been in a long time. Honor a change in what goes on around you. You seem to be much more lighthearted these days. Know that an idea you want to follow through on could be costly. Tonight: Make it OK to be treated.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** You'll be a receptive ear to a partner

or friend. You like sharing and giving feedback with this particular person. Your conversations lead to many different ideas. Let your imagination flow, and you might be surprised by what occurs. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** You might not have as much say as you would like, so you'll become more of an observer. Don't think that your silence is not noticed -- someone is likely to try to draw you out in a discussion. You will be shocked by a loved one's ideas. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** You might feel as if nothing can stop you, but you still will need to rethink a situation. Be more forthright about your feelings toward a loved one. This person will appreciate your openness, as it allows him or her to get past a self-imposed restriction. Tonight: Have fun!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** Stay on top of an important situation. You could be exhausted and looking for a way to shorten your time spent dealing with a problem. Your creativity will find the right path once again. Beware of a boss or higher-up who is observing you! Tonight: As easy as it gets.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** You might be overwhelmed by all the chatter around you and by the questions directed at you. Try to handle what you can, and postpone personal conversations for the weekend. Understand what is needed to satisfy a family member. Tonight: Try a new spot for TGIF!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

***** Deal with a loved one directly. You'll find discussions to be far more rewarding when they are done on a one-on-one level. You could be confused by what you hear, but once you sort through everything you have heard, you can't help but smile. Tonight: With a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

**** Though the attention might be focused on a loved one or a dear friend, you'll enjoy being less visible for now. Your creativity mixed with your whimsical nature is likely to impress many people. Stay calm, even if others seem uptight. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

***** You could be overwhelmed by the many ideas that keep popping into your head. Listen to someone who seems to have the gift of gab. You might not want to play a part in this person's suggestions, as your thoughts probably are elsewhere. Tonight: Join friends for TGIF.

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