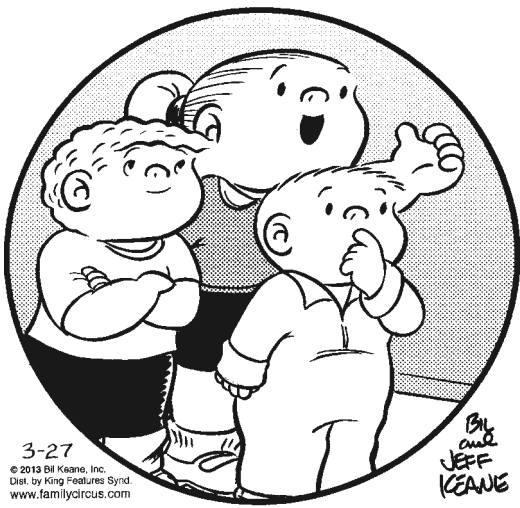


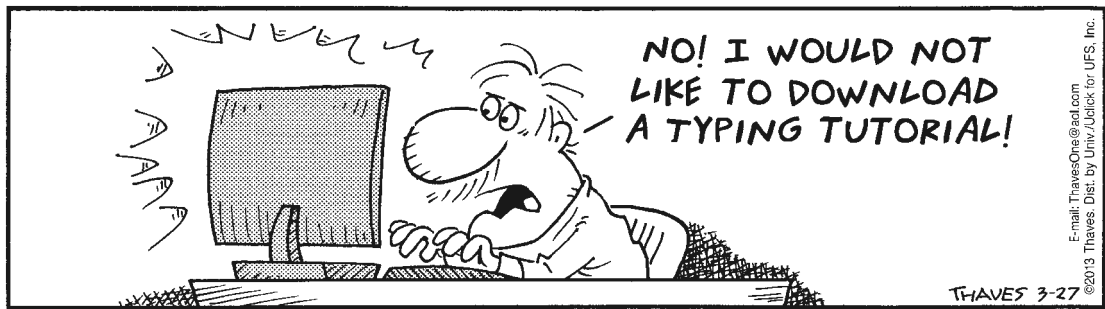
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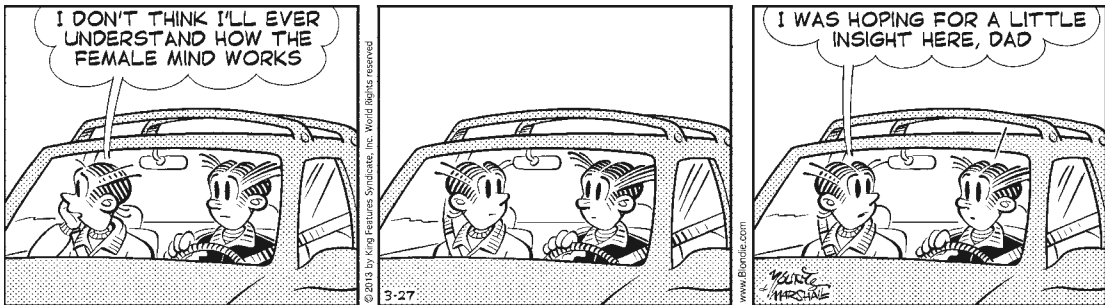
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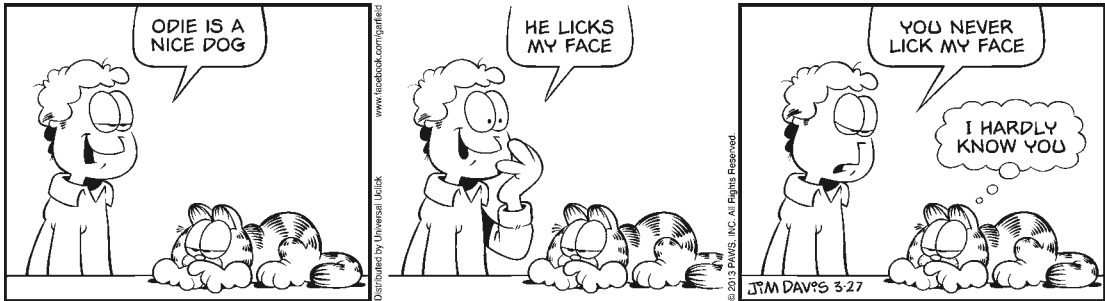
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# Woman Refuses To Give Lover The Kind of Pleasure He Wants

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will print this because I'm sure many women share this dilemma. My boyfriend, whom I adore and who is one of the kindest men on Earth, wants me to perform a certain sex act on him. While I understand that many people — and I don't judge them — enjoy it, I am not one of them. I would feel degraded if I even tried it.

He says he won't pressure me about it, yet he talks about it a lot. Just listening to him talk about it puts unwanted pressure on me. I have tried to be honest with him. I told him I don't want to do this, but I'm afraid if I don't, it will damage my relationship with him. However, if I give in, I'll end up feeling self-loathing and resentment. Either way, it will be damaging. We're in our 40s. Please offer any advice you might have. — WORRIED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED: You are indeed not alone in this dilemma. You should not have to do anything you are uncomfortable with. The next time your boyfriend raises the subject, turn the discussion to amorous activities you both enjoy. Then suggest that instead of this particular sex act, you engage in his "No. 2 favorite."

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 51-year-old woman with a question. What do you recommend a person do or say when being lied to? I'm not talking about the little white lies we all tell to spare someone's feelings, smooth things over, etc.

I once had a 21-year-old man tell me that he was a veteran of a war that had been over for 10 years! I felt like an idiot pretending to believe him and knew he'd be laughing at me later, but frankly, I felt scared to confront him. — HEARD A WHOPPER

DEAR HEARD A WHOPPER: If you have reason to feel that the person talking to you is being untruth-

ful, be polite and end the conversation. And if your intuition tells you the person is someone to be afraid of, put as much distance between you as possible and avoid that person in the future.



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am a plus-sized woman. I am loud and boisterous, and I like to surround myself with similar women. However, there is a problem I am now facing.

Many of my friends have made amazing transformations and gotten fit. I am fully supportive and impressed, but I see the price they are paying. They are no longer confident and vivacious. They have become timid, approval-seeking shells of their previous selves.

Why do newly thin women forget how awesome their personalities used to be? — BIG BEAUTY IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BIG BEAUTY: Not knowing your friends, I can't answer for them. But it is possible that having become "transformed and fit," they no longer feel they need their loud and boisterous personas to compete for attention.

DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, my father would ask my mother what she wanted, and then he would

buy the opposite. For example, if she wanted a brown sofa, he would buy a blue one.

One day I realized that he acts the same way toward me. He will ask my opinion about the color of something — like an appliance — then buy the opposite color. Is there a name for this behavior? — ANONYMOUS IN ATLANTA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yes, there is. It is called "passive aggression," and it's a way of demonstrating veiled hostility without being directly confrontational.

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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 Aries and a Moon in Libra.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013:

This year you will grow through handling negotiations and learning to accept that others also can be right. This process might be challenging at times, but your self-discipline will strengthen and you'll learn patience as a result. If you are single, the world is your oyster. You will meet the right person when you least expect it. If you are attached, the two of you will learn ways that allow both of you to be right. LIBRA has the same issues you do, but he or she makes different choices.

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 have your hands full juggling different issues. Everyone has an opinion, and you seem to be the person who offers stability. Your resourcefulness finds ways to come to an agreement with which nearly everyone is content. Tonight: Don't lose your temper -- take a walk instead.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. Pressure builds, which creates more back-and-forth between you and someone else. You can't sit on your anger much longer, as it is likely to emerge, no matter what you do. Don't allow others' pressure to faze you. Tonight: Relax at home.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could feel pulled in two different directions. Your awareness of the different possibilities will help you decide. You might not get others' support for a decision, but follow through on it anyway -- you know what is best for you. Tonight: Spice up your life.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★ You are likely to feel the impact of today's Full Moon. Lie low if you can, as it will be more aggravating if you are out dealing with others. A loved one decides that it's his or her way or the highway. Know when to pull back and not get involved in a power struggle. Tonight: At home.

#### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You could feel unusually pressured by people seeking you out left and right. You might encounter the

unexpected with a loved one. A partner suddenly could veer in a new direction. Avoid someone in your day-to-day life who often challenges you. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

#### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your spending could spiral out of control without self-discipline. Certain items might be too hard to pass up. Your creativity will emerge as you try to find a different way to get what you want without breaking the bank. Your fiery side emerges with a partner. Tonight: Plan on taking it easy.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ You are full of energy, and seem to be the least affected by the Full Moon. Your ability to step in and make a situation work comes to the forefront. Unusual news from someone at a distance could have you pondering different possibilities. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

#### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. Every time you go off and try to do something, it seems as if you hit some kind of complication. Don't push to have your way. Do what you feel is necessary, and only that. You laugh, and someone will lighten up. Tonight: Off on your own.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You see the value in nearly every suggestion or idea. The problem is deciding which one to choose when there is so much focus on whose idea is right. Figure out what you want rather than what is most popular. Everything will work out. Tonight: Where friends are.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about, even though this person often creates tension. A situation might force you to take the lead. Keep smiling and remain upbeat. You could be surprised by what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Could go late.

#### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might want to detach, as it could be difficult to come to an agreement with someone who is determined to be right. Let different opinions come forward without taking any of them personally; otherwise, communication could take on a negative tone. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

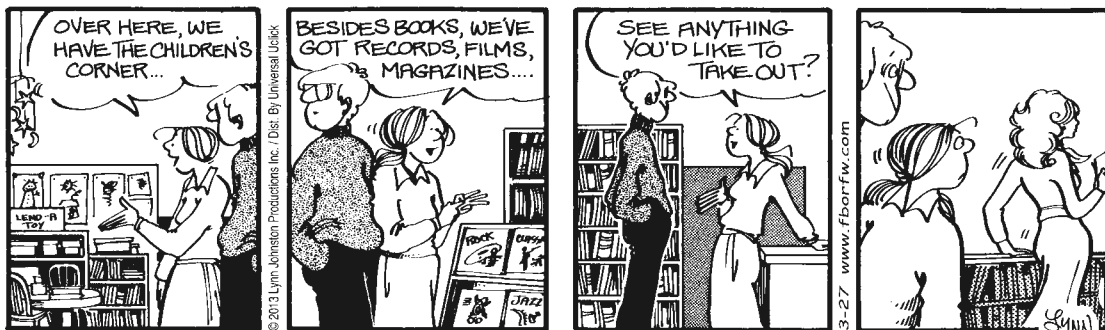
★★★★ Deal with someone's need to be in control. A power play is best left alone. On a superficial level, this person might win. On a deeper level, however, victory will be yours. A friend suddenly could reverse direction or do something differently. Tonight: Be a team.

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