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"When I woke up I felt sick, but then I realized it's Saturday, so now I'm better.'

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# **Teen's Troubled Friend On** Path Of Self-Destruction

**DEAR ABBY** 

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl, and my friend "Leah" is out of control. She has been going down the wrong path since sixth grade. She is what people call "emo."

She has attempted to end her life more than once. She has sex with lots of boys older than her and has issues with drugs and cutting. She was abused until she was 5 and then adopted. She doesn't seem to have any morals.

She says she wants to become a serial killer and a prostitute when she grows up. She also wants to have a baby in the near future. Leah has borderline personality disorder and probably some others. I have tried talking to her about what she's doing to herself, but she sees nothing wrong with her destructive behavior.

Jeanne Phillips I want Leah to get help before she winds up raped, in prison, or on death row, or becomes a teen mother on the streets. I don't want her to become another number, another statistic. What should I do? Who do I call — the police, social services, a hotline? — SCARED FOR LEAH

DEAR SCARED: Your friend appears to be a very troubled and angry girl. If she thinks that by becoming a prostitute or a killer she will be able to assert control in her life where she has none, she's sadly mistaken.

You say she has borderline personality disorder. If that's true, it must have been diagnosed by a licensed psychotherapist. Frankly, I don't think this is anything you can

or should — handle on your own.

If your mother doesn't know what's going on, please tell her so she can alert Leah's mother and Leah can return to her therapist. However, if that's not possible, tell a counselor at school what you have told me so Leah can receive more treatment before she hurts herself or someone else.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for three years and have planned our first vacation together. We decided to split the expenses 50/50.

Last week, he announced that he has invited his sister and her boyfriend to go along and stay with us in the apartment we rented. Not only was I shocked that he would invite them without checking with me first, I became upset when he said he wasn't asking

them to pitch in any money. Normally I'm not stingy when it comes to sharing, but I'm angry and I wonder if I'm over-

His mother died last year, and his sister is the only family he has left, which he tends to remind me of to make me feel guilty. How should I

react to this? — AMBER IN TEXAS DEAR AMBER: Tell your boyfriend that out of consideration for you, he should have cleared it with you before inviting anyone to come along. When he tries to make you feel guilty by reminding you that his sister is all the family he has left,

patiently explain that you understand that, but this was supposed to be your first trip together — just the two of you — and this has taken the romance out of it.

Then make it clear that you do not intend to foot the bill for Sissy and her boyfriend because that isn't fair to you. And if he doesn't agree, cancel the trip because you wouldn't enjoy it anyway.

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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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Cancer.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR** SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015:

This year you have an opportunity to move past a former restriction. The reason is that your perceptions are changing, which allows you to walk through what has been perceived to be a rats' nest. You value your personal life; however, communicating that sentiment might be difficult. If you are single, maintain that status through mid-August, when you will find your dating life to be very prosperous. You'll have so many people to choose from! If you are attached, your significant other will sense a change in your caring and might become more comfortable and open. CANCER can irritate you

with his or her neediness.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Dif-

# ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ Others will be surprised by your silence, weighing the pros and cons of an important situation involving a sibling or a close friend. A family member might push you and trigger your temper. Take a step back. Tonight: Stay calm.

# TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star\star\star\star$  You'll zero in on what is important in a conversation. The other party might not respond well to you pointing out something that he or she missed. Tap into your diplomatic skills. Your temper could emerge if you're contradicted. Tonight: Try to

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)** \* \* \* You read between the lines and know that much more is going on. Saying anything could be a mistake, though, as others are set in their

ways. Pull back and take a long walk. You will like some peace, and they will like having the final say. Tonight: Go shopping! **CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** 

\*\*\* Claim your power through a focused and poised attitude. Others seem to want to drag out a disagreement. Smile and decide to let others have their way. In time, they will see the error in their method of thinking. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

# LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

\* \* \* \* Taking some personal time alone will

be a relief. You love people, but to give so much of your time to them can be exhausting. By spending the day at a favorite spot or going off to the movies, you will eliminate a lot of the chatter. Tonight: Opt for something quiet and enjoyable.

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

\* \* \* \* Decide to get into a favorite hobby. You need the change of pace, and crowds always intrigue you. Meet up with some friends at a favorite spot. Just catching up on news will prove to be much more fun than you had anticipated. Tonight: Near good music.

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

\* ★ ★ Tension builds, and you will have some difficulty getting past what is happening. A parent could inject him- or herself into your plans. You might not be able to say "no," but someone around you will. Be careful, as a partner will have sharp words. Tonight: Out and about.

# SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\* \* \* \* \* Your creativity emerges. Be honest with yourself and recognize that you are a large part of the excessive emotional scenes taking place around you, perhaps because of the friends you choose. Go for a long walk to relieve some stress. Tonight: Say little for now.

# SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

\* \* \* \* \* Relate to friends on a one-on-one level. You could be busy all day, as your immedi ate circle is large and quite devoted. Spontaneity becomes you, so allow that facet of your personality to emerge. Avoid heavy conversations for now. Tonight: Dinner with all the frills.

# CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\*\*\* Your friends come to you because of your wisdom and practicality. Be open to what is going on. Invite friends over for a spontaneous, fun get-together. You might be surprised by how open a loved one becomes. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

# AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

\* ★ ★ ★ While others seem to want make the most of the moment, you'll have plans that involve time and concentration. You will turn your focus to this project and be happy not to be involved in any chaos. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

# PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

\* \* \* \* \* You'll watch as others get petty or upset over what you consider to be unimportant. Understand that everyone has different priorities. Reach out to a child or loved one, and indulge in a mutually shared favorite pastime. Tonight: You benefit from a change of scenery.

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