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Woman's Prince Charming Has Abandoned The Magic Words

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I both have professional careers and are independent. We have been in a committed relationship for eight years now.

When we first met, I wasn't looking to be in a relationship. He pulled all the stops to get me to date him. He was attentive, complimentary, dinner dates, movies, etc.

He was the first to say "I love you." Prince Charming had nothing on him.

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When he knew I had finally fallen for him, the chase was over and everything came to a screeching halt. No more dates, no more I-love-yous. Everything he did to get me to fall in love with him stopped. The man I fell for doesn't exist anymore.

If I ask him if he loves me, he **DEAR ABBY** tells me I shouldn't be insecure and Jeanne Phillips needy. I told him hearing the words mean a lot to me, but the words seem to have been deleted from his vocabulary. Any suggestions on how I can get him to understand how I need to hear it from him? – LONGING FOR 'I LOVE YOU' DEAR LONGING: You have already told

your boyfriend what you need. Now it's time to find out why he is unwilling to give it to you. Then ask yourself if you want to continue like this indefinitely, because he appears to have changed considerably. Is he the kind of husband you would want for a lifetime? If not, you might be better off with someone more responsive, because this appears to be the status quo, and the man has shown himself to be unlikely to change.

DEAR ABBY: With technology the way it is today and everyone taking photos and videos of everyone around them, are there any new rules of etiquette? I'm asking because of a couple situations I've been in lately.

The other day I was kayaking with some people I met online. While I was rowing, struggling to catch up with those who were faster, breathing hard and sweating, a

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015:

This year you have unusually high energy, which could backfire at any moment. If you don't get what you want out of a situation, you might explode in anger. Dealing with opposition often becomes very difficult. Learn to listen and weigh different opinions. You seem to make excellent choices involving your home and real estate. If you are single, your tumultuous nature could push away someone who normally would be an excellent choice for you. You will tend to attract opposites this year. If you are attached, your significant other might be taken aback by your irritability. Try to tame this proclivity. SCORPIO is as stubborn as you are.

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)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your creativity outwits any hassle presented at the moment. You will assume the lead and remain positive, no matter what comes up. You

kavaker in front of me whom I had just met started videotaping me. I didn't want to be videotaped, but I didn't want to break my stride and explain.

Yesterday I was in a hot spring at a health spa, wearing a swimsuit. I looked up and a woman I didn't know was about to take a

photo of two other women. I was in the background. Fortunately, I was able to leap out of the way, and the only part of me that might have been photographed was my backside.

In both situations I was uncomfortable, but I did nothing to stop it. What is a polite way to ask someone to stop? -- PHOTO-SHY IN CALIFOR-NIA

DEAR PHOTO-SHY: It's perfectly acceptable to say, "Please don't do that," or "Let me get out of range." If the photographer has any manners, he/she will accommodate you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband never gets me anything for Mother's Day. We have two children. He says, "You're not my mother!" What

do you think? – HURT IN PENNSYLVANIA DEAR HURT: Is your husband the father of your children? If the answer is yes, I think the man you married is thoughtless, insensitive or cheap.

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more and more important when trying to find a solution. You also can try exploring new options. A boss could be challenging. Unexpected insight and developments will help point to an unforeseen path. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

* * * * You could be tired of a negative pattern and will be ready to try a new approach. You might experience some reluctance, but ultimately you have nothing to lose. You are coming from a strong foundation. Tonight: Share your thoughts with a good friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might want to enter a new phase and move toward a more positive change. A partner could have a very strong opinion, and likely will want to convince you that he or she is right. Zero in on what is best for you. Tonight: A conversation with a challenging friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ You'll be on top of a problem and will be willing to follow through on certain priorities. You might be changing your opinions as a result of hav-ing more discussions. Take a bow when someone gives you praise for your flexibility and insightfulness. Tonight: In control.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ Your instincts don't always guide you through problems, but you would be well advised

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have a vision or an ideal that you are following, which is likely to reveal its strength. Tonight: Evaluate new information.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might be taking others' comments personally, but know that their words are not directed at you. Try not to take others on or be provocative, if possible. Identify with people by listening to where they are coming from. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★ ★ ★ You might be sitting on a difficult situation only to see yet another problem arise from out of nowhere. You can hold in your frustration for only so long. Your creativity and ability to see past the immediate situation will come forth if you just relax. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Tap into your creativity when deciding how to approach an emotional situation. As you toy with different ideas, you'll see multiple possibilities. You seem to have more choices than you ever thought possible. Tonight: Let your imagination make the call

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Getting back to basics will become

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CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You easily could make a choice that seems right at first, but then question it later. Slow down some but also follow your feelings. A loved one seems determined to have your attention. Observe what is going on with this person. Tonight: Where it is happening.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star$ Tension continues to build. How you see a situation could change radically if you would just relax. However, you might be so determined to have a matter play out the way you want it to that you lose sight of the big picture. Tonight: Slow down.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★ ★ ★ You could notice a certain amount of division over recent ideas. You might be taken aback by what is happening around you. Kick impulsiveness to the wayside. Take your time when dealing with a personal matter involving your finances. Tonight: Unwind to a good movie.

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