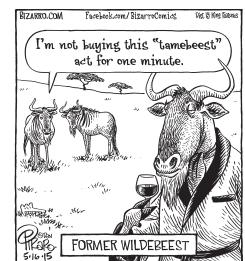


"Guess what, Mommy! You're all my dolls' grandma!"

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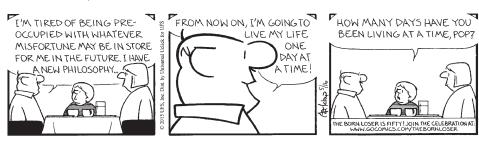
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Adopted Teen Can't Shake Anger Felt For Birth Mother

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 13 and I'm struggling with a lot of different things. I was adopted when I was a baby, so I never lived with my birth mother. That's probably a good thing, but I am having angry feelings toward her that I wish I wouldn't have. Those feelings are also being directed at friends and family members

I'll think I have forgiven my birth mother for what she did, and then all of a sudden, I realize I never really did. I don't want to grow up being bitter all my life. Do you have any advice for me? — NEEDS HELP IN INDIANA

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Yes. It is important you understand that birth mothers love their babies very much. When a woman places her child for adoption, there can be legitimate reasons for it. She may have been too young to raise a child, without the means to properly support it or addicted to drugs or alcohol. Your mother may have wanted you to have a better life than she had and felt another family could give it to you.

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When you are older, you can do a search for her and find out the reason for yourself. But in the meantime, stop blaming her – and you, your friends and family will be happier.

DEAR ABBY: I'm really confused about what to do about a couple of situations. I'm a 17-year-old high school senior and I have feelings for a 23-year-old single father. We have talked on and off over the past year. He said that once my 18th birthday came around he was going to "make me a very happy girl."

After I recently told him I was afraid we might not get together when the time came, we stopped talking. Now the mother of his child is back in the picture, and I'm glad for the baby's sake. I don't know for sure they're getting back together, though.

My second issue is about my feelings for a 20-year-old college student who's going away to an out-of-state school. He claims he's not the best guy for me, but I don't believe that. I told him I liked him regardless of what he says. I think he likes me, too, but it's not always clear. What should I do? — SCATTERED IN CALIFORNIA

IN CÁLIFORNIA
DEAR SCATTERED: For the next year or so, your first priority should be your future – and I DON'T mean with a man. Before becoming

seriously involved with anyone you must complete your education and establish

some economic independence.
You were right to speak up
about your concerns regarding your
relationship with the first man you
mentioned. That there is another
woman in the picture – even if she
was in the background – would have
meant complications. Whether or not
they get back together, the fact they
have a child together means she may
always be a presence in this man's
life — or could pop up at any time
and cause disruption. Clearly, right
now, he has unfinished business with

her.

As to the second issue – this young man may like you very much, but when a man tells a woman he is not the right man for her, what he usually means is that she is not the right woman for HIM. He may want to do what I'm advising you to do – complete his education before becoming romantically involved. Or, he may feel the "chemistry" isn't quite right. If you accept it and move on, you'll save yourself some heartache.

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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 Taurus and a Moon in Aries if born before 12:42 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015:

This year your creativity marks your actions and thoughts. You discover the endless possibilities available to you, and you drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. If you are single, you are unusually attractive to members of the opposite sex. You will have many choices, but know that a potential sweetie will appear sometime after summer. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, you might be a little more me-oriented than in past years. Be sensitive to your significant other's needs, and he or she will be receptive. A fellow TAURUS can be demanding

and rigid.
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 feel pushed to the max with your finances in general. If you can, pull back and see what is happening. With some distance, you will be able to find a solution. Deal with someone's anxiety head-on in order to understand this person better. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

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*** You'll feel empowered by a conversation with a loved one. Don't even try being alone. Go off and join your friends at a baseball game, or hop on over to a friend's house. You seem to be all smiles, so accept any invitation that heads your

way. Tonight: Where the action is. GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

** You might be hesitant to take a day off or to schedule some downtime without having set plans. What you do needs to feel right to you. The time has come to spoil yourself a little. Listen to your instincts about a purchase. You probably will be right. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

*** Aim for more of what you want from a situation. Make it OK to make plans that please you. You can be sure that others will want to join in. Music could play a significant role in your day. Be open to a friend who might want to indulge you.

Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)★★★★ Make extra time for a loved one or someone you really care about. A must appearance

could be more significant than you realize. Follow through on what you want, but also keep this person in mind. Be more playful with a child. Tonight: Plans seem to revolve around you.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** Deal directly with someone you care about. You could be triggered by this person. Detach and stop being so reactive. Imagine where this person is coming from. Empathy will bring you closer together, and might help you get past a problem. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

*** You will decide to defer to others, and you will be happy to allow someone else to take control of plans and run the show. You initially might not know what to do with your free time. Make a call to a favorite person, and plans will form. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** Others seem to roll with the ball and make plans without even checking in. You can choose to stand on ceremony, or just join in. The tension between you and a special person could be uncomfortable. Share the depth of your feelings. Tonight: Go with the program.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

*** * Take some time off from the hectic pace and say "no" to offers and invitations. Veg out a little, and decide to curl up with a good book. Schedule a massage or soak in a hot tub. You need to spoil yourself for a change. A loved one might join you! Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** You'll greet the day like a child going to an amusement park. You'll add extra zip to whatever you do. You might meet someone today who is stubborn but who also has a great sense of humor. You will laugh with this person again and again. Tonight: Accept an offer.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

*** Invite a dear friend over for an early dinner or some other activity you both like to participate in. You could be bypassing a problem by hosting this spontaneous get-together. Use care with your funds. Count your change carefully. Tonight: Happiest at home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

*** You will want to rethink a decision carefully. A loved one might be withholding his or her feelings. Your sixth sense comes through when dealing with various situations. Take off your rose-colored glasses when eyeing a potential sweetie. Tonight: Get together with friends.

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