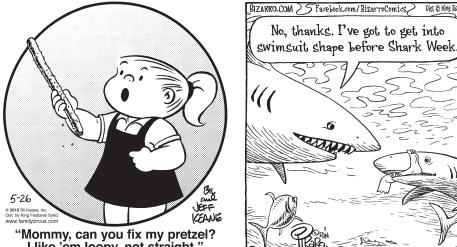


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Wife Wants Out Of Marriage To **Join The Woman She Loves**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 48-year-old woman. I have known I was gay since I was 14. No one knows because I never acted on it until I met "Bob," my current common-law husband of 25 years. I fell in love with his sister, "Janelle," back then. We kissed a few times and fell deeply in love, but because we didn't want to hurt Bob, we ended what we

had. Bob and I raised my son, who is being married this year. Through all these years my feelings and Janelle's have never changed. We love each other and want the chance to be together that we were denied back then.

I have given Bob 25 faithful years. I love him, but I am not in love with **DEAR ABBY** him. We are like two ships passing in Jeanne Phillips the night. He has a temper and is vindictive. I want out of this relationship to be with his sister. I have asked her to marry me, and she agreed. We don't want to hurt Bob, but we love each other. Please advise me how to tell my husband I want out and want to be with his sister. - WANTS OUT BACK EAST

DEAR WANTS OUT: Considering that Bob has a temper and can be vindictive, I suggest you do it in stages. The first is to tell him that you are not happy in the marriage and haven't been for a long time. Depending upon your talent as an actress for the last quartercentury, he may or may not be surprised.

Then it will be time to tell him that you have known for a long time that you were more attracted to women than to men. Because you can't predict how he will react, do it in the presence of someone else - but NOT Janelle.

Because there can be legal ramifications regarding a common-law marriage, you should discuss this with a lawyer before telling Bob you want a divorce. Only after you have left him and several months have elapsed should you and his sister let it be known that you plan to have a life together. I say that because vindictive people with

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015:

This year you deal with a variety of situations that could push you in different directions. When you discover that you are losing your temper, you'll need to call a halt to all the activity and detach. You are successful in any matter involving communication. An investment in real estate is likely after summer. If you are single, you are in a period where you could meet someone who makes a difference in your life. You also will smile much more. If you are attached, you seem to become even closer to your sweetie than in the past. You might decide to renew your commitment to each other. VIRGO can be a stick in the mud. 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)

**** Confusion and disruption could mar the early morning. By the afternoon, however, a

nasty tempers can be violent.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our 50s and have legal custody of three of our grandchildren, who are between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. We have been raising them since birth.

My wife is nearing the end of her battle with cancer. My family – my mother, siblings and son – keep asking me what I'm going to do when my wife passes away. They say they know people who would adopt the children. I don't wish to be nasty, but I need to let them know that I am able to take care of my grandchildren.

Can you please tell me how to tell my family that I can raise my grandchildren without hurting their feelings like they have hurt mine when they mention adoption? -HURT GRANDFATHER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR HURT: Yes, the words to use are: "When you say that to me, it hurts me deeply, so please don't say it again. I will raise these children just as I always have, and I do not plan to ever turn them over to strangers. Period. Expressing it this way is not hurtful; it clarifies your feelings.

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You could be jolted by an assertive friend who unleashes his or her anger on you. Know that this display has nothing to do with you; it is just the result of suppressed anger. Communicate rather than react. Tonight: Make it your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You beam and others respond. Some of you will experience jealousy today, whereas others will feel upbeat. Your perspective about a project might have changed recently. Let others know how different your view has become. Tonight: Make the most of every moment.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

★ ★ You might be in a situation that feels awkward or difficult. Say little and observe a lot. Your perspective about a personal matter involving your home life could change as a result. You probably will need to be more flexible than in the recent past. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ A meeting could prove to be far more important than you initially had thought. A partner might be difficult and accusatory. Use care when dealing with this person, and attempt to be nonre-active. Take an overview, and you will know what to do. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You must deal with someone who is a powerhouse or who is in a position of authority.

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certain area of your life simply seems to flow. Your efforts will pay off, and you'll have reason to smile. Curb being impulsive, if possible. Tonight: Get as much R and R as you can.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your ingenuity comes into play as you try to bring different facets of your life together. You might want to proceed in a new direction once you realize that you have gained as much as you can on your present path. Discussions will prove to be enlightening. Tonight: Be playful.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star$ You might opt for a slow day, especially after this past weekend. You will want to have a long-overdue conversation with someone who cares a lot about you. Your views are often different, but you work well together. A friend might shock you. Tonight: Happiest at home.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You will tell it like it is. Someone who cares about you just might let it go, even if he or she doesn't agree with you. A relative could surprise you with an unexpected visit. You might need to adjust a lot more than you realize. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Curb a need to take over a situation.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



Your finances could be subject to change, which might force you to review your budget. Tonight: Put in an extra hour or two when dealing with a parent or older friend.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be in a period of profound change and not yet realize it. Others might react differently to you because of this slow metamorphosis. You also might find your domestic life subject to more changes than you had anticipated. Tonight: You can't complain of boredom.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ A partner might make an offer that you will need to consider. You might have a strong reaction at first, but your creativity will help even you out. You will find a way to incorporate a compromise. Others find you to be unpredictable. Tonight: Use care with spending.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Others will come forward with a slew of ideas and suggestions. Nevertheless, you must deal with a volatile situation in your personal life. Discussions might have a sarcastic tone to them. You'll pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion

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