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"He's grumpy 'cause his seat got taken over by our Thanksgiving dinner."

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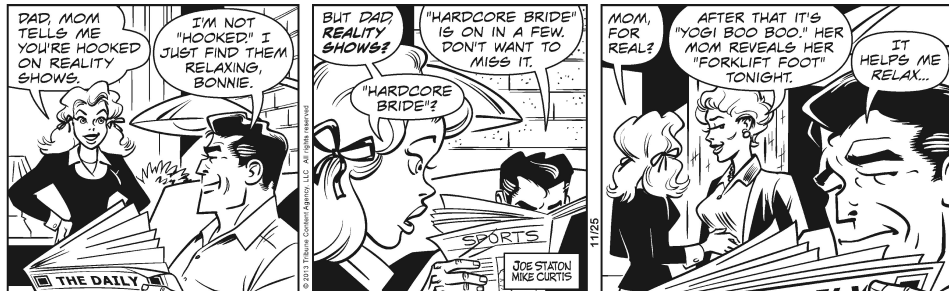
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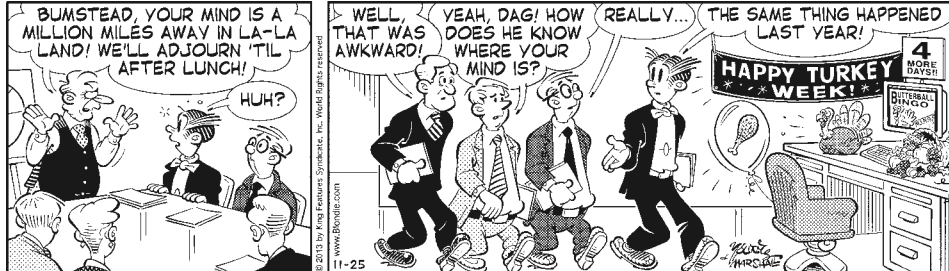
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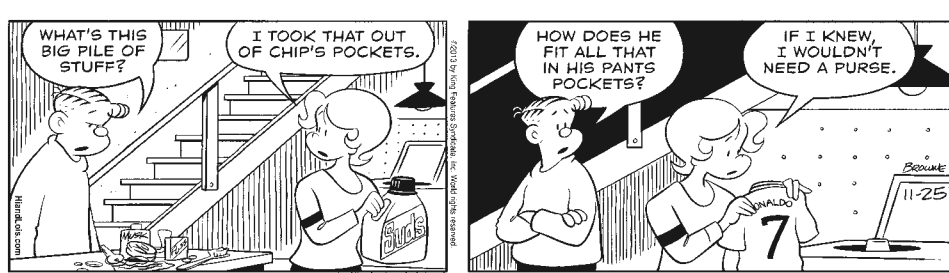
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Jealous Girlfriend Must Watch Her Step On The Dance Floor

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, "Jose," for a year. Before that, we were friends for five years. Ever since I've known him, he and his half-sister, "Blanca," have danced together at parties. We're all in our mid-20s.

They dance salsa, merengue and other styles of music together. I used to think it was cute, but now that Jose and I are a couple, I find it annoying and a little creepy. He says Blanca loves to dance and can't always find good partners.

She gets mad when he dances with me instead of her during her favorite songs. I told Jose he can dance only with me at the parties or only with her. Not both. I don't want to share him, and honestly, people joke that it's incestuous.

How can I make him understand how much this bothers me? What can I say to his half-sister when she gives me the evil eye? My relationship with her is friendly, but it was better before I started dating her half-brother. — TAKES ONLY TWO TO TANGO

DEAR TAKES ONLY TWO: If you want to hang onto Jose, simmer down and be less heavy-handed. Dictating who he can dance with only makes you appear to be jealous, insecure and controlling.

Because he and Blanca have danced together for so long, it's understandable that she expects to dance with him. My advice is to be gracious and hold onto your temper, because if you don't, your relationship with Blanca will no longer be friendly, and it could cost you your boyfriend.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is a good person, but she never wants to be around us or our children. She lives only 30 minutes away, has only one child (my husband) and has been widowed for more than five years. She has never called our house, didn't visit when the kids were born and usually mails gift cards at birthdays and Christmas.

My own mother died a few months ago. Our kids are only 13 and 10, so they're not babies anymore. I try to reach out to her, but she is cold and not responsive. What else can I do? —

NO GRANDMA IN AUSTIN, TEXAS
DEAR NO GRANDMA: What does your husband think about this? Has his mother always been this way? Could the problem be that she dislikes you or is disappointed in her son?

There is no way to force a connection on someone who is unwilling, and I'm not sure you would even want to. It appears your mother-in-law isn't maternal and prefers her independence. I'm sorry that your feelings are hurt, but if you crave closeness with an older woman, you will have to look elsewhere to find it.

DEAR ABBY: My family is having a Thanksgiving conundrum. My uncle and his wife have offered to host the holiday. My uncle hesitated about having it because he recently lost his job. My grandmother decided that each couple should chip in \$50 to pay for the dinner. (The total amount will be \$300.) We will all make and bring dishes with us as well. Their children are not being asked to pay anything.

My grandmother thinks this is a good idea because it would cost us more than \$50 to go out to dinner for Thanksgiving, but some of us think it's odd that we're being charged to attend our family's dinner. No one else in the family is able or willing to host, so the only other option would be going to a restaurant. Any thoughts? — TURKEY TROUBLES IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR TURKEY TROUBLES: Just this — pay up! And while you're offering thanks at the dinner table, be grateful that the person in need of financial help this holiday season isn't you.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



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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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Leo if born before 4:11 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, NOV. 25, 2013:

This year you focus on a long-term goal. Your friends also will play a significant role in your year. Recognize that you might be unduly serious at times. If you are single, you are strikingly visible to the person who might be your next sweetie. This person eventually will let you know how he or she feels. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy being out and about as a couple, especially if you're involved in a mutual commitment or cause. VIRGO fusses over details to such an extent that he or she loses sight of the big picture.

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'll act as if it is your destiny to dive head first into a project in an attempt to move it forward. Try not to get frustrated at others' lack of vision or creativity. Experiment with a different route, or communicate differently. Tonight: Do not bring your stress home with you.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Your imagination and drive is limitless, or so it seems. You might try to entice others to think like you. Forget it. Your uniqueness makes you special and also more in demand. A partner will want to have a serious talk with you. Tonight: No need to be serious; it is only Monday.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You can't seem to get energized about anything at the moment. If you can take the day off and relax, that might be best. Don't take that attitude into work or even into a friendly lunch with a pal. Evaluate what is at the root of your malaise. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 21)

Be clear and direct. If confusion ensues, you'll know that you have done your best! Also make it a point to confirm meeting times and places. Tread lightly with a child or new friend. This person definitely seems to be in an off mood. Tonight: Catch up on calls and emails.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You could give some troublesome issues power if you focus too much on them. Be as

clear as possible. Bone up on your listening skills, and repeat anything that seems off. Tonight: Free yourself from a difficult situation by dealing directly with the other parties involved.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

A sudden surge greets you in the morning with your first cup of joe. You might feel as if others are speaking pig latin, as they don't seem to understand what you're saying. You might want to stop and decipher what could be an important message. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

No one needs to tell you that it's Monday — you know by the way you feel. Stay out of the problems around you; instead, focus on accomplishing one task after another. It might be necessary to have a long-overdue conversation about your finances. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You come off as very serious to those around you. Approach each moment as new and maintain a methodical approach. If a situation seems ludicrous, know that it probably is. Maintaining your distance will work well. Tonight: Call a friend and catch up on his or her news.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Your ability to get through a hassle elevates your value to a higher-up. Once more, this person might dump a problem on you. Confusion could surround a personal issue as well. Do what you must, but remember to take care of yourself, too. Tonight: Attend to personal matters.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Keep reaching out for a new solution. It is out there for you to find; you just haven't hit upon it yet. Detach and refuse to feel pushed. Back away from a pressure-cooker atmosphere, and much more will reveal itself. A meeting demands your presence. Tonight: Find your friends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

A loved one might mean well, but you will have a difficult time believing that when you see what is going on behind the scenes. Take a step back and chill out. Imagine what it would be like to walk in the other party's shoes. You will understand. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Your intentions are good, but your actions just might create more of a fog around an already unclear situation. Make a point to detach, and you'll gain a new perspective. The end result will be better if you do. Tonight: Get through some paperwork you've been avoiding.

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