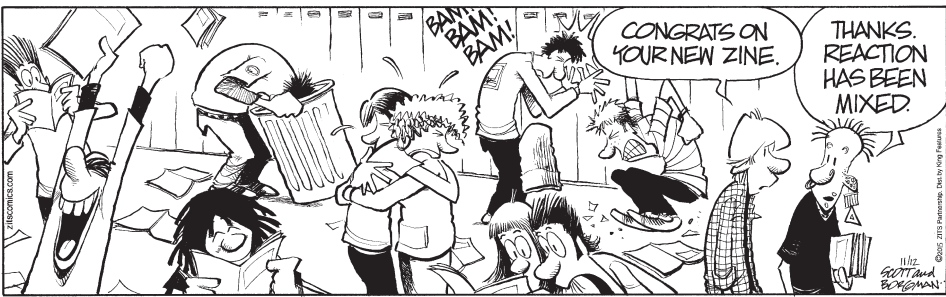


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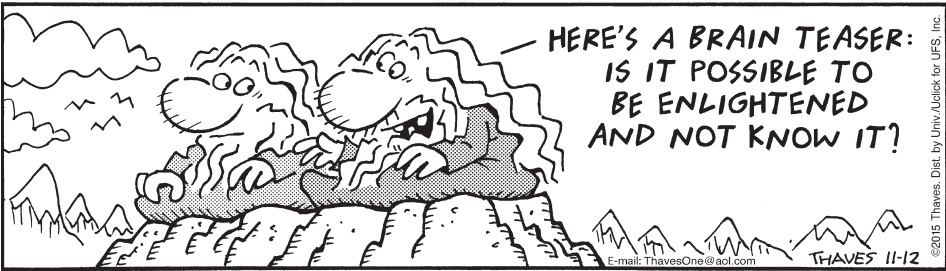
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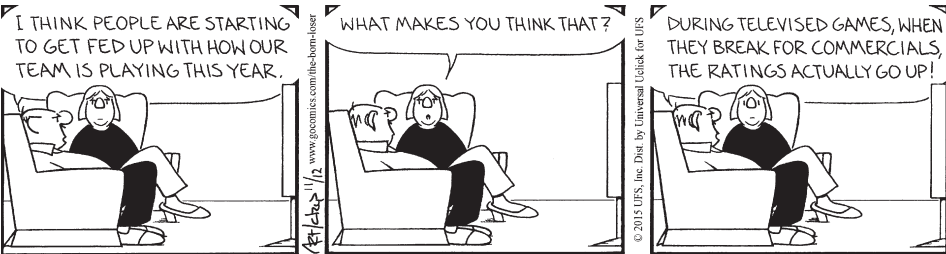
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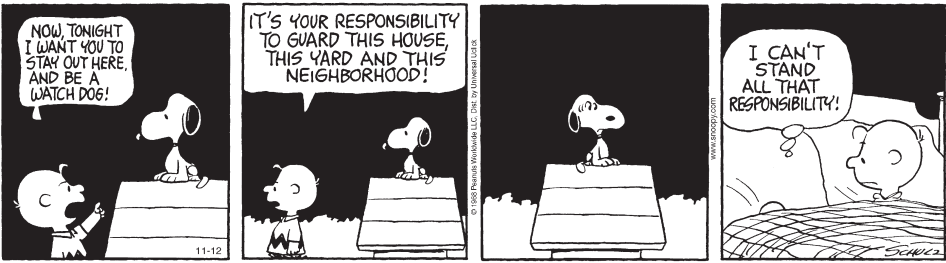
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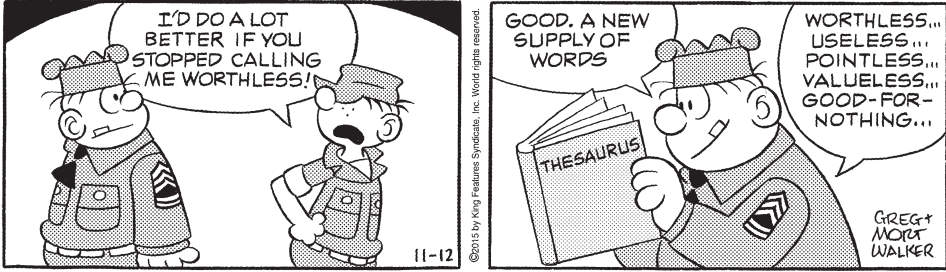
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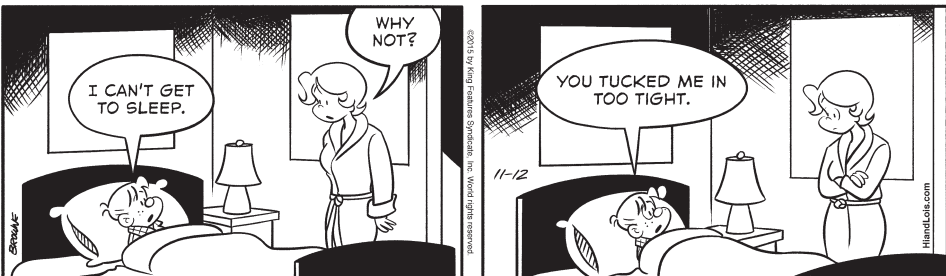
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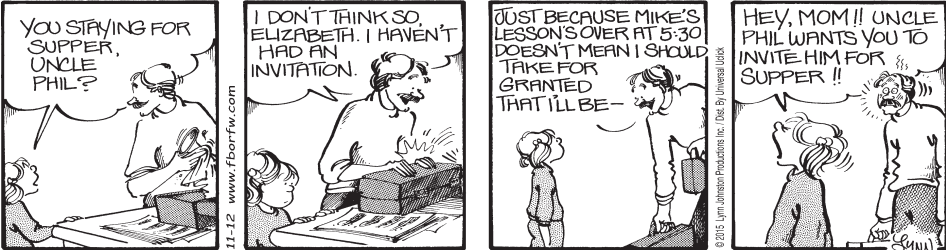
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# Woman's Male Roommate Wants To Be Friends With No Benefits

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorcee with a problem. My longtime friend "Paul" and I decided to move in together so I could save some money because of my very expensive divorce. The problem is, I think I am falling for him, and I get really jealous when he brings dates home.

When I told him I'm starting to have feelings for him, he said he cares for me, but not in that way. How can I keep my jealousy in check so I don't ruin a good friendship? – OVER THE LINE IN UTAH

DEAR OVER THE LINE: I'm going to take a risk and make a generalization, because there is much truth to it. When couples divorce, one or both partners' self-esteem often takes a huge hit. People often feel vulnerable and in need of someone to love them, make them feel attractive, be a partner to them, etc. Could this be you? Might this have something to do with your resentment of the women Paul is seeing?

Your friend has been no more than a supportive friend at a time when you needed one. If you can't accept it for what it is, then for your own emotional health find another place to live because, even if you're saving money, this arrangement is too expensive.

DEAR ABBY: I have been cooking Thanksgiving dinner for our family since I was in my mid-20s, with little or no assistance from my sisters or sisters-in-law. They typically show up empty-handed but leave with a generous amount of leftovers. Before my mother passed away 12 years ago, she would at least help.

Since my children and their families live out of state and are unable to come this year, I told one of my sisters-in-law I wouldn't be hosting Thanksgiving this year. Abby, she

had a complete hissy fit! She insisted it was "tradition" that we have Thanksgiving at my house, and it's something everyone looks forward to. She even said it's not like I don't have the time since I retired this year.

Yes, I have tried delegating. One year, a sister brought a dessert (cookies in a tin) and the other a bag of rolls. Neither one has ever worked outside the home. I'm tired of cooking for two or three days to feed 15 to 20 people. Am I wrong in wanting a break from doing it all? – I'M DONE IN FLORIDA

DEAR "DONE": No. You have a right to spend your Thanksgiving any way you wish. Because you didn't mention whether your siblings host Christmas, Easter or Fourth of July celebrations, I'm assuming the answer is no. If that's true, then from my perspective you're at least 12 years overdue for a break. Your sisters and sisters-in-law should have stepped up to the plate and shared the responsibilities you have shouldered alone after your mother passed away, if not before. Shame on them.

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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 and Moon in Scorpio if born before 10:14 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 2015:

This year your highly charged energy and your natural charisma mix, to your financial benefit. Others respond strongly to you, which proves to be an asset. No one can or will ignore you. If you are single, your popularity is obvious. Your feelings will become very strong when you meet the right person. If you are attached, you'll want to indulge your sweetie, and you will. Express your affection in a way that is meaningful to him or her. SAGITTARIUS can be possessive.

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)

★★★★ Your mood brightens as others lighten up. News could head in from someone at a distance. If you ask too many questions, this person might retreat. Your intuition is likely to indicate that there is a discrepancy between what you are hearing and the facts. Tonight: A weekend getaway.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Continue to let others take the lead. Everyone will be a lot happier as a result, especially one key individual. Your efforts need to be concentrated on personal matters. Schedule a haircut or a long-overdue dentist appointment. Tonight: Opt for teamwork.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Make sure you are in tune with the inner you. You might think you feel one way, only to realize that deeper feelings lie beneath the surface. You will find out about these emotions as they emerge, and you will need to respond accordingly. Tonight: Let someone else assume control.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your imagination can be limitless if you brainstorm with an equally imaginative person. So many different schemes and ideas could pop up from out of the blue! Consider picking and choosing your audience with care. Tonight: Get some rest, if you can.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Be direct with others. You might be surprised by someone else's diplomacy. Emphasize what you desire in a way in which you can be

heard. Some of you might sugarcoat your desires; others will be demanding. A last-minute snafu could occur. Tonight: Think "weekend."

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

★★★★ Tension could mount to a level that you had not anticipated. You might not be ready to deal with what is happening, or with what someone else wants. You don't need to vanish or become difficult; state your desires clearly. Tonight: Deal with an ongoing issue.

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

★★★★ You seem more energized and charming than usual. How you manage to be even more alluring than your typical self could be shocking to some people, while others will be envious. However, you could become difficult if you don't get what you want. Tonight: No fussing.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Know that you have a lot to offer -- much more than you realize. Part of the reason is that these traits are such an innate part of your personality. Others admire your knowledge and strength. Use caution with your finances. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost money.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You'll perk up as the day goes on, as you sense that others are receptive to your ideas and presentation. Stay goal-oriented, and you will succeed. A domineering friend might push you very hard. Even if you say "no," he or she is unlikely to hear you. Tonight: You call the shots.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Know when to back off. Your inner voice might be saying something quite contrary to what you would like to believe. The only answer is to stop and look at the different issues. Buy yourself some time until you figure out what is most appropriate. Tonight: Play it cool.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

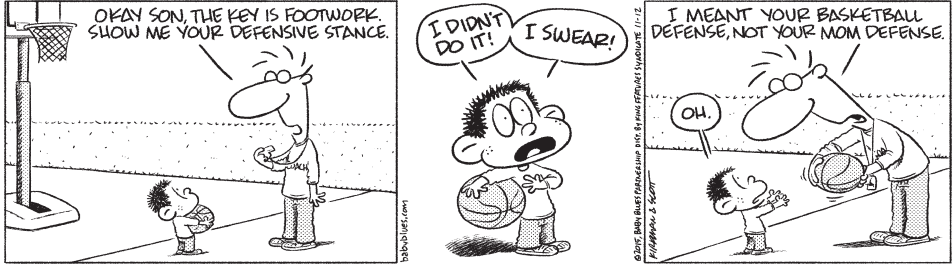
★★★★ Focus on your goals and desires. Friends could be very distracting and could become part of your day, even if you initially did not want this type of interaction. You might laugh at your inability to push away a good time. Is that so bad? Tonight: The more, the merrier.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You could be overtired and withdrawn. Pressure has been building around your work and day-to-day life. As a result, you might back away from friends or a demanding person. Focus on completing what you must now, and doing what you want later. Tonight: Try to get some sleep.

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