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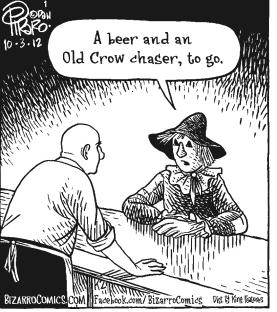


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Man's Neighborly Friendship Goes Too Far For His Wife

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Aaron," had an affair with the woman next door. We were close friends. I found out three months ago, and needless to say I'm not happy about it. My husband and I spent a lot of time with her (he obviously more than

I). Aaron swears the affair is over, and he wants us to become a close threesome again. (She's in the process of divorcing her husband, who knows nothing about the affair.)

The three of us have gone to the beach, to the lake, dancing - just like old times. My husband is thrilled; I am miserable.

I am not convinced the affair is over, so I feel compelled to keep my eye on them. Every time we go out together, I come home upset and frustrated. Aaron says I'm being unreasonable and keeping him on a "short leash." He sees no rea-son why we can't all be friends — but I have no desire to be friends with her.

Aaron and I have been together more than 20 years. I don't want to divorce him. I need to know what to do without driving him back into her arms. I have suggested counseling. He says he doesn't need it. What do you think I should do about this awkward situation? – NOT LOVING MY NEIGHBOR

DEAR NOT LOVING: Three is a crowd, and your husband's insistence that you continue this

painful and degrading threesome is highly suspicious. Please waste no time in getting counseling. If your husband refuses, go without him. It will make you stronger and help you to feel better about yourself at a time when you need it most.

You may not "want" a divorce, but be smart and discuss your options and a fair division of property with a lawyer NOW, so should a divorce be thrust upon you, you will be prepared in advance. You should also talk to a CPA, who can help you locate all the assets in your marriage. This will also give you peace of mind when you tell your husband that the

ACQUELINE 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 Libra and a Moon in Taurus all day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3, 2012:

This year you develop a tendency to keep a lot to yourself. At times, you might feel hurt by someone's comments or actions, and could cop an attitude as a result. Do not just assume that the other party intended to say or do something hurtful. You'll discover that some of your judgments could be wrong. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, spending time alone could be more of a pleasure than ever before. TAURUS naturally gravitates to you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dy-namic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ The more you express your flexibility, the more your associates might be willing to bend as well. When you work together, unusually creative and workable ideas pop up. Sometimes your ideas could be very similar. What do you care if someone has the same idea, if the results are the same? Tonight: Shop till you drop.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights you. Ex-

threesome is history. I wish you the best of luck.

DEAR ABBY: My longtime friend "Mona," a busy professional and social butterfly, had a baby last year. Her son is now a toddler. Aside from his

regular day care, Mona is lining up baby sitters so she can resume her social life. She has asked me to volunteer. I do

not relate well to young children. I have had no experience with them and, quite frankly, want none.

Mona has always known this, but when I told her I didn't think it would work out for me to baby-sit, she took offense and accused me of being a bad friend.

Now I feel guilty because Mona has always been good to me. However, I'm more than a little resentful that she put me in this position, knowing how I feel about kids. How should I handle this? — NOT KEEN ON KIDS

DEAR NOT KEEN ON KIDS: True friends don't impose on their friends for baby-sitting services when they've been told it would be awkward. Stand your ground and don't allow yourself to be manipulated. You shouldn't feel guilty about your feelings. Many people feel the same way.

DEAR ABBY: This morning as I was wheeling my grocery cart to the "return" area in our local grocery store parking lot, a boy of about 9 had the nerve to tell me, "Don't smoke."

While I agree with parents who teach their children that smoking is harmful, I also feel they should teach their children to respect their elders (I'm 52) and to mind their own business.

Am I wrong to feel this child was out of line? ----LIGHTING UP IN MIMS, FLA.

DEAR LIGHTING UP: The child was not being disrespectful - he was being honest. From the mouths of babes ...

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VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your vision defines what will occur. Use this skill and incorporate it with your ability to communicate. Your imagination comes into play when dealing with a loved one. This person has a very artistic outlook and temperament. Enjoy the results. Tonight: Feed your mind.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Let someone else make the first move. You might be overreacting and say too much, which will cause yet another problem. What you perceive as the issue might be very different from what the other party thinks is wrong. Incorporate your listening skills, and you might be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Go with a suggestion

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ A friend means a lot to you -- and you to him or her. Be careful, as this person's féelings possibly could develop into more. Make sure this also is what you want. Extremes and idealism mark your thoughts. A child or loved one could delight you with his or her mischief. Tonight: Sort through possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Listen to news with an eye to applying this knowledge to your domestic life. A relative could reveal a family skeleton. Be careful about accepting this person's story. Check it out by doing your own research, if possi-ble. You might decide to take a stand, but only when you are ready. Tonight: Roll with the moment.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ Your creativity remains high. Others often

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BUT SHE ALWAYS LEAVES

A FEW PIECES I CAN

PLAY WITH

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THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSOM





press your feelings to a receptive audience, and encour-age a healthy exchange of feedback. People will want to honor your request. Only you can prevent this positive interaction, so be careful not to get in your own way. Tonight: Time for a child or loved one.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★ ★ You might decide to retreat. Don't worry -- ideas will flow anyway. Get together with a generous, thoughtful friend. The process of getting away and centering yourself will prepare you for some hard work and play in the near future. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Should a question arise as to how you should interpret a statement or action, err on the side of optimism. News from a distance could shake you up, but ultimately it is very good. Do not fight the inevitable. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ In the long run, sensitivity to those in charge will allow you to have greater independence. You quickly build others' trust. You possess many abilities and talents, but the most effective one is your ability to magnetize oth ers. Tonight: Out late ... very late.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



TALKING, THAT'S YOUR ATTENTION REALLY WEAK CHANCE TO EXERCISE IT. IS A MUSCLE. MUSCLE. I GOT IT. (Q.)

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON

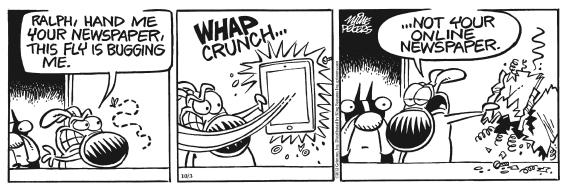




WHEN THE TEACHER IS



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you into solving their problems. You might find that a lot of people want to tap into your ingenuity right now. Do not forget to focus on a key issue for yourself. A child, new friend or loved one knows how to catch your interest and force your hand. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ If you become confused, home in on the basics, with an eye to your personal life. Deal with a child or loved one directly. You will make a difference in this person's attitude. Your logic will work better, and he or she will realize how honest and authentic you are. Your imagi-nation helps you in a tight spot. Tonight: Invite friends over.

PISCES (FEB. 18-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Return calls and listen to others in regard to planning meetings and moving a project forward. A key associate attempts to make an impression in order to get some extra time with you. You might be confused by this, as you see more mixed messages than in the past. Ask questions to verify what's going on. Tonight: Catch up on news with friends.

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