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Discovery Of Wife's Tattoo Shatters Husband's Trust

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have had many discussions regarding tattoos. She would say she wanted one; I'd disagree.

Well, just before her birthday she had her best friend, a tattoo artist, give her a small tattoo of a dragonfly with dots representing our four children. I didn't know about it for about six weeks, until I walked up behind her at her computer desk and noticed it on her upper shoulder. Our kids knew and hadn't said any-

thing. I got really mad and left the house for a while. When I returned and began arguing with her, she would say only that it was her body, and she would do whatever she wanted.

I have gotten over the tattoo part, but I haven't forgotten about not knowing and how I finally found out. I am hurt that she didn't tell me. She doesn't think it's worth apologizing for. It seems like everything she does now is one big secret. Please advise. - HURT TO THE BONE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR HURT TO THE BONE: Your wife didn't tell you because she wanted to avoid the argument that she knew would follow. Your children didn't say anything because they were protecting their mother.

It appears that you and your wife have significant communication problems. Counseling might help, and I recommend it because secrets can cause marriages to crumble.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a young woman, I was a single parent. I did it all — the cooking, the cleaning and working. My friends would laugh at how often I'd say, "I need a wife!" I didn't mean it in a sexual way; I simply hated housework and cooking.

When I started dating my husband, my daughter told him, "Mom will never marry you. Men are just more wash and messes." He told her he would do the

ACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Pisces all day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 2012:

This year you can be fiery, which causes others to distance themselves. Is this a habit you really want to form? You have an abundance of energy and opportunities available to you. Why not funnel some of your burning energy into constructive causes? If you are single, you have a throng of potential mates to choose from. You will know when you meet Mr. or Ms. Right - just trust your intuition. If you are attached, reveal more of your emotional side, and you will note a greater responsiveness. PISCES helps carry your thoughts into a new realm. Let this process take hold.

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)

 $\star \star \star$ You need to be aware of what ails a key person in your life; you probably can make a difference. Tension will build, so pull back and choose a relaxing activity in the meantime. Your understanding and insight will help this person. Tonight: An important talk.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

housework. Stupidly, I believed him.

The economy tanked, I lost my job and I have become a housewife. I feel like I'm serving a life sentence in a prison of my own making. I tried to

convince my husband to move so I could find a job and hire a maid. No luck. He decided that since we didn't need as much money, he would work less. Now he works part-time, and I want out. - LIVING IN HELL IN NEW **JERSEY**

DEAR LIVING IN HELL: Tell your husband that you didn't sign up for the role he has assigned to you. I'm sure he already knows you're not happy with the situation. If he is unwilling to resume working full-time, then it will be up to you to find some kind of job that will enable you to save enough money to leave.

DEAR ABBY: Election Day will soon elect a Democrat or Republican to the

Afterward, why not stop at your local animal shelter and elect a Demo-CAT or a RePUPlican to YOUR house? No matter whom you choose for the White House, you can't go wrong with a

They don't make promises they don't keep. They can't reduce the deficit or improve the economy, but what they can do is give unconditional love. — INDE-PENDENT ANIMAL ADVOCATE

DEAR INDEPENDENT: I agree that pets give unconditional love - and without "term limits."

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ideas. Opportunities seem to come to you from out of left field. Test them out before saying "yes." Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news over dinner.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others, and you will find out a lot more. When you do that, the assumption is that you approve of a person's performance or actions, which may or may not be true. Regardless, this person will relax, and you will see more authentic behavior as a result. Tonight: Ask for feedback

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

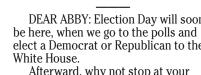
★★★★ Maintain a low profile, and you will see much more of what is happening around you. You have a lot to do and accomplish. Reach out to someone who demonstrates intellectual dependability and optimism. You put your essence into your work, a project and whatever else you are involved with. Tonight: Working into the wee hours.

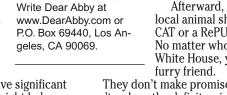
SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Listen to the blend of imagination and intellect within yourself. Express those thoughts in a way that someone else can understand. You will stir up a lot of excitement involving a strong associate. Someone comes to the rescue before you know it. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Anchor in and handle a domestic or investment issue. Trust that you will make a good decision that advances your interests. Opportunities bloom because of your serious attitude and willingness to open up. You ex-







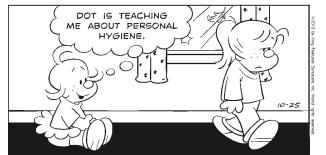
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I JUST LEARNED TO NEVER

SUCK ON MY THUMB AFTER I'VE STUCK IT IN MY

NOSE.

★★★★★ Zero in on a friendship that you really enjoy. This person gives you powerful feedback and often opens the path to good times. It appears as if pressure builds around a financial issue. You and someone else just do not see eye to eye. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might feel as if you need to make an impression on a boss or someone you look up to. A person you care about could be quite fiery and difficult. You cannot put a lid on this situation, so you might as well listen to what he or she has to say. Tonight: Wherever you are, expect to be noticed.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You will want to detach and get to the bottom of a disagreement. What seems logical to one person might not be to someone else. Your instincts serve you well, and perhaps it would be a smart idea not to ask too many questions right now. Tonight: Where there is music.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

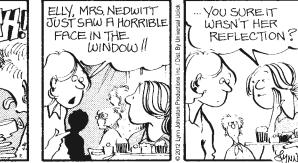
 $\star \star \star \star$ Stay close to a partner or associate. The two of you work better as a team. Your creativity flourishes with this person, and often he or she helps tame your

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON





MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



press yourself with clarity and caring. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Remain sure of yourself when dealing with others. You have the ability to understand when someone is off in his or her decision and cannot see it. You'll use the right words and help this person realize where there is a problem. Tonight: Meet with friends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be a bit extravagant with spending or with your emotions. No one will mind, except for a friend who might be just a tad jealous. Your very playful side emerges, which allows for great fun wherever you are. You verbalize some strong feelings. Others get it. Tonight: No one is stopping you.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You smile, and others respond. Use your high charisma to draw in more of what you want. No one wants to argue with you; in fact, others wish they were you. A family member lets you know how very appreciated you are. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

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