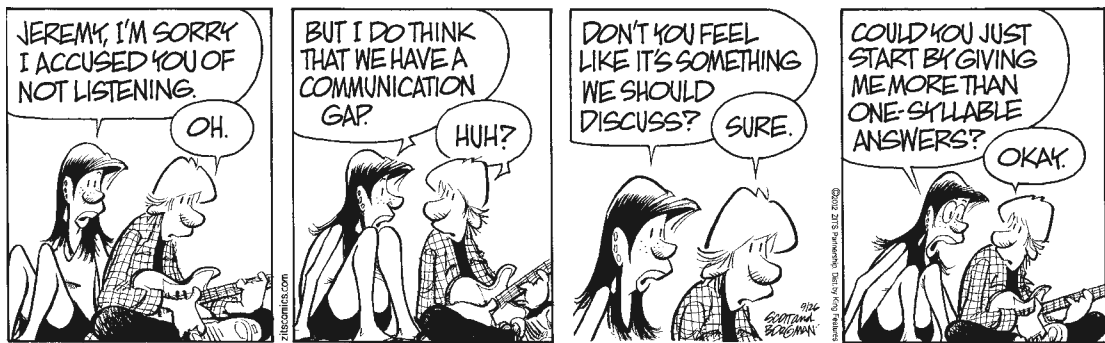


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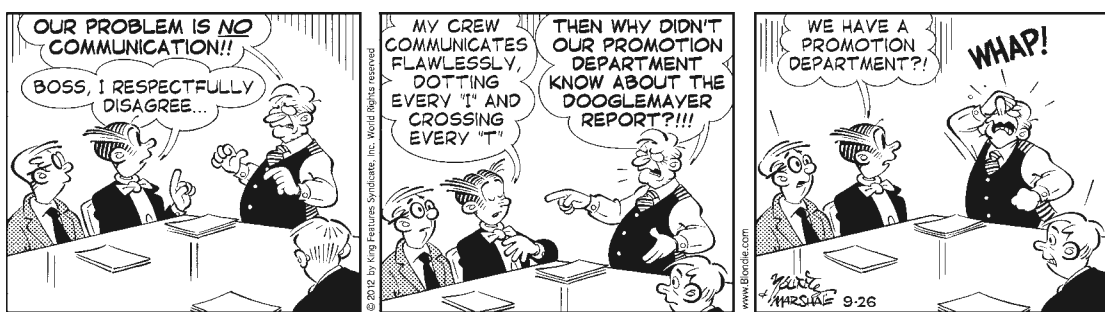
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For A Swinging Good Time, Wife May Have To Divorce

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 10 years. Early in our marriage my husband talked about wanting to try swinging. We did, and had many enjoyable experiences.

Two years ago he decided he no longer wanted to be in the lifestyle, so we stopped. The problem is, I miss it very much. I want to get back into it and have talked with him about it, but he insists we stay out of it. I am torn between going to parties behind his back, suffering my displeasure in silence because I'm not able to do something I really enjoyed, or divorcing. Can you help me figure this out? — FOXY IN PHOENIX

DEAR FOXY: Let's review your options as a process of elimination. I don't recommend that you do anything behind your husband's back because, at some point, what you're doing is sure to come out. I also do not recommend suffering in silence because sooner or later your unhappiness will become apparent.

That leaves the option of divorce. Because you and your husband no longer see eye to eye on the issue of marital fidelity and he wants a wife who will "cleave" unto him only, it makes sense to go your separate ways so both of your needs can be met.

DEAR ABBY: The other day when I went jogging, I met a guy just as I stopped to take a water break. He started flirting and I was too tired to tell him to leave, so I decided to humor him until I cooled down enough to resume my jog.

He asked me basic questions trying to get to know me, and when I told him I was a college student, he asked for my GPA. When I told him it was none of his business, he laughed and asked what my problem was. He said no one else had complained when he asked, and he didn't mean to pry. I still felt he was being rude, so I said goodbye and jogged off before he could say anything.

Abby, I wasn't trying to hide a low GPA, but I don't

think it's something to tell people in a first meeting. Is it normal for people to ask others what their GPA is — especially if they just met? — CO-ED IN BOSTON

DEAR CO-ED: When someone says he or she is a student, the question that usually follows is, "Where are you studying?" or "What's your major?" It's not, "What's your GPA?" which seems like a not-so-subtle way of asking whether you're a good student or not. His attempt to make conversation was clumsy — and because he said the question is one he asks routinely, let's hope he learns from his encounter with you and scratches it off his list of pickup lines.



DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I have an issue I'd like your opinion on. What should the Tooth Fairy do with baby teeth after collecting them? She stopped coming to our house years ago, but the baby teeth have been dutifully saved — every one of them — in a jar where the Tooth Fairy left them.

I thought I was unique in this predicament, but found out that a sister-in-law had the same dilemma. Our kids are adults now, but I don't know what I should or could do with these little keepsakes of a beautiful boy who stole my heart the minute I looked into his eyes. — ALWAYS HIS MOM

DEAR MOM: Let's see ... You could have them mounted and display them on a charm bracelet. You could offer to sell them back to your son. Or, you could place them in an envelope and put them in a box with the curl from his first haircut and a pair of his baby shoes. One day I'm sure he'll be touched.

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 Libra and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 10:24 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26, 2012:

This year you learn to detach even more. It becomes very important for you to understand what is going on with higher-ups. There will be the version they present to you, and the authentic side they choose to reveal to others. Travel, education and people from a distance are fortunate for you. If you are single, your affectionate and demonstrative nature attracts many potential sweeties. It could be difficult to choose which one is right for you. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking some time away together to relax and reconnect. Schedule that vacation soon. AQUARIUS can be provocative.

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 are riding the crest of a wave. Take advantage of an opportunity that appears out of the blue. Your vision for what could occur probably is more of a possibility than you might imagine. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you know is effective when dealing with an elder or respected authority figure. In some way, you might want to be more authentic. There could be an element of resentment that surrounds you. Do not lash out. Tonight: Out with loved ones.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your ability to get past an immediate issue emerges. You see what many people don't — an alternative path. Do not hesitate, even if this way might appear offbeat. If you think it could end a problem and be successful, why not do it? Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to come forward, and approach a situation very differently. A partner, associate or dear friend actively might be giving you feedback and direction. Use care with anger, whether it is yours or someone else's. Stay neutral. Tonight: Put on some music.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Deal with a partner directly, or else the mood could turn ugly. In discussions, you'll realize that you have many more options than you initially thought. A neighbor or sibling could be difficult as well. Bypass this person. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Others flock to you. With one exception, everyone seems upbeat and friendly. Be careful with angry words, as they could be remembered for a long time. Curb your spending for now, at least until you feel more confident. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a situation. It is rare to find you speechless. Deal with strong feelings first, and allow more compassion to flow between you and someone else. Concentrate on a project you want to finish. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity rises to an unprecedented level. Your way of handling anger might work for you, but not others. Keeping your feelings to yourself could cause depression. The question is: How do you express them in an appropriate manner? Tonight: Take a midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Try to establish better communication and a sense of community with others. Your way of thinking and handling a matter could change radically after getting input from others. An older friend could be difficult. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Be aware of how much you indulge yourself right now. Ultimately, you might justify indulging a friend or loved, but ultimately it impacts you the same way. Be careful when expressing your displeasure with someone. Tonight: Return calls.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You are in your element, though it is clear that someone else does not realize it. You might want to discuss a matter involving a friend at a distance; perhaps it is time for a trip. Once you seem more available, so will the other party. Tonight: Do some shopping you have putting off.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Know when to back off and say "enough." You have experienced a lot of frustration lately. Having someone else add to the disagreeable commentary might be too much. Let someone know what your boundaries are. It is important for both of you. Tonight: Chill with friends.

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