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Woman Questions Boyfriend's **Support As She Changes Jobs**

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DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 4-yearold daughter and pregnant with my second child.

My boyfriend and I live in a nice house and have a comfortable lifestyle. We each pay our own bills, and I pay half the mortgage that is in his name.

I am extremely unhappy at my job. The job itself isn't the problem; it's the management team and its effect on office morale. They treat us employees like dirt, thus everyone is always fighting with each other. I try to stay out of it, but I am unhappy to the core there. I want to find another job after my maternity leave, but I'm afraid my soon-to-be-fiance won't be willing to pick up the slack financially while I'm temporarily unemployed.

Isn't this the normal give-and-take that "married" couples go through? Shouldn't I expect him to help me if I'm going through a rough patch? Are my expecta-tions unreasonable? — EXPECT-ING AND DEPRESSED IN TEXAS

DEAR EXPECTING: I assume that you have discussed this with your boyfriend and he wasn't receptive. Your expectations

wouldn't be unreasonable if you WERE married or at least engaged. But you're not. While you and I think he should help you financially over this rough patch, he may feel no obligation to do so. If that's the case, your not-quite-fiance appears to be treating you like a roommate-with-benefits. Because you are not on the title of the house you pay half the mortgage on, there is no guarantee you will ever have anything to show for your contribution.

In light of that, of course he should be supportive emotionally and financially if you leave your job. Expecting him to step up to the plate is not unreasonable. But whether he agrees with you and me is another matter. Please find out before you invest any more money or he impregnates you again.

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 Cancer all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2013:

This year there often are power plays going on around you. The push and pull could become exhausting if you really get into it. The best way to win this game is not to play. An element of the unexpected runs through your work and those you look up to. If you are single, you'll find partners galore, but you will only choose one. This year presents an interesting group of new people in your life. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy having many serious discussions together. You discover how moody CANCER can be!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are well into a relaxed retirement. His successful, middle-aged son "Rory" has developed the habit of stopping by unannounced occasionally on his way home from work. This would be fine except that it falls in the middle of the dinner hour. Although we ask Rory to join us,

he prefers to just stand over us and talk about his day while we eat. This wasn't his childhood home, so it's not a matter of an extended familiarity with this residence.

I have asked his father to speak to him about it, and while he agrees that his son's actions are rude, he refused to say anything. My husband is mild-mannered and seems to be happy that Rory takes the time to see him. To me, it looks like this is the most convenient time for Rory to get the occasional parent visit out of the way while not considering our feelings.

Because I have had a good long-term relationship with my stepson, I took him aside and politely explained that these dinner interruptions are discourteous. Rory blew up at me! I was astonished to see a mature man I re-

spected act in such a childish manner. Now I'm the culprit in a family rift, while my husband remains mute. Should I have focused on digestion and held my tongue? - DISAP-POINTED STEPMOM

DEAR STEPMOM: Because your husband refused to say anything and won't back you up, it appears the answer is yes. While some people consider the dinner hour to be sacred, not everyone does, and your stepson's visits were only occasional. Your request might have been better received had you told Rory that his hovering makes you nervous, and if he didn't care to share the food you had prepared, you'd appreciate it if he would at least sit at the table with you for everyone's comfort.

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It would be smart to avoid a power play. Not only will you be annoyed, but you also do not want to get caught in the storm. Tonight: Play it easy.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You have good intentions. Be clear with a child or love interest about your limits. Establishing boundaries will benefit any relationship. News -- possibly from someone financially tied to you or a partner -- suddenly might put a new slant on a matter. Tonight: With friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You might need to take a stand. Recognize that you have the ability to turn a situation around. The problem might be dealing with demanding people who don't permit you to concentrate on anything other than what they want Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You could be in a difficult situation in-

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Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

 $\star \star \star$ Pressure builds to a level that might be difficult to accept, and you could become reactive. Avoid a power play, because once it gets started, it could be difficult to end. The unexpected could affect your decisions. Understand someone's very serious approach. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Listen to news with a more upbeat attitude. Someone might be holding back some important information. You won't understand why, but don't worry about it. You will find it out soon enough. Understand that much is happening with this person. Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might be put off by someone's controlling ways. If you are uncomfortable with this person's behavior, you need to speak up. Observe what is going on behind the scenes. Understanding does not mean going along with his or her ideas. Tonight: Count your change.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You are upbeat right now, so be careful that you don't collide with someone who is very controlling. You might want to bypass this experience with just a smile. Knowing what you want from a situation will prove to be unusually helpful. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Take your time, listen and gather information. You might discover that what you judge to be a diplomatic statement could cause an uproar.

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volving someone at a distance. Don't demand that anyone act as an in-between, because he or she might not give you the whole story. You won't need to be stern, but you will need to be open. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Work with a partner directly in order to maximize your time. You could become very controlling with your finances, or someone around you could. Recognize that there are always limits to spending. Your creativity will come through. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You could be more contrary than you realize. Someone vou care about will open up. You will see life from a renewed perspective once you understand the complexity surrounding a suggestion. Avoid a difficult person, if you can. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Weigh the pros and cons of adapting to an uncomfortable situation. On some level, you might just want to push this person away or cause an uproar rather than state your feelings. You could be surprised at the reaction you get. Tonight: Get some personal errands done.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your immense creativity emerges and cuts through someone's controlling ways. Though there could be irritation, you'll avoid a major confrontation. Seeking out news from someone at a distance could be challenging. Listen to feedback carefully. Tonight: Only do what you love.

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