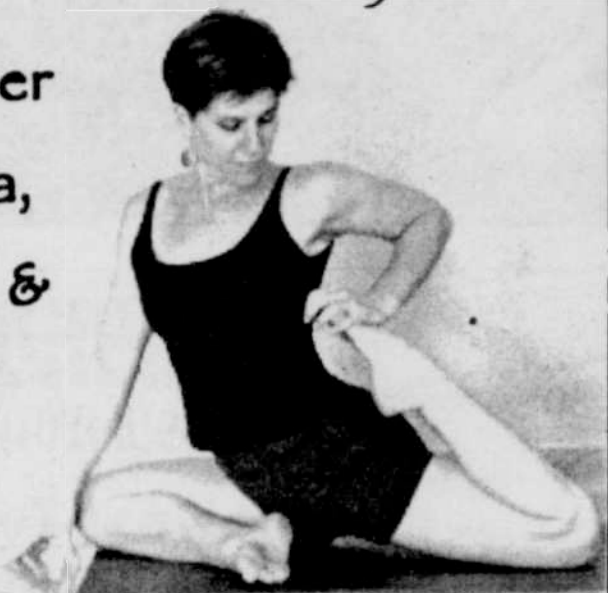


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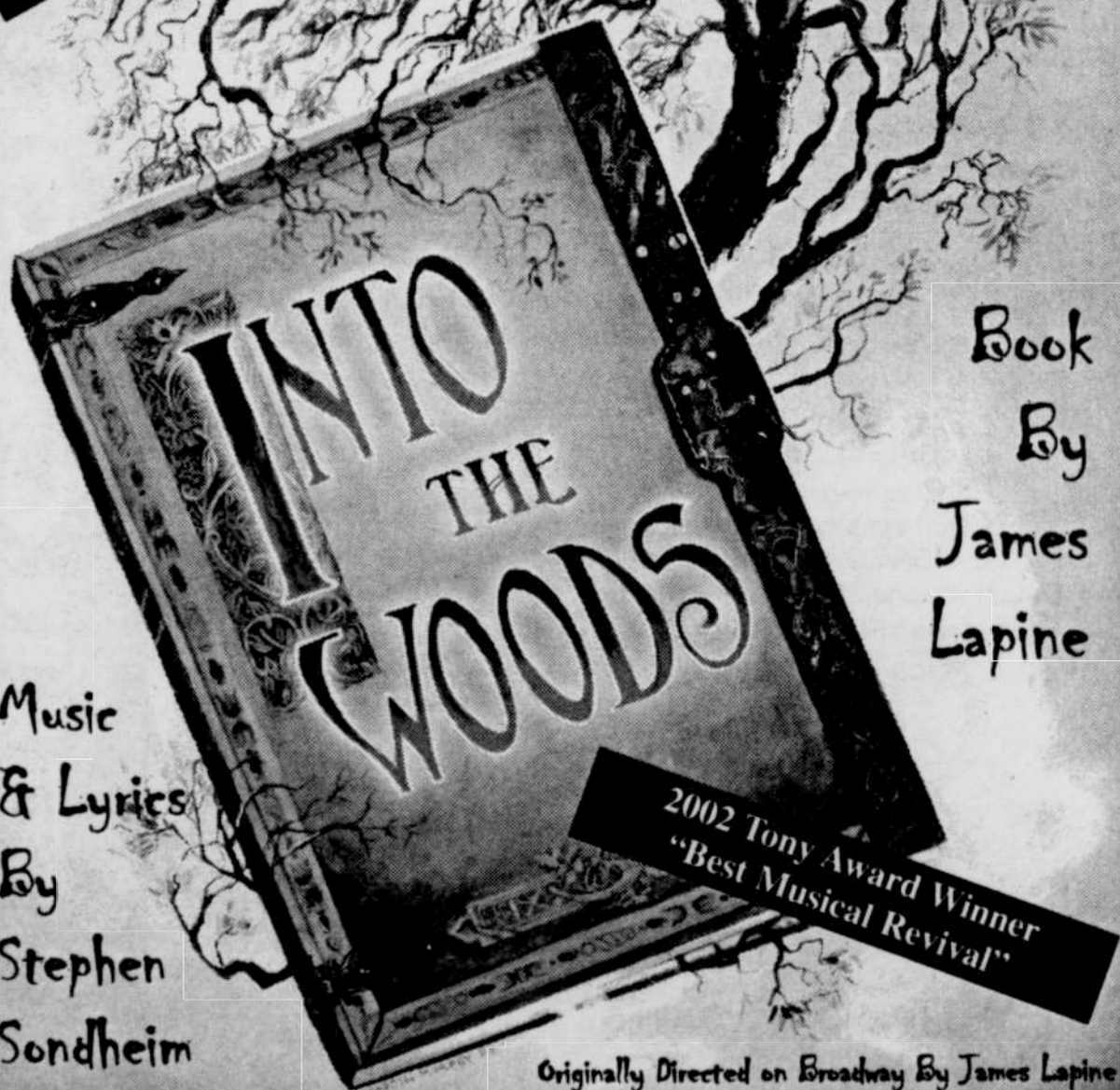
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ADVICE

Swapping isn't pretty

Tough decisions over stealing and girlfriends
(and stealing girlfriends)

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I am so upset! One of my closest friends recently divulged that he's been swapping high-priced tickets with lower-priced tickets on items at major department stores.

For instance, he showed me a gorgeous black leather coat he bought that was originally \$275 until he swapped tickets with a coat for \$75, thus giving him a great \$200 savings!

He showed me other items as well, including shoes, colognes, various designer shirts and pants, and even framed art. I can't believe he is doing this. I told him if he continues this dishonest behavior he will get caught, but he laughed and said he has been doing it for years and never gets caught.

This has affected me greatly. I don't want to socialize with him unless he promises to abstain. Thanks for your advice.

—Feeling Down Over Shopping and Swapping

DEAR FEELING DOWN OVER SHOPPING AND SWAPPING:

Price changing is stealing, even if it allows your friend to buy a sexier wardrobe that lures cute men. Your friend's behavior is both morally wrong and criminal whether or not he gets caught and thrown in the slammer (where the designer clothes are not pretty).

Your Morally Creepy friend and others like him have caused many stores to implement a system of bar codes and price scanning. This system prevents thieves from creating their own 80 percent-off extravaganzas and raises the prices for the rest of us suckers. But, obviously, your friend does not frequent such technically advanced stores.

Have you told him how you feel, other than that you fear he'll get caught and thrown in jail? Do his thieving actions make you worry about his judgment and character in general? If so, tell him.

You might also let him know you don't want to socialize with him anymore because you're afraid he'll stuff your Erte prints and Frette sheets into his half-price Calvin Klein boxer briefs when you're not looking.

Ultimately, he probably won't listen. If being your friend requires paying full price, he probably will choose cheap Prada shoes over you. But then what kind of friend does that make him?

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

For the past year, I've dated a woman



Ms. Behavior

named Carol who's in a relationship with someone else. I don't feel good about the circumstances (i.e., I only see her on occasional weekends, and she has to lie to her girlfriend to visit me), but I'm crazy about her.

Carol tells me she loves me, but she is careful not to make any promises and feels guilty that we're having an affair. Her relationship with her partner doesn't sound happy. This gives me hope that maybe she'll leave someday.

Carol and I are compatible, passionate and have amazing sex. She wouldn't be so free and ecstatic with me if her relationship were destined to last, right?

Carol recently said that she needs time away from me to sort out her feelings for her girlfriend (should she leave or stay) and that she needs my help; she can't stay away from me unless I stop calling and e-mailing her.

If it's so hard to stay away from me, isn't it because we're meant for each other? Why should I agree to leave her alone if I think the gods want us to be together?

—Second Fiddle

DEAR SECOND FIDDLE:

If you don't give Carol the space she's asked for, your relationship with her is doomed. If she stays in this muddled place and makes a mess of her life with her partner, she'll probably feel too guilty to be with you even if they do break up.

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If she needs help separating from you, it doesn't confirm that you're her soul mate; it might just mean you and she are engaged in an obsessive pattern you need to break together. Lots of people need help to give up drugs, alcohol, smoking, Scooter Pies or hot lesbian affairs. That's what addiction is all about.

Ultimately, the best reason for you to leave Carol alone is a self-serving one; it increases the unlikely odds that you could be together someday. The real trick will be seeing if you still want each other once you can have each other. **JN**

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