

Emotional affair gets in the way Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: Please comment again about emotional affairs. My husband says this is a bunch of malarkey. He has been hanging out quite a bit at a local establishment, which is owned by a woman who is rather flirtatious. She can get the men who come there to do little favors for her, and this includes my husband. I also know that he has been confiding in her and telling her details about some problems in our personal life that I would like kept quiet in the community. I believe the conversations he is having with her are the ones he should be having with me.

Many times when he comes home after seeing her, he hardly speaks to me for hours because he is all "talked out." He says that there is nothing going on and that he is true-blue for me. But I am uncomfortable with the amount of time he spends there.

I have asked him to stop going, and he has cut back from seeing her four times a day to just once. But it is still every day. He reads your column daily, so maybe you can comment again about emotional cheating. In my eyes, it is as bad as sexual cheating. — *Angie*

Dear Angie: Your husband thinks that if there is no sex, there is nothing "going on." But if he is turning to another woman to find emotional support and complain about his marriage, he is shortchanging you, his life partner, and



could begin to care too much about her. We have said before that giving your emotions, your heart and your innermost thoughts to someone other than your spouse is a form of cheating. It creates a bond with a third party, allowing that person into your marriage.

But the fact that this woman is a flirt doesn't mean she is interested in your husband, so try not to overreact. Instead, let your husband know that this close friendship is undermining your trust in him. He needs to keep those conversations less personal. If the two of you are having problems that need working out, please talk to a professional together.

Dear Annie: We have 5-year-old twins. A year ago, there was an argument in the family, and their uncle left town. Our kids were close to their uncle and still remember him.

The problem is, our son still asks about this uncle. We have told him that the uncle moved to another town. What is

the best way to explain that his departure may be permanent? We don't think we will ever see him again. — *Missing Him*

Dear Missing: You don't know that this rift is permanent, so there is no reason to give that impression to your children. At this age, they simply wonder where their favorite uncle went. Saying he moved to another town is accurate and appropriate. You don't need to give details. If your son asks when his uncle is coming back, simply tell him you don't know. Because that is the truth. If you don't bring up the subject, your son will eventually forget about him. How sad for all of you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Overlooked," the grandmother who was left out of her grandson's wedding pictures.

My husband and I have been professional wedding photographers for 25 years. In recent years, there has been a trend to spend all the wedding money on the showier aspects of the event and have either a friend or a discount photographer at the wedding. Often, this produces disappointing results, such as out-of-focus images and, in this case, missing pictures of important people. Unfortunately, you can't get that day back to reshoot.

I don't believe that the bride and groom intentionally omitted the grandparents. But I do believe they should have hired an experienced professional. — *D.*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Destruction is part of making things better. To fix something, you have to break it down. So don't feel bad about the demolition. The important part is that you're trying to make things better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In order to objectively look at your work, you need the benefit of time and space. Objectively experiencing your relationships requires the same. Time apart, even if only for a day, will show things in a new light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Get acknowledged. Being acknowledged changes your perspective, puts you in a better mood and makes you want to give more of yourself. If you are not hearing the acknowledgment you need, ask for it or find a new crowd.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Clutter makes you feel anxious. Get organized. Whatever you can do to put your world in order will bring the feelings of peace and tranquility you need to get this weekend off on a good note.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The bottom line is that you have to persist, or you will fail. There's no nice way to put this. Do what you have to do to get to the next part of your story — the part where you accept a personal victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Many myths involve something unusual falling from heaven, and your personal mythology will echo that today. The unusual thing will, of course, be precisely what's needed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you can't find people to relate to who live close, the Internet will be your oyster. Explore your interests and preferences because there will be certain personalities who pop

out as "someone you should know."
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Happiness through diversification will be the theme. It's those surprises — the people you weren't expecting to meet saying the things you didn't dream they would say — that will make it fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The question is: How much of the world do you want to see? The answer: All of it. In time. The most important locations will jump out at you under this Sagittarius moon.

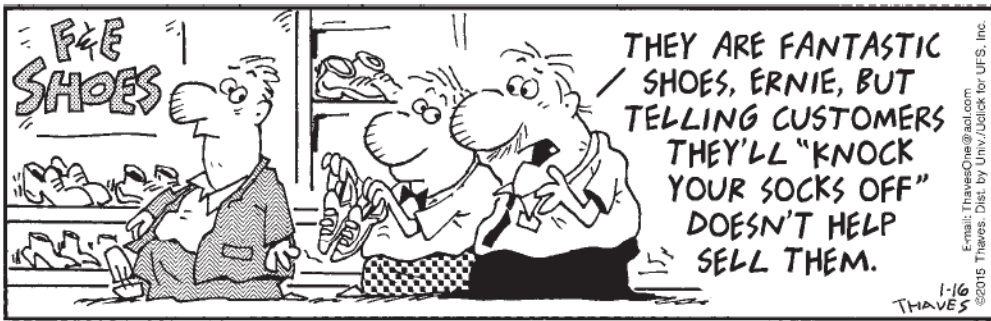
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Experiences are blessings for those who choose to see them that way. Today it will be easy to see certain blessings, but there is a hidden one that will not be revealed for several days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something glamorous about the day's events, but be careful how you frame it when you talk or post about it later. You'll have a mixed crowd of listeners and observers.

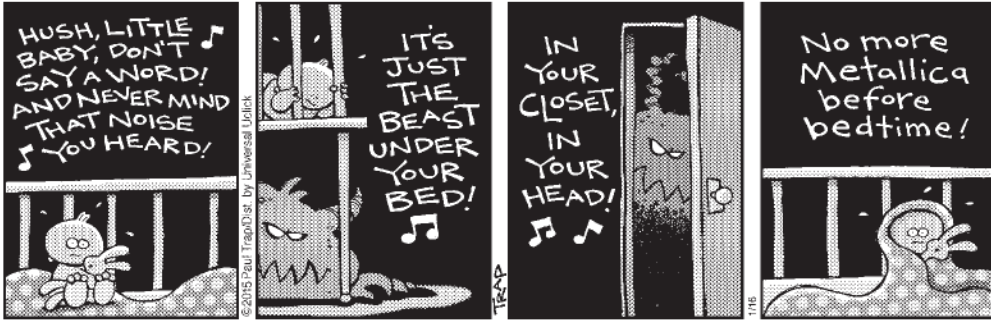
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be especially attracted to gentle types who have the kind of caring heart that takes people in without being too choosy about it. Everyone has something to offer. You believe this, too.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17). Competence leads to confidence. It will become important to you to get very good at a thing, and you'll dedicate yourself to the effort with tremendous results. May is your financial high, but be conservative so you have more to invest in July. June brings a trip that is tremendously important for your family — represent! Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 2, 25, 40 and 11.

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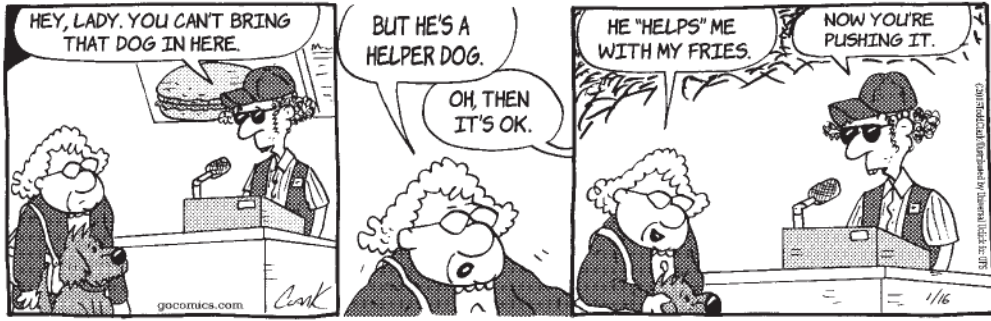
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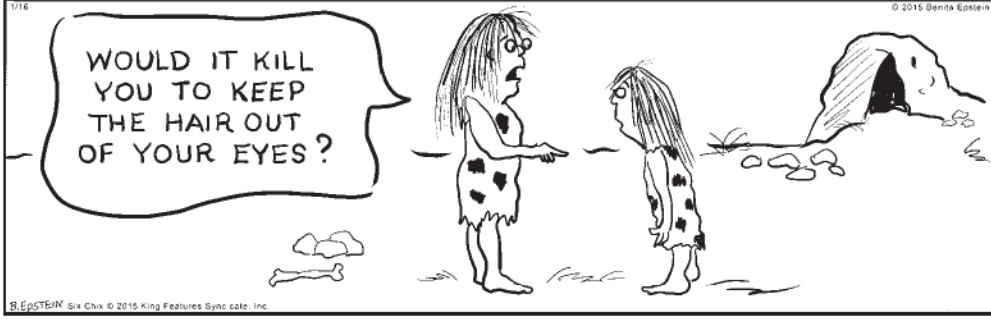
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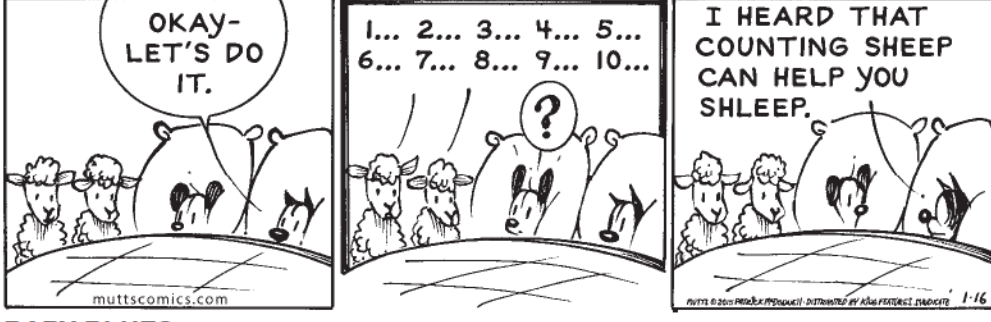
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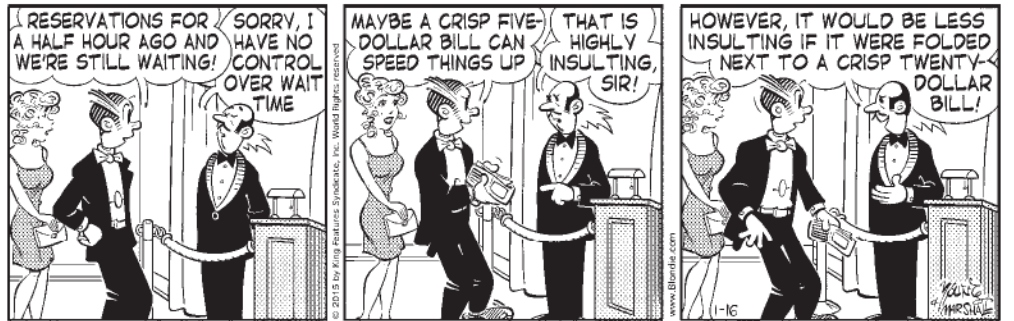
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