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## Should girl end relationship? **Tomorrow's horoscope** By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

Dear Annie: I am 17 years old and still in high school. I recently became "Jake's" girlfriend. We've been dating for about a week.

I've known Jake as a friend for a year, and we hang out with the same group. I never had feelings for him until I learned that he liked me, and even then, my friends kind of pushed me into the relationship.

His last relationship didn't last long, partly because he and the girl had sex right away. When Jake and I started dating, I told him I am a religious girl and am not going to do sexual things with him. Well, we went to prom together and back to his house afterward, where we were alone. He started to put his hand up the back of my dress. I didn't object because he was mostly stroking my back.

The next day, we went to his house to watch a movie, and he started jumping all over me. It made me uncomfortable, but I'm not good at communicating that, so I didn't say anything. I just didn't respond. Jake is also a sloppy kisser, and I'm not sure I can tolerate that.

Today I realized that I have feelings for another guy, and now I don't know whether I like him more than Jake. But if I break up

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with Jake, I will be booted out of our group, and I have no other friends.

I don't know what to do. I feel that Jake is pressuring me a little about sex, even though he hasn't demanded anything. actually Should I stay with him and see where it goes? Should I wait until summer to end it so that the group will have time to adjust without making things super-awkward? Or should I just end things now and face losing my friends? - Confused Girlfriend

Dear Confused: You already know that you need to break up with Jake because you don't actually like him and you feel pressured. We'd do it now, but if you would feel more comfortable waiting until school is out, that's OK, too. You and Jake might be able to drift apart more naturally then. You



seem to be hitting it off as well as you thought. If your friends drop you over this, they aren't truly friends. Real friends have your back. Dear Annie: My girlfriend and

might also confide in one of your

friends that you and Jake don't

I were planning to go away together for a weekend next month while her daughter was staying with the ex. But the ex decided at the last minute to take his own vacation, so we have to bring her along or cancel

If we cancel the reservation on the hotel room, we lose the deposit, and upgrading to two rooms isn't possible. Is it acceptable for us to sleep in the same bed while her daughter is sleeping on a cot, or should we use separate beds? Or should I try to get a room for myself elsewhere? — N.Y.

**Dear N.Y.:** How old is the girl? How long have you and Mom been together? If you and Mom are in a committed relationship, the girl knows you well and she is under the age of 6, you may share a room. Mom and the daughter should take the bed. You get the cot. Otherwise, yes, please try to find another room for yourself. And thank you for caring enough to do the right thing.

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YOU, BUT

FORGETTING IS NOT AN OPTION.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your stars will pose a challenge to the agenda. When you see the obstacle, as you will almost as soon as you get to work, don't back down. All you need to do is be yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When Leonardo da Vinci put the final touches on the Mona Lisa, it's possible he was thinking: This could be better. At some point, vou have to stop working the masterpiece and let it be what it wants to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Does it seem impossible to some people? You'll make it seem easy because of your strength. Your recent dealings in reality have given you power, too. You'll ratchet up your mood one notch at a time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Wildly successful people say "I started from nothing." The "nothing" is relative, though. Everyone has something. Gather, account for and be grateful for your many resources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your imagination is on fire, perhaps due to a certain inspiring person. Your resources will increase as you ask for help. You might even create a scenario that will do the impossible: make everyone happy at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relax and maintain your sense of humor through the mishaps of the day. Later these so-called "mistakes" will make you richer. A feeling of worthiness will improve your life on many levels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Helen Keller said, "Security is mostly a superstition. ... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." Don't avoid danger, because it might be just the trouble that defines you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's important that you don't yearn for what you want. Yearning affirms what you don't have instead of what you do. Act as though it's already yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what makes you different and better, and you project that now. Enjoy the prestige that comes with being a part of certain groups, especially those including a Libra.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been generous, and now you need to rest and recover. Indulge in your favorite entertainment and food. The cost will be minimal compared to what you might have paid a mental health professional.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Go on and smile for no good reason. Mid-grin, you'll discover many good reasons for the attractive look on your face. Your excellent mood and friendly demeanor will help you win on every level.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You like people, and you're sweet about letting them know. Resist the slippery slope of infatuation. Avoid putting so much intense and emotional focus on one person today that other things fall out of balance.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 22). Heaven's will is carried out through your unassuming ways. You will be praised, paid and rewarded in June, but it won't matter to you nearly as much as the good that comes from your loving actions in July. Your various talents and interests beg to be explored in the fall - follow your bliss with abandon. Sagittarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 32, 48 and 13.

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BETWEEN BEING IN YOUR 30S AND IN OUR 40S IS SO...UH...INFINITESIMAL IT'S

NOT EVEN WORTH BRINGING UP

## **BLONDIE** COULD YOU RIGHT BEFORE IT WENT THROUGH THE WOODLEYS WHERE DID YOU SEE IT LAST, ELMO? MY BASEBALL, LIVING ROOM MR. B.? WINDOW

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THE PEOPLE THERE NOW

BUT CYNTHIA IS 30 AND

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I'M HAPPY CYNTHIA IS

MAKING FRIENDS AT THE OFFICE, BUT WHY DOES SHE GET INVITED

TO CO-WORKER GATHERINGS

