

# Bad memory hinders game

Dear Annie: Our card game is in a quandary. We have one member who is having memory problems. "Greta" asks the same rule questions many times. It hinders the playing and often unintentionally relays information to the opposing players.

We all care about Greta and would never want to hurt her. Where do we go from here? It is the only day available for each of us, as we all have other commitments. We also know that any one of us could be next, so we'd appreciate a solution to help us in the future. — *A Bridge Too Far*

Dear Bridge: The slow pace of Greta's playing cannot be helped, so please be tolerant. Also, has she spoken to her doctor about her memory issues? There may be things going on that can be treated. Please suggest it. Meanwhile, can you ask Greta to whisper her questions to her partner so that others cannot overhear? Is there someone who can act as an impartial assistant? Can you write down the basic rules on a piece of paper and place it next to Greta's seat so she can refer to it without asking? Is it possible to alter the rules to make the game easier

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to follow or so that the information passed along is irrelevant? Would you consider playing a different game?

Ultimately, the issues you have with Greta will become more pronounced as time goes on, and at some point, she may be unable to play this game altogether. But it's a kindness to allow her to continue as long as possible.

Dear Annie: My heart breaks for "The Family Mistake," the 12-year-old boy whose family doesn't appreciate him. Until I read his letter, I thought I was the only one who suffered like this. I'm 55 years old and completely cut off from my family. I still struggle with depression, anxiety, anger and feelings of worthlessness. I never had any children of my own because I felt like

they would be "mistakes," too.

I wholeheartedly disagree with one writer's suggestion that the boy should respond to insults by saying he will take care of his parents in their old age. People said this to my mother and she groomed me for that caregiving job, which is what I ended up doing for 10 years. My older siblings said that justified my existence. My life did not begin until my parents died.

For the first time in my life, I have found someone who really loves me. We will be married soon. I am finally happy, but I still have problems with self-esteem and depression. The saddest part is, out of the five of us, I was the best student and an accomplished musician. I should have been the one to have children. Instead, I felt like a servant.

I hope that 12-year-old boy fares better than I did. — *Mistake in Cape Cod*

Dear Cape Cod: We hope you will continue with therapy to build your self-esteem and handle your depression. But we are delighted that you have found happiness, finally, and we wish you the best on your upcoming wedding. You deserve it.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** When you're absorbing everything around you, moment to moment, as the day passes it's guaranteed that your mind will get cluttered. The balance of observation and ignorance is key to sanity, or at least peace.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're eager to get things moving so you can have some time off at the start of next month. Are they cooperating? Maybe not as well as you'd like, but your polite charms will go far.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Appropriateness will be a major asset if the agenda includes fitting, blending and being "in." That is more important than it seems right now, although it will certainly be more interesting to mix it up.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Outgoing, generous, unafraid — this is how others will experience you today. You'll be the one to talk to. You're approachable, friendly and full of usefulness.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Perhaps you recognize a jealous glance, or there's another reason you'll react quickly to protect what's yours. What's truly yours cannot be stolen. It is intrinsically woven into your eternal soul.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** This thing you've earned for your years and years of dutiful, cheerful, constant and loyal service will look suspiciously like good luck. Or is it the other way around? It's confusing, this business of "deserving."

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The wrong person can say the right thing, and you're in such a zone of awareness that you'll totally get it, act on it, make good and make a little money while you're at it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you give your word, it means you'll stand behind it and defend and honor it. You'll do what it takes to see it all the way through. This is the integrity needed most in the world today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The rules of reciprocity do not state that the giving and receiving will happen in equal amounts and from the same people. Open it up and trust in the balance of the universe.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** What you need to know in order to make an informed decision will land in your world today in the form of a phone call, news feed or gut feeling that simply cannot be ignored.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** This isn't a day for you to stretch into new zones or encourage anyone else to do so. Your talent is sorely needed. In fact, when everyone follows their natural talents, everyone will win.

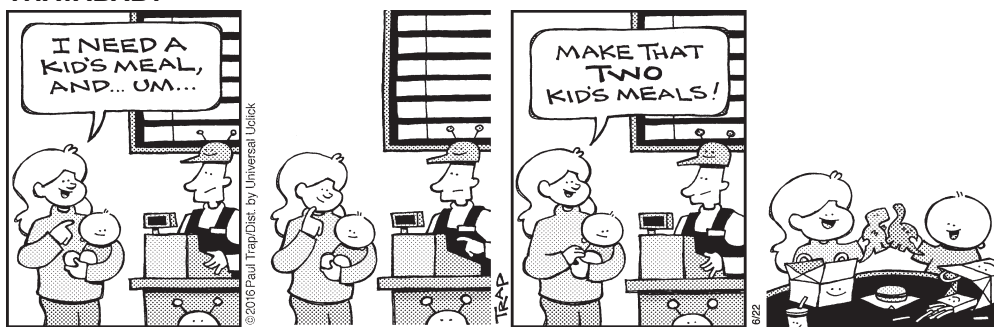
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your last-ditch effort will be the one that catches on. You won't know which one it is until that happens. So don't stop until your purpose has caught on.

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23).** No one wins without a team. The sweetness and kindness of maternal figure will figure into your success next month. August will bring the end of a struggle and the beginning of a new adventure. At this turning point you've the chance to reinvent yourself. The financial picture brightens in November. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 39, 45 and 18.

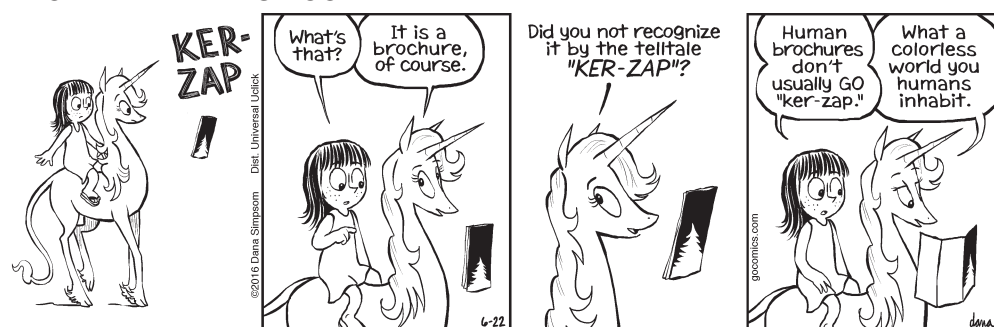
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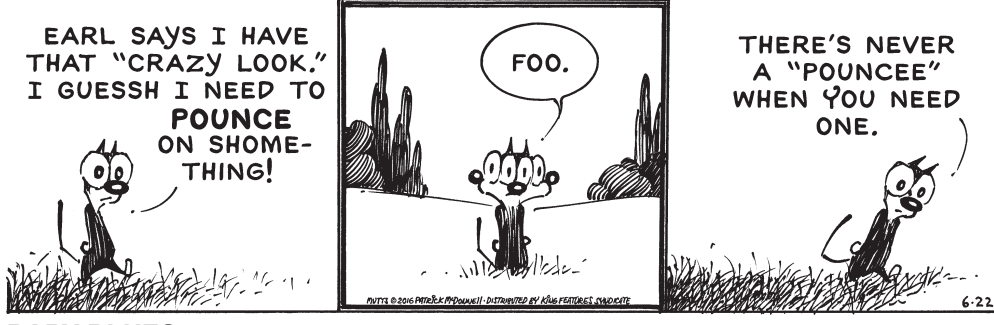
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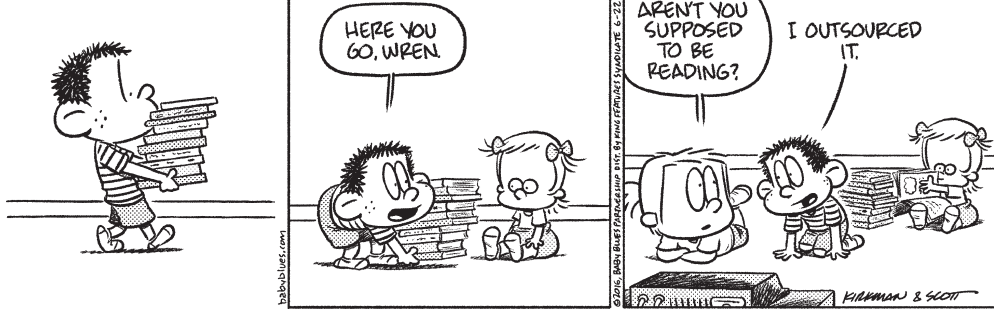
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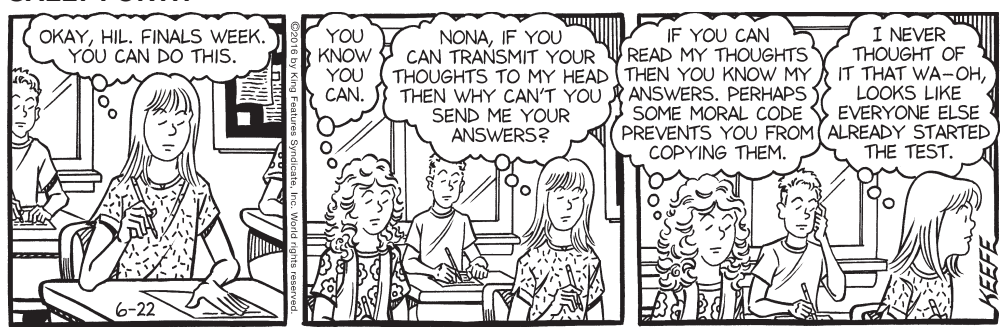
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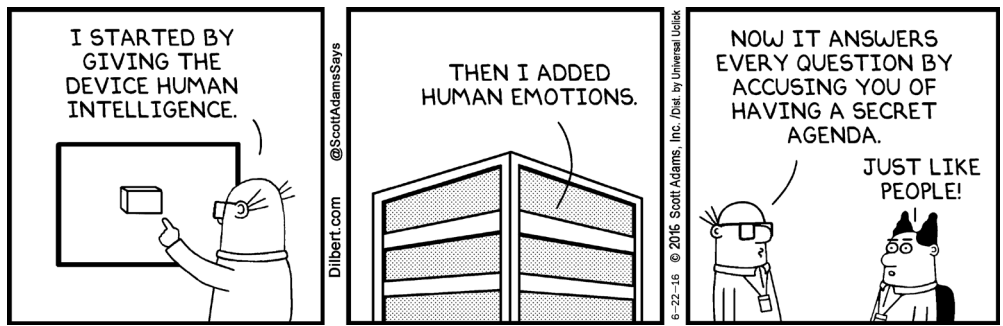
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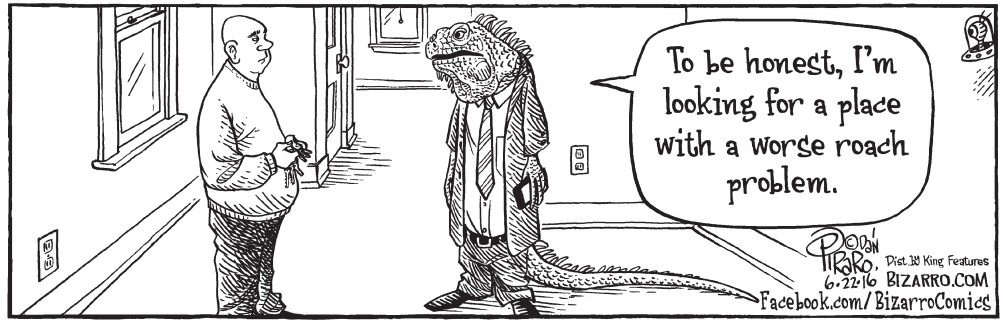
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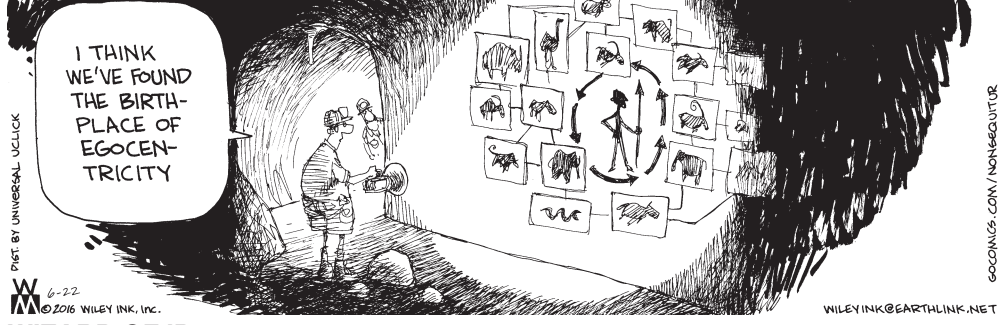
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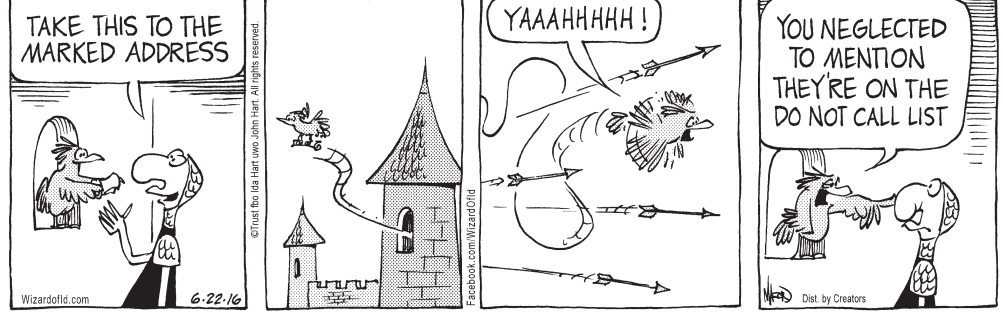
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