

# Friend discovers cheater

**Dear Annie:** My friend has been dating the same guy for about a year, and I have always gotten along with him just fine. He has become my friend, too. I've always thought they seem so happy together, and it makes me glad to see my friend treated well by someone she cares about. Friendship is everything to me. That's why I'm struggling now. Another friend of mine, from a completely different circle of friends, was telling me about the guy she recently hooked up with. Well, lo and behold, he's already taken ... by my other friend. I'm really struggling with this information and feeling conflicted. First of all, I can't believe that this guy had me fooled while he's been fooling around with two of my friends. But I just don't know whom to confront first and how to get this pig out of my friends' lives! — *Fierce Friend*

**Dear Fierce:** "Pig" is too kind a word. But I digress.

You need to talk to both of your friends. (Let's count it as some shred of a silver lining that the two of them aren't friends with each other.)

First, talk to the one whom he cheated with. Don't be accusatory. Start with "I'm sure you weren't aware of this, but..." Don't get into too many details with her. Keep the conversation short and sweet.

## Dear Annie



By **Annie Lane**

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My friends are at different stages in their relationships. Two are in semi-long-term relationships (one to three years). Two are in the puppy love phase. And one is just past the puppy love phase, aka the veil-lifted phase, aka we'll see how that goes.

We all hang out as a group often — significant others included — and I'm usually included on other plans. But other times, I feel totally ditched. One of my friends hangs all over her boyfriend when the three of us are out. And another has become flaky and noncommittal about making plans for just the two of us. I'm all about their having fun and getting swept up in the whirlwind of romance; it's a great feeling. But flakiness is my biggest pet peeve. My feelings are starting to get hurt. Should I talk to them about this or just give them some space? — *Single Lady Law Student*

**Dear Single Lady:** What's with the attitude? Your friends are in committed and loving relationships, and your overall reaction is "we'll see how that goes"? Perhaps you need to examine your own pessimism toward relationships. If you're still holding on to the heartache of your breakup, keeping your defenses up, you're only hurting yourself.

Then comes the hard part. You need to tell your friend her boyfriend cheated. Do it soon — like, now. The longer you put off news such as this the harder it is to share. Put forth your comfiest shoulder to cry on, and tell her, as gently as possible, that he cheated. It's not going to be fun. You'll be in for a long few weeks as a human sounding board. But in the end, your friend will move on.

As for that pig? He'll go "wah, wah, wah" all the way home.

**Dear Annie:** All of a sudden, I found myself being the only single one in my group of close girlfriends. I'm totally fine with being single right now; we are all second-year law school students and have a lot going on. I've just been focusing on school and myself since getting out of a four-year relationship last year. I'm just along for the ride!

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It's a day to be assertive. If you don't ask, you won't get. If you don't leave a voicemail, they won't call back. Make the first gesture and then make the next one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Like a feral creature you meet in the wilderness, a surprise powerful force is coming into your life. This wildcat has a gift in its mouth. Tame the lion and the gift is yours.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Just because the words sound smart or zip with wit or ring with loveliness doesn't mean they are true. Honesty will come in unassuming tones today. Sensational results will come from acting on quiet truths.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Things feel different on the other side of a goal. Success changes opinions. Expect this when people you know get in a winning position. Expect this of yourself after your victory.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Laughter is medicine. As it is with all medicine, too much of what makes you feel better will make you feel worse. Contemplation, meditation and a gentle look at the state of things are what's called for — no spin necessary.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Life is going fast. In the blur of events, important details could get lost. Stop a moment to calm down. Also, remembering the lessons of the past will give you more power going forward.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The universe will be like a chiropractor to your soul, quickly twisting and pushing to snap you back into the proper alignment. Everything will fall into place with a crackle and pop.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Have you noticed how they keep coming to you with

their problems? It's because you keep handling everything. Stop cultivating their helplessness or you'll soon be exhausted by the drain of it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The fun will involve a level of physical risk. If it doesn't get you breathing deeply and sweating some, it won't be as much of a thrill. The less you hold back, the more you'll smile.

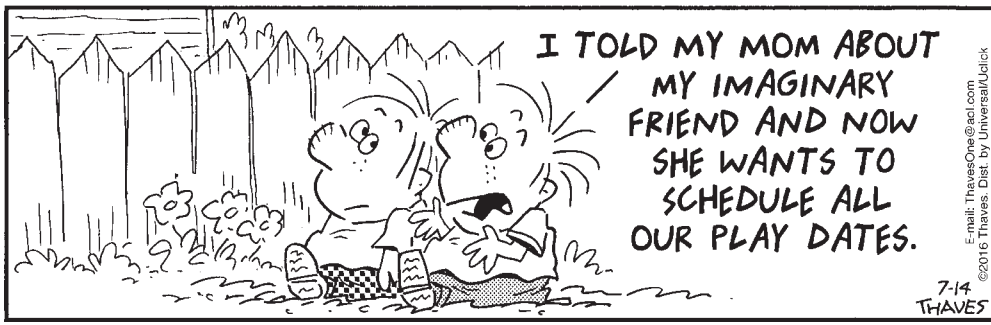
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The one who helps you also hurts you. You're the only one who can decide if the way this weighs out makes it worthwhile to you in the end. For now, just be aware with your scale on the ready.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Many heroes are drawn to help others and know how to do it well because they themselves have been, at one time or another, victims. And if you feel like more of a victim than a hero right now, this will soon turn around.

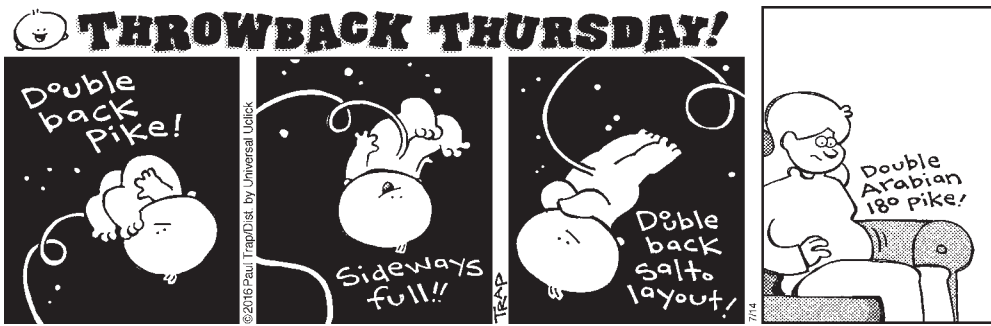
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The other generations need you. You bring a joy to their lives that can't be duplicated by anyone else. The time you spend with someone older or younger will be received as the precious gift it is.

**FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15).** Let the opportunities come to you through the next four weeks. When you stop chasing you'll see just what you have that's worthy of being chased. What you share with a loved one's family will build good will and good fortune in your own. The celebration in November requires travel. Personal improvements lead to professional ones. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 2, 15, 38 and 44.

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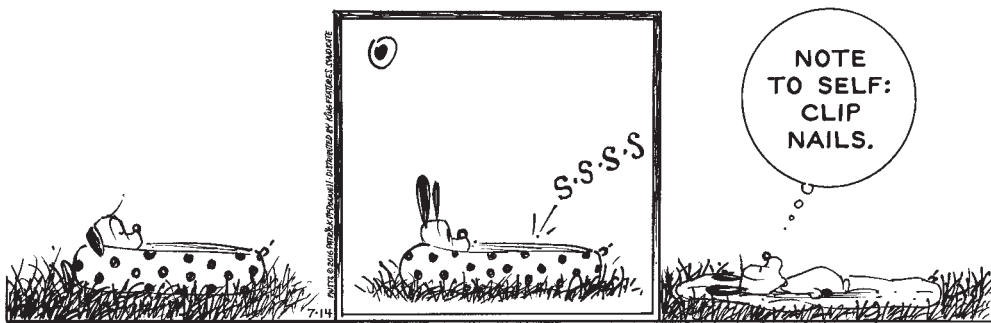
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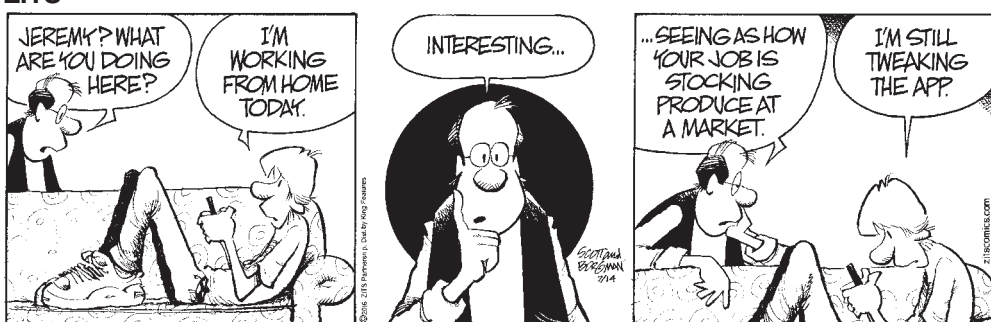
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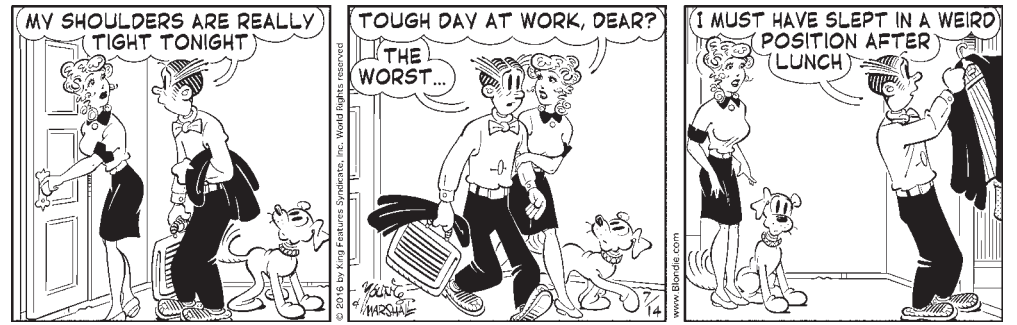
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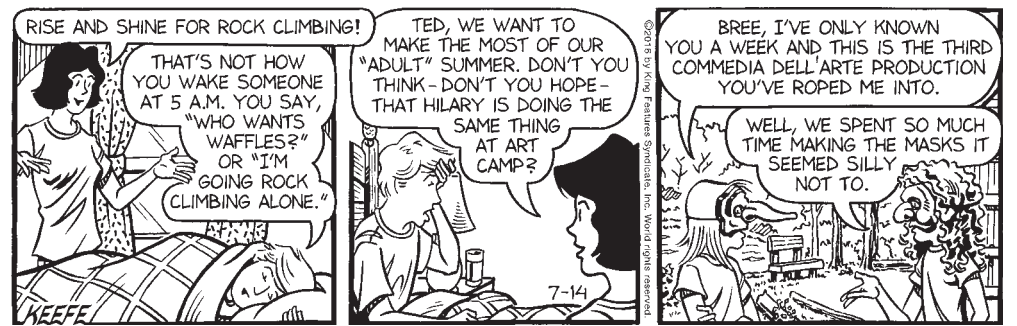
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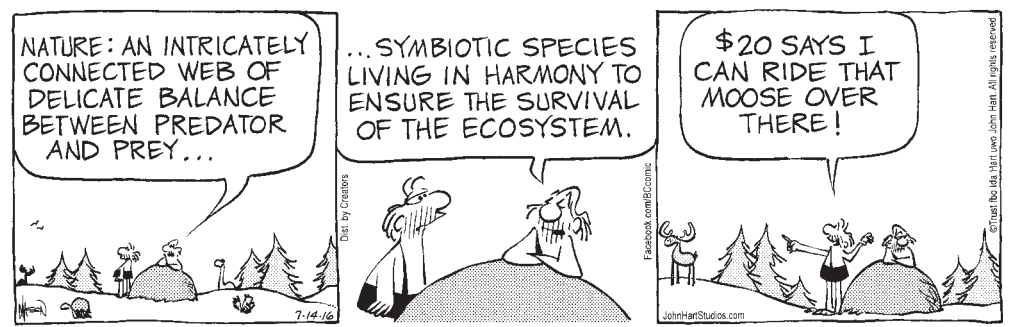
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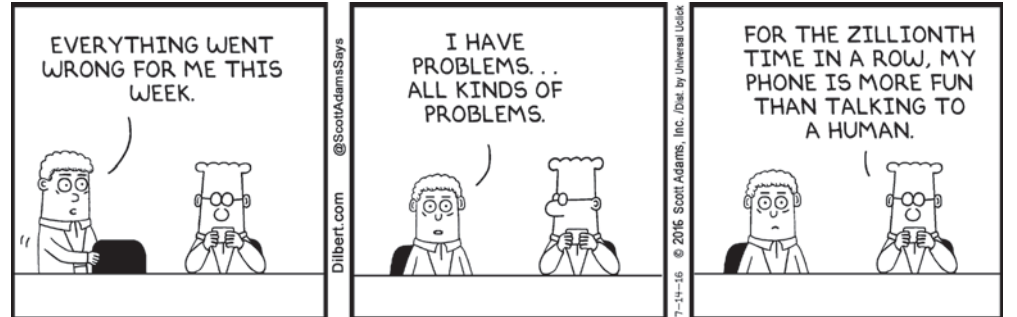
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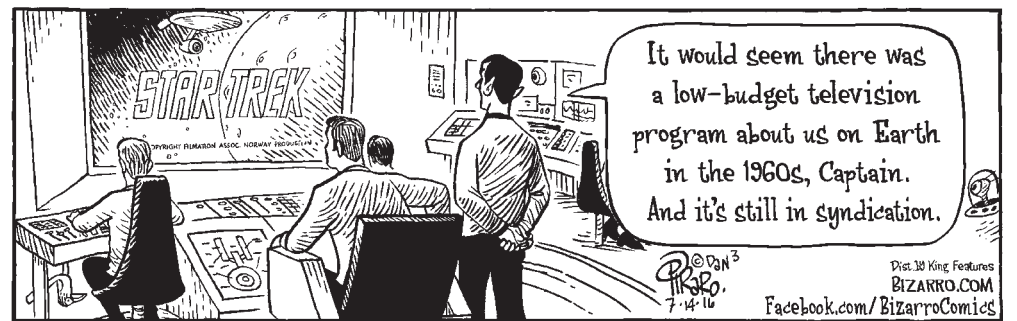
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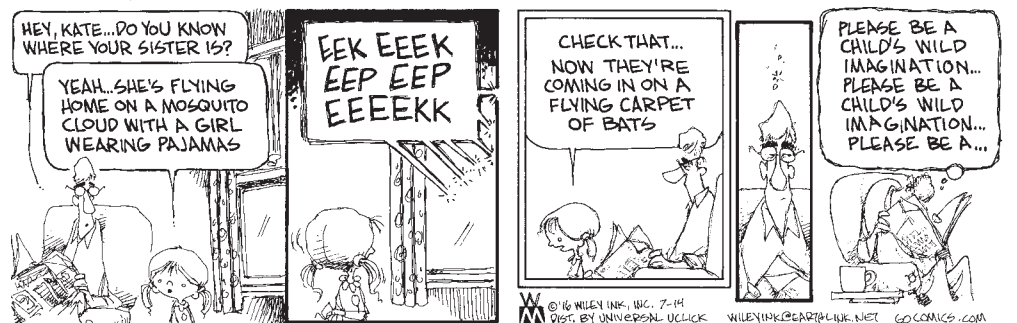
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