

# Dealing with rudeness

**Dear Annie:** We have a friend, "Larry," whom we socialize with and who is part of a tennis group that my husband is also part of. My husband has always loved cooking and is great at it. (More than once, friends have told him he ought to open a restaurant.) He has cooked for this tennis group — having been asked — on several occasions.

to any suggestions. I don't want to lose it and snap at this guy in front of all our friends. — *Sick of Fussy Larry*

**Dear Sick:** Larry sounds unbelievably spoiled. If it weren't so irritating, you'd almost have to laugh at the gall. Perhaps your husband could serve him some truth with a helping of humor: "Would you like a refund?" or "I'll pass your complaints along to the chef." This would bring Larry's attention to his rudeness without leaving a bad taste in anyone's mouth.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to the woman who wrote in about her daughter's showing up late for holiday dinners. Our family tradition when I was growing up (in the 1960s and '70s) was Thanksgiving with Dad's family and Christmas with Mom's family. We lived less than an hour from Mee-moo's house.

We found out years later

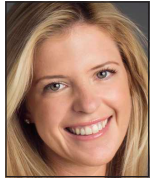
that they always told Dad that dinner was an hour earlier than it was really scheduled for because Dad had a tendency to make us late.

However, I agree with you. The person who is late is the rude person. When everyone is told that dinner will be at 4 p.m., the person who doesn't bother to arrive until 4:45 is being totally rude.

As they say in one of the "Star Trek" movies, "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Thirty people who are polite enough to show up on time have the right to start on time unless there is a very good reason for delaying. One person's deciding to be late without explanation is not a good reason. — *John*

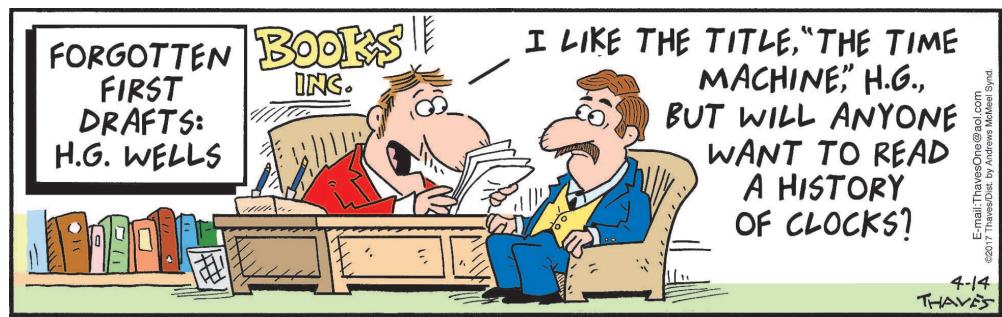
**Dear John:** When friends and family start lying to you about when you need to be at a place, you know you've got a bad case of chronic tardiness. Though I'm not one to condone lying as a solution in general, what your family did was a good way to adjust for your dad's own personal time zone.

**DEAR ANNIE**

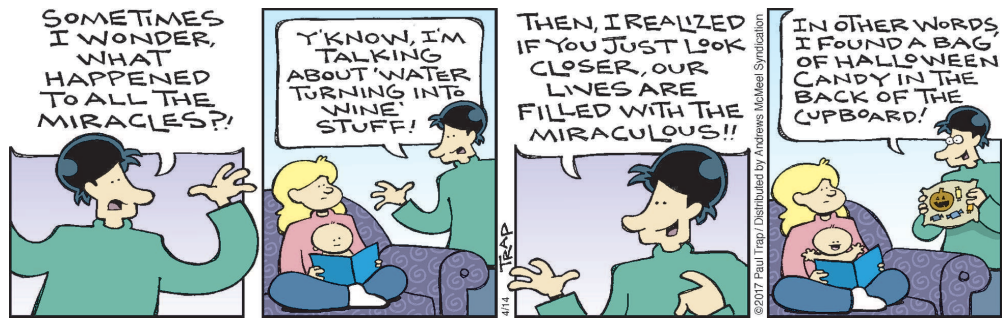


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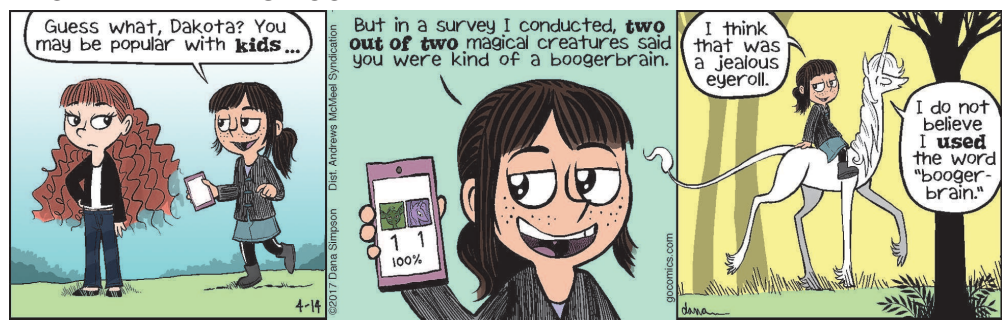
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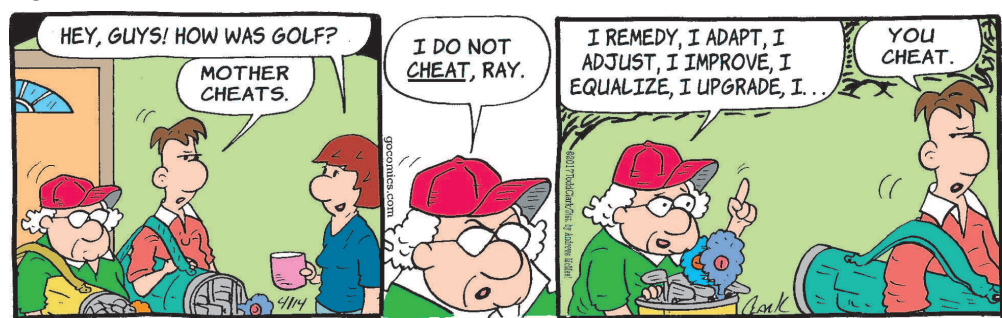
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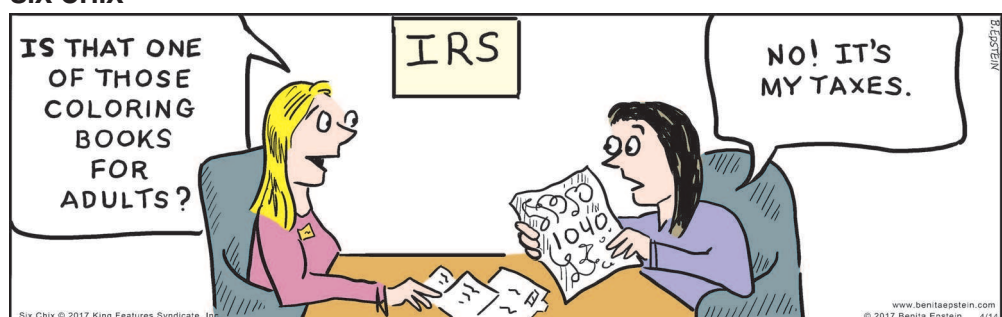
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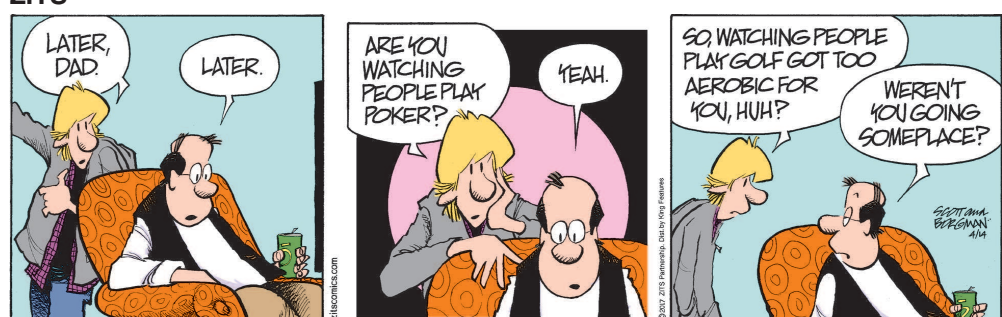
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**TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Relationships are more than what's at the center of the Venn diagram of two people coming together. The relationship is its own entity, a newborn cell that breaks off with a life of its own that neither party has control over.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Here's how this very successful and productive day will play out. Organize in the morning; adapt in the afternoon; claim what's yours in the evening; love all through.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You know how telling someone to "relax" usually creates the opposite effect? Well, the same will be true of telling yourself this. Instead, allow for, agree to and even invite the stressful energy. Once accepted, it will dissipate.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You didn't mean to tread on the tail of the tiger, and yet these things can happen; you're looking the other direction, the sleeping tiger's tail is right in the path. Mercifully, the tiger won't see you as a threat. No harm, no foul!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Active passivity is the mode to stay in. Be ready to act, but don't act until it's time. You're the outfielder. Pay attention and stay open. If you busy yourself unnecessarily, you won't be ready to catch the ball when it comes your way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There's no time to waste in wishing for things you don't have, and neither is there profit in striving. The gifts of the day come from working with what you have. Trade your deeds for compensation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your options will be different from before. Any move is a gamble — not a maneuver or a calculated risk, but a straight-up dice roll. You may as well have some

fun with this, as said dice are quite literally out of your hands.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Look and think ahead before you venture today. Clear the path of small obstacles and you'll roll right along with your plans. As Confucius said, "Men do not stumble over mountains but molehills."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** No one likes to be corrected. However, the wise see the great value in learning of the error and are more likely to reach the error-free, zone while the foolish waste time arguing for the rightness of their mistakes.

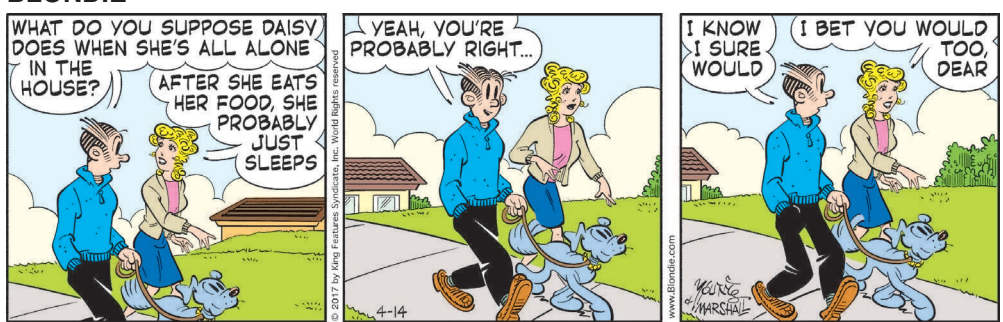
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll work on matters to improve daily life, including little shifts in organization, timing and the placement of objects in your home. Small changes brighten big.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** "Alea iacta est," said Julius Caesar as he led his army across the Rubicon river. Translation: "The die is cast." You're in a similar position with your squad today. You've embarked and now you just have to see how it plays out.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You hate to be the alarm clock, but you need the participation of the fully awake. Sound the bell. It will be easier to rouse a snoring person than the walking, talking person convinced that he's already awake.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 15).** Love in abundance! May puts you in an advantaged position; it won't always be the case. Show generosity to the other side. After months of hard work and quiet observation you'll get the chance to reveal a bit of your noble genius to the world in September. July and November are your luckiest financial months. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 3, 33 and 1.

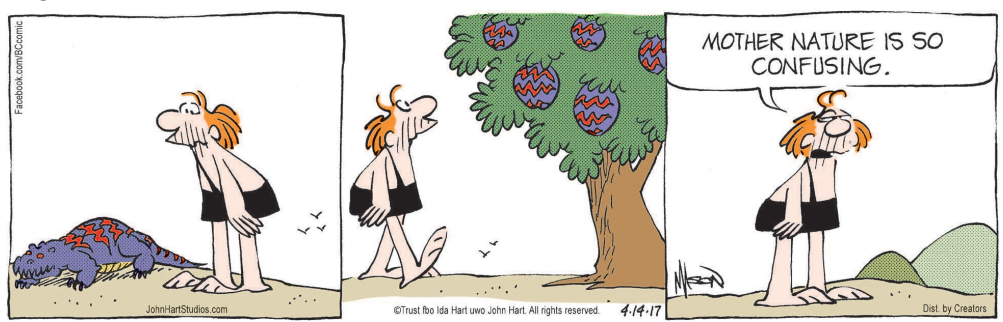
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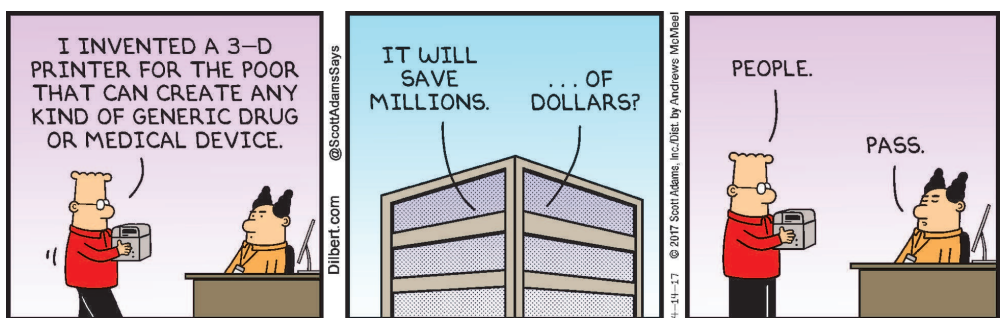
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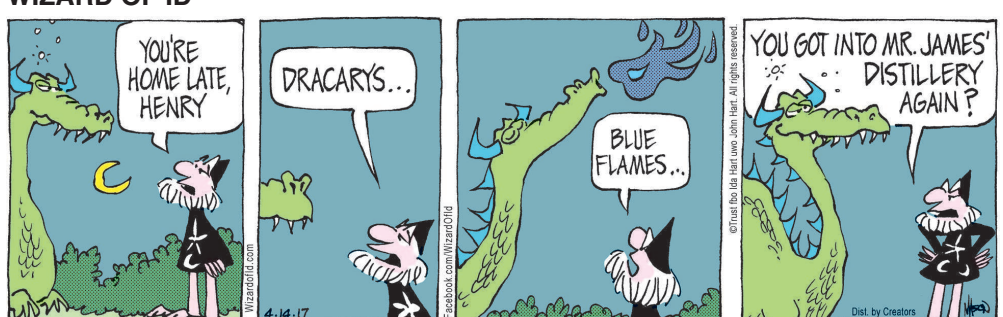
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