

Troublesome co-worker

Dear Annie: I'm having issues with my co-worker. I am maybe three or four years older than she is. This is her first job, but she has been here for two or three years. I have had many jobs previously, and I have been here for about a year now. She is a woman who has that "anything you can do I can do better" attitude toward men and does the hardest jobs to prove herself.

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for us to do our jobs. If I go to the break room, the smoking area or the bathroom at the same time she does, she will straight up book it out of there, not looking at me, not speaking to me. I have no idea why!

She calls our supervisor to complain about me. Now I am careful about what I say and how I say it. I am always nice to her and friendly. She has called managers, in front of me, to ask them to tell me to do a task that I clearly was about to do already.

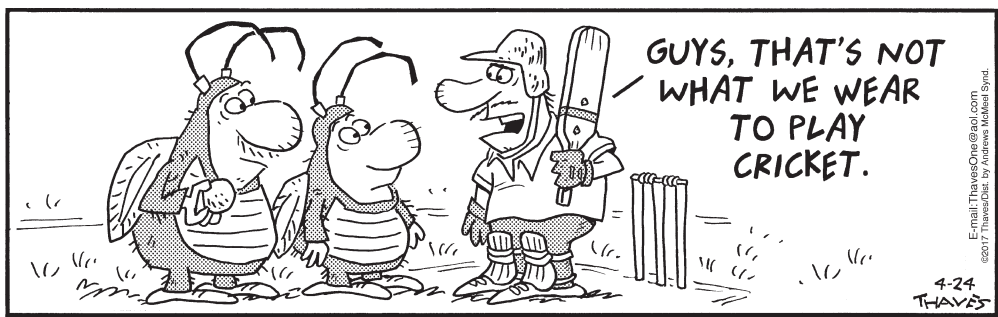
I've told her a few times that she could just radio me instead of going through the extra step of having the supervisor tell me. She says she will talk to me directly next time. An hour later, I get a call to the office, and the managers say she came in to complain about my "confronting" her. It's in no way a confrontation. I wish they would call us both up

so we could talk it out in the office.

I don't know why she is doing stuff like this to me. Every time I try to talk to her, she gives me a curt answer and takes off. Nothing gets done, and this trying to get me in trouble thing she's on now is ridiculous. One of my supervisors gets it, and I know he knows this is happening. The other, I think, may be more on her side. I am going to leave this job soon for other reasons, but any advice on what I can do here? — *What Did I Do?*

Dear WDID: This woman can point her finger only so many times before the higher-ups notice that the rest of her fingers are pointed back at herself. You might speak to the human resources department and ask for some mediation and guidance. But if you're leaving soon anyway, keep your head down and work hard. Ignore her antics. And give a professional but frank assessment of her in your exit interview.

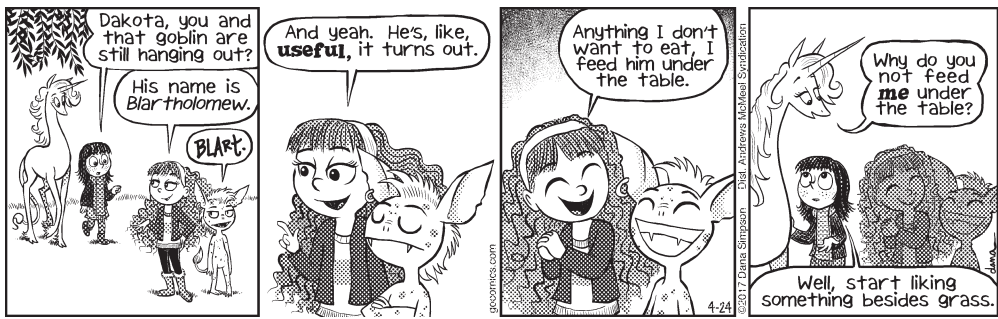
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). A lot of the work that relationships require will have to do with being tolerant and understanding that the other person's brain works differently from yours. Be patient with those differences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Earning won't be a problem for you, but your spending style could be. Expensive tastes are the reason. Delay your gratification until you can truly afford it and you'll suddenly feel rich.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are fundamental differences between you and a partner, but none of it needs to hinder the relationship's progress — quite the opposite, in fact. You're your teamwork will be made stronger for your varied strengths.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Does a seashell know sacred geometry; a flower, perfect symmetry? Beauty will fall perfectly into place because nature is elegant that way. All you have to do is let things unfold naturally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Success will come as you observe your world and use what you find. Don't worry; you can be original and still utilize what's common. (It's too costly and time-consuming to invent everything you need!)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Long stretches of peace and quiet are a rarity now, but if you can make this happen even for an hour you'll be healthier and more productive for the effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your winning mindset is unstoppable, though some will try to stop you. The games you choose are hard enough on their own without teammates dragging you down. Seek supportive company wherever possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The mental chatter will distract you from your goals if you let it. First of all, a lot of it is static you don't need and shouldn't put much stock in. If you can't separate the noise from the message, disregard both. Hard work is the answer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When things seem to get a little too ordinary, you feel genuinely out of place. True, you were meant for the extraordinary, and in today's case it's up to you to create the transformation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are nature. When you interact in the untamed realms, you get back to your animal self. Interacting in nature will restore, energize and change you for the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're lucky to know what will make you happy and pursue it: Many do not have this kind of happiness compass. Just be aware that the magnetism of "happiness" will move for you like the magnetic poles do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't be too worried about the disapproval of others. A little conflict will spice up the scene. On a related note, adrenaline is good for romance, maybe even essential.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 25). The criterion you use to choose your work will greatly impact your happiness, since work will get the best of your energy over the next 10 weeks. It's the ones you serve and care for who define your summer months. Children wrap around your heart in June. There's a performance test in September. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 15, 3, 38 and 41.

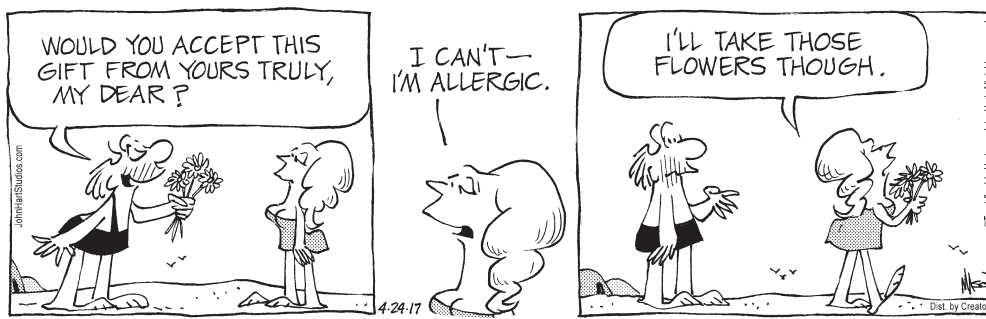
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