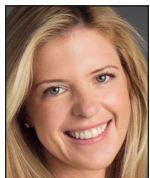


# His wife wants out

**Dear Annie:** Six weeks ago, my wife of 14 years and the mother of my two kids told me that our marriage is over. She said that for the past several years, we've been growing apart. She is not willing to see a marriage counselor because she is already at peace with this decision. This revelation blindsided me.

**DEAR ANNIE**



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I started working from the house five years ago so I could be more involved with the kids and to help my wife focus more on her career. I have also managed to make a good income. While I have been working from home, my wife has been excelling in her career. She recently received a promotion and a raise.

The past few weeks have been a challenge. We want to try to shelter the kids for as long as possible. We're still living in the same house, but I'm sleeping in the spare room. She agreed to give this a try for six months. Originally, I had hoped that if I stayed in the house, my wife might see some tiny spark of

what we had and decide that it's worth fighting for. But recently, she said that I need to accept that it's over. She is no longer wearing her wedding ring, yet she still expects me to play my part when it comes to interactions with our friends.

I still love my wife and would do anything to save our marriage, but living with her without truly living with her may be more than I can take. Is it better for our kids if I continue to live a lie and just suffer in silence? — *Trying to Save My Marriage*

**Dear Trying:** I'm so sorry you're going through this. The torrent of emotions you're experiencing is too much for any person to process alone. Although your wife isn't willing to go to counseling, I urge you to seek some form of counseling on your own.

Children can sense when things are wrong, so you aren't doing them any favors by "suffering in silence." The best thing you can do for them is to focus first and foremost on your own

mental health during this time of immense stress.

**Dear Annie:** I read your column regularly. But I question your response to "Heartbroken Mom," the very unhappy new mother who has gone back to work. Twelve weeks is hardly enough time for a mom to recover after giving birth. As a seasoned grandmother, I say that six months of recovery time would be about right.

This young sweet mother is probably experiencing some serious after-birth depression. She needs to see her doctor ASAP. Please, Annie, send her some additional advice! — *Joan AFF*

**Dear Joan:** "Heartbroken Mom" isn't experiencing postpartum depression; rather, she's frustrated that going back to work has meant missing out on precious moments with her daughter. However, I hear your concern. I would urge any new mothers who are feeling depressed to talk to their doctors immediately. Postpartum depression affects more than 1 in 10 women and is dangerous if left untreated.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your mind will wander, as is the nature of minds. Though you shouldn't always concern yourself with where it goes, or take random thoughts seriously, you'll benefit from investigating tonight's thought patterns.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you try to manage your own behavior like a boss trying to control the staff through micromanagement, you'll be met with irritation, resentment and backbiting. It's a day for kind, gentle and tolerant self-care.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Some you will have to entertain. Your favorites, though, will be those self-entertaining types who will come up with a lot of interesting work and/or fun when you ask, "What do you want to do now?"

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Possessions are not inherently precious to you, but you make them precious through your associations. Others don't feel the same. Differing views about money and the material world will need to be worked out today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** People are more fragile than they seem. You know to be gentle with the young and the old, but you don't stop there. Your kind attention toward those who seem tough and able may be where your care does the most good today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're naturally self-controlled, polite without effort and inclined to listen to the opinions and stories of others with a level of attention that makes them feel seen and accepted.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Looking back years from now, your time will be far more memorable and meaningful if you spend it on an adventure than on the regular same ol', same ol'. It may cost a little more and be slightly inconvenient, but

don't let that stop you!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It turns out that you don't need as much as you thought you would. Bonus: It's easy to let it go. Even if your generosity is foolish, it's so important for you to give. The ultimate benefactor will, of course, be you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have a gift for exploring the interests of others while still remaining true to yourself. This talent will broaden you even further today, and you'll be surprised at how you can apply what you learn.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** A craving can seem like a curse that wears down your resistance to temptation for things that aren't the best for you. However, there's also a message in a craving about a deeper need. Search for the root meaning of it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Often even a terrible situation can be made far less so by the slightest amount of levity. Taking things too seriously usually makes them worse. Only the light can drive out darkness.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you think too far ahead you might freak yourself out, especially in matters of relationships. Take it slow. One day at a time may be too fast. One hour at a time is better.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 20).** Gather souvenirs, because you'll want to remember this happy time! Your world will get more vivid, as fresh experiences open your eyes to color and nuance. Schooling will be involved, as well as the influence of younger people and technology. Love starts with simple courtesy and respect and will grow from there. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 45, 13, 2 and 49.

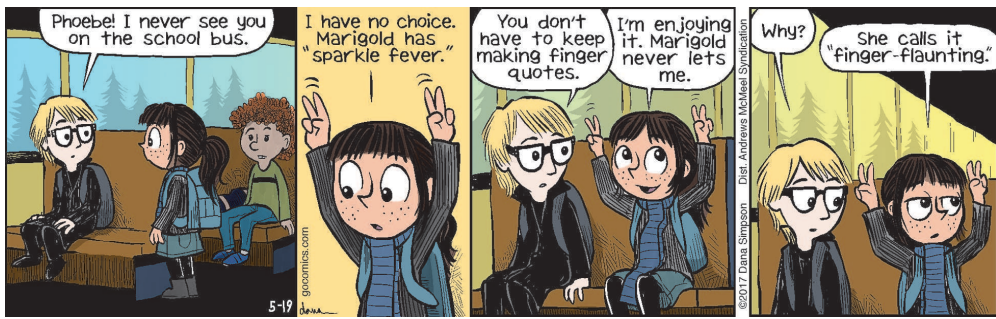
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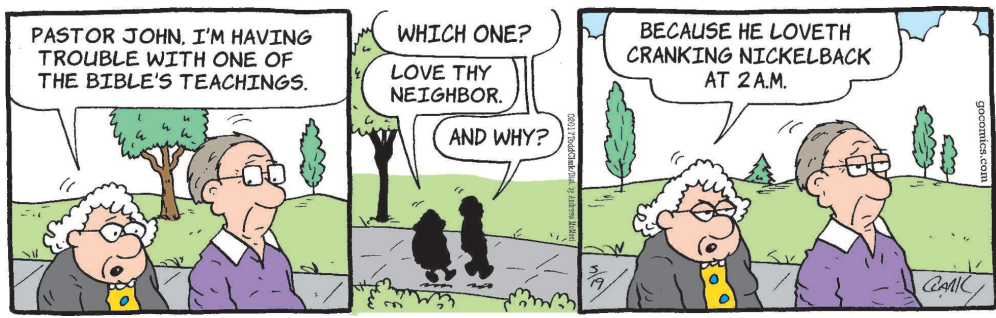
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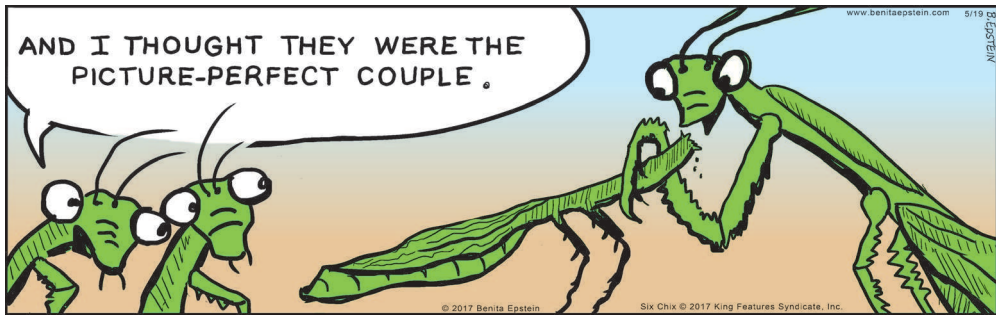
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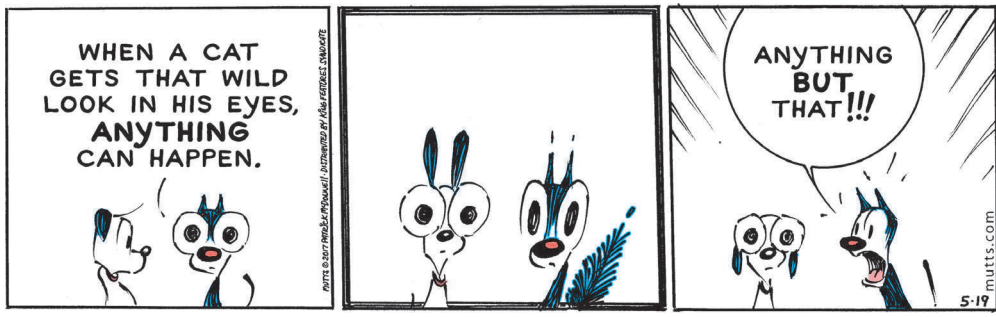
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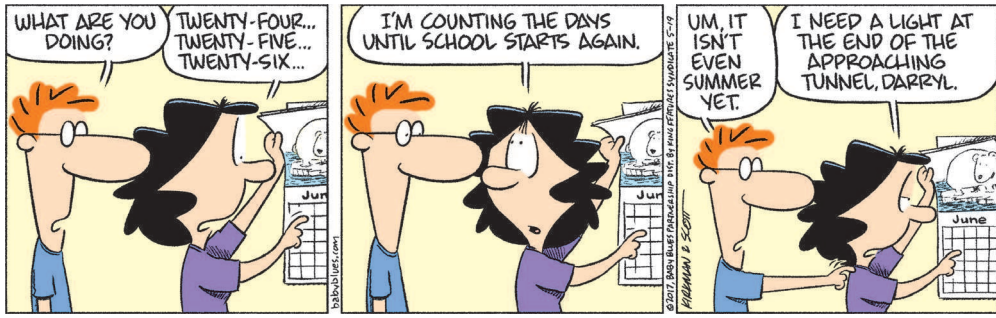
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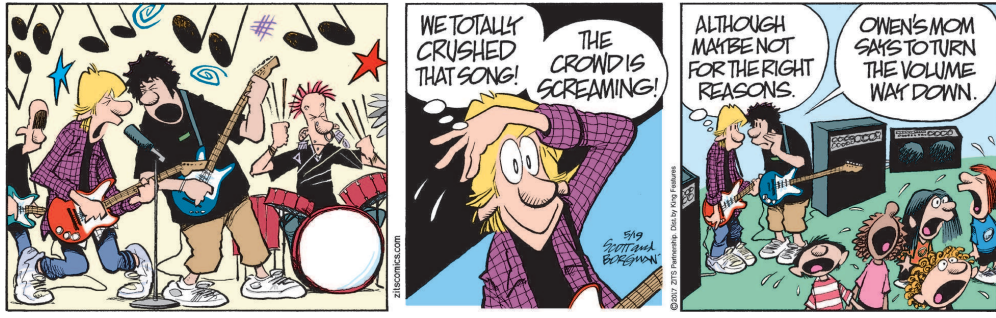
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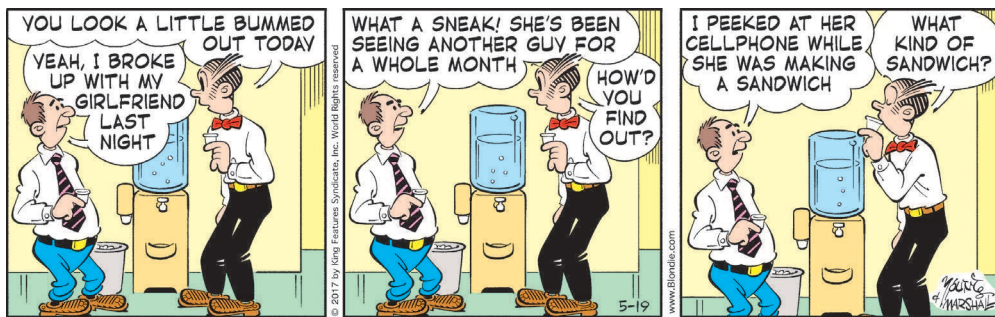
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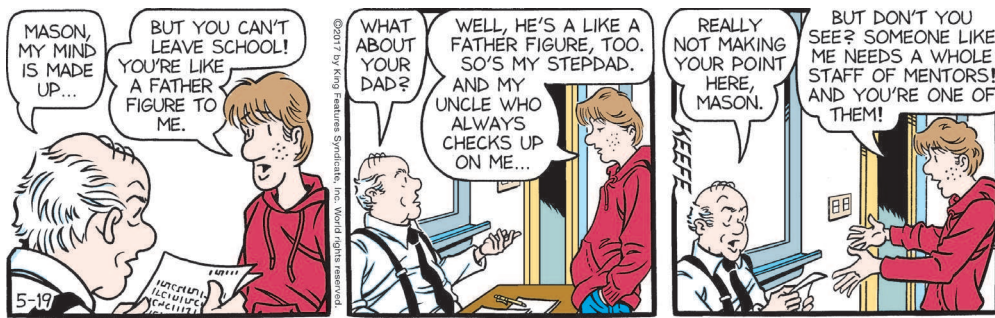
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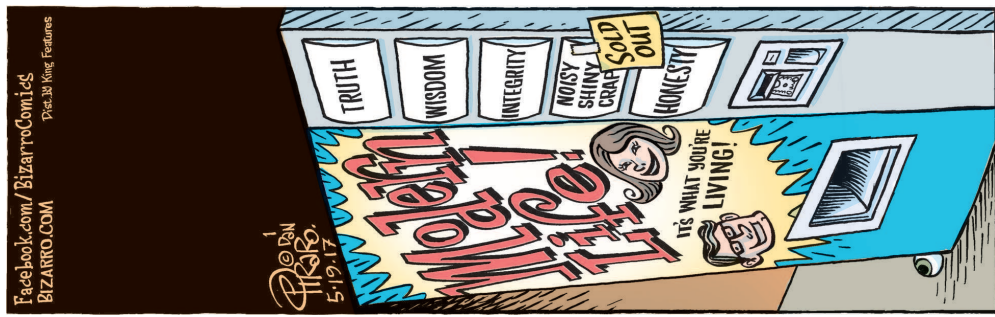
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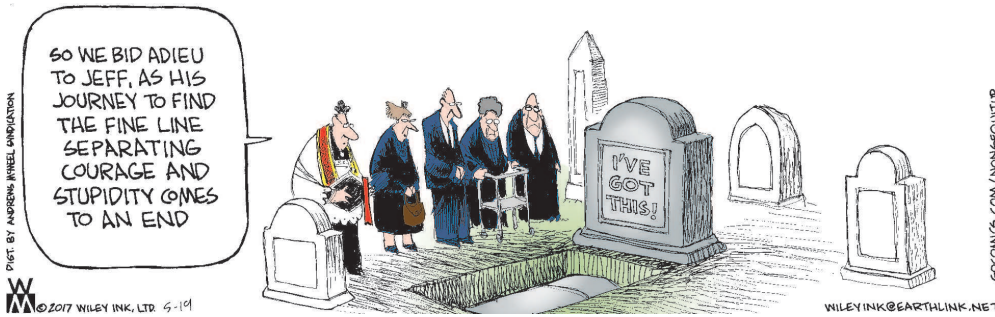
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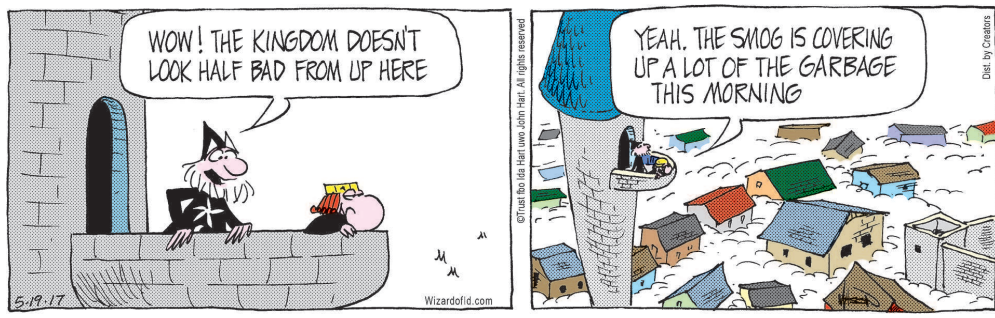
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