

# Seems like a roadblock

**Dear Annie:** I'm feeling stuck. Recently, my boyfriend of two years and I have been looking at new places to move into together. It's been an exciting time, and I keep daydreaming of our future — marriage, kids, nesting, chore charts, the whole thing. However, a wrench has been thrown into our plans. An old co-worker let him know about a great job — 1,000 miles away. He's really interested in the position, and he's been looking for new work for a while now, but an offer, if it were to happen, wouldn't come in for a few months. In the meantime, it feels silly to keep looking for new places to live, especially because we would most likely have a yearlong lease. But it also feels silly to stop. Neither of us wants to put all our eggs in one basket (this new job). I know life's not perfect, and there will always be uncertainty, but, Annie, how do I keep moving forward when I feel as if there's a roadblock in

## DEAR ANNIE



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my path? — *Stuck in Santa Fe*  
**Dear Stuck:** Though you two might not be moving yet, you are progressing. Keep focusing on the possibilities and you'll solidify the foundation for the life you'll build together. It's also a great time to study up on couples communication skills, which will come in handy when sharing close quarters. Though I understand why you'd like to get an apartment together now, it's not as if you two are stalling for no good reason. Hang tight and wait to hear about the job (if you're comfortable relocating — and that in itself might be a whole other letter).  
**Dear Annie:** We live full time in a pretty pool home on a canal in Florida. Especially in winter, everyone wants to stay at our home. Our family comes first, and we welcome family members to our home. We have many friends who call and request a stay at our home, as well, or intimate that they are in the area; they might

as well invite themselves. Many of these people have stayed at our home repeatedly. I end up doing most of the cooking, cleaning and serving. My husband is not a big help and only grills. As I've gotten older, this has become a burden upon me physically and become mentally stressful. Attending to others' dietary needs and pets can also be difficult. If we say that we are busy, they try to talk us into a visit or put a guilt trip on us. How can I find a method to say "no" while keeping my friends? — *Crowded Canal*  
**Dear Crowded Canal:** People who stop talking to you because they couldn't stay with you were never real friends to begin with. Rest assured that your true friends will understand and respect your boundaries. It's perfectly reasonable that you would like the space to yourself, especially as company has begun to feel like a mental and physical burden. So take the plunge. Try out saying the word "no" — and no apologies necessary. I wager it will get easier with time.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It just doesn't seem fair that some people should be allowed the freedom to do as they please and express themselves openly and others have to work and be appropriate all the time. That's why you'll make a change.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Among the artifacts that you possess is one that, while not obviously valuable, is precious and irreplaceable. Why not display it as the treasure it is to you? Today will bring the inspiration and means to do so.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Appreciate your current status even as you wish for something new. Change will happen soon enough. But of course the life you wish for will come with its own set of new problems.  
**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Juicy information is difficult to keep quiet. Much success in restraint will be attributed to delaying your response to things, holding off your decision, waiting to send the email and the like.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Centuries ago, new shoes were a much bigger deal to acquire. And today, even though you own several pairs of them, the thrill is still real. Upgrades that happen below the knee will lift your whole mood.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** They won't care about all that goes into the result — not today anyway. They want what they want when they want it. Use this to your advantage. Don't set your price based on what things cost; set it based on what people will pay.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** As far as you're concerned, laughter and love go together. When they laugh, they show understanding and demonstrate their alliance. The one who can make you laugh will have your heart.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're open-minded and flexible enough to use what you've learned in many applications. However, what you need now is very specific. Only take advice from those who have done the thing you want to do.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There's a social pattern that occurs: You give more and they take more; you withdraw and they give more. If you're conscious of it, it feels like a game. Someone will come along to shake up the dynamic.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The work itself won't get any easier, but you'll get better at it, and therefore it will be easier to you. This is the preferred way. You'd rather grow in skill and strength than have the rest of the world shrink.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Some things need nurturing to grow, but what you're dealing with now is like a wildflower that pops up where it pleases — the side of the freeway, through the cracks of cement. ... It will thrive on its own volition.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Human eyes are limited. We have but two, and they are not nearly as keen as the eyes of some other creatures. But we can also try to see with our hearts, which will make all of the difference.  
**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (March 31).** There is little more satisfying than realizing your potential. You guessed at what you could do, and this solar return shows you surpassing the guess. The hope and kindness you extend through the summer will make a difference in someone's life. You'll triple your money with the financial opportunity in July. Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 11, 4 and 18.

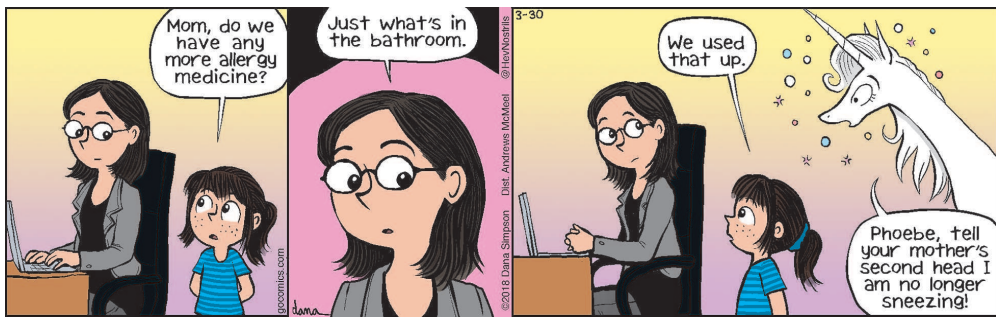
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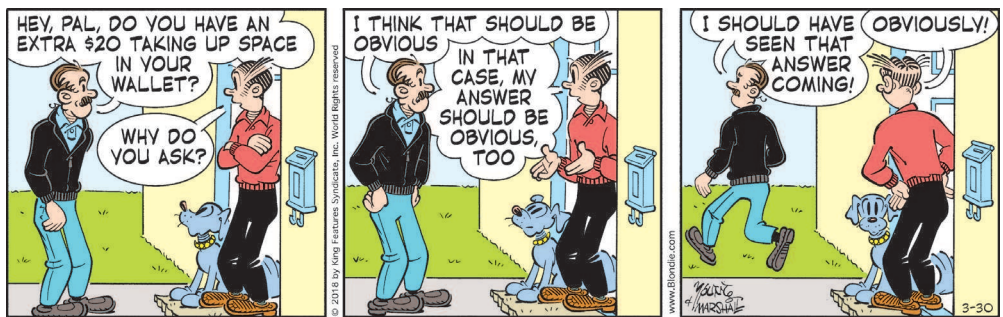
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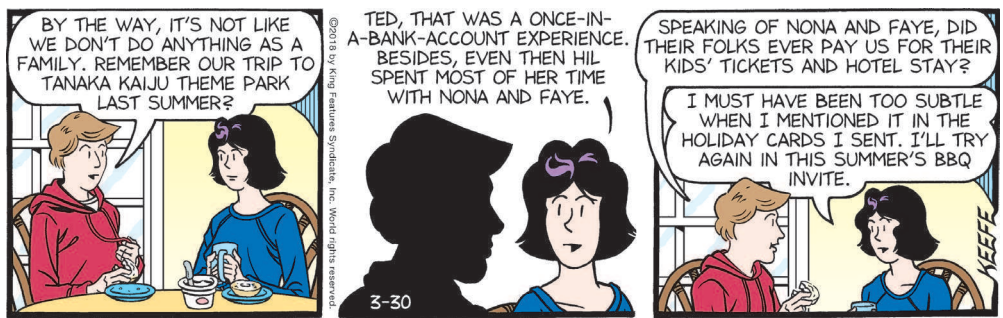
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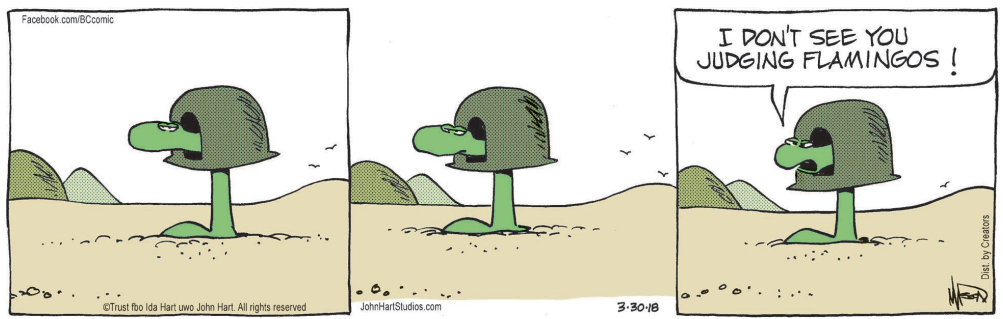
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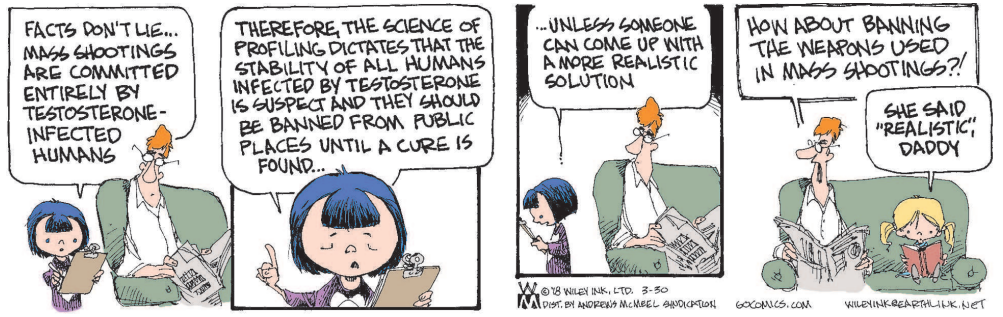
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