

# Superheroes a deal breaker?

**Dear Annie:** I've been seeing this woman for about a month. She is beautiful and smart and thinks I'm funny, which is a plus. It's been getting more serious. But recently, when we were trying to decide which movie to see, some new info came to light. It turns out she hates superhero movies and comic books. This is a total turnoff to me, to the point that I now think this relationship may be doomed. I just see it as sort of a litmus test for personal compatibility. Should I end things now before I get deeper, or am I being petty? — *Marvel Mega-Fan*

## DEAR ANNIE



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**Dear Marvel Mega-Fan:** Tastes don't make or break a relationship. It can definitely help to have shared hobbies, but shared hobbies alone can't form the bedrock of a serious romantic relationship. Shared values do. And mutual respect. And oh, yes, love. All that is to say yes, it does seem a bit petty to me to break up with her over this, but deal breakers are in the eye of the holder. Plus, this sort of thing is also a self-fulfilling prophecy. This relationship may now be doomed, but only because you've decided it may

be, not because she doesn't like Spider-Man.

**Dear Annie:** What is the proper amount to tip a hairdresser? When I was growing up, 15 or even 10 percent seemed customary. Recently, I saw something in a magazine that said I should be tipping my hairdresser 20 percent and tipping the shampoo girl or boy (if there is one) an additional \$5! I get my hair done once a month, so that would really start to add up. But of course, I'd certainly hate to be rude. What is the etiquette? — *Salon-Goer in Shreveport*

**Dear Salon-Goer:** Twenty percent is a fair tip for someone with whom you're entrusting your crowning glory. As for tipping assistants, proffering at least a small tip is usually appropriate, especially if they've been more hands-on.

**Dear Annie:** I must address the letter from the Vietnam veteran who will not call for help. First, he should not give up. The Veterans Crisis Line (<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>) is 800-273-8255. In 2016, 58.1 percent of veteran suicides were among veterans 55 or older. Depending on where the

veteran lives, his county may have a veterans service office he could visit or contact. He more than likely has a Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and American Legion organization near him that could provide more resources. These groups serve veterans of all eras, and he could find people with whom he can relate. And bring the buddies! Please offer these options to him. — *Wife of a Vietnam Veteran*

**Dear Wife of a Vietnam Veteran:** Thank you so much for this wealth of information.

**Dear Annie:** I participated in your study about children. (I was one of the 77 percent of readers who are glad they had kids.) It was a very good and valuable study. One of the respondents said to "trust your gut," and you reported that people were mostly happy with their decisions, which was heartening. One of my daughters wants children, and my other one and her husband have decided not to have them. I wondered, given my thinking and experience, whether the one who is not having kids is setting herself up for disappointment in later life, and knowing that this is not likely is encouraging to me regarding her happiness. — *Phil N.*

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're not going to change things by arguing with reality or fighting what's going on here. This is what's happening. Accept it, and then get to work building the new reality that renders this one obsolete.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Love's healing power is immeasurable. Though, because it also can't be bottled, it's rather easy to forget to take. You need love. Double your dosage.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You have goals that you don't know how to forward. The first step is to understand better where you are and where you're going. Thought energy can flow to and through you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When it's hard to be strong, you might be focusing on the things that are making you feel weary instead of focusing on what you want. Your strength grows in direct relation to your desire.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Liking a person a lot has consequences. It means you'll probably be communicating more and spending time together, and there's a learning curve to consider among other things. How will you make it work? Automatically. Inevitably.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** If a purpose is right, it must be pursued, regardless of the odds of success. This is a theme in every action movie you've ever seen, and it's a theme in your life lately, too.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** To know what's worth doing is a wisdom that not everyone has. People around you may be confused or inexperienced in this regard and you can help them out. Keep it light and friendly.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If your house is untidy, it's probably because you're living so much life lately that it's challenging to keep up with. Take it as a good sign, and then devote some time to catching up with yourself in all the ways that matter to you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** This day will either become a fond memory or it will be forgotten. Much depends on whether you choose to do the daring or new thing (which will be memorable) or to stay forgettably comfortable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Wishes cannot change the facts. That's how we know they are facts; they're stubbornly impervious to influence. And though you can't change facts, you can find more pleasant facts to focus on.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** We come in and out of this world the same way — powerless. In between those points, power ebbs and flows, cyclically. Nurture others when you have the influence to do it, and then let them go, knowing everything has a season.

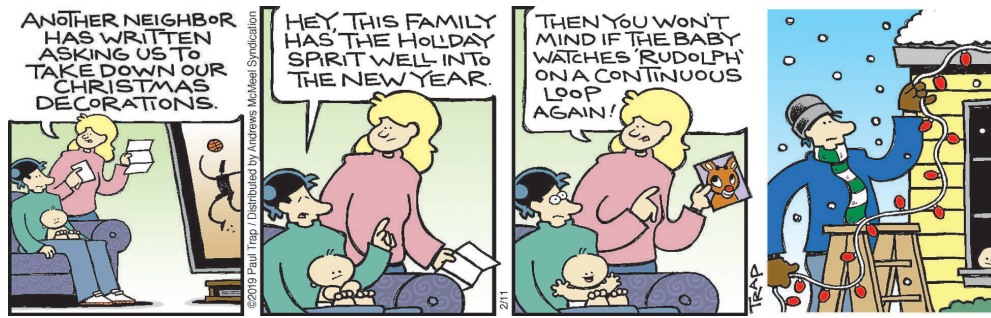
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Much depends on what sort of fight it is, how close you are to winning and what's at stake. The important thing is that you have more than one option to consider.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 12).** You reconnect with your telepathic nature in the months to come, relying less on words and instead letting your heart do the communicating. Relationships heal. Your path sorts itself out before you. You let go of a tendency to worry and are filled with peace. June's big project reflects your lighter state of being. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 29, 15 and 42.

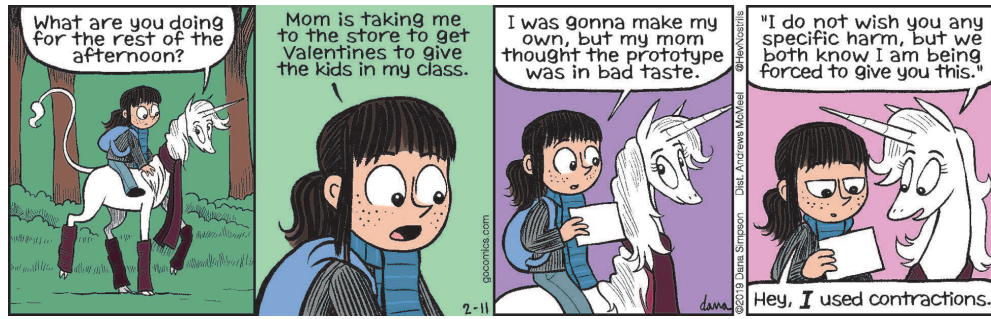
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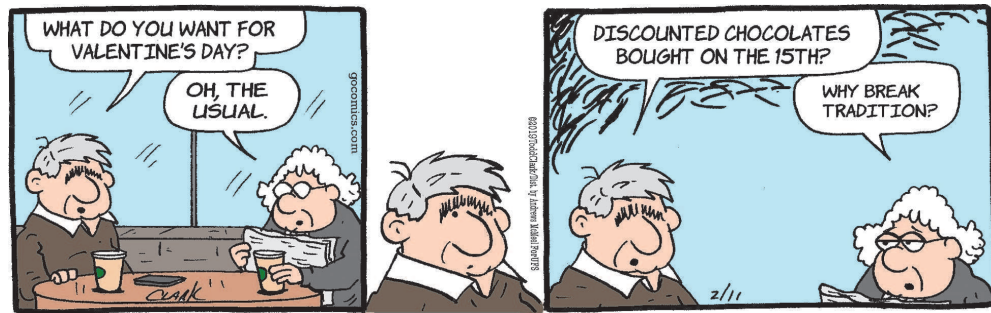
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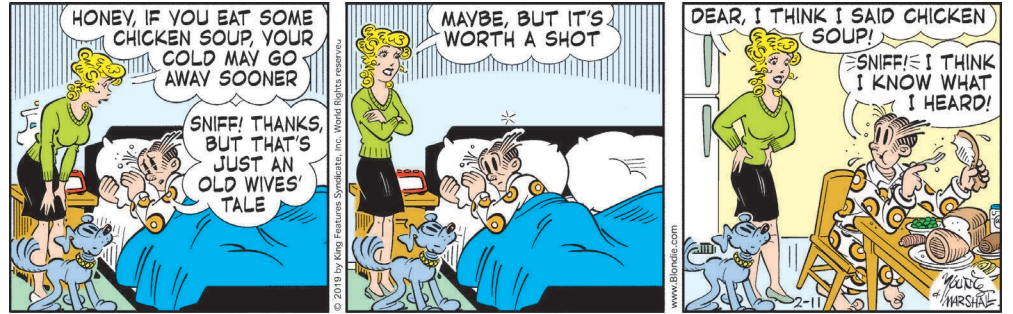
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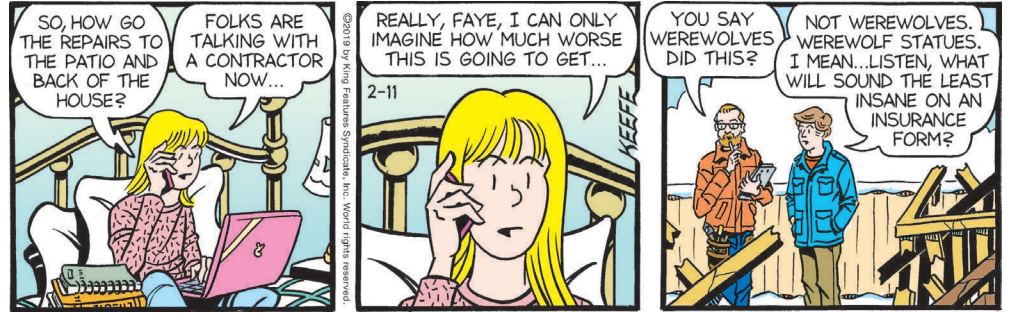
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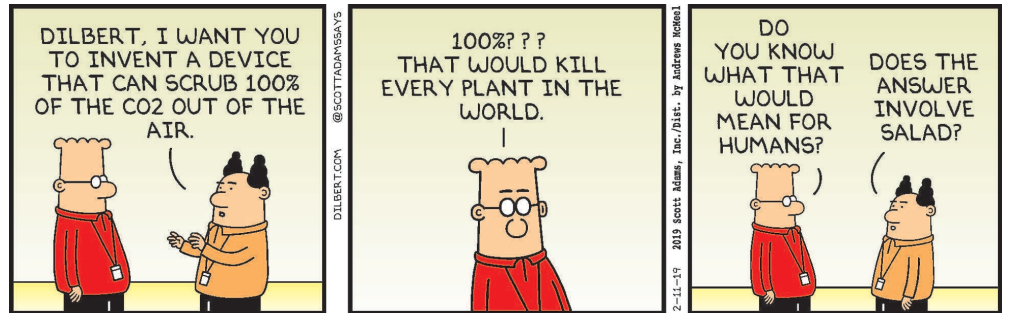
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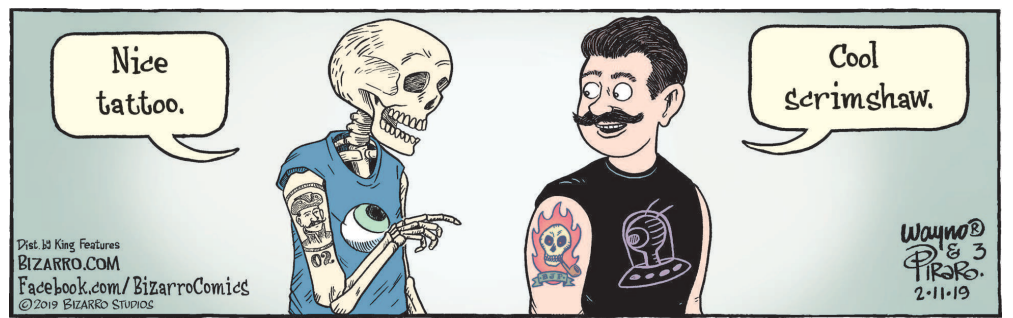
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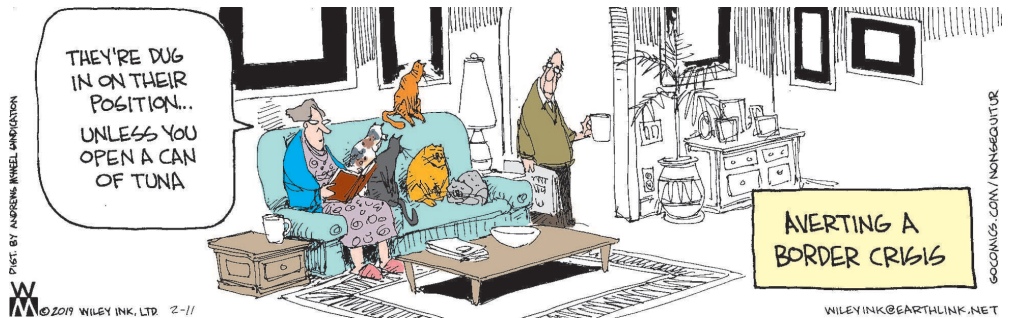
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