

Unnerved by online infidelity

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for more than 50 years. We have had a great life together, sharing a lot of the same interests.

DEAR ANNIE



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We had a great friendship with another couple. Several years ago, the husband caught my husband and his wife sexting each other. I do believe it was a one-time thing, as she was drinking and the circumstances pointed to being a one-night thing. I wanted to forgive and forget, as she was a really great friend. However, her husband insisted that we have no further contact with each other.

We have another friend who is a single mom with two grown children. They live a couple of hundred miles from us. For some reason, she started texting my husband about issues she has had with her children. Over the years, they have continued to text each other, but it is getting more and more frequent. One time I looked at his text messages, and she was sending him pictures of herself. She is beautiful and younger. I told him that I was not comfortable with all the texting and the pictures she sends. Since then, I have found them texting a lot more. I confronted her, and she said that my husband is her best friend and a big support system to her. She has a lot of issues with her grown children. I told my husband that I did not have an issue with their friendship, but my issue is his keeping it from me.

I asked that he tell me about her texting, and what's going on. He agreed. But nothing has changed. I knew they were still texting, and he wasn't saying anything to me, so I tried to check his messages from his computer, but he changed the password. When I asked him what his new password was, he gave

me a number, but when I have tried it, it doesn't work. So I have gone behind his back and checked his messages on his phone and have found that they pretty much text daily. He has not said a word to me about it. And I have noticed at times that he deletes her messages but not any-one else's, so I am feeling he is trying to hide them from me. I have yet to confront him with this. Am I being stupid about this or should I be concerned? His lying is what bothers me about this whole situation. —*Disgruntled Wife*

Dear Disgruntled Wife: The first time you caught your husband sexting another woman should have called for some serious relationship repairs. Not just sweeping it under the rug as a one-time thing. That behavior is unacceptable, and if you're going to stay married to him, then some serious counseling should be done.

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. Your husband is lying to you and keeping secrets about his correspondence with another woman. Kindly tell this woman that she needs to find a professional therapist to help her with her grown children problems, and she needs to stay away from your husband.

Your husband has lied to you many times, and his behavior points to him knowing better. Otherwise, he wouldn't feel the need to delete these messages. It is not unreasonable for you to ask him for honesty and openness in his communication. It is time to go into marriage counseling and have your husband come clean. You sound like too kind of a woman to be lied to and taken for granted. It is time to stick up for yourself and tell him no more, once and for all.

Oregon film studio wins its first Golden Globe for 'Missing Link'

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"Frozen?" "Toy Story?" "The Lion King?"

Not Sunday night. The Golden Globe for best animated movie went to tiny Hillsboro film studio Laika for its latest feature, "Missing Link," which beat out all those Hollywood blockbusters.

"I'm flabbergasted," director and writer Chris Butler exclaimed as he reached the stage to collect the award. He thanked the 450 animators and craftspeople who made the film in the Hillsboro warehouse where Laika makes its movies, then singled out studio CEO Travis Knight "for making this possible."

Sunday's upset win is a major piece of redemption for "Missing Link," which was warmly reviewed but collected just \$26 million at the worldwide box office — well below a budget that was likely north of \$60 million, and by far the worst performance of any Laika film.

As with Laika's other films, though, "Missing Link" was beloved by animation enthusiasts for its distinctive, handcrafted look.

Hollywood trade publications rated Laika's win among the night's big surprises, but maybe it shouldn't have been.

The other nominees in the animation category were all retreads — "Frozen 2," "Toy Story 4," Disney's "The Lion King" remake and the third film in the "How to Train Your Dragon" franchise. "Missing Link," by contrast, was an original, offbeat idea.

Released last April, "Missing Link" featured the A-list voices of Hollywood stars Hugh Jackman, Zach Galifianakis, Emma



'Missing Link' writer and director Chris Butler and producer Arianne Sutner accept the Golden Globe for best animated movie.



Laika Studios

Sir Lionel Frost, left, voiced by Hugh Jackman and Mr. Link, right, voiced by Zach Galifianakis in director Chris Butler's 'Missing Link,' a Laika Studios Production and Annapurna Pictures release.

Thompson and Zoe Saldana. It's the tale of a 19th century explorer who comes across Bigfoot in the Pacific Northwest, then accompanies the creature to the Himalayas in search of family. "Missing Link" is now available to stream on Hulu or rent on Amazon for \$3.99.

"We try to tell more irreverent stories, try to do things other studios wouldn't do," Butler told entertainment reporters at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

"Walking around our studio is like walking around Santa's workshop, all kinds of artists."

In an age of computer-generated effects, Laika is among a handful of studios worldwide specializing in an old-fashioned technique called stop-motion animation. The Oregon studio's animators painstakingly manipulate puppets one frame at a time to simulate motion.

Undeterred by its modest showing at the box office,

Laika has been running a full-tilt promotional campaign for "Missing Link" in the run-up to awards season.

Ads for the film appeared regularly on the websites of the major Hollywood trade publications in recent weeks. And the studio mounted a massive, multi-story billboard promoting "Missing Link" in downtown Portland last fall — months after its theatrical release had concluded.

Nike co-founder Phil Knight owns the studio and is Travis Knight's father. "Missing Link" is the studio's fifth film. All its predecessors were Oscar nominees, though before Sunday none had taken home a major Hollywood award.

"Missing Link" was already a favorite for an Oscar nomination — nominees are announced a week from Monday — and with Sunday's win at the Golden Globes, its prospects for winning an Academy Award next month may have shot up.

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