

Girl in abusive relationship must get out of it – and fast

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who has been in a relationship for a year and a half with “Richard.” I love him with everything in me, but he is mentally and physically abusive. He is also addicted to cough medicine.

I knew I should have stopped talking to him before we started dating, but he was such a mess I thought I could help him -- and I did. He’s no longer an alcoholic. He went to jail for seven months because of our age difference, but I refused to testify, so he got out. While he was in there I thought he had changed and wouldn’t hit me anymore, but he still does.

Anyone in their right mind would get up and leave, but the one time I did, he pretended he didn’t care and I attempted suicide. I don’t know what to do. I love him, but I know I shouldn’t. — **ABUSED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR TEEN: I’m glad you wrote. Richard may no longer be drinking liquor, but cough medicines contain alcohol, which means he’s still an alcoholic. His violence toward women will probably never stop unless he is incarcerated for it, and even then there is no guarantee.

Regardless of how much love you give him, you can’t fix what’s wrong with him or make him love you back because he isn’t capable of it.

Because you are so emotionally fragile, you should seek refuge with relatives who can help you



DEAR ABBY

heal physically and emotionally from this experience. If that’s not possible, then contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Its website is www.thehotline.org, and the toll-free phone number is 800-799-7233. Ask for a referral to a women’s shelter where you can receive counseling and support.

Help is available for you if you are open to it. Staying where you are is not an option because if you do, this man could kill you.

DEAR ABBY: While riding with my new boss to a sales appointment, he needed some information from his company-issued iPad. He asked me to turn it on and gave me the passcode. When I did, up popped a porn site. He almost wrecked the car grabbing the iPad from me.

Not another word was said until we arrived at the appointment and he looked up the item prior to going in. Nothing has been said about this incident since.

Every time I think about my boss having gone to that porn site before I touched the iPad, I get sick to my stomach. HE makes me sick. Do I resign or stay? —

GROSSED OUT IN OHIO

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If the nausea is affecting your ability to perform your job, you should quit. But before you do, be sure you have another one lined up. And when you interview, as tempting as it may be, refrain from saying anything negative about your boss because to do otherwise will reflect poorly on you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend wants to open the door for me when I am the one driving. I’m thrilled that he wants to be a gentleman, and I love when he opens the door for me when I am in the passenger seat or in front of any other door, as he always does. I am just not comfortable with it when I’m the one who’s driving. It seems awkward to me. Your thoughts? — **AT A LOSS IN COLORADO**

DEAR AT A LOSS: Your boyfriend may do this because he wants to please you, or he was raised this way. Personally, I think what he’s doing is endearing. However, because it makes you uncomfortable, explain that it “isn’t necessary” and you would prefer he not do it when you are the driver.

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Instructions for play: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

That’s all there is to it. There’s no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It’s fun. It’s challenging. It’s addictive!

Solving time is typically from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on your skill and experience. The solution for today’s puzzle will be published in Saturday’s paper. Or you can go to www.sudoku.com to find the solution.

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Prepared for a Dry Answer

Dear Heloise: What is the difference between DRY AND PREPARED MUSTARDS? – M.K. in New Mexico

Good question! And as a person who loves all kinds of mustard, I had to think for a second!

Dry mustard is the dry, ground-up mustard seed that you buy in the spice aisle.

Prepared mustard is the popular condiment that is a mixture of ground mustard seed (dry mustard), water and vinegar.

In most recipes, you can substitute dry and prepared mustard for one another. When the recipe calls for 1 tablespoon of prepared, substitute 1 teaspoon of dry. When it calls for 1 teaspoon of dry, substitute 1 tablespoon of prepared. Want other substitution hints, along with some sauce and marinade recipes? Please send for my Heloise’s Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes pamphlet by mailing \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/SSS, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Did you know that most mustard does NOT need to be refrigerated? Refrigeration may help keep the flavor, but if you prefer your mustard at room temperature, just keep it out! – Heloise

PERFECT PATTIES

Dear Heloise: I have a great way to make hamburger patties without touching the hamburger. Open a 1-pound package of hamburger and place into a plastic zipper-top bag. Zip the bag shut and mash the hamburger to fill the bag evenly (let a little air out midway through to get it perfect).

Place the bag on a flat surface and use the dull side of a large breadknife to quarter the bag. Place in the freezer and, when ready, simply break off perfectly formed, square quarter-pound patties for grilling. – F.B., via email

MOVING MUSHROOMS

Dear Heloise: I love to make and eat stuffed mushrooms, and I get many requests to bring them to get-togethers. I discovered a hint to transport the mushrooms: I use a foam egg carton. The mushrooms can sit in the individual cups without losing any stuffing or falling along the way. – Debbie R. in Ohio

For safety, line the carton with plastic wrap before placing the mushrooms in it to keep bacteria away. – Heloise

FROZEN BANANA

Dear Heloise: When I have overripe bananas, I freeze them, whole, in the peel. When ready to use, I take out the number I need and let them thaw. I snip off one end with a pair of scissors and squeeze out the banana. They are now ready to be mashed or used in any way you need. – Karen, via email

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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9 Left on a boat
11 Book after Jonah
12 Decimal fraction
13 Florida city
14 Important age
15 Month of fasting
17 Strict disciplinarians
19 Annoy
20 “— evil”
21 Crested bird
22 River part
24 Pi follower
26 Darling
29 Flamboyant wrap
30 Open-sided shelters
32 Protective wall
34 Nest egg choice: Abbr.
35 Concede
36 Trip around the world

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39 Piglet’s creator
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21 Coffee, strongly
23 Small drum
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23 Obtain
24 Makes sound
25 Witch trial town
27 Mess up
28 Apartment rule
29 North American lake
32 African lake
36 Statue setting
39 Spot for laps
40 Lab vessel
41 Director Preminger
42 Astronomer’s find
43 Pants part

- 2 Niger neighbor
3 “Law & Order: SVU” co-star
4 It has a point
5 French thanks
6 Wolf pack member
7 “Gnarly!”
8 Chowd down
9 Was in front
11 College heads
15 2006 Pixar film
17 Eyeball
18 Red veggie
19 Money machines

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L’s, X for the two O’s, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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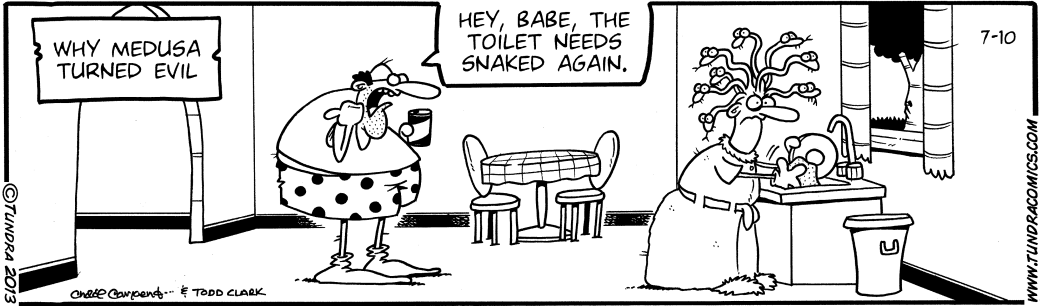
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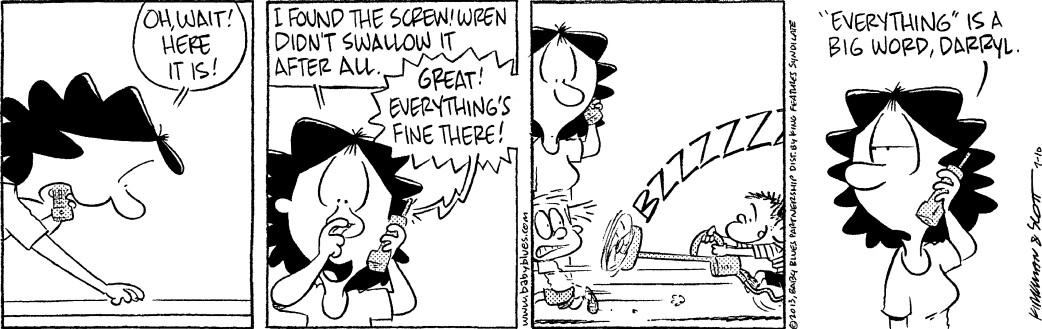
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Baby Blues



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