

# Husband’s plumbing help results in leaky marriage

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with my husband for 19 years. I offered his plumbing services to a married couple I work with. While he was fixing the problem, he became friendly with their adult daughter. She was lonely and I knew the family, so I wasn't concerned. Their relationship developed into something more and we separated. He ended their friendship and we reconciled.

Things were going great, but she continued to contact him. He has suddenly decided he can't live without her friendship and has decided to divorce me in order to continue it with her. He swears it's platonic, but something he can't live without. He hopes we can "still be friends"!

My question is how to move on from this. I have to see her enabling parents every day at work, and all of this happened under their roof. I feel betrayed on every level, especially by my husband, who was my best friend. Every aspect of my life, including my job, has been affected.

Have you any advice for moving past this without all of the anger I carry? I don't want to leave my job. It pays well and the commute is easy. But every time I see either one of the parents, I want to cry and scream.

P.S. My husband and I still live together as "roommates," as this is all very recent, and we



DEAR ABBY

haven't figured out our living arrangements yet. — **WRONGED IN NEW ENGLAND**

**DEAR WRONGED:** I do not for one minute believe that your husband's relationship with this woman is strictly platonic, and neither should you. Consult a lawyer now, while you and your husband are still "roommates." Make sure he doesn't hide any assets because, after 19 years of marriage, you should be entitled to a healthy share of them.

I agree that you have been wronged, but for now hang onto your temper. "Best friends" don't treat each other the way you have been treated. It may take the help of a religious adviser or licensed mental health professional for you to let go of your anger.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend of five years, "Gigi," has a heart of gold. However, we were raised differently. Gigi comes into my home when I'm not here and borrows whatever she needs without telling me. And whether I'm

here or not, she feels free to go through everything -- personal documents, my drawers and cabinets. Nothing is safe from her fingers or her eyes.

I have tolerated her behavior because when I tried talking to her about it, she became upset and started crying, which made her husband irate. I'm now dating a man who values his privacy, and my friend's behavior bothers him. He's friendly with Gigi's husband and deals with my friend only out of respect for her husband.

How can I get her to leave things alone without her having another meltdown? I don't want to lose a friend, but my boyfriend has a valid point that I happen to agree with. — **INVADED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR INVADED:** How does this woman get into your home when you're not there? Does she have a key? If she does, ask for it back or change your locks. And when you know Gigi is coming over, place anything you would prefer this nosy woman not peruse out of sight or under lock and key. That way, you can reclaim your privacy without being directly confrontational.

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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](http://www.sudoku.com) to find the solution.

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## HELOISE'S KITCHENEERING BY HELOISE

**The First Cut Is the Smallest**

Dear Heloise: I have a WOODEN CUTTING BOARD that I constantly use and chop fresh garlic on. For some reason, as much as I clean and scrub it, I can't get the odor of the garlic out. Should I toss it out and buy a new one? I'm afraid it's going to be the same all over again once I start chopping garlic. — Sally F. in Texas

Don't toss it! Try this to "deodorize" that garlicky wooden board: Sprinkle with a lot of baking soda, then either pour on some lemon juice and scrub with a brush, or just use half of a lemon and scrub away. Let sit awhile, rinse well and air-dry (or use paper towels).

The other solution is a mixture of 1 tablespoon unscented, liquid chlorine bleach and a gallon of water to "sanitize" the cutting board. Let the mixture stand for 15-20 minutes, rinse and hand-dry.

If the odor just refuses to come out, then you may want to keep it as a garlic-only chopping board. Otherwise, invest in a plastic cutting board, which is not as porous as wood and should not hold that garlic odor. — Heloise

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**Quick Oatmeal**  
Dear Heloise: I bought old-fashioned, regular oatmeal by mistake. I wanted the one-minute quick kind. All you have to do is grind it in a food processor for a few seconds, and the chopped oatmeal will cook up quickly. — Fern G. in Idaho

**Wrangling Recipes**  
Dear Heloise: I am always collecting new recipes to try. It is unbelievable how quickly a kitchen drawer or cabinet can be overrun with all of these recipes on their own sheets of paper. I came up with this hint: Once I make a new recipe, we vote as a family whether the meal was worth making again. Majority rules, no matter what. If we are not making that dish again, I recycle the paper. We also decided that each week we must try at least two of the new recipes! It has become fun for the family to help and then have a say in whether we ever have it again. — L.T., via email

**Ice Ring**  
Dear Heloise: When throwing a party, I like to serve bowls of punch and other assorted drinks. I make ice rings using my fluted cake pan. I fill the pan with a couple of inches of water, add a slice of lemon or lime, even pop in some grapes, and put it in the freezer. I have beautiful ice rings for the punch bowl. These typically last through an entire party. — Nicole P. in New York

**Tomato Hint**  
Dear Heloise: We all know that slicing a tomato with a dull knife can squash it. Aside from sharpening your knife, you can get unsquashed slices by simply piercing the tomato with the point of the knife before slicing it. — Piper in Washington

## CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Campaign event
- 7 Glasgow native
- 11 Sinai setting
- 12 Eats
- 13 Conducting needs
- 14 Santa sound
- 15 Depleted
- 17 Boost
- 20 Theater worker
- 23 Suffering
- 24 Chewbacca's pal
- 26 Book jacket bit
- 27 Vein contents
- 28 Much of N. Amer.
- 29 Toronto team
- 31 Army address
- 32 Impromptu
- 33 Takes in
- 34 Beneficial
- 37 Ingredient of l'omelette
- 39 Widen
- 43 Join together
- 44 Asian entertainer
- 45 Grove growth
- 46 Book after Nehemiah

### DOWN

- 1 Bit of ointment
- 2 Pitcher's stat
- 3 Night flier
- 4 In the area
- 5 Sardine holders
- 6 Move slowly
- 7 Ski with speed
- 8 Place to order a steak
- 9 Sound of delight
- 10 Tango quorum
- 16 Sahara sights
- 17 Fall sign
- 18 Homer work

- 19 Cheap hotel
- 21 Cow of commercials
- 22 Crowd sounds
- 24 Cheap liquor
- 25 Time-table abbr.
- 30 Brittle candy
- 33 Bowler's challenge
- 35 Border
- 36 Bends the truth
- 37 Many a time
- 38 Afr. neighbor
- 40 Fire remnant
- 41 Common article
- 42 Corn unit

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- 13 Long attack
- 14 44th president
- 15 Finished off
- 16 NHL team
- 18 NHL team
- 20 Jargon suffix
- 21 Concept: Prefix
- 23 Melody
- 24 Carnival attraction
- 26 Cell feature
- 28 Handful of
- 29 Winter blanket
- 31 In the past
- 32 NHL team
- 36 NHL team
- 39 Workout unit
- 40 Bygone
- 41 Steak-house order
- 43 Scoundrel
- 44 Kenya neighbor
- 45 Cab costs

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- 2 Writer
- 3 Nerdy fellow
- 4 Decline
- 5 Satiated
- 6 Timber wolf
- 7 Running wild
- 8 Formidable rival
- 9 Pencil part
- 11 Waness
- 17 Sugar suffix
- 28 Remote

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here's how to work it:

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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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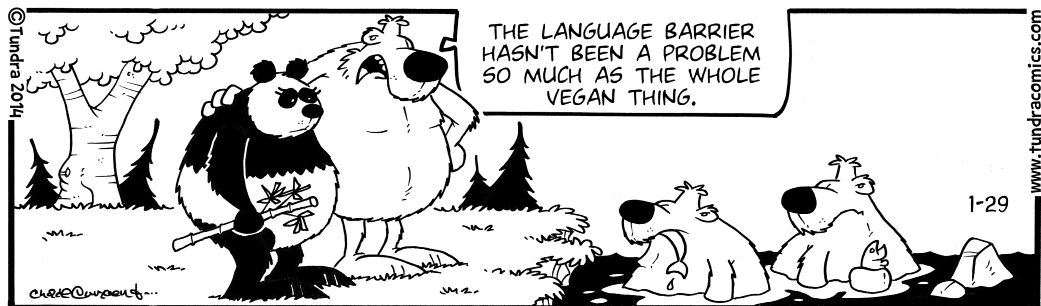
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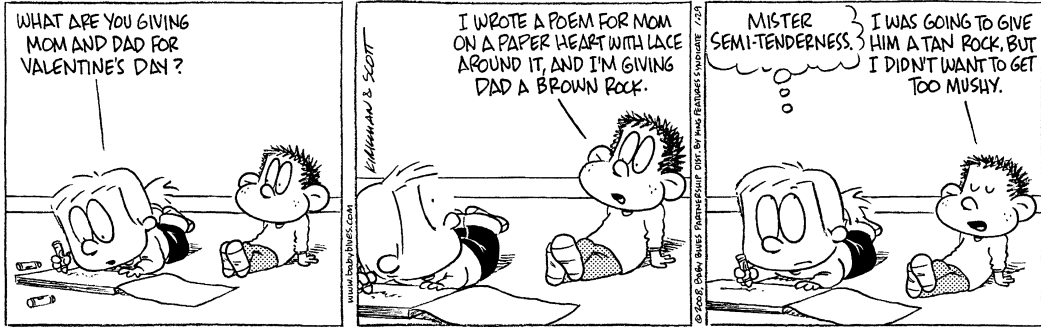
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### Dilbert

