

Woman’s illicit affair seems to upset only her sister

DEAR ABBY: My sister has been seeing a married man for two years. He has told her the only reason he is staying in this loveless marriage is for his daughter (standard lie of a cheating husband).

His wife found out mid-way through this “relationship,” but forgave him when he swore he would stop, which of course he didn’t. When I told my sister how wrong this relationship is and that she deserves better, I ended up alienating her.

I have recently learned that his wife just had a second child, and my sister is pregnant, too. I’m sick to my stomach with all of this. I told her how crazy her situation is, but she refuses to see how horrible “the man she loves” really is. She says she is fine raising this child alone, and if her lover is in their lives, then she will be satisfied with that.

I am the only one freaking out about this. How do I deal with it and not totally lose my sister? — **FREAKING OUT IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR FREAKING OUT: Your sister is an adult. She has made her choices and may have to learn the hard way what you have been trying to tell her. Realize that as much as you love her, you cannot live her life for her. Let her know you’re there for her and the baby, because she’s going to need all the support



DEAR ABBY

she can get.

DEAR ABBY: I am 30 and my husband, “Brent,” is 35. We have had some financial troubles lately and recently had to move in with my mother-in-law.

My question is, how old should a child be before his mother quits walking around naked in front of him? My mother-in-law still walks around completely nude in front of Brent and his 39-year-old brother. Although she is in good health, she always seems to need Brent’s help getting in and out of the shower.

She also parades nude in front of me, and it makes me very uncomfortable. I have talked to Brent about it a few times, and he said she’s been this way his whole life.

Is this normal behavior? Am I overreacting? I have a daughter, and I don’t get naked in front of her. How do I approach this without causing hurt feelings? — **COVERED UP IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR COVERED UP: Obviously, in the household that your husband was raised, this behavior WAS normal. I am puzzled, however, that your mother-in-law needs help getting in and out of the shower. What are the “boys” supposed to do – scrub her back?

Because her nudity makes you uncomfortable, the most tactful way to approach this would be for Brent to explain to his mother that you were not raised this way, and that you both would appreciate it if she’d wear a robe when you’re around. It’s worth a try.

DEAR ABBY: If I sit at the end of a pew in church and someone comes in after me insisting I move because it’s his/her “favorite” seat, should I do it or ask the person to sit somewhere else? — **GOT HERE FIRST IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR G.H.F.: If you’re sitting in God’s house, you should be on your best behavior. Don’t commit a sin of omission; be an angel and shove over.

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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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The Taste of Coming Home

Dear Heloise: It happens every time we return from a LONG TRIP, coming home to find a cold house and an empty refrigerator. We’re hungry and seeking homemade comfort food as we recover from lack of sleep and the fatigue of travel. Of course, we’re not at all up to a market run. But this time, I thought ahead.

Before leaving on our European vacation, I made a big pot of our favorite homemade soup and froze it. I also froze some of my special homemade bread. When we came in from the airport after being away for a month, I nuked the soup just enough to thaw it, then dumped it right into the slow cooker and turned it on. I set the bread out to thaw and warm. In no time, our house smelled like home, and we had steaming-hot comfort food to welcome us back without having to make a trip to the market. — Nancy S. in California

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Rinsed Onions

Dear Heloise: I chopped some onions and wanted to rinse them but thought, “Why use that big colander and have those small chunks get lost or stuck?” Lo and behold, right on the kitchen counter was my coffee maker with a strainer basket. I dumped the chopped onions into the basket and rinsed. Nobody complained about onion-flavored coffee the next morning, either! — John B., via email

Salt Shakedown

Dear Readers: Have you noticed on cooking shows that when a chef adds a “pinch” of salt to a recipe, it’s not in a shaker? Historically, a saltcellar (a metal or glass container with a small spoon) was used for holding salt. Salt was a commodity and a luxury in the 15th and 16th centuries, so it was treated as such. Usually a large or exceptionally beautiful saltcellar was used as a table decoration. To be seated “below” the saltcellar was a sign of lower status.

Oversalting a dish can happen without thinking. If salt is added to hot or cooking foods, the dish does not taste as salty as it really is. Hold off on adding more. It’s better to undersalt the dish and let individuals add salt if they want. — Heloise

Timed Cooking

Dear Heloise: I often use a timer on my slow cooker. It ensures that the slow cooker gets turned off if I’m delayed. If I don’t want it to cook the entire time I’m away, it can be started an hour or so after I leave. — Sandra P., via email

Remember, there is a two-hour “window” for food-safety concerns. You could delay by only two hours, or finish cooking and having the dish “stand” only two hours. — Heloise

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Bashful neighbor
- 6 Punching weapon
- 10 Humble
- 11 Trattoria fare
- 12 Gives over
- 13 English county
- 14 Pine or palm
- 15 Full grown
- 16 Clock numeral
- 17 Ship sealer
- 18 Put a stop to
- 19 Spice trade ships
- 22 Drug agent
- 23 Moonshine holders
- 26 Chewy confections
- 29 Kilmer of “The Doors”
- 32 Pop’s wife
- 33 Gloss target
- 34 Wore away
- 36 Zilch
- 37 Private’s denial
- 38 Arrived
- 39 Last Greek letter
- 40 Bold way to solve cross-words

DOWN

- 41 Earth
- 42 Big ringers
- 1 Bit of strategy
- 2 From Portugal or Spain
- 3 Dessert wine
- 4 “Got it”
- 5 — Moines
- 6 Swift
- 7 Debate topic
- 8 Boat’s back
- 9 Made demands on
- 11 “Jeremy” band

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Previous Puzzle

- 15 Writer Rita — Brown
- 17 What a news anchor looks into
- 20 Curved path
- 21 Total
- 24 Quivering dessert
- 25 Like some doors
- 27 Curtain holder
- 28 Paddles
- 29 Viper’s poison
- 30 Kitchen come-on
- 31 Sad sack
- 35 Home, informally
- 36 Taboo act
- 38 Musician’s job

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ACROSS

- 1 Spa features
- 6 Gives a hoot
- 11 Kind of committee
- 12 Less than right
- 13 Statue subject
- 14 Pick up the tab
- 15 Ritzy home
- 17 “The Bells” writer
- 19 Essay
- 20 Keg need
- 23 Like lemon juice
- 25 “Dear me!”
- 26 Bridge bid
- 28 Cornfield pest
- 29 Way out
- 30 Brood watcher
- 31 Old hand
- 32 Pupil’s place
- 33 Quarrel
- 35 Plane part
- 38 Unsuitable
- 41 Deal maker
- 42 Manger fill
- 43 Skeleton makeup
- 44 Catchphrase

DOWN

- 1 Slugger’s need
- 2 Hoopla
- 3 Mid-mashie, nowadays
- 4 “Bonanza” son
- 5 Terrier type
- 6 Malicious
- 7 Land unit
- 8 Deplore
- 9 Seventh letter
- 10 Harden
- 16 Pros with bows
- 17 Quilt piece
- 18 Earthy colour
- 20 Like Peter Jackson’s “The Hobbit”
- 21 Nervous
- 22 Marshal’s group
- 24 Drops on the lawn
- 25 Lifeboat need
- 27 Conceit
- 31 Fourth-

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- down plays
- 33 Have a banquet
- 34 Golden Rule word
- 35 Truck part
- 36 Previously
- 37 Golfer Crenshaw
- 39 Butter square
- 40 Binary base

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Daily Cryptoquote – Here’s how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONGFELLOW

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.

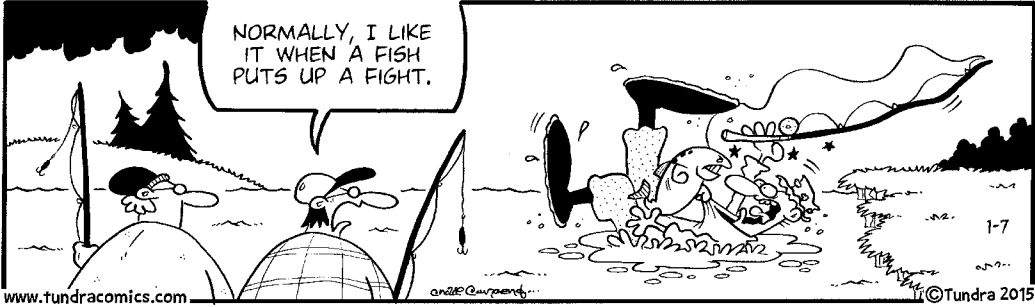
1-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

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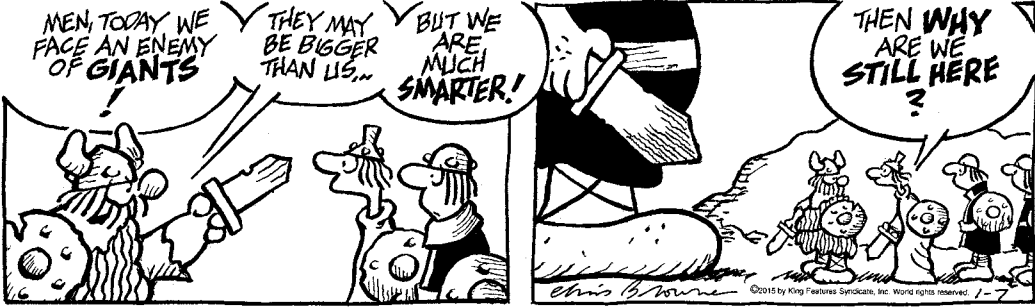
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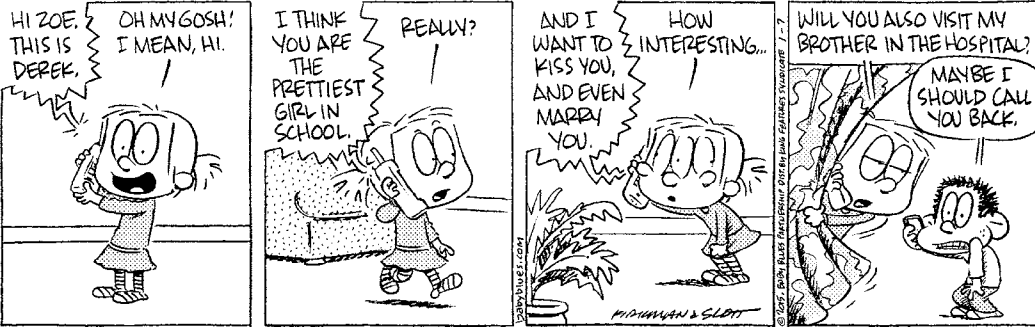
Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

