

Teenager’s low self-esteem drags her boyfriend down, too

DEAR ABBY: I’m 16 and I need help. I have been in a relationship with my girlfriend, “Bailey,” for six months and things are complicated. She’s very insecure, and it’s hard to keep her happy for any extended period of time.

I have thought about breaking up with her because I want her to be happy, and the same goes for me. But then I think I’d rather be miserable at times and happy at others and be with her, than end it and possibly feel worse.

Please give me some advice. I love Bailey and I don’t know what to do. — **LOST IN ARIZONA**

DEAR LOST: Have a talk with Bailey and tell her that although you love her, her insecurity and mood swings make it difficult. If you do, it may give her something to think about. The problem with insecurity is it can eventually drive a boyfriend – or girlfriend – away when it becomes smothering.

P.S. There is truth to the saying that you can’t **MAKE** someone happy; happiness has to come from within.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are in our 40s and have been living together for several years. The house we live in is in his name only, and he pays the mortgage.

I own a townhouse I



DEAR ABBY

bought before I met him, and I make the payments on it. People often ask us why I don’t sell it. I usually give some excuse, but the real reason is, when he drafted his will, he left everything to his mother – at her insistence.

He seems to think it’s too much trouble and expensive to change his will to include me. I want to be sure I have a place to live, so I have kept my townhouse.

Needless to say, our views on this situation differ. What’s your opinion? — **HEDGING MY BETS IN TEXAS**

DEAR HEDGING: I think you are behaving rationally, because it should be quite clear that your boyfriend wants his assets to go to his mother – not you – in the event of his death. I hope you have your townhouse rented and are saving the income, because you may need the money later. That way, if your boyfriend suddenly keels over or the romance sours, you won’t

be left with nothing but memories.

DEAR ABBY: My niece confided in me that she and her fiancé eloped. Her parents are planning her wedding for next month. I tried to advise her to tell her parents, but she still hasn’t. She’s living at home and her “fiance” lives in a different city.

I don’t pretend to understand why they felt like doing this. Should I just sit back while she continues to lie to her parents while they plan on her getting “married” in a month? I’m at a loss.

I wanted to give her a chance to come clean, but because she hasn’t, do I intervene? Do I threaten that if she doesn’t fess up, I’ll spill the beans? Or should I just let her keep heading down the road she’s on? — **ANXIOUS AUNT**

DEAR ANXIOUS: What do you think you will accomplish by breaking your niece’s confidence? If you divulge what she told you, she will never trust you again. I’ll give you my advice in four words: Keep your mouth shut.

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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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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
No matter how challenging it may be, slow down and give yourself time to reflect, Aries. You’re always on the go, but it’s important to slow down every now and then.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, steer clear of added responsibilities this week, as you already have enough on your plate. Some alone time might be worth its weight in gold.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You’re not easily overwhelmed by intense people or things, Gemini. Use this resilience to sail through a particularly challenging task that gets sent your way this week.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
There is no need to figure out all of the answers in the next few days, Cancer. If something is on your mind, then take your time to weigh all of your options.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
It could be challenging to be playful and lighthearted this week, Leo. Take every situation seriously and give ample thought to each and every decision you must make.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Make the best of a delicate situation at work, Virgo. Although you may not be ready for more responsibility, your reaction will be noticed by your bosses.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, hold tight to your beliefs this week and don’t let anyone sway your opinion. You will serve as an example to others who bend whichever way the wind blows.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may not have all of the solutions, but rest assured that you have been moving in the right direction. An interesting conversation illuminates the situation.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You have gained a new sense of purpose, Sagittarius, and you’re ready to put some of your plan into action. Expect a few raised eyebrows, but most people will be receptive.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are ready for a well-deserved vacation or retreat. But you cannot run away from your responsibilities this week. Just hold out a little longer.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Your finances seem to be a constant source of aggravation, Aquarius. This week you are ready to take care of business and hammer out a foolproof budget.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, your energy level will be quite high, making it vital for you to do something productive before your stamina slows down.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
MAY 11
Brad Marchand, Athlete (26)

MAY 12
Emilio Estevez, Actor (52)

MAY 13
Stevie Wonder, Singer (64)

MAY 14
Mark Zuckerberg, Entrepreneur (30)

MAY 15
Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Actress (33)

MAY 16
Janet Jackson, Singer (48)

MAY 17
Derek Hough, Dancer (29)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Thick slices

6 Phoned copies

11 Pink shade

12 Tara family name

13 Wonderland visitor

14 Court rapper

15 Put on the line

17 Road hazard

18 Had lunch

19 Sugar servings

22 Outlaw

23 Electricians, at times

24 Braves legend

25 Country singer Mel

27 Yank’s foe

30 “Robocop” and “Total Recall”

31 Punk rock offshoot

32 Mont Blanc, for one

33 Turn

35 Trumpet sound

38 Turn aside

39 Hold, at sea

40 T-shirt choice

DOWN

41 Fuming

42 Kicked, in a way

1 Sacred beetle

2 Nabokov book

3 Out of bed

4 Fund

5 Somnambulate

6 Sailing hazard

7 Cry of insight

8 Last name of an “X-Men” professor

9 Puts up

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Previous Puzzle

10	Company division
16	Some farms
20	Inter-section sight
21	Writer Kesey
24	Copying
25	Bank worker
26	Gazelle’s cousin
27	Idolize
28	Come into view
29	Ran off
30	Bar mitzvah figure
34	Infamous czar
36	Scoundrel
37	Iris setting

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Abounds

6 Lively dance for two

11 Brother of Moses

12 Whale’s home

13 Drain cover

14 Overly theatrical

15 Skirt edges

17 Indulgent

18 Striped baby

22 Stench

23 Dishwashing aid

27 Clark’s partner

29 Teakettle output

30 Tony winner Blythe

32 Injure

33 Math class

35 Guitar booster

38 Constellation part

39 First Lady before Michelle

41 Solemn ceremonies

45 Archery item

46 Really impressed

47 Requires

48 Concur

DOWN

1 Play-ground game

2 Corn unit

3 Memorable period

4 Caring for

5 Snide look

6 Hard-to-call contests

7 Play division

8 Patricia of “Hud”

9 Music’s Lady —

10 Cameo stone

16 Rap performers

18 Narrated

19 Notion

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Previous Puzzle

20	Bride’s wear
21	Pestering
24	Tidy
25	Teri of “Mr. Mom”
26	TV award
28	Play-ground sights
31	Go bad
34	Opera’s Callas
35	Astronaut Shepard
36	Stallion’s mate
37	Un-diluted
40	Curtain holder
42	Black goo
43	Ram’s mate
44	Behold

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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.

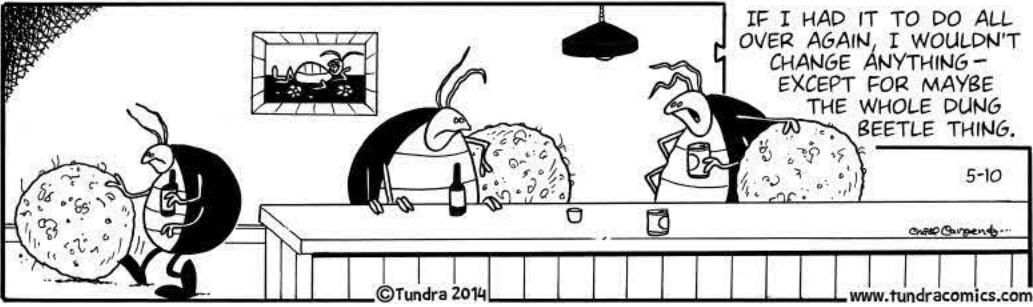
5-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

I F L X L M X L Q O K A I H Q I F N O J R
M W F N K S H N K K R F M X L
H N K K N O J K A ; W Q E E T O N W M D K L
S N R L M R L R M O S N I R E Q I F L X ’ R
M J L . — D L O Z M E N O R Y Q W V

Previous Cryptoquote: IN THEORY THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE. IN PRACTICE THERE IS. – Yogi Berra

COMICS

Tundra



Hagar the Horrible



Peanuts



Baby Blues



Dilbert

