



# Dear Abby

## Doctor's bedside manner includes slamming doors and snarling

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DEAR ABBY: I took my little girl to the doctor for her annual checkup. We were called into the examination room, and as soon as she saw the doctor coming toward her in his white coat, she began to cry. When he touched her, she started to squirm on the table and cry even harder because she was frightened.

The doctor very gruffly said, "Who needs this," and stamped out of the room.

A few minutes later, he came back and in a very nasty tone, said to me, "Take her home, and don't bring her back unless she is really sick!"

I thought doctors were supposed to be patient. What can I do about him? A MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Most doctors try their best to calm and reassure frightened children. Perhaps your doctor was having a bad day, but if that's his usual manner, he is guilty of unprofessional conduct and deserved a reprimand from his county medical society. Mail this column to him. I think it will help him.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19, going to college and work part-time in a department store. There is a guy who works here who is very good-looking. He's 31 and married. He has

made advances to me in the stockroom in the back of the store. I really am attracted to him, but the fact that he is married stops me from going out with him. (He's asked me.) Please advise me. I'm weakening.

### KNOWS THE SCORE

DEAR KNOWS: Tell good-looking to get lost. So far, the score is no hits, no runs, no errors. And if you're smart, you'll keep it that way.

DEAR ABBY: I have had a reasonably happy marriage to a man who has come up from the ranks to become an executive with a large company. Now, after 36 years, he told me recently that I have never learned how to be an executive's wife.

He is nearly 60 and has been an executive with this company for over 20 years.

My creed has always been to be myself, and as long as I acted like a lady, which I am, I thought that should be sufficient. According to my husband, it was not enough. Where have I failed? WORSE HALF

DEAR HALF: In addition to being a lady, have you always reciprocated social invitations promptly? Have you graciously initiated a social contact at your husband's suggestion? After having been entertained, do you promptly send a written note of thanks? Do you refrain from gossiping about people whether they're associated with your husband in business or not? If you have had time to devote to your church and/or community activities, have you done so?

If you can answer yes to all these questions, you qualify as an asset to your husband, whether he's an executive or not.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MRS. K. IN OKLAHOMA CITY: I do not recommend washing out the mouths of youngsters as a punishment for "talking dirty." Some youngsters grow to like soap.

Everyone has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to ABBY: Box No. 89700, L.A., Calif. 90089. Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope, please.

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## GOREN ON BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable.

South deals.

NORTH

♠ A 9 7

♥ Q J 4

♦ A J 10 9

♣ K J 2

WEST

♠ K Q 10 8 6 3

♥ 9

♦ K Q 7 5

♣ Q 5

guesser, searched for a better line—and found it.

If East held one of the two missing diamond honors—a 75% prospect—declarer could set up a diamond trick with the help of a loser-on-loser play combined with a ruffing finesse. Accordingly, he drew trumps in two rounds, then led a diamond towards the ace-jack. West made a brilliant play when he refused to split his honors, so declarer, pursuing his plan, went up with the ace and ran the jack, discarding the losing spade from his hand. He ruffed the spade return, entered dummy with the king of clubs and led the ten of diamonds. When East followed with a low diamond, South discarded his ten of clubs. Unfortunately, West turned up with both diamond honors, so declarer was down one.

South is to be commended for playing for split diamond honors—for this line of play is superior to a club finesse—and he deserved a better fate. Nevertheless, he did not play the hand to best advantage.

After losing a diamond trick to West, it would have cost declarer nothing to cash the ace and king of clubs before trying to ruff out the remaining diamond honor. There was a slight chance that the queen of clubs would come tumbling down, and if that happened, the ruffing finesse in diamonds would become unnecessary. If the queen did not drop, declarer could still try the ruffing finesse in diamonds in an attempt to get rid of his remaining club.

EAST

♠ J 7 5

♥ 6 4 3 2

♦ 9 7 6 4 3

♣ 8

SOUTH

♠ 5 4

♥ A K 10 8 6 3 2

♦ 8

♣ A 10 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass

4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.

Declarer chose a line of play that would succeed three times in four. However, he overlooked an additional chance to improve those odds, and went down in a makable slam.

West's overall made it easier for North-South to reach a good slam on minimal high card values. North showed his strength with a cue-bid of—the opponents' suit, and when South expressed the quality of his hand and length of his suit with a jump to game, North went straight to slam because there was no danger of two quick losers in any suit.

Declarer won West's opening spade lead with the ace. Faced with a certain spade loser, it appeared that the slam depended on guessing the location of the queen of clubs. However, South who was a notoriously bad

## Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

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Your birthday today:

Consolidating current progress is your main prospect this coming year. Add to your reserves at every opportunity; confirm your claims to material possessions. Much extra effort is needed to overcome your tendency toward laziness and settling the status quo. Today's natives have strong literary interests and include many productive writers.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Be political. Keep each deal separate from all the others and move on briskly. Brief contacts with technical experts fare well, bring in new angles.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Ask your friends and loved ones for ideas about organizing future schedules and budgets. Interesting complexities arise in romance.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Everything and everybody you met now has a different angle or another story altogether. You begin a promising, long-hoped-for personal project.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Creative efforts predominate. News draws scattered ideas together in a more coherent form. Cash in on current conditions where possible. Redeem outstanding obligations.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Make introductions, promote long-range career plans and improve public image. Home and family matters turn out more lively and productive than expected.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Before you help others, be sure first that they're asked you for it. Social contacts multiply. You confront many choices on how to spend your time.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Financial plans are favored. Seek a profitable sideline, turn an idea into ready cash. Bring home pleasant surprises to show your feelings about those you love.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: You're at the peak of your personal energy cycle. Exploit what you have without further delay or hesitation. The excitement of originality pushes you nearer to your goals.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Be discreet now. Use skills and knowledge not generally known. Simple moves made today will yield permanent improvements.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: It's time to celebrate friendships with and achievements of those who frequently cooperate with you. Local and distant news is helpful, although not all happy or complete.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Get right down to serious business without wasting a minute. New plans practically launch themselves spontaneously. At quitting time, take a break; forget work and shop-talk altogether.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Good counsel, technical and professional skills are close by. Personal ventures thrive with normal diligence. The concerns of children and younger people in general improve.

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