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### **MARMADUKE**



"When did our yard become the designated place for Friday Night Karaoke?"

I FIND YOUR LACK OF

FEET, INCHES AND

POUNDS DISTURBING!

NOOOOOO! THE

ENTIRE GALAXY

ON THE METRIC

## **HERMAN**



"Just half your money ... I got an arrangement with the guy in the next bush!"

### **MODERATELY CONFUSED**



**FRANK & ERNEST** 

REALITY CHECK

LUKE, JOIN ME!

THE IMPERIAL

SYSTEM



THE GRIZZWELLS





**PICKLES** 





BUT THE DOWNSIDE





## **BLONDIE**







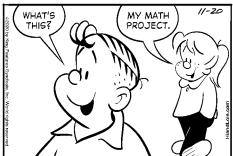
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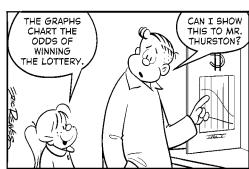




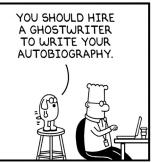


## HI AND LOIS





## **DILBERT**







# **Moving Somewhere New**

Dear Annie: I have always dreamed of moving to Memphis, Tennessee, and would really like to do so. It cost so much to get a hotel there, so I know I would need to find an apartment to rent pretty quickly. Can you give me some advice on what I can do as soon as I get there to get situated? I do not have a job lined up, but I would like to relocate there as soon as possible. -- Dreaming of Memphis

**COMICS** 

Dear Dreaming: First, save. Second, save some more. You should have enough set aside to last at least three to six months. When calculating your living expenses, take into account rent, groceries, utilities and other daily expenses such as ordering out from restaurants. Be realistic now so that you're not sorry later.

If you can safely do so, travel to Memphis ahead of time to look at apartments. Having a place lined up makes the moving process simpler and less expensive. You'll be able to move right in, with no worries as to where to store your things, and no need to drop hundreds or thousands of dollars on staying at a hotel room indefinitely.

If you are apartment-hunting from afar, then be cautious. On websites such as Craigslist, scammers will often advertise properties that they don't actually own, in an attempt to steal the fee for a "rental application" or security deposit.



**ANNIE LANE** DEAR ANNIE

It would be safer to work with a rental agent or go through rental management companies.

Start applying to jobs before you move. It's harder to get a job in a city in which you don't yet live, but not impossible. Let potential employers know a firm date by when you will be in town and able to work. Having a job will make the transition smoother financially and also socially, as it gives you a chance to meet new people right off the bat.

Lastly, a big asterisk to all this: I'd strongly encourage you to wait on moving until the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.

Dear Annie: I have complex PTSD from the first 18 years of my life involving sexual abuse and witnessing violent abuse on my brother and mother.

I have found a wonderful therapist and have quieted a lot of the guilt, shame and night terrors but I continue to have low self-esteem, anxiety and depression that I choose not to medically treat because of being 54 and not wanting to increase my chances at dementia. Because of this

trauma, am I likely to get dementia because of the damage that was caused from years of abuse? -- Concerned About Consequences

Dear Concerned: I am so sorry for what you went through and so relieved to hear you have a therapist whom you like. You raise an important issue. The available scientific research does indicate that the stress of PTSD can increase one's risk of dementia. A review published in September 2020 found that people who suffer from PTSD are up to twice as likely to develop dementia later in life. The exact reasons for this are unknown. A 2018 study noted that PTSD increases levels of cytokines (proteins that trigger immune responses), which cause inflammation that may damage the brain. So, it's important that you get appropriate and comprehensive mental health care. Talk to your physician and your therapist about what the best course of treatment might be.

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book -- featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <a href="http://www.">http://www.</a> creatorspublishing.com for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2020 CREATORS.COM

### ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST

Be methodical when making plans this year. What you discover will whet your appetite for adventure, but remember to stick to a budget. Exploring new possibilities will be enlightening and will help you choose a path that has limitless potential. Leave the past behind you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you share your opinions or plans, it will affect the way someone feels about you. Give others the same respect and freedom you want in return. A unique lifestyle change looks inviting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- If you don't like something, make a change. Stop letting others put demands on you and start focusing on your needs and wants. Love and romance are in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be careful how you handle emotional matters. Go about your business and take care of your responsibilities. An unusual offer can change your direction. Take better care of your health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -Concentrate on what you have to do to remain current. Don't let important documents or contracts lapse. Stay on top of your responsibilities, and don't take on more than you can handle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't share information regarding your finances, health or intentions. Listen more and reveal less, and you'll have the upper hand when it comes to competitive situations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Expect inconsistency from others. An energetic, positive approach will help you outmaneuver any competition you encounter. Get the facts and avoid uncertainty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Emotions will interfere with your ability to get things done quickly. Face sensitive issues head-on and get on with your day. A change will lead to greater freedom and peace of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take care of your responsibilities without making a fuss. A romantic gesture will cause confusion or uncertainty. Verify the information that people are giving you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Talk personal matters through before you make a move. Having the approval of a loved one will affect how you move forward. Shared finances could be a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Go on a journey that will lead to information, new possibilities and choices. Don't feel obligated to follow in someone's footsteps. Do your own thing, while letting others do theirs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Set the stage for success. The adjustments you make will teach you that you can do anything you set out to achieve. Pay attention to detail and work

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- An emotional olea will help you uncover a sensitive issue. Be wise to manipulative tactics used to make you feel guilty. It's time to make clear what you can and cannot do.

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- 47 Basilica area 48 Fastener
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- 50 Snag
- 51 Madras mister
- 52 Large cask
- 53 Computer key