

Girl assuages grief with sex with friend

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of nine months, "Brent," was killed in a car accident. I have been a mess ever since. I dropped out of school and have no job. I do not live with my parents, and I no longer have the love of my life.

One of Brent's best friends, "Doug," and I recently spent two intimate nights together. It was



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special and felt right.

Doug has had a girlfriend for almost two years. They are expecting a baby any day now. He has told me he wants to break up with her and move away with me because he feels he should look after me.

Another of Brent's good friends, "Brian," is a player. Brian doesn't respect women, but

since he and I became close after the accident, he respects and watches out for me, too. One thing led to another with Brian, too, and we have done the deed many times.

I have feelings for both Doug and Brian, even though they don't come close to what I felt for Brent. Am I a horrible person for sleeping with Brent's two best friends after his death? I need advice on how to get out of this mess. — GRIEVING WITH SEX

DEAR GRIEVING: Do not mistake what has happened with Brent's friends for love. It's time you talk to your spiritual adviser, join a grief support group and

seek individual counseling. If possible, return to your parents for a while until you get your life back in order. It is important that you complete your education so you can become financially as well as emotionally independent.

P.S. Neither one of the young men you mentioned appears to be solid and mature enough for a serious relationship, so I urge you not to depend on either of them for anything. Both have taken advantage of your vulnerability.

DEAR ABBY: I turned 18 last year. When I started college, I moved in with my grandma on my father's side. My parents were

furious. They said I moved out because "Gram" doesn't give me rules or chores.

I moved in with Gram because she doesn't see, hear, drive or even move well anymore. I drive her wherever she needs to go. My parents refuse to believe that I moved out to help Gram. It has reached the point that my parents no longer speak to her — and I no longer speak to my parents.

It was not my goal to make waves in the family. What can I do to fix the problems I've caused? And how can I get everyone on speaking terms again? Please help. — BIG PROBLEM IN A LITTLE TOWN

DEAR BIG PROBLEM: You appear to be the daughter of very controlling parents. At 18, you are old enough to decide where you want to live, and the arrangement you have made appears to be mutually beneficial.

Being a companion to an elderly person in failing health is a heavy responsibility and certainly isn't chore-free. (Could it be that your parents miss your free labor at their house?) It is not your responsibility to "get everyone on speaking terms again." From my perspective, you not only deserve a pat on the back but also a thank-you for taking care of your grandmother.

SATURDAY EVENING										E=Edge Cable S=S&T Telephone										FEB. 7, 2004			
E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm		7:30	8 pm		8:30	9 pm		9:30	10 pm		10:30							
36	53	A&E	American Justice: The Helen Brach Story			Cold Case Files			City Confidential (N)			Crossing Jordan			American Justice: The Helen Brach Story								
4	6	ABC	★★★ "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Premiere.			America's Funniest Home Videos (N)			News			(3:5) Entertainment Tonight (N)			(3:5) Paid Program								
26	48	ANPL	Circle of Life			Ferocious Crocs			African River Goddess			Circle of Life			Ferocious Crocs								
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Colors" (1988, Drama) Sean Penn. Premiere. An elite police unit is assigned to control gang violence. 'R'			★★★★ "The Dead Zone" (1983) Christopher Walken. A coma patient develops the ability to foresee the future. 'R'																	
7	11	CBS	Star Search (ITV) (Live)			Hack "Fog of War" (N)			The District "a.k.a." (N)			News		Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey							
24	50	DISC	Rally Round the House "All Decked Out"			Double Agents "No Job, No Home"			New Detectives: Forensic Science			New Detectives: Forensic Science			The FBI Files "Dishonored"								
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Dave the Barbarian	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire	★★ "Seventeen Again" (2000, Fantasy) Tia Mowry Tamera Mowry.														
49	81	E!TV	Courtney Love: The E!			True Hollywood Story			Celebrities Uncensored			Wild On...			Howard S.	Howard S.							
22	56	ESPN	Hockey			NHL Hockey: Super Skills			SportsCenter (Live)						NFL All-Pro Team								
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball			NFL All-Pro Team			Six Weeks-NFL			Hey Rookie, Welcome			Breakfast Gamenight								
32	46	FAM	★★ "The Object of My Affection" (1998)			★★ "Class" (1983, Drama) Rob Lowe.									Funniest Home Videos								
59	-	FIT TV	Peak Performance			I Want... (N) Workout			In Shape		Workout	Peak Performance		Resort & Spa									
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "Laura" (1944) Gene Tierney.			(:01) Hour of Stars			(:01) ★★ "Unfaithfully Yours" (1984, Comedy)														
53	68	FOOD	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate (N)	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate	Date Plate							
13	7	FOX	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted: Fights Back			She Spies "Leotards and Lies" (N)			Mad TV (N)			Blind Date (N)		Blind Date (N)							
40	38	FX	Todd TV			★★★ "Edward Scissorhands" (1990, Fantasy)			★★ "Bachelor Party" (1984) Tom Hanks.														
30	55	FXSP	College Basketball			NLL Lacrosse Vancouver Ravens at Colorado Mammoth.			Live! Rocky Mt.			Rocky Mt.			Best-								
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "Great Balls of Fire!" (1989)			(:15) ★★ "Steel" (1997) Shaquille O'Neal. An armor-clad superhero battles a former colleague.			★★ "Daredevil" (2003, Action) Ben Affleck. Premiere.			PG-13			Sex and the City								
62	67	HGTV	Sensible Decorating			Designing Designers'			Design		Design	Smart Home		Sensible		Decorating							
58	52	HIST	★★★ "The Tuskegee Airmen" (1995, Drama) Laurence Fishburne, Allen Payne.			Great Escapes of World War II (Part 1 of 4)			Great Escapes of World War II (Part 2 of 4)			★★★ "The Tuskegee Airmen" (1995)											
25	35	IND	(5:00) ★★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001)			★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek.			★★★★ "When Harry Met Sally" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan.														
18	63	LIFE	"Friends 'Til the End"			Wild Card "No Bull"			1-800-Missing "MIA"			Intimate Por			Any Day Now								
23	77	MTV	Osbourne's Osbournes			Real World			Real World			School Choose		Super Bowl		Osbournes Osbournes							
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight Stars in the spotlight. (N)			Tracy Morgan Show		Whoopi	(7:59) Law & Order "Bounty"			(8:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			News		Saturday Night Live Megan Mullally; Clay Aiken. (N)						
8	8	NBC	Tracy Morgan Show			(6:59) Law & Order "Bounty"		(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			News			Saturday Night Live Megan Mullally; Clay Aiken. (N)									
34	43	NICK	Grown Up			Romeo!		All That (N)		Amanda	Cosby		Cosby	Roseanne		Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby					
2	2	PBS	Keeping Up As Time Goes By			The Lawrence Welk Show (N)			Two's Company New Red Green		Austin City Limits			Soundstage "Tori Amos"									
38	83	SCI FI	(5:00) ★ "Species II"			"Alien Lockdown" (2004) John Savage.						★★ "Project: Metalbeast" (1995) Kim Delaney.											
61	41	SPK	★★★ "FX" (1986) Bryan Brown. Premiere.			Ride			Ride			Extreme		Extreme		SlamBall							
39	51	TLC	For Better or for Worse Beach-themed wedding.			While You Were Out Displaying a collection.			While You Were Out "Buffalo: Egyptian Spa"			Trading Spaces Master bedroom; kitchen.			Trading Spaces Kitchen; master bedroom. (N)								
28	37	TNT	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series			★★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas.									"Crocodile Dundee II"								
51	86	TRAV	Hawaii's National Parks			Top Ten Hawaiian			Millionaire's Hawaii			Hawaii's National Parks			Top Ten Hawaiian								
21	82	TVLND	Burnett All-Family			Sanford			Bewitched			Griffith		Leave		Family Ties Cheers		Batman	Batman				
60	89	UNIV	Sábado Gigante									Impacto		Noticiero		Otro Rollo							
20	34	USA	Law & Order			Law & Order			Law & Order			Law Order Cl			Monk								
12	3	WB	(5:00) ★★ "Spaceballs" (1987, Comedy)			★★★★ "Star Wars" (1977) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. The "special edition" of George Lucas' space opera.						News		The Cosby Show			"Barb Wire"						
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Ghost" (1990) Patrick Swayze.			News			News			Fresh Pr.		★★ "Rambo: First Blood Part II"									

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E	S	6 pm		6:30		7 pm		7:30		8 pm		8:30		9 pm		9:30		10 pm		10:30									
36	53	A&E		America's Top Dog Domestic canines compete. (N)										America's Top Dog Domestic canines compete. (E)		America's Top Dog Domestic canines compete.													
4	6	ABC		(5:00) ★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, Drama) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. Premiere. Two lifelong friends are caught up in the Japanese attack. (N)										News (E)		(3:35) Seinfeld (E)		(0:55) Seinfeld (E)		Diamond Adventures									
26	48	ANPL		Dog Show: AKC National Agility		Wolf Within (E)		The Crocodile Hunter (E)		Dog Show: AKC National Agility		Wolf Within (E)																	
63	54	BRAVO		Inside the Actors Studio Diane Lane. (E)										★★★★ "Places in the Heart" (1984, Drama) Sally Field, A Texas widow fights to maintain her Depression-era life. (PG)		Inside the Actors Studio Diane Lane. (E)		Keen Eddie (N)		(E)									
7	11	CBS		The 46th Annual Grammy Awards From the Staples Center, Los Angeles. (Live) (N)										News (E)		(0:05) News (E)		The Outer Limits (E)											
24	50	DISC		Unsolved History "Plots to Kill Lincoln"		Reasonable Doubt		Secret Science of the Bible (E)		MythBusters "Penny Drop" (E)		Chased by Sea Monsters (N)																	
33	44	DISN		Kim Possible: Dave the Barbarian		Even Stevens (E)		Sister, Sister (N)		That's So Raven (E)		That's So Raven (E)		★★ "Cinderella II: Dreams Come True" (2002) Voices of Jennifer Hale.		Lilo & Stitch (E)													
49	81	E!TV		Mark Wahlberg: Story		Sharon Stone		Yearbook		Love Story		Mark Wahlberg: Story		Sharon Stone															
22	56	ESPN		(5:30) NFL Football Pro Bowl. From Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. (Live) (E)										SportsCenter (Live) (E)		Hey Rookie													
54	57	ESPN2		Figure Skating Four Continents Championships.										Kristi Yamaguchi's: Salute		Jump		Fastbreak		Gamenight									
32	46	FAM		★★ "Down Periscope" (1996) Kelsey Grammer.										★★ "Spies Like Us" (1985) Dan Aykroyd.		Church		Feed											
59	-	FIT TV		Spas		Resort & Spa		In Shape		Workout		Fitness		Aerobic		Workout		Peak Performance (N)											
35	31	FMC		(:01) ★★ ★★ "The Snake Pit" (1948, Drama)										(:01) ★★ ★★ "Harry and Tonto" (1974)		"Letter-3 Wives"													
53	68	FOOD		Emeril Live Mascarpone brioche sandwiches. (N)		Top 5: Chocolate Delights		Chocolate treats.		Valentine's Unwrapped (N)		Unwrapped		Top 5		Emeril Live Mascarpone brioche sandwiches.													
13	7	FOX		The Simpsons (N)		The Bernie Mac Show		Malcolm in the Middle		Arrested Dev.		Stargate SG-1 "The Curse" (N)		The Outer Limits "Music of the Spheres" (N)		Movie													
40	38	FX		Cops (E)		★★ "Bachelor Party" (1984) Tom Hanks, Tawny Kitaen.		★★ "The Animal" (2001)		Rock Schneider.																			
30	55	FXSP		(5:30) College Basketball Clemson at Duke. (Live)										Boxing: Sunday		Beyond the Glory (E)		Rocky Mt. Rocky Mt.											
5	14	HBO		50 First Dates		★ "The Tuxedo" (2002, Action)		Jackie Chan. (E)		(15) ★★ "My House in Umbria" (2003, Drama)		Maggie Smith, Chris Cooper. (N)		Sex and the City (N)		Curb Your Enthusiasm													
62	67	HGTV		Before Aft		Building		10 Bedrooms		Remember! Remember!		Going		Good Life		Before Aft		Building											
58	52	HIST		Snipers: One Shot -- One Kill (E)		Snipers: World's Deadliest Snipers (E)		Mail Call (N)		Tactical to Practical (E)		Extreme History		Snipers: One Shot -- One Kill (E)															
25	35	IND		★★★ "Ever After" (1998, Romance) (PA) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. (E)										★★★ "You've Got Mail" (1998) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. Two bitter business rivals conduct an online love affair. (E)		"Ever After" (PA)													
18	63	LIFE		"Thelma & Louise" (E)		The Division "Play Ball"		Strong Medicine (N)		1-800-Missing "MIA"		Any Day Now (E)																	
23	77	MTV		Real World		Real World		Real World-Road Rules		Back. Grammys		All Things Rock Countdown (N)																	
3	9	NBC		Dateline NBC (N)										Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Graansha" (E)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Con-Text" (E)		News (E)		Crush Zone									
8	8	NBC		(5:00) Dateline NBC (N)										Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Graansha" (E)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Con-Text" (E)		News (E)		(3:35) The West Wing "17 People" (N)		Inside Edition							
34	43	NICK		BluesClues		SpongeBob		Full House		Full House		Cosby		Cosby		Roseanne		Roseanne		Cosby									
2	2	PBS		Nature "Diamonds" (N)		(N) (DVS)		Masterpiece Theatre The next generation of the Forsytes, Fleur and Jon, meet. (N) (DVS)		Globe Trekker "Northern Spain" (N)		Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"																	
38	83	SCI FI		(5:00) ★★ "Creature" (1998) Craig T. Nelson, Kim Cattrall. (N)										Farscape (E)		The Outer Limits (E)													
61	41	SPK		Real TV (N)		Real TV (N)		Real TV (N)		WWE Heat		★★ "Cheech & Chong's Next Movie" (1980) (N)																	
39	51	TLC		What Were You Thinking? "Mind Over Matter"										Wild Weddings (E)		Trading Spaces: Family (N)		For Better or for Worse "Jerilee and Michael"											
28	37	TNT		Law & Order "D-Girl"		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		Law & Order (E) (DVS)		★★ "Kindergarten Cop" (1990, Comedy) (E)																	
51	86	TRAV		NASCAR Road		Race Week		Ultimate NASCAR (E)		NASCAR Road		Race Week																	
21	82	TVLND		Burnett		All-Family		Sanford		Bewitched		Legends		Inside TV Land		Cheers (N)		Cheers (N)		Sanford									
60	89	UNIV		Premios Furia Musical 2004 Entrega de los Premios Furia Musical.										Impacto		Noticiero		Tras la Verdad											
20	34	USA		(4:30) "The Siege" (E)										★★ "Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis. (E)		Law & Order		JAG (N)											
12	3	WB		Smallville "Reaper" (N)		Charmed "The Legend of Sleepy Halliwell" (N)		The Surreal Life Seeing another side of Tammy. (E)		News (N)		Friends (N)		Everybody-Raymond															
99	36	WGN		Andromeda (N)		(N)		The X-Files (N)		News (E)		Replay		Matlock "The Reunion"		In the Heat of the Night													