

Warnings need to be heeded before marriage

DEAR ABBY: Two weeks ago, my husband let it slip that he wants a divorce. Since we were married, his personality has changed completely. He is not the man I married.

I would like to pass along some tips for anyone considering marriage, and share some of the bright-red flags I chose to ignore. — If your parents or siblings



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have doubts about him, pay attention. Listen and check it out.

— If your intended has nothing good to say about his ex, beware. This is a pattern. Divorce is rarely only one person's fault.

— If his children have nothing to do with him, do not believe him if he says his ex brainwashed them against him. My stepchildren have

told me it was because they hated him, and they have good reasons.

— Look closely at his credit and job history. They are sure predictors of what your life will be like.

— If he's over 30 and has no money, do not let him move in with you, and don't marry him until he's financially solvent. If he has any respect for you (and himself), he'll insist on it.

— Be sure in your heart that you can live with him AS IS. You cannot change another person.

— This is a biggie: Beware if he has no friends. It is not true that they all chose to side with his ex.

— If your friends dislike him,

pay attention. This is also true if he hates your friends.

— If he has more than one DUI and still drinks, run!

— If he is one personality at work or with others, and another person alone with you, run.

— If he has nothing to do with his parents, investigate why. Don't take his word for it.

— If he's an expert at everything and brags a lot, understand that he will turn off a lot of people, eventually maybe even you.

— If he has sexual problems, go with him to a doctor before you marry him. Believe me, his problem will become your problem.

— If he is emotionally or verbally abusive, it will only get worse. Yelling, name-calling and glowering are classic signs of an abuser.

— If he is never wrong and never apologizes, everything will be "your fault" forever. And after years of hearing it, you may even start to accept the blame.

— If he does something wrong and says, "That wouldn't have happened if you hadn't ()," that's another sign of an abuser.

— And if he's mean to children, pets or animals, recognize that he's pathological, and the next victim could be you.

I am now 100 percent disabled and in danger of losing everything. I was taken in by someone who came to regard me as a disposable item. I only hope my letter will save someone else from the heart-break I'm experiencing. — EYES WIDE OPEN IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR EYES WIDE OPEN: Your letter is brimming with well-thought-out advice, and I hope my readers will heed it. Now I have some advice for you: Start asking around for the name of the best divorce lawyer you can find, and be prepared for a fight. I wish you luck.

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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	Biography: Donald Trump: Master	Cold Case Files (N) (E)		Dog the Bounty	Dog the Bounty	Crossing Jordan "Most Likely" (E)		Biography: Donald Trump: Master			
4	6	ABC	"Last Flight Out" (2003, Drama) Richard Tyson, Bobbie Phillips. (E)	According to Jim (E)		In the Jury Room "State vs. Sanora" (E)		News (E)	(:35) Night-line (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E)			
26	48	ANPL	King of the Jungle (N)	Most Extreme "Wild Parties" (N)		Animal Cops Houston		King of the Jungle		Most Extreme "Wild Parties" (N)			
63	54	BRAVO	Backspin "Jennifer Aniston" (N)	Things I Hate About You (N) (E)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ani V." (N)		Things I Hate About You		The West Wing "The Benign Prerogative" (E)			
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "Dead Man Talking" (E)	Big Brother 5 (N) (E)		The Amazing Race 5 (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Late Show (E)	The Late Late Show			
24	50	DISC	Jules Most Dangerous: African Bush	Surviving Suicide: Those Left Behind (N)		The FBI Files "Firefight"		The FBI Files "Family Secrets" (E)		Big "Toaster" (N)			
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family (E)	Even Stevens (E)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (E)	That's So Raven (E)	★ ★ ★ "Brink!" (1998) Erik von Detten. An in-line skater deserts his pals to join a rival team. (E)					
49	81	E!TV	Beauty Pageants: The E! True Hollywood Story	World-Poker		Beauty Secrets		Howard S. Howard S.		Saturday Night Live (E)			
22	56	ESPN	Hockey: World Cup Champ.	Diary: Inside a Super Bowl Season		World-Poker		SportsCenter (Live) (E)		World-Poker			
54	57	ESPN2	★ ★ ★ "Addams Family Values" (1993)	Who's? Who's?		The 700 Club (E)		Fam. Mat. Fam. Mat.					
32	46	FAM	Bodies In Shape Workout	Fitness		Ten Years Younger (E)		Bodies In Shape Workout		Fitness			
35	31	FMC	(:01) Altman: On His Own Terms			(:01) ★ ★ ★ "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972)		(:01) "Rhinestone"					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Corn and Cornmeal"	Roker on the Road	Roker on the Road	Party Starters Couple to renew their vows. (N)		Iron Chef Japan's top vegetable chef.		Emeril Live "Corn and Cornmeal"			
13	7	FOX	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (N)	The Next Great Champ (N) (E)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (E)		Cagney & Lacey "A Fair Shake" (E)		Kojak "Cop in a Cage"			
40	38	FX	Cops (E)	Cops (E)	Cops (E)	Fear Factor (E)		★ ★ ★ "Don't Say a Word" (2001) Michael Douglas.					
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rocky Mt. Rockies	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Arizona Diamondbacks. (Live)		Rocky Mt. Rockies						
5	14	HBO	★ ★ ★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. (E) PG (E)			(:45) ★ ★ ★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants. (E) PG-13 (E)							
62	67	HGTV	Designed Sensible	Decorating Design		Designers' Designers' Home		Design Design		Designed Sensible			
58	52	HIST	Remember the Alamo	The battle at the Alamo. (E)		The Million Dollar Challenge (N) (E)		Sex in World War II "The European Front"		Remember the Alamo The battle at the Alamo.			
25	35	IND	Seinfeld (E)	Seinfeld "The Deal" (E)	Friends (E)	Friends (E)	Sex and the City (E)	★ ★ ★ "Mickey Blue Eyes" (1999, Comedy) (PA) Hugh Grant, James Caan. (E)					
18	63	LIFE	(:00) "Deadly Web"	"Gift of Love: The Daniel TRL (TV) (E)	Music Videos (E)	Direct Effect (E)		MTV Special (E)		The Real World (E)			
23	77	MTV	News (E)	Ent. Tonight	Last Comic Standing (N) (E)	Father of the Pride (E)	Scrubs (N) (E)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head" (E)		News (E)	The Tonight Show		
3	9	NBC	News (E)	Ent. Tonight	Last Comic Standing (N) (E)	Father of the Pride (E)	Scrubs (N) (E)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head" (E)		News (E)	The Tonight Show		
8	8	NBC	Last Comic Standing (N) (E)		Father of the Pride (E)		Scrubs (N) (E)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head" (E)		News (E)	The Tonight Show		
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob School	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Nova "Infinite Secrets" (E) (DVS)	Secrets of the Dead "Tomb of Christ" (E)		Extreme Oil "The Pipeline" (N) (E)		BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (E)			
38	83	SCIFI	"Kull the Conqueror" (E)	★ "The 13th Warrior" (1999) (E)		★ ★ ★ "12 Monkeys" (1995) Bruce Willis. (E)							
61	41	SPK	MXC (E)	MXC (E)	Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Repo Men: Stealing for a Living (N)		Overhaul'n Reinventing a 1991 Ford Explorer.			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (E)	Clean Sweep "Micro-Brewery, Macro-Mess"		In a Fix Unfinished projects.		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living (N)		Overhaul'n Reinventing a 1991 Ford Explorer.			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (E) (DVS)	Law & Order "Maritime"		Charmed (E)		Angel (E)		The X-Files "Squeeze"			
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy (E)	Made	Made	Road Trip (N)		Food Crazy (E)		Made			
21	82	TVLND	Hap Days	Leave	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family		Cheers	Cheers		
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche	Amarte es Mi Pecado		Premios-Conteo		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias			
20	34	USA	Law/Ord SVU	★ ★ ★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		News (E)		Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)				
12	3	WB	Friends (E)	Everybody-Raymond	Gilmore Girls "Raincoats and Recipes" (E)	One Tree Hill "The Games That Play Us"		News (E)		Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)		
99	36	WGN	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs. (Live) (E)					WGN News	Becker (E)	Home Delivery			

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36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files "The Cuff Link; Graveyard Shift; Good Samaritan; Gun Shy" (E)			The First 48 (N) (E)		Crossing Jordan "Revealed" (E)		Cold Case Files (E)			
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (E)	The Benefactor (E)		PrimeTime Live (Season Premiere) (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) Night-line (E)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (E)			
26	48	ANPL	Amazing Animal Videos Cute kangaroos. (E)	Growing Up... Endangered orangutans. (E)		Animal Cops Houston "Horse Quarantine" (E)		Amazing Animal Videos Cute kangaroos. (E)		Growing Up... Endangered orangutans. (E)			
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ani V." (E)	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Celebrities compete for charity. (E)			The West Wing (E)		Celebrity Poker Showdown			
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (E)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Rape victim. (E)		Without a Trace "Bait" (E)		News (E)	(:35) Late Show (E)	The Late Late Show			
24	50	DISC	Deadly Bugs II	Beneath Alcatraz		Deadliest Storm: Galveston Hurricane		Dinosaur Planet "Pod's Travels"		Bermuda Triangle (E)			
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family (E)	Even Stevens (E)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (E)	That's So Raven (E)	★ ★ ★ "Motocrossed" (2001) Alana Austin. A teen takes her injured twin's place in a motocross race. (E)					
49	81	E!TV	Kathie Lee Gifford: The E! True Hollywood Story	Clean Sweep "Micro-Brewery, Macro-Mess"		In a Fix Unfinished projects.		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living (N)		Overhaul'n Reinventing a 1991 Ford Explorer.			
22	56	ESPN	(:5:30) College Football California at Southern Mississippi. (E)			SportsCenter (Live) (E)		Burning Outside					
54	57	ESPN2	WNBA Basketball: Monarchs at Comets			Baseball Tonight (E)		World-Poker		Baseball Tonight (E)			
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "Little Big League" (1994, Comedy) Luke Edwards.	Who's? Who's?		The 700 Club (E)		Fam. Mat. Fam. Mat.					
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls (N)	Workout	Fitness	Ten Years Younger (E)		FitTV's Housecalls (E)		The Healthier You (E)			
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ ★ "Cadence" (1990) Charlie Sheen.			(:01) ★ ★ "Terror Train" (1980) Ben Johnson.		(:01) ★ ★ ★ "Gigot"					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live	Food Finds (N)	Recipe for Success	Amer. Festivals	Amer. Festivals	Iron Chef Morimoto vs. Yushuke Yamashita.		Emeril Live			
13	7	FOX	The O.C.: Obsess Completely (N) (E)	Totally Out-rag.		Craziest Videos		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (E)		Kojak "Last Rites for a Dead Priest"			
40	38	FX	"Butch Cassidy-Sundance Kid"			Fear Factor (E)		★ ★ ★ "The Royal Tenenbaums" (2001) Gene Hackman.					
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)	Rockies	Insider	NASCAR Sports List	Best Damn Sports Show Period (E)	Rocky Mt. I, Max					
5	14	HBO	(:5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Dumline" (2002) PG-13 (E)	★ ★ ★ "Masterminds" (1997, Suspense) Patrick Stewart, Vincent Kartheiser. (E) PG-13 (E)				★ ★ "Underworld" (2003) Kate Beckinsale.					
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap	Design	Designers' Designers' Home			Home Design		Weekend Landscap			
58	52	HIST	First Invasion: The War of 1812	The British wage war against the fledgling United States. (E)		Modern Marvels The self-propelled Crusader.		Command Decisions		Decisive Battles			
25	35	IND	(:5:00) MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. From Shea Stadium in Flushing, N.Y. (E)			★ ★ ★ "Turner & Hocho" (1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham. (E)		(:10) ★ ★ ★ "K-9" (1989) James Belushi.					
18	63	LIFE	"Mother of the Bride"	"I Do (But I Don't)" (2004) Denise Richards. (E)		Wedding Video		The Nanny		The Nanny			
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (E)	Music Videos (E)		Direct Effect (E)		MTV Special (E)					
3	9	NBC	News (E)	Ent. Tonight	Joey "Episode" (E)	(:40) Will & Grace "FYI: I Hurt, Too" (E)	(:20) The Apprentice (N) (E)	News (E)	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N)			
8	8	NBC	Joey "Episode" (E)		(:40) Will & Grace "FYI: I Hurt, Too" (E)	(:20) The Apprentice (N) (E)		News (E)	(:35) The Tonight Show (N) (E)	(:37) Late Night (N)			
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob Sabrina	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Kansas Spotlight	The New This Old House Hour (E)		Wide Angle "An Honest Citizen" (N) (E)		BBC World News	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (E)			
38	83	SCIFI	(:5:00) ★ ★ "Creature" (1998) Craig T. Nelson, Kim Cattrall. (E)			★ ★ "Alligator II: The Mutation" (1991) (E)							
61	41	SPK	MXC (E)	MXC (E)	Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Repo Men: Stealing for a Living		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep "Meditation on a Mess"		In a Fix "Villa Oasis" (E)		Overhaul'n Transforming a 1967 Nova.		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Patriot"	★ ★ ★ "The Others" (2001) Nicole Kidman. (E)		Law & Order (DVS)		★ ★ "Blink" (1994)					
51	86	TRAV	Kansai Airport	Travel Tech		Top Ten Bridges (E)		Kansai Airport		Travel Tech			
21	82	TVLND	Brady Addams F.	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers (E)	Cheers (E)		
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche	Amarte es Mi Pecado		Aquy a Hora		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias			
20	34	USA	Law/Ord SVU	★ ★ ★ "The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman. (E) (DVS)				News (E)		Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)		
12	3	WB	Friends (E)	Everybody-Raymond	Blue Collar TV (N) (E)	Blue Collar TV (N) (E)	Jack & Bobby "Pilot" (E)	News (E)		Friends (E)	Will & Grace (E)		
99	36	WGN	★ ★ "Blame It on Rio" (1983) Michael Caine.					WGN News at Nine (E)	Becker (E)	Becker (E)	Home Delivery		

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36	53	A&E	Biography "Playing Vegas" Las Vegas shows. (N)				City Confidential		Crossing Jordan "All the News Fit to Print"		Biography "Playing Vegas" Las Vegas shows.	
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids "The Baby" Home childbirth.		The 2004 World Music Awards Festivities laud excellence in music. (Live)				News (:35) Nightline		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
26	48	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Venom ER		Animal Cops Houston "Criminal Acts"		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Venom ER	
63	54	BRAVO	Keen Eddie "Sucker Punch"		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy UK "Mark"		The West Wing "Slow News Day"		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy UK "Mark"	
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes		The King of Queens		The King of Queens		CSI: Miami "MIA/NYC - NonStop" (ITV)		News (:35) Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Kandula: An Elephant Story		Crash Files: On the Inside of the NTSB		Gambling Games: Why the House Wins		Supersonic Speed Demons		Turning Torso Large residential structure.	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	Howard S. Howard S.		Saturday Night Live	
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams To Be Announced.				MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)					
54	57	ESPN2	(5:00) MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.				MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)					
32	46	FAM	"Pop Rocks!" (2004, Comedy) Gary Cole.				Whoose? Whoose?		The 700 Club		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
59	-	FIT TV	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	Ten Years Younger		Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★ "Greenwich Village" (1944, Musical)				(:01) Hour of Stars		(:01) ★★★ "Edward Scissorhands" (1990)			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Sweet and Savory Puddings"		BBQ With Bobby Flay		Foodnation		Good Eats		Good Eats	
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)		Quintuplets (N)		The Bernie Mac Show		Method & Red (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	
40	38	FX	(5:30) ★★★ "Don't Say a Word" (2001)				Fear Factor					
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)		Rocky Mt. Rockies		NASCAR Sports List Best Damn Sports Show Period		Cagney & Lacey "Bang, Bang, You're Dead"			
5	14	HBO	"Intolerable Cruelty"		(4:45) ★★ "Space Jam" (1996, Fantasy) Michael Jordan.		PG		★★★ "The Transporter" (2002, Action) Jason Statham, Shu Qi.			
62	67	HGTV	Dream		Spaces		Weekend		Mission		Curb	
58	52	HIST	Targeted Osama bin Laden.				Modern Marvels "St. Lawrence Seaway" (N)		Sex in World War II "The Home Front"		Targeted Osama bin Laden.	
25	35	IND	Family Guy		Family Guy		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Sex and the City	
18	63	LIFE	"Like Mother, Like Son"				Date With Darkness-Andrew Luster		Golden		Golden	
23	77	MTV	TRL (ITV)		Music Videos		Direct Effect		Hard Rock		MTV Special	
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. Tonight		Hawaii "Psych Out" (N)		Siegfried & Roy: The Miracle (N)		Law & Order "C.O.D."	
8	8	NBC	Hawaii "Psych Out" (N)		Siegfried & Roy: The Miracle (N)		Law & Order "C.O.D."		News		(:35) The Tonight Show (N)	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob Unfabulous		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.	
2	2	PBS	Kansas Candidates		The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud With Dr. Armand Nicholi Existence of God.				BBC World News		Two's Company	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★ "Sabretooth"		"Tremors 4: The Legend Begins" (2004)		★★★ "Swamp Thing" (1982) Ray Wise.					
61	41	SPK	MXC		MXC		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep Eliminating clothes.		In a Fix Farmhouse becomes a stylish ranch.		In a Fix "Landscape O' Love" Fixer-upper home.		For Better or for Worse "Donya and Steve"	
28	37	TNT	★★★ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino.				Law & Order		(DVS)		The X-Files	
51	86	TRAV	Vegas Challenge		World Poker Tour "Battle of Champions"		Vegas Challenge		World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour	
21	82	TVLND	Brady		All-Family		Sanford		Leave		Emmy's Greatest (N)	
60	89	UNIV	Mariana de la Noche		Amarte es Mi Pecado		Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto		Noticiero	
24	34	USA	Law/Ord SVU		★★ "In Hell" (2003) Jean-Claude Van Damme.		★★★ "Hard Target" (1993, Drama)					
12	3	WB	Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Smallville Clark decides to tell Lana his secret.		Smallville "Covenant"		News	
99	36	WGN	★★★ "Benny & Joon" (1993) Aidan Quinn.				WGN News at Nine		Becker		Becker	
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