

Let go of the past

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-something male who is madly in love with my girlfriend. That being said, I do have one concern. She dated a friend of mine for a short while prior to dating me. Their relationship was physically intimate, something I have reserved for only our relationship.

In short, I am having trouble facing my friend.

Can you advise me how to get over my discomfort at the physical nature of their relationship? She was never promiscuous. Her one “indiscretion” happens to be my good friend. — TRYING TO GET OVER IT

DEAR TRYING: You can overcome your discomfort by recognizing that today many people come with a sexual past, and by not allowing yourself to dwell on it. (If you do, it’ll be like pumping air into a balloon until it explodes.)

Your problem isn’t unusual. Most people like to fantasize that the partner they have chosen has no sexual history. If you’re worried about “comparisons” — look at it this way: YOU’VE got the girl.

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked and hurt recently when my grandmother wrote me a letter about the level of “disrespect” I supposedly “heaped on her” during a recent visit. I am 37



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years old, and while visiting her after the funeral of a relative, I showed her some photographs of me and my fiancé.

My fiancé is a tall, handsome, African-American man I met and fell in love with two years ago. The “disrespect” she was alluding to in the letter was “because her granddaughter was involved with a black man.”

Abby, I was raised to accept people for who they are, lovingly and with respect, regardless of color or ethnicity. I do not want to be disrespectful of my grandmother or hurt her, but my fiancé and I were married on April 15 and we are very happy. My question is, can old grandmothers be taught new tricks? — OFFENDED IN CARTERVILLE, GA.

DEAR OFFENDED: Some can, when they see their grandchild is happy in a stable marriage; others are too firmly entrenched in their biases to change their thinking. Remember, you and she are from different generations, and although mixed mar-

riages are not uncommon these days, they were when your grandmother was growing up.

In your case, I wouldn’t count on teaching Granny any new tricks, because her mind appears to be locked tighter than Guantanamo Bay. But hold a good thought.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a small office with four “girls.” A fifth girl, whom I’ll call “Shirley,” takes her break with us. Over the past year, we have all become friendly.

Shirley has a daughter I’ll call “Toni.” Toni is pregnant, and Shirley is throwing her a shower. We are all invited, even though I am the only one who has met Toni, and only once, briefly. Shirley approached us to ask if any of us are attending the shower, and when we declined the invitation, she proceeded to ask if we would all chip in \$10 for a gift from us.

Does this take nerve or what? Any suggestions? — MORTIFIED IN LANSFORD, PA.

DEAR MORTIFIED: It takes either “nerve” or total ignorance of the social graces. Unless you want to chip in for a group gift, I suggest you also decline that “invitation.”

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SATURDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	Cold Case Teenage girl killed. (TVPG)		Cold Case 3 women raped. (TVPG)		American Justice: Dangerous Medicine		American Justice: Justifiable Homicide?		Cold Case Teenage girl killed. (TVPG)	
4 6	ABC	"Wonderful World of Disney: The Princess Diaries" ('01, Comedy) Julie Andrews. (HD)				The Evidence: Borrowed Time (R) (HD)		KAKE News at 10 (:35) Insider (:05) Entertainment Tonight			
26 54	ANPL	(:5:00) Dog Shows & Competitions: Eukanuba Tournament of Champions 2006 (Live)				Black Mamba (TV G)		Dog Shows & Competitions: Eukanuba Tournament of Champions 2006 (Replay)			
63 67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Actor's Studio: Casts of Law and Order		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)	
7 11	CBS	48 Hours Mystery: Terror at the Morgue (R)		"Mission: Impossible 2" renegade spy who's stolen a deadly virus. (R) (HD)		IMF agent Ethan Hunt hunts down a		(:40) News (N)		(:10) Alias: Countdown	

36	47	A&E	Filp House House flip. (TVPG)		Investigative Reports: Meth in the City		Intervention: John (TV14)		CSI: Miami: One Night Stand (TV14)		Filp House House flip. (TVPG)			
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (R)		Desperate Housewives (TV14) (R) (HD)		Grey's Anatomy (TV14) (R) (HD)		KAKE News at 10		(:35) KAKE			
26	54	ANPL	Big Bear Diary				A Panda Is Born (TVPG)		Big Bear Diary					
63	67	BRAVO	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Inside Actor's Studio: Robert Downey Jr.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (HD)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG)		"Bounce" (’00, Drama) Man courts widow.			
7	11	CBS	Cold Case: Honor (R) (HD)		"Saving Milly" (’05, Made for TV) A husband's undying devotion to his wife		The Sphinx Unmasked (TVPG)		Eyewitness News (N)		(:35) News Double			
55	42	DISC	Egypt's New Tomb Revealed (TV G)		King Tut's Mystery Tomb Opened		The Sphinx Unmasked (TVPG)		Building the Great Pyramid (TV G)		Egypt's New Tomb Revealed (TV G)			
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Naturally (TV G)		Life Derek (TV G)		Zack (TVY7)		Hannah			
49	66	EITV	E! Story (TVPG)				The Girls		The Girls		The Simple			
22	28	ESPN	⊙ MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				Poker		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)			
23	29	ESPN2	Poker		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)		Poker (Taped)			
32	58	FAM	"The Best Man" (’05) ★★½ Stealing a girl. (NR)				"The Best Man" (’05) ★★½ Stealing a girl. (NR)		Lakewood		Children			
35	-	FMC	"Emperor of the North" (’73) ★★ ★ Lee Marvin.				(:15) "Kiss of Death" (’95, Suspense/Thriller)		"Marked for Death"					
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: Fowl Play (TV G)		Paula's European Vacation		Barefoot in Paris Touring Paris.		Iron Chef America: Flay vs. Burke (TV G)		Paula's European Vacation			
13	7	FOX	Cops (TV14) (N)		Cops (TVPG) (R)		America's Most Wanted (TVPG)		St. Elsewhere: Out on a Limb		Mad TV (TV14) (R)			
27	25	FX	Sunny		⊙ MLB Baseball Diamondbacks at Rockies (Live)		"Behind Enemy Lines" A flight navigator is shot down.		"Starsky and Hutch" Detectives vs crime.		MLS Soccer (Taped)			
30	27	FXSP	PRIDE Jackson-Silva				Poker Superst		In Focus		F. Score			
-	60	HALL	"The Outsider" (’02)				"Wild Hearts" Richard Thomas.		(:40) "Wild Hearts"		(:20) MASH (TVPG)			
5	-	HBO	"Cinderella Man" (’05) Boxing champion.		(:15) "Taxi" (’04) ★½ Queen Latifah. Jimmy Fallon.		"Taxi driver has tips for a green cop. (HD)		"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (’05, Comedy) ★★½ Aging virgin dates a celibate mother. (R)					
62	44	HGTV	reDesign Divine		Your Sign? Has Design		Design Design		Facelift		reDesign Divine			
58	48	HIST	Time Machine: The Story of Superman Creators discuss Superman's hero role. (TV G)				Comic Book Superheroes as sign of the times. (TVPG)		Unmasked Comic books		Time Machine: The Story of Superman			
25	38	IND	⊙ (:5:00) MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field (HD) (NR)		⊙		"Son in Law" (’93, Comedy) ★★ Carla Gugino. Coen brothers goofy friend home to laud.		"In the Army Now" (’94) Clerks join Army.					
18	63	LIFE	"12 Hours to Live"				"Deadly Encounter" ★★ Woman faces stalker		"Best Laid Plans" (’99) Quick cash scheme.					
54	74	MTV	Ride Ride				The Hills The Hills		Cherienne Cherienne		The Band 3 The Band 3		Fresh Meat Fresh Meat	
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight		Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Law & Order: Ghosts (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (HD) Saturday Night (R)			
8	8	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Law & Order: Ghosts (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10		Saturday Night Live: Best of Saturday TV Funhouse. (TV14) (R)			
34	55	NICK	"What a Girl Wants" (’03) Appearance As Time Go		Politician's girl.		Bel-Air		Roseanne		Roseanne			
2	2	PBS	As Time Go		L. Well: Tribute to Swing & Sweet Bands		RedGreen (TVPG)		Austin City Limits: Tracy Chapman (R)		Cosby Soundstage (TV G) (HD) Python			
38	71	SCIFI	"The Forsaken" (’01)		"Slayer" Soldiers battle vampires in jungle.		Amazing (TV14)		Amazing (TV14)		Disorderly Cond			
61	72	SPK	(1:00) CSI: Alter Boys		UFC Countdown		Property Outside help. (TV G)		Property Man not approved. (TV G)		Trading (TV G)			
28	43	TLC	Wild Weddings: Four-ups at the Altar (TV G)		While You: San Diego: Pacific Rim Fashion									
39	40	TNT	"Lara Croft 2" (’03)		"Blade II" (’02) ★★½ Stopping Reapers. (R)				"Dreamcatcher" (’03) ★★ Military vigilante. (R)					
51	49	TRAV	World Poker		Supercars (TV G)		WrlD Poker							
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Griffith Sanford		Sanford Times		3's Co. Benson		Munsters Munsters			
60	79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)						Primer imp		Noticiero			
20	37	USA	"50 First Dates" (’04, Comedy) Memory loss.				"50 First Dates" (’04, Comedy) Memory loss.		Law & Order (HD)					
12	3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: Divergence (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Will (TV14) Raymond (TVPG)		WB2 News at Nine (N)			
99	39	WGN	⊙ (:5:00) MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)				WGN News at Nine		Sex & City Becker		Home Impro "Meet Wally"			