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Puzzle by Ryan Mathiason

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CAROLYN HAX

Man says no baby until she loses 30 pounds



BY CAROLYN HAX
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Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared Oct. 12, 2012.

Dear Carolyn: My husband of three years and I have finally gotten to where it is practical to try to start a family. We've known for a few years that I have a fertility problem that gets progressively worse each month, but we weren't ready, so we decided to wait.

I have given up everything I am supposed to, including alcohol and caffeine, even caffeine-free diet soda at his request, and am taking dance classes twice a week to try to get to a healthier weight.

I will be the first to admit that I am not in the best shape I have been in since we have been together, but I am active and only 15 pounds overweight. I thought we were on the same page about starting to try until he told me that I need to be healthier, and part of that request is that I first lose 30 pounds.

Now he wants to attend my next doctor's appointment to prove to me that I am not physically prepared for what I thought we wanted. I'm not sure what to do next and would

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1. Hush money

2. Dusk

3. Chromosome units

4. Elderly person

5. Performer's selection

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appreciate any guidance. — Michigan

Michigan: I've been at this gig for forever and still, somehow, I can be surprised by the abundance and variety of ways people find to treat their supposedly-loved-ones like dirt.

Your doctor won't say this to you, so I will: Your husband's insensitivity, entitlement and casual disregard for boundaries between his body and yours do far more to disqualify him as father material than your extra pounds do to rule out motherhood for you.

While I realize you are invested in this marriage to the point where you're ready to bring children into it today, I'm nevertheless — or perhaps because of that — going to beg you to look closely at your years together. See whether this recent bit of arrogance, objectification and, yes, misogyny out of your husband is wildly out of character for him, or just the one time it's been blatant enough to catch your full attention.

If it's the former, then go ahead, bring him to your appointment and let the doctor handle his weight concerns — and

also hear about your discomfort with your husband's sudden ownership of what you can and can't eat, what you can and can't weigh, and what you can and can't be trusted to discuss with your doctor yourself.

If it's the latter, then please deal with this painful truth about the man you married. Better now than when the self-image of a child is wet clay in his hands.

Dear Carolyn: How can you let anger go when you still get treated the same way by those involved, and they refuse to see anything wrong?

— Anonymous

Anonymous: Release requires distance. To understand the people who mistreated you, the effect of the mistreatment and any contribution you made to the problem, you need to step back emotionally, at least. Try to think objectively about the whats, whys and how-not-to-perpetuate-the-cycles.

When you're too close to think objectively, then you probably need physical distance.

One place to start: Why are you standing in harm's way, waiting to feel safe?

Yankees' Cashman returns for 30th season as general manager

Field Level Media

New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and the team have agreed to a new contract, allowing him to return to the role for a 30th season in 2027.

Cashman, 59, announced his own re-signing on Wednesday in a video news conference. He did not reveal any contract terms, but his current deal was set to expire this fall.

"We've agreed on a new contract that we just have to bang out some minor stuff on the back end of it, but we're locked and loaded," Cashman said.

Cashman was just 31 when the late George Steinbrenner, who was known for churning through managers and general managers, promoted him -- and kept him in the job. His first significant trade came

Feb. 6, 1998, when he sent future All-Star shortstop Cristian Guzman and three prospects to the Minnesota Twins for infielder Chuck Knoblauch.

During Cashman's tenure, the Yankees have never had a losing season. They have won four World Series, seven American League pennants and 15 AL East titles. Nine of those came consecutively in Cashman's first nine seasons, with Joe Torre as the field manager.

In Cashman's 29 seasons, the Yankees have failed to qualify for the postseason just five times.

But the Yankees have not won the World Series since 2009, leading to some disgruntlement among fans. Still, Cashman enjoys the support of owner Hal Steinbrenner, who spoke favorably of both Cashman and manager Aaron Boone.

"Cash is great every season," Steinbrenner said

on the video call from Tampa, Fla., where he sat with Cashman at team facilities. "I mean, I think the roster he put together, the team that we rolled out of spring training with, was as good as any in baseball, in my opinion.

"We had a lot of bumps and bruises along the way, but the team was fantastic. And I thought it was a world championship team.

"Talking about this season, I thought Boone managed a good season, especially with the pitching staff. We had a lot of additions and subtractions in the rotation throughout the course of the season. Our bullpen was absolutely exhausted by the end of the season. He got through all that and he got us to the playoffs."

But the players didn't do their jobs, he said.

"The bottom line is, the players didn't live up to their end of the bargain in the playoffs," he said. "So



Jayne Kamin-Oncea

New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman, seen in 2024, announced his own re-signing on Wednesday in a video news conference. He did not reveal any contract terms, but his current deal was set to expire this fall.

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Boone is expected to remain the manager of the Yankees, who finished 93-68 and defeated the Boston Red Sox in the wild-card round before losing to the Tampa Bay Rays in the American League Division Series.

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Hartland Craft Fair
Saturday Oct 24, 9am - 4pm at 4910 Hartland Parkway. Pottery, jewelry, wood products, watercolors, photos, textiles, decor, and holiday items.

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Estate Sale
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Swiatek ends season early to recover from injury

Field Level Media

Former World No. 1 Iga Swiatek of Poland ended her season early Tuesday in order to "rest and recover."

The six-time Grand Slam winner withdrew from this week's Ningbo Open in China and will not participate in the year-end WTA Finals

next month at Indian Wells.

Swiatek, currently ranked No. 9, has been dealing with an injury to her left thigh.

"This has been one of the most demanding seasons of my career, with a lot of challenges, changes and lessons along the way," she posted on social media.

"I'm especially proud

of the work we've done in the second half of the year and the progress that came with it. It gave me a lot of confidence in what's ahead.

"The past few months, or actually the past couple of years, have been incredibly intense and I feel I need to rest and recover my body fully. So that's exactly what I will do, a bit longer this time.

I've decided to end my season here, which means I won't be playing any more tournaments this year."

Swiatek, 25, finishes the season with a 39-15 record in singles. She won her 26th career WTA Tour title at the Canadian Open in August.

Only the top eight singles players qualify for the Nov. 8-15 WTA Finals. Swiatek had been competing with Karolina Muchova and Marta Kostyuk for the final berth.