

## 1: 10 Ways to Help Your Grieving Pet

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Jeff found his professional calling in when he began working with seniors and their families at A Place for Mom. His passion for helping seniors and his fondness for the written word are evident in his articles about issues affecting older adults and their families. Jeff also writes and records music under the moniker Mysterious Inventors.

KEN to bring my husband back to me. Life without my husband was a real mess for me and my children I am so happy to get my Ex husband back through the help of Great DR. KEN the spell caster. My greatest surprise was that 48 hours after the Doctor casted the spell for me, my husband who has abandoned me for years suddenly called me unexpectedly and started begging for my forgiveness. Am so happy that we have become one happy family again through the help of Great DR. Dr Ken is a very wonderful and powerful spell caster, you can contact him if you need his assistant because i know he can also help you. I have been lonely all these years cos I loved him even when we were divorced. I spoke with friends about it but luckily a friend told me about a spell caster that helped her cure her Herpes. If you need help with getting your ex back or you have any illness that has been giving you problems for years now, you can contact lord baraka on his email: Doctor landy used his powerful spell to put a smile on my face by bringing back my man with his spell, at first i thought i was dreaming when my husband came back to me on his knees begging me to forgive him and accept him back and even since then he loves me more than i ever expected so i made a vow to my self the i will let the World know about Doctor landy because he is a God on earth. Do you have problems in your relationship? Do you have problem with your finance? Doctor landy email is: Mr Mike is giving out the card just to help the poor and needy though it is illegal but it is something nice and he is not like other people pretending to have the blank ATM cards. And no one gets caught when using the card. Just send him an email on blankatm gmail. I had problems at home which affected my work greatly. I was now always in a cross fire with my boss. My wife wanted out of our marriage for no just reason. It was always like that i mean she always get what she wants. All i wanted was to see her happy i could never do anything that will make her so unhappy. This was all i did wrong that is make her have it her way all the time. I mean that was the reason she gave during our therapy session. She wanted out of the marriage cos i was to nice. From what she said, i was the kind of man ever woman will die for but she wanted a real man to enforce his will no her meaning was i was to week a man for her. And that was the least of therapy session we had cos like she said we where wasting our life together and no amount of therapy was going to get us back together. I was still in love with her, she was the love of my life and i still wanted her to come back that was when i saw Eva-Yolanda article on Dr landy When i contacted him he made me known that i will have to go through all the spell casting process. Like he said most people are too scared cos of trust issues. I was asked to get some material to prepare the spell and after which he sent me a package contain the spell and the rest just happen the way it was suppose to happen i got my wife back and she was my wife back again i mean she was not that woman who wanted a hard man she was woman i fell in love with who loved me cos i am me If you want help or fell he can help contact him with his email address: This sibling refuses to discuss their care and allow other siblings to help. This sibling does not provide the care they need either. However this sibling is constantly in their head and the seniors are refusing help from other siblings as well. Mother has had a few strokes and unsteady on her feet. Father is in early stage of Dementia. I worry in time something serious could happen which could bring about charges of neglect. Two siblings thousands of miles away but still offer help in organizing and scheduling Doctors appointments. The two others living nearby have tried to talk to parents but they say they are fine with oldest sibling even though my dad still drives themselves to doctors appointments, grocery store, church, etc. Kasona Elias I am very happy today with my family. My name is rose sarah living in USA, My husband left me for a good 3 years now, and i love him so much, i have been looking for a way to get him back since then. Jude a spell caster, who helped me to bring back my husband after 2 weeks. Me and my husband are living happily together today, That man is great, you can contact him via email

liberationlovespell gmail. He always hello, now i call him my father. If you need help in getting back together with your Ex, email Dr Great at infinitylovespell gmail. After 8 years of marriage, me and my husband has been into one quarrel or the other until he finally left me and moved to California to be with another woman. Every day and night i think of him and always wish he would come back to me, I was really upset and i needed help, so i searched for help online and I came across Priest Elijah he can help get ex back fast. So, I felt I should give him a try. I contacted him and he told me what to do and i did it then he did a Love spell for me. So that was how he came back the next day,with lots of love and joy,and he apologized for his mistake,and for the pain he caused me and the kids. Then from that day,our Marriage was now stronger than how it were before,All thanks to Priest Elijah. I know there are lots of woman like me out there who have done so much to have back their Husband, I am here to tell you all to search no further because the answer is right here. I contacted him via email landylovespell gmail. I filled so much joy and happiness that I found Dr Landy , I hope you all here will find this testimony of mine and get your husband back in just 48 hours thanksâ€ contact his email: You can also have a better relationship only if you contact: I and my kids had being dwelling in pains for almost two years now, Recently, A Friend of mine Directed me to this great spell caster named Dr Noble, he is a Powerful Spell caster, he helped me and before 48 hours, My Wife that left me came back and started begging for forgiveness. I will drop Hes Email address along with this testimony of mine in case anyone want to contact him, There is His Email:

### 2: When Death Brings Out the Worst: family fighting after a death - What's Your Grief

*My deceased brother and I shared our faith - my younger brother and his family have none ; they did nothing towards the funeral, contributed nothing financially or practically and my younger brother was (allegedly) according to his wife, a mess.*

By Connie Matthiessen , Caring. In fact, if managed well, the experience of caring for an older family member has the potential to bring relatives closer as you help this person through this final stage of life. Typically, disagreements arise because of: Roles and rivalries dating back to childhood. This tendency can grow even more pronounced under the strain of caregiving. You may be convinced that your family member is no longer capable of driving, while your brothers argue that he needs to maintain his independence. Advertisement Disagreements over financial matters and other practical issues. Financial concerns can influence decisions about where the person should live, whether or not a particular medical intervention is needed, and whether he can afford a housekeeper. These conflicts are often fueled by ongoing resentment over income disparities and perceived inequities in the distribution of the family estate. The primary caregiver might assume this role because he lives near the family member, is perceived to have the fewest obligations, or has the closest relationship with the person. Whatever the reasons, the situation is likely to make him resentful. Advertisement Hold Regular Family Meetings As soon as the person begins to have health problems, initiate regular family meetings with your siblings and other family members who will be involved in her care. The goal is to share information and make decisions as a group; the meetings can also be a source of support and provide a forum for resolving disagreements. If all or some of you live in different parts of the country, the meetings can be held by conference call. There are now many free conference call services available you can search online with the term free conference calls. If possible, reserve a little time at the end of the meeting or conference call to chat and catch up. A fair division of labor can mitigate resentment and make caregiving more efficient. The family meeting is an excellent venue for setting up a caregiving schedule and dividing up tasks. Why Communication Is Important Most families have taboo subjects that everyone avoids. Sometimes the topic is a sensitive one, like a drinking problem or a family tragedy, but often family members avoid speaking up because they are afraid of hurting feelings -- or simply because openness has never been part of the family culture. In a calm, quiet moment -- perhaps at the next family meeting -- explain how you feel in a matter-of-fact, nonconfrontational way. Try to be concrete and specific when you ask for help. Likewise, if another sibling or family member is doing most of the caregiving, offer support and encourage her to express her frustrations and talk about what would make it easier for her. Offer Help Even If You Live far Away If you live far from your family member and other relatives are responsible for most of the care, be sure to offer support. Check in often to see how things are going and to offer whatever assistance you can. Ask about how the caregiver is doing and be a sounding board for frustrations and concerns. Be patient if the caregiver needs to vent. The National Caregivers Alliance advises relatives who live far away to let the caregivers know how much you appreciate what they do and to make sure that primary caregivers get regular respite. Perhaps you can pay for some additional care or offer to hire a housecleaner for the caregivers. How to Resolve Family Conflicts Seek Mediation -- Especially if You Hit Trouble Spots A counselor or mediator can help you and your family resolve disagreements or manage particularly difficult care-giving dilemmas. Schempp, who regularly counsels siblings and other caregivers, says, "It helps families to have an outside facilitator who can offer advice and support. Many problems facing caregivers have no easy answers. Take, for example, your argument with your brothers about whether your dad can still drive. He might well be too infirm to drive, but he needs his independence. To find a counselor, contact your local senior center or area agency on aging. Be Part of the Solution If you find yourself in conflict with another family member when caring for an elderly relative, take a step back and get some perspective. It might help you to see a therapist for support and insight.

### 3: SparkNotes: The Metamorphosis: Themes

*If talking to your brother or sister alone didn't make a change, having a parent watch over the conversation can help to keep it civil. 9 Ask your friends for advice.*

This is the original Bullyonline website developed by the late Tim Field. It is provided as a testament to his pioneering work. Visit our new website. Constant criticism, nit-picking, humiliation, undermining, denial, refusal to value, manipulation? Sounds like bullying. Bullying in the family. Dealing with a serial bully, psychopath or sociopath in the family. Issues: All serial bullies have been through school and all have families and neighbours. An increasing number of enquiries come from people dealing with family bullying. The violence committed by a serial bully is almost entirely psychological, for psychological violence leaves no scars and no physical evidence. Most commonly the violence takes the form of verbal abuse and emotional abuse including trivial nit-picking criticism, constant fault-finding combined with a simultaneous refusal to recognise, value, acknowledge and praise. Manipulation, isolation and exclusion are other favourite tactics, as is feigning victimhood or persecution, especially when held accountable. The objectives of serial bullies are Power, Control, Domination and Subjugation. These are achieved by a number of means including disempowerment, the stimulation of excessive levels of fear, shame, embarrassment and guilt, manipulation especially of emotions and perceptions, ritual humiliation and constant denial. When you live with someone who is constantly denying what they said or did a day ago, or an hour ago, or even a minute ago, it drives you crazy. When the symptoms of injury to health start to become apparent, the bully will tell others you have a "mental health problem". You may be mad, but this is not mad insane, this is mad angry. Control is a common indicator of the serial bully at home - control of finances, control of movements, control over choice of friends, control of the right to work, control over what to think, and so on. All are designed to disempower. A favourite tactic of the bully in the family is to set people against each other. The benefits to the bully are that: Bullies see any form of vulnerability as an opportunity for manipulation, and are especially prone to exploiting those who are most emotionally needy. Elderly relatives, those with infirmity, illness, those with the greatest vulnerability, or those who are emotionally needy or behaviourally immature family members are likely to be favourite targets for exploitation. The bully may try to establish an exclusive relationship based on apparent trust and confidence with one family member such that they the bully are seen as the sole reliable source of information; this may be achieved by portraying the target and certain other family members as irresponsible, unstable, undependable, uncaring, unreliable and untrustworthy, perhaps by the constant highlighting - using distortion and fabrication - of alleged failures, breaches of trust, lack of reliability, etc. Mostly this is projection. Any person who is capable of exposing and breaking the dependency is targeted with venom and will find their name blackened at every opportunity. When close to being outwitted and exposed, the bully feigns victimhood and turns the focus on themselves - this is another example of manipulating people through their emotion of guilt, eg sympathy, feeling sorry, etc. Female serial bullies are especially partial to making themselves the centre of attention by claiming to be the injured party whilst portraying their target as the villain of the piece. When the target tries to explain the game, they are immediately labelled "paranoid". Attention-seeking behaviour is common with emotionally immature people. The serial bully is easy to spot once you know what you are looking at: Jekyll and Hyde nature, compulsive lying, manipulation or emotions, perceptions, beliefs, etc, unpredictability, deception, denial, arrogance, narcissism, attention-seeking, etc - whilst always charming and plausible, especially when impressionable witnesses are present. For the full profile of the serial bully, click here. Everybody knows someone in their life with this profile - who is it in your life? Serial bullies can be male or female - the main difference is that female bullies are more devious, more manipulative, more cunning, more sly, more psychological, more subtle, leave less evidence and will often bully with a smile. Female bullies will often manipulate a male into committing their violence for them. Male bullies tend to be less subtle, have a tendency towards physical aggression, and are generally less clever than female bullies. Click here for more information on female violence. Females often display a greater tendency towards attention seeking behaviours. I believe half the population are bullied or harassed or abused;

## **MAKING ROOM FOR BROTHER DEALING WITH FAMILY CHANGES pdf**

click here to see if this fits your experience in life. Many emailers and callers to my UK National Workplace Bullying Advice Line are dealing with a violent or abusive partner or ex-partner, sometimes as well as a serial bully at work. Bully OnLine provides insight and practical information to validate the abuse people are experiencing; the sound of relief is often audible! Patricia Evans has her own web site.

### 4: 3 Ways to Deal With Your Siblings - wikiHow

*Step 3: Make a deal Make a deal. Say something like, 'If you give me some space while my friends are here, we can play your favorite board game after they leave.'*

When my youngest child, seven years old at the time, became cowed with anxiety by day and unable to sleep at night, I thought at first it had something to do with his new class at primary school. It was a few weeks into the start of a school year, and our previously robust youngest had undergone a massive character change. He had been outgoing but was now withdrawn. He had been a joker; now nothing made him laugh. He started wanting reassurance at night. It took days of probing to get to the root of the problem. No, he liked his new teacher. Yes, his friendships were all fine. When he admitted, reluctantly, that since his sister left home, it had felt to him as if a piece of the family was missing, I was dumbstruck. When one or both of them were out, he knew they would be there later. Empty nest syndrome is pretty well documented. On reflection, it seems obvious – even when other siblings remain at home, the departure of one of them affects family dynamics. Relationships shift and alter the way they have to adjust when a new baby is born, with roles altering and pecking orders changing. But there is no "empty nest" label for siblings to attach to their confused feelings, particularly those who are very young the gap between our youngest and his year-old sister perhaps exacerbated the problem, and my son, unable or unwilling to articulate his sense of loss, was suffering anxiety and sleeplessness instead. Now I thought about it, I realised that her departure meant that other things had changed in the household, which must have felt unsettling to a young child. Our middle daughter, 16 at the time, had started going out more with her friends, and one or the other of us parents was usually preoccupied with work or study. The house became a place to sleep rather than the family home it had been. With only four of us, rarely all at home at once, we hardly ever gathered for family meals any more. We used to sit and watch TV or films together; now we never did. What message had this given to our youngest? The change must have felt catastrophic. Our first-born leaving was poignant for her parents. It was the end of an era, but it also meant we were embarking on a path that would eventually lead us back to living a child-free life again, to which in some ways we were looking forward. For our youngest child, who had never known life without his older sister, the change was far more significant. It was uncharted and so potentially scary. It must also have felt final – he had no idea, as we did, that students come scurrying back home every holiday and often in between. As far as he was concerned, if one person could just leave, who was going to disappear next? But all siblings are affected. Our 16 year old had lost a confidante and ally. And, indeed, my middle daughter says it was a difficult transition for her too. The difference between her and the youngest was that she was able to express her feelings and fill the gap by increasing her social life and endlessly messaging her sister. But the result was that she too edged away from home, leaving the house all the emptier for her younger brother. Once I began to think about the whole issue of siblings leaving, I remembered that when my elder brother went off on his travels, it catapulted me into adulthood. I was left at home with my younger brother, who at that stage seemed much less exciting, and I was lost. Who would I go to parties and gigs with now? My younger brother who may also, like my youngest son, have had unexpressed feelings himself withdrew into his room as he hit puberty, my mother returned to full-time work and my father was out more. When I got in from school, the house was silent, cold and tomb-like. Home was no longer the place of solace it had once seemed. Because, of course, accompanying the emotional changes when a child leaves, are economic and practical ones. Parents have to support their older kids through university and may take the opportunity – as mine did – to work more hours, in the process leaving the younger ones behind. The conflict is one I recognise only too well, as the need to earn more to support my older children through further education has been pitted against the responsibility of being around for the younger one. Couples who have worked at staying together "for the sake of the kids", may give up making the effort once there are fewer kids at home. A friend, the mother of two adult daughters, recounts: There are, of course, advantages to a sibling leaving. Younger children have a chance to try on new identities, to expand into the space left, to have their own room – for the first time in some cases – to take on new roles, and, potentially, to grow closer to other siblings or their parents. My son

is 13 now and reaping the benefits of having siblings who have left home. For me, it was a salutary lesson in how strong the bond between my own children really was and how much more sensitive I should have been to the change a child leaving would make to her siblings in the first place. We are often the worst witnesses to what is in front of our noses within the family. I am also aware that while for us, the parents, it was a step towards a couple-only lifestyle, for my youngest, life really would never be the same again. I loved it at Christmas when they came home and that dark hole filled with the light and noise of their presence again.

### 5: About Your Privacy on this Site

*You love your family members, but sometimes they're frustrating and aggravating! These six tips on how to deal with troubling family problems will help you get along with your siblings, parents, or other relatives.*

Love your work October 6, at 6: Being alone is much better than the insanity. Maybe that is the problem. Keep up the good work, though. I share your articles with others in different grief situations. Those articles are down to earth with no fluff. Very helpful to those of us still seeking answers. Rosie Thomas October 5, at She was under hospice care. I live in a different state. She constantly ask for me to come. My older sister was already there from a different state. She appeared to be in charge. When I got there she was in this dark hot windowless room. I was appalled being a nurse and having worked in hospice the patient was always in a bright pleasant surroundings. Anyway I was given limited time to be with her. I had to stay in a hotel due to the fact nobody made accommodations for me. It was 93degrees and no air conditioning. I also had to rent a car there was no one to get me from the airport My sister died during the night and no one called me. By the time I got to the house her body was already gone. No one told the name of the mortuary or any of the arrangements. My older sister who was apparently in charged cussed me out offered to fight me if I did not leave my sisters home. She told me never to come back. I flew home a day later. I found out after returning home there had been a memorial service a week after I left, she had been cremated and only God knows where her ashes are,she left behind three adult children who now hate me and saying awful things about me. My sister will not apologize for treating me badly and now her granddaughter who was not even there is giving me hell for upsetting her grandmother I have been diagnosed with PTSD,depression and anxiety. This occurred prior to my sisters death. Grieving is so hard on me. I am the black sheep in the family and have always been mistreated by my family. How do I get through this? It has only been 2weeks. Heather October 30, at 4: Your family sounds dysfunctional. It sounds as if your sister has narcissistic personality disorder and perhaps the entire family is narcissistic. In narcissistic families there are favorites and children that are targets for being mistreated. The wizard of Oz and other narcissists "is a good book to start with. If nothing else, it will help you understand why your sister needed to control everything and why your were so mistreated. Aileen October 1, at One year ago my brother let a niece and her young son move in because she had been kicked out of a shelter. The niece was even crazier than him and all this dysfunction swirled around my mother. It became clear that the niece was very manipulating and sneaky. He seemed totally uninterested, but I kept him informed and asked permission before removing anything from the home. It was clear my nephew, smitten with his first girlfriend 1st cousin was like a puppet on a string. Like anyone would want to buy our baby photos and her old letters, etc! I was afraid and shocked, but more shocked that my brother did not say one word to defend me. The guy yanked a sack I had filled with papers out of my arms and hurled it across the garage. I drove away sobbing hysterically. Once home I sat down and struggled to calm myself. I loaded up any and everything I had brought to my house, including her doll collection, photos, jewelry and jewelry boxes, everything. Stacked it neatly by their front porch, and drove off. They can have it all, and I am done with all three of them for good -the nasty couple as well as my brother who had not defended me and let me be run off by his horrible son. May they all live together in their incredible dysfunction and evilness. Then I went to the cemetery to visit my mother and lay roses on her grave. Anders September 29, at 9: While this article was helpful, sometimes it is utterly impossible to mediate a situation. I definitely think death can bring out the best and worst in people. When it really really only becomes the worst"then what? I have a sibling who We believe suffers from a personality disorder. At which point any communication was used as ammunition by this one sibling toward the rest of us. We could do nothing right. We had to put her in a memory care facility. We hoped for the best. Did a ton of research about what facility would work. Ended up in the hospital a number of times. Then being berated and harassed by this one sibling "it became too much. Being told we had given up on our parent, being told that this sibling knew more than any DR. It was clear there was no recourse. Then this sibling hired a lawyer. And like vultures they began to pick away at what was left of a mediocre estate. It was so vile. Some people just are or become insane. And there is no way to reconcile, you

just have to protect yourself and cut them off. Very sad but true. Douglas September 25, at 7: I would suggest you read that other comment first, to know the story in sequence. Here now is the continuation of it. I regret I had never asked Dad what he wanted, and there was nothing in the will or anywhere else to determine this. We even visited the cemetery with her that she had in mind. I provided the cemetery with the three names and addresses of my siblings. My two sisters signed the permission and returned the documents to the cemetery. This invalidated his fake attempt to act like he supported the burial. But none of the siblings offered to help with the cost of the niche burial. It was a few months ago. You know it was lucky that I intervened and asked for the ashes. Parts of them would be in the forest, some of them would have flowed to the ocean via rivers via rain. I learned to improve my behavior. I can only say it now that he is dead. Nothing in particular except for a few fabricated events. I was there, and these events did not happen or happened differently. I totally saved my parents from abuse at the hands of my brother. I went outside our house by opening the garage door which makes some noise. But just then, my wife opened the front door. I was the only one who saw them! It was OUR walkway, not some other walkway. It was when I exited the house, just the right timing. You have the support of heaven. All I did was carry out the wishes of my Mother, but it seems that God superintended this, causing my brother to hand over the ashes even in his great anger. The story has ended well and I consider myself to be blessed of God. I only wish my brother could reverse his stance about Dad and about me.

## 6: Family Conflicts Over Elder Care

*This was primarily done for my brother and his family. My brother is very well to do and his wife is an impossible rude competitive, rich individual. I have tried to roll with it over the years.*

You try to stay positive and remain strong but their negativity ends up just completely draining you, you feel exhausted, and you may also start to feel depressed too. So what can you do? One of the first things to do is to be aware of who the negative people are in your life. This may not be as easy as you first think. Some very nice people are as Judy Orloff says in her book, "Positive Energy" are really energy vampires. You may feel beleaguered or ill. Also, pay attention to what the person talks about. Is it always about how bad things are? Once you have a good idea on how to recognize them then you can actually work on protecting yourself from them. Here are 11 strategies on how to deal with negative people: Do you understand why this person is so negative? Is it because they hate their job, feel frustrated, feel trapped in their life or do they lack in self esteem so the only way they can feel powerful is by hurting others? Some people seem to think that the only way they can get what they want is to be manipulative. Remember the saying, "the squeaky wheel gets the oil. Remember that the negative behavior is a reflection of them. It tells you what kind of person they are and what issues they may be dealing with. Leave the room if you can. Some negative people are simply seeking to get a reaction from you. Try just observing the whole scene. Say to yourself, "what a shame this person is so unhappy. Maybe some of my positive energy will rub off on her. If not, her unhappiness has nothing to do with me. Some people may react by saying something like, "Nothing good happened to me today. I used to have a really nasty manager who would constantly try to make me feel like an idiot. When I had a shower in the morning, I would imagine that I was being covered with a protective oil so that any of her comments would just slide right off me. It reminded me that her comments could only hurt me if I let them. If was my choice as to how to react to her. Is it a sign? So, take the time and think about the big picture of the situation. Is it a sign that you need to make some bigger changes in your life? What does it say about you? Negative people want to get a reaction out of you and the only way they can is if they hit on one your "buttons" or something that causes intense feelings for you. Trying to feel needed Is listening to the complaints of the negative person your way of feeling valued? Does it make you feel needed? Be selective about who and how you help others. Just listening to negative tales over and over helps neither of you. A good test to see if this is happening is to notice how you feel after "helping" someone. If you want to read an article about how a doctor healed an entire mental institution simply by saying these words then read this story: Let go of trying to fix or help them. They want your energy and so you have to be strong and not give in to them. A suggestion by Judy Orloff for dealing with draining co-workers is to keep mentioning to the person that you have work to do and you can only listen to them for a minute. If after a few minutes, the person is still going on about the same thing then either change the conversation or politely but firmly end the conversation. With some people you just have to let them go. Be enthusiastic and focus on your own energy If you can be higher energy than they are then your energy will most likely start to rub off on those around you instead of the other way around. It takes only one person to bring down an entire office but the reverse is true as well in that it only takes one person to completely bring up the positive energy of an entire office. They come across as mean spirited and rude. You might dismiss their ideas believing their intent is simply to put you down. If you can strip away the aggressive and negative tone, you might see that there is a good point being made. If you can do that, you can avoid hurt feelings and may actually achieve something positive in the process. Pollay is the author of The Law of the Garbage Truck. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they look for a place to dump it. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. You can also get a copy of his book on Amazon. In Summary "Energy Vampires" are going to appear in and out of your life. The trick is to learn how to deal with them before they appear. Your life will just instantly improve. If you want to discover the secrets to dealing with any negative person then you need, "65 Positive Ways To Deal With Negative People". Or, you now find that other people are also now picking on you because of what this other person has been saying about you. You may find this person refuses to

speaks to you and encourages everyone else to also refuse to interact with you as well. These negative people always blame someone else for whatever happens. They are always completely blameless. They are incredibly draining and frustrating to deal with. They also have an incredible talent at being able to make you feel horrible about yourself. Dealing with this type of person is much different than dealing with your average negative person. It requires much different techniques as well. In the first case study, I give a more detailed look at this type of negative person which I call a "blamer". They can cause terrible guilt, anxiety, and depression in you as well.

### 7: Sibling rivalry when a new baby arrives - Family Lives

*Disagreements over financial matters and other practical issues. How to pay for a family member's care is often a huge cause of tension. Financial concerns can influence decisions about where the person should live, whether or not a particular medical intervention is needed, and whether he can afford a housekeeper.*

The pace of change is the most rapid that it has ever been. New products and processes are continually available and the rate at which we are exposed to new information is continually increasing. This can be overwhelming at times. Sometimes we are able to shelter our children from so much change, but often not. If it is overwhelming to us, how does it feel to children? And that is just "normal" everyday change. What about the big unexpected changes? Most of us, and especially children, appreciate some level of "sameness" in our lives. Children need time to process all of the information that they are exposed to and appreciate daily routines and repetition or they may become stressed. They like knowing that when they arrive home from child care, mommy and daddy fix dinner and then the family eats, and then there is a bath and then two stories. Children thrive on the predictability of daily routines. So how then do we help children handle change – both the big changes new sibling ; family illness ; new school and the little changes new breakfast foods ; new morning routine ; new shoes? Have a discussion something like, "The place where Mommy works thinks she will be a bigger help if we move to another place. We are going to look for a new house in a place called Georgia. Will you help us pick out the house? During a big change, like adding a sibling to the family, try to keep as much the same as possible. For example, this is not the best time to also move your child from a crib to big bed. Answer all their questions. Do your best to answer them all, even if some are repeated many times. Expect that some regression may happen. At times of change, children may regress to earlier behaviors. For example, a child who was toilet trained may revert back to having accidents. This is normal – strive for patience. Be accepting of grieving. Your child may go through a process that looks a lot like grieving as she navigates new waters with a new house, sibling, teacher or school. During times of change, a little extra attention will go a long way in helping children deal with stress. Plan an hour or a half hour each week where your child has your undivided attention. For example, if your infant wants to drop a toy over and over again from her high chair, retrieve the toy and let her drop it again. Or your preschooler wants to make cookies. Find time to do that and let him take an active role in the process even if he makes a mess. How does that help your child deal with change? Extra attention and patience from you helps your child understand that although some aspects of life are changing, your love and care remains constant. Find tips for building resilience in children so they are better able to cope with challenges. How to help your child when a teacher leaves or gets a new teacher. What do you do when your child clings to you when leaving her? Get and share advice in our community.

## 8: Caring for Elderly Relatives: How to Handle Family Conflicts

*How to Deal With Difficult Relatives. In this Article: Working Around Difficulties Improving Interactions with Them Getting Some Distance Community Q&A You can't choose your family, which means you might be saddled with difficult family members whom you have no choice but to deal with.*

Lana regularly offers support to women who deal with narcissistic abuse and other difficult family or relationship issues via her blogs. Mothers-in-law are notorious for being controlling, judgmental, critical, and overbearing. And like any toxic person, a toxic mother-in-law is a soul-sucking parasite that feeds on your misery. To protect yourself and your loved ones, you first need to know your enemy, so here are 14 signs you might be dealing with a toxic mother-in-law. In her eyes, you and possibly your spouse are the only one to blame. She will not listen to a word you say. Only things that have value to her are important. She will communicate to you, in a thousand subtle ways, that you are not good enough for her son or for her family. She will not say it to your face, no, but you will hear the message loud and clear. Depending on your self-esteem, you will either feel devastated or slightly amused. She expects complete subservience. To establish her dominance, she will expect you to please her. That would include adopting her opinions, religion, culture, appearing at every family event, learning her ways of cooking, cleaning and just about everything else under the sun because her way is clearly better, and, last but not least, giving her grandchildren. She has control issues. She will come to your house uninvited and unannounced, expecting you to welcome her with open arms and be grateful for the honor of her visit. She will look with disgust at how filthy your place is and how unmannered your kids are. She plays emotional games. Her narrow mentality dictates that she must rule by withholding her affection and approval, so she will use silent treatments, guilt, blame, and direct intimidation to manipulate you and your husband. At the same time, she will be demonstratively granting her love to his siblings and your sister-in-law. In public, she will enact a charming, cultured woman who is a selfless caretaker of her family. She may even be known as a philanthropist in her community. Most people will fall for that. They will not understand what beef you could possibly have with such a great lady. Let them stay in the matrix. Let them enjoy their steak. Like any narcissist, she sees her children not as individuals, but as extensions of herself. That includes the people they marry; you. She engages in smear tactics. If she feels that her seat on the throne is threatened, she will become extremely defensive and passive-aggressive. She will start a smear campaign in her community, trying to turn everyone against you. Get ready for guilt trips, silent treatments, finger-pointing, button-pushing, and manipulation. She shows you a negative side she hides from everyone else. She might get you a nice gift for your birthday, support your opinion or compliment you or at least refrain from insults for once. It may look like things are getting better. Then, out of nowhere, she will turn on you again, and you will be reminded that she will never accept you, and you can never have a relationship with her. Instead of adding fuel to her fire, practice de-escalation techniques and conflict management. Remember that strong emotions make bad situations worse, so learn to detach. Instead of getting your feelings hurt, remember that her attitude has little to do with you. If the conflict is impossible to avoid, go ahead and respond honestly. Recognize and avoid triggers. You are the bigger person, the one who understands the larger picture, so use that perspective in your favor. If she gets weird and controlling around holidays, have an escape plan in place. Verbalize and enforce your boundaries. Can she drop by unannounced? Can she assert her own religious beliefs over yours? Can she dictate how you parent your children? Let her do all the fight-picking, mud-slinging, and finger-pointing—instead of reacting emotionally or defensively, simply stand your ground. He must play an active role on your team, helping his mother adapt to her new position in the family hierarchy. Insist on some physical distance. At some point you have to admit that this is the way things are and move on. Dwelling on all the negative things your mother-in-law says and does is no way to live your life. At some point, her motives, actions and feelings should fade into the background so you can focus on yourself and your relationship, instead. I understand her frustrations with me, but I also understand that those frustrations have nothing to do with me. So that makes my monster-in-law somewhat bearable, and at times even amusing. How difficult is your mother-in-law? She makes our life more difficult

most of the time. Divorce may be my best and only option.

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*The trouble with the holiday season is that you have to go home and visit with family, family that can often drive you crazy and stress you out.*

Themes The Absurdity of Life Beginning with its first sentence, *The Metamorphosis* deals with an absurd, or wildly irrational, event, which in itself suggests that the story operates in a random, chaotic universe. On the contrary, by all evidence Gregor has been a good son and brother, taking a job he dislikes so that he can provide for them and planning to pay for his sister to study music at the conservatory. There is no indication that Gregor deserves his fate. Rather, the story and all the members of the Samsa family treat the event as a random occurrence, like catching an illness. All these elements together give the story a distinct overtone of absurdity and suggest a universe that functions without any governing system of order and justice. Even Gregor panics only at the thought of getting in trouble at work, not at the realization that he is physically altered, and he makes no efforts to determine what caused the change or how to fix it. He worries instead about commonplace problems, like what makes him feel physically comfortable. In fact, the other characters in the story generally treat the metamorphosis as something unusual and disgusting, but not exceptionally horrifying or impossible, and they mostly focusing on adapting to it rather than fleeing from Gregor or trying to cure him. Their second maid also shows no surprise when she discovers Gregor, and when the boarders staying with the family see Gregor they are mostly upset that Gregor is unclean and disturbs the sense of order they desire in the house. These unusual reactions contribute to the absurdity of the story, but they also imply that the characters to some degree expect, or at least are not surprised by, absurdity in their world. When he first gets out of his bed after waking, for instance, he tries to stand upright, even though his body is not suited to being upright. In essence, he continues to think with a human mind, but because his body is no longer human, he is unable at first to reconcile these two parts of himself. As Gregor becomes accustomed to his new body, his mind begins to change in accordance with his physical needs and desires. Gregor gradually behaves more and more like an insect, not only craving different foods than he did when he was human, but also beginning to prefer tight, dark spaces, like the area under his sofa, and enjoying crawling on the walls and ceiling. Through these details, the story suggests that our physical lives shape and direct our mental lives, not the other way around. Gregor initially approves of the idea because it will make his room more comfortable for him physically. But realizing that his possessions, which represent to him his former life as a human, provide him emotional comfort, he suddenly faces a choice: In other words, his mind and body remain opposed to one another. Gregor, unable to relinquish his humanity, chooses emotional comfort, leading him to desperately cling to the picture of the woman in furs. Grete and the mother in particular feel a great deal of sympathy for Gregor after his change, apparently because they suspect some aspect of his humanity remains despite his appearance. Even the father, who shows the least sympathy of the family members toward Gregor and even attacks him twice, never suggests that they kill him or force him out of the house. Instead, he implicitly shows compassion for Gregor by allowing the family to care for him. Grete is so upset and revolted by the way he looks that she can hardly stand to be in the room with him, and his mother is so horrified when she sees him as she and Grete are moving his furniture that she faints. Moreover, the fact that Gregor cannot communicate his thoughts and feelings to them leaves them without any connection to his human side, and consequently, they come to see him more and more as an actual insect. Significantly, it is Grete, the character to show the most sympathy toward Gregor, who decides they must get rid of him.

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