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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I know of a young man who, to me, seems to be stuck in a situation. He has a child with his girlfriend of three years, off and on, and she constantly tricks him into believing the only way he can see his child is if he is with her. He doesn't believe anything anyone tells him about his rights as a father and continues to fall freely into her web of lies. How can I reach him?

Friend Wanting to Help
Online Reader

Dear Friend:

Sometimes men become stuck on stupid with women that have their children. If he's being tricked, it's because he allows it. If he falls into her lies, then he allows it. He knew enough to make a baby, and he knows his rights as long as the Internet, television and newspapers keep running. You won't be able to reach him because he's comfortable, enjoying himself and gladly taking everything he's being served.

Dear Deanna!

I'm in the process of divorcing my husband after 8 years of marriage. He's the only man I've ever been intimate with. Now I have a little freedom and I feel as if I'm losing my mind. On one hand, I have a new friend that I haven't gone all the way with. On the other hand, the ex-husband of one of my friends has revealed that he wants to be with me and has always liked me. I'm attracted to him but know this would cause problems. I've been celibate for seven months and need to know if I should be with him and keep it a secret or take a cold shower?

Hot and Bothered
Online Reader

Dear Hot and Bothered:

You need to take a cold shower and put your eyes on someone that you can get jiggy with that won't cause problems. If you do anything in the darkness, it will come to light and rip you apart like a train wreck. You're entitled to have fun, enjoy yourself and have a healthy sex life, but make sure you protect yourself and keep your thinking cap on during the heat of the moment.

Dear Deanna!

I'm at a point where I must decide on going back to a popular college or staying at home and going to a local school. I'm in this dilemma because I went away to school to play basketball, but then I got injured. Now I'm a junior and my parents feel I should return and get my degree. I feel that will take longer and there is no point to being so far from home. I want to go back, but I am afraid that I will be miserable since I am not playing.

Confused Young Female
Online Reader

Dear Confused:

The decision in this case rests upon the shoulders of the one who is paying for the college tuition. If your parents are paying the note, then you don't have a choice but to go with the flow. However, if this is a joint financial decision, then you can take the lead and go where you want to go. You're correct in wanting to go to a local school because it would be easier and you won't get depressed watching your friends play basketball while you sit on the sidelines.

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Chan, Tucker enjoy the 'Rush'

By Kam Williams
Sentinel-Voice

It's almost unfair to their fans for Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan to take so much time off between making movies together. Finally, after a six-year hiatus the dynamic duo is back with "Rush Hour 3," and the good news is that it's well worth the wait.

This madcap adventure measures up to the prior pictures in every way, from the laugh-a-minute hijinks to the genuine chemistry among the characters to the carefully orchestrated fight sequences. And although LAPD Detective Carter (Tucker) and Hong Kong Inspector Lee (Chan) are just up to their typical tricks, there's something comfy about watching them in action again, even when you have a good idea what to expect.

In fact, the pleasure probably comes from watching the pair perform in a fashion reminiscent of their earlier outings.

In any case, the story opens in L.A. where we find the motor-mouthed Carter demoted to directing street traffic while Lee is once more guarding Chinese Ambassador Han (Tzi Ma), as in the original. After an assassination attempt leaves Han seriously wounded, Lee promises the diplomat's now-grown daughter, Soo Yung (Jingchu Zhang), to track down the shooter.

The trail leads to a gang of Asian mobsters in Paris, and our heroes soon reunite and make their way over to France to crack the case. The mismatched partners immediately resume their oil-and-water bickering, a winning study in contrasts in which high-strung Carter's constant trash-talking, womanizing and general incompetence is offset by Lee's relatively low-key demeanor and suave savoir faire.

A third stooge is added to the mix after they land in Europe, when George (Yvan Attal), an insolent cabbie with an attitude, becomes their regular driver. He can't hide his contempt for American culture, and his presence not only infuses the film with some fresh energy but provides some of its most memorable moments of comic relief.

As always, the brand of humor relies on simplistic stereotypes associating, say, Asians with eating rice and



Chris Tucker, left, and Jackie Chan return as comic crimefighters in "Rush Hour 3."

speaking pidgin English, Blacks with acting a fool and being well-endowed, and now, the French with smelling and being rude.

Fortunately, in the hands of director Brett Ratner, the material never crosses the line to coming off as mean-spirited, but remains the sort of good-natured ribbing unlikely to offend any ethnic group.

Despite the wafer-thin plot, at least the crime caper is compelling enough to keep

you amused until the very end, though this is a flick to be savored scene by scene, for this joke, for that car chase, or for the grand-finale — a death-defying leap off the Eiffel Tower. Don't forget to stick around for the credits, and you'll be richly

rewarded with a few minutes of equally-entertaining outtakes.

The best buddy-cop comedy since "Rush Hour 2."

Excellent (4 stars). Rated PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, nudity and action violence.

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