

An End to Sibling Squabbles

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Elaine from Aurora writes, “Whenever my two daughters get together, the topic of conversation always comes back to who will inherit certain items of fine jewelry. I trust that my eldest daughter will take much better care of these treasures, but I don’t want my younger daughter to feel left out. I’m sick of the bickering and I don’t want to spend time mediating between my girls with what time I have left. Who should get the jewelry and how can I get them to be quiet about all of it?”

Well, Elaine, I know “shut up” isn’t nice, but sometimes it works. I don’t know exactly what you mean by fine jewelry. It could mean anything from your grandmother’s pearls to the cute trinkets you bought on the boardwalk on that vacation in Atlantic City in 1983. You could use that old trick of telling the girls that whoever brings up the subject of the jewelry first has to let her sister pick first. That should get you a lot of silence. Or, the next time you’re all together, you can tell them that you’ve decided that they should shoot dice for each piece of fine jewelry and take it home that day. It could actually be kind of fun, if you throw in a couple of glasses of Chardonnay and a Michael Bublé CD.

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