

59. You Gonna Eat That?

(Guy)

1 Sometimes I think I need to tie a stupid ribbon around
2 my finger or stick a note to my forehead. Something.
3 Anything to help me remember all the stuff I have to
4 remember! For three days now my lunch account balance
5 has been zero. For three days I've told myself, "Self, don't
6 forget lunch money tomorrow." And for three days, I've
7 walked into school completely oblivious to the fact that once
8 again I do not have lunch money in my pocket or backpack.
9 Not until I walk into the lunchroom does it cross my mind
10 that I've forgotten again.

11 That means three days of no lunch. By law they have to
12 give you something — a peanut butter sandwich. Well,
13 guess what? I'm allergic to peanut butter! So, not much
14 help there!

15 They don't care that I'm starving! They would never
16 treat an elementary school kid this way. You let one of them
17 go hungry and the parents would sue the bricks off the
18 school. But you let a middle school kid go hungry and you've
19 "taught that kid something about responsibility." What a
20 bunch of bull. If it'd taught me anything, I would've
21 remembered the money on the second day, now wouldn't it?
22 Do you know how embarrassing it is to have to ask a
23 classmate for food? Like, "Hey, you gonna eat that?" Three
24 days in a row! I know everyone thinks I'm poor instead of
25 forgetful. It's so humiliating. Well, today is it. The last day I
26 will forget. I'm writing a note on my hand. I'm calling my
27 house and leaving a message on the answering machine.
28 I'm leaving a voicemail on my phone and setting an alarm.
29 Tomorrow I will not beg for food!

57. Alphabetizing Is Not for Sissies!

(Guy)

1 Some people might call it a problem — an issue that one
2 might want to address with a certified professional, maybe
3 even consider taking medicine to correct. I say — why?
4 Since when did making order out of chaos become
5 something to be condemned? As if living in an orderly world
6 was the cause of insanity instead of the other way around?
7 So I alphabetize everything — my CDs, my DVDs, my
8 books, and my boxes of cereal — big deal! What is so wrong
9 with knowing exactly where to find something? Is it saner to
10 frantically search through thrown-about items, therefore
11 wasting time and energy?

12 Why is it that my friends and family members find it
13 humorous to rearrange my things? Do I, on the other hand,
14 find humor in trashing their stuff? Of course not! I would
15 never subject someone to a life of disarray! Nor would I find
16 it the least bit funny! Chaos is not a goal, it's a symptom!
17 A symptom of underlying issues — laziness, inferiority, low
18 self-esteem! Slobs on the inside, complete messes on the
19 outside!
20 I am not the one in need of therapy, people! It is you —
21 the cluttered and the lazy — who need to wake up and
22 examine yourselves!
23 It is not too late! There is more to life than the chaos
24 you have created! I promise you this — you, too, can have
25 a life of order and organization! You, too, can alphabetize!