

Q: We're going to Las Vegas in a couple of months to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary. Good idea, because I haven't been there in five years, and look forward to the shows, blackjack, slots, buffets and all the other adult glitz. Trouble is my husband wants to make it a family celebration, and invited our kids and six grandkids. I objected, and now everyone's mad at me. How can I make peace in the family, but still have my Vegas vacation?



A: Do a split screen scene. That means, in a loving way, tell your hubby you desire the time in Vegas to be just the two of you alone in a hotel suite with all the romantic trimmings. However, emphasize that you also very much want to celebrate your 35th surrounded by your loving kids and grandkids. Suggest a site to do the family gathering on a different date in your hometown or wherever most convenient to all. But insist the Vegas tryst is just for the two of you seasoned lovebirds.