

Dear Abby,

Dear

I am a variable---say
X. My problems are
that I don't know who
I am and I am sick
and tired of living in
this crowded
equation,

$$3X + 4 = -17$$

There are numbers
multiplying and the
plus sign snores. I
can't sleep at night.
All I want is to be all
by myself and find out
who I am. Please tell
me how to do this.

Signed,
Tired in Villa Park