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▼ Light-bright room in spacious apt. for rent esp. to

▼ Professional single man has 2 private rooms

Personals

▼ 36 year old GWM 170 lbs 5'10 HIV negative. Salt/pepper hair, average build. Just relocated to Montgomery Center. Looking for lifemate and friends. Please write and or call: George PO Box 27 Montgomery Center VT 05471, 326-4972. (02/01)

▼ We are moving to Vermont ... just about anywhere is beautiful. I am a nurse and my partner is a computer operator. We want to get involved with the gay community. Can you help or direct us? E-mail: pamjo_18901@yahoo.com (02/01)

▼ Gay male couple desires to relocate to Vt. Seeking information on employment in the Burlington area. He, #1 12 years electro-mechanical technician experience. He, #2 currently enrolled in college level course in comput-

Curbside

by Robert Kirby

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A HEARTBROKEN DREW INDULGES HIMSELF IN A LITTLE POST-BREAKUP THERAPY.

WHAT CAN I GETCHA?
 A TOM COLLINS - UH, A WHISKEY SOUR PLEASE.
 A TOM COLLINS... SHEESH... COULD I BE MORE OF AN AMATEUR?

SOME CUTE GUYS HERE TONIGHT.... MAN, I OUGHTA BE HOME PACKING... I'M GOING TO BE LIVING IN CALIFORNIA IN TWO WEEKS.

FORGET THAT. HOPEFULLY I'LL BE PACKING SOMETHING ELSE LATER ON!

STIR STIR STIR

UM, EXCUSE ME... CAN I GET YOU SOMETHING? A BEER MAYBE?
 UM, SURE..

I'M TOM... HEY, I'M DREW.
 NICE TO MEET YA. YOU TOO.

NO. I'M NOT LETTING YOU SPOIL MY NIGHT.
 GO AWAY.

I SAID GO AWAY

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

the leopard's spots
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NEW YEAR'S EVE IS A RATHER DISPIRITED AFFAIR IN THE LOOMING SHADOW OF A BUSH REGIME, BUT OUR PLUCKY FRIENDS MAKE A VALIANT EFFORT.

SO JERRY, YOU REALLY LIKED OUR LIMP BIZKIT?
 YEAH, ESPECIALLY YOUR 69 SCENE WITH THE KID DOING EMINEM. VERY CATHARTIC.

THANKS FOR ASKING ME OVER, LOIS. I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO BE IN A BAR TONIGHT.

I THINK IT BITES THAT YOU CAN'T GO TO YOUR FRIENDS' ANNUAL SWEAT LODGE AND TUPPERWARE PARTY ANY MORE JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A GUY NOW.

AHH, IT WOULD BE TOO WEIRD. I MEAN, I DON'T PARTICULARLY WANT TO GET NAKED WITH A BUNCH OF WOMEN. THOUGH I COULD REALLY USE SOME NEW ROCK 'N SERVE™ MICRO-WAVE CONTAINERS.

UH... D'YOU WANNA GET THAT? IT'S THE FOURTH CALL SINCE WE GOT HERE.

NAH. IT'S JUST MO, WANTING ME TO FORGIVE HER SO SHE CAN START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.

FORGIVE HER FOR WHAT?
 Click!

LOIS, HI. I GUESS YOU'RE OUT. LISTEN, CALL ME. I, UH... WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR SAYING I COULDN'T BE YOUR FRIEND IF YOU TURNED INTO A MAN, OKAY? SO, UH... HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BUT YOU'RE NOT TRANSITIONING!

I KNOW. I JUST FELT LIKE YANKING HER CHAIN. SHE WAS BEING REALLY TRANSFOBIC AND IT PISSED ME OFF.

GOD, SHE PISSES ME OFF! ACTING LIKE I'M BEING OPPRESSIVE WHEN SHE'S THE ONE BETRAYING EVERY TENET OF FEMINISM FOR A CHANCE TO GRAB SOME MALE PRIVILEGE!

ISN'T IT A TENET OF FEMINISM THAT GENDER IS CULTURALLY CONSTRUCTED?

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE SHIRT I GOT YOU FOR CHRISTMAS?

EXCHANGING IT. IT'S NOT MY, UH... COLOR.

SO YOU'RE LETTING HER THINK IT'S TRUE EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT, TO SEE IF SHE'LL STILL LIKE YOU? ISN'T THAT SORT OF MANIPULATIVE?

I'D MAKE A MEAN BACKSTREET BOY, DON'T YOU THINK?

SO YOU'RE APOLOGIZING TO HER EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE STILL MAD, BECAUSE YOU WANT HER TO FORGIVE YOU? ISN'T THAT SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS?

HERE'S A FETCHING STRIPED ONE.

GIMME SHELTER
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OUR DILIGENT DENIZENS OF THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR ARE DINING OUT SLIGHTLY BEYOND THEIR MEANS.

SO, DID YOUR HUD GRANT COME THROUGH?
 NOT YET, AND WE'RE REALLY UNDERSTAFFED, PLUS THE WAITING LIST FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING'S A MILE LONG.

WELL, HERE'S TO UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC EXPANSION.
 YEAH, I HOPE WE REALLY ARE GOING INTO A RECESSION. MAYBE PEOPLE EARNING LESS THAN SIX FIGURES WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD A PLACE TO LIVE.

HERE YOU GO. WE PUT THE TOFU KEBABS BACK ON THE GRILL. I'M SO SORRY THEY WEREN'T DONE ENOUGH FOR YOU.
 THANKS.

GOD, I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER STOP BEING AMAZED AT THE KIND OF SERVICE I GET WHEN I'M OUT WITH YOU. WHEN I'D COME HERE WITH JUNE WE WERE LUCKY IF THEY GAVE US WATER.

SPEAK OF THE SHE-DEVIL! ISN'T THAT JUNE WHO JUST CAME IN?
 IT IS! AND SHE'S SPOTTED US. NOW SHE'S GONNA COME OVER HERE AND START WAVING HER STOCK OPTIONS AROUND.

SPARROW! SEWARD! HOW ARE YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS?
 UM... HI, JUNE.
 HELLO, JUNE. WE'RE FINE. AND HOW ARE THINGS AT DOTCOM.COM?
 DOT-GONE. RIGHT DOWN THE TOILET IN THE CORRECTION LAST SPRING.
 OH, I'M SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

ACTUALLY, I BAILED JUST IN TIME AND STARTED CONSULTING ON MY OWN. I'M DOING REALLY IMPORTANT, VITAL WORK, IMPLEMENTING HIGH CONCEPT DIGITAL COMMERCE MODELS THROUGH THE RECONTEXTUALIZATION OF INTERACTIVITY ACROSS PLATFORMS AND NETWORKS!

YEAH, MY BIGGEST PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS FINDING A GOOD TAX SHELTER.
 JUNE, I'VE GOT YOUR TABLE WHENEVER YOU'RE READY. NO RUSH.

REMEMBER HOW RUDE THEY USED TO BE TO US IN THIS PLACE? NOW I EAT HERE EVERY DAY 'CAUSE MY OFFICE IS UPSTAIRS, AND THEY LOVE MY ASS.

HEY, GREAT TO SEE YOU BOTH. IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT, THE CRÈME BRÛLÉE IS TO DIE FOR.

I THINK I'VE BEEN BRÛLÉED ENOUGH FOR ONE EVENING.
 UH... COULD WE GET SOME WATER?