

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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TONIGHT ON THE LATE SHOW, BRUCE WILLIS AND DONALD RUMSFELD TALK WITH DAVE ABOUT THEIR LATEST PROJECTS.

GOD! GOEBBELS HIMSELF COULDN'T OUT-MARKET THESE GUYS.

ARE PEOPLE REALLY FALLING FOR THIS P.R. BLITZ? CAN'T EVERYONE SEE THAT INVADING IRAQ IS JUST A BIG DIVERSION?

IS YOUR HOME SAFE? PROTECT IT FROM DIRT, ANTHRAX, AND NUKLEAR WEAPONS WITH OUR NEW, IMPROVED PRE-EMPTIVE WIPE!

DOESN'T IT STICK IN ANYONE'S CRAW THAT THE BUSHITES ARE EXPLOITING THE REAL HORROR OF 9/11, AND THREATENING TO PLUNGE THE ENTIRE GLOBE INTO ANARCHY...

...JUST TO DISTRACT US FROM THEIR OILY SHENANIGANS AT ENRON AND HARKIN AND HALLIBURTON...

...AND IN THE BARGAIN, MAYBE GET THEIR HANDS ON MORE OIL WITH IRAQ'S PETROLEUM RESERVES?!

MOM, BE QUIET. THIS IS A GOOD ONE.

DUDE, YOU'RE GETTIN' A WAR!

BUSH: PHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE.

MEANWHILE, GINGER GRAPPLES WITH THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND BUFFALO LAKE STATE.

MS. JORDAN, I JUST WANT TO OBJECT TO OUR ASSIGNMENT FOR THURSDAY. IT'S LIKE, AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION FOR YOU TO MAKE US READ THE KORAN.

IT IS?

YEAH. CAUSE YOU'RE LIKE, FORCING RELIGION ON US. SO I REFUSE TO READ IT. NO WAY.

PARTY ON, BRO. ME TOO.

FINE. YOU CAN EITHER TAKE A QUIZ ON THE READING, OR GIVE ME A THREE PAGE ESSAY EXPLAINING WHY YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT.

ME TOO.

THAT IS SO VIOLATING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

THIS JOB IS SO VIOLATING MY LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

BRAND IT AND THEY WILL COME! WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO RATIONALITY? TO COMMON SENSE? TO HUMAN DECENCY?

SWEETIE, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN. WE DON'T WANT THE NEIGHBORS REPORTING US AS A TERROR CELL.

...SIDE EFFECTS ARE MILD AND INCLUDE INSOMNIA, LOW OIL PRESSURE, AND INCREASED RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS...

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AH, AUTUMN... DEGENERATION, DECAY, NATURE'S EBB, WHEN THE FOLIAGE, LIKE THE HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT LEVEL, RIPENS FROM YELLOW TO ORANGE.

NO, WE DON'T HAVE ANN COULTER'S "SLANDER: LIBERAL LIES ABOUT THE AMERICAN RIGHT."

I THOUGHT YOU SOLD BOOKS BY WOMEN.

THAT'S RIGHT. NOT BOOKS BY FRICKIN' FRUIT-CAKES.

I'M SO SORRY. WE DON'T HAVE "SLANDER," BUT YOU'LL FIND A COPY OF PEGGY NOONAN'S TRIBUTE TO RONALD REAGAN IN THE "WHO ORDERED THIS?" BIN.

MO, CAN YOU PLEASE NOT PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS ANY FASTER THAN WE'RE ALREADY GOING?

VULTURES! WHERE WERE THEY 6 MONTHS AGO?

GOD, I FEEL SO GUILTY BUYING STUFF FOR 80% OFF.

EXTENDED MASSIVE ORGANISM

PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT AND I WON'T TELL MO ABOUT THOSE BOOK-BUYING BINGES ON MEDUSA.COM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS PLACE ISN'T GOING TO BE HERE ANY MORE. IT SHOULD BE A CULTURAL LANDMARK.

I KNOW. GOD, REMEMBER THAT ADRIENNE RICH READING BACK IN '86, WHEN THE PLACE WAS SO PACKED AND THE ATMOSPHERE WAS SO CHARGED, I FAINTED?

IMAGINE ANYONE FAINTING AT BUNNS AND NOODLE. UNLESS MAYBE THEY WERE CHOKING ON A SCONE.

JUST WATCH. NOW THAT THE CHAINS HAVE NO MORE LOCAL COMPETITION, THEY'LL CUT BACK ON THEIR STOCK.

SPARE ME THE DEATH OF LITERATURE SPEECH. IF THERE'S A MARKET FOR A BOOK, WHY WOULDN'T THE CHAINS SELL IT? THIS IS A CAPITALIST COUNTRY, AFTER ALL.

EXACTLY. THAT'S WHY BOOKS BY UNKNOWN WRITERS WON'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP A MARKET—THEY CAN'T GUARANTEE HUGE SALES.

RIGHT. ALL THE CHAINS CARE ABOUT IS THE BOTTOM LINE, NOT THE HALLOWED WRITTEN WORD, LIKE THIS PLACE. DO YOU HAVE THIS IN PARTY SIZE?

THANKS FOR BEING HERE ALL THESE YEARS. YOU'VE BEEN SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A STORE.

YEAH. IF ONLY WE'D CHARGED FOR ALL THAT EXTRA SERVICE, MAYBE A VELMA'S SECRET WOULDN'T BE TAKING OVER OUR SPACE.

THANKS FOR SHOPPING HERE ALL THESE YEARS.

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Hunting Season

It's been a wet October. On the opening day of buck season, our country was marching as in a trance to war. We went to the Buddhist Center to watch archery meditation.

Somebody told us about a patch of Concord grapes so we went and picked some. Tart. effete outsiders

wearing don't-shoot-me-I'm-not-a-deer orange

drunken bigots

We wave because in Vermont there is a fine surface civility. And tension & fear.

Strange karmic things were happening.

be alert

slow down

relax

moose-shaped darkness

our 1st trees!

hunting has its points

Soon "vengeful family" members paid a visit.

hit a deer on the interstate.

state hunting & trapping regs

Hunting Licenses

There's only 6 days in the year when you can't shoot something!

Now he's thinking of signing up.

Meanwhile, in our nation's capital, there was tension and fear.

It's open season on Eye-rak!

trained a lot...