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...MY MIDDLE NAME? UM, CONSTANCE. AFTER MY AUNT. HANG ON, SOMEONE'S BEEPING IN.

HELLO?

UH... SWEETIE, I CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW, I'M WORKING ON A PROJECT WITH ONE OF MY CLASSMATES.

HI, IT'S ME.

I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I'LL BE HOME LATE. I HAVE THAT THING AT 6.

OH, RIGHT? YOUR FIRST MAMMO! DON'T WORRY, IT'S NO BIG DEAL. THEY JUST CLAMP YOUR TITS IN A VISE FOR A COUPLE SECONDS.

THANKS. SAY HI TO YOUR LITTLE LIBRARIAN CHUM.

DR. KRUKOWSKI? HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PETITION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO DIVEST FROM ISRAEL?

UH... NO.

DR. K! HERE! SIGN OUR PETITION NOT TO DIVEST.

SORRY. I FIND PETITIONS TRITE.

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WHAT AN ASSHOLE. I COULDN'T AGREE MORE.

LATER THAT SAME DAY, DOWNTOWN...

WHAT'D I MISS?

THIS GUY'S JUST SAYING BUSH'S UNILATERAL FOREIGN POLICY MAKES US LESS SECURE, NOT MORE.

EARTH TO BUSH: DON'T ATTACK IRAQ

USE YOUR WORDS

Y'KNOW, YOU MIGHT WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN TERMS OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE, GINGER. MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.

WHAT?!

NOT IN OUR NAME.

U.S. AGAINST THE WORLD! NO THANKS.

IT'S LIKE, YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONE IN CONTROL, BUT YOU CAN'T BE IN CONTROL IN A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP, SO YOU CUT YOURSELF OFF. AND YOU THINK THAT KEEPS YOU FROM GETTING HURT. BUT IN FACT, THE BEST SECURITY STRATEGY IS DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHERS.

PERHAPS THIS ALSO EXPLAINS WHY YOU PREFER DOGS TO PEOPLE.

HELLO, BEAUTIFUL!

ANUBIS! HEEL!

HE'S NOT EXACTLY AN ALPHA.

THAT'S OKAY. SHE IS.

WHO'S A PUPPY? WHO'S A GREAT BIG PUPPY?

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CON-VIVIALITY REIGNS AS OUR EUPEPTIC FRIENDS DIGEST THE THANKSGIVING TOPURKEY.

IT LOOKS LIKE JASPER JOHN'S.

IT'S A GIRL! LOOK, HERE'S HER PROFILE, AND HERE ARE HER LITTLE HANDS. CAN YOU SEE NOW?

JUST SAY YES, HARRIET.

HOW COME YOU WANTED TO KNOW THE SEX? AREN'T YOU AFRAID IT'LL LIMIT YOUR IDEAS ABOUT WHO THE BABY IS?

BELIEVE ME, IN THIS HOUSE, WE HAVE VERY FEW PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT WHAT A GIRL IS.

HI, BABY. HOW WAS YOUR FAMILY?

THE USUAL.

GRAMPA CALLED ME A GIRLY BOY. BUT NOT IN A NICE WAY.

AHH, FORGET HIM.

ding-dong!

HI, JASMINE. HI, JONAS.

LISTEN, AN OWL FLEW BY A WHILE AGO AND DROPPED THIS OFF FOR YOU.

A NIMROD 2000!

YOU'RE TAKING THIS WHOLE LOIS AND JASMINE THING PRETTY WELL. ARE THEY SERIOUS?

HAS LOIS EVER BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING BUT HER OWN PLEASURE?

I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T LEAVE JONAS IN THE LURCH.

I KNOW! THAT'S WHY I BROKE THINGS OFF WITH JASMINE. I DIDN'T FEEL READY TO HAVE A KID. NOW HE'S HERE ALL THE TIME, AND LOIS IS THE ONE GETTING LAID.

Y'KNOW, JASMINE'S A GREAT PARENT. SHE DOESN'T NEED HELP FROM YOU OR LOIS OR ANYBODY ELSE. JUST BECAUSE YOU SLEEP WITH SOMEONE DOESN'T MEAN YOU WANT THEM TO RAISE YOUR KID.

BUT... WHAT IF THEY'RE THE FATHER?

STUART, IS THIS INSECURITY GOING TO LAST THE ENTIRE NINE MONTHS, OR IS IT LIKE, FOR LIFE?

FOR LIFE? I HOPE SO.

IS THAT THE FAMOUS VIBRATING BROOM?

YEAH, BUT IT DIDN'T DO MUCH FOR ME.

HOW SWEET. CAN I THROW RICE?

TIP OF THE NIB TO JUDITH LEVINE

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Winterize

Up here, we winterize.

Life is much more complicated in the country.

Storm windows (or just vt plastic)

Rose shelters (against falling roof snow)

Take in lawn furniture (or not)

Maise guards on young trees not yet eaten by deer

Thaw frozen hose

Snow tires put on close to but not after the 1st bad snow

Rake the last leaves

Let's go in and have a nap

Not to mention, of course - the wood... Or clean the chimney, or check the boiler, or get out winter clothes put away 2 mos. ago.

We had a solstice party with no heat.

This is fun!

I love your beams.

What a dump!

Who has a party with no central heat and a crummy wood stove?

I'm freezing.

Their wood is green!

Traditions are as varied as the people of Vermont. And for all of us, it soon gets dark by mid-afternoon.

popside stick creche¹

easy brownies

kwaanza cup²

Leonid shower

cable

VT State flower

Menorah³

House decorations

practice patience

love the neighbor, hate the neighbor

There's the rake!

Who have didn't vote?!

1VT is 81% Christian, 96.8% white

2VT is .5% African-American

3VT has several Jews