

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

foreign policy
(don't try this at home)

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IS YOUR SUPREME AUTHORITY BEING FLAGRANTLY FLOUTED?
GO ON. TELL HER. I WAS PLAYING VICE CITY AT BILLY'S HOUSE. IT'S HIS DAD'S. WE WEREN'T SPOSETA PLAY IT.

ARE YOU TIRED OF TEDIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND MESSY COMPROMISES?
RAFFI, THAT GAME IS VERY VIOLENT, AND VERY DISRESPECTFUL OF WOMEN. BUT I DON'T DO THE PROSTITUTE STUFF, AND IT'S SUCH AN AMAZING GAME! THE CARS, AN THE MUSIC, AND THE...

WHY NOT TAKE A HARD LINE FOR A CHANGE? IMAGINE HOW SIMPLE LIFE COULD BE!
THE THING IS, RAFFI--YOU'RE EVIL AND SO IS BILLY, AND SO IS BILLY'S DAD. THE THREE OF YOU ARE JUST A BLOC OF EVIL, A... A COALITION, A LEAGUE A BAND, A CONFEDERACY OF EVIL!

START BY USING YOUR WORDS...
... AND SOME SANCTIONS, ...

... BUT THEN, HULL OUT YOUR BIG STICK!
...AND IF YOU DO IT AGAIN, DON'T THINK I WON'T WALLOP YOUR BEHIND!
CLARICE!
I'M NOT AFRAID A YOU!

DON'T TRUST ANYONE FARTHER THAN YOU CAN LAUNCH A BALLISTIC MISSILE.
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T HAVE IT! DO I LOOK LIKE I WAS BORN YESTERDAY?

DON'T PANDER TO MALEFACTORS BY PROVIDING ANY INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO CHANGE THEIR BEHAVIOR.
PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY PLAYSTATION! I PROMISE I'LL NEVER PLAY VICE CITY AGAIN!
WE'LL JUST MAKE SURE ABOUT THAT, WON'T WE?

IGNORE BLEEDING HEART TERRORIST SYMPATHIZERS.
FOR GODSAKES! YOU'RE ONLY GUARANTEEING THAT HE'LL KEEP PLAYING IT AT SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE!
FLUSH!
I HATE YOU!

... I HATE YOU, I HATE YOU!
POOF!

THEN AGAIN, PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR TEDIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.
'AN YOU SHOULD SEE THE GRAPHICS!
RAFFI, I JUST THINK YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH. BUT LET ME DO SOME RESEARCH, AND THEN WE'LL TALK SOME MORE.

LATER...
HEY! HOW COME YOU GET TO PLAY?
YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T HANDLE THIS. NOW GO TO BED. MOM HAS TO INTRODUCE SOME PEDESTRIANS TO HER FLAME THROWER.

WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMIC STRIP FOR THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE.
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SORRY, FOLKS. I KNOW YOU WERE EXPECTING YOUR USUAL DOSE OF FROTHY, LIFESTYLE-AFFIRMING CARTOON ZANINESS. BUT WE NEED TO TALK.
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN TAKE THIS OFF?
AND CAN I GET OUT OF THIS RIDICULOUS DRAG?
YEAH, YEAH. EVERYBODY TAKE FIVE.
APPARENTLY, SOME OF YOU ARE FINDING THE STRIP TO BE A BIT OF A DOWNER LATELY.

WHY'D THE BOOKSTORE HAVE TO CLOSE, YOU ASK. WHAT'S WITH THE LINES UNDER EVERYONE'S EYES? HOW COME NO ONE'S HAVING SEX? AND ALL THE BITTERNESS, THE DRINKING, THE ANTIDEPRESSANTS! WHERE'S THE JOY?!

EXCUSE ME. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT SELF-REFERENTIALITY IN ENTERTAINMENT IS AN INEXCUSABLY INDULGENT CONCEIT.
YO, MS. MENSA. WE'RE OFF-DUTY.
OH, HEY, WAS "THE BACHELORETTE" AWESOME LAST NIGHT, OR WHAT?

WHERE'S THE "JOY"?!!! WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT PLANET YOU PEOPLE ARE E-MAILING FROM, BUT ON THIS ONE, THERE'S NOT A BIG JOY SURPLUS AT THE MOMENT.
EVEN IF BUSH AND HIS IMPERIAL GUARD DON'T INCITE A MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION SCENARIO SOON,...

HEY!

...THEY'RE DRAGGING US INTO AN IRREVERSIBLE POLICY VORTEX! AN OLD TESTAMENT, SOCIAL DARWINIST, KU KLUX KLAN, KINDER KIRCHE KUCHE, TAKE FROM THE POOR, GIVE TO THE RICH, PAYE ALASKA, DAMN THE TORPEDOS FLUME TO HELL!

THE BAD GUYS ARE WINNING AND THEY'RE GONNA KEEP WINNING... BECAUSE THEY'RE BAD!

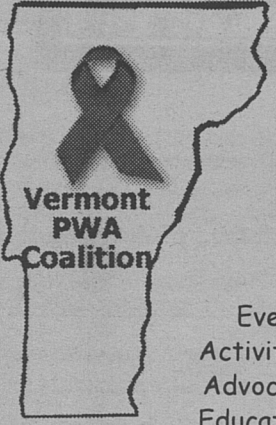
GOD, I DO HAVE LINES UNDER MY EYES.

THINK ABOUT IT! HOW CAN A MOTLEY BUNCH OF EGALITARIAN, DIVERSITY-RESPECTING NICE PEOPLE EVER HOPE TO TRIUMPH OVER THE HIERARCHICAL, MILITARISTIC, EMPIRE-SEEKING FORCES OF GLOBAL CAPITAL?

THAT'S WHY I'M STARTING AN ANTIWAR MILITIA.
OKAY, THERE GOES OUR MILLION DOLLAR ENDORSEMENT FROM THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

WE EXPERIENCE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY.
GET THAT PANEL UP. NOW.
PLEASE AND THANK YOU.

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What do you take to bed?



Whatever you take along for pleasure, consider this:
We may feel safe in Vermont, but we're not immune to AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Don't take a chance...
take a condom



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