

# Lavender Lizzie: Queeries and Quandries

**D**ear Lavender Lizzie, During my summer travels, I met a guy in the midwest. He lives in North Dakota. We pal'ed around with each other for the better part of a week ... ended up in bed together the last night in a very sweet, hot encounter ... Then I had to get in my car and drive home. Sigh ...

I emailed him a few days after I returned home ... he returned my email the same day ... and I responded ... but haven't heard back from him yet.

I didn't "plan" to "fall" for him ... but I think I have ... and I am not quite sure if I should just let these feelings "sit" for a bit ... or if I should tell him. I mean, let's face it: long distance relationships ... well, they mostly never work (or so I have been forewarned by well-meaning friends ...). But I also can't help the way I felt while I was in his arms ... sigh ...

Signed,  
Long Distance Longing

**D**ear Longing, Oh my. All this sighing and trailing off ... Ms. Lizzie just LOVES the delicate drama of it all! She can tell you are still in that dreamy state. When else is it so difficult to finish one's sentences?

But Ms. Lizzie is ever the practicalist! So she is going to bring you right back to Earth with some rather "undreamy" questions:

1. Do you have the MONEY to travel to see him on a regular basis? It is true that ox-cart is cheaper than airplanes, and Ms. Lizzie knows someone who is thinking about selling her oxen, but you would be a long time on the road if you chose this route. I advise airplanes whenever possible, which means a great deal of cash indeed.

2. If you do not have this cash, you are left with some rather unpleasant alternatives: phones and email. While these may stem the flow of longing

for a short while (and, Ms. Lizzie has heard to her shock and horror, these media are used to satisfy other desires than simple social contact with one's beloved), they are ultimately unsatisfactory as a means to conduct an ongoing relationship.

3. If you agree that the above options are impractical, would you actually consider uprooting your life here in lovely Vermont, where there are luscious boys-a-plenty, to go off to some even colder, emptier Mid-Western clime in the hopes of finding warmth in the bedsheets (because, I promise you, you will find warmth no where else in that frozen Tundra)?

4. Might he consider moving here? If so, Paradise is not around the corner just yet. He would have to find a way to make a life for himself here that was not simply an extension of yours: he'd have to find work, friends, hobbies, etc. which will make him feel like a whole person and not an



appendage to you. Does he have these capabilities? It's not everyone who can do this ...

No, my dear, I'm afraid that a week together and a final night of hot sweetness is simply not enough to go on. Ms. Lizzie is delighted that you had such a lovely encounter, and wishes you many more in the future, but with someone who is a tad closer than God's Frozen North. I hear that

Brattleboro can get quite chilly in the Winter. Why don't you try for someone there?

Lovingly,

*Lavender Lizzie*

Unless you'd rather go on with all that sighing and longing. Then, by all means, go right ahead with this pursuit. Hmm ... maybe I should buy stock in American Airlines ... ▼

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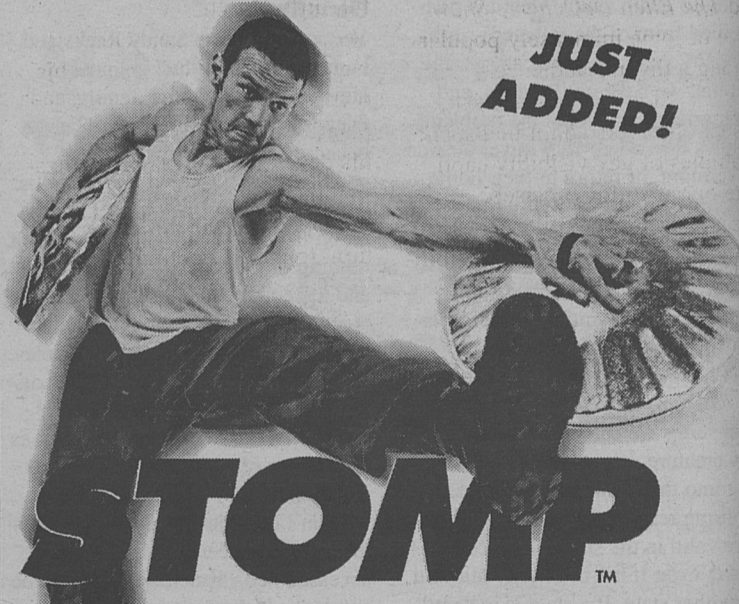
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