



THANK GOD NATHAN WAS THERE. I
COULDN'T HAVE HANDLED MOVING
MOM TO A NURSING HOME MYSELF!
I SWEAR, THESE LAST FEW WEEKS
HAVE ALMOST DONE ME IN...
BETWEEN MY MOTHER'S ALZHEIMER'S,
JASON GETTING INTO FIGHTS AT
SCHOOL, AND THAT STUPID
ELECTION LAST YEAR...
I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH MORE
I CAN TAKE!



WHATP JASON'S BEEN GETTING INTO FIGHTS AT SCHOOL?

YEAH. IT'S NOT GOOD.
SOME OF THE BOYS
HAVE BEEN TAUNTING
HIM -- CALLING HIM
"GAY BOY," AND
PICKING FIGHTS
WITH HIM.

WELL, HE'D BETTER LEARN TO DEFEND HIMSELF OR THE OTHER KIDS WILL THINK HE 15 GAY.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THATP
I MEAN, YOU'VE KNOWN MY BROTHER
FOR OVER 15 YEARS, AND YOU'VE
NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH HIM.
WHAT WOULD BE SO WRONG IF
JASON TURNED OUT TO BE
GAY:

TO BE TOTALLY HONEST WITH YOU, IT'S NOT A LIFESTYLE CHOICE I'D WANT FOR MY SON.

IT'S NOT A CHOICE, DAVE!
THAT'S THE SAME KIND
OF "COMPASSION ATE
CONSERVATIVE" BULLSHIT I'VE HEARD FOR
THE LAST FIVE YEARS!
NEXT THING YOU'RE
GONNA TELL ME
YOU VOTED
REPUBLICAN.

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WHAT IF I DIDP > GASP : ARE YOU KIDDINGP YOU WANT JASON GROWING UP IN A COUNTRY THAT TREATS
HIM LIKE A SECOND CLASS
CITIZEN? AND WHAT ABOUT
THE ECONOMY, THE
ENVIRONMENT,
AND THIS
FUCKED UP 00 WAR?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POT-SMOKING PACIFIET WHO BACKPACKED ACROSS EUROPE WITH ME? THE GUY WHO TOOK ME FOR AN ABORTION WHEN I GOT PREGNANT BEFORE WE GOT MARRIED?



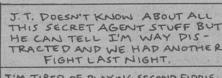
WELL, PEOPLE CHANGE... THINGS CHANGE... RIGHT!

LIKE LAST NIGHT YOU SLEPT IN THIS BED WITH ME... AND TONIGHT YOU'RE SLEEPING ON THE COUCH -- ALONE!!

Curbside

SECRET AGENT MAN GZOOS EY MATHAN WON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE, SO I GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT I WANT TO KNOW THE HARD WAY.

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF THAT BY TRAILING HIM I'M BEING AN UN-DERCOVER AGENT, A DETECTIVE, A SPY-NOT A SLIMEY WEASELY NOSEY CREEP. I GOTTA CRACK THIS CASE!



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I THINK MAYBE WE'RE JUST IN A
RUT IS ALL, AND IF WE JUST
FOLLOW OUR DIVERGENT PATHS
FOR A BIT IT MIGHT BE HEALTHY
FOR THE BOTH OF US. THAT'S ONE
THEORY ANYWAY.

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NO. HE CAN CALL
ME. HE'S THE ONE
WHO WALKED OUT

NOT ME.

NATHAN'S A TOUGH ACT TO TRAIL: HE'S ALWAYS EXTREMELY AWARE OF HIS SURROUNDINGS, LIKE HE KNOWS HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY WHO GETS FOLLOWED AROUND A LOT



BLL PROBABLY SNAP OUT OF THIS ONCE I FIND OUT A FEW THINGS, LIKE WHERE CAL IS AND WHAT HE AND NATHAN PLAN ON DOING NEXT, ETC, ETC... LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE FINDING OUT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

