

My dear, you must slow down! A new romance cannot give you what took 14 years for you and your ex to develop. Dating, courting, and making a life with a man deserves the same time and attention you used when you decided to marry your wife. Would you have considered a move to a new city with your ex just two months after you met her? Respect your queerness!

When we come out, we believe that it's all simply a matter of finding other queer people. That works while we're on our initial orgasm safari, but if we want a life's partner, we need to find people with more in common than sexual orientation. Surely you didn't marry your wife only because she is straight.

Now Auntie must speak up for her Richmond nephews. You want a decent community? Be decent in it. When you get to Norfolk, find the people who'll welcome someone with your talents and generous nature. They're on committees planning the gay picnic. They're having coffee after the political action meeting. They're housebound, and eagerly anticipating one of your home-cooked meals. They'll give you the appreciation and connection you've been missing. Auntie would not be surprised if you meet a special gentleman through your new friends.

Auntie acknowledges your concerns about racism. Many a niece and nephew has entered the queer world

expecting to finally find total acceptance, only to be faced with a dangerous ignorance which knows no sexual orientation. Find or create Norfolk's Hispanic gay men's group. This is not a dating technique. It's survival.

Speaking of prejudice, you deserve love for reasons other than the fact that you are not "fat or feminine". Auntie cannot count the number of gals and guys who'll happily sleep tonight in the soft arms of a great big, loving femme. Auntie is sure you wish to apologize to the majority of people with whom you share this planet who enjoy being a girl.


Good sir, Auntie has great confidence that you're heading in the right direction. You courageously left your wife to be with a man. Auntie wants you to be that man. Use your love and talent to pamper yourself - and not just until the right guy comes along. Auntie assures you that there are other sincere, loving nephews like you in the world. Be patient, invest in life, and you'll find them.

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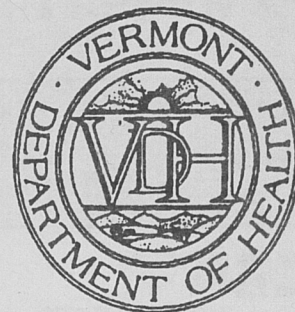
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