Oh no you're not. Auntie Pearl grants annulments to gals like you who declare commitment in less time than it takes to plan the ceremony. You and Karen don't accept one another, so you are hereby released from your pledge to spend your lives trying to change each other.

Dear Auntie Pearl: I am a gay male. I'm 26 years old, and I just came out last year. I've only been with strangers, but now I'm interested in settling down. I'm starting to get to know gay couples, and I know it's a matter of time before I meet somebody, so I'm writing to you with a pretty embarrassing question. I'll just say it: I have a small penis.

I'm afraid I'll meet some man who is just right for me, and he'll be turned off by how small I am. I've been with women, and they seemed satisfied, but I know it's different with men.

I know how things are. I hear guys talk, and I read the magazines. Everybody wants a big man. So how does a small

man get by in the gay world? Your advice please! --

Big Hearted

Dear Big Hearted: Auntie could sing "It ain't the meat it's the motion" until the bulls come home, but you know as well as she that size queens are a reality. They won't be with you past breakfast. So what. You're talking about getting into a relationship; not tricking with Tom of Finland.

The chap you're looking for wants a man he can make a life with. Even if he's into size, he'll know it's not as important as all those relationship skills: communication, trust, patience. When it comes to the real jobs of a relationship from laundry to lubing the car - Auntie has yet to hear of a penis of any size that has risen to the task. The fellow who bases his marriage decision on inches doesn't have the stuff to make a relationship work.

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