

Dykes To Watch Out For

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fallin' in and out of love

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CAN YOU CLOSE UP TONIGHT, THEA? I'M NOT COMING BACK AFTER THE DEMO.

I'M TAKING HER ON A PICNIC BY THE LAKE.

WOW! THAT SOUNDS GREAT!

HAVE A NICE TIME! AT THE PICNIC, I MEAN. I HOPE YOU DON'T GET ARRESTED. UH... YOU KNOW, AT THE DEMO.

A PICNIC? GOD, JEZANNA'S BEEN POSITIVELY MELLOW SINCE AUDREY CAME ALONG.

YEAH. YESTERDAY I ASKED HER FOR A HUNDRED BUCKS TO PUBLICIZE THE NEXT "MADWIMMIN READ" EVENT, AND SHE SAID, "ARE YOU SURE THAT'S ENOUGH?"

HI! IS THIS WHERE I SIGN UP FOR THE POETRY SLAM?

HARRIET! HI! UH... YOU WRITE POETRY NOW?

JUST KIDDING. I'M STILL THE SAME OLD PHILISTINE I ALWAYS WAS. WHO WAS THAT GORGEOUS WOMAN I JUST SAW JEZANNA WITH?

THAT'S HER NEW FLAME, AUDREY. SHE'S AN ONCOLOGY NURSE. THEY MET WHEN JEZ'S MOM WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.

INTENSE. THEY LOOK SO HAPPY TOGETHER.

HARRIET, HOW ARE YOU DOING? I JUST HEARD ABOUT YOU AND ELLEN.

WHAT WAS IT ON THE NEWS LAST NIGHT? I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW ALL THE GORY DETAILS?

WELL, YOU KNOW. THINGS GET AROUND. I'M SORRY IF I OFFENDED YOU.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. WE BROKE UP. WHY SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW?

HARRIET, I WAS SO SORRY WHEN I HEARD.

YES! THERE IS JUSTICE!

I CAME BY TO SEE IF YOU HAD TIME TO GET SOME COFFEE.

UH... WELL, NOT LATER AFTER WORK.

ISN'T THIS CLASSIC? SHE COMES CRAWLING BACK TO CRY ON MY SHOULDER.

THAT'S FINE. I JUST NEED TO TALK.

SURE. I'D BE HAPPY TO.

IT'S REALLY TOUCHING HOW MANNING'S I AM.

MO! THIS WOMAN NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU.

HI. I WAS JUST ASKING ABOUT THE POETRY SLAM.

SURE. GIVE ME ONE SECOND, AND I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU.

WELL, I DON'T WANT TO KEEP YOU FROM YOUR WORK. I'LL MEET YOU BACK HERE AT SEVEN, OKAY?

UH... SURE. SEE YA LATER.

ZING!

HEART STRIKES

WOMEN ON THE VERGE

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WHILE RAFAEL AND STELLA RECHARGE...

TONI, D'YOU MIND IF I TURN THE RINGER OFF ON YOUR PHONE? SOMETIMES IT WAKES STELLA.

NO, GO AHEAD. IF ANYONE CALLS, WE'LL HEAR THEM WHEN THE MACHINE PICKS UP.

SO, HAVE YOU HAD THE BIG COMING OUT TALK WITH YOUR FOLKS YET?

NO, I CAN'T TELL THEM WHEN CLARICE AND I ARE GETTING ALONG SO BADLY. I REALLY NEED HER TO BE THERE FOR ME WHEN THEY FLIP OUT.

WHY DO YOU THINK YOU TWO ARE HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME?

OH, I DON'T KNOW, GLORIA. MAYBE SHE FEELS JEALOUS OF HAVING TO SHARE ME WITH RAFFI...

... OR MAYBE SHE'S JEALOUS OF YOU.

ME?

WELL, WE DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER. SHE'S MADE A COUPLE OF REMARKS.

SO HAS ANA. SHE ACTUALLY ASKED ME IF... IF WE WERE SLEEPING TOGETHER.

SLEEPING TOGETHER? WHAT DO THEY THINK WE DO ALL DAY? WITH TWO TODDLERS, WE'RE LUCKY IF WE MANAGE LUNCH!

I KNOW. IT'S KINDA FUNNY.

UH... I WON'T SAY I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THOUGH.

REALLY?

OH, GOD! I'M SORRY! FORGET I SAID THAT!

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT TOO. I DON'T KNOW WHY CLARICE DOESN'T TREAT YOU BETTER. YOU'RE SO SWEET AND SO BEAUTIFUL.

OH, NO.

TONI, WE CAN'T!

I KNOW. WE CAN'T.

CLIK! HI. WE CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE RIGHT NOW, SO LEAVE A MESSAGE! -BEEP!

ANTONIA! ESIA ES TU MADRE! I AM VERY UPSET! I WAS JUST BABYSITTING AT YOUR COUSIN CARMEN'S, AND FOUND A STRANGE LETTER YOU WROTE HER ABOUT RAFAEL AND YOUR... YOUR FRIEND. YOU SAY YOU ARE "UNA FAMILIA LESBIANA." I AM SICK! I CAN'T SPEAK TO YOU! I CALL ME IMMEDIATAMENTE!

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...

AS MUCH THERAPY AS YOU CAN STAND. (NO COPAYMENT)

... SO ANYWAY, AS I WAS SAYING, ETIENNE IS LIKE THIS COMPLETE ASS. BUT HE'S CERTAINLY GOT A CUTE ASS. MAH! I MEAN IT'S LIKE I HAVEN'T BEEN SO TURNED ON IN YEARS! 'CAUSE... WELL... THIS IS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING, I MEAN, HE LIVES IT A BIT... (EHEM)... ROUGH, Y'KNOW... WELL, DOUG ACTUALLY DID LIKE THAT TOO, SOMETIMES. BUT I LOVED DOUG, Y'KNOW? SO THAT'S KIND OF DIFFERENT PROBABLY... I GUESS.

SAY, THIS UNLIMITED THERAPY DEAL'S PRETTY FABULOUS! GOOD THING I THINK IT UP...

PALM READINGS

THE ETHAN GREEN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

TIGHTER "ABS" (MORE GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE) TASK FORCE.

HEY, SHOULDN'T WE BE DOING 5% MORE "GRUNCHES" P... I MEAN, IT DOES SAY "TIGHTER ABS" (MORE GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE) TASK FORCE.

LOOK, YOU WANNA BE A BOYSCOUT? DO IT ON YOUR OWN TIME. NOT UNCLE SAM'S. NOW SHADUPH AN' EAT MORE OF THAT CAKE...

THREE PAID DAYS OFF BEFORE HALLOWEEN TO PLAN COSTUME.

THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR PROPOSAL.

HALLOWEEN MUST BE HONORED!

IN DENMARK THEY GET 5 DAYS OFF FOR THIS, Y'KNOW.

OH IT'S TRUE!

NO SALES TAX ON CUTE OUTFITS.

MR. SPEAKER, OBVIOUSLY THIS BILL'S NECESSITY IS LOST ON YOU, BECAUSE SIR, YOU HAVE NO CUTE OUTFITS. HOWEVER FOR MILLIONS OF STYLISH GAY MEN, & THEIR LIPSTICK LESBIAN ALLIES, THE PURCHASE OF VERSACE, DIESEL & GAUTIER IS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONSEQUENCE.

LOBSTER NEWBERG SCHOOL LUNCH INITIATIVE.

BUT, ETHAN, IF CATSUP ISN'T THE VEGETABLE ANYMORE, WHAT IS IT?

EXPENSIVE CARROT CAKE.

GOODY!

BUFF NEW GUY AT THE GYM WILL BE HOT FOR YOU, WON'T NOTICE YOUR BEST FRIEND AT ALL. PILOT PROGRAM.

OH YEA.

OH MY.

OH PLEASE

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

The gay community is so obsessed by youth and beauty! If you're not a 22 year-old athlete, nobody thinks you're sexy.

Don't / know it!

So I've come up with a new invention to put beauty in the eye of the beholder.

I thought it already was.

No, literally. They're "Eye of the Beholder" contact lenses. It's a special prescription to make everybody look young and beautiful.

It makes you look interesting.

Get me a mirror that lies, and I'll be happy.

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