

Dykes To Watch Out For

INDISCREET

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THEIR INCIPENT KISS QUASHED BY A HYSTERICAL PHONE MESSAGE FROM TONI'S MOTHER, OUR HEROINES APPEAR TO BE MOMENTARILY NONPLUSED.

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WHOA. YEAH, GUESS I WON'T BE NEEDING THE JUDICIOUSLY-PHRASED COMING OUT SPEECH I'VE BEEN FINE-TUNING FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS.

I GUESS NOT. UH... LISTEN, I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR MOM CALLED.

YOU ARE?

WELL, I MEAN... MY LIFE IS ALREADY WRECKED! MY MOTHER IS PROBABLY BOARDING A PLANE THIS MINUTE TO COME RESCUE MY BABY FROM THE UNHEALTHY INFLUENCE OF MY DEPRAVED LIFESTYLE!

WITHOUT RAFFI TO SUPPORT, CLARICE WILL BE FREE TO DUMP ME. SO SHE CAN SPEND ALL HER TIME AT THE OFFICE!

IN THIS JOB MARKET I'LL BE LUCKY TO FIND WORK AS A TELEMARKETER! I'LL PROBABLY END UP HOMELESS AND GO MAD WITH GRIEF!

I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE, GLORIA! KISS ME!

TONI, NO! COME ON. THIS IS CRAZY, YOU'RE UPSET. THE KIDS'LL BE UP ANY MINUTE! WE CAN'T!

I KNOW, I KNOW. YOU'RE RIGHT.

I DON'T WANNA RUIN OUR FRIENDSHIP. YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN COUNT ON.

RELAX! IT'S OKAY!

MY LIFE IS SUCH A MESS. SHIFF!

YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT! YOU CAN HANDLE YOUR MOTHER! YOU'LL FIND A GOOD JOB AGAIN! AND THINGS WITH CLARICE WILL GET BETTER, I PROMISE.

D'YOU REALLY THINK SO?

MOMMY! HAFTA GO POTTY NOW LIKE BIG BOY.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, IS THIS YOUR VERDICT, SO SAY YOU ONE, SO SAY YOU ALL?

YES.

UN-FUCKING-BELIEVABLE. I FEEL SICK.

WELL, HAPPY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

RING!

OH, COME ON. WE ALL KNOW HE WAS GONNA WALK.

...MRS. ROBERTSON, WOULD YOU PLEASE POLL THE JURORS?

JEZANNA! TURN IT BACK ON! I WANNA HEAR WHAT COMES NEXT!

WHAT COMES NEXT? CHECKING MOBS AND PANDERING PUNDITS COME NEXT. LEAVE IT OFF! I'M SICK TO DEATH OF THE WHOLE SPECTACLE.

MADMAHIN BOOKS.

ALBERTA? NO, I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG NUMBER.

ALBERTA! GIVE ME THAT!

DAD?? IS THAT YOU? IS MAMA ALL RIGHT?

WHAT'D I TELL YOU, ALBERTA? HE'S INNOCENT! THE JUDGE IS LOOSE! A BLACK MAN WAS FINALLY GIVEN JUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY!

WELL, A BLACK MAN BOUGHT JUSTICE, ANYHOW. IF YOU WANNA CALL IT THAT, AND "NOT GUILTY" DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN "INNOCENT."

DON'T GIVE ME THAT! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THOSE COPS SET HIM UP!

Y'KNOW, JUST BECAUSE MARK FURMAN IS A RACIST DIRTYBAG DOESN'T MEAN YOUR HERO DIDN'T KILL HIS WIFE. THEY'RE BOTH GUILTY!

...YEAH, YEAH. I BET YOU'RE GLAD I WASN'T ON THE JURY. LISTEN, DAD, I GOTTA RUN. GIVE MY LOVE TO MAMA... CRY, BYE.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THE VERDICT WAS BASED ON EMOTION, NOT EVIDENCE. I MEAN, THE JURY WAS MOSTLY BLACK. THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE L.A.P.D.

YEAH, IF ONLY THERE WERE MORE OBJECTIVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU ON THE JURY, WHO DON'T MAKE RASH RACIAL GENERALIZATIONS! THEN WE'D SEE SOME JUSTICE!

JEZZ, DID I OFFEND HER? I SHOULD HAVE SAID "AFRICAN AMERICAN," RIGHT?

UH... I THINK YOU SHOULD'VE SAID "CAN YOU DIRECT ME TO YOUR 'UNLEARNING RACISM' SECTION, FRONT?"

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YOU KEEP PINCHING YOURSELF IN AN UNAVAILING EFFORT TO WAKE UP FROM THIS NIGHTMARE.

..BUT THIS IS NO DREAM, IT'S A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TODD'S.

YOU WARILY EYEBALL THE OTHER ATTENDEES. COMPETITION FOR BEST HOLIDAY BLUUSE IS SILENT, BUT FIERCE.

POOR, STUPID TODD IS WEARING LAST YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL MALE "SWASHBUCKLER" SHIRT HE WILL BE RIDICULED WELL INTO FEBRUARY...

DEVILIOUSLY, HE HAS INVITED ALL OF YOUR "EX'S", AND IS NOW RELISHING YOUR DISCOMFORT FROM ACROSS THE HOLIDAY SPREAD.

MEANWHILE AT YOUR PARENTS' HOME IN THE SUBURBS

WHAT? HE'S BRINGING DOUG TO DINNER?

I THOUGHT THEY STOPPED SEEING EACH OTHER...

...WHAT ABOUT THAT NICE YOUNG MAN IN THE CLEANING BUSINESS...? THAT ONE I LIKED...

OH AUNTIE I DON'T KNOW.. HERE.. COME CUT THE KOOGLE INTO SQUARES.

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

Hi, Randy! Yes, of course I remember we're going shopping Saturday for drapes and towels. It'll be fun to move in with y...

KLIK! KLIK!

Wait a sec, I've got a call on Line 2...

Oh, hello, Dan. I was going to call you sure, dinner on Saturday to meet your parents and announce our engagement.

Wait! Dan, there's someone on Line 1 I'd like you to meet.

Whew! I'm sure they'll be very happy together.

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