

# Dykes To Watch Out For

**writer's blockade**

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THANKS FOR THE FEEDBACK, SYDNEY. YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT MORE INTERTEXTUAL EMPHASIS IN CHAPTER THREE.

WELL, IT'LL HELP DEMONSTRATE THE INSTABILITY OF THE HEGEMONIC DISCOURSE, ON WHICH YOUR SITING OF THE CORPOREAL INSCRIPTIONS OF RACE AND GENDER DEPENDS. DOING ANYTHING FUN THIS WEEKEND?

OH, YEAH. LIFE IS JUST ONE BIG MARDI GRAS WITH THIS DISSERTATION HANGING OVER MY HEAD. THANKS FOR THE RIDE.

I'LL THINK OF YOU WHILE I'M OGGLING MUBILE SHOWBOARDERS ON THE LIFT LINE.

won't you take me to...

funky tow... HEY! CLIK!

OH, HI, GINGER. WHY'D YOU TURN THE MUSIC OFF?

BECAUSE UNLIKE YOU SLACKERS, I HAVE WORK TO DO! GOD! IT'S LIKE LIVING WITH MY STUDENTS!

GINGER, IT'S FRIDAY! WE'RE JUST UNWINDING!

NO! IT'S LIKE LIVING WITH MY FRAT BOY STUDENTS! LOIS, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

GETTING READY FOR THE BIG DRAG KING CONTEST AT CLUB Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO I PASS?

FOR A HIRSHUTE CLUB SCOUT.

I'M SICK OF THIS PLACE! HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO THINK IN THIS CHAOS?? HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO WRITE SURROUNDED BY LAYABOUTS AND ANTI-INTELLECTUALS?

AND IF I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU HAVING SEX TONIGHT, HOMEBOY, I'LL SLICE YOUR EIGHTY-DOLLAR SILICONE SCHLONG LENGTHWISE AND WRAP IT AROUND YOUR WAIST!

STOMP STOMP STOMP SLAM!

ONE HOUR OF FRUITLESS STARING LATER...

NOW WHAT ARE THEY UP TO? I DON'T HEAR A THING!

Dear Ginger: We're gone for the whole weekend. The house is clean and there's a pot of chili in the fridge. All you have to do is write. Love, your housemate.

OH, THANKS A LOT! HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO THINK IN THIS STERILE ENVIRONMENT? HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO WRITE CUT OFF FROM HUMANITY AND THE FLOW OF LIFE?

WHAT ARE YOU NOT FORGET WHOSE DISCOURSE IS HEGEMONIC AROUND HERE.

**face to face**

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IN THE OFFICE OF MADWIMMIN BOOKS...

HEY, NICE TO HEAR YOUR VOICE! YEAH, SHE'S HERE. HANG ON.

JEZ, IT'S YOUR BABE.

HER NAME'S AUDREY IF YOU DON'T MIND.

MEANWHILE, UP AT THE REGISTER.

OH, NO! LOIS, HERE COMES THAT INSUFFERABLE SNOB I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT! I GOTTA HIDE!

HI. HOWYA DOIN'?

HEY, WEREN'T YOU SECOND RUNNER UP IN THE DRAG KING CONTEST LAST WEEKEND?

YEAH! PRETTY GOOD SHOW, HUH?

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'VE SEEN AVON LADIES WITH MORE BALLS. BUT THEN I'M USED TO THE CULTURE OF A MUCH LARGER CITY. YOU'LL CATCH UP IN A FEW YEARS, I EXPECT.

YEAH, WELL, I DIDN'T SEE YOU UP ON THE STAGE.

OH, I'M PURELY AN OBSERVER. I'M RESEARCHING AN ARTICLE ON GENDER TRANSGRESSION UNDER ADVANCED CAPITALISM. PERHAPS I COULD INTERVIEW YOU?

UH... I DON'T THINK SO. THEORY GIVES ME HIVES.

OH, REALLY. WELL, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT ORDERING TEXTBOOKS FOR THE COURSES I TEACH AT THE UNIVERSITY. I THOUGHT YOU COULD USE THE BUSINESS MORE THAN THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE.

SURE. HEY, JEZANNA. THIS WOMAN HAS A BIG ORDER.

HAVE NO TAKE IT. I HAVE TO FLY TO ST. LOUIS. MY MOTHER'S NOT DOING WELL.

JEEZ, I'M SORRY.

WELL, AUDREY'S THERE, THANK GOD. DATING AN ONCOLOGY NURSE WAS THE BEST MOVE I EVER MADE. WHERE IS MO? I THOUGHT...

MO?

UH... I WAS JUST GETTING THESE STAPLES OUT OF THE CARPET. VERY HAZARDOUS.

TAKE THIS WOMAN'S ORDER, WILL YOU?

REALLY, NO. IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO GENUFLECT IN MY PRESENCE.

SYDNEY? THEA?

WELL? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT?

SOUNDS! HEREBY HANGS A TALE! STAY TUNED!

## REGIONAL SURVEY:

<p><b>SAUGATUCK MI.</b></p> <p>Hi. UH... I WAS WONDERING, DO YOU KNOW IF ANYONE IS HAVING A PARTY?</p> <p>ACTUALLY, MY HOUSEMATES &amp; I ARE! STOP BY! HEY THAT'D BE EXCELLENT. LEMME GIVE YA DIRECTIONS.</p>	<p><b>PALM SPRINGS CA.</b></p> <p>UH, HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANY PARTIES?</p> <p>YEA, I'VE HEARD OF A PARTY. YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE PARTY. THIS IS ALL THE PARTY YOU'RE GOING TO NEED. TO PARTY...</p>	<p><b>PROVINCETOWN MA.</b></p> <p>DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A PARTY?</p> <p>UM, HELLO? THIS IS NEW ENGLAND! BLUE LAWS?... QUAKERS HUNG ON THE COMMON? BARS CLOSING AT DUSK?... THERE IS NO PARTY... &amp; NO AFTER HOURS PARTY... I DON'T THINK... WHY? DID'JA HEAR SOMETHING? TELL ME?</p>
<p><b>KEY WEST FL.</b></p> <p>Hi. UH, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU KNEW OF... OH FORGET IT.</p> <p>OH THIS PLACE IS REALLY LOSING ITS APPEAL...</p> <p>STRAIGHT KID ON SPRING BREAK.</p> <p>GALLON OF TEQUILA</p> <p>PANTIES</p> <p>FAJITA INGESTED 3 DAYS AGO AT "SOUTH OF THE BORDER"</p>	<p><b>THE PINES, FIRE ISLAND, NY.</b></p> <p>HEY, 'KNOW OF ANY PARTIES?</p> <p>YES, AND YOU'RE NOT INVITED TO THEM. ACTUALLY, YOU'RE NOT "A-LIST" ENOUGH TO "NOT INVITE". YOU SIMPLY DON'T EXIST AT ALL. hey... GOT ANY GUM?</p>	<p><b>PENSACOLA FL.</b></p> <p>IS THERE A PARTY?</p> <p>(cackle) YOU NORTHERN BOYS... Y'ALL DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO PARTY... SO BUSY TOSSIN' ATTITUDE. Y'ALL DON'T EVEN RECALL THAT YOU'RE AT A PARTY...</p> <p>MAYBE IF YOU TOOK OFF THOSE GOGGLES...</p>

ETHAN GREEN BY Eric Orner

## MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

Sorry, Murf's not here today. He's out sick.

No, it's not that... he just has the flu!

Murf is.... sick? Oh my god, is it--

Calm down, he just has ordinary flu!

is it true, Madonna? I heard Murf has lost 60 pounds, and has purple lesions all over his body! How long does he have--

No, no, no, no, he only has the flu!

"No, it's only the flu" is a disease only gay men get.

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