

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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HEY! HOW'RE MY FAVORITE PETITIONERS TO ADOPT?
IS THAT PASTA SALAD?
HI, ALEXIS. HI, BRUCE.

SHORTLY...
TONI! PULL UP A CHAIR!

SO WHAT'S THE NEWS, ALEXIS?
EVERYTHING'S GOING VERY WELL. THERE IS THIS ONE SMALL MATTER OF YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD, THOUGH, CLARICE.

MARCH 2, 1981. DISORDERLY PERSON. JUNE 3, 1981. CRIMINAL TRESPASS. JULY 19, ...
OH, THOSE ARE ALL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTIONS. THEY DON'T COUNT, DO THEY?

WHO KNOWS? YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION TO THE JUDGE. OH, DID I MENTION JUDGE BOOKER DENIED OUR MOTION TO WAIVE THE HOME STUDY?
BOOKER? SHE'S A CONSERVATIVE GORGON! YOU TOLD ME WE HAD JUDGE FAIRCHILD!
THERE WAS A SCHEDULING ERROR. DIDN'T I CALL YOU?
OH, NO! I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE EVERYTHING SETTLED BY THE TIME MY PARENTS CAME TO VISIT! THIS IS TURNING INTO A NIGHTMARE!
TONI, TRUST ME. YOUR FOLKS AREN'T GONNA ABSCOND WITH RAFFI. YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MANY MOVIES OF THE WEEK.

LISTEN, THE HOME STUDY WILL BE A SNAP. THEY'LL LOOK AROUND, ASK A FEW QUESTIONS. YOU CAN EVEN HIRE A LESBIAN SOCIAL WORKER, IF YOU CAN FIND ONE.
UH... I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANY OTHER KIND.
WUF.
'SCUSE US A MINUTE. BRUCE HAS TO TAKE A DUMP.
CLARICE? THIS WOMAN'S AN IDIOT! GET RID OF HER!
HONEY, SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND. I CAN'T FIRE HER! IT'LL BE OKAY. SHE'S JUST A LITTLE QUIRKY, IS ALL.
POOR BRUCE! DID THAT PASTA SALAD GIVE YOU THE SQUIRTS? I'LL HAVE TO TELL CLARICE AND TONI TO HOLD THE RAW ONIONS NEXT TIME.
OH, BRUCE! NOT IN THE HERB GARDEN!

this is not my beautiful wife
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HE'S DOWN.
THANK YOU, JESUS.
DID YOU TALK TO THE SOCIAL WORKER?
YEAH. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE PAYING SOMEONE TO COME SEE IF WE'RE FIT TO RAISE OUR OWN KID. WE SET UP THE HOME STUDY FOR THE DAY AFTER YOUR FOLKS' LEAVE.
GREAT. WE'LL ONLY HAVE TO CLEAN ONCE. DO YOU THINK THERE'S TIME TO PAINT?
TONI, GET A GRIP. THEY'LL BE HERE IN TWO DAYS.
THIS PLACE IS JUST SO SHABBY. IF WE HAVE TO BE GODLESS LESBIANS, AT LEAST WE COULD LOOK LIKE SUCCESSFUL ONES.
THE PLACE LOOKS FINE. OR IT WILL AFTER WE PICK UP ALL THIS RAFFI DEBRIS.
MY PARENTS AREN'T GONNA BE TOO THRILLED ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, EITHER.
OH, SO NOW WE SHOULD MOVE TO THE SUBURBS?

NO! BUT WE SHOULD REALLY START THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HOUSE. PREFERABLY IN A PART OF TOWN WITH BETTER SCHOOLS.
OH, OKAY! HOW 'BOUT A NICE GATED COMMUNITY? THEN INSTEAD OF BUILDING A VITAL, DIVERSE, URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD, WE CAN SPEND OUR TIME SPRAYING PESTICIDES ON THE LAWN!
A VITAL, DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A NICE THEORY, CLARICE. BUT THE FACT IS, THIS BLOCK IS GETTING DANGEROUS. I'M NOT SACRIFICING RAFFI'S SAFETY FOR YOUR POLITICAL PRINCIPLES.
MY PRINCIPLES? WHAT ABOUT OUR PRINCIPLES? PINCH ME!
WHAT?
IT'S JUST A BAD DREAM, RIGHT? I CAN'T REALLY BE LEADING SUCH A PATHETICALLY BOURGEOIS EXISTENCE!
I'M NOT REALLY GOING THROUGH THIS DEMAING ADOPTION PROCESS, OR DISCUSSING 'BETTER' NEIGHBORHOODS, OR SPENDING MY VACATION ENTERTAINING MY VIRTUAL IN-LAWS...
YOWCH! OR STEPPING ON GODDAMN LEGOS ALL THE TIME! MO WAS RIGHT! WE'RE NOT CHANGING THE SYSTEM, IT'S CHANGING US!
THEY'RE NOT LEGOS, THEY'RE DUPLOS. AND IF YOU'RE TIRED OF HAVING A FAMILY, GO AHEAD AND LEAVE! GO HAVE A RADICAL, SINGLE LIFE LIKE THE EVER-SO-PRINCIPLED MO!
ONE FOR STRIPEASE, PLEASE.
DEMI MORTE IN STRIP

THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN...

By Eric Samorner

how we dance
(Part 1)
With Ethan Green

MISS GLAGIAL
NICE TO WATCH... ABOUT AS MUCH FUN AS AN EARLY MORNING ROOT CANAL.

WOW YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL
HOW 'BOUT A KISS?
LIL' BUSS ON THE CHEEK?
HANDSHAKE? EXCHANGE OF POSTCARDS?
NO.
NOPE.
UHUH.

THE BEAT CATCHER
SEEMS TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH PICKING IMAGINARY LIGHTNING BUGS OUT OF THE AIR.

DANCING WITH TODD.
SO IT'S COME TO THAT.
I WONDER IF DOCTOR REVORKIAN IS IN THE PHONE BOOK...
CATCHIN' TH' BEAT, EETH...
LIKE THE DESERT'S MISS THE RAIN
LOVE THIS TOONAGE
TOO BAD ABOUT YOU & ETIENNE (SHICKER.)

THE MAMBO KING
DANCES TO EVERYTHING AS HE IMAGINES DESI ARNAZ MIGHT'VE

QUAN, THE DJ IS PLAYING TAPESTRY BY CAROL KING. I'M NOT SURE THAT DANCING THE LIMBO IS APPROPRIATE

THE BABBLER
NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT NOW, HERE ON THE FLOOR, ABOUT HIS CAREER, FAMILY PROBLEMS, THE FACT THAT HE IS SLEEPING WITH SOMEONE YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH, PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION, BODY ISSUES, WHO HE HATES, ETC, ETC...

OMIGOD EETH, HAVE YOU SEEN "LOVE, VALOR AND COMPASSION"? WELL YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST GOTTA FEW MINUTES? I'D LIKE TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS

THE SLANKERS
COME CLOSEST TO ACTUALLY HAVING SEX RIGHT ON THE FLOOR. IRONIC, BECAUSE WHAT PUTS THEM ON THE ROAD OFTEN PREVENTS THEM FROM REACHING THE DESTINATION...

LET'S TAKE THAT TODD HOME.
YES CARLOS?
CERTAINLY DEAREST.

THE DJ GROUPIE
CLOSE COUSIN OF THE BABBLER. FEELS COMPELLED TO POINT OUT TO YOU THE NUANCES OF EACH SONG.

NOTICE HOW HE JUXTAPOSES THIS LIGHTER, HOUSE-Y PIECE AGAINST THE PREVIOUS, DARKER, TRIBAL NUMBER... OH WOW
BUCKY, ISN'T THERE SOMEONE'S HEART YOU COULD BE OUT THERE BREAKING?
I'D KINDA JUST LIKE TO DANCE. I KNOW? AND WHERE'D YOU PICK UP "JUXTAPOSE" ANYWAY?...

MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

I love slumming in cheap bargain stores.
They've got tons of leftover merchandise...

Look, a whole aisle of greeting cards... a row of it is nothing but sympathy cards.

MYTEE-FYNE GREETING CARDS "SAY HELLO TO THE WORLD" just \$5/box!

Should we stock up? They're only five bucks a hundred.

Better get a couple boxes of "get well soon" cards, too. Doesn't hurt to be optimistic.

Books 30¢/99¢
SYMPATHY
MYTEE-FYNE GREETING CARDS
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MYTEE-FYNE GREETING CARD Sympathy
GET WELL
MYTEE-FYNE GREETING CARDS
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