

# Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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THE FATEFUL VISIT DRAWS TO A CLOSE.

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FINAL BOARDING FOR FLIGHT 1453...

WELL, THANKS AGAIN FOR THE CAR YOU BOUGHT RAFFI. AND, UH... FOR NOT PRESSURING ME ABOUT MOVING BACK TO SAN JUAN WITH HIM AFTER I SAID NO.

WE CAN'T FORCE YOU. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME.

I'M NOT GONNA CHANGE MY MIND, MAMA. I TOLD YOU. CLARICE AND I ARE RAFFI'S FAMILY.

LISTEN, DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR FLUIDS CHECKED. THE OIL LIGHT SHOULDN'T BE FLICKERING LIKE THAT.

SI, SI. OKAY.

ADIOS!

THAT EVENING...

OW! RAFFI, THOSE WERE MY TOES YOU JUST RAN OVER!

GOD, I'M SO GLAD THEY'RE GONE. PEACE AT LAST!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

FANK YOU?

NO. WHEN YOU HURT SOMEONE, YOU SAY 'I'M SORRY.'

YOU SAY 'THANK YOU' WHEN YOUR GRANDPARENTS BUY YOU AN OBSCENELY EXTRAVAGANT TOY AFTER I EXPRESSLY ASKED THEM NOT TO.

DON'T YOU THINK THEY WERE ACTING KINDA STRANGE?

YOUR MOM AND DAD? I TRUST THAT'S A RHETORICAL QUESTION.

NO, I MEAN WASN'T IT WEIRD HOW AFTER THAT INITIAL OUTBURST ABOUT RAISING RAFFI IN A 'REAL' FAMILY, THEY NEVER BROUGHT IT UP AGAIN? YOU KNOW THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THEIR MINDS!

REPUBLICAN ABANDON GAY. RASHLY STRAIGHTEN UP '92 TO MAKE MODERATE VOTERS.

THEY FIGURE IF THEY ACT ALL NICE, THEY'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF FINALLY WINNING YOU OVER.

IT'S JUST SO CREEPY. I'D RATHER BE SPEWED AT. AT LEAST I STOOD.

YEAH, WELL, YOU CATCH MORE FLIES WITH HONEY.

MEANWHILE...

HI, MO. I REALLY ENJOYED YOUR REVIEW OF CANDACE GRINGRICH'S MEMOIR IN THE PAPER THIS WEEK. "A PROFOUND AND DEEPLY RESONANT BILDUNGSRoman." ABSOLUTELY. SAY, NICE SHIRT. DKNY?

### Double Play

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HI, MO. THANK GOD YOU WERE STILL HOME WHEN I CALLED THIS MORNING!

YEAH. NO ONE ELSE MANAGED TO TAPE THE SHOW.

D'YOU GUYS WANT SOME TEA OR ANYTHING?

NO! POP IT IN! POP IT IN!

AWRIGHT, JEEZ! GOD FORBID WE HAVE ANY HUMAN INTERACTION BEFORE WE KNEEL AT THE ALTAR OF CELEBRITY!

...SO KATHIE LEE, HOW'S YOUR NEW CHAIN OF FITNESS CENTERS DOING? "THANKS FOR ASKING, REES. 'THE SWEATSHOP' IS A HUGE HIT IN MALLS ACROSS AMERICA!"

"THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE ELLEN DE GENERES COMING OUT ON THE ROSIE O'DONNELL SHOW."

UM... UH-OH.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T TAPE THE WRONG CHANNEL.

HEY, THESE THINGS ARE TRICKY TO PROGRAM! AND I WAS UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE!

NICE WORK, MO.

AW, GIMME A BREAK! YOU DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING. NO ONE CAME OUT. IT WAS JUST A LOT OF GUY REPARTEE ABOUT BEING 'LEBANESE.' REAL COURAGEOUS.

OH, MO. GET OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE! IT'S NETWORK TV! THEY DID MORE FOR LESBIAN VISIBILITY WITH ONE STALE PUN THAN YOU'LL EVER DO.

BESIDES, 'LEBANESE' WAS PROBABLY ABOUT AS MUCH AS MIDDLE AMERICA COULD HANDLE IN ONE POSE.

OH, COME ON! YOU SOUND LIKE YOU WORK FOR THE CLINTON CAMPAIGN! MIDDLE AMERICA WANTS WELFARE REFORM! MIDDLE AMERICA DOESN'T WANT QUEERS TO MARRY! MIDDLE AMERICA WANTS TO BOMB IRAQ!

FORGET LEADERSHIP AND PRINCIPLES! JUST DO WHAT YOU THINK SOME MYTHICAL SCHLUB IN DUBUQUE WANTS!

THAT'S WHY BILL CLINTON IS PRESIDENT, 'ELLEN' IS A HIT TV SHOW, AND YOU'RE RANTING IN YOUR LIVING ROOM.

YOU'RE SUCH A TORTURED IDEALIST, MO. IS THAT WHAT TRANS SYDNEY ON?

HEY, SYDNEY ADMURES MY PRINCIPLES, IS ALL. UNLIKE SOME OTHER FRIENDS I COULD NAME.

OOH, LIKE LOIS? WILL YOU PLEASE TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU TWO?

YEAH, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OVER TO THE HOUSE IN WEEKS.

OH, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER. I WAS MAD BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T TELL ME SHE WAS ON PROZAC, AND...

LOIS IS ON PROZAC?!

WHUMP!

WHUMP!

## The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green

BY ERIC ORNER

### ethan & doug in Take Two?

ONE DAY RECENTLY YOUR PHONE RINGS. IT'S YOUR "EX", DOUG.

HE ASKS YOU TO MEET HIM FOR COFFEE.

I WAS ABOUT TO GET TOGETHER WITH A COUPLE OF FRIENDS, BUT I CAN RE-SCHEDULE.

(art film)

YOU SPOT HIM AT A CORNER TABLE. HE LOOKS nice. YOU CAN SMELL THE SOAP HE SHOWERS WITH.

YOU PROCEED WITH CAUTION...

I MISS YOU. SPENDING TIME WITH YOU WHEN GUNTHER WAS SICK MADE ME THINK, HARD, I LOVE YOU. I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. I WANT US TO BE TOGETHER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? TONIGHT? THIS WEEKEND? THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE?

ALL OF THE ABOVE.

MY THIS IS STARTLING!

SNORE

HEM, WE SAID, "MY THIS IS STARTLING..."

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.

REALLY! MYMY!

YOU'VE ADAPTED GUESS?

AT THE COFFEE SHOP?

NO KIDDING.

WITH DOUG?

YOU'D CONFER WITH YOUR FRIENDS, BUT, IRRITATINGLY, THEY ALL SEEM TO BE IGNORING THEIR "CALL WAITING". PERHAPS MADAME ZOLNA, YOUR THERAPIST, MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NEXT.

TELL ME AGAIN, HOW MUCH DOES THIS DOUG EARN ANNUALLY, AFTER TAXES?

## MURPHY'S MANOR

by Kurt Erichsen

GOOD EVENING. AS YOUR SENATOR, I HAVE LONG SUPPORTED GAY RIGHTS. I WANT TO EXPLAIN TODAY WHY I SUPPORT THE "MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT," AND WHY NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED MARRIAGES AREN'T IN YOUR INTEREST ANYHOW.

SENATOR MUSH

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WHEN YOU GET MARRIED, YOU'LL FIGHT OVER WHO WEARS THE WEDDING GOWN. WHEN YOU GET DIVORCED, YOU'LL FIGHT OVER THE BROADWAY RECORDS.

ETHAN GREEN'S SAYS

GAY MARRIAGE WILL BE A GREAT TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR HAWAII, DENMARK, AND HOLLAND.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO THIS WEEKEND?

I KNOW! LET'S HOP OVER TO HONOLULU TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND GET MARRIED!

AND SIGNING HOMOSEXUALS UP ON THE MARRIAGE ROLDS WILL MAKE IT EASY FOR THE RADICAL RIGHT TO HUNT YOU DOWN, AND ...

SAY, MAYBE I SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THIS!

SENATOR MUSH