

Saga & Sage

Welcome to Vermont's own GLBT advice column. We're here to give you our best advice for your questions and concerns.

Please write to Saga & Sage c/o OITM, P.O. Box 177, Burlington, VT 05402 or email us at Sagasage@aol.com. One or two questions will be answered each issue. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dear Saga & Sage,
I met this really cute guy at a social event I went to this past weekend. We talked most of the evening and I invited him out to a party the following night. I was a little surprised when he arrived with a friend who turned out to be his boyfriend. Bummer! Because, I am really attracted to him and thought that he might be attracted to me. Should I pursue this any further knowing he is in a relationship or not?

Another cold shower in Winooski!

Dear Cold Shower,
First of all, is this a monogamous relationship? If it is, respect his relationship by pursuing a friendship. If you can't get beyond the physical attraction then you should probably step away. If it is not a monogamous relationship, be blunt about your attraction to him. There is no time to waste! Like a ship sailing in the ocean let the wind be your guide. But beware - like the Titanic, every ship is sinkable. Might you be interested in a threesome or do you want him just for yourself? Whatever you decide to do have fun and be safe! This may take some time and patience. But like the adage "Everything comes to him who waits."

Thanks for your letter.
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Don't forget your rubbers.

You don't get it from toilet seats. You don't get it from coffee cups. You don't get it from desk tops in a school room.

It doesn't fly through the air or swim around in hot tubs.

You don't catch it from shaking

hands, kissing, sneezing, wrestling or dancing.

According to the Surgeon General, your best protection against AIDS, barring abstinence, is use of a condom.

For the facts about AIDS, call the Vermont AIDS Hotline.

VERMONT AIDS HOTLINE: 1-800-882-AIDS

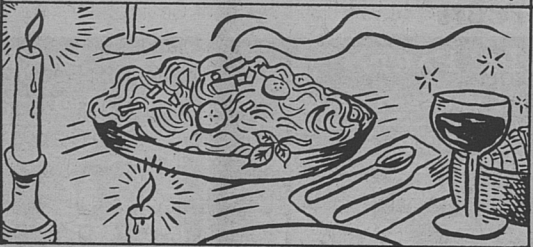
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Curbside

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NATHAN AND I ARE THE HOSTS, KEVIN AND RAIN HAVE ASSUMED THE ROLES OF OUR GUESTS. THE WHOLE SHEBANG IS NATHAN'S ATTEMPT AT MAKING PEACE WITH KEVIN. YOU KNOW: "SORRY I MADE A PASS AT YOU LAST YEAR, SORRY I DRINK MORE THAN YOU'D LIKE, SORRY I'M PLOWING YOUR ROOMMATE EVERY OTHER NIGHT OF THE WEEK. MORE WINE?"



IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING... KEVIN ACTUALLY LOOKS NATHAN RIGHT IN THE EYE AS HE PRAISES THE PASTA PRIMAVERA... RAIN'S MOOD IS, AS USUAL, HAVING A NICE EFFECT ON EVERYONE... THE AIR IS BREEZY AND CONGENIAL. THE CANDLELIGHT IS MELLOW, THE ITALIAN BREAD, DELICIOUS.



SENSING THE TIDE HAS TURNED HIS WAY, NATHAN'S REALLY POURING ON THE CHARM NOW, REGALING US ALL WITH STORIES OF HIS ADVENTUROUS YOUTH; HIS NARROWLY ESCAPING HARM FROM ANY NUMBER OF JEALOUS BOYFRIENDS, COKED-UP BOSSES AND LUNATIC MUSICIANS. EVERYONE LAUGHS APPRECIABLY AND EVERYONE HAS SECONDS ON THE PRIMAVERA.



THE CONVERSATION MOVES ON FROM TOPIC TO TOPIC: HOW ABOUT THOSE ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS? (RAIN); DOES ANYONE REALLY CARE ABOUT LEWINSKY AND CLINTON? (KEVIN); AND I'VE BEEN THINKING OF GROWING MY HAIR OUT (NATHAN). I'M JUST A FLY ON THE WALL NOW. "NO, I'M OK... JUST TIRED, THAT'S ALL."



I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHY THESE TWO HAD TO SPLIT UP... LOOK AT HOW THEY RELATE TO EACH OTHER WITH SUCH CASUAL INTIMACY, THE WAY THEY FINISH EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES SO KNOWINGLY.....



ALRIGHT, I GUESS IT JUST TAKES TIME TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



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