

## VALENTINE VIGNETTES

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didn't think anything was going to happen. The next thing I knew she was warming up massage oil and offering a back rub, which turned into a full body massage, and then she seduced me all through the night. The next morning she took me out for breakfast and we spent the day just relaxing.

### Rupert's Romance:

I met Scott on a Saturday night. We didn't go home together, but the next day we talked on the phone for a couple of hours. On Monday we met for lunch and that evening we went to a comedy concert. We didn't spend the night together that night. Wednesday we went to a movie and dinner, and we didn't spend the night that night. This seemed like a milestone for us as gay men. When Friday rolled around, I knew that since we didn't have to work the next day that probably would be the intimate evening. So I decided to pull together a fun date, what I call "Creative Dating."

I picked Scott up at his house. He thought he was going to my place for the first time. I wanted that evening to be special, so I surprised him by taking him to a drive-in instead. I had packed a picnic—gourmet sandwiches and pasta salads and special desserts and drinks. It was really wonderful. We saw *Night of the Living Dead*. We were both still really infatuated with one another. We hadn't done anything really intimate, so after that we went to my apartment. We were so nervous we ended up playing Scrabble, and then we fell asleep on my sofa in the living room. The rest of it, after we woke up and actually went to bed, is kind of X-rated. But I think that's probably one of the most magical dates I've been on.

I think that entire week was kind of the prelude to building a relationship that has lasted for five years now. I used to try to find out immediately if I was compatible with someone on a more sexual level. When I met Scott I connected with him on such a different level that it was great not to just jump in the sack. We got to know one another because we connected a lot that week but we didn't jump in bed. We continue to have a lot of romantic



surprises for one another. It's one of the things that keeps our relationship alive.

### Dorothy's Dream Date:

I would pick her up in a chauffeured limousine. I would want to go and do a hot tub and sauna first, maybe even a professional therapeutic full-body massage. That would be enough to get us relaxed and ready for the evening. Then I would want to get dressed up and take her out for dinner and dancing.

I'd like to get one of the horse-drawn buggies downtown and ride around town for a while. It would be nice to have a boat or a room by the river and just spend the evening relaxing and watching the stars, watching the water. We could get into some massages and get a little more erotic than a therapeutic massage, and have a very intimate night of lovemaking. We could top it off by waking up next to each other and showering and having breakfast, and we would definitely have to have an afternoon interlude before we parted.

### Tom: Grin and Bare It

It was back in '81, before safe sex. I met somebody at a bar and didn't know it was going to become a date. We went back to my brother's place. It's late and we're tired, and one thing leads to another, and at one point he says, "Where's the K-Y?"

I had only been at my brother's place a couple of days, so I didn't know where the K-Y was. So I went to where I thought it was. I got a tube and we started going at things, and all of a sudden things smelled very minty. Yes, it turned out to be toothpaste. So he got a real big smile.

## LOCAL LUMINARIES

### It's a Girl

**DARCELLE**  
*Entertainer Extraordinaire*

I've been with two people in my life—I was with my lovely wife, and I'm with my lovely friend now. So that takes care of my whole life of dating. So here's my wonderful date: My lovely daughter gave birth to a beautiful little girl and I was privileged to be in the birthing room, so it was my date with my granddaughter. Three minutes after she was born I had her in my arms. That is the most wonderful time of my life. To this day, I still tear up when I think about it. She had those big brown eyes looking up at me and they were wide open like, 'Here I am, and the world is ready.' That was the big date in my life.

### Pleasure Treasure

**HOLLY HART**  
*Owner of It's My Pleasure*

My most enjoyable date started out with a walk in the afternoon along the Salmon River. Then we went wading in the water and walked back and stopped and got some fixings to cook dinner from

just out

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