

THE FUNNY PAGE

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

BALM BLAST

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THIS IS NICE. WE DON'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME TOGETHER. UM... SO, ARE YOU GONNA DRAW UP THAT SPENDING PLAN TODAY? YOU KNOW, TO GET YOUR DEBT UNDER CONTROL?

I CAN'T THINK ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW. THE ANTIHISTAMINES ARE STARTING TO KICK IN.

HEY! I JUST HEARD A NEW CAT ALLERGY SOLUTION! APPLY **TIGER BALM** AROUND YOUR EYES! I HAVE AN OLD TIN SOMEWHERE IF YOU...

I DON'T THINK SO. I RATHER LIKE BEING ABLE TO SEE.

GOD! HAVE YOU READ ABOUT THIS "**MILENIUM MARCH**" BROUHAAA? THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AND THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH GOT TOGETHER AND UNILATERALLY DECIDED TO THROW A NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN 2000.

A TIDY, CLOSED-PROCESS, TOP-DOWN EXECUTIVE DECISION. NO PUBLIC MEETING, NO DISCUSSION WITH OTHER GAY AND LESBIAN ORGANIZATIONS, NO COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRESSIVE GROUPS.

THE THEME IS "**FAITH AND FAMILY**." GAG ME WITH A RAINBOW FLAG! OR A **CRUCIFIX**? THAT'S PROBABLY THE LOGO, A RAINBOW CRUCIFIX! I BET THEY'RE PRINTING IT ON SOUVENIR DIAPER BAGS AS WE SPEAK!

WELL, IF THE MESSAGE THAT WE'RE ALL CHURCHING MALL PATRONS WINS US MORE SUPPORT, MAYBE IT'S A GOOD STRATEGY FOR THE MOVEMENT.

WHAT MOVEMENT? THIS ISN'T A MOVEMENT ANY MORE, IT'S A @#%*! **CLOSELY-HELD CORPORATION**, RUN BY A BUNCH OF WHITE, POWER-HUNGRY **MARKETING STRATEGISTS** WHO'RE PACKAGING OUR LIVES INTO A COMMODITY THEY CAN SELL TO PAY THEIR SALARIES!

COME ON, MO. TIMES HAVE CHANGED. ONE SOUND BITE ON CNN'S WORTH A HUNDRED SWEATY, WEEKEND-LONG, CONSENSUS-BUILDING MEETINGS.

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, ANYWAY?

NOBODY'S. I'M JUST BEING INTELLECTUALLY RIGOROUS.

UM... SYDNEY? I HAD AN IDEA FOR HOW YOU COULD START WHITTILING DOWN YOUR CREDIT CARD BILL.

DOES IT INVOLVE PERFORMING LEWD ACTS?

MOVE IN WITH ME. WE'D BOTH SAVE OVER A COUPLE HUNDRED BUCKS A MONTH, NOT MENTION THE COMMUTING TIME.

YOU MEAN **LIVE TOGETHER**?

WELL, THERE WOULD ALSO BE LEWD ACTS INVOLVED.

HUH. WHY DON'T YOU GO GET THAT **TIGER BALM**? I HAVE A FEW OTHER IDEAS WHERE WE CAN APPLY IT.

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AUTUMN SERENADE

PLUS NATHAN HAS GOT TO BE ABOUT THE BEST LOVER YOU COULD EVER WANT, KEVIN. HE'S TOTALLY PASSIONATE BUT PLIABLE, YOU KNOW? AND INTUITIVE—HE KNOWS JUST WHEN I NEED HIM TO LAY BACK AND SPREAD HIS LEGS FOR ME, BUT ALSO WHEN I NEED HIM TO TAKE CHARGE AND JUST—DON'T MATE ME AND BAM—REAL GOOD AN

THAT WASN'T VERY GOOD... IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

IT WAS GREAT! PLAY ME ANOTHER!

I FEEL SILLY. I SHOULD PUT SOME CLOTHES ON.

NO, DON'T!

YOU SEE, I DID LOVE MITCH, BUT I WASN'T REALLY IN LOVE ANYMORE. I STAYED WITH HIM 'TIL THE END BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE WHO COULD TAKE CARE OF HIM THE WAY I COULD. IT WAS TERRIBLE WATCHING HIM DIE.

SECRETS SECRETS

YOU KNOW, I ALMOST DIDN'T EVEN MOVE IN WITH YOU AND KEVIN. I WAS SET TO MOVE INTO A JOINT OVER ON THE UPPER WEST SIDE. BUT WHEN I HEARD ABOUT YOUR PLACE I HAD A FEELING...

THAT FATE HAD A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR YOU?

I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER IF WE WEREN'T OUT IN PUBLIC, I'D FUK YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW

YOU'RE SO CYNICAL. MAYBE THEY'LL BE GOOD FOR EACH OTHER.

NO. THAT NATHAN IS NO GOOD FOR NOBODY, PARTICULARLY DREW.

VOICES CARRY

WELL, THAT THE REAT WOULD BE CHEAPER.

FAGS!

GOD, LET THIS NEVER END, EVER...

ON A DIME

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THE CHOSEN FAMILY by Noreen Stevens

Well...?

I was gullible... she was fair... it was a wildly fanciful dream... until...

We dined... we danced... we laughed

Until what... for heaven's sake?

Her hair... In the end I couldn't deal with her hair!

I cut my finger on it... six stitches...

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MY GOODNESS... WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE, PHOEBE?

WELL... IT SEEMS THE VANILLA CREMEPUFF HAS RETURNED AFTER HAVING BEEN BANISHED FROM THIS STRIP FOR A WHILE AFTER BEING CONSIDERED AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MOST WHITE PEOPLE!

V.C. FEELS HIS PERCEPTIONS ARE BACK IN VOGUE AGAIN—MINORITIES ADDRESSING HOW PAST INJUSTICES HAVE AFFECTED THE LACK OF PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE CONSIDERED RACIST!

...HE ALSO FEELS WOMEN ARE NOW TREATED BETTER THAN MEN IN THIS SOCIETY AND GAYS ARE CONSTANTLY ASKING FOR SPECIAL RIGHTS!

SO... HOW DID THE SLAPTHOLOGY WORK?

I DON'T KNOW HOW DIVA DOES IT...

OH, COME ON... JUST A LITTLE MORE! IT'S STARTING TO WORRY

SO THE BOMBER IS ATTEMPTING DIVA'S UNIQUE FORM OF THERAPY TO PROMOTE CLEARER THINKING?

SLAP! SLAP! WHAP! WHAP! SLAP!