

THE FUNNY PAGE

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

SMACK! DOWN!
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SYDNEY'S ENJOYING HER BREAK FROM TEACHING.
HI, SWEET CHEEKS! HOW'S YOUR SUMMER VACATION GOING?
SHH! I'M DOING RESEARCH.
ON WHAT?
I'M WRITING A PAPER ABOUT DR. LAURA. BUT I THINK I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE.
I'M THINKING OF MOVING OUT AND LIVING WITH MY BOYFRIEND, DR. LAURA.
THAT'S A BAD THOUGHT!
WHY DO I HAVE A FEELING IT'S UNREQUITED?
I GOT THIS IDEA THAT SHE'S THE WOMEN'S EQUIVALENT OF CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING. YOU KNOW, ADVICE INSTEAD OF BODY SLAMS...
BUT ESSENTIALLY SHE OFFERS THE SAME THING, A REASSURING SPECTACLE OF GOOD VERSUS EVIL FOR PEOPLE WITH MESSY, COMPLICATED LIVES.
SPARE ME THE LOFTY THEORY. THE WOMAN SAYS HOMOSEXUALITY'S A BIOLOGICAL ERROR! SHE BELIEVES IN REPARATIVE THERAPY! SHE'S AN EVIL FASCIST!
INTERESTING CHOICE OF WORDS. DR. LAURA'S ALWAYS CALLING PEOPLE EVIL AND SHE SAYS THE GAY ACTIVISTS TRYING TO GET HER TV SHOW PULLED ARE FASCISTS. MAYBE THAT EXPLAINS WHY I'M ATTRACTED TO BOTH OF YOU.
LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, AS FAR AS YOU KNOW...
HE'S BEEN A GOOD KID, DR. LAURA.
ANYHOW, DR. LAURA'S MEAN TO EVERYONE! EVEN WHEN HER CALLERS ASSURE HER THEY'RE THEIR KIDS' LAWFULLY WEDDED MOM, SHE SHAMES AND BELITTLES THEM!
SHE'S THE FIRM PARENT, THE WRATHFUL DEITY, THE DOMINATRIX WE ALL YEARN FOR AND FEAR. LIFE COULD BE SO SIMPLE!
YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.
I CAN'T HELP IT, MO! I HAVE A THING FOR GIRLS WITH MORALLY ABSOLUTE VALUE SYSTEMS. WHEN SHE SAYS "GO DO THE RIGHT THING" IN THAT NASAL, PEREMP-TORY VOICE, I JUST WANT TO...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR DEPRAVED FANTASIES.
I AM DEPRAVED. I PAID \$35 TO LOOK AT THOSE NAKED PICTURES OF HER ON THE WEB. I SHOULD BE PUNISHED.
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ST. JOHNSWORT DOSAGE OR SOMETHING?
NO. IT'S JUST A CHARACTER DEFECT! I'M AN EVILDOER! SPANK ME, DR. LAURA!
COME ON. DO THE RIGHT THING TO ME, BABY.
HOW MANY WEEKS STILL CLASSES START?
SYDNEY, STOP IT! I'M NOT PLAYING. SHE'S TOO CREEPY.
TIPS OF THE HUB TO LARA, KEENAW & QUE WILSON

Curbside

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SOMETIMES I REALLY WONDER ABOUT YOU, KEVIN...
WHEN I FIRST MOVED IN YOU SEEMED SO SOLID: THE STRAIGHT-A STUDENT, ALL GROWN UP - NEVER ABSENT, NEVER LATE, EVERYTHING NEAT AND TIDY AND IN IT'S PROPER PLACE.
YES, MOTHER, IT'S ALL SET. I'LL BE AT THE AIRPORT FOR JEROME AT 10:45, FROM THERE WE'LL GO GET PATRICIA AND CHARLES - PROBABLY AROUND NOON IF WE'RE LUCKY - THEN... OH, ANOTHER BOTTLE OF RED? OK, AFTER I GET PAY, YES, DON'T WORRY, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT...
...INCLUDING YOUR MEN. THERE THEY WERE, IN ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND OUT THE NEXT MORNING, NEVER TO RETURN, NOT EVEN THE REALLY CUTE ONES.
WELL, THANK YOU...
SURE THING! CALL ME ANYTIME!
RIGHT.
THEN YOU STARTED UP WITH RAIN AGAIN... EVERY SO OFTEN AT LEAST. NOW I WONDER IF THAT WAS SUCH A GOOD IDEA. FOR A WHILE THERE EVERYONE WAS KINDA WAITING FOR YOU GUYS TO GET BACK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, BUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS THAT GUY JORGE, ALTHOUGH SINCE HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND, I GUESS NOTHING IS HAPPENING. YOU'RE STILL MISTER GOOD-GUY, YOU DON'T TOUCH WHAT ISN'T YOURS, MUCH AS YOU'D LIKE TO.
THE FIRST TIME I HEARD YOUR NEARVOUS "OOH, JORGE" GIGGLE, IT DISTURBED ME: THE ROCK HAD DEEPER VULNERABILITIES THAN I'D SUSPECTED. THEN I REMEMBERED THAT THAT WAS A GOOD THING. TRY TELLING YOU THAT THOUGH.
YOU'RE SURE MILK IS ALL YOU NEED? THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT??
AH, NO... A QUART OF MILK 'LL DO JUST FINE...
YO, HOW DO I GET A CUPPA COFFEE IN THIS JOINT?
WHY, RAIN ROSS! FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!
NEW SWEATER, HUM? YOU DIDN'T GET ALL PRETTY JUST FOR ME, DID YOU?
OH JORGE! WE HEH HEH HEH

THE CHOSEN FAMILY

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by Noreen Stevens

Campsite 546A... our little corner of paradise until Monday morning
Fresh air... peace and quiet.
SHREEEK!
What the?
Something landed on me!!
Listen up troops we've got about an hour til nightfall...
I'll set up the small tent
...and I'll set up the big tent
Puddin' Head, don't just stand there... grab those three big poles
What's the matter with him?
Are you okay big guy?
Everything here is quite divy
Can I lend a hand?

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR by Marc Acito

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WHATCHA DOIN' CYNDEE?
RESEARCH.
DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE CAPS ON THE MILK THAT SAID "HOMO?"
YEAH...
WELL, LOOK WHAT I FOUND ONLINE!
HARVEY MILK? SEE? IT'S A GAY DAIRY CONSPIRACY!