

JR: What about all of the single queers out there? How do you suggest they celebrate the holiday?

DS: I suggest they fill a bathtub with warm water and take a razor and open their vein and slowly bleed to death.... No, I'm teasing. Please don't kill yourself on Valentine's Day. It's so cliché. It's one thing to be depressed and lonely; it's another thing to be a depressed, lonely cliché statistic.

One of the great unspoken is that single people almost have more fun on Valentine's Day than partnered people. There's no pressure on you, you have no one's expectations to fulfill, you're not going to be disappointed...and the bars and clubs will be full of single people. The restaurants and bedrooms are full of coupled people.

JR: Now let's look at lovers who are in long-term relationships. After years of resignation that it would never happen, we might be three months away from the first gay marriages in the United States. Considering how rapidly this has come about, do you feel like some same-sex couples might rush into something they aren't ready for?

DS: The danger, I think, in gay marriage is to the young and naive gay people who...grow up hearing that gay love isn't real and they're like: "Oh, yes it is! My gay love is so real that, look, we're having a commitment ceremony! We've only been going out for eight weeks—that's how real our gay love is!" It's that kind of overcompensation that can make people do embarrassing things like make premature commitments to people they barely know. And when gay marriage is legalized, that will increase tenfold as people



"One thing that I think homos should not import from Heteroland is this weird association that heteros have always made between arousal and food"
—Dan Savage

make really idiotic decisions out of a defensiveness: "I'll show that Rick Santorum! ...I'm going to get married! That's how in love I am!" Then you're going to have to get

divorced six months later if you didn't know that person very well.

So you ought to take it slow and be careful. Just because gay marriage is increasingly an option in a lot of places doesn't mean it's something you must do. You can get a fist in your ass. You don't have to.

JR: Speaking of Rick Santorum, are you using the success of SpreadingSantorum.com as a gauge of how well the 2004 election will go?

DS: I have no idea how things are going to go in the next election. I'm just gearing up for 2006, when Rick Santorum is up for re-election. I'm going to move to Pennsylvania and cause trouble for Rick Santorum. I may run against him.

JR: And lick his stapler?

DS: Or worse. I'll get a dog to lick his stapler. It's that dog-on-stapler sex.

JR: My friend Bruce says Wesley Clark is the most "fuckable" presidential candidate. Do you agree?

DS: I think Wesley Clark's son is the most fuckable person around. Wesley Clark? I don't know.... He just comes across like Jeffrey Dahmer.... There's something a little off and odd, and I wouldn't be surprised if he has a couple of vats full of disintegrating people in his basement.

JR: Do you think presidents have to be attractive to get elected and, if so, what the hell are we going to do if John Kerry gets the nomination?

DS: Well, they have to be telegenic....

That's one of the problems for [Howard] Dean, is he doesn't come across well on TV. You know, TV is the way people in America assess modern national candidates.... It's one of the qualifications for office. You used to have to speak well; obviously, that's not the case anymore with George Bush in office. Now, you just have to play well on the boob tube. J

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