

Abbreviations: **A** Asian • **B** Black • **Bi** Bisexual • **C** Couple • **Ch** Christian • **D** Divorced • **F** Female • **G** Gay • **H** Hispanic
HWP Height/ Weight proportionate • **J** Jewish • **M** Male • **NA** No alcohol • **NAm** Native American • **ND** No drugs • **NS** No smoking
P Professional • **S** Single • **W** White • **Wi** Widowed • **ISO** In search of • **LTR** Long-term relationship

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HALLOWEEN BOSOMS

We met briefly at the McDonald theatre in the bar on Halloween. I was admiring your necklace. I'd love to chat with you about photographing you in your outfit. ☎ 2318

ELEGANT LADY, MATOR

Peabodies, Tues. 10/30. U wear glasses, brn hair, 5'5 plus, with pleasant mature couple. We both stole looks, no words, ring on middle finger. Please call. Thanks. ☎ 2317

COOLER: ASU GAME

You: Black tee & black Nike beanie, great smile. Me: With friends sitting at table by yours- tried to make eye contact but not sure what to say. Name? Single? ☎ 2315

KILROY

I saw u p at Redbarn, thanks. Ethiopians do it better. Love ya.

UP TO YOU

Flirting is fun, but damn if you're not haunting my dreams. You could invite me for tea, play your guitar. Grant me one tender kiss. It will be very sweet. ☎ 2313

KYLIE B

Happy Birthday, hottie. Congratulations on your new job! Thanks for representin' for the BULLS, yo! We luv, luv, luv you!

KARMA

You: stole my nano out of my green bug. Thanks for making my week even worse. Karma will get you.

BARBARA

A big shout out to you HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CROW

I approached you downtown two years ago & asked you to appear in a movie we were making. You did. It is finally finished and you deserve to see it. Your email is no longer valid. ☎ 2312

CYCLING SOCKS?

I haven't seen you at Paul's bike shop in a long time. I miss talking with you about my quest for socks and life. Perhaps you are traveling? If you're still in town, I would like to buy you coffee. ☎ 2311

WHITEGICOTYWHILD

Coty, we met at Metropol on Sunday, Oct. 28th. We talked about my space and your page "The Sistess". I couldn't find you and was bummed. Please call me. ☎ 2305

10/31 REEBLE JAR

Flyer boy. I sang outside in a green sparkly dress while you beatboxed for me. What was your name again? Let's make music together again. ☎ 2307

HEY BUSHMOCKER!

Saw you on Gateway dancing away! Love what you do and I love your Myspace page! You ought to run for President! Your secret admirer! XOXOX-XXO

LOTUS @ WOW HALL

I accidentally picked up your jacket, call to describe to get it back. 2270



SKY

Got message. Panama forever soon, not Florida. Regrets? Call to schedule "Same Time Next Year" scenario, with complete participation. Have book about single window of atonement...want it? Phx Phoenix

CHRISTINE JONES...

"...I will be there when you rise..." Ewe rilly dunt hafta wekkup kuld an alone ennamor, evr again. Responsibility for impracticality and steam for our machine. Pak Bonesteel.

YVONNE 10/31/04

that night every piece of me suddenly fit with every piece of you. from our bed of fall leaves to our 5 minute laughing fits we love our life together. thank you. love, christa



I'VE RECENTLY QUIT

Drinking and smoking herb, but many of my friends still do. I'd like to have some more friends without these temptations. I'm SWM, 60, mellow, outdoorsy, left, green, etc. Call me? ☎ 2309

I DON'T BACK DOWN

86'd from the Mission? Harassed by the Chaplains office? Denied medical needs after orders from Urgent Care or ER? Separation of Church & State? Please, send us your story. Write blind box "Rosie". ☎

CHRISTINE JONES...

Riding bicycles together to 'nowhere' is my bestest summer memory from you. I will NOT wait six mor years to ride blissfully with ewe again. Your Ryder, PAK.



YOURETURNEDMYLIFE!

A big thanks to whoever returned my purple snakeskin cigarette case @ VRC. It had my life in it. Good karma will reward you. Your honesty saved me.

TENDERNESS

SM, 33, tall, fit, handsome, sweet, horny, shy, seeks SF, 25-45, 125-225 lbs., who loves anal sex, for plenty of it. ☎ 2299

ISO LONG LEGS

Hot loving man, 43, ISO lovely young yoga teacher or yummy ballerina to wrap their long legs around my inquisitive mind. ☎ 2254

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Savage Love

WORDS OF PURE WISDOM by Dan Savage



I came out after a number of years of "playing straight." I had two relatively long-term monogamous gay relationships, then converted a friend into a boyfriend. We bought a house, got a dog, and live in the burbs. Supposedly, life is good.

I'm a fairly athletic guy, and I got started playing sports partly to overcome my internal homophobia. My partner isn't athletic. He likes to stay home, watch movies, cook with real butter—consequently, he's out of shape. Our relationship is great in that we have a high degree of true honesty between us—he's a trustworthy guy, and I love him and his family.

The issue is that I often feel stuck. I've dealt with some anxiety and am taking medication to help that. I'm a fairly balanced guy, but I still feel the urge to get out and be with other guys I find more attractive. I struggle in that I'm with the guy of my dreams—in every way except that he's bear-shaped and that's not my thing. I've gotten to the point where I don't even want to go out with friends because I'm afraid I'll have a few beers and end up giving in to my own urges to play around with another guy and I don't want to cheat. My partner is generally GGG when it comes to trying new things, but it's not really working. I'm just not attracted to my guy sexually.

Please don't say, "Well, if you don't want to fuck him, you should just move on." I'm looking for some real advice. My partner and I have talked about three-ways, messing around with another couple, things like that. I haven't felt comfortable exploring that area because I think he would have an emotional meltdown if I actually expressed an interest in any other guy.

Seeking A Solution

Okay...

I'm forbidden to offer you the *obvious* advice—leave the boyfriend because you're not sexually attracted to him—because you would prefer some *real* advice. And since you're not going to leave, I guess it would be a waste of time to point out that your creeping sense of misery and despair, which has you medicating yourself to stay in this relationship, is only going to get worse. And I can't advise you to sleep around, as that would be cheating. And you can't open the relationship up because your boyfriend, with whom you enjoy a "high degree of honesty," would have an emotional meltdown if you told him the truth about how you're feeling.

So what advice do I have for you? Uh... gee. Start drinking heavily, I guess, because you're really fucked, SAS. Your sexual dissatisfaction and sense of being trapped are only going to grow—until, of course, those feelings are overtaken by feelings of resentment, and soon thereafter you'll be subconsciously sabotaging the relationship in a desperate effort to act on a completely understandable desire: to be intimate with someone who actually turns you on.

Look, SAS, I'm not trying to be an asshole (being an asshole has always come easy). But I want to tell you to leave—to part now on good terms, to accept that this wasn't meant to be, to convert the boyfriend back to a friend—just as you suspected I would. And you ruled that advice out. So I did the best I could under the circumstances.

For the past 15 years, I've identified as bisexual: I've been in monogamous relationships with men and women. I married a wonderful guy a few years ago. However, I recently realized that I identify as gay. I've talked to my husband about this and he's okay with it. I decided to stay with him and remain monogamous. We have a great relationship—and great sex. We left open the possibility of me taking a female lover in the future, if needed. For now, I'm happy with him. I flirt with girls, we talk openly about my preferences, but I haven't had sex with a woman since before I married him. And I'm okay with that.

So, here's my dilemma: Is it right to call myself a lesbian if I'm married to (and sexually involved with) a man? I hesitate to stay with the "bi" label, since I have no interest in other men. Can I call myself a lesbian even though I'm not sleeping with women?

Lesbian And Married To A Man

No.

I wanted to respond to An Unmarried Woman. As a result of her "nice, funny" husband-material boyfriend's "boring" sexual style, AUW has begun to cheat on him with her ex-boyfriend.

I married my version of her boyfriend. So did many of my friends. Years later, all of us have:

- 1. Left our nice husbands because the sex was so unexciting,*
- 2. Had affairs, or*
- 3. Complained endlessly about how we feel trapped and frustrated in our sexually unfulfilling marriages.*

AUW needs to walk away and she needs to do it now—before she feels crummy about cheating, before she "settles" for bad sex as a trade-off for "settling down," and before she has any kids whose lives will be affected by her future unhappiness and whatever steps she takes to deal with it.

Part of the problem here is that your standard advice to DTMFA doesn't always apply, Dan. AUW's boyfriend is not a motherfucker; he's a good, decent, caring, funny, responsible man, a potential life partner. Women are strongly socialized to downplay their own sexual needs in relation to their desire for security and stability. We're taught that this is the mature decision, and that what's important is that we choose the "good" guy. Only trailer-park sluts—ignorant and sex-driven—would value good sex above all that more "important" stuff.

But as you well know, Dan, good sex is damn important, and our desire for it doesn't necessarily fade over time. AUW should think about this: Even when there's a strong sexual connection, over time the novelty wears off, people have to "work" at keeping the sex hot, and children and bills and the daily grind take their toll. Where does she think she and Mr. Nice Guy will wind up sexually in 10 years if they have an uninspired sex life now?

AUW should wait for someone who "worships [her] pussy" and who is in other ways appropriate for the long haul. You can get a lot of your needs met outside of marriage, AUW, without being unfaithful. You can laugh, talk, go to movies, knit, etc., with friends, and it's okay. But once you go outside the marriage to fuck, you have crossed a heavy line. Marry someone who can meet your sexual needs.

Me And Everyone I Know

Thanks for sharing, MAEIK, and you're right—DTMFA doesn't apply in this instance. So let's coin a new catchphrase. You like him/her but he/she bores the hell out of you? "Try and let that person—that kind, good person—down as easily as you can. Be careful with their heart!" Or, "TALTP—TKGP—DAEAYC. BCWTH!" Hmm, kind of unwieldy. Got a better idea, readers? Send it in.

Oh, and lots more advice for AUW can be found at www.thestranger.com/savage/unmarriedwoman.

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