

# SAVAGE LOVE



WORDS OF WISDOM BY DAN SAVAGE

**At a dinner party, a straight man put a question to my boyfriend and me. He assumed that we, being gay men, would have an answer for him. We did not, Dan, and so we turn to you. What happens to one if one has to fart while one is wearing a butt plug?**

**Gays Are Simply Stumped, Yes And Sincerely So**

If one is wearing a butt plug ("wear: to carry or to have on the body or about the person as a covering, ornament, or the like"), GASSYASS, then one may pass gas, silently or noisily, as one is wont to do, because a butt plug worn as a hat or a brooch or an epaulet — that is, a butt plug worn on the body — presents no impediment. But if one has fully inserted the bulbous end of the butt plug into one's rectal cavity, and one's sphincter muscles are gripping the neck of the butt plug, as they are wont to do, thereby ensuring that the bulbous end remains lodged in the rectal cavity while the flared base remains outside of the rectal cavity (one could, if one wished to be pedantic, argue that one wears the flared base of the butt plug against one's anus), what would then happen if one attempted to pass gas? The force of the gas would either dislodge one's butt plug, sending it flying across one's room, or, if one's butt plug failed to dislodge and take flight, cause one to simply explode.

**I had a conversation with a friend who is an emergency-room physician. He told me about removing something — I can't remember what — from a gentleman's ass. My immediate response was to ask whether he had the flared-base talk with the gentleman after the fact. His response? "What are you talking about?" I explained that if the gentleman had used a butt toy with a flared base, he wouldn't have been in the circumstances that brought him to the hospital. He had never thought of that and thanked me for the advice. My partner is a physician and has treated patients with anal "encumbrances." He gives the flared-base advice to anyone who seems like they might benefit from it — but he tells me this isn't something they go over in med school. This shocks me because it seems like a topic where a little education could do a lot of good. You should use your column to bring this to the attention of medical school administrators.**

**Conscience Cleared**

I am sharing your letter, CC, in the hopes that doctors all over the world read it and promptly incorporate your "flared-base" advice into their practice. If they don't, well, then we will just have to conclude that flared-base advice isn't given to patients by doctors — ER or otherwise — because doctors secretly enjoy digging various foreign objects out of the variable rectums of various gentlemen.

**I'm a 19-year-old bisexual male. I've been in a two-year relationship with a girl who has a low sex drive, so we are in an open relationship and I occasionally have sex with guys. I really liked the last guy I got with and enjoyed having sex with him a lot. The problem was, I couldn't get hard. Is the problem that I'm still trying to figure out who I am and what I want? Am I not as attracted to guys as I thought I was? Or could it be guilt, even though my girlfriend is okay with it?**

**Bisexually Oriented Nervously Experiencing Reversal**

You say you "occasionally have sex with guys," BONER, which means this guy isn't your first. He's just the first guy — perhaps the first person — that you couldn't get hard with. Let me guess: *This has never happened to you before.* Of course it hasn't — you're 19. But it happens to every guy sooner or later, and you're much likelier to seek an explanation or attach some deeper meaning to it the first time it happens. (Maybe I'm not bi! Maybe it was guilt!) Don't waste your time, BONER. Sometimes a soft dick is just a soft dick. If it keeps happening, well, then you may have a problem. But if you go on obsessing about an isolated incident — perhaps brought on by nerves (you liked this guy, right?) — you run the risk of creating a problem.

**I was on a layover in San Francisco. My attractive, bearish, platonic, straight male coworker would like to know if it is weird that a guy complimented his shoes while at the urinal in the SFO bathroom.**

**Rhymes With Larry Craig?**

Yes.

**As I was reading the letters in the last Savage Love, it occurred to me that the debate over polyamory as a "sexual orientation" is primarily one of definitions. Some folks who are poly see that as just as "core" to their nature as their gender preference. Therefore, I propose the following framework. We all have a sexual identity composed of four components:**

1. Our gender identity ranging from cis to trans.
2. Our sexual orientation ranging from homo to hetero.
3. Our sexual exclusivity ranging from purely monogamous to purely polyamorous.
4. Our sexual interest ranging from asexual to highly sexual.

**In my view, these four components are equal in that they are all things that we are rather than things that we choose. While it is possible to choose a lifestyle that deviates from one's sexual identity, in all cases doing so entails stress, cognitive dissonance, and some degree of self-loathing. Like all conceptual frameworks, this one is not necessarily complete. It fails to include sexual interest in animals, particular age groups, or any of several hundred kinks, all of which are traits that seem to be more identity than choice. That said, I do think there is something unique and universally applicable in the four-component scheme, and I think that we should as a society set a goal of acceptance and nondiscrimination surrounding all aspects of sexual identity.**

**Just My Thoughts**

I like your model, JMT, but it has to be said: At a certain point, endless Tumblr-enabled debates about sexual identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexual interests take on the flavor of those how-many-angels-can-dance-on-the-head-of-a-pin debates that obsessed theologians in the Middle Ages.

For the record: Each of us is free — and remains free — to identify however we wish and to apply the labels "identity" and/or "orientation" however we please. If a particular person isn't trying to take anything away from you, then the fact that the person holds slightly differing views on identity or orientation, or the meanings of those words, or just how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, well, it really isn't an enormous fucking deal, is it? And, in my opinion, those who spend their time debating, classifying, and unpacking sex and identity run a very real risk of disappearing up their own ass in a puff of santorum. Which is my way of saying...

No, I won't be giving a column over to angry letters from buttsore people who feel that D/s is their sexual orientation, despite being told that I must because last week I suggested that, from my point of view, D/s is a sexual identity, not an orientation, and I gave a column to angry poly folks so it's only fair and blah blah blah.

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## RED MEAT

salty seasonal solicitations

from the secret files of **Max Cannon**

Okay, babe...I'm ready to get my cheer on. Let's go hit the best of the holiday parties.

I thought you were just kidding around, Ted. Are you really going to wear that red satin body suit?

Why shouldn't I? Every year the women are dolled up like hot cheesecake while we poor men are relegated to lumpy sweaters.

Seriously, I get it. I'm concerned that your thigh-high stiletto boots aren't exactly "family friendly" holiday fare.

Have you seen a picture of Santa Claus? If not for the jolly white beard, he might as well be wearing a reindeer harness and have a mattress strapped on his back.

### WOMEN SEEKING MEN

**BUSTY LOUD MOUTH**  
I need help finding an attractive kinkster in eugene to sleep with. Into anarchy and equality. Lets drink coffee and fuck like industrial collapse is upon us(excitedly). **bitbug**, 20, [icon]

**HORNY AND BORED**  
Like constant touch. Want the warmth of hot skin on mine. **Mtnfun**, 38

**ELOQUENT BLACK WOMAN**  
I offer full body massages and role playing sessions. I prefer mature generous men. **Eclipse2**, 37, [icon]

### WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

**LOVE THE PUSSY**  
we r man,women looking for a girl for some low key play he in his 50 me in my 30s we both love women ,want to play so comply. **Devilgirl187**, 35

### WOMEN SEEKING ?

**EXUBERANT AND CURIOUS**  
I'm 5'4" bob-cut brunette with a penchant for adventure and a great smile. I am in a committed non-monogamous partnership, but hoping to branch out and meet other poly-friendly folks. **gewinian**, 25, [icon]

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**REAWAKENED ANIMAL**  
Celibate for the longest time.I like it rough.I want to slam you against a wall,hear you moan as I put my face in your vajajjay. Iwant to do alotofthings butyet I'mbehindacomputerscreen. **EO\_SF**, 23, [icon]

**DOMINATE ALPHA MALE**  
Looking for a Submissive, Pet, Toy, Student for Masterbation, I specialize in Multiple Tantric Orgasms, Squirting, for the one who can submit himself ! **MrBig**, 49

### STRONG SENSITIVE PASSIONATE

I am a married man looking for discreet encounters with women who love the same things I do. I like long passionate kisses, extended foreplay, and mutual satisfaction. **Giggidy**, 49

**TEMPTATION, THAT'S ME**  
I'm looking for discrete hook ups via webcams and sexting first till we build up enough interest for our real intense passionate encounter/s. Please be height weight proportionate or under. **RazorSun**, 31, [icon]

**PIPE FOR LADIES**  
Treat your self to me dont cheat your self,] got PIPE for you right now. I freak all day and night for you.I will cater for real not for fake. **69man**, 34

**ONELOVE4U**  
My friends would say i am easy going,fun-loving,honest,caring & a nice guy, to say the least. **onlove13**, 45, [icon]

**JUSTFORFUN!**  
29 year old gemini, seeks fun. Very out going, very social, and loves to have a good time. Good sense of humor, tye one on with me and have fun!!! **TEVIL**, 29, [icon]

**FOR ME?**  
Good looking, healthy and clean. I love thick women. You should be clean, imaginative (nasty!), and honest. And... I am an ass worshiper, please be willing to indulge that! **pbulster**, 46, [icon]

**SEEKING NEW EXPERIENCES**  
Nice clean guy looking for good clean fun. Let's make some noise! PS. I also like to get dirty, ladies. **CunningLinguist**, 47, [icon]

**TO TRY THINGS**  
thats what i need thats what i want women to help me find new sex adventure. **rav-madd**, 42

### MEN SEEKING MEN

**CURIOUS**  
Bi-curious male, clean, fit, seeks beautiful boy for first time encounter. I want to adore your smooth, lean body. A lot to ask for? Of course. **maxd**, 42

### MEN SEEKING ?

**MULTIPLE GUY**  
Im attractive a little over weight looking for a discrete on going relationship. Im very open love to explore new things. Please give me a chance. **Niceguy69**, 36

**HANDSOME OLD SENSUALIST**  
looking for a nice attractive, slender young beauty or a stable couple to play with. Disease free. Not a freak. Let's just have us some pink, naked, squishy fun! :) **pure**, 50

### COUPLES

**EROTIC PLEASURE**  
Experienced couple looking for a special lady to treat to erotic adventures! **dblthe-pleasure**, 47

**JUICY ASS,TITS**  
she's 22 curvy, big ass & big tits. he's 21 slender we want a curvy lady with big tits for 1st time 3some. we can host. 420 friendly. pics? **TenaciousKitty**, 22, [icon]

**COUPLE LOOKING**  
Very close couple looking for female to fulfil fantasies. Clean and safe. Fun time. What happen is what happens. Discret and private. Nothing serious. Tons of fun and good times. **Us**, 30, [icon]

**THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL**  
Looking for play friends, and maybe more to add to our relationship. **Opensexpl737**, 34

### ??!! (OTHER)

**3'S COMPANY, TOO**  
Come knock on our door for a good time. 1 gay man, 1 straight man, 1 straight lady. We're classy, and you should be too: AKA, we want your confidence. **CumKnockOnOurDoor**, 27

**NAUGHTY CD**  
I'll add to this later, but I'm not looking for anything in particular. I love women, I love sex, I'm kinky, open-minded and horny. **SissySlutHeather**, 27, [icon]

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