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WHORE-O-SCOPES







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### Welcome To Paradise!

It's July and that means Independence day.

But here in Key West, we also have Bone Island Bare It All Weekend so it's also a weekend to be independent of your clothing!

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LEZ GO OUT



The other night the Husbutch and I were strolling down Duval St in the evening, and I was reminded of what we used to do to cool off in Key West in the heat of July when we first moved down to the island. We would head down to the southernmost end and walk from Simonton Beach all of the way down to Mallory Square and try to decide how long we could hold off before succumbing to temptation and popping in to one of the ice cream shops for a treat to beat the heat. Now, the goal was to walk a while before stopping but this depended wholly on how much we talked about it in the car before parking. It's like foreplay, the more you talk about it the more you want it. So if we talked about work or family on the way over we could probably make it quite a ways before being drawn in. However, if we got ourselves over excited Rooster Treats is the first possible stop, and you just walk right up to their adorable truck reminiscent of every carnival I've ever been to. The toppings are endless, and they even have the cutest little mini doughnuts. Oh yeah, you can top those any way you like it, too!

IF we made it past that, which must mean we needed the walk more than the treat, we would head down to a Key West local's favorite, Flamingo Crossing. All of the ice cream is handmade and there are some truly unique flavors like Mamey, Mora and Guanabana! This is a great stop if we're feeling frisky and want to booze up our ice cream a bit! Their Irish Coffee is a personal favorite and I am looking forward to trying their Amaretto!

The next stop balks at the words ice cream. It is custard at the Courthouse Deli and make no mistake, they are different. I harken from the frozen tundra of Wisconsin, and we KNOW our custards. It is frozen like ice cream but the silky-smooth buttery nature of custard is unmatched and not even close to the same consistency of ice cream. If we make it this far

### LEZ GO OUT

down, we are likely homesick and jonesin' for some tunes while we enjoy our favorite spot across the street from the Green Parrot. This one is slightly off Duval on Whitehead St, but the block detour is well worth the extra steps.

Back on Duval we have Wicked Lick with their slogan "If you don't lick it... someone else will". They use liquid nitrogen to freeze their ice cream and it is a sidewalk spectacle that gathers onlookers. In short, it's really fun to order an ice cream here!! They have a Wicked Waffle Sundae that is... wicked. I had to. Sorry.

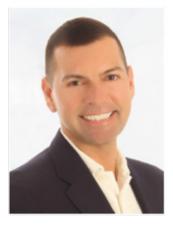
Mattheesseen's is almost at the end, but you can smell their fresh baked cookies and waffle cones several blocks away and that alone can entice us to walk the distance! Hand packed ice cream in the old-fashioned brown tubs and the biggest chocolate chips cookies are just what is needed if it has been a particularly hard week! I have a thing for anything turtle or turtley and they have one flavor that is my go-to with chocolate, caramel and pecans filling the bill nicely!

If we are in the mood for a long walk, sunset, people watching AND ice cream, we will make it ALL of the way down to Gladiator's Ice Cream. I mean, just google them and tell me the images of their Oreo ice cream doesn't make your mouth water. They have sorbets which are particularly refreshing after a looooooong walk and summer island weather.

No matter where you begin you can find a number of fantastic island-specific ice cream stops along the way to help beat the heat and enjoy a stroll with your Husbutch.. or femme.. or whomever! So Lez Go Out and enjoy the endless summer in Key West along the Duval stretch. Remember... If you don't lick it.. someone else surely will.

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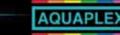


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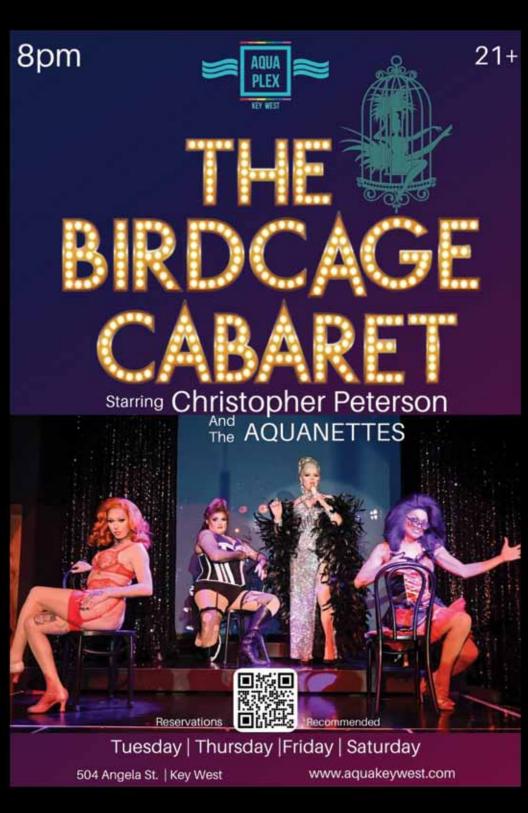


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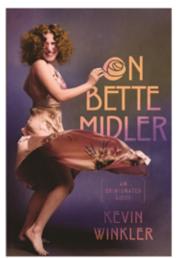


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#### "ON BETTE MIDLER: AN OPINIONATED GUIDE" BY KEVIN WINKLER c.2024, Oxford University Press | \$29.99 | 232 pages



#### Superb.

That word's appropriate this in situation. Fantastic, that's another. Transcendent or celestial, if you're of that mind, or perhaps anointed. There are many adjectives you can use for a performer who transports you, one who soul. Sensational. sings to vour breathtaking, outstanding, or - as in the new book "On Bette Midler" by Kevin Winkler – another, better word may be more suitable.

Born in Hawaii a few months after the end of World War II, Bette Midler was

named after film star Bette Davis. It was a perhaps auspicious start: despite a minor disparity (Midler's mother thought the movie star's first name was pronounced "Bet"), young Midler seemed at a young age to want to follow in her almost-namesake's footsteps. By age 11, she'd won accolades and prizes for her performances and she "yearned to be a serious actor..." As soon as she could, she headed for New York to seize her career.

Alas, her "unconventional" looks didn't help win the roles she wanted but she was undeterred. Unafraid of small venues and smaller gigs, she "just blossomed" in New York City. Eventually, she landed at the Improv on 44th Street; the owner there helped her negotiate some minor work. Another man became her manager and secured a job for her at the Continental, a New York bath house strictly for gay men. She was hired for eight summer nights, Friday and Saturdays only, for

### BEACH READS

fifty bucks a night.

Almost immediately, her authenticity, her raunchy language, and her ability to relate to her audience made her beloved in the gay community. Midler's tenure at the Continental expanded and, though legend points to a longer time, she worked at the bath house for just over two years before moving on and up, to television, recording studios, movies, and into fans' hearts. Still, asks Winkler, "Did it really matter what stage she was on? She touched audiences wherever she performed."

In his earliest words – and, in fact, in his subtitle – author Kevin Winkler reminds readers that "On Bette Midler" is a book that's "highly opinionated, filled with personal contemplations..." He is, in other words, a super-fan, but that status doesn't mar this book: Winkler restrains his love of his subject, and he doesn't gush. Whew.

That will be a relief to readers who wish to relish in their own fervor, although you'll be glad for Winkler's comprehensive timeline and his wide, wide look at Midler's career. Those things come after a long and fascinating biography that starts in 1970, takes us back to 1945, and then pulls us forward through movies, television appearances, stage performances, and songs you might remember – with appearances from Barbara Streisand, Barry Manilow, and Cher. It's a fun trip, part confidential, part charming, part nostalgic, and very affectionate.

Despite that this is a "personal" book, it's great for readers who weren't around during Midler's earliest career. If you were and you're a fan, reading it's like communing with someone who appreciates Midler like you do. Find "On Bette Midler." You'll find it divine.

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I'm so happy to welcome all of you to our wonderful little tropical island. This weekend is always a special mix of reuniting with old friends and making new ones. Given the divisions in the world and the ongoing attacks to our LGBTQ+ community, I



hope this weekend feels like a bit of escape and relaxation for you. Bone Island Bare It All is an event which truly celebrates freedom! Myself, Kevin and all our local partners strive to provide a welcoming and safe space for all. Indeed, last year the City of Key West passed a resolution affirming its stance as a Welcoming City, committed to ensuring the rights of ALL residents and visitors. It is what makes Key West so special for all who visit, and why we are so proud to be able to welcome you to our island home.

I want to say an extra special thank you for visiting during this current political climate. Some organizations have warned that Florida should not benefit from tourism, given the current hostility exhibited to minority groups by our state leadership. But there are many of us living in the state who are fighting back every day. It is our local host partners who are on the forefront of that struggle. Your presence makes our fight

louder and gives us more clout. So thank you for making the choice to visit now, in such turbulent times. We hope you'll return and tell all your friends how special this place is. Remember your sunscreen, hydrate, play safe and enjoy the actual, joyous, freedom you experience with a visit to Bone Island!

Dean Townsend The Naked Realtor of Key West thenakedrealtor@nakedkeywest.com



### Code of Conduct

We at Bone Island have tried to organize an event that showcases the beauty of nature in our little slice of Paradise. And while we champion every possible representation of the human body, this particular event is designed for those identifying and presenting as a gay/queer/trans adult male... no disrespect intended to anyone else.

As we at Bone Island seek to provide a safe, fun, and respectful naturist event for our guests, we also expect our guests to be respectful of each other, local residents, and venue staffs. It, of course, should go without saying that body shaming of any type will not be tolerated. Nor will any acts of homophobia, racism, transphobia, misogyny, ableism, or xenophobia. There is enough meanness in the world that we should not visit any upon each other at Bone Island (neither the event, nor our island home)!

Since Bone Island Bare It All is an event which freely celebrates the male body, there may be times when inhibitions – in addition to items of clothing – are checked at the door! In such instances, we ASK our guests to be safe, and we INSIST that boundaries be respected. We will not tolerate any unwanted touching. NO MEANS NO. We will not tolerate photography without affirmative consent, either. ASK FOR CONSENT. We also follow all the house rules at each of our venues whether or not specifically mentioned here.

We want you to have safe fun and be respectful. We strongly encourage you to be vaccinated against COVID, Monkeypox, and all transmissible illnesses; do it to protect yourself, but more importantly, do it to protect your fellow guests. Know your status, and get tested before and after having fun. Our amazing local community has all the resources you may need. We are all adults, so let's be responsible while enjoying ourselves.

We're glad you're here! Be free! But please remember to also be smart, be respectful, be safe; follow those simple guidelines, and we will all have a blast!

### Schedule of Events Summer 2024







Permitted



Pickup & Purchase

### Wednesday, July 10

10PM - Until THE BLACK PARTY Saloon One, 801 Duval Street (enter thru parking lot next to 801) \$20 (free with pass). Key West's leather bar welcomes back Bone Island early arrivals for our classic evening of dark fun. Show off your kink.

#### Thursday, July 11

 12PM – 5PM

 REGISTRATION AND POOL PARTY

 Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street,

 \$50 (free with pass)

 Pick-up your pre-purchased weekend pass or purchase one on arrival. Then hang out around the pool for a casual afternoon gathering.

5PM - 7PM GREET THE MEAT HAPPY HOUR Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street, Free Kick off cocktail hour with complimentary appetizers.

 10PM – 2AM

 COCKS ROCK

 The Birdcage Cabaret, enter at 504 Angela Street,

 \$20 (free with pass)

 Our blow out Thursday night in Key West's newest entertainment venue.

LATE NIGHT HAPPY ENDING PARTY Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street \$50 (free with pass) For when the parties are done but you're not.









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#### Friday, July 12

1PM – 5PM THE GARDEN PARTY Bourbon St. Pub – Garden Bar, 724 Duval Street \$20 (free with pass) A fun, frisky afternoon in the pool. DJ, pizza and full cash bar.

9PM - 10:30PM DRAG CABARET 801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street \$15 (free with pass) The girls of the 801 Bourbon Cabaret present their famous and funny show. Naked seating section available.

10PM - 1AM
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#### Saturday, July 13

10AM - 1PM <u>NAKED RETAIL THERAPY</u> Graffitti, 721 Duval Street Free 25% discounts off everything in the store during this naked, flash sale.

10AM - 1PM OUT NAKED IN TOUCH In Touch With You, 706-A Duval Street Free Visit the store that's just like you – a little classy, a little trashy, & a whole lot of fun! 25% off of eventhing in one of Key West's oldest and cavest stores!

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#### Saturday, July 13

10AM - 1PM THE CATEGORY IS: POSE! 3D Mini Me, 712 Duval Street Immortalize your naked-self with a custom 3D mini sculpture. Special offers for Bone Island pass holders.

11AM - 1PM THE SWEET SMELL OF LEATHER Y Leather Master, 418 Appelrouth Lane Free Clothing optional flash sale. Special prices on many kinky kreations.

12PM - 5PM PENII IN THE POOL Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street \$50 (free with pass) An afternoon of splish-splashy fun in the pool and café.

FINE DINING The Flaming Buoy Filet Co, 424 Eaton Street \$72 A private no-clothes dinner party at one of Key West's finest and friendliest restaurants. Reservations required at NakedKeyWest.com. Please bring along a towel for your chair.

10PM - until THE RAINBOW BALL Bourbon St. Pub, 724 Duval Street \$30 (free with pass) Show your pride, flaunt your fabulousness, and let your freak flag fly!

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### Sunday, July 14

12PM – 4PM HOT NAKED SUNDAY Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street \$50 (free with pass) Our recovery pool party offers a fun afternoon in the pool and enjoying the café.

4PM KRAZY KARAOKE 801 Bourbon, 801 Duval Street Free The fun at 801 Bourbon continues with their zany karaoke kraziness.

5PM DRAG QUEEN BINGO 22&CO, 504 Angela Street The long-running charity bingo tournament hosted by the irreverent & hilarious Qmitch.

9PM – until ICING ON THE CAKES Saloon One, 504 Petronia Street at Duval Street Free The last official event of Bone Island sends us off in style with a good old-fashioned beer bust. \$10 all-you-can-drink beer specials.

LATE NIGHT HAPPY ENDING PARTY Island House for Men, 1129 Fleming Street \$50 (free with pass) If you haven't passed out from exhaustion yet, have one more happy ending

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### LOVE FOR SALE

I'm starting to think finding a happy, healthy, long-term romantic relationship is a lot like bitcoin. They're both these things that majority of us don't get involved with but we hear about them all the time. We all have a handful of friends who, although they don't have any luck with either... they all swear they have this one friend who "hit the jackpot!" But then when you look at the actual statistics on it: more than half of all marriages end in divorce (and that's not counting the ones where one spouse pushes the other one off a cruise ship because they just can't stand the sound of their breathing anymore). Or that you have a much chance of making money in Vegas as you do with bitcoin... it leads you to believe both are more marketing than reality.

Take this date I went on recently, for example. We met up for drinks, really hit it off, made out in the parking lot. It was lovely. We even made plans to have dinner the following week. Then, he called me the next afternoon and said, "When you casually mentioned last night that you're an atheist. Do you really mean it? Like, you don't believe in anything? Not God, not a higher power? Not the zodiac? Nothing?" I said, well I believe in an infinite number of things that are observational real. I believe in gravity and where the sun will rise and set. And that wombats poop perfect cube-shaped poops (they do! Look it up. It's amazing!). But if you're asking if I believe that Jesus is real and a Libra? Well... no.

"Well, then I don't think we should see each other again because I do believe in high powers and that would really be a deal breaker for me." Now, being the good (non) Christian woman I am, I fought back the laughter in my throat and simply said, "well I appreciate your honesty.

### MY BIG GAY LIFE

Good luck with that!"

But then he kept talking. Because, if there's one thing I've learned about the faithful it's that they never shut the fuck up about it. Which is why I know that if any god really did exist... she'd be a vegan.

He went on to tell me that one of the reasons he'd relocated here to LA from San Francisco is because he'd chosen to end a TWELVE-YEAR relationship with his partner, and that a significant part of his decision to leave him was because his partner was also an atheist.

"He didn't believe in anything, like you, and I just can't see myself being with someone who doesn't even try to believe in something."

To which I said, "That's a funny way to look at it. Because it looks to me like he believed in YOU for TWELVE YEARS... and look how that turned out?!"

"Wow! Fuck you! I can't believe you'd say something like that!", he bellowed back.

"Well, I can't believe you'd do something like that. Here's hoping your imaginary Sky Daddy forgives us both!"

Brad Loekle's latest comedy special & album, "Brash Boys Club" is available on Amazon, AppleTV, iTunes, and other platforms. He was a semi-finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing". He can be seen every week on TruTV's "World's Dumbest", has written for Joan Rivers on E! "Fashion Police" & tours internationally. His book, "My Big Gay Life" is available on Amazon. For all this and more, check out: **www.bradloekle.com** 



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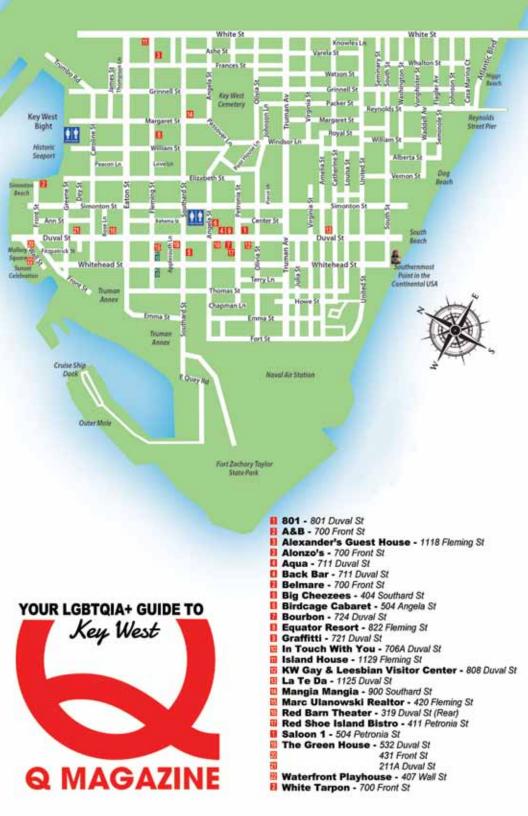


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Back Bar Monday Night Football at 8 PM

> Birdcage Cabaret Pub Style Trivia at 6 PM

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

> La Te Da 3Sum at 8:30 PM

TUESDAY 801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua Drag Show at 9 PM

Back Bar Movie Night at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret Cabaret Show at 8 PM

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

La Te Da Tiger and River playing at 8.30

### WEDNESDAY

801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Back Bar Watson Wednesday at 3 PM Service Industry Night-at 6 PM

Birdcage Cabaret René Breslin sining live at 5:30 PM Western Wednesdays at 9 PM

Bourbon Bria singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House Hot Naked Pool Party starting at 5 PM

La Te Da Tiger and River playing at 8.30 801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

THURSDAY

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Aqua Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Birdcage Cabaret Cabaret Show at 8 PM Throwback Thursdays at 10 PM

#### Bourbon Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

La Te Da 3Sum at 8:30 PM Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM

801 Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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FRIDAY

Aqua Happy Hour with Bria at 3 PM Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM Karaoke at 11 PM

Back Bar RuPaul Viewing Party at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret Cabaret Show at 8 PM Late Night Dance Party at 11 PM

#### Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM

> La Te Da 3Sum at 8:30 PM

Saloon 1 Cock Shock contest at Midnight 801 Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

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SATURDAY

Aqua Live Singer at 1 PM Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM Karaoke at 11 PM

> Birdcage Cabaret Cabaret Show at 8 PM Dance Party at 10 PM

Bourbon Naked Pool Party at Noon Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

> La Te Da 3Sum at 8:30 PM -Randy Roberts Live at 9 PM

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801 Karaoke starting at 4 PM Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

SUNDAY

Aqua Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Back Bar Hot Dog Church at 3 PM Sunday Night Football at 8 PM

Birdcage Cabaret Kingdom at 7 PM BirdDrop Open Mic Night at 8:30 PM

Bourbon After Tea 7 PM - 10 PM Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House Hot Naked Pool Party starting at Noon

> La Te Da Tea Dance at 4 PM 3Sum at 8:30 PM

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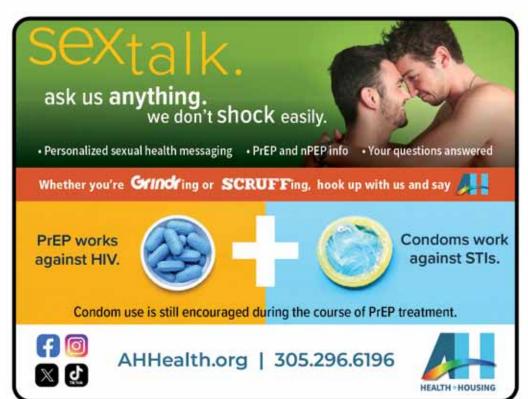
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#### Dear Nana,

My friend is dating a guy who is pretty verbally abusive to him. Not, like Ike Turner abusive. But he's constantly demeaning him and taking pot shots at him in front of me and all our other friends. Is it my place to say something when my friend doesn't seem to do anything about it?

Here's why I do think it's your place to say something about it: Because it's happening in front of you. You obviously don't want to this shithead to be cruel to your friend ever. But the fact he's happy to do it in front of other people makes it the other business. would people's 1 encourage you, and any of your friends who feel the same way, to calmly but sternly call out this douche nozzle of a person every time he does it. "Please don't speak to my friend like that in front of me" is a good start. Then,



see if he takes the hint or if he escalates things. If he escalates things with you or any of the other friends... well, then you have carte blanche to kick him so hard that his testicles bounce off his tonsils.

#### Dear Nana,

Sometimes when my boyfriend cums, there is blood in his semen. Like a lot of blood. He told me that his doctor examined him and that it's actually part of a medical condition that he has and will happen from time to time. But that it's not a sign or anything seriously wrong with him. I keep asking him to get a second opinion because I just can't imagine that blood shooting out of your penis is normal. Am I being a worry wart?

Absolutely not. Your boyfriend is a fucking vampire and you need to steak that sissy through the heart as soon as sun rises. The gay bars are already chock full of the undead, they don't need anymore. Now... see how insane that sounded? That's you. The fun part about science is that it's real whether you can "imagine" it or not. Quick: how does your cell phone actually do any of the things it does?



ASK NANA

Can you go ahead and imagine that out for us all? Oh, you can't? Then leave his bloody balls and the entirely of the healthcare system alone. But, as a side note, if he happens to shoot loads of O-... I'll take some.

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