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Welcome To Paradise!

In August things get HOT and I'm not only talking about the temperature.

August brings us Tropical
Heat and this year it's
going to be HOTTER than
ever with a cowboy theme
and lots of new steamy
parties!

Enjoy!

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LEZ GO OUT



August... Hot doesn't really begin cover lt's like to walk-out-of-your-front-door-and-sweat-before-you-even-take-a-step season. Seriously. It's hot. Locals all know you simply run from air conditioning in the house to air conditioning in the car and from there to the air conditioning of your destination. Even the ocean is like bath water but that doesn't mean there aren't cool things to do. In August the Husbutch and I venture INDOORS to find entertainment. No, not that kind of entertainment, you saucy minx. It's just about too hot even for that. Just about... So, we find alternative methods of excitement during the heat of the summer.

There is one space that keeps the locals engaged all summer long with blissfully constant AC and freaking fabulous women who own and operate a gallery to promote the creative works of female artists both local and visiting. The Sacred Space Gallery located at 529 Southard St showcases more than 30 female artists across an array of mediums. Barbara Sage & Lucy Hawk founded the gallery being local artists who needed workspace and wanted to create a female centric art space where women and their crafts were truly celebrated! This quickly grew as there was room to feature other female artists birthing this exceptionally beautiful and unique gallery in the heart of Old Town.

Now, it's not just a gallery glowing up women artists though it is absolutely that. It's a hands-on learning space where classes of all kinds are taught. The first class Husbutch and I attended was to create our own ocean themed resin cutting board. We bring these out to wow our friends frequently now! There is a great classroom space at the back of the gallery that seats about a dozen students. You can bring wine and snacks and a group of friends and spend an evening out of the heat expanding your

creative horizons with phenomenal female artists!! A few of the upcoming classes include an abstract alcohol ink class with Jasmine Jones where you'll create a 10x10 art piece of your own (with champagne included), a handmade gemstone jewelry brunch (hello, who doesn't love gems AND brunch?!!) with Abigail Houff and a driftwood macrame air-plant hanger class with Trista of Drifting Through which is SO on point right now. Macrame is in! When you arrive the women greet you and show you to the classroom space. You have a few minutes to meet the other participants. pour a glass of whatever you choose to bring or whatever is provided and set up your work area. The instructing artist then introduces herself sharing how she got started in her art medium, what she loves about it and what you'll be creating that day. She'll demonstrate and give you all of the instruction you'll need to create your own unique piece. From there it's creativity away! Everyone works at the same time in most cases and adds their own personal touch to each work of art. I found the group aspect of it to be a safe and easy space to ask questions and push my artistic boundaries creating things I had no idea I could do! When you're finished. everyone has a broader understanding of why each artist loves what they do and something to show off to their friends. Being in a group of creative women is truly magical and there is no limit to what we can create.

When we walked through the front door we immediately felt welcomed and excited to explore our creative sides in a medium we had never considered working with before. Now we're hooked!! We can't wait to go to our next class and meet other people in the community thriving in the heat of summer, learn from incredibly talented female artists and expand our own create scope within the fun and supportive atmosphere created by Barb and Lucy here in Key West. Lez Go Out and get our hands dirty in the cool of the gallery AC on Southard St this August! See you for a mimosa and the next class at the Sacred Space Gallery!!



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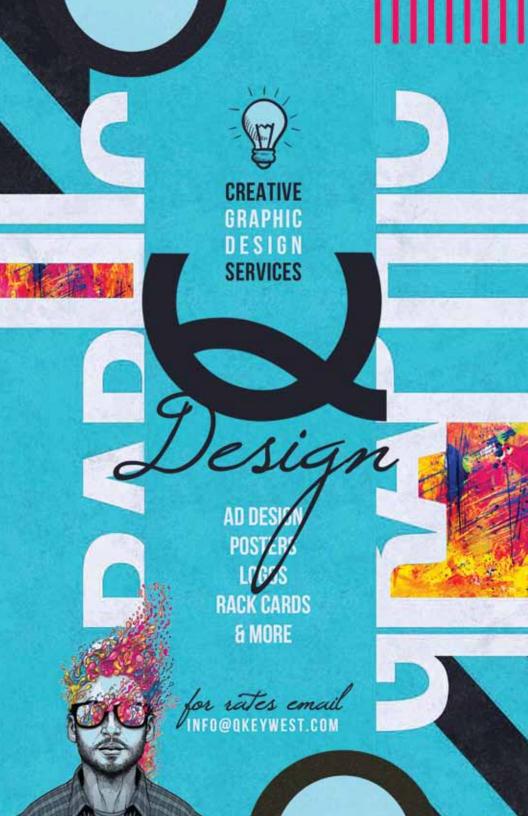
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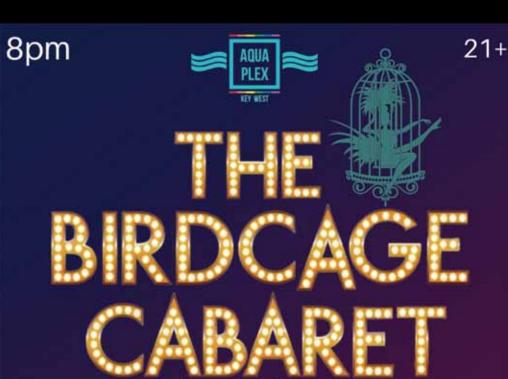
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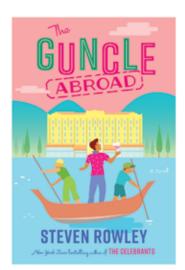


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Patrick O'Hara couldn't believe how his life had changed.

A few short years ago, he was living in Palm Springs, having "retired" from making films. He was in love, happy, and he had temporary custody of his niece, Maisie, and his nephew, Grant. Life was good.

Now... oh boy. Patrick and Emory had split-ish (Emory was still living in Patrick's California home), Patrick was living in Manhattan, making a movie in London, looking for another role soon, and the kids were four years older. Maisie was an attitudinal teen now, Grant was nine and too wise for his age.

They weren't the cuddly kids Patrick once knew – especially since their dad, Patrick's brother, Greg, was getting married again and the kids didn't like Livia, their wealthy socialite stepmom-to-be. Patrick suspected it was because Grant and Maisie still missed their Mom. It hadn't been all that long since Sara died. Was a new marriage an

insult to old memories?

Patrick didn't think so, and he'd prove it. While Greg and Livia were last-minute wedding-planning, he bought three Eurail passes, one for him and one each for the kids. He'd give them some culture and some new Guncle rules about love. Maybe – was it possible? – he'd even become their favorite GUP again.

But Maisie and Grant had other ideas. They agreed to go on the stupid trip around Europe with their GUP, if Patrick agreed to talk to Greg about calling off the entire wedding. Something old (memories), something new (stepmother), something borrowed (trouble), and something blue (two kids) just had to be undone, and soon.

There's an old saying, to paraphrase, that if the wedding is perfectly smooth, the marriage won't be. With this in mind, "The Guncle Abroad" is covered: add a snarky lesbian with an entourage, a tipsy sister on a manhunt, a Lothario who doesn't speak English, and lost love, all at a lakeside hotel, and yeah, we're good.

But here's the thing: author Steven Rowley doesn't just make readers laugh. We're covered on that part, too, because the whole pre-wedding scene in this book is pure chaos and LOL funny. Long before that, though, you'll be charmed by Rowley's main character and his desperation to stay relevant, to avoid-not-avoid love, and by his efforts to connect with his brother's kids. And after the not-so-storybook wedding, well, you know how those things are.

Bring tissues, that's all you need to know.

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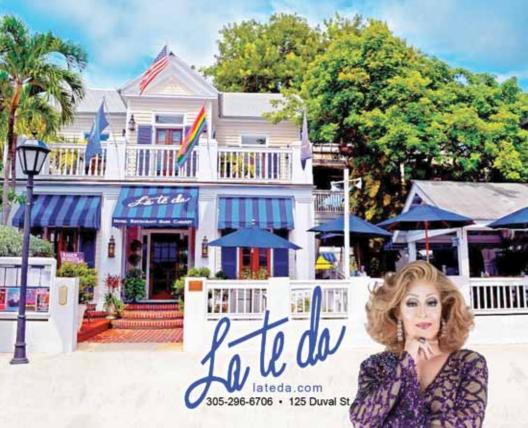
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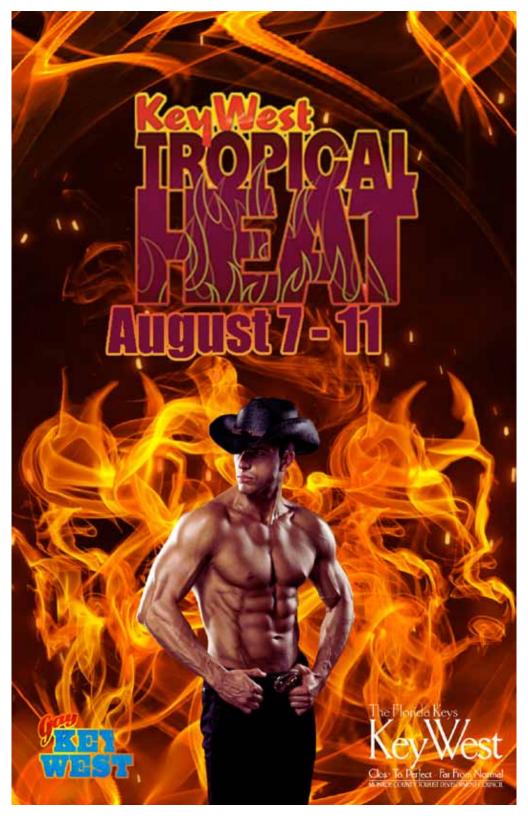
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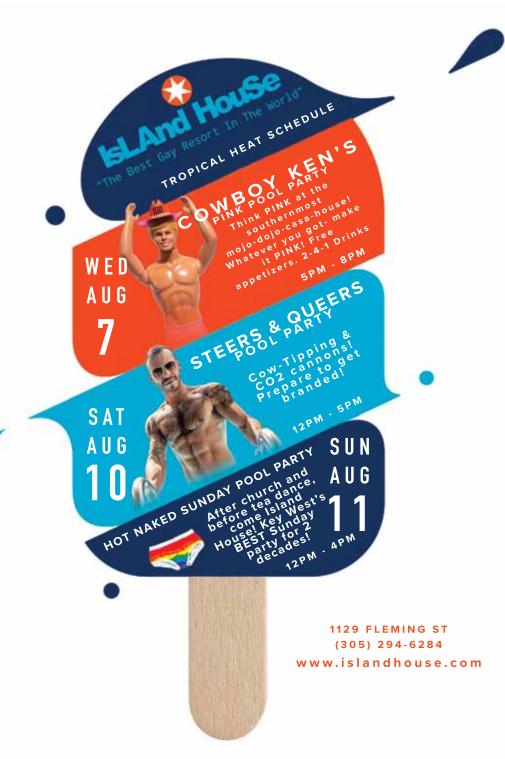
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10PM - MALE DANCERS

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Thursday, August 8

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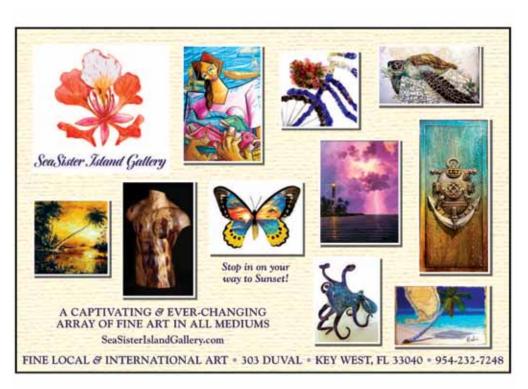
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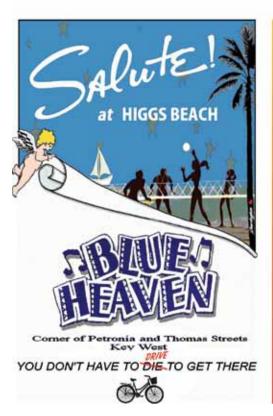


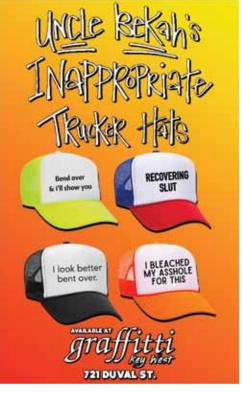
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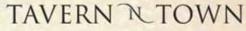
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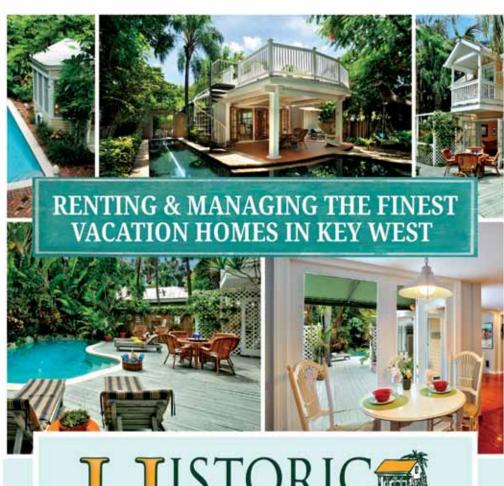
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On behalf of Key West Business Guild, I'd like to thank you for celebrating Tropical Heat, 2024 with us. What started out as a gathering of Gay men so many years ago, has evolved into a gay, bi, trans, and queer, celebration of brotherhood. The organic evolution of Tropical Heat has been an astounding experience. We are honored to have hosted each and everyone of you, and hope that you will return to Key West every year to party with us.

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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



: OSCOPY

Well, it finally came time for me to have my first colonoscopy! And, as we all know, "you never forget your first." Now, since I have the sort of health insurance, you'd expect an artist to have in America, it only took me 13 months of red tape to get on the gurney. We're doing great, America! NO NOTES!

Straight people all told me it was a horrible process, but I feel like they don't know how gay sex works. I've had construction workers' fingers in me that were meatier than that little whip of a camera they had to roto-route up into me. It's the colonoscopy prep that's a nightmare. Twenty-four hours of a clear liquid diet. When I asked if semen counted, my Eastern European lesbian doctor just groaned. She does that a lot in our check-ups. I guess Bulgaria doesn't have a big standup comedy scene. C'est la vie! (That's Bulgarian, right?)

What they don't tell you is that it's not really 24 hours. It's 24 hours of clear liquids and then a long, loose night of drinking a 15-gallon jug of the strongest laxative you've ever had in your life. And you can't just sip it. You need to get 32 oz of it in you each hour. And let me tell you, it works! I was down NINE pounds in 24 hours. I wonder how many times a week I can do this? And let me tell you by ounce 168 the "smoke" is coming out clear, so to speak. If my colon was the Vatican, it would have had a new pope only a few hours into the laxative process.

After waiting with an IV in my arm for a few hours, (again, we're really nailing this healthcare thing, America) I was met by my Anesthesiologist. Really the only healthcare provider I've ever loved. And mine was a gorgeous, young, African American woman named Rebecca. My procedure was on June 1st and her first words to me were, "Well I see someone is taking their cleaning out protocol for Pride month VERY seriously!" I was in love.

The straight, male doctor was awkwardly trying to describe the position he

MY BIG GAY LIFE

needed me in for the procedure and Rebecca cut him off, "I got this. Brad, get into big spoon/little spoon sex position with your top leg angled for that first thrust, okay baby, boy?"

"Do I get to finally be the little spoon, Rebecca?!"

"Baby, it's Pride month and you can be any spoon you want."

Then she said, "Now I'm going to give you propofol to knock you out. I know some people are scared of it because of its ties to the whole Michael Jackson thing, but..."

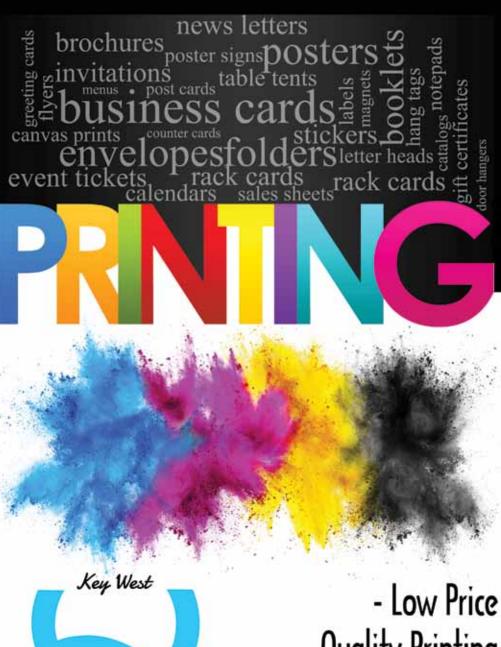
"Oh, Rebecca, I've been waiting YEARS to finally try this stuff! I insist you give me it and throw an extra drop or two in there cuz I'm a sturdy kind of gal with a high tolerance for highs."

"I know, Brad, I have eyes. I see you." (The straight male doctor was now just praying that he might be put under anesthesia so he could escape our kiki.)

Friends, let me tell that propofol is the good stuff! That was the most beautiful sleep I've ever had in my life. And it makes me so much more furious at Michael Jackson. Because, that's now TWO things he's totally ruined: those kids' childhoods AND this drug. And, all I'm saying is: we can't unfuck those kids... but we can save propofol!

That is also my entire political platform if the DNC ever lets anyone under the age of 113 run for president.

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

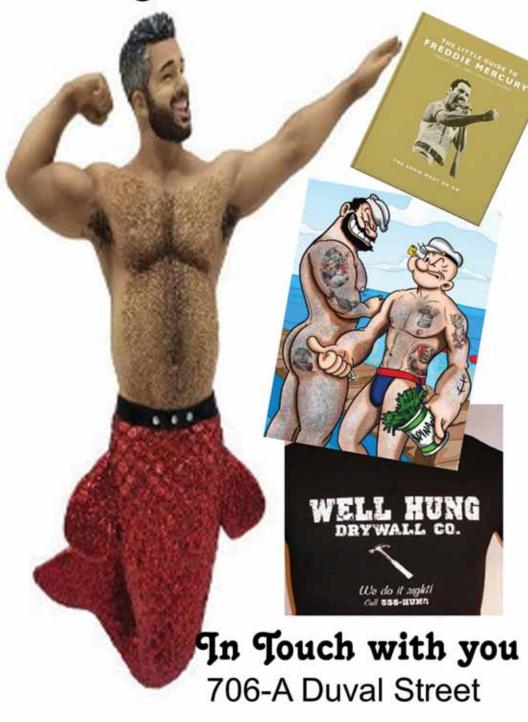




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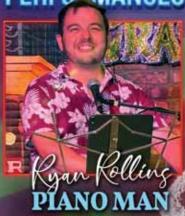
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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Aqua Idol at 6 PM Drag Show at 9 PM

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

THURSDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

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

SUNDAY

801

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

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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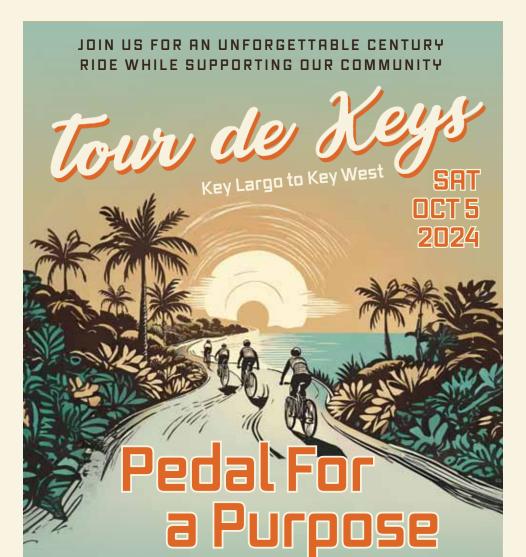
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Dear Nana,

I was seeing/sleeping with this guy for about two weeks and I thought things were going okay. It wasn't anything super serious. We'd hangout/fuck maybe once or twice a week. But I haven't heard from him in almost 10 days and now I'm wondering if I did something to piss him off or make him ghost me. I haven't really text or called him since I text him "Hey, how's your week?" 10 days ago. What should I do?

A wise woman once told me, "Stop knitting sweaters out of every situation." It's the best advice I've ever been given. The only facts you have is that a guy you've been date-fucking for a couple weeks didn't respond to a text you sent. And now you've kitted a whole sweater out of the what, where, when, who, and how you doing?! Maybe he did ghost you, sure. Maybe he's been sick and forgot to text you back. But maybes are no way to be. So, I'd text or call him back and say, something casual like, "haven't heard from you in a bit, hope you're good, handsome." Just casual. He'll either write back with some logical explanation on why he's been MIA... or you'll know he's moved on. And if he's moved on, all you can do is wave goodbye while you keep your eyes on the road ahead of YOU. If he's not in your life then he doesn't need to live rent-free in your head.



Dear Nana,

My boyfriend uses a duvet at his apartment and no top sheet. Just the duvet and the fitted sheet. A top sheet is very important to how I sleep comfortably. Sometimes I get too hot with a full comforter so I just like a top sheet on me. But I can't sleep with no kind of covering. My boyfriend really loves duvets. He says it reminds him of when he lived in Europe. Am I insane if I buy new sheets for his apartment and just I use the top sheet? I love sleeping next to him but I also need to get a good night's sleep. What do you think?

I think I just lost 97 seconds of what little time I have left on this planet reading this. And, I'd like that time back, please. I'm going to assume you're a bottom because... well... you wrote a paragraph that somehow managed to be the most insane AND most boring thing I've ever read in my entire life. It was as if the world's oldest Walmart greeter wrote a



count your lucky stars that any man wants to sleep next to you so pretend you're camping and make it work. Or, just drop a Xanax in your glass of merlot (because we all know you drink merlot) and pray you don't talk in your sleep. In fact, we all pray you don't talk in your sleep. Or in your awake.

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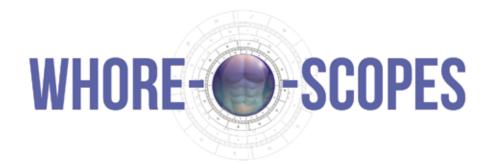
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PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

Unless you have tourettes, stop using "fuck" like it's a comma.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

If a headache was a person, I suspect it would look a lot like you.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

Whatever you use on your skin to get it that white, you should use on your teeth.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

With how you behave, I really wish they made shock collars for people.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Hey fat ass, ribbed condoms don't taste like ribs!

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

If kissing ass was taught at any university, you would clearly be the valedictorian.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

Your beauty is like the ocean. I get sick there too!

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

Life is good. You should get one.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

When you talk and people keep saying "wow," that's not the compliment you think it is.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

They just successfully transplanted a voicebox into a person. Perhaps you'd like to donate yours?

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

You have a "butter face." (Google it!)





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