



Slick Six
Slipping
Into
Exit

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I never learn from things; I just enjoy them and remember them.

-Ian

You obviously do a lot in your head.

-Cap

I was conceptualizing the man who would doubt everything but himself... And could do anything.

-Lawrence

Guilt is natural. You can't go against your nature.

-Prophetboy

My conscience? Spotless.

-Your Jackal

There are some tests you just can't study for. This isn't one of them, but it's pretty hard.

-Perspective

I'm taking responsibility and I'm shouldering the burden of living my life...Which'll kill a lot of birds with one fucking rock.

-Lawrence

That's what you say. I'm just assuming you're confused.

-Gaea

The dark penguin may have ears, but has he checked them?

-Mother Theresa

I guess I just bring out the best in half-conscious people.

-Your Jackal

He doesn't understand. Indifference lifts you up, protects you from stress and hurt. It is very accepting and so pulls the blanket out from underneath Disappointment before it realizes what's happened.

-Lawrence

If someone hit you, something would break. You just have such a fragile face.

-Man Chi Chi

You are caught between 2 choices and can't decide. So I hand you a coin to flip. In midair I swipe it away, look you in the eye and say, "Now which one did you want it to be?"

-Virginia

I just love men's things.

-Gaea

It never ends with the written word.

-Lawrence

In silence we linger. In darkness we descend.

-Gaea

I've got a lot of pink periodicals. I had one of those, ahem, scientific dreams the other day.

-Jongen Valentino

Through her tears and my hand on her arm: "I didn't think it was possible to work too hard."

-Lawrence

It is more important to be confident than it is to be right. (That all comes later.)

-Your Jackal

Ahhhh. Nothin' quite like a cup of warm vaginal juice in the morning.

-kurtz

Up yours, you bovine critters!

-Agent Peludo

And anyone who believes the Pot Lid Theory should be shot as a possible menace to society.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

We just got screwed without a kiss.

-Sherrol Valentino

Don't you see, you're the enemy. You who would prefer despicable nothing to bittersweet abundance.

-Nomad

Keep running your desert marathon, it will eventually bear fruit. Lose the Timex, though, it's like salty potato chips. Just enjoy the scenery and the pumping of your legs.

-Your Jackal

Well, somebody just had too much of the funny stuff.

-Gwok

I've decided that men are fragile. They act tough, but it's a very thin shell.

-Gaea

Yeah, well, I feel we are pretty infinite for awhile.

-Nomad

Twisting is A.O.K.

-Queen of Crowns

Strive to find the best in people. The alternative offers no challenge.

-Your Jackal

Oh, he's just taking advantage of me, it's okay.

-Belle

That's what I like about you. You just assess the situation and render judgment.

-Your Jackal

I'm adventure-prone.

-Gaea

You want to talk about biological clocks? Does the phrase "sexual prime" mean anything to you?

-Nomad

I only make monkey noises at certain times.

-Mother Theresa

No, I already have ultimate control.

-Gaea

Everybody's_ ticklish.

-Your Jackal

You just let me know when the beginning is over with.

-Solar Unholies

Cars won't hit you. Just step in front of one.

-Stinger

Don't keep breathing, it'll do you absolutely no good whatsoever. It just prolongs the agony.

-Your Jackal

I'm still a staple.

-The Queensburry Catcher

I've spent most of my life shaking my wrist, saying "Djinnis be damned" and never looking back.

-Nomad

A speech is like a love affair: any fool can do it, but the ending requires skill.

-Corp Ethician

You know, dating is mating, and as soon as we find out you're not The One, it's over.

-Line 'N' Pole

They are young, and young is fun.

-Rainbowmaker

My life's never been focused, but it all seems to come out alright.

-D

I believe in the strength, beauty and wholeness of the individual spirit. _No matter what_.

-Your Jackal

Do you wash your jeans with Windex? Because I could really see myself in your pants.

-SpootyKing

You get more ass than a toilet seat.

-NC97

In the world of relationships, you now wear beer goggles.

-Nobebe's Bebe

Basic human psychology: The amount of attention you give someone is directly and inversely proportional to the amount you receive from them.

-Ian

I'm tired of worrying all the time. Can't I live with things that seem like life?

-Nomad

He is just the ocean of coolness on which we all sail.

-Sunshine

You want to sleep? Sleep when you're dead.

-NC97

Bathrooms are a good place.

-Solar Unholies

We can only hope that, in our times of childlike innocence and naivety, we will not be misused and if we are, that we will recover still retaining the beauty of unjaded youth, now tempered by wisdom as opposed to consumption by fear, retaliation and hate.

-Gaea

A little tease is good now and then.

-Gaea

Well, you have an Indian butt.

-Ms. Fin

I'm just a nice day waiting to happen.

-Your Jackal

I used to play Frogger when I was little. Of course, it was pretty hard because it was always during rush hour.

-Belle

There's a lot of just throwing to the lions going on here.

-Nomad

Sex is usually a social event.

-Wednesdayman

This place is turning into a regular 90210 Detention Center.

-NC97

She won't come unless you ask her in person.

-Darkwiper

Now there are going to be a lot of pretty girls up there at college, and you'll probably meet someone special and you'll want to do certain things with her. I just want you to remember... Give her a thrust for Grandpa!

-Pappy Swede

I ate a cherry today. Very good. I ate her (w)hole.

-Miss Construed

She's a real wide-belt kind of chick, the kind who really wears a wide belt, you know.

-The Queensburry Catcher

I've got your balls of fire right here, baby.

-Your Jackal

You're either intellectualizing or having a psychotic break.

-Wednesdayman

Save the drama for your mama.

-Mo' Rockin'

That's the problem with society. Even if you're slightly attractive, men still step on you.

-Miss Construed

It's the up-and-coming Me, with a capital "M."

-Needless

I always probe for reinforcement.

-Your Jackal

Are you saying I'm actively vague?

-Nomad

She's the promise of something she's never going to give these men.

-Always

Ixnay, Brute. I'm the wallrunner.

-The Queensburry Catcher

This is like a divorcee going to a friend's wedding.

-Your Jackal

Why don't you come over here and cunnilinger?

-Crouton

I just want to taste some jell-o.

-Rings

I know my pain. (Ha.)

-Your Jackal

I'm all about sultriness.

-Mo' Rockin'

This is a beautiful place. I am all too fortunate to be here.

-Nomad

You are irrelevant. You have no bosom.

-Your Jackal

Would you like me to nuke your noodles?

-The Aerial Zioness

We are your 24-7 yang factor.

-Your Jackal

Have you become disillusioned with English teachers? Do we need to have a talk?

-Eyes O' Night

Mmmm-mm. Escape is tasty.

-Your Jackal

You know how when someone touches something, you just want it more?

-Gaea

The truth speaks... And I am it's mouthpiece.

-Your Jackal

She put it on her bra and it smoked.

-Mo' Rockin'

I always bring spice to the table.

-Nomad

I'm not after his body, I like his atmosphere.

-Gaea

It only takes one bus.

-Mother Theresa

Oh yeah? Well, you should just see me travel.

-The Queensburry Catcher

He's a verbal-Mike-Tyson-chameleon, that one is.

-the dark penguin

The basic goodie is walking around being known by other and their being harmonious with that.

-Wednesdayman

It's all buttcups and underwear with you, isn't it?

-Your Jackal

Paul Simon knows where it's at.

-the dark penguin

That's what conversation is: long wind.

-Nomad

I'm afraid I've been saving up all the good things...
Waiting till the world is ready for 'em, I guess.

-Gwok

It is the unwritten law of money. If no one spent it, it would become worthless. I would hate to make my money worthless.

-Nomad

It's smart to have your own personalized matches.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

I love flying. You know that moment when you take off, you're just hanging there and it's up, up, up... It's just like an orgasm.

-Billy Pythagoras

After a month of sex, they're not ready for love.

-Dencoze

It can be strange for even a sensitive guy to hear he's someone's mistress.

-vuurcatalyst

Hey, yeah, that's Ahab the Desert Sweeper, right?

-Rainthorns

Question: Why, oh why, is there such a thing as procrastination? Answer: To keep us busy.

-Migrating TripleX Entendre

Oh, yeah, he was just being his usual spastic colon self, huh?

-Mo' Rockin'

Fine, go get your intellectual intercourse from her, then.

-Rainthorns

I think we're going to line you up and flog ya.

-Nobebe

It's an interesting feeling to realize that you are systematically alienating yourself from an increasing number of people in your nest.

-vuurcatalyst

I'm all about thwarted expectations.

-Your Jackal

Yeah, well, we all start on our birthday, don't we?

-Stinger

That place where you got that, was it called Kimonos For Less?

-Nobebe

Why do I always have to hide my lifestyle from you? Why can't you just accept me and my yogurt?

-Your Jackal

Uh-oh, that rabid cow is coming closer. Don't worry, I'll protect you, cuz I'm a boy. Penis power.

-vuurcatalyst

I don't want to be in your frigging book.

-BAB

We are the Hounds of Victory.

-The Florentine Avengers

That's what I do, I shed joy.

-Your Jackal

T.V. is Satan's toy. Could you take a picture of me with mine?

-THE ROOF

Why is my butt a constant object of abuse?

-Gaea

What is this with the sucking face thing?

-BAB

OK, tell me honestly, if you displaced yourself from your body for a moment, if it was you looking at you... Just tell me you wouldn't want to do you.

-vuurcatalyst

You have love handles? But you're emancipated. Or emaciated.

-Rainthorns

Housing is like a waterbed.

-Your Jackal

I don't want to talk to you. I just want to put something in your head and leave.

-The Prince and Me

There's no way to get around bacon unless it comes from a circum-sized pig... And those are few and far between.

-Koash

Shoot, what's a crustacea got to do with genitals?

-the dark penguin

I'll get her arms, you get her pants.

-Stinger

I'm going to go watch a bunch of girls get soused on themselves. (And you'll be there to pick up the pieces.)

-Dencoze

Share the wealth. The wealth of joy. The Joy of Deprivation.

-Your Jackal

What's with moms and storm drains and creeks anyway?

-Thezbian

I'm secure enough in my masculinity. I'll just take a little piece for the road.

-Uberman

Man, I've been gone from the hole for several hours.

-Thezbian

The sun woke to my shining face this morning.

-Nomad

Oh, please, I FLITTER.

-Your Jackal

I'm the patron saint of fun.

-Your Jackal

I'm the only one who can do any banging around here.

-friskies

We met over dead bodies.

-20 Minutes

People put some weird things in jell-o. Like carrots and shit. That's just wrong.

-Rings

The world smells like Froot Loops. Diversity is not a buzzword, it's a way of life.

-the dark penguin

If you are the woman in a relationship, then I guess that makes us lesbians.

-Betty

Hey, you're sort of burning my leg.

-Bootierock

I'm thinking a Palooza-full of vulva is a lot.

-Jollysofaboy

You can mouth watermelon during any song and no one will know any better.

-Belle

There is no skinnie. Just a phat, phat, phat... Phat relationship.

-President Duck

Hey, Larry, are you dead yet?

-Firstblood

Wow, it's just like Halloween in a rich neighborhood.

-Crouton

We belong to a sorority. Lik Mi Pi.

-Biding Time

We're just a bunch of caged rats, here. No, wait, that's rabbits.

-Sexual Furniture

I just got my punk ass capped. I feel pretty bad about that.

-Spunky Mick

You're in the Acronym Lounge?

-The Brass Duck

A girl's got to have hobbies. Boys are entertaining. They sure are entertaining.

-Mother Theresa

Yeah, and what is up with those shorts, anyway?

-One Frank Monkey

You don't wanna get into an argument with these hips; they're gonna getcha.

-Thezbian

That's three for me. Three people who trusted me.

-AsIs

Whimsy is unstoppable.

-the dark penguin

There's no telling what she'll do with her toenails.
-**vuurcatalyst**

You don't mess with a piano player's butt.
-**Betty**

It's my birthday. I can be racist if I want to.
-**Stinger**

You've turned this dorm into Lord of Flies.
-**Rings**

I wanted to be able to relate to Darth Vader. Just once I wanted to hear him say, "I feel a great weirdness in the force."
-**Nomad**

It's all facades. I am the lion, you are the lamb. We are exactly the same.
-**The Queensburry Catcher**

If you're gonna smell up the place, you'd better at least leave a slice.
-**Belle**