

still awaiting wisdom



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I'm in charge of dead fish?

-Gwok

You haven't said a damned thing this morning, and that's too much.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

It's safe to say that the Oregon Trail wailed.

-Perspective

Oh, I got a new neutron blaster. I'm gonna take a dump.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

I brake for militant sodomites.

-Taking Down Yellosub

That just proves that whatever comes natural to you is just wrong.

-DC Fiance

I really want to do something spontaneous, and I've been planning it for a long time.

-Inquester

It's never hard to work a homosexual in.

-Mr. Editor

You look just like my dead fish.

-Nickel Weed

Man, everybody keeps cutting the threads!

-Little Man

Let's get the brownies. You have to have chocolate when you talk about soulmates.

-The White Dove

I'm like a female Columbo except that I'm young and I dress well.

-Redbychoice

You amaze me. You do so well, and you don't even have a program to get with.

-SOBAH

Oh, look, I can write on the board now... Oh, I can't stop writing on the board now.

-Curly the Inspired

We are the oratorical nuclear bomb.

-Ill Communicator

When one sees a fluffy thing, one must pounce with great vigor, for he who merely meanders never really looks that cute.

-Dr. Lovegum

Living with my daughters has been like living a music video.

-Curly the Inspired

You got it. You got the comedic chops, baby.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

Mental note: do not put head upside down and push face together.

-Pepper In Training

I kept waiting for her to split apart. She's like a big... ball joint.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

Man, shit costs money.

-Jester's Prophet

The only men for me are those dead presidents... Jefferson, McKinley, they can come wrap their arms around me with that "hey-baby-baby."

-Latasha

What do you think about monogamy?... I think people fulfill you in different ways.

-Goddess of the Bottle Dance

What the hell do I need a man for? If he do my feet, THEN maybe. A man who'd work my bunions, that'd be worth havin'.

-Latasha

There's something very sexy about your balls slapping against someone's butt cheeks. Slap! Slap! Slap!

-Inquester

I didn't read that. In fact, it sucked. I hated it.

-Abu Rider the Greek Chinese, Beauty's Mistress

He doesn't care what you guys say about him. He rises above it or sleeps through it.

-Eyes O' Night

It's things like Twisted Sister that really make me realize I'm American.

-Nomad

That's why I never use mustard unless I'm wearing my fishing clothes.

-Agent Peludo

Never bet with an old man, unless it's about new technology.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Your knife can't handle my tuna.

-SOBAH

Sometimes I wish I had my own animals and I could slaughter them.

-The White Dove

Well, this is the thing. You see, it sucks being me.

-Abu Rider the Greek Chinese, Beauty's Mistress

I have a nice monogamous relationship with my job. I don't work anywhere else and nobody else does my work.

-Perspective

Real things are expensive in America.

-Estrogenical Lineager

All she left me with was the memory and the desire.

-Nomad

Oh yeah. This is the most important thing. Chinese food in China -- it's nasty.

-Abu Rider the Greek Chinese, Beauty's Mistress

I really haven't drank very much lately. In fact, the last time I drank was last night.

-Dainty Amazon

There has been an explosion of Brazilians in my life.

-Nomad

I hated that my brother had the same last name. My mom, that was okay, but my brother just popped in and had my last name.

-The Ukrainian Viewpoint

So, in short, I'll settle for heaven.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

No shit. You can see the future in those glasses.

-Helluva Gorilla

You are just like a cracker.

-The Ukrainian Viewpoint

I may not have morals, but at least I have standards.

-The Stripping Biker

I think we're talking Parallelogram City here.

-Trusty Hattrick

He has an expensive Coke habit. He was at the pop machine 3 times in 30 minutes.

-Burning Missionary Filer

We have a situation with the tear-out page.

-Burning Missionary Filer

No, I'm not a rich man. I just love my life more than my money.

-Persian A'Smilin

Let her buck.

-Trusty Hattrick

I get toasted at every turn.

-Nomad

I could've been Scottish.

-Nomad

When did you first learn to hide from people?

-The Ukrainian Viewpoint

I should've been Brazilian. They're loud and obnoxious, overbearingly touchy-feely and excitable. I can relate.

-Nomad

Don't get your tooties in a fruity, honey.

-Nickel Weed

Can you see him getting up there like that? Not unless he lost a lure or was getting some beer.

-Nomad

Racing through the moist and pungent smell of ripe corn, Vivaldi comes crashing down around him.

-the dark penguin

The greater the amount of your life that is monopolized by activity rewarded almost solely by money, the more you spend your small amounts of free time monopolized spending it.

-Ian

I just got cut on your swan.

-the dark penguin

Yeah, douche-slamming makes everyone crazy.

-Perspective

Actually, I think nine's a little late to be teaching him world conquest, but I gotta make up for lost time.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

She's my lady, my partner in grind.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Hey, no, you can't put that in your book. C'mon!

-Everybody

She's always been the melee monkey in this crowd.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Let the girl have her teeth.

-Fane

It's better to think you're in control and have sex than to think you're in control and not have sex.

-Eyes O' Night

Hey, aren't you gonna put that in your book?

-Everybody

My whole life's been leading to the conclusion that Kevin Costner is crazy.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Oh, like when your feet get older with age?

-Harmonie

We're very thankful this Christmas that none of our body parts fell off.

-Homina John

If one of us was a chick, we'd probably make a pretty good couple.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

Jeesh! Whaddya want from me? I let you rub my fatted calf.

-Nomad

Two out of three members of the Holy Family were without sin. And Joseph was a great guy, too.

-Hippdaddy

It's a lot easier to conquer the universe in the morning than take a shower.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Jeesh! One single indiscretion and there goes your reputation; it's all nights in shady motels.

-Agent Peludo

Let's stop talking about that. I'm outnumbered, I'm outclassed, and I'm wrong.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

That's about as submissive as I want to get.

-Gwok

What a patchwork of little hidden wounds and potshots I become. Do other people live like this?

-Holden

You're always taller than I remember.

-The Queen of Bean

If you were a dog, would your leg be thumping?

-The White Dove

Insert facial expression here -- FFffft!

-Inquester

Does the awkwardness of being new fade?

-Don Justo Aviso

Proceed with 4000-foot descent. Commence with emergency yawning and festive Gaelic folk music therapy. Over.

-Nomad

I will not yield to the fashion terrorists.

-Dencoze

Fiendish... But to be expected.

-Dencoze

Your next point is the point of no return, girlfriend.

-Perspective

WACO (Texas.) Hey, where is Waco? Anyway?

-Nomad

What's a diva? Is that a female she-goddess?

-Nomad

Hmmm... A recommendation? Well, that place is better than our Denny's.

-El Centro

That must be the neo-classic version.

-Celery Spice

I got a lotta toughestrogen.

-Shafali

I am surrounded by apocalypse lately.

-Inquester

Funnily enough, by Hitlerian logic, the atheist is half-Jewish.

-Nomad

You're on a Star Trek level. Everybody else is here. Like on Star Trek, all problems are solved. It's like Marxism, but it works.

-The Queensburry Catcher

Yeah, maybe we could go out to the playground and invite some more students for a beer later.

-Shavenrose the Finder

I think it's time for a paradigm shift of subtle proportions.

-The Queensburry Catcher

So this guy tells me he's Don, like I'm supposed to be impressed. No, he says, I'm The Don. I guess that's a big deal.

-Shavenrose the Finder

You know, it's easier to talk to God than to you tech support people. And sometimes I get better results.

-The Faceless Indian

I refuse to take responsibility for other people's pubes.

-SOBAH

Oh, I tell you, we are God's children. So, so righteous.

-Great Wise Open

My man-side is gay.

-Dainty Amazon

Religion is the study of people, not divinity.

-Gaycynic

I think you have low carbonation standards.

-Inquester

We have to keep you discontent to keep the economy going.

-Gaycynic

It's risky being you in public.

-Wednesdayman

Why would a kangaroo hang itself? Kangaroos got every reason to live.

-SOBAH

You know what? You're all right. I like you a lot. If I had a daughter, I'd let you date her.

-Shavenrose the Finder

Yeah, I caught your dangling participle.

-SOBAH

I'm a dauntless fag? Maybe that's why I keep having problems with women.

-Nomad

I don't hate them, but the Bible says to. I'm the nice guy, but God's the rat.

-Gaycynic

I kind of think everyone's back should be a foothold for me.

-Nomad

Yeah. Breathing is fun when you do it right.

-Nomad

That is not what I've had first-hand experience of.

-Nomad

Leave the crying to them. They have all the estrogen for it.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

That depends on where your conventional wisdom is located.

-Taking Down Yellosub

Anything that you experience, if it's real, you have to invest something of yourself in it to get it. But you never get all of your deposit back -- you never have you without that experience again.

-Ian

We have successfully negotiated the Wong issue.

-Inquester

Their relationship is ghostly and fleeting like the Nachtwacht.

-A Reader

You may have your opinion, but I won't test you on your opinion.

-Singing Psyche

The Post Office is a monopoly. You can't say, well, I'm going to take my business elsewhere.

-Lion's Share

It was a bad day to be sitting around in combat fatigues.

-the dark penguin

I never understood the criticism, "He thinks he's so right." You want him to act on beliefs he doesn't believe?

-Gaycynic

Of course, poverty is no excuse to kill anybody, either. I'm against it.

-Gaycynic

Oh, I'm a marine, ready to fight everybody, but I don't want to shower with a gay. He might see my wee-wee.

-Gaycynic

In the quiet where people live, this body image is some spooky stuff.

-Wednesdayman

Would you like a little cholesterol with that heartache?

-Nomad

She dropped you faster than a Middle East peace accord.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

He said that? Oh, he's not very nice in his own body.

-Wednesdayman

You don't have a hair problem with me, Sister.

-SOBAH

Yeah, mums are more like dirty shirts.

-Mustang Sally

The goal of a bar is to play as many games and to get you as confused as possible so you'll stay longer and buy more drinks.

-Gaycynic

As you know, life is only temporary. Eternity is forever.
Go have a scotch and soda, you'll feel better.

-Gabe

You must make the Post Office your friend. You CANNOT have
the Post Office mad at you.

-Lion's Share

There IS no Forever. It's just whether you die before you
stop loving that person.

-Freshly Squeezed

Well, I'm here to tell you that Love has a darker side...
Sexuality is the same way.

-Wednesdayman

Never try to make a woman happy. It will displease you
both.

-Nomad

You're in America. Fuck American.

-Freshly Squeezed

I'm an emotional mercenary right now. If you'll gimme the
emotional goods, I'll put out all over.

-Nomad

Well, sometimes it's been messed up, but like never before.

-Perspective

What kind of world do you live in where Bill Cosby is a
concern?

-Taking Down Yellosub

I'm kind of like Columbo sometimes: badly dressed and
asking all these stupid questions.

-Curly the Inspired

People make me lonely.

-Nomad

Son, there is nothing dorky about being warm.

-Mother of Snow

I've never been a big fan of humility.

-Nomad

I only had 2 public cracks.

-S&M

He wanted me to put lotion on his face; I'd been cleaning out cracks.

-Happy Hopi

Oh, you're a book tease.

-The Stoic Vacationer

I'm making a list of things to do, and you're not included.

-MissPlay

I don't have any Playboys. I'd flunk out of school.

-Ole'

No wonder it takes so long for a feminist to get up here.

-MissPlay

I want to be a brain surgeon. I'd cut your brain in half and separate the right from the left so you couldn't function.

-Ole'

I have to get away from the insanity of all this getting away from the insanity.

-The Stoic Vacationer

Rage Lei Against Po the Dog Machine.

-Spring Crushers

I pinned her to the wall and she offered me money... By the end of the week, she was my crack whore.

-Spring Crushers

I think you guys are pretty adept at catching bullshit.

-Great Wise Open

When I was younger, it was so simple. I was Catholic.

-Herp

It's interesting that the Jewish divorce rate is still lower. Our holidays are longer, which is very divorce-friendly.

-Aggie Aerobics Queen

It's just like sucking on a penny.

-Miss Construed

When this madness is over, the two of us should get together and make sweet, sweet, L... Lemonade. Yeah, what were you thinking?

-Dr. Lovegum

Remember my good friend, until our paths cross again we will be waiting for those very same paths to cross once more.

-Perspective