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Enjoy!



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- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large and fatty. Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turning yellow (jaundice); dark "tea-colored" urine; light-colored bowel movements (stools); loss of appetite; nausea; and/or pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach area.

- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems** if you are female, very overweight, or have been taking DESCOVY for a long time. In some cases, lactic acidosis and serious liver problems have led to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.
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What are the other possible side effects of DESCOVY?

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- **Changes in body fat**, which can happen in people taking HIV-1 medicines.
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The most common side effect of DESCOVY is nausea. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

Ask your healthcare provider if an HIV-1 treatment that contains DESCOVY® is right for you.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking DESCOVY?

- **All your health problems.** Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- **All the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Other medicines may affect how DESCOVY works. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist. Ask your healthcare provider if it is safe to take DESCOVY with all of your other medicines.

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You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see Important Facts about DESCOVY, including important warnings, on the following page.



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IMPORTANT FACTS

This is only a brief summary of important information about DESCOVY® and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your condition and your treatment.

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DESCOVY

DESCOVY may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Buildup of lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis)**, which is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms: feeling very weak or tired, unusual muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold (especially in your arms and legs), feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Severe liver problems**, which in some cases can lead to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms: your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice); dark "tea-colored" urine; loss of appetite; light-colored bowel movements (stools); nausea; and/or pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach area.
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You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight, or have been taking DESCOVY or a similar medicine for a long time.

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- DESCOVY is a prescription medicine that is used together with other HIV-1 medicines to treat HIV-1 in people 12 years of age and older. DESCOVY is **not** for use to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection.
- **DESCOVY does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS.** Ask your healthcare provider about how to prevent passing HIV-1 to others.

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- DESCOVY is a one pill, once a day HIV-1 medicine that is taken with other HIV-1 medicines.
- Take DESCOVY with or without food.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF DESCOVY

DESCOVY can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "Most Important Information About DESCOVY" section.
- Changes in body fat.
- Changes in your immune system.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Bone problems.

The most common side effect of DESCOVY is nausea.

These are not all the possible side effects of DESCOVY. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking DESCOVY.

Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with DESCOVY.

BEFORE TAKING DESCOVY

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have or had any kidney, bone, or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- Have any other medical condition.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you have HIV-1 because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:

- Keep a list that includes all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with DESCOVY.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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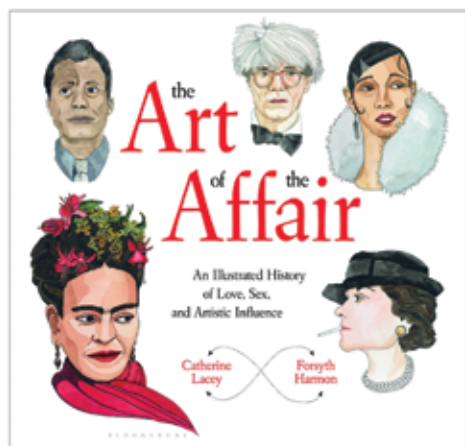


LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

“THE ART OF THE AFFAIR”

BY CATHERINE LACEY AND FORSYTH HARMON

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It's all about who you know.

The guy who bags your groceries might have stock tips for you. A co-worker introduces you to your next best friend. You find a great restaurant from your stylist, a new job from a former classmate, and your neighbor gives you gardening advice. It's all about who you know or, as in the new book “The Art of the Affair” by Catherine Lacey and Forsyth Harmon, it's who you've dallied with.

Somehow, in some way, the people you meet leave fingerprints on your life. A laugh you'll never forget, a bon mot you'll quote, or even an attitude can be a memorable springboard for an idea.

That goes doubly for creative types, for whom romantic (or platonic) relationships, their “carnage of affairs” could lead to “countless works of art.” These unions, whether legal or otherwise, also left a tangle of threads between many artists and writers.

Essayist and editor Edmund Wilson, for instance, helped launch the career of Anaïs Nin, who later wrote erotica. Nin was “unapologetic about her... affairs,” of which there were many, including a banker, “probably a homosexual,” and novelist &

playwright Gore Vidal, who himself had “a short affair” with writer James Baldwin, who called another man “the love of his life.”

Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington both collaborated professionally with Grammy-winner Ella Fitzgerald, but it was Marilyn Monroe who helped boost Fitzgerald’s career. Monroe talked the owner of an L.A. nightclub into booking the singer, and she attended each of Fitzgerald’s performances there. Monroe, of course, had her share of affairs, too, as well as a friendship with Truman Capote, who was repeatedly insulted by none other than Tennessee Williams.

Williams was no fan of Tallulah Bankhead, and the two publicly snarked at one another for years. Bankhead was an exhibitionist and didn’t care who saw her naked – which, presumably, included her lover, Billie Holiday.

Oh, and playwright Williams...? He was a friend of Gore Vidal, who also knew Truman Capote and Anaïs Nin...

Did you ever go somewhere with someone who seems to know everybody? That’s what it’s like to read “The Art of the Affair.”

Author Catherine Lacey and illustrator Forsyth Harmon play a sort of Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon in their book - except, not surprisingly, Bacon isn’t here. Instead, readers are taken back many decades to look at the dalliances and relationships of artists and stars of the early Twentieth century, and because very few contemporary artists grace these pages, there may be many times when you won’t recognize the people among the threads. That can be remedied through inference, but a better explanation (at least for some artists) might have been nice, as would an index.

Still, I liked the tidbits in this book, the mini-factlets between ties, and the obvious delight that author and artist lend to the love affairs they so diligently discovered. Light, gossipy, and a little scandalous, “The Art of the Affair” shows that it’s who you know that’s important – and I know you’ll like it.

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If you happen to be a gay person who voted for Trump, I think it should be obvious by the title that this probably isn't the article for you. But then again, if you voted for Trump you obviously aren't great at noticing the obvious so just know that I warned you to go on with you day of quiet self-loathing and Holocaust denial. And don't bother emailing me with your complaints. I can assure you that the field in which I grow my fucks had a very rough winter and will not be bearing forth a single fuck this year. Try back next summer.

For everyone else, I invite you join me in the postcard writing campaign that someone started on social media. The Ides of Trump is, of course, a reference to the Ides of March and the assassination of Julius Caesar; who was stabbed in the back by his peers on the 15th of March. Or so the story goes. The Ides of Trump will be slightly less bloody but, in my opinion, could have a real impact. And most importantly, it requires very little from each of us. I find in our modern, tech-savvy, everything has an app- world that people are less and less likely to rise up off other their sofas more or less rise up in the streets. Like it or not, America has become the land of 1% problems and 40% body fat, yours truly included. But this little planned attack on Trump might just work for all of us. All you have to do is put down on a post card why you believe his presidency is illegitimate and needs to either rise to the job or resign. I know, there's so much you could put on that postcard! I'm going to send about 147, personally. But if everyone who voted for other candidates sent just one postcard. If everyone who's appalled at his first 100 days sends just one post card... the White House would be wallpapered with disapproval. And that is something the giant Hate Pumpkin just can't stand. Frankly, it might just be enough to push his pathologically narcissistic mind over the edge. Or even make

him shit the diaper he is clearly wearing. That's not a crude joke, go Google images of him from behind. If you've ever taken care of an elderly relative like I have, I can assure you that this play-pretend POTUS is wearing a diaper.

You can put anything on the postcard. Get creative! I'm going to use glitter! Because then there will also be glitter all over the White House. All those bigoted, homophobic dumpster fires who work for him will constantly have to content with glitter. And as we know, glitter is the herpes of the arts and crafts world. So let's infest this whole administration with some Hobby Lobby Herpes!

Bare in mind, I'm not advocating this as our only line of defense. I've already attended more rallies and marches since November than I have since the 90's, when I was a plucky young gay on the streets of New York City. But I will say that with men like him, it's only through the constant barrage of real legal and political pressure combined with public humiliation that eventually cracks their foundation.

It's important to use postcards because closed envelopes will have to go through a stricter screening process once they reach the White House. And the point is to have an avalanche of discontent hit him and his cronies in a matter of days. So on your mark, get set... blow, "snowflakes", BLOW!

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With so many beautiful days bringing Key Westers out to play, it's clear that we made it through the winter months and that spring has hit us like a glorious bolt of lightning! To many of us, this gives us an excuse to get outside and enjoy every moment of paradise. One of my favorite things to look forward to each week is Sunday Funday. To some, this means a day of heavy drinking. It's important to remember that it's a marathon, not a sprint. So without further ado, I present Jacob Alexander's Guide to The Perfect Sunday Funday.

The first thing you'll want to do is get some food in your system, and there are plenty of fabulous brunch spots in town. One of my favorites is Croissant de France on Duval. They serve classic breakfast food that is prepared spectacularly, but their eggs benedict are what really make my mouth wet. Oh yeah, and 2-for-1 mimosas will do the trick too!

After brunch, turn right on Duval and head down to Orchid Bar at The Orchid Hotel. This tiny bar (it seats about 7 people) is a hidden gem. Get yourself a unique Bloody with jalapeno- and sundried tomato-infused vodka, or their signature Orchid Key Cosmo with pineapple-infused vodka, all made in-house!

By now it's probably time to get to Island House for their weekly Sunday pool party, where ALL the queens will be playing and swimming! \$4 New Amsterdam cocktails will

keep you well-lubricated, and don't forget to get your raffle ticket for a chance to win something big!

Once this party ends, most guys will head to La Te Da for the weekly Tea Dance. I would, however, recommend putting a bit more food in your tummy to refuel (after all, we're trying to make it until 4am, right?), and fortunately there exists a great happy hour just across from Tea Dance!

Swing into the Salty Angler for \$2 pulled-pork tacos (they're massive too, throbbing even!) or a thunder thigh, which is a mouth-watering smoked chicken thigh. Add some house BBQ sauce for a nice kick, and then head across the street to do some dancing!

After Tea you might want to grab some dinner, and I couldn't think of a better place than Salute! At Higgs Beach. Right on the water, live music, and on top of their delicious (but light) Italian food, their Key Lime Pie is regarded by many as the best on the island.

After dinner, I'm going to leave it up to you on how you choose to end your night. I will however, mention karaoke at Bobby's Monkey Bar, which is rarely visited by tourists, as a nice alternative to dancing.

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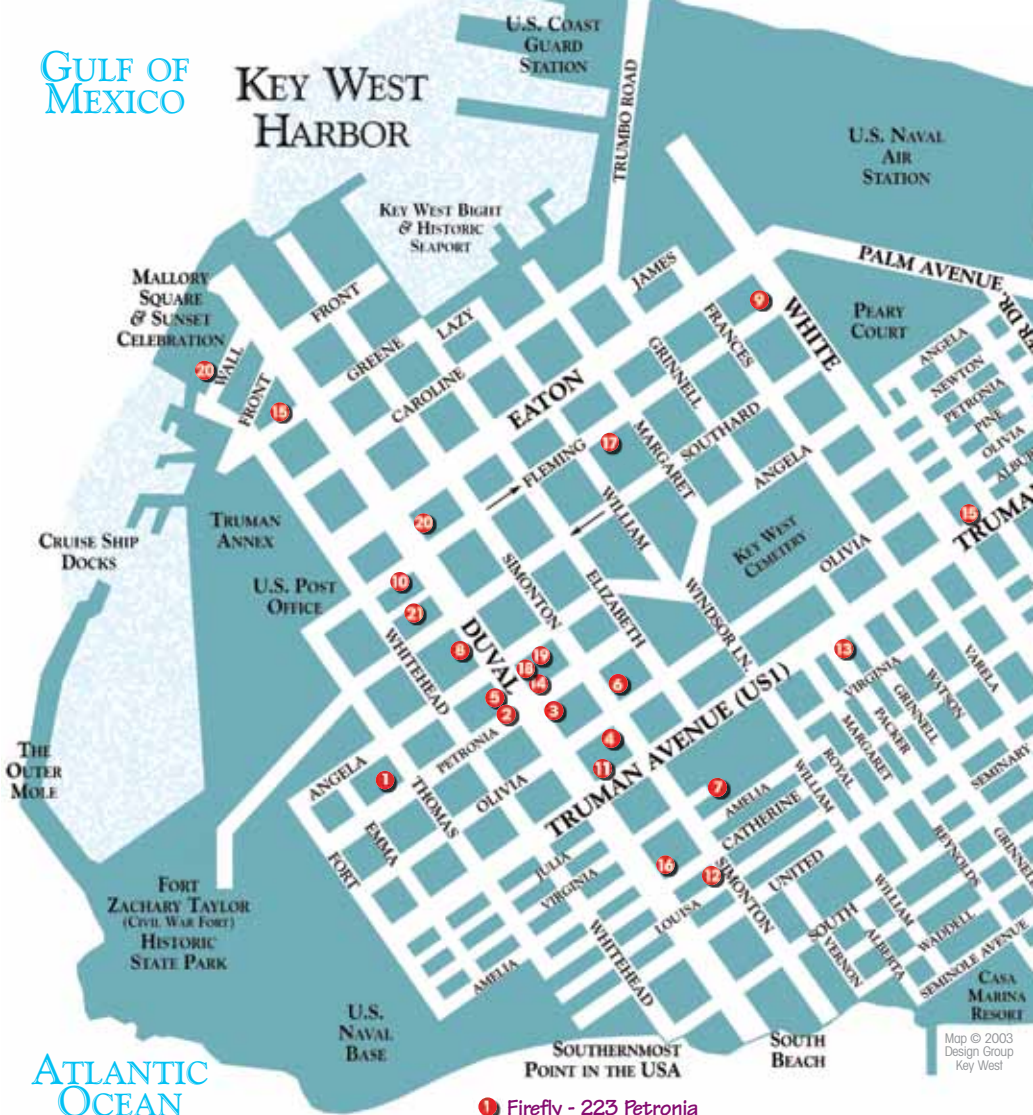
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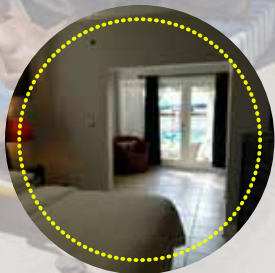
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WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Dueling Bartenders at 5:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Aqua Idol at 6:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

W E D N E S D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM
Dragalicious at 1 AM*

Aqua

*Drag Show at 9:00 PM
Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM*

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

T H U R S D A Y

801

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

Aqua

*Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM
Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM*

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

*Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

F R I D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
and 11 PM*

Aqua

*Happy Hour & Trivia at 5:00 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM
Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM*

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

*Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

One Saloon

*Cock Shock contest starting at
Midnight*

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S A T U R D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
& 11 PM*

Aqua

*Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM
Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM*

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

*Pool Party starting at 12 PM
Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S U N D A Y

801

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM
Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM
SIN night starts at 10 PM*

Aqua

*No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker
at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM
Drag Show at 9:00 PM*

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

*Jessica Grabbit singing live at 7 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

La Te Da

Tea Dance starting at 4 PM

Sidebar

*After Tea with DJ Vogue at 6 PM
Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM*

L O C A T I O N S

801 - 801 Duval Street

Aqua - 711 Duval Street

Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

Island House - 1129 Fleming St

La Te Da - 1125 Duval Street

One Saloon - 514 Petronia St

Sidebar - 504 Angela St

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ASK NANA

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Dear Nana,

I've always been really insecure about taking my shirt off at the beach or at a pool. I'm totally that guy who's in the water in a full T-shirt. I'm a heavier guy but certainly not the heaviest guy usually at the pool or beach, so I don't know why I can't get over it. Do you have any advice?

Honey there's a great old saying my husband used to say, "Everybody's got a sack of rocks". What it means is everyone's got something they're carrying around: body issues, age issues, addictions, a crappy childhood, a disease... something! Once you realize that, your bag of rocks gets a little lighter. I'd say start small. If you have a backyard or a roof of an apartment building you can go to, to lay out in the sun about... without your shirt on... it'll be a good start to you getting used to it. Then aim for a friend's pool. I mean, unless you have the world's worst friends, none of them are going to freak out if they see you semi-nakedness. Then start slow at the beach, switch to a tank top. Then switch to going in the water without it but maybe putting it back on when you come out (if you feel you need to). Think of it like the floaties we wore as kids when we learned to swim, but in reverse. But most importantly, go slow. The key to getting over any sort of phobia is to not freak yourself out more than you already are. And, as you consciously build up your tolerance, you'll see that your world won't end when it sees your nipples. I mean, we're all still here after that lovely Jackson girl flashed her nipples at the Super Bowl!

Dear Nana,

Does it feel like the world is getting crazier and crazier? I'm in my mid-50's and when I was young and "old people" would talk about how crazy the world had gotten I just dismissed it. But now I think, with all this Trump stuff and global politics, in general, going crazy that the world truly is spinning out of control. Does this just mean we're finally old if we feel this way?

First of all, I don't know whom you're calling "we" and "old"! I'm a svelte, 90-none-of-your-goddamned-business years YOUNG! But listen; when you are young you never think the world is crazy. Mostly because it's the only world you've ever known. So how the hell would you know from "crazy"?! Then once you're this "old" thing you keep talking about, anything that's outside of the norm for you seems crazy. So it's all about perspective. But, given what's going on in the White House and the world right now... be it crazy or not, I am pretty sure we're all screwed!



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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

Your finances will be a little tight this week. Perhaps you should consider getting a job.

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

If you were any less interesting, people would fall asleep talking to.....ZZZZ

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

You are so depressing to be around that you should belong to anti-social media sites.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

It's good to see that you are on PrEP to protect yourself from HIV. Now you just need to find someone to have sex with you.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

Next time you get busted lying to your partner, blame it on alternative facts.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

I know how hard it is to find a job when you have no skills. Perhaps you should run for President.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

It's time to really sit down and think of what direction you want your life to go. You can start by shifting out of reverse.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

Next time you get in trouble for doing something wrong at work, blame it on the media!

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

You're not getting older, you're getting fucking ancient!

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

Sorry to hear you are constipated. You're not? I heard you're full of shit!!

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

No, your Tinder isn't broken, no one likes you.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

They say when a door closes, a window opens. Looking at your weight, it must have been a fast food drive-up window.



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