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Welcome to Paradise!

This month we have a special cruise coming into town on Saturday, February 15.

The Holland America Nieuw Statendam has been chartered by RSVP vacations and will be spending the day in port with us.

Welcome cruisers!!

Enjoy!

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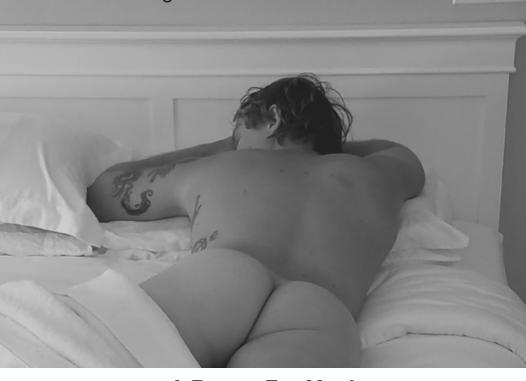
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MAN ABOUT TOWN



I know this is where I usually talk about all the fabulous places to eat, shows to see, local attractions, ways to get around, etc, but sometimes, you just want to have some time at home.

The problem is that if I stay in, I have nothing "about town" to write about. No one cares that I binged watched Grace and Frankie, that I did 4 loads of laundry, that I mowed my lawn, or that I was able to rescreen my windows. That's just not glamorous at all.

You probably also have no interest in what I made for dinner. If you wanted to know that, you can just add me on Instagram, or add anyone else for that matter and you can see lots of pictures of what everyone else is eating. How did we ever survive not knowing what our friends eat?

With that in mind, I realized, I do have something that people might want to try in Key West and that's Fausto's grocery store. You may be thinking that's not a very exciting subject, but until you've tried some of their offerings, you have no idea what you're missing.

First, the meats are the best you will find anywhere on the island. I'm very much a steak connoisseur and I can't remember any time I could eat a steak with only a fork!

Fausto's has so much more than the best meats. They have ready to cook dishes like Chicken Cordon Bleu, unique items like cauliflower crackers, an abundant wine selection and of course, everything you would expect from a grocery store from bread to Hot Pockets.

If cooking isn't your thing, you can always pick from their assortment of ready to go foods and you might just find, you won't ever need to cook again.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about BIKTARVY*?

BIKTARVY may cause serious side effects:

Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. If you have both HIV-1 and HBV and stop taking BIKTARVY, your HBV may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking BIKTARVY without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health.

Who should not take BIKTARVY?

Do not take BIKTARVY if you take:

- dofetilide
- ▶ rifampin
- any other medicines to treat HIV-1

What are the other possible side effects of BIKTARVY?

Serious side effects of BIKTARVY may also include:

- Changes in your immune system. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new symptoms after you start taking BIKTARVY.
- Kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider should do blood and urine tests to check your kidneys. If you develop new or worse kidney problems, they may tell you to stop taking BIKTARVY.
- ▶ Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.

Severe liver problems, which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomacharea pain.

The most common side effects of BIKTARVY in clinical studies were diarrhea (6%), nausea (5%), and headache (5%). Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking BIKTARVY?

- All your health problems. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.
- All the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements. BIKTARVY and other medicines may affect each other. Keep a list of all your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist, and ask if it is safe to take BIKTARVY with all of your other medicines.
- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if BIKTARVY can harm your unborn baby. Tell your healthcare provider if you become pregnant while taking BIKTARVY.
- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk.

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.

Ask your healthcare provider if BIKTARVY is right for you.







(bik-TAR-vee)

IMPORTANT FACTS

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

MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BIKTARVY

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ABOUT BIKTARVY

BIKTARVY is a complete, 1-pill, once-a-day prescription medicine used to treat HIV-1 in adults. It can either be used in people who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before, or people who are replacing their current HIV-1 medicines and whose healthcare provider determines they meet certain requirements.

BIKTARVY does not cure HIV-1 or AIDS. HIV-1 is the virus that causes AIDS.

Do NOT take BIKTARVY if you also take a medicine that contains:

- dofetilide
- rifampin
- any other medicines to treat HIV-1

BEFORE TAKING BIKTARVY

Tell your healthcare provider all your medical conditions, including if you:

- Have or have had any kidney or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
- 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, antacids, laxatives, vitamins, and herbal supplements, and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that interact with BIKTARVY.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF BIKTARVY

BIKTARVY can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "Most Important Information About BIKTARVY" section.
- Changes in your immune system.
- New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious but rare medical emergency that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, stomach pain with nausea and vomiting, cold or blue hands and feet, feel dizzy or lightheaded, or a fast or abnormal heartbeat.
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 or stomach-area pain.
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These are not all the possible side effects of BIKTARVY. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking BIKTARVY.

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

HOW TO TAKE BIKTARVY

Take BIKTARVY 1 time each day with or without food.

GET MORE INFORMATION

- This is only a brief summary of important information about BIKTARVY.
 Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more.
- Go to BIKTARVY.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-5.
- If you need help paying for your medicine, visit BIKTARVY.com for program information.





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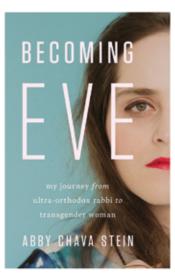




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"BECOMING EVE: MY JOURNEY FROM ULTRA-ORTHODOX RABBI TO TRANSGENDER WOMAN" BY ABBY CHAVA STEIN c.2019, Seal Press | \$28.00 | 272 pages



There are many possibilities. You can answer with ethnicity, gender, social strata, or surname, mention your species, family origins, religion, or hobbies. So many things and yet, as in the new book "Becoming Eve" by Abby Chava Stein, only one answer really matters.

Yisroel Avrom Ben Menachem Mendel was born on the 24th of Tishrei in the year 5752 – or, for those who are not Ultra-Orthodox Jews, the first of October, 1991. The sixth child and firstborn son, Yisroel's birth was the cause of great jubilation: one main forebear was Baal Shem Tov, a holy leader and the founder of Hasidism. In their Brooklyn community, that made Yisroel a

member of royalty

Almost from the moment of birth, the future was set: Yisroel would follow the same path laid out for the males of the family, starting with ritual circumcision and religious observances, then yeshiva to study the Torah and Jewish law, marriage at age 18, and hope for sons to continue the line. There was no alternative. The entire family lived like this, like "eighteenth-century Eastern Europeans," and had done so for centuries.

The exception came when then-four-year-old Yisroel insisted on having always been a girl.

Later, though other childish things were forgotten, those thoughts never

were. They were constant, remembered, boxed up, ignored, or excused. Even when theological questions roared, when religious texts seemed to confirm Yisroel's suspicions of girlhood, when sex — a subject no Ultra-Orthodox Jew was supposed to know about until days before marriage — made an all-boy yeshiva more bearable, questions of gender were suppressed. At 18, "matched" with and married to a woman who was nearly a stranger, Yisroel burned with envy that wearing a bridal gown would forever be denied. Naming their firstborn son was devastating.

"Oh, and gender?" says author Abby Chava Stein today. "It started punching me in the face."

Without a doubt, "Becoming Eve" may be one of the most fascinating books you'll read this winter. Certainly, it'll be one of the most unusual.

Set in a community that is meant only for adherents, author Stein's story is told in rich detail that lets readers imagine everyday life with restrictions that most of us would chafe under, and without the internet, blue jeans, fast food, or English. These day-to-day details are relayed in a matter-of-fact tone that makes the severity of the "laws" seem even more astounding because of the seeming scarcity of emotion associated in their telling.

Stein's lifelong question of gender almost seems secondary to those astonishments, but as the tale progresses, her demand for answers grows quietly in a way you almost won't notice until it pounces on you. Whoosh, it's a relief you never knew you were waiting for.

And yet, relief is fleeting: Stein leaves readers hanging by not including an up-to-date which could be frustrating in any other story, but this unusual book's end still feels just right. For that, "Becoming Eve" is a most satisfyingly unsatisfying book, and you'll love it no matter who you are.



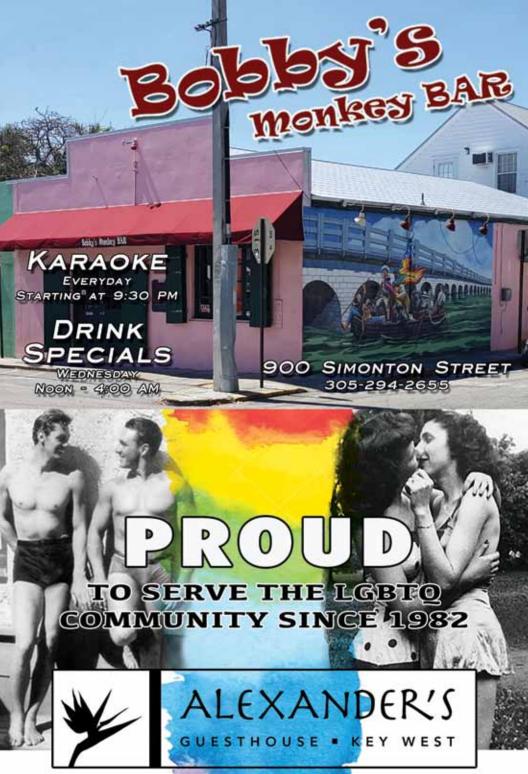
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MYBIG GAY LIFE Brad Toekle



A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

I am terrible with names. Always have been. When I was a little kid, the teachers would have their name, and all the children's names, labeled right there on our desks. For the whole year. Maybe that set me up to fail and made me believe the world would always have a name tag on, so why bother sweating the small stuff? I was a very cool and often lazy child.

But working in an industry like show business... and then being a gay man on top of it, has really made the name game a problem for me. First of all, my current home and workplace of Los Angeles would seemingly only exist as one large networking event. People put on makeup and keep business cards on them to go to the gym. People "just happened" to run into the casting person they've been stalking in the organic frozen foods section of Whole Foods. A few weeks ago, I was at a birthday party and a friend came up to me halfway through and excitingly exclaimed to me, "I think I really made some good contacts tonight! This is going to be a really beneficial party!".

All I could say, in response, was, "It's a birthday party not an audition, Claire. Relax.... Also, Happy Birthday!"

Luckily, this is also a very needy and superficial town, so I've been able to hide my name game issues by always calling people "love" or "sweetie" or "babe". "Babe, it's soooo good to see you!" seems almost better than "Brian, it's so nice to see you". The trick is to always bring someone else with you to events so you can immediately introduce the person you DO know the name of and they, out of love or fear of me, will then immediately ask "Brian" what his name is so that I'm off the hook. Crafty, right?

The trouble is this issue also extends to my own community when I'm "off the clock" from networking. What I'm saying is it's usually very hard for me to remember your name even if we've made out. A lot. And by made out, I obviously mean been inside of me. A lot. And even if I do somehow force your first name into my brain after weeks of dating and fucking, it will be another year before I'm truly confident of what your last name is. And forget

MY BIG GAY LIFE

middle names! Once a guy I'm dating finds out this is a "thing" with me... they become obsessed with giving me pop quizzes on their middle names. Or their mother's name. Or their sister's name. I see your sister (whom you hate) twice a year at family events. How does me knowing her name show that I love you? I just don't get it.

And for the record, I don't care about my own name. I don't ever care if you figure out how to say my last name. You can be the person introducing me at my own show and I still have no fucks to give. Now, if you're the person cutting the check to me for that show... I want you to SPELL it correctly, but I don't care if you can say it.

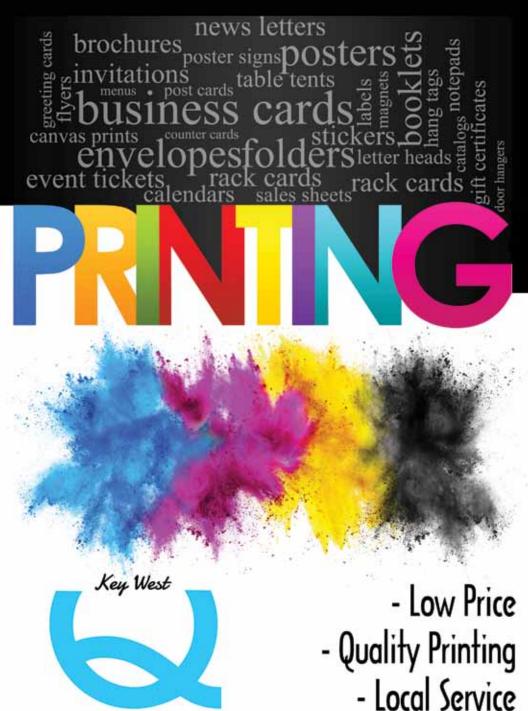
And then people ask me if I'm a Brad, a Bradley, or a Bradford. And then, when I answer, they say "isn't THAT interesting?" No! No, it's not. It's not in any way interesting. The only thing less interesting than whether I'm a Brad or a Bradley is what my blood type is. And, so that I don't have to answer you all later on social media: I'm a Bradford and blood type is cherry flavored negative.

A guy I knew I'd hooked up with once, about a year ago, came up to me a few nights ago at a show. I did the whole "Hey handsome, how have you been?". He introduced me to his friends and then immediately said, "Brad... what's my name?". And I could tell this was going to be a whole thing. So, I told the truth to him and his friends. I said,

"I don't remember your name because I never remember people's names. But I do remember you talked to me about your mom for 45 minutes before you fucked me and spit in my mouth. So... we good, Paul? Or whatever the fuck your name is?"

The moral of my story is... I think it's more important to remember people's lives than it is their names. And choking me a little never hurt my memory either...

Brad Loekle 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 and at www.bradloekle.com



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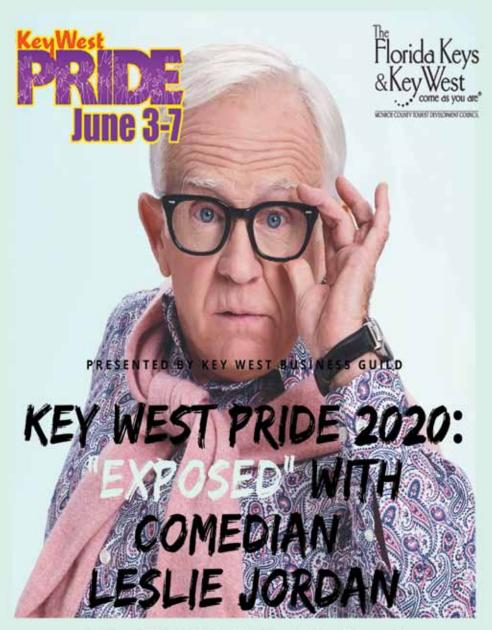
A bicycle is a great way to get around, but stay safe by following the rules of the road.

- A bicycle is like any other vehicle, so you must follow the rules of the road.
 - Bicycles must follow all traffic controls such as signs and signals.
 - Bicycles cannot travel the wrong way down a one way street.
 - Bicycles must be ridden on the right hand side of a two way street.
 - You must signal all turns with hand signals.
 - Headsets cannot be worn while cycling.
 - Riding a bike while under the influence can get you a DUI in Florida.
- Lights are required between sunset and sunrise
 - A white light is required in front and a red light in the rear.
- Riding on the sidewalk or crosswalk is permitted but with these provisions
 - Pedestrians have the right of way. Yield to pedestrians.
- When passing pedestrians, you must signal your intent before doing so.
- Anyone under the age of 16 must wear a helmet.

Here are a few additional tips that you may find helpful.

- Lock up your bike at all times. If not, you'll probably be walking home.
 - Pass the lock through the frame and the front tire.
 - Be careful not to lock your bike to an adjoining bike by accident.
 - If you lock your bike to private property, it may be impounded.
- When approaching occupied cars, be ready to react if the door opens.

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It seems like it's that time of year we are playing musical bartenders once again. Missing someone from your favorite watering hole? Just cross the street or go around the corner and there they are!

As usual, as we head into season, a new batch of "locals" is coming into town and by "locals" I mean new transplants and by new transplants I mean rough trade and by rough trade I mean the soon to be Real Housewives Of The Monroe County Sheriff's Website.

It seems one local may have taken one home and found a few things missing when he woke up, including his trick last night. I would feel bad but it seems this happens every few months with this same local. Gurl, pick something other than homeless trash so you can go to their place!

Speaking of which, if you see some rough trade hauling a 43" TV on a Schwinn, call the police.



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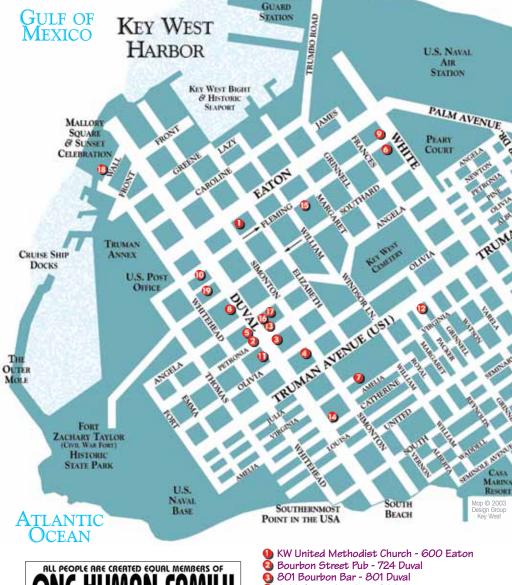
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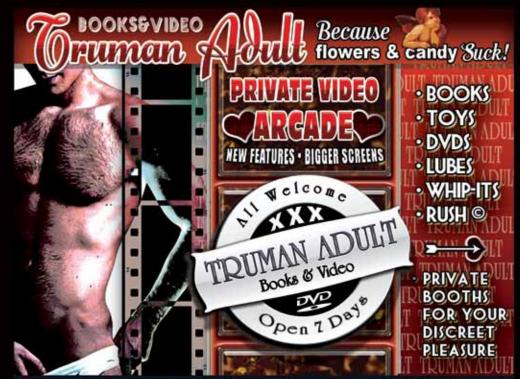




















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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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

TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY

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801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 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
Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

SATURDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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

THURSDAY

80

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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

SUNDAY

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

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss 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

FRIDAY

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Tea Dance starting at 5 PM Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

LOCATIONS

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Bobby's - 900 Simonton Street

Bourbon - 724 Duval Street

Island House - 1129 Fleming St

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Dear Nana,

My mother and father buy me beautiful, expensive gifts fairly regularly. This isn't a complaint or a problem. I know that I'm lucky to have them as parents and have them care so much. But literally every time they give me a gift, one or both of them will also give me the receipt and remind me to save all the boxes and packaging... "in case you need to sell them for rent money someday". Now, I never ask them for money ever. They certainly make more than me but I've taken care of myself completely since the time I was 21 and graduated college. And I find it really insulting that they think that I'm constantly on the brink of disaster and would have to sell my belongings just to not be Fantine in "Les Misérables". How do I talk to them about this without seeming like an ingrate?

Well, first of all, thank goodness you know you are, indeed, lucky. But luck ain't everything and I understand how this could get under your well moisturized skin.

I have two suggestions. The first you might not love but I think it's worth considering. I would rethink how you're looking at your parents' intention. Sure, it seems like they're being "shady" (am I using that correctly? Shade was based on trees in my day). But it also might just be how they are able to express their love. Everyone loves and shows love differently. And it is quite possible that they're not really worried, they don't really think you're on the brink of failure at every moment, they're just that sort of people who think that about everything. They might even worry about themselves that way. Worry that they're one medical problem away from losing the

house. Or one drunk driver away from losing their child. Being a parent can make you a peculiar creature. So maybe you don't tell them to stop... you just reframe how you look at it as "aww, Mom and Dad are always going to say that out of love and worry. Bless their hearts". The way to test if they're those sorts of people, by the way, is to start doing the same thing back to them. Make sure to give them gift receipts and tell them it's for a "rainy day".

My second suggestion is to have movers move all your stuff into a storage unit the next time they're about to visit. And then sit in the middle of a bare home sobbing with a bottle of cheap wine in your hands when they walk in. And when they panic, say "all that crap you gave me, with receipts, still wasn't enough and I lost everything because I turned left this morning instead of right". They'll think you're an asshole... but you'll get the point across.

Dear Nana,

I want to know who you think you're going to vote for this year? And why? It seems to me like most people just pick one topic they vote on: their money or their religion or whatever. And I'm interested in who you're choosing and why you're choosing them.

It's sweet you just assume I'll be alive in November. Or that any of us will, for that matter. I'm voting for whichever candidate can speak in complete sentences and is not orange. That is also "why" I'm voting for them. Look on the bright side: The bar has never been lower so the choice has never been easier!

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When you were a child your mother wanted to hire someone to take care of you but the Mafia wanted too much.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22 You are as strong as an ox and almost as intelligent. LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22
You are down to earth but not quite far down enough.

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We know that you would go to the end of the world for the people you love, but would you stay there?

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22
They say that travel broadens you.
You must have been around the world.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21
You are a great asset. Damn it,
why did autocorrect add those two
letters?

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21 The closest you'll ever get to a brainstorm is a slight drizzle.

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