

# I'm Sleeping on Sofa

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*'I am sleeping with myself tonight'*

I am a writer. A writer will do anything to get his writing published, even if he has to take his bra off. I made the mistake of publishing one of my weekend interactions in a newspaper which started with me admiring a girl at the checkout counter in Kroger and ended with admiring a man who was barbecuing. In between I mentioned some middle aged women that I admired. Although I consider myself an equal opportunity admirer, my wife thinks that I lean more towards young and beautiful girls. She may have a point on one count.

The swimming pool I frequent, there are quite a few beautiful lifeguards. I am still unable to understand why the lifeguards have to be young and beautiful girls going to college. At least that is what I have observed in the swimming pool I go to, most of the times. Last year, when I walked in one day, I saw this lifeguard on a break and studying Organic Chemistry. Being a Chemical Engineer, I got curious and struck a conversation. She was a junior in pre-med, wanted to be a dentist, and was trying to ace the Chemistry test. After a couple of encounters, during one of the conversation, she asked me "what I am doing tonight." Oops! Have I given her a wrong message? Luckily I was thinking on my feet and gave her the alibi that I am invited to a friend's place. Although I have been practicing not to lie, I felt very justified to lie in this situation; I did not want to lose my extramarital virginity. One of the situations when telling a lie is allowed is to tell your wife that she is beautiful, even if she looks like a Dracula. That is why I call my wife 'green-eyed hoorie.' I am not lying though. I considered my alibi to be a corollary of this lie, since the objective of both is keep my wife happy.

She is back again this summer, but I have learned my lesson. Since my hoorie has given me a warning: "Darling if you want me to be closer to you, then get closer to me," I am maintaining a distance from her. But it will be a poor etiquette on my side if I do not say hello to her, when we cross our paths. Last week we ended up striking a conversation again. She told me to look for her name in four to five years under the Dentists section. I promised her that I will be her patient, if I have any tooth left. I am sure she will charge me extra for locating few teeth I will have left in my mouth. I made the mistake of telling my hoorie about my promise. Boy, I got an earful from her. As if that was not enough, we happened to walk into Kroger. There she was, the girl I admired in my essay. Being herself, she was extra cordial and courteous to me. On my way out, I told my hoorie that she was the girl I admired in my article. That was the last straw in camel's back. I am sleeping on sofa since then. Lucky for me, the Kroger girl did not give me a hug. Sleeping on sofa would then have been a luxury. I am trying to convince my hoorie that it is not me, it is my old age. In old age men's limbic system gets overactive and a leak develops in the frontal lobe. I am suffering from 'Dirty Old Man Syndrome.' Until she buys my argument I will continue to sleep on sofa, provided I do not make any more boo boos. 'That will be the end of me.'

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