

Ruthie-chan's Station – A Piece of Ruthie-chan's World

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Hey everyone. I'm cutting this down to the wire as it is already the first of July. Weird sentences, missing words, typos and other oddities are to be ignored.

Apologies for being MIA, but to be frank my marriage almost ended two months ago. It came as quite a shock. I realize now that I was blind to my husband's needs. I had all my priorities screwed up. In turn he was dishonest about his feelings. That of course only exacerbated the problem.

Now however there is hope for us. We're starting over with what we have. A constant for us is that we will always be friends no matter what the outcome is. We've become friends with privileges, and when we can we'll go out on a date. The latter proves difficult because of finances and finding someone trustworthy available to baby sit Hazel.

Hazel is dealing with everything pretty well. I'm glad she's only two so she doesn't feel stuck in the middle or anything. All she knows is that she loves her mommy and daddy and the cats and the rats. ::smile::

That's the run down. Of course there's so much more to these sorts of things, but that'd take a novella to really write out.

Regarding some comments I made in the 12th ish of eAPA, I'd like to thank everyone for not saying that I'm a great big idiot regarding the whole masturbation thing. That topic was beaten to death several times on the trufen yahoogroup. I believe most of you here are members, but in case someone isn't I'll

say that I've decided that my original opinion was way to heavy handed. I'd rather have someone masturbate 89 times a day (is that even possible?) than to have to deal with the various consequences of sex (both emotional and physical) before they're ready. So there ya go.

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Chris – I shared Esther's opener with Robert (my husband). He found it amusing as did I. I like the idea of a fannish radio station! Oh the geekliness that'd ensue! I can just see it.

I agree with your comments about preserving fannish history. My next project as N3F President is to get our history available to the general public. I'm working with our Historian on that. Wish us luck eh? It seems so many people who would have the info are dying left and right. >.< <—frustrated squinch face.

David – I think the difference in Fandom today and yesterday besides computer advances is that there are many more avenues for SF/F. I've met some "old" fans who insist that anime and manga don't count as fannish mediums. I'm thinking, why the hell not!? Certainly not all of it, but that parts that are science fiction or fantasy do in my book! It's like books. Not every book is SF/F or fantasy. In fact most literature you'll find at the book store or library are NOT. Oy. . . It's a good thing I'm short on time otherwise you'd be stuck listening to me rant. :wink:

I like the fact that you're old fashioned. I wish more people were like you. There'd be a lot less idiotic drama and pain in

the world if there were. Well, I bet you're the favorite Uncle if you've got nieces or nephews (I think you do. . .).

I'm sorry for your loss with Ellie. *hugs* It's amazing how much they worm into your heart isn't it? One of my cats has heart disease so I could lose him any time now. Torakun has already lived past the date he was said to expire. This is good. I want to keep around for as long as I can. He'll be a year old at the end of July. He was apparently born with this condition.

Laurraine – That's really interesting about your casual sex experiences. There are asstastical fans in the world, but I find most of them to be pretty neat folk, and rather nice. Of course, the same can be said for non fans I suppose. Maybe you just got unlucky, or maybe there's a fundamental difference in attitudes between fans and non-fans. Hmmm. . .

Garth – I've heard difference speculations on kids being spaced out. Some people say it's more healthy, others say to have as many as you want right away. I think older kids helping out with younger ones is more present in large families like mine. There were 8 of us, so I would help watch the younger ones, but only when I was old enough to be trusted. Then again, if you space out kids too far you can have problems with the kids getting along. I really think it must be an individual thing. If I had it my way I'd be pregnant with number two already, but since Robert and I are having issues all future children are put on hold.

I agree with you that to make parenting licenses really work, you'd have to change the human psyche. Too many people and organizations have their own agendas. I doubt anyone is truly qualified to come up with laws and a curriculum that

would be biased free.

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Chris – I loved Reservoir Dogs! Have you seen the movie Rounders? It's really spiffy too. I'm sure you'd like it.

Garth – I would just like to clarify that “fundamentalist mormons”, “reorganized LDS”, or any other “mormon” group as such, are SPLINTER groups from the actual mormon religion called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These splinter groups are not truly mormon, they just say they are. Real mormons don't practice polygamy anymore. We stopped before it became illegal here in the USA. It was only done out of necessity and only about 2% had polygamist marriages.

I don't think that homosexuals have really thought through the consequences of legal same sex marriages. So many laws are based on gender, like in divorce court and with deaths etc.. Then there's all the money to change those laws. Where are we gonna get the money from!? We can't even provide all our citizens basic health care (which begs the question – what's basic health care, ugh)! Anyway, that's enough from me on this. It's another one of those I'll be typing forever subjects. My views are rather non-standard from both liberal and conservative viewpoints; therefore, they're more complicated than yea or nay.

David – It's not odd at all that little things keep reminding you of Ellie. Once in a while I'll still be reminded of pets long gone by some tiny occurrence or thread of thought.

Regarding sex. There's this add for Sketchers in the mall of a

man and a woman (dressed scantily wearing sketchers) in a very lets-get-it-on position. The slogan? We put in the S in Sketchers. What the hell!? I can't even see a coke commercial without sex in it! It really annoys me. Why is everything so sexually oriented?

I don't think being celibate is what's making you see sex everywhere. I get it regularly and I see it everywhere too.

Laurraine – I saw SW3 as well. I liked it, but most of the dialog was awful. You can tell that George Lucas made them redo the scenes until the actors said everything exactly the way George saw it in his head. I've seen Natalie Portman in other movies and she's a phenomenal actress greatly diminished by George's stupidities.

Ugh. R2-D2 the Wonder Droid was annoying, and so was having Chewbacca in it. The hell?

Hayden Christensen did a great job and doing angry. Not angst, but angry! Oh and the Emperor was fantastic (though they didn't need to enhance the evil sound in his voice any, he sounds evil all on his own). Every time he was on screen, he stole the scene.

Janine – Those who thoughtlessly destroy, kill, dispose, or whatever other word you'd care to use, their progeny I often think should be sterilized. Oy. I've met people who use abortions as birth control! What the hell!? In the end, it's the apathy that kills me. I don't understand it. I've met people who really and truly HATE children; and they way they talk about them . . . I can't fathom such a mind set. While I can be civil with these people, I can't be friends with them . . . These people tend to be self absorbed, and selfish and un-

kind. I have no problem with people who aren't comfortable with kids, not everyone is a natural; but true hate? It just makes me so sad. . .

I think I confused you with Joy Beeson on the age thing.

Art for PN? It's been niggling in the back of my mind. You may get something from me in the near future. ::wink::

RECYT Chris: I'm glad you mentioned Temple U.. The man in charge of Special Collections is wonderful! Chris if you're interested I can give you his email address.

Anna – So I'm allowed to say CONGRATS on the baby!? When will you know the gender? Do you need anything? I'd love to send something your way. I'm so excited for you. Children are such a joy. It's amazing how fast they grow, but when they hit two beware, they really start mimicking everything you do and say!

Hazel for a while learned the F-word. I hurt myself badly and said it three times in front of her. Oops. I said nothing about it though because that'd make her say it more. Luckily she's forgotten it.

Unfortunately it's been replaced by "damn it." Whenever she says it I just say, "oh shucky darn!" or something. Ha. I try not to swear too, but apparently not hard enough!

On the bright side Hazel has learned many of her shapes, and is learning her letters and numbers and I'm starting her on colors now. She also asks me to write words, like Daddy, Mommy, Kittyrat Bump, Torakun, Waffles and Jet Li. It's incredibly adorable. Time runneth short, and I need sleep. More Hazel stories later. Heehee. ::smile::