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### Abstract

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*Definitions of regular: 1: belonging*

*to a religious order.*

He has made me say all those things  
I never thought I'd say: *oh god, oh oh*

*god.* I remember the *Sex*  
*and the City* movie scene, the girls  
around the brunch table discussing frequency

of sex. *2a: arranged*  
*according to some established*  
*rule, principle, or type.*

Charlotte, the Rules Girl, still put out  
two or three times a week.  
Samantha will stop, drop, & roll

any time, anywhere. We tried some X-  
marks-the-spot position once, *2b: both*  
*equilateral and equiangular* both

on our sides, heads at opposing sides  
of the bed, our legs scissored  
in & out of each other. It was in a book

I bought before we did it,  
*Big Big Love: A Sourcebook on Sex*  
*for People of Size and Those Who*

*Love Them*, when I thought it might  
take creativity to overcome two bellies  
too big to smack against each other

in any sexy way.  
Miranda's marriage was ruined  
because she wanted their first romp

in six months to end quickly  
*3a: methodical <regular habits>*  
& Steve admitted cheating.

If that wasn't bad enough,  
her friends chastised her for not  
trimming her pubes regularly

or enough. *3b: recurring at fixed intervals*  
*<a regular income>*  
*<a regular churchgoer>*

I know what's in his checkbook  
& his prayer book. I know when he wants it.  
He knows I won't always

have shaved legs, pumiced heels.  
Carrie remained neutral  
& wouldn't disclose how often Big gets big

for her, although she said it's hot  
when he does. She can be the every woman,  
her regular is every woman's regular,

unspoken, but understood.  
4: normal, standard: I'd never seen  
a written recipe for poke cake

until recently on Pinterest.  
It was passed from woman to woman,  
tips included along the way.

A fat McDonald's straw works best.  
Space the pokes at a regular interval  
so the hot Jell-O bleeds

into every corner of the cake.  
*as: absolute, complete*  
Advice for special positions

also only whispered in the past,  
wedding night instructions under veils  
of white netting & feigned innocence.

There are two kinds of people  
in the world: those who buy books  
before milestones & those who read

sex help online. But no one flips through  
a fat leather dictionary anymore  
to find examples of use:

*Most days they follow a regular routine.  
He is a regular contributor  
to her boosted self-esteem.*

*We make regular use of each other.  
The wallpaper in the bedroom  
has a regular pattern of stripes.*

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