

Darling Madie,

Barry followed me back to New York so we're having a fabulous time of it. He's one lovely hunk! Joy!

Your letter sounded a little down in the dumps. Hope you're feeling better now that spring is here. It's just the sexiest time of year? Don't you just love it! Maybe you should get an apartment. The manager would take care of the termites. Pick one with a single, cute manager and be sure it needs a lot of repairs. My friend Julie in the Bronx did that and she's **very** happy.

Have you heard of primal scream therapy? It's miserable. They take you back to the womb and your birth, you scream a lot. One of my friends did it and she's still the same, so don't try that. But maybe one of the other therapies would help. There are lots of them.

We used to have a lot of laughs at our old bridge group. You were such a sweetie. Keep writing. Must rush.

luv ya,  
Frannie

Dear Frances,

Thank you for your last letter. I have not replied for some time now because Stanley has come into my life. Stanley came to exterminate the termites. He was just as worried about them as I was. Now we get together several evenings a week to play Monopoly or watch TV. We don't watch TV a lot because Stanley says it is bad for our eyes. He says I worry too much because of my unhealthy diet, so we are now eating brown rice, beans and tofu. A healthy body makes a healthy mind, Stanley always says. We take vitamins every day. We eat eggs sometimes but no meat because meat is full of artificial hormones and fat. It arouses violent and primitive instincts, causing people to behave like animals.

Stanley says that I must get an air conditioner since the night air is very unhealthy. He thinks I will feel better if I stay indoors in the evenings.

He helped me roll up all the rugs and remove the wallpaper. He says that bugs can get behind the wallpaper and into the rugs.

Last week he cut down all the shrubbery around the house to keep bugs and birds from getting too close. Did you know that birds carry 74 diseases which are communicable to humans?

Now I can see why you are so happy with Barry. It is nice to have a man around the house. I am not dreaming about swimming in the tank anymore. But I still will not go to any concerts or parks.

Be careful. Write soon.  
With much love,  
Madge

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