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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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