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anyone anywhere? No. And that was also a very pivotal day for global because I remember that the next day somebody wrote in one of the bathrooms a member when they wrote that dive fag died in Munich University bagel, black letters and one of the UNH bathroom bathrooms. And we got together and you know, we call Ashley Mary and call a lot of people and that was fixed and ours.



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Yeah, well, that the whole Matthew Shepard thing, I think was a turning point. Because we had the ear of the American public. And by far the majority of people in the United States said enough, this, this is a harmful, what just wasn't a gay thing. It was a human for human rights thing. And I went to that candlelight vigil that was at Rothko, and I was just, it was raining. And there was 1000 people there in the rain, it was just it was so overwhelming.



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Because we had a very beautiful experience out of it. The rally was extremely, extremely uplifting, especially for me, and I know, for a lot of people that have always been afraid of being completely fully out, you know, because of what might await for you down the corner. But then at the same time, it's like you have to start thinking about the future. I've always might policy have always been, I don't want to be a social laughter. I don't want to be the one sitting down and waiting for all the changes to come down that if I want to go married, I want to call me, Harry, I want to get married, I want to get a husband or you know, do all that stuff that all of us want to do live our perfect lives. And it's like, but if you're sitting down and doing nothing, I would have felt really bad if things change if we got what we wanted. And I didn't help. And I know that by being a part of global by helping my community, I will feel really proud if changes or you know, changes are being made right now. So I'm feeling proud that at some point or another I'm, I'm part of it. Yeah. Becomes Amen. Yeah, I'm a participant, maybe not right there with them. But in my own community, which is what counts. And I



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am so glad to see a group group of you like that, because I am so tired.



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We are just commenting. I mean, there's a lot of work ahead of us. We cannot be complacent. Right,



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right. It's amazing how quickly we can lose the rights that we have. And I sometimes think not a lot of queer people know that.



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Well, and this is also a no, but they don't want to deal with it.



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And this is a very good outlet. Also, for all of us to tell the community that we are here, we have always been here if it weren't just a selected few group of people trying to to make young people trying to make a change, and the community needs to start seeing us. I mean, we had had a hard time, sometimes reaching or, you know,



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just getting involved in helping us helping us.



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Because they see is it's like, what have you done? It's like, Hey, you haven't opened a door.



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To this cynicism that's out there, that there's nothing I can do. I'm just me and, and the people they see us out trying to organize and they're just like, oh, well, gosh, you know, well, the bars, you know, gotta get to the bar. And there's nothing wrong with the bar. I



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mean, there's a lot of functions for it. But a lot of times people just don't feel like they can make a difference. And there's just so much cynicism about what can be done. And I think that those of us speaking out, can really give some hope and more optimism, because that, for us is

really hard because we're under a system where university students I mean, our our our main concern is graduating and but we're also want to be active. We don't have we're not as organized as hatches, you know, we don't have a board, we don't get all this money, plenty, all these people, but we're there and we're trying to do it. People think that just because we're a university group, we get funding through the school, we get some money, but at the same time, it's as everybody gets the same kind of money. And once that money is being used, we have to go out there to the community and fundraise and try to do it. And when we try to do that, you know, sometimes a lot of doors are closed.



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But I think people need to realize that it's not just a money issue, but even though they go it is important. It's a people issue, money and people go hand in hand without people you we can't get the funding. So it's always trying to get more people involved always.



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Right. They were I mean our organization is also very fragile. I mean, we change every semester and we have to adapt and sometimes adapting He's very difficult. You know, like, I remember the day that your Marian stepped in as as interim president because our president dropped out of school because so many



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observations so changeable. And



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that's one thing I've noticed about the gate that you have, ah, and I've known of the gate. I've known members of the gay group suits, the late 80s. It's



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not just you a beige.



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It's everywhere, and it fluctuates. And it all depends on the members.



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And what we what we tell people what I've, I mean, last year, when I was president of Global the first thing that I was telling people, we have been in Houston for 26 years, and you still

don't know about us. That and, and we have so many members, ex alum alumni that have graduated from you, ah, they're known about tlsa. They used to be global, gay lesbian student association that was funded late in and the 70s. And, you know, gosh, people, you're in position now where you can come and look at Hey, eh, had a group, does it still have a group? Yes, it does. How can I go back and help this kids, you know, do what we couldn't do when we were there. And that's what we're trying to do as well. You know, try to reach out to all those people that are out there, you know, ready to lend a hand if we approach them?



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Let's go to a piece of music. You've got something that you've picked out?



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Yeah, obviously, just Tracy Chapman. Let's listen to that beautiful voice.



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We'll be back in just a few minutes. Yay. Do Newton do. D and McBride with his version of a Dave Hall song called your body? That's a second CD he was part of a group called sons and lovers at one time before that was



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Tracy Chapman Yes. We were having way too much. Agents slipped my mind. And then Mary loves classical music, jazz and all that and she was like enjoying herself.



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Oh crooner? Did you happen to catch this racy song I played earlier?



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No, I missed that part.



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They're coming to Houston. coming October 5, that the mucky Duck. Duck? Yeah. Oh, they are good. And their last. Their last album was pure jazz.



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Yeah, well, um, we just were talking. While the sides are playing. We're trying to discuss a little bit about how, you know, the personal comfort level at clubs and different places, especially for people that are out and people that are not out that don't feel very comfortable with that. And well,



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I really just bring everyone up to speak in the bars, and I always notice a lot of like mixed couples, like just friends to come clean together. And I started wondering, I wonder how many of those are closet cases? Like why bring friends in? Is it just because they're like, uncomfortable being in a room with other gays and lesbians? Or is it just kind of like, well, they like having fun. So it's kind of like comfort levels? Or like hiding behind these people? Are there what oh,



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I don't know. Because a lot of gay men have lesbian friends. Well, yes, that is



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mean, you know, we're all in a little group and people might have been thinking that about us. But I mean, you know, we're comfortable with ourselves. We're so comfortable with ourselves. We're like all you know, dancing together at the club. Yeah, you know,



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so what does that say to other people? So those



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are they just going like, I know, like, straight, straight people will come to gay clubs because they tend to be a little more.



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There's a lot more fun and there's a whole lot less fights. Yeah.



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Have you been lately? Now we gotta bring the question of age back in since you return it.



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I'm gonna do that to me. Wonderful. I'm earning points here the Sadi experts, this



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is not listed. And that number is seven one 3573



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Yeah, please call us and tell it to ask his wacky questions I want to answer why. So



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what was the comfort level? And where were you going with that? Well,



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this is one of those. Is it preservation? Observation just like I'm looking at people like I'm a people watcher, when I go out to clubs, I just liked the watch. And I noticed a lot of people, like they'll go there, but they won't necessarily do it. There'll be wallflowers, but yet they have their I want to say token straight friend. I don't want their they're just kind of like watching others. It's like, why not? Just get the golf go up, talk to someone.



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Man, have this incredible fear of rejection.



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Not everybody. You're just a



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special case.



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You like being rejected? No, I



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like, you see, I take it, I can take it because he doesn't do anything to me. I've learned at a very young age, that I have to lose my inhibitions that if I want something for life, I've got to go and grab it

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and that anybody doesn't want you.

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good doesn't work. Hey, you're back in the we are back in the business. You know,

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you're talking Yeah. But we're talking about people who may be in the closet or may have just recently come out of the closet. Well, they

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will have a lot to learn from

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shyer people, though, I mean, there are is a such thing as you know, shy people, it's just the human trait. I mean,

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that's right. And he has nothing to do with it. Because as I cannot go up to strangers and talk to them,

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I can talk to him, but I can't go up like Sandy and be like, you know, who's your dad?

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That was not me. That characterization is NOT me



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for you want to know, you want to get right down to it? You know, let me know right now, because I don't want to invest more than 30 seconds.



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I mean, I mean, it's like even right now are his guts. Thank you, Brandy. Oh, my gosh. Brownie points. Yeah, I



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suppose, right.



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We all have to go through to a certain amount of pain in order for us to, to be able to, you know, stand up and keep on walking. It's like



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a lot about people though, is it a lot, we're we live in a society where God help us we reject Oh, my God, I don't want him anymore. Or that important



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that like everybody's paying attention to us and what happened to us and focusing on how bad we are when people have their own problems.



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But in my life, the idea and I know other people's agree, oh, that people agree with me, it's not about winning the race, but finishing it up, you know, you might fall down in the middle of the week, you might be slow, but you need to finish the race. And as



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soon as you rejected but you just gotta go on. I mean, if you want to have have great love and life you have to take great risks. And the thing is is that no matter how many times you're

me, you have to take great risks. And the thing is, is that no matter how many times you're knocked down, if you want to get to it, you can't just hide in the corner and expect it to come and then bitch all day about how you ate the gay scene, you ate this and that. I mean, we all know these bitter people, you know,



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and I understand all that you're saying and we do need to do this, but as a group, what society has been telling us all our lives, there's something wrong with us. So to have any self service, self esteem at all, it is is a Herculean task,



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but it's like it's not just with us. It's general. I mean, parents, I mean, think about a little child. What's the first word he's gonna learn to say? No. And oh, don't touch that. First, okay. Think of a child. You like have you have some cookies in there. They don't touch those cookies. Maybe I'm on the phone with you. You know, it's like I'm watching little Mikey. It's like, don't touch his cookies. He never evades me. Don't touch those cookies. never pays me. What's the first thing that? Yes, I don't know, bait her so I can eat the cookie. Do you see? It's a pattern we're all unless



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you have to deal with with such things. And I mean,



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we're your rotten child.



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Getting into Pavlovian theory.



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Actually, actually, my my dad my dad died when I was little, and my mom went through a very rough widow her so I've actually grew up in my grandmother. I grew up very conservative. You know, ideally, like I believe that, you know, to be with a man and have a ring on my finger, you know? Mm hmm. You know? Yeah. You know, I mean you don't put out on the first day. Well, yes.



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We're not gonna get

we're not gonna get



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striking out here.



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What I was trying to say is that I do have principles that I value. I mean, I do. I did grow up with a kind of ideal that if I fall in love with a man that is worth it, I'm gonna stick with him good. It's like behind a great man. There is Sandy.



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But a lot of people are also told that this is a disposable community, one after the other. So if you don't want it, we'll get rid of and then people are like, Oh my gosh, what is that? What's the one oh, I don't want even risk it. So we go back to the game. Don't go after it. But that's



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one of the reason why I value the lesbian community a lot and I'm very observant and I know how much they put into a relationship guy. What are you talking about? I don't know.



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I have I think they've got it bad. But well



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the first thing I get asked is like how can you can sleep with a man you know, the first night I had to wait at least a week. Wait my girl already. They got engaged.



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I think what you're seeing with women may be is more of a serial monogamy. Yes. And guys are just slots.



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Okay. Not me.



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We are pigs. Yes. Yes.



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Well, we just like to shop around and eventually you'll find the right Island said, I don't like cornflakes. I think I like



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to dating shop. That's one thing I do.



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Sumur is cold. Really? Well, that's what he's saying. I mean, variety packs,



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could be on a very key marketing strategy.



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And how did we get to this? idea, but I'm laughing way too much. I mean, but we do all of us eventually do have values and a nuanced set around. And that is the main problem trying to find a guy that would accept or pass races



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or race it is like I can say this. Truthfully, I admire gay men and the fact that they can go and date a lot of people right and I put it as that they'd go out and it's like women were always taught to historically you stay at home you don't do you don't you're not adventurous. You don't go out you don't meet other people. You don't get involved and just go see what's out there at



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home and bond.



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No bond. And I know well that's the



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thing that women have been taught. And the thing is, is that you know, it's unfortunate like people lesbians get in relationships and you know, you never see him again. Till they break up noodle the like, I have no friends now. Yeah. So you know why and that's one thing came in don't do they stay involved?



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We can. A lot of couples do do that. I often say that single people come to the Montrose to find a mate and then go off to the suburbs, and you never hear him see him again. I mean,



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definitely, I grew up in it. I mean, I'm being Hispanic and all that I grew up in a, in a system where it's like, I gotta reach a certain age to move out of the house, I gotta reach a certain age, find a girlfriend, I gotta reach a certain age, get married. And I gotta reach a certain age before 30. But I have to get otherwise I'm out of the will. I got it, the whole thing has been written down for us to follow. And it's and I think it's the same thing for women. But heterosexual men and actually us included sitting you know, at some point, it's like, you know, it's like, you can have you can have your wife and cheat on her. That's good. Yeah, that's awesome. Nobody knows. I'm just nobody involves. You still have your happy terrain, right? Sure. Right. Yeah. You know, who cares? And and I think we come in into a you know, gait relationship, that same idea sometimes sometimes. I will be happy with my boyfriend but then I'll have to guess I need to spice it. What that oops. What is that?



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That's all in the blank. It's old school.



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Yeah. And it's like I didn't graduate from that school.



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Well, to come to the rescue of of that thinking, I would have to say that as as queers, as gay, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered people, we have the unique ability to be able to create

our own relationships, we do not have to follow a set rule that that heterosexual people follow. Right? That's true, but



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it is still hard to change mindset. And that's the hardest thing just to go back. start young and raise people and think on your own think like an individual. Don't follow this set rules. But it's one till people get to that point. It's, we're still going to have that same little thing beat your head against a wall betrayed against the wall. Oh, I must meet that right person. Oh, my God, they love me. What's your lead to stay single for a year? Oh, I met that wonderful person and the vicious cycle? Yeah, I think I think



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many things just one person is going to come and fulfill all their needs. And I think their life just great.



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Personally, I thought see, the hardest thing to be it is the hypocrisy, the fact that we go out and meet people and say, Oh, we say all the time, I want to meet somebody I want to get into a relationship, be friends, and then, you know, go from there. And then, you know, once you know, this is I'm looking for a certain type of person. And once you find that certain type of person you discovered I wasn't looking for you. I was looking for, you know,



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that's a shopping thing. It's like never being satisfied with what you



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it's like we always, were always saying, oh, I want to meet somebody that has a pure heart. I want to meet that person within. Oh, yeah, that's



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a firm believer.



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And it's like, really, you just want that person that's gonna make him butterflies. Moss eating everything out. And it's like, that's what everybody you know, they say they want all these things. But a lot of times they'll make a friend or meet someone that's like that. And then they'll

be like, No, I don't want that. Because the certain reason I mean, people just say things. And it's just a lot of BS.



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questionnaire out there from everybody. Here's my questionnaire, fill it out. It's 50 pages go through it. And I'll get back with you in a week.



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Exactly. I mean, I seriously think that the person should preferably at the Ryan essay, their inner workings of their mind and their heart and fucking



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maybe make assumptions, that's what's called dating.



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It's getting them to fill that application. Yes.



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That is the application dating.



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Well, Dating can be pretty hard. And that's why I myself, try to just get away from it. It's like the puppy love stage is one of the stages that I totally, totally detest. Because I want to get to know the person and the reason for



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it isn't in the puppy love stage, you do get to meet the people. It's the little things that you do that you keep doing. It's fun. And so sort of so called the memories that you have a relationship. That's where you go, you get to meet people, and you get to do things and find out about yourself and the other person.



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If there isn't, if there isn't the lust stage. There's no impetus to continue in the relationship. Well, I



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don't agree with I don't agree with that at all. The problem is that on that stage, you become blind. If you said blinded by love, believe me once you get into that stage. Oh, baby, I love you. I just want to kiss you.



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I just want to do everything. No, we're not talking about like the puke stage



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involved in love.



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But there is there's a some kind of stuff on



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your head out the door to be in love with somebody. I mean, you can have both the puke stage and also use your head. You don't have to be both wet. And the thing is, Marian is right, there are memories and there is that good part to that and you can't throw that all out the window into test to be you got to use both. And of course, you know the dating is important. So you just got to go ahead and have some confidence and



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the best relationships I've ever had are relationships that started fast. He knows like fast and it's like, I mean, I remember the last boyfriend I had Hey, we were necking. The first day we we met down the road nine months we're still together no reason why we broke golfers because he was moving to Russia



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Russia are you saying maybe



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jumping right in sometimes over intellectualize?



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It depends on the people. I mean, if that is what you want to do, and it's mutually you know, it's a mutual thing, then sometimes it it kind of works. It works great. I mean, I had had relationships where we've dated for a long time, and it also work, but it's most of the time for me, it's like, fast is good, because I don't like that, that stress happen, okay? Every day, I have to go out with him. I have to put a beautiful,



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beautiful face but I see that's that's where most people getting that set idea. Like, it's like, we have to have a monogamous dating relationship. And that's good for some people. But like, like we were going back and saying earlier, if dating is the questionnaire, then just make it non monogamous. Go out and date. Don't say I'm exclusively dating, you go out and see other people and see what's out there. Sure.



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Well, do you know this? What I mean is if I'm seeing a guy, I'm always keep my prospects. Because you know, prospect VENA use someone and he's asked me out, it's like any, I don't have anything. My first belief is that I like communication, there has to be a fine line of communication to find that tells me especially in a community community, we lack communication. I want to be able to tell that guy Hey, I'm dating you, right? Is it right? Are we are we dating if we're not telling me because I don't read minds?



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domain now. And it's like anything, it's like any purchase fun doing what we're doing. That's cool with me. While we wrapping it up now. Yes, we are. All right. Well, tell me how



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I can get in touch with your group.



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global. Okay. When When do you meet we meet



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every Thursday from six 6pm 6pm Till the meeting is usually an hour and then we go out to eat and socialize and we're open to anybody. And look at the daily Cougar now are desperate or



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until she wanted to be a part of that and it'll tell you how to get to the meeting.



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Great.



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I'm just gonna ask Mary and brandy and want to actually thank them and claim to thank them for being here with us sharing their lives, all the wonderful experiences. Thank you very much and hopefully next one will have been Cisco with us. And Jim, thank you so much, Steve. Thank you so much for having us. After hours,



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okay. You've been listening to after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station coming up at about the top of the hour is early morning groove. Rob. Love is in the house. He's already queued up ready to go. So we will see you next week. Bye.