



i'm back...

Wow. The past few months have been a whirlwind. I've been *buried* in book #2, but I wanted to pop my head up to say hi real quick. I can't believe how fast this year is flying by! Can you? (*Singletini* will hit bookstores so soon!?) Anyway, this issue has loads of fun stuff, including a confession from last week that everyone seems to love. Enjoy!

confession:

Let me just start by saying, I should not be allowed to be a female. I'm serious. I mean, no female would be stupid enough to pull a move like I did a few weekends ago. I am still FURIOUS, yet not at all surprised, with my poor decision-making skills.

(Sigh) This one's painful. Prepare yourself...

So my BF and I got tickets to this fancy schmancy dinner at the Rubicon Estate in Napa. Everyone kept telling us, ooh, it's a gorgeous affair. Everyone will be dancing in tuxedos and long flowy gowns. Sipping champagne. Munching on caviar and canapés...

Uh-oh. I don't know about this. Me? Hobnobbing it up? This has disaster written all over it. I mean, I'm just not a very smooth, sophisticated schmoozer. And, besides, I've been living in PJs for months now as I've been pounding out this second book. I need highlights. I need new makeup. I NEED A DRESS. [Read more](#)

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what i'm reading

[Running with Scissors](#), Augusten Burroughs

(Incredible! I can't believe someone actually had this childhood.)

[Orbiting the Giant Hairball](#), Gordon MacKenzie

(A great read for anyone who wants to be more creative.)

worst hookup contest

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