



Hi sunflowers!

Welcome to Issue 20 of the A+ Bee and happy May! I hope this month is treating you well, starshine! This issue is brought to you by Eileen Myles and the Clone Club and Heather's pure magic.

Tarot for the Fortnight

by: Beth



Nine of Coins

Everything you have, you created for yourself - you are so much stronger and more resilient than you feel. Independence can be lonely, but it's an amazing foundation for building whatever you need - a career, a relationship, a home. This is a good time to take stock of your resources and feel proud of yourself. Own your life.

May Member of the Month: Claire



What is your AS username?

claire7

If you were caught in a Groundhog Day situation, what is the first skill you would teach yourself?

Probs I would read hella important literature and memorize a bunch of love-poems and maybe get to level bajillion on my German Duolingo. ALL THE WORDS.

If you had to hang a life-sized full-body oil painting of a celebrity above your bed, who

would you pick?

Is it too obvious to say Kristen Stewart? Hoping the painter gets her cute perfect teeth right.

What is your favorite thing about Autostraddle?

The truth would be to say the beautiful, thoughtful, kind people who write and comment here. But I feel like everyone says that. So: 1) the giant-summary, informative, intersectionality-conscious posts about tricky political situations (e.g., Ferguson); they make me feel slightly less insane. 2) the personal essays and especially when I have the incredible privilege of hearing staff read their essays out loud at A-camp. Be still my heart. 3) Stef's Gothip Girl and anything tagged "vapid fluff."

Staff Spotlight: Stef



guys, one time my cat ate lasagna off my plate
garfield dreams achieved

CLONE CLUB PLAYLIST

sugar sugar, the archies
lollipop, the chordettes
if it makes you happy, sheryl crow
bitch, meredith brooks
real wild child, iggy pop
bad reputation, joan jett
she blinded me with science, thomas dolby
call the doctor, sleater-kinney

Meetup Recap

by: Claire, Cincy Straddlers



Cincy Straddlers held their monthly board game night at one of our fav hangouts, Highland Cafe. We ate some delicious pizza bread, Elvis sandwiches, and drank some delicious concoctions, while enjoying a lively bout of The Game of Things. Turns out it's quite fun to get to know a few new people based on what they write down for such a game and how inappropriate the answers become... We also played the time-old Truth or Truth, and at the end when we were leaving, accidentally recruited a random girl next to us at the Cafe into our Straddler group. Good times.

Literature is love. I think it went like this: drawings in the cave, sounds in the cave, songs in the cave, songs about us. Later, stories about us.

Living in literature and love is the best thing there is. You're always home.

- Eileen Myles

CHOOSE YOUR OWN GAY-DVENTURE

You punch the button for The Planet and the elevator doors close behind you. It feels like you're not going anywhere, but a moment later the doors open again and you step out into an exact replica of the West Hollywood cafe from "The L Word." You glance around, expecting to see Shane Lothario-ing in the corner or Alice and Tasha smooching at a table or Jenny making a scene — but nope. It's empty.

"Kit?" you call out. "Kit, are you here?" No answer.

You make your way around the tables, duck behind the counter, wander through the kitchen, poke your head into Kit's office.

"Hello?" you shout, and your voice echos back at you off the walls. "Was Mary Fucking Poppins not available?"

Talking, laughing, loving, breathing.

The whisper startles you so badly you actually jump. Maybe this empty building only responds to Bette Porter.

"Fuck you, Jenny! I wouldn't say that! Never! That's not even grammatically correct, you fucking idiot!" you shout.

Fighting, fucking, crying, drinking.

Suddenly, holograms of a cat and a dog materialize in front of you. It's Mr. Piddles and Sounder II. They both want you to follow them, in different directions.

Do you: 1) Go with Mr. Piddles? or 2) Go with Sounder II?

Laura and Luna



When Laura goes on vacation, she expects everyone she follows to stop Tweeting and Tumblr-ing about her favorite TV shows so she doesn't get spoiled.



When Luna goes on vacation, she finds a way to watch her stories, or she stays off of social media.



Laura leaves anonymous hate in your Tumblr ask box because you really pissed her off with your ignorance.



Luna thinks your opinion is misguided, so she emails you to gently educate you on how you can be better.