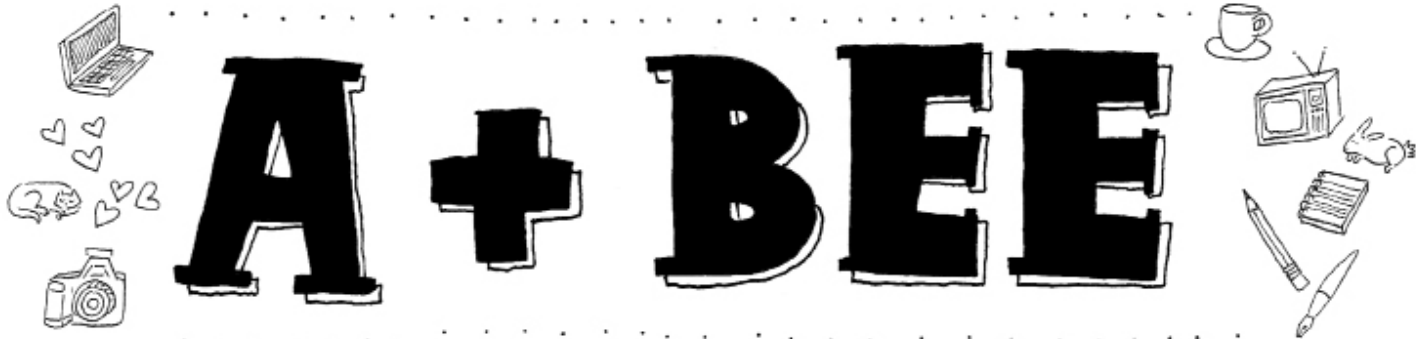


A + BEE



Hi green beans!

Welcome to Issue 24 of the A+ Bee!
Make a cup of tea and settle in!

Tarot for the Fortnight

by: Beth



Six of Swords

Dreaming Way Tarot
This fortnight, think about the ways you give (and receive) help. Simply making space for loved ones

or strangers to safely be themselves can be enough. Don't worry about 'having the answer' or solving the problem, just let your friend know that you support them. And then, if there is something practical you can do, step up. Do it for love and to make your friend's life easier. Do it quietly, without ceremony and don't expect applause. Do it because they would do the same for you.

July Member of the Month: Alex



What is your AS username?

My AS username is Al(ex) Rosenberg

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

Groundhog Day is my roommate's favorite movie, so over the last six years I've given a lot of thought to this. It would have to be a skill that I could practice everyday without feeling sad about the loss of material progress. For example, if I became a master painter, I could make beautiful paintings, but lose them at the end of the day. I'm not

good at letting go of things. So, I think I'd learn languages. Perfect my Hebrew first, then learn Spanish, some Muskogean languages, etc.

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

Currently there's a Gertrude Stein painting above my bed. So, to live with her in feminist oil solidarity: bell hooks!

What is your favorite bad joke?

I feel like I tell so many bad jokes. I will tell you the first joke I ever told: Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the Shell station!

What is your favorite thing about Autostraddle?

My favorite thing on Autostraddle?! Other than the content, my cabinmates!



Meetup Recaps

by: Whitney, Twin City Straddlers



Stacey of the Twin Cities Autostraddlers hosted a Karaoke/Queeraoke meetup and it was a great time! We all met up at Vegas Lounge early so we could chat a bit. Then some began to sing their hearts out to some of the best songs of all time!



Emily and Elizabeth of the Twin Cities Autostraddlers hosted a Quarry Hangout. This was one of the first hangouts planned significantly outside the cities. Swimming, quarry jumping, picnics, hiking, and bouldering all happened that afternoon and I think it's safe to say all of us really enjoyed spending time out in the sun outside the city!



CHOOSE YOUR OWN GAY-DVENTURE

The contract seems pretty straight forward, considering the fantastical hoops you had to jump through to get to it. Solid salary, really good benefits (which makes sense on account of the mythical beasts roaming around this place), and a full month of vacation. The final line of the contract simply says, "Look in your pocket." You do. There's a ring in there.

You pull out the ring and notice, suddenly, that the blank page at the end of your contract packet now has words on it.

*Three Rings for the Lesbian queens under the sky
Seven for the queer Pioneers in their halls of stone
Nine for the TV Gays doomed to die,
One for the True Curator on her Ikea chair throne
In the Museum of Queer Artifacts where the Secrets lie.
One Ring to rule them all, One ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the gallery bind them
In the Museum of Queer Artifacts where the Secrets lie.*

What in the WORLD? You inspect the ring; it's a solid gold band with no inscription. It feels much heavier than it should. And weirdly, it looks like it's exactly your size.

The final line of the contract now reads "I will wear the ring."

Do you:

- + Sign the contract and put on the ring?
- + Leave the contract and take the ring?
- + Leave the contract and leave the ring?

CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE COMMENTS!