

First Place

The Sign

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Second Place

The Face

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a consenting partner" (p.51), but I wonder about the intricacies of his arrangements. Maybe I'm not picking up on something, but I never fully understood his definition of "consenting." Was it that his partners agreed to have unsafe sex with him or was it that they agreed to have unsafe sex with him, knowing that he is HIV-positive? Either way, it is very dis-

tressing that people would be so willing to jeopardize their lives.

Third, the question that truly bothers me is: Would someone choose to have unprotected sex with someone they knew had HIV? Although I really can't think of a concept more outrageous than this, some friends and I have discussed possible reasons why someone would do something so idiotic. Perhaps some people see the disease as a potential

bond between a couple. Maybe some have a strange death wish. It could be that some people think that they are invincible. Who knows? Anyway you put it, these views are ignorant. For people trying to make their lives like a Shakespearean tragedy, we live in reality, not in Romeo and Juliet. As for the self-hatred and suicidal tendencies, talk about one of the

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