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WHAT PLANET

ARE YOU FROM

To save his planet,

an alien must

find a woman

on Earth

to have his baby.

There's just

one

problem.



as I watched the cult classic "Mallrats" for the 37th time the other night, I had a bit of an epiphany. Well, a few epiphanies, to be exact. (I'm not sure how many epiphanies one can safely have at one time, but

I'm pretty sure I was pushing the limit.) First of all, Shannen Doherty got much better looking after leaving "Beverly Hills 90210" – oh my god, Tori Spelling's breasts are about to explode.
And she's a million times better looking now than she was on "Our House." (Remember that show? With the

Quaker Oats guy and the kid that was always in Teen Beat magazine?) Second, Joey Lauren Adams, best known for her role in "Biodome" (by me, at least), should get naked more often. It's not like she hasn't done it before. She did it in "Mallrats," but not

"Chasing Amy." What's up with that?
Thirdly, and most importantly, the sage-like advice contained in Kevin Smith's Jersey Trilogy ("Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy") is so pertinent to anyone and everyone that I believe it is necessary to compile his greatest hits into one clear, concise col-lection. I present to you "Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned From Kevin Smith Movies." (So, put the bong down and pay attention.)

"My grandma used to say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the sex for free.'" – Jay, "Clerks"

In other words, if you can successful-

ly sneak an outside cup into a kegger, do so. Take a girl out to dinner only after you have found that you can't get in her pants by getting her drunk. Never offer to match someone. Never! (Also, the quote seems to endorse bestiality, which



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is a good thing. One of the most impor-tant steps in mental health is embracing one's own bestial urges.)

2. "Sometimes  $\Gamma$ m in the mood for nasty close-ups, sometimes I like 'em already in airbrush, sometimes it's a spread brown-eye kind of night, sometimes it's girl-on-girl time, sometimes a steamy letter will do, sometimes, not often but sometimes, I like the idea of a chick – with a horse." – Banky Edwards,

"Chasing Amy"

Variety is the spice of life, dear friends. I couldn't have said it better myself. (And again, we see someone who is not afraid to admit his affection

3. "A little word of advice, my friend. Sometimes you gotta let those hard-to-reach chips go." – Dante Hicks, "Clerks" (after helping remove a customer's hand from the menacing grip of a can of Pringles)

Almost Shakespearean in its eloquence, although there is unfortunately no reference to critter love, this line serves to reinforce the famous line from Homer (Simpson, that is), "Kids, you tried hard, and it didn't work. The les son is, never try.'

4. "It's important to have a job that

makes a difference, boys. That's why I manually masturbate caged animals for artificial insemination." – female cus-

tomer, "Clerks" I just threw this in to balance out the nonbestial nature of the last quote. But it's good advice, nonetheless.

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5. Jay: "My grandma used to say ...
What's a good plate with nothing on it?"
Dante: "Meaning?"
Jay: "I don't know. She was senile
and shit. She used to f----' piss herself all
the time. And shit herself."
Silent Bob: "You know, there's a mil-

lion fine-looking women in the world, dude, but they don't all bring you lasagna at work. Most of them just cheat on you." - "Clerks"

The idea here is a recurring theme in all Smith flicks. A good woman (or man ... or barnyard animal for anyone who's been taking any of this seriously) is hard to find. When you do have the good luck of finding one, don't let her/him/it go. If you're not sure how to keep them from getting away, I suggest duct tape. It always works for me.

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So there it is, in all its glory,
"Everything I Ever Needed to Know I
Learned from Kevin Smith Movies." If
you feel you've been short-changed, I'll even throw in a little bonus advice:

"There are three rules that I live by: Never sleep less than 12 hours, never sleep with a woman that has a dagger tattooed on her shoulder and never play cards with a guy who has the same first name as a town. Now you stick to that and everything is gonna be cream cheese." – basketball coach, "Teen Wolf"

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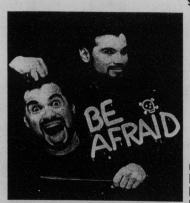
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