

"
REAL MEN DON'T USE STRAWS"
BY PAT/SALTY

THATS ~~WHY~~^{WHAT} I SAY AND THATS WHAT I MEAN.
AS FAR AS I PERSONALLY AM CONCERNED,
AS A RULE (RARE EXCEPTIONS TO FOLLOW)
I WILL NOT DRINK FROM A STRAW IN
PUBLIC. WAITRESSES ARE FOREVER BRINGING
ME - SAY, ^{WITH} A SODA I ORDER WITH MY MEAL -
A STRAW STUCK RIGHT INTO MY GLASS
OF COKE. I ALWAYS PULL IT RIGHT
OUT AND THROW IT AWAY BEFORE DRINKING.
WHY? BECAUSE I'M OLD SCHOOL THAT
WAY AND REAL MEN DON'T SIT IN ANY
PUBLIC PLACE DRINKING FROM A STRAW.
CHILDREN DO. LADYS DO. SOME YOUNG
TEENAGE COUPLE MIGHT - BUT GROWN
MEN? DRINKING FROM A STRAW?
LIKE SOME FAIRY OR SOMETHING?
NO FRIGGIN WAY, JAY.
NOT ON MY WATCH.
NOT ME, BUSTER.
MY FATHER + UNCLES NEVER DRANK
FROM STRAWS. WHERE I GREW UP
MEN NEVER USED STRAWS.
MY GRANDMOTHER + AUNT'S + KIDS, SURE.
MEN - REAL MEN - NEVER.
EXCEPT IN THE FOLLOWING RARE EXCEPTIONS,

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- A) IF A GUY WAS IN THE HOSPITAL
- LIKE HAD BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT, OR
HAD HIS JAW WIRED SHUT OR SOMETHING -
THEN HE COULD DRINK FROM A STRAW, OR,
B) IF HE WAS EATING & DRINKING WHILE
IN A MOVING CAR - MAYBE ON A ROAD
TRIP AND HAD JUST ORDERED A BURGER
& MILKSHAKE, SAY - THEN HE MIGHT DO SO.
OTHER THEN THOSE TWO EXCEPTIONS - WHICH
WERE RARE - MEN DIDN'T DRINK WITH OR
FROM STRAWS, EVER.

BECAUSE - FOR GROWN ADULT MEN - IT IS
INHERENTLY UNMANLY. EFFEMINATE.
AT LEAST FOR AMERICAN MEN, AS FAR
AS I'M CONCERNED - SO PLEASE, KEEP
THE FRIGGIN' STRAWS, MISS, I DON'T
USE THEM.

HEY - DO YOU SEE ME SITTING HERE?
DO I LOOK LIKE A 10 YEAR OLD?
DO I LOOK LIKE SOME ~~THE~~ LITTLE
OLD LADY? NO? SO DON'T SERVE ME
MY SODA WITH A STRAW ALL STUCK IN IT
WAITING TO BE SUCKED ON, O.K.?

TAKE THAT STRAW AND SHOVE IT IN
THE SHIRLY TEMPLE DRINK BEING NURSED
BY THAT FAIRY ON THE FAR END, WILL YA?

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you see him DOWN There, DON'T you?
The FAIRY over there with the POODLE?
MAYBE he ~~can~~ AND his BOYFRIEND CAN
USE STRAWS, MISS, I DON'T USE EM!
They CAN sit here AND SUCK ON THEM
ALL They WANT—They probably Get LOTS
AND LOTS OF PRACTICE; SO Give THAT STRAW
TO ONE OF Them—I DON'T NEED A
DAMNED STRAW.
ITS LIKE THAT.

I'M KIND OF LIKE A MALE VERSION OF
JOAN CRAWFORD when it comes to being
AGAINST STRAWS,
ONLY WITH CRAWFORD IT WAS ~~a~~ WIRE COATHANGERS,
WITH ME, ITS STRAWS, ALL SIZES OR COLORS.
IT COMES DOWN TO PUBLIC IMAGE AND
PUBLIC PERSONA; IT JUST DON'T LOOK RIGHT.
NOT FOR A MAN TO SIT AT A public
TABLE OR COUNTER BENDING DOWN TO
SUCK ON SOME STRAW IN ORDER TO DRINK.
I see some Guy SITTING BY HIMSELF
AT some public LUNCH COUNTER DRINKING
BY SUCKING ON A GODAMNED STRAW AND
I CAN'T help BUT WONDER "WHAT THE
HELLS WRONG WITH him?"
is he GAY? DOES he have SHAKY HANDS
FROM PARKINSONS DECEASE OR SOMETHING? →

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is he some kind of wimp who is just dutifully sucking on that straw because the waiter or waitress served his drink that way and he's such a wimp he's going along with it - or what?

What's wrong with that guy?

This is how my own mind works, at any rate.

I know, I know; the girls who work here in my favorite watering hole + restaurant all think it's kind of funny. My aversion to straws.

"That's silly, salty" they tell me.

Silly ~~to~~ to them, maybe, but not to me. To me, it's serious business.

To me, it's a matter of male pride.

Drinking thru straws = Ladys, children, Fairys, and "metrosexuals" (undecideds)

The girls who serve me my sodas with straws think it's "silly"? Oh, yea?

Silly, huh? I'll give you silly;

A 250 pound accountant sucking up his ~~a~~ cherry coke from a big straw -

That's silly.

Two kids sharing a milkshake by sucking on two straws as fast as they can; →

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THAT'S SILLY.

NOT A GROWN MAN SUCH AS MYSELF
REFUSING TO HAVE A STRAW PUT INTO HIS
~~DRINK~~ DRINK - THAT'S NOT SILLY AT ALL.

AT LEAST TO ME. ITS COMMON SENSE,
I DON'T NEED A STRAW SO WHY SHOULD
I USE A STRAW?

TO BE "FASIONABLE"? JUST FOR THE
SAKE OF GOING ALONG WITH IT BECAUSE
IT IS SERVED THAT WAY? WHY?

I HAVE NO USE FOR STRAWS.

AND WHAT I HAVE NO USE FOR I WILL
NOT USE - PERIOD.

IF I COULD USE THEM I WOULD,
BUT TO ME THEY ARE USELESS.

SO MY ORDER WILL ALWAYS BE SOMETHING
LIKE THIS; I'LL HAVE A BOWL OF
LOBSTER SOUP, A GRILLED CHEESE ON
TOAST, AND A DIET COKE - AND HOLD OFF
ON THE GODDAMNED STRAW, O.K.?

IF I WANT A STRAW STUCK IN MY DRINK
I'LL ASK FOR ONE, GET IT? AND DON'T
YOU ALL REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU?!

NO MORE WIRE COATHANGERS!!!!!!!

I MEAN, STRAWS.

"RRRRRRRR"