



In The Plus
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A poem: All Your Faves Are Ace

Imagine if TV shows
Favoured good representation,
Over frequent fornication.
Or 'love' scenes in movies
Moved over,
Making room for Cluedo, or Kerplunk, or Boggle.
Or maybe once in a while,
A book character's life wouldn't be governed by coital desire. Wouldn't it be
refreshing to see
A character more like me:
Asexual.

And no,
I'm not a plant,
But even Audrey 2 had some odd attachments. And no,
I'm not a robot,
But even Bicentennial Man wanted some action. And even if I could reproduce
alone,
It wouldn't affect this dire representation situation, Because I'm not so sure
Plankton and Karen Always kept it strictly PG...

4 in 52 cards are ace.

But did you know that
So are 1 in 100 people?
That makes it roughly a 2:1 ratio: Gingers to aces,
So starting with the Weasleys, We've got some catching up to do. So I'm
putting my foot down today. I'm starting a revolution, Ordering the execution of
all the Barney Stinsons on TV, Making way for people like me: Asexual.

Who says Newt Scamander can't have
A healthy, fulfilling life,
With his kids and his wife,
And still prefer majestic winged beasts
Over shuffling sheets?
I'm sure Castiel cares more
About the Apocalypse,
Than crashing hips,
Groot is more organic,
Less orgasmic,
The Doctor's more concerned about regeneration Than copulation,
And Eggin would rather have cake

Than sex.
That one doesn't rhyme but you get the gist.

We revolt at dawn,
No more silver screen porn!
I want Bake-Off to take centre stage,
I want dragons and theatre,
And a million things,
That are a million times more important, To the 70 million of us,
To populate modern media...
In lieu of the message:
There's no love without sex.

And while we're at it,
I can't say I'd be devastated,
If the word 'sexy' was banned entirely, Unless in reference to
Bass guitars, the TARDIS, or flawless calligraphy. Because let's face it,
It's weird that there's a word that communicates - In just two syllables -
That you want to get down and dirty with someone...

Something has to be done, And it begins right now.

Aces of all shapes, sizes, ages, and races, Normal people with massive
hearts, Only sexual indifference sets us apart. Not robots or aliens,
Not psychopaths or prudes.
I'm not 'waiting for the right person', Because that's just not how it works. And
my hormones are fine,
Good,
Great in fact!
I'm just me.
Always have been,
Always will be!

Change will come,
And it starts right here.
With the Luna Lovegoods,
The Blake Belladonnas,
The Robin Hoods,
And the Sherlocks.
We'll ride forth on wyverns, Wielding cake-pop katanas, Let's paint the skies
purple and grey, Today's the day we say:

All your faves are ace,
And there's nothing you can do about it.

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AVEN (Asexual Visibility Education Network)-

Website

The Invisible Orientation – **Book**

Ace & Proud – **Book**

The Lonely Ace of Hearts – **Book**

Asexual Perspectives (47 Asexual Stories) – **Book**