



# Scary Stuff

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Today is the Mexican holiday, the Day of the Dead. Yesterday, I tried to post a blog on here, but was unable to access the poz directory in the Charlotte airport. Instead, I got this message: “Forbidden Category: Sex Education”.

Talk about a Halloween scare.

Here’s my blog from yesterday, before being spooked and reminded that the issue of Safe Sex is officially dead in this country.

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A couple of weeks ago I blogged about that magazine, Grazia, that interviewed Gwenn. How they had a promo of the article on their web site, which read: “Meet the young woman who risks death every time she sleeps with her husband”?

Well, we finally got the issue in the mail. And here’s what they had on the cover: “Sleeping with my husband could kill me!” And then again, inside, splashed across a picture of us standing together, not smiling.

If there’s a morbidly funny aspect to this, I guess it’s that they used a quote from Gwenn that was never uttered, which should be obvious to the reader once they get through the article, where it never appears. Because Gwenn would never say such a ridiculous thing.

This flies so much in the face of what we’ve tried to do as educators, which is to empower both people with HIV and without. What ticks me off is that they put those words in Gwenn’s mouth to get people to read it.

So, if you are in need of a last minute Halloween costume idea, you may want to go as my penis. Because apparently it’s pretty scary. I can give you specifications if you are interested.

Positively Yours,

Shawn

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