

intact .. or at least as intact as you can be with buckshot  
in you ....  
well at least the conversations can be pleasant in the  
meantime ...

**cf:** Yeah, the conversations can be pleasant, although they  
are not always; there are some angry, frustrated and sour  
men in these parts, and this is their medium as well.

**tcm:** There are some women of the same nature ... pity  
they cannot find each other. The reality is that if you are  
a man really banking on finding love here because you  
do not have the possibility of finding love outside... well  
you are going to be bitter and twisted...

**cf:** Yes, this is a place for bitterness, twistedness and  
various forms of delusion; best to keep your wits about  
you!

**tcm:** Just out of idle curiosity, have you ever played  
around with girls?

**cf:** No, I'm not sexually attracted to women. Too bad,  
cause there are lots of cute dykes in NYC.  
Me, I'm stuck with you fools.

**tcm:** Fools one and all ... well I must fly ...  
It has been fun and i will watch out for you again.

**cf:** Alright. Be good... or whatever!

**tcm:** as my father (who was in fact always good) said ...  
if you can't be good ...  
be good at it.  
good night (with a roguish wink)

*CELIA WILEY*

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DIALOGUE

## EMPIRICISM

Though it means practical, it sounds like 'crown.'

*EILEEN MYLES*

## EMPTY

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COLOR ART PORTFOLIO

## ENCYCLOPEDIA



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