

VICTOR Lilith, you've been sitting there patiently listening to everyone's ideas, which I know must have been awfully difficult for you. Are you going to enlighten us? How exactly is the world going to end tomorrow?

LILITH Solar flares, but they probably won't destroy the whole world. Anyone who's deep enough underground will probably survive the radiation.

EVE So we'll be left with a world populated solely by tribal-tattooed miners. Swell.

LILITH Maybe people with access to bomb shelters and what not as well. Of course, the flares would completely obliterate all power stations on earth, so any survivors will be plunged back into the dark ages, hunting for scraps just to survive.

VICTOR Lil, could you just refresh my memory, what did you tell us was going to kill us all a couple of months back?

LILITH A comet, but luckily that one missed us. This time however, I'm afraid it's a sure thing. A cosmic cataclysm that will leave few survivors. So it's a good thing we've got so much booze here! *Sits on an audience member's lap.* Hey, you're cute. Sorry about all the doom and gloom, what was your name again?

IVAN *to the chosen audience member.* Don't worry, we have an open relationship.

VICTOR Oh, is that what they call 'not knowing how to commit like a proper grown-up' these days?

LILITH I think this is great! I love that we're skipping all the small talk. I *hate* small talk. Talk should be medium-sized at a minimum. I've started a new thing where whenever someone tries to make small talk with me I just rapidly escalate it.

EVE What do you mean?

LILITH So if someone asks you, 'how's work?' you reply 'emblematic of a neo-capitalist society that is inextricably linked to an oppressively hierarchical patriarchy. Or 'hey Jim, how're the kids?' you answer, 'Gradually undergoing a process of cellular degradation that will eventually kill them, same as the rest of us. Give me anything, I'll demonstrate.

EVE Okay, how bout...'how're the renovations going?'

LILITH Same as all human endeavor, ultimately fruitless due to the inevitable Heat Death of the universe.

VICTOR Seen any good movies lately?

EVE I just watched Lumiere's six hour documentary on child trafficking, have you seen it? Raises some great questions about the inevitable ramifications of Western intervention into African civil wars. *To audience member.* You give me one.

Audience members and response.

LILITH You're funny. I like funny. Well, funny 'ha ha' not funny 'uh-oh.' I'm going to read your palm. Hrm. Oh wow!

VICTOR What do you see?

LILITH Very soft palms paired with beautiful calloused finger pads.
And we all know what that means. *Mimes masturbation.* No,
no, no. I'm just kidding! *Mimes 'I'm not kidding, he jerks off
A LOT.'*

What about you there sugarplum, hand me that
elegant hand of yours. *She examines it seriously this time.*
You...should see a doctor. Well, if the world wasn't about to
end that is. Do you want to come and talk to me about it?