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## SPEAKERS

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Editor 00:00

Just a quick note, this is part two of our live stream from Oakland. If you haven't already listened to part one, you may want to go back and listen to that one first. It's episode 33 called Live from Oakland part one. So this is part two enjoy



Kiernyn Darkwater 00:31

I'm Kiernyn



Eve Ettinger 00:32

and I'm Eve This is kitchen table cold



Kiernyn Darkwater 00:34

where two Quiverfull escapees talk about our experiences in the cultish underbelly of the Religious Right.



Eve Ettinger 00:48

Welcome,



Kiernyn Darkwater 00:50

welcome.



Eve Ettinger 00:51

Hey guys, we are two shots of tequila in we are in the same place together



Kieryn Darkwater 00:56

at the same time.



Eve Ettinger 00:58

Live from Oakland on Saturday Night!



Kieryn Darkwater 01:01

It won't be Saturday night when you're listening to this. But this happened in person and like this is the first time that we've actually spent like more than a couple hours right.



Eve Ettinger 01:11

The last few times have just been like last time it



01:14

was like literally 10 minutes between a layover that was magic that literally magic. I got to SFO or was it Oakland? I don't remember. It was SFO. And I like Eve came out into like the baggage claim. We met at the baggage claim. We hugged. We took a selfie and then Eve went back into security and I went back to Oakland. It was it was magic. I didn't I was like I don't know if this is actually gonna pan out



Eve Ettinger 01:39

phone was about to die. Like I have no idea how we made that. Yeah,




Kieryn Darkwater 01:43


but it was magic. And it was and then before that it was right before I moved west. Yeah.





Eve Ettinger 01:47


Might have been in Maine.


 Kieryn Darkwater 01:49  
Or was it DC? We met


 Eve Ettinger 01:51  
up Yeah. We met have been in Richmond. Yes. Met up and we had it was on your birthday. Yes. Mara was there we were at Raimeys bar. Yes.

 Kieryn Darkwater 01:59  
And Debbie joined us. Yeah. Yeah. We had like a little reunion right before I moved to the West Coast. It was wonderful. It was so good. I was so great. And we also like we met Carmen there. Carmen was there more. Everyone was there. It was great. It was so good. Ya know.


 Eve Ettinger 02:19  
And then, and then. Yeah, after before that the first time we met in person was up in Maine. Yeah, me.

 Kieryn Darkwater 02:28  
Yeah, it was like, yeah, yeah, that was weird. It was like, Oh, that's right. And I was like, he

 Eve Ettinger 02:33  
who shall not be?

 Kieryn Darkwater 02:36  
Voldemort was there and I was like, Ah,

 Eve Ettinger 02:39  
he's very private. And I want to respect respect that. Yeah. So yeah, that was a thing. Yeah. It

 Kieryn Darkwater 02:47  
was six. Yeah, that was also like very brief. Like I showed you my town that I lived in. We had done we had doughnuts.



Eve Ettinger 02:55

Um, yeah. So we're hanging out in the real times. Yeah, the real space. And we would like to talk to you about the things that you give up to honor the men in your life. Oh,



Kieryn Darkwater 03:09

my God. Yes. There is a reason I have very short, very blue hair is all I'm saying. It's



Eve Ettinger 03:17

an obstinate defiant problem. It has nothing to do with interest in style. I mean, it can maybe does



Kieryn Darkwater 03:23

but does but also like there's a lot of reasons kind of a fuck you. Yeah. Yeah. Okay,



Eve Ettinger 03:29

so we have a Bible verse where? But



Kieryn Darkwater 03:32

yeah, let me pull up.



Eve Ettinger 03:34

This is a good question from Twitter. Thanks, Emily. And she didn't actually direct this at us. But she was talking about this. And we thought it would be really interesting to cover.



Kieryn Darkwater 03:45

This is something that we have this is a verse we have read before when we were talking about head coverings at one time.





Eve Ettinger 03:51


This is from the King James translation. So we got a hold of these and 1000 years. Really fun. Yeah, sure. You read the poem last Yeah. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me and all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know that


all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying having his head covered dishonouring his head but every woman that prayer through prophesy with with her head uncovered dishonor with her head for that is even all one as if she were shaving. Yes.


 Kieryn Darkwater 04:37  
No shaved heads.


 Eve Ettinger 04:38  
What if you have lice?

 Kieryn Darkwater 04:41  
Did they even know how to treat lice? No, you just suffering that day? Yeah, like okay. I don't know what was the light. In biblical times do we know burning your skin? Yes.

 Eve Ettinger 04:55  
For the woman shall not be covered. Let her also be shorn. But if it'd be I can just see this image of like someone like holding a woman's down taking sheeps.

 Kieryn Darkwater 05:04  
Yeah, okay, that's what he wanted to evoke. Yeah, pretty much. But

 Eve Ettinger 05:08  
if it'd be a shame for a woman to be shorn or say shaven let her be covered for a man indeed ought not to cover his head for as much as he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man with God Yeah, lest we forget. For the man who's not of the woman, but the woman of the man, neither was the man created for the woman but the woman for the man for this cause the woman to have power all on her head because of the angels. This is always the one that gets me is like because the angels I'm like, what are they what do they want to read me? I don't know. But I think that's what it is something like that. It goes back to the Nephilim thing where they wandered the earth and like had sex with women I think it's because it was like stop tempting My angels.

 Kieryn Darkwater 06:00  
Yeah, it was your loose hair that isn't hidden. Oh my god, Eve, my pearls. my purity!



Eve Ettinger 06:08

I just took my hair down and like shook it inside. Um, whereas the woman is of the man I get it. Because of the angels judging yourselves is it commonly that a woman prey on to God uncovered? flashes to its death not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto Him. Have you seen lions? Right? Right. But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her for her hair has given her for a covering. Right? But if any men seem to be contentious, we have no such costume you know the churches of God so if you want to have pick a fight with him shut up and get out of the church.



Kiern Darkwater 06:55

Yeah, you're not welcome here. Women have to have long hair and men have to have short hair.



Eve Ettinger 06:59

I'm sure and as long as you have a moral disagreement about this you're gonna have to stay up



Kiern Darkwater 07:04

This is a Salvation issue



Eve Ettinger 07:06

I want to finish my joke! As long as you have a moral problem that this you have to stay off the worship team until you repent



Kiern Darkwater 07:20

until you repent when you repent and cut your hair or grow it out if your woman dependence So playing that song. It is very quiet. Sorry, guys. It's okay. YouTube didn't pick it up. I don't think the mic did either. Because the sound is not on that side. I really didn't realize it was okay. This is the handy thing about directional mics. So



Eve Ettinger 07:43

um, yeah, hair. This is the longest I've had my hair since I got married. I kind of feel weird about that kind of liking it kind of been long enough. But also like I used to have a like here.



Kiern Darkwater 07:58

 Kieryn Darkwater 07:50

Yeah, for a long time. Yeah. My hair used to be down to like the middle of my back.

 Eve Ettinger 08:05

Yeah, I remember that. See on YouTube. And then you cut it right before your wedding. You like cut it short.

 Kieryn Darkwater 08:11

I was still here, ya know. So like, yeah, I was trying to show my parents that I was angry with them by cutting my hair to my shoulders. Because that was scandalous.

 Eve Ettinger 08:24


It was not at their shoulders.

 Kieryn Darkwater 08:28

Yeah, it was longer because I hadn't cut it. But like, Oh,

 Eve Ettinger 08:30


is that like a TeenPact picture that you guys took? That was? It wasn't your shoulders? Yeah. It was like this back

 Kieryn Darkwater 08:36

to the back. Yeah, TeenPact. Yeah, but yeah.

 Eve Ettinger 08:39

Like that Alex and Brett Harris photo which Hard Things are these

 Kieryn Darkwater 08:52

so good. That joke is not gonna get old. I'm not sorry.

 Eve Ettinger 08:56

I am sorry. But also get used to it.



Kieryn Darkwater 09:00

Like it's just, it's just a thing. Okay. If you if you were a teenager in 2006 and had a book called do hard things and didn't know what that meant until you became an adult, you would also find it funny.



Eve Ettinger 09:15

This episode is called do hard things because of the angels. Yes



Kieryn Darkwater 09:18

do hard things because of the angels.



Eve Ettinger 09:21

Like fuck human men, because the angels are lusting after you.



Kieryn Darkwater 09:26

And I mean, really, if you could like, Fuck an angel get Angel powers. Like that's so much better.



Eve Ettinger 09:32

No, but my child would be a superhero. Not me.



Kieryn Darkwater 09:36

Yeah, I guess that does suck. Well, like. Okay. Yeah, no, that's true. That would suck. And then they would just be like, accidentally the school exploded when they sneeze and you'd be like my dude, cover your face when you sneeze we talked about that.



Eve Ettinger 09:55

Burn your arm off, or your classmates.



Kieryn Darkwater 09:59

Take OSHA. God. So talking about hair and how I finally cut my hair



TAKE OVER. GOD. SO TALKING ABOUT HALL AND NOW I FINALLY CUT MY HAIR



Eve Ettinger 10:09

what is the thing about the like the covering?



Kieryn Darkwater 10:11

What does that mean? That depends on which church you go to. All right,



Eve Ettinger 10:15

let's take them all apart. Yeah, do we need like a string. So I



Kieryn Darkwater 10:19

feel like I feel like we need to take over. You can't see it if you're listening. But people who are watching the stream can see the wall that has like photos on it, we needed to take over that wall and put some strings. But we're not going to because that's a lot of work. And we are two shots of tequila in.



Eve Ettinger 10:33

If you were at my house in Roanoke, you would see that I've done this not with string, there's no string on it, but it's no cards, and they're all color coordinated. And they all like our like, it's this timeline of like, when these books came out when these magazines started, like we were just reviewed above rubies in this last episode. Like all of it, yeah. And like when they came out who started doing



Kieryn Darkwater 10:55

so it's like walking into like a detectives home. Oh, yeah.



Eve Ettinger 10:59

Okay, I know people walk into my room and they're like, What are you tracking? And I'm like cults? I'm gonna more tequila now.



Kieryn Darkwater 11:07

Yeah. This is this is good.



Eve Ettinger 11:10

Okay, so which denomination did you grow up in? And what did they believe about hair?



Kieryn Darkwater 11:17

So my parents were nondenominational, which for those of you in the know, know, is an actual denomination.



Eve Ettinger 11:24

It means Baptist without a boss. It



Kieryn Darkwater 11:28

means Baptist, and you can dance and you can speak in tongues. Because? Because Baptists don't believe in dancing or tongues, because dancing, or sex leads to dancing. No dancing leads to sex.



Eve Ettinger 11:38

no, no dancing, if you're dancing, it means you've already had sex.



Kieryn Darkwater 11:41

Right? Ballet was very belly was it like I did ballet when I was a child. It was a, like, weird point of contention for a little while between my family, my grandparents who were Baptist, but it was ballet. So it was solos was fine.



Eve Ettinger 11:56

My mom who grew up here in Oakland, was a ballerina, and also did square dancing and Irish clogging and all this other dancing. And so she was like, really into worship dance. Oh, yeah. Which we talked about a couple episodes ago. Yeah. And so we could never really be Baptist. We believed everything. Except for that basically. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 12:20

Yeah. My parents wanted to have the freedom to like, sway and move and like, do the thing. So basically, everything baptists believe, but like, hippie, but without? Yeah, yeah, that's it.



Eve Ettinger 12:33

I'm like, if you can't see me if you're not on the YouTubes we are like, we are like having a worship service. We're just like,



Kieryn Darkwater 12:42

yeah, no, feel the spirit. The spirit. Oh, yeah. Yeah. What drugs were they on? And why didn't they share?



Eve Ettinger 12:55

I mean, I think probably the original Jesus movement where people were probably tripping on LSD.



Kieryn Darkwater 12:59

it, right? Like, I feel like everybody else had to just pretend like



Eve Ettinger 13:03

they did. Or maybe the worship team was tripping on LSD and nobody else. Headcanon!



Kieryn Darkwater 13:10

accepting it now. That's how that works. Okay. Church kids just got way more.



Eve Ettinger 13:14

This is why I wasn't allowed on the worship team as a kid because I wasn't I was not okay with LSD.




Kieryn Darkwater 13:20


See, problem solved. Cool. Anyway.




Eve Ettinger 13:25


Okay, so my church didn't believe in long hair head coverings. My mom liked keeping her head a bob, because it was easy to keep kids.


 Kieryn Darkwater 13:34  
Yes. Practical,


 Eve Ettinger 13:36  
really her reason was nursing kids. If it's longer than this, they will pull rabbits and she was like, I don't want that. That sucks. Yeah, so we're gonna like, not do that. My father would always be like, she'd come home with a new haircut. And she'd be like, come here. What do you think? And he'd be like, it looks fine or something like that. Because he just like he hated it short. And so me having my long hair was like his like, alternative. weird obsession.


 Kieryn Darkwater 14:07  
Right? Your mom wasn't listening to him. He could make you do it.

 Eve Ettinger 14:14  
I was like, I just like to keep my dad happy. Whatever I have to do to keep them happy. Yeah, so I didn't come here. Yeah,

 Kieryn Darkwater 14:21  
my parents like it wasn't a church thing. My parents just have a strangely anarchist streak. Actually.

 Eve Ettinger 14:31  
I wonder where you got it from.

 Kieryn Darkwater 14:33  
Weird. I don't know where that came from. But like for being fascists, surprisingly anarchist,

 Eve Ettinger 14:41  
I'm sorry. This year were you here? Yeah, sorry. That's a joke from earlier this weekend. Yeah, yeah.

 Kieryn Darkwater 14:53  
Yeah. So like, my parents didn't like me telling them what to do.

yeah. So like, my parents didn't like pastors telling them what to do.



Eve Ettinger 14:57

Well, neither did my dad. That's why we never joined like ATI, and Bill Gothard stuff. My dad didn't like people telling them what to do and he wanted to keep his electric guitar.



Kieryn Darkwater 15:07

So my my parents like we went to churches who didn't really care either way on the headcovering thing. But my parents for a short time, like they kind of waffled back and forth on it. And they did believe in head coverings for a while. But the one thing that has remained throughout my entire childhood, or at least like after my parents went way, right and conservative and religious was long hair. And they've waffled on whether or not Corinthians means long hair plus a covering or long hair is a covering, right? So



Eve Ettinger 15:41

that's, that's something that like, we read the King James translation. And that's usually how people who read the King James translation interpreted they assume long hair is the covering. There are other translations, some of the language is apparently vague in the Greek were, like hearing covering kind of get interchange back and forth all the time. And so some people don't really know what it means. So like when you have like, really Conservative Catholics, so we have like Mennonites, or you have reformed Presbyterian, they'll wear head coverings, because they believe that that is an additional requirement. And I think, you know, this, this, this goes, there's a long history of like women being required to cover their heads. So we have like, I think it's a shame over having periods, I think, to go back to our last episodes conversation, like there's a sense of like, yeah, because you are bleeding, you're not allowed in the temple, because you can bleed. You are an unclean being right, potentially. And so cover your head in shame. Right, exactly. I think that's generally how it gets it. And



Kieryn Darkwater 16:46

there was also a part of it that had to do with like, like, from my parents, because they're really into Jewish culture. They're like, Oh, and like, at some point, it means like, you're engaged, if it's some color, or whatever. We never really practiced that. But that was like a fun, like, fun, appropriate isn't appropriative bullshit thing that my parents enjoyed. They do that. Yeah. So my parents waffled back and forth on whether or not long hair was enough, and for a short period of time, they believed that it was long hair, in addition to a head covering. So my mom and I also wore head coverings. We tried to make all the girls do it, but like they were children. Keeping things on kids heads is just not a fight worth having.



Eve Ettinger 17:32

I mean, I have seen I've seen little girls wear head coverings and be fine. I've seen little girls wear head coverinas and not be fine. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 17:41

it just depends on the kid. Yeah. So my parents were really like, if you want to do it, that's fine. Mom is doing it...



Eve Ettinger 17:50

Once you have your period you have to do it.



Kieryn Darkwater 17:52

They weren't that mandatory about it. So that was the way it was. Yeah,



Eve Ettinger 17:56

she would be like if you were doing this, and she was like, this is your decision. Yes. How you interpret it. But if you're going to do it, this is the consistent way to do and like it's after you have your period, then yeah,



Kieryn Darkwater 18:06

yeah. For my parents. It was more vague. It was like if you believe God is calling you to do this, then feel free. And I was I was



Eve Ettinger 18:14

You could be more legalistic than your parents at a given point but like, don't be less.



Kieryn Darkwater 18:17

So my mom wore them. And I was like, Well, I guess I feel convicted. So I need to as well. And then I did and then like she stopped wearing them because she was nursing and the kids were taking out her hair. And I was like, Well, I will just continue to wear it. And then at some point, I was like, I don't really feel strongly about this anymore. So I'm just gonna not and it was pretty low key. But the one thing I always had to have her that was like, not just to my shoulder, but like to my shoulder blades, because, right, exactly, it has to cover your tits. So when I was rebelling after they broke me and my ex up, I cut my hair to like an inch above my shoulders, like that fall. And like,



Eve Ettinger 19:01



that means that you have made it to second base.



Kieryn Darkwater 19:06

And we had! But I didn't know those are correlated.



Eve Ettinger 19:12

We should talk about that at some point. Because somebody was like, Fine, let's just talk about it now.



Kieryn Darkwater 19:18

Yeah, we'll talk about it now. Now's the time



Eve Ettinger 19:20

when in my workshop tutorial, I was reading through my book, this chapter in my book, I was talking about like, where we were, where my ex husband and I are in our courtship process, right exploring things and how we hadn't kissed for like a really long time. But we've done a lot of other stuff. And basically, we like, had made it to second base before we made it to first base. And I



Kieryn Darkwater 19:44

think we did too, because kissing is



Eve Ettinger 19:46

like more serious, right? But tits are fine. They make food



Kieryn Darkwater 19:51

right? It's fine.



Eve Ettinger 19:53

Um, but so when these people in my class was like, you have to really make it clear Like the base thing, like, this is important. And I was like, is it though? I know it was they were like, you don't know what it really is. And I was just like, Okay. Like, I get its a good joke, but like, I'm


gonna use it but my standard is not in my book. Like, I don't know how that works. If you get to second base before first write in and tell us Yeah.

 Kiern Darkwater 20:22

Is it important to note? I don't know.

 Eve Ettinger 20:25

Do you think the bases analogy is like universal? Yeah. Because I feel like it's not that significant. Yeah.

 Kiern Darkwater 20:34

But I also like don't know, because

 Eve Ettinger 20:36

also like, order of operation stuff, like you can have sex without doing any bases.

 Kiern Darkwater 20:41

Right. So like, and like, what is sex? How do you define sex? anyway, all right. Yeah. That was the thing. That is the thing.

 Eve Ettinger 20:53

Yeah. If you are thinking that sex requires base, and I'm doing penis and vagina, hand gesture, you're

 Kiern Darkwater 21:02

wrong, you are wrong. That was something that like, actually kind of had to deal with while I was married, because I had vaginismus So like, penetration wasn't a thing. You

 Eve Ettinger 21:11

were actually my first introduction to that concept. Yeah. Like we had this like extended conversation. Yeah. And I was like, No, this makes sense. I like this. I like this idea. And then I've since dated several demisexual. And or trans people. And like, sex is what you make of it. And I think it's like actually really interesting, because I'd much prefer having sex with queer



people demonstrate people because it's like, they're much more willing to leave that binary behind. They're much more creative. They're much more like interested, more like how do we have fun here rather than like, get it in. Yeah.

 Kieryn Darkwater 21:45

Yeah, honestly, my best sex has been with queer people. And like, after after my ex and I got past the like, sex is the penis in the vagina, and you have to have babies like thing I think was way better because it was just about having fun. And it wasn't this like stressful thing.

 Eve Ettinger 22:05

It's actually a way to connect. And it's a way to play! because this my big soapbox right now. Adults don't know how to play.

 Kieryn Darkwater 22:13

This is why I love d&d.

 Eve Ettinger 22:14

This is why I love clubbing. Yeah, this is why I love dancing. And sex is also the way we play. Yeah, because we're not wrestling with friends in the playground anymore. This is the way adults do that shit. It's

 Kieryn Darkwater 22:25

like how can I make you feel good? I'm just following the sounds that you're making. Yeah, making it's good. Yeah. Anyway,

 Eve Ettinger 22:32

anyway. Sex is fun.

 Kieryn Darkwater 22:43

There's so much more anyway. So

 Eve Ettinger 22:45

hair covering. So your dad always dictated your hairstyle or your mom?



Kieryn Darkwater 22:52

Like, it was kind of both



Eve Ettinger 22:54

because I know it like usually comes from the dad. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 22:57

So like, my dad controlled my mom's hair. And my mom controlled our hair, which is this is something I realized in therapy. Literally two weeks ago, I was working this through I was like, because my dad was like pretty ambivalent to like us kids. And in my experience, my dad is way more lenient than my mom. And my mom was the one who upheld all the rules that we needed to abide by all of the like hair standards and modesty standards and patriarchal bullshit. That all came from my mom and my dad and I were pretty close and pretty good friends and on kind of the same wavelength for a while. And he was the person who I went to for support. And he didn't really like he didn't see him as authoritarian and my experience as my mom did. But as an adult now looking back and working through this with my therapist, what I'm seeing is my dad controlled my mom, and my mom controlled us to express her frustration at my dad controlling my mom.



Eve Ettinger 24:17

yeah. So you got a lot more like heavy handed stuff with her? Yes, she was getting a lot more like more manipulative Power Trip stuff with him. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 24:27

So like, my dad never let my mom cut her hair past her shoulder blades. Yeah, my dad never let my mom dye her gray out of her hair or do any kind of maintenance, with her hair



Eve Ettinger 24:37

That was a big thing at my house too. My mom. Since my dad left, she started dyeing her hair with henna. It's like really subtle. So she had this like, kind of reddish tint, kind of like I've got Yeah. Which like, by the way, sorry to disappoint you guys. Unless you are that man who asked me the other day in DSW. If my hair was my natural color, and I told you Yes, it still is, but everybody else cuz it's not, don't ask me about my hair. I don't care. That's just obnoxious. But it's out of a bottle and I love it and I have fun with it and it's just for me. Yeah, it's something to distract myself and make me happy





Kieryn Darkwater 25:13

Come to think of it. I never get asked if my hair is my natural color. Bright fucking blue.



Eve Ettinger 25:20

My people get confused about the red. So my mom dies it her hair a little bit like mine. Is this her hair is naturally a little darker than mine. She is like henna rinse. Yeah. And she's so happy with it. She loves her hair. Yeah, she had the strawberry blonde hair when she was younger. So this is like, you know, feels more natural to her. But she never did it when she my dad were together and it's because he was very strongly against her dyeing her hair. He was also very against her wearing makeup. Yeah, so that's why like, as a kid, I wasn't allowed to, you know, do much nail polish. Wear Makeup. Like I got pulled aside, we are at this family camp, and I was dehydrated and my lips get really red when I was dehydrated. And, or when I am dehydrated. And so I got pulled aside by my mom and she was like your dad's gonna kill you like to wipe that off right now. And I was like, wipe what off?



Kieryn Darkwater 26:17

What are you talking about?



Eve Ettinger 26:17

my lips were just like this bright berry red. And it's because I was dehydrated. And she's like, I don't know what's going on with like, My lips are just chapped. Like, I didn't do anything. She like scrubs at my face. And I'm like, no, really nothing coming off. This is just the color they are. And so that was again, like you're talking about the taking her taking out the frustration. She wasn't wearing lipstick she doesn't want to do. And my mom, like I'll give her this. She like grew up in Berkeley in the 70s and 80s. Like, she doesn't really have that much interest in makeup. Anyway, so some of it's just been her like, cool. You don't have to care, hippie mother thing, but she also was being controlled. So she, you know, pass that on. So now when me and my siblings like my sisters, and I will like wear a lot of makeup. And we'll do our hair colors and crazy stuff. And my little sister who's 11 wants to dye her hair and I do it. Like my mother loves it. And she's great with it because she feels like yeah, we can now like dad's out of the house. And we don't have to like worry about him getting upset. Yeah, here's another thing my dad used to really never compliment me. So I remember two times he complimented me about my looks, he complimented me a lot about my intelligence, which is, you know, part of why I am the way I am. Yeah, um, but he he gave me two compliments about my looks. One was, I made myself this jumper out of this like, heavy, almost denim kind of fabric. And it was it was navy blue, and it made a matching one that was like khaki. It was like, it was like homeschool boy pants, but a jumper Yeah. I would wear them with turtlenecks, which I hate Oh my god, oh, I can't wear turtlenecks anymore. Like I just I can't deal I always hated turtlenecks. Since I was a little little kid,



Kieryn Darkwater 28:20

my mom loved turtlenecks. And I was just like, No, please, no, no,



Eve Ettinger 28:24

I can't I can't do turtlenecks. So I I have like a really bad tangent. I'm not going to do that here. So I was wearing that with a white turtleneck. And my father comes out of his room and he like looks me up and down. He's like, You look really classy. And I was like, thanks. Thanks, I think. And that was like the one compliment. The other one was a longtime later. I had my hair and two braids. And he said Your hair looks really cute that way. And so I wore my hair and braids a lot when I was in high school in college, because I had gotten a compliment from dad about that. And that's super fucked up.



Kieryn Darkwater 29:16

Yeah,



Eve Ettinger 29:17

that's super fucked up. Like, and, you know, this is a kind of passive aggressive thing where it's like, you know, he's giving you the compliment as a way of like, directing you. whatever it was you did yesterday. Yeah, no, he's giving you this, like, you know, positive feedback because he doesn't like the last thing you did. And so it wasn't real compliment



Kieryn Darkwater 29:37

Yeah. So that was how my mom complimented me. Yeah, yeah, like my dad. My dad was actually really good at like giving pretty balanced compliments. Like he would compliment me on like how I looked, but he would also compliment me on like, being smart and being adept and being good at things.



Eve Ettinger 29:54

My mom was Marilla Cuthbert and still kind of is and I love her for that. Yeah, but she just liked didnt give compliments



Kieryn Darkwater 30:00

my mom. My mom's compliments are what really kind of mess me up because her compliments were always kind of backhanded. Yeah. And this is why when people email me and are like, Oh, thank you so much for taking leadership on this thing. You're so good at like doing these things and I start panicking. Does this I mean, I'm bad. Are you mad at me? Because I feel like this means you're mad at me? do I need to stop? Are you saying that I need to let someone else do things?



Eve Ettinger 30:30

The thing that sets me off like that is when somebody's like, we need to talk



Kieryn Darkwater 30:34

Oh, my God. Anytime anyone does that I panic. Like you did that. And I was just like. Like, like, I know, it's a joke. And I'm still like,



Eve Ettinger 30:47

I love my old boss from Barnes and Noble. He used to call me on the intercom or not the intercom but like, call me and he'd be like, Hey, can you come up to the office and need to talk to you? It's good. Okay. Yeah, don't worry, or don't worry, nothing serious. Or like, it's fine. Just I love it. When people do that. It makes the world of difference. So I don't like sit there be like,



Kieryn Darkwater 31:10

This is what my this is what this is what my friend Jesse and I do to each other to is it's like, we need to talk. It's fine, or we need to talk. It's this thing. It's like, context. So we're not freaking out.



Eve Ettinger 31:24

for like hours. Yeah, worse than out. Yeah. But so yeah, that's how it complements like are triggering requirements for like, a meeting or triggering things like there's all these like backhanded subtexts. I know, like, the first time I applied for grad school. I applied to a couple colleges, because I wanted to study the linguistic power of that stuff. It was all about like code switching and the subtext within, you know, fundamentalist Christian culture where, like, everything sounds fine at surface value, and has like, massive horror, subtext moral implications. There's, I was like, I want to do like a sociolinguistic analysis of this and like, how, like these things can compel people to behave certain ways. And they can say x made me do it. Yeah. And it did. But when you look at the text, it doesn't. The evidence isn't there




Kieryn Darkwater 32:21

Right? Yeah.



Eve Ettinger 32:23

I really wanted to study that. I'm pretty happy I got where I ended up. But yeah, but like that was really interesting to me. And still is,

 Kieryn Darkwater 32:30

this is something that I keep coming back to as well that I kind of touched on on the auto straddle piece I wrote about loaded language, but like that I keep wanting to go back and like put more into and just be like, this is like when when I see this, this is the thing I take from it, because this is all of the subtext. And this is like subtext.

 Eve Ettinger 32:50

I've asked for this before on Twitter, and I don't know if anybody has this, who's listening to this. But if you were a member of covenant Life Church, which is the flagship Church of Sovereign Grace Ministries, and you have a copy of their 20th anniversary celebration, set of skits, that church service, there's a DVD floating around that exists where they show all the skits that they did, and they did a lot of skits at that church and a lot of drama,

 Kieryn Darkwater 33:15

man, skits, we should talk about skits.

 Eve Ettinger 33:18

I was never part of any of them and thankfully, I was too busy babysitting kids. Yeah.

 Kieryn Darkwater 33:23

I got exempt from babysitting to do skits, but they were very preachy.

 Eve Ettinger 33:28

Oh my god, they're so bad. So but um, so this, this skit, has, like two women who were like, we're supposedly from covenant life, and then one woman who's like a normal secular person. And they're like, hanging out

 Kieryn Darkwater 33:42

after a normal secular we are doing air quotes. secular

 Eve Ettinger 33:45

means she's worldly. She's not a Christian, right?

 Kieryn Darkwater 33:50



Kieryn Darkwater 33:50

Basically a person who lives not in this cult



Eve Ettinger 33:54

I have to say, Wow, let me just add on this. Fuck you covenant life. You made that character a black woman? That's not okay.



Kieryn Darkwater 34:05

Oh my god,



Eve Ettinger 34:06

that's so racist. Anyway, um, so in that skit, everything is racist. So that skid has like these people like code switching for this woman. So these two women are like talking to each other. And the woman keeps butting in and being like, Wait, what are you saying? What does that mean? And everybody's like, Oh, that means this is here. Here. Let me translate for you in like normal speak. This means this. And I'm like, that was my first introduction to code switching when I was like, 14, when I saw that video. I was like, oh we do this. And so I remember writing like at that moment, like, in my notebook, like a lexicon of some kind of like, as a joke, which now I wish I had a copy of because yeah, I'm sure it's burned or something. It's gone. But I, man, we need to talk about that. That language stuff. This whole like that. That's what we did at the end. that verse, that passage that we read where it's like, you know, basically, don't bring this problem up like the the line is, If any man seems to be contentious, we have no such custom 90 of the churches of God. And under the translation, say something like, you know, if you have a problem with this and you want to quarrel about it, like, don't do it in a church. Or something like that. Like that's not godly. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 35:26

dont debate the matters of God in God's house.



Eve Ettinger 35:28

That is a command. That statement is a command. It's a passive aggressive command. Like these compliments, like these comments, like, those braids look good.



Kieryn Darkwater 35:40

Your hair looks cute, like every single compliment I've ever gotten from my mother has always had another meaning to it



Eve Ettinger 35:47

Yeah, so fucked up. And so yeah, it's, it's, it's really heavily loaded with this, like, do this behave this way? Repeat this thing that you've done, because I'm giving you a compliment. You must like repeat it. Yeah. And so it's just very intense to like, figure out in person. Like how what did he mean what's sincere what do I take seriously



Kieryn Darkwater 36:11

yeah. Oh, my God. Yeah. And then the gas lighting...



Eve Ettinger 36:15

yeah, so I to you know, cut my hair in rebellion when I went to college, but it was sort of a just I wanted to do it. And I was like, Well, mom can do it. And she's not being told she's being unbiblical. So whatever.



Kieryn Darkwater 36:28

Yeah. Yeah, umbilical.



Eve Ettinger 36:33

Yeah. So I was trying to be not umbilical and I cut the cord and I cut my hair too. Good job. Thank you. I was I was wondering, yeah,



Kieryn Darkwater 36:44

yeah. After like, I cut my hair to my shoulders, which is very scandalous. And my parents, I was trying to piss my parents off. But instead they were like, oh, no, you're just like getting over your breakup. And I'm like, I'm still angry about that. And this is why I have like a shaved head and a blue Mohawk. Anyway, it's not even a mohawk. It's like a tuft. It's a tuft of blue



Eve Ettinger 37:12

It is a tuft. you look like some kind of chicken? that's kind of a compliment.



Kieryn Darkwater 37:16

Yeah, when it gets when it gets longer. What I do is I like pull it forward, and then it like curl has like this. It's like a low pompadour. It doesn't go up. It goes down. Yeah. But anyway, again, yeah, I like just progressively cut my hair shorter and dyed it more and more flamboyant colors.





Eve Ettinger 37:37

But so the rich the original tweet that this whole conversation comes out of was talking about, like Trump follower, women have the same hair cut. It's kind of that same thing where it's like, yeah, you can't cut your hair. So it's always going to look a lot luscious and long. And usually you can't dye your hair unless it's like blonde.



Kieryn Darkwater 37:58

I remember when I got my hair dyed the first time, which was actually just before my 18th birthday, just before I left. Oh, I did my my parents allowed me to get some natural highlights. Yeah, that was the first time I dyed my hair and the people who were dyeing my hair were like, oh my god, your hair is so good. It's so healthy. And I'm like, please, please, please make it colorful. Please do something to it. Please mess it up



Eve Ettinger 38:26

I had a similar conversation with this woman when I first moved to Virginia where she like looked at my hair. Because at that point, I had like kind of similar to my natural color, but like with like some really bright blonde highlights because they just come out of Virginia. Sorry, out of California. And so I had like dark brown. I had some red because I am my mother's daughter and there's a little bit of natural red in there. And then I had some black blonde streaks. She was like, where did you get your hair done? And I was like, What do you mean? And she's like, You didn't go get this in a salon? And it was like, no, no. Like, people would pay so much of your hair. And she was like never dye it and my dad was like, Yeah, don't. Yeah, so it's like, it's like moments like that where it's just like this, like accumulation of these like little comments that just like lead you to be like, cool. I can't ever do this because this is going to fuck things up. If I like cut my hair super short. I got a pixie cut. And I remember being so nervous going home for the first time that I made a friend come with me. Yeah. Shout out to my friend Emily wood who was an angel.



Kieryn Darkwater 39:29

Mara was the thing when I got my first pixie cut. It was wonderful. Nobody was



Eve Ettinger 39:33

with I was alone when I got my first pixie cut. But But Emily came home with me. It came with me. It's good. And she was there. Like when my family saw me like that. And they were like, Wow, your hair looks like and the best part of that day actually was that my sister, my baby sister, who's 11 Now she was like, six at the time, five or six. She wanted a pixie. Oh, I'm usually the go to for my family for giving haircuts. So she was so I gave her or a pixie cut. And my mom was like, really into it and like really enthusiastic and my father was just like, and he


like didn't say anything he like was silent and went upstairs. So like a pout about it or something. Because he had like long blonde hair. Yeah. And now she had like this like, scruffy Peter Pan style pixie

 Kiern Darkwater 40:20

pixie to was like, kind of Peter Pan style. It's so cute. It's so good. Yeah, yeah, I got it done in Virginia when I was visiting Mara. And it was amazing. And I was just like, I had gotten shorter and shorter. I'd like gone from shoulder length to like here to like, my chin, Bob kinda thing. And then I went down to Virginia for my like, 22nd birthday, and I got my first tattoo and I got my first Pixie, nice and I got my first hangover. It was a good time. It was a good time. had my first girl sex, it was good. we broke so many Virginia laws and it was so yeah,

 Eve Ettinger 41:02

by the way, if you were ever bored you should really look at the sex laws in Virginia that are still in the book like either the lights on or off. I don't remember which one. Yeah. You can't have cunnalingus all this Yeah, you can't. You

 Kiern Darkwater 41:16

can't do oral we I think know what it was is like I did oral with the lights on and I broke like five laws. Sorry, Virginia, not sorry.

 Eve Ettinger 41:27

Fuck you, Ken Cuccinelli. Yeah. So he was the former Attorney General of Virginia who's trying to get those laws reinstated, like as active laws on the books at that point. But um, yeah, so many years.

 Kiern Darkwater 41:42

22 was a good year I came out

 Eve Ettinger 41:45

and were you feeling 22?

 Kiern Darkwater 41:48

I guess so. But I didn't know what that meant at the time. So



Eve Ettinger 41:51

sorry, Taylor's horrible. I'm sorry. I'm mad. Yeah. Yeah, um 22 was the year before I got divorced. So it was not bad. The next year was shit. Yeah. Yeah. But yeah. So do we have anything else?



Kieryn Darkwater 42:12

I feel like we do. I feel like we probably scroll down in the notes.



Eve Ettinger 42:20

Well, we Oh, okay. Yeah. headcoverings No, we got it. We got it all



Kieryn Darkwater 42:23

Yeah. All right.



Eve Ettinger 42:25

So if anybody has any questions, you can email us at [kitchentablecult@gmail.com](mailto:kitchentablecult@gmail.com).



Kieryn Darkwater 42:31

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Eve Ettinger 42:51

pay for our Tequila. So you get great episodes like this. And also plane flights. So you can get better episodes like this



Kieryn Darkwater 42:58

yes, because it would be cool to see each other in person. We're often you know, see each other twice this year, but hey, you know, I'm so excited about it. Whatever it is, that's a line that we talked about Two episodes ago is great. Jupiter, I think it's Jupiter.



Eve Ettinger 43:14



Jupiter is happy for me. It's my Saturn return. Yeah.



Kieryn Darkwater 43:18

Anyway, anyway, our star charts are good this year. So please help us keep them functioning, I guess



Eve Ettinger 43:28

is coffee because we're gonna be hungover tomorrow and we will



Kieryn Darkwater 43:30

need it. I'm also making brunch. I need to get shit for mimosas.



Eve Ettinger 43:36

Okay, so my Venmo is HAEttinger.



Kieryn Darkwater 43:39

And mine is mx Darkwater. I'm also Yes, thank you. Thank you for listening. Thank you for watching. If you've been with us this whole time, amazing.



Eve Ettinger 43:49

We have two people still left with us. I want to just left. Okay. Thank you for joining us for joining us. We love you.



Kieryn Darkwater 43:58

And we'll see you next time. All right. Bye.