

LIFE IN HELL

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BINKY'S GUIDE TO LOVE
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CHAPTER XII: 9 COMMON RUTS

LOVE SECRET #16: BEFORE BEGINNING AN ARGUMENT, LOVERS SHOULD AGREE ON THE GROUND RULES SO THAT BOTH PARTNERS CAN BE SATISFIED.

RUT 1: YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF LOSING LOVE THAT YOU NEVER GET STARTED AT ALL.
 HI. HI. OH, FEEL IT.

RUT 2: LOVE MAKES YOU CRAZY, NOT HAPPY.
 JUST BECAUSE YOU FEEL LOVELY, UNHAPPY, HEART-BROKEN, AND DEPRESSED DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A LOSER.
 WHAT WAS THE LAST WORD YOU SAID?
 LOSER.
 YOU'RE RIGHT. I AM A LOSER.

RUT 3: YOU PLUNGE INTO EVERY ROMANCE WITH ABANDON, ONLY TO EXPERIENCE EXTREME REGRET.
 I THINK WE SHOULD SAY TERRIBLY HORRIBLE THINGS THAT WE'LL LATER REGRET.
 I THINK WE SHOULD KISS AT EACH OTHER UNTIL WE'RE BOTH COMPLETELY NERVOUS.
 I SAID, WHAT'S FER BREAKFAST?

RUT 4: YOU ONLY GO OUT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE UNSUITABLE FOR YOU.
 YOU SEE, THE SPOTTED OWL IS JUST A SYMBOL FOR THE WHOLE ECOSYSTEM.
 ECO-WHAT?

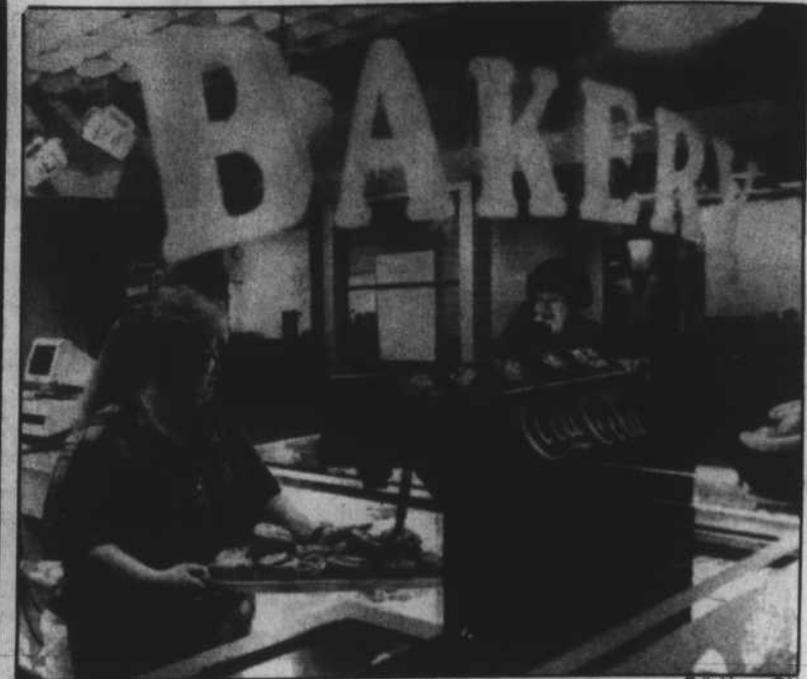
RUT 5: YOU FIND SOMETHING WRONG WITH EVERYBODY.
 YOU DEALPHABETIZED MY CD COLLECTION!
 I'M AFRAID THIS RELATIONSHIP IS OVER.

RUT 6: YOU ALWAYS GET DUMPED JUST AS THINGS ARE STARTING TO GET INTERESTING.
 THAT WAS THE MOST INCREDIBLE SEX OF MY ENTIRE LIFE.
 YES, BUT THINGS JUST AREN'T WORKING OUT.

RUT 7: YOUR LOVER WON'T MAKE A COMMITMENT, AND YOU'RE TOO SCARED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
 HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT MARRIAGE?
 HEY, DON'T RUIN A GOOD THING.
 LOOK, A NEW COMIC BOOK STORE!

RUT 8: YOU CAN'T MAKE A COMMITMENT BECAUSE YOU MIGHT BE MAKING A HORRIBLE MISTAKE.
 I'M LONELY AND BORED AND WORRIED AND FRUSTRATED BUT IT'S NOT SO BAD WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD ON.

RUT 9: YOU ONLY DESIRE THE ONES WHO DON'T DESIRE YOU.
 WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE?
 NOT REALLY.



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Tammy Hennecke places cinnamon rolls in the display case at the Nebraska Union Bakery.

Bakery lady serves union

By Wendy Mott
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Students wait in line for what seems like hours, scrape the sleep out of the corners of their eyes and stifle yawns; then, she's there to greet them.

With a steaming cup of gourmet coffee and a tempting cinnamon roll, she is known to most only as "The Bakery Lady."

But as early as students have to be on campus, Tammy Hennecke, the bakery lady herself, must be there earlier.

Hennecke has worked in the bakery of the Nebraska Union for four years. She gets to work every day at 5:30 a.m. and stays until anywhere from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

She said she liked many of her customers, especially the regulars. She said many bakery patrons stopped in every day.

"Everyone's usually really friendly," she said. "Sometimes they get a little grumpy around finals week, but that's understandable."

Hennecke is something of a celebrity, both inside the union

and out.

"People who see me around campus always say, 'Hey, you're the bakery lady,'" she said.

Those people don't know Hennecke has a husband of four years and a life outside the city union — a life completely unaffected by her bakery lady fame.

Working in the bakery isn't the kind of job she takes home with her, she said.

In four years, Hennecke said she had learned the intricacies of the bakery by heart.

"Pretty much my job is making coffee and popcorn, waiting on customers. And smiling — just kidding," she said.

But if the bakery lady doesn't bake the doughnuts, who does?

Hennecke said most came from the Hy-Vee bakery and some of the rolls and pastries were made in the union's kitchen.

She said the temptation to swipe doughnuts and cookies from the bakery shelves had passed over the years.

"Brownies and popcorn," she said, "are another story."

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