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## I Left My Slippers, And My Dignity, In Austin November 22, 2009

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I am pissed!!! I played (if you can call it that) in a volleyball tournament in Austin and I left my favorite wool lined slippers at the bar the tournament was held at!!! So, now there is some douchebag person walking around in my nice, warm, woolen slippers and here I am with cold feet. \*sigh\*

Anyway, I played with Shane... and I played terrible. I passed like hell, didn't side out real great, set terrible and didn't play defense. If you look at Shane and myself compared to the rest of the teams there... we were probably the 4th 0r 5th best team out of the twelve that were there. Ummm, we didnt even break pool. Ummmm, we won ONE GAME!! WTF??? ONE GODDAMN GAME?!?!?!

So, I will now head to Third Coast and play some stupid 4 on 4 volleyball and have a chill day, with no cares while I try to regain my dignity after totally sucking yesterday.

# The Court Is Smaller When You Play With Only Two People... And, Drew & Travis Are Better Than You Are, So Shut Up November 20, 2009

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I realized something last night. Normal people have no concept of what high level volleyball is like...

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So, Josi and I were watching Tiff play 4's last night. (Just as a sidebar to this... Tiff should not be playing 4's... ever.) Anyway, we were watching her play 4's and we ended up talking to Kyle's (a guy in Tiff's team) girlfriend. It was the normal small talk about how young Josi is, and how he should seriously take advantage of the fact that all of these older women want to take him to bed and corrupt him, but he isnt interested because, god knows, there is something wrong with abnormally hot 25 year old women that ask you to leave a Halloween party and go to another Halloween party and pretty much have a billboard on their forehead that says "I want to have sex with you". I, personally, hate those kind of women \*rolls eyes\*. We finally got past the fact that Josi is either stupid, or has so much moral turpitude that he turns down hot chicks, even when they are throwing themselves at him, and we move on to volleyball. Josi asks her if she plays and she says... "No way... These people are way too good for me." Josi and I exchange a knowing glance as we watch some guy hit a scorching shot that tips the radar gun at 3 miles per hour. Then Josi comments on the fact that the court is so big. She looks at him in complete, utter disbelief and says, "Arent all the courts the same size?" Josi and I proceed to explain that the courts are different sizes when you play with two people as opposed to four people and she still really isnt getting the concept of the different levels/types of volleyball... so Josi tells her about a time when Drew hit me in the chest with a ball and the ball ricocheted off of my chest in the air about 25 feet and travelled about 40-50 feet over the ball stop net onto the other court. She basically still didnt get the fact that we were telling her that the people she was watching dont really hit hard and (except for Tiff and Kyle) are pretty much terrible volleyball players. This then got me to thinking about Drew & Travis and the crap that they have to deal with....

Alot of you dont know that I played professional paintball for 7 years, and I am considered one of the top 10 players to ever play the game. Here is a link so you can see what pro paintball looks like because I am sure none of you have a clue...

### http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Otoi4ZfyDkE

Now that is out of the way.... Drew & Travis are good. Not just good at volleyball. Good at everything. I am going to focus on Drew because I dont know Trav that well. Drew is good at sports in general. Before I was friends with him I could tell he was an athlete. I thought he was a douchebag also. But still could tell that he can pretty much be good at whatever sport he chooses to play. Then I got to know him and he is arguably the most chill person I have ever met, not a douchebag at all and pretty much a great athlete. Anyway... When I played pro paintball I used to listen to the lower level players talk about how pro players werent that much better than they were, and that if they had the sponsorship backing that we did then they could be just as good. Ummm... yeah... right.... no you cant be. I would listen to it and just smile at them and politely tell them that they are out of their minds... It takes practice and natural god given talent to be truly great at something. Same thing applies to Drew & Travis. I hear people talk all the time (I listened to a group of them last night) about how this person and that person and this person and that person could compete with Drew & Travis. Ummm... yeah... right... no they cant. In the state of Texas, unless your name is Tim, Colin or Daniel you pretty much can't compete. So, I sat there and listened to this all go down last night with these people talking about how they would like to see so and so from their college team play against Drew & Travis and how, Drew really doesn't hit that hard, blah, blah, blah.... and I figured something out.... People really have no concept of reality and cant give credit where credit is due.

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I am very aware of what I am in the volleyball world. I am a pretty strong athlete who is a decent volleyball player. If I play with Drew I become a really good volleyball player. Put this into perspective people... Let's take Drew & Travis' in state tournament record out of the picture for a second because I think, other than 4th of July and one other tournament when Travis was hurt, they didnt lose an event in state this season. I have watched Drew play open play over the last 3 months with different partners almost weekly. I have seen him lose a total of 5 games out of approximately 200-240 (3 of those 5 were playing with me). Ummm, shouldn't that tell people something (other than the fact that I suck)??? That is 200 games against all types of players! Not all of these players were terrible and not everyone that Drew played with was good!!!

God, it was so hard to not tell these people last night to shut up... (a)



#### Souper Salad = Foodgasm November 20, 2009

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For those of you who dont know the absolute heaven that is Souper Salad, let me explain...

First, you walk in and the place is amazing. Like, perfect. You go to the register and you pay your measely \$7.99 (\$5.99 on Tuesdays) for the scrumpdeli-icious goodness that awaits you. Then you proceed to the salad line. THEY HAVE CHILLED PLATES!!! I love this!!! Anyway, you get your chilled plate, (for those of you who are uncultured. they chill the plate to keep your salad cool) and you proceed to the salad portion of your meal. Now, I wont lie. I usually skip this part of the meal because Souper Salad is so much more than soup or salad. But, for the amateurs reading this I will lay out the salad portion for you....

Salad- Picture a smorgasboard of salad at your disposal. Three different kinds of lettuce. A premixed ceaser with amazing dressing. A plethora of different fresh veggies to choose from. And, to top it all off... 8 different dressings. Also, just in case you want a little dessert right away... they have shortcake, strawberry topping and whipped cream at the end of the salad bar!!!!

Now, onto the best, most amazing, colossal parts of Souper Salad...

Soup- Four different kinds of soup!!! The vegetable beef is my favorite but the sausage bean soup is phenomenal also! They also have a nice chili that is always very delicious. Literally, you can have as many bowls as you want!!! You can even take a soup, and if you dont like it, get another one!!! It is amazing....

Bread-OMFG!!! They have the best bread ever. I seriously have an orgasm every time that I bite into the blueberry bread and then I have a secondary orgasm when I eat the corn bread. For those of you that want some variety... they have regular bread, garlic bread and ginger bread as well. Seriously, I would give up sex to have an endless supply of their bread.

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Extras- Pizza, a taco bar, a potato bar and ice cream with all the sprinkles you can eat!! Are you f-ing kidding me?!?!?!

ALL OF THIS FOR \$7.99!!! Whoever the owner of Souper Salad is... I want to thank you for making my life complete. You have made me whole, and to quote Jerry F-ing McGuire..."You complete me."

I am now going to get ready to go eat there. I need to prepare for this being as I will undoubtedly have a foodgasm and I dont want to embarrass myself in front of Bethany...

### Happiness Is In Houston November 19, 2009

Posted by mike47721 in <u>Uncategorized</u>. add a comment

### Happiness =

- o My friends
- Volleyball
- Sitting in the sun at 3C and just chillin with DHam
- KReis not getting mad for me leaving her at the restaurant last night to go play vball
- Seeing Maggie for the first time in a week and her freaking out because she is so happy
- Waking up next to AY
- Napping with Maggie after AY goes to work
- Tiff Chew adoring my picture with her
- Thursday nights
- o Saturday days
- Watching AY actually kinda snowboard properly, somewhat
- Kris Dennemann IM ing me and saying "Mike!!!" because so many good things are going on in her life that she wants to tell me them...
- Subbing with some guy last night that I have never met in my life and actually doing pretty well in playoffs

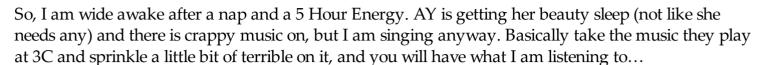
And the funny thing about this shortened list of things that make me happy is that they have all come about by me moving to Houston. So... thanks Houston for making me happy...

## 90 Miles Per Hour, Switchin Lanes, Like Whoa... November 18, 2009

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There has to be some sort of law against blogging while going 90 mph, in the dark...



This trip to CO was filled with so many twists, turns, falls and laughs that I will have a hard time putting it into words, but I am anxious to try once I get home.

Aight y'all, back to NASCAR-ing around semi trucks...

- "I'm not speeding. I'm qualifying"
- "I'm not tailgating. I'm drafting."
- "He didn't run into you. He rubbed you. And rubbin, is racin."
- "I'm pretty much the best there ever was. I wake up in the mornin, and I piss excellence. I'm just a big hairy winnin machine."

Breaker 1-9, Breaker 1-9. Fluffy Bunny Feet over and out!!!

## Home Sweet Home..... November 17, 2009

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I can't wait to be home so I can see my friends. I have never missed anyone in my life and now I have a whole group of people I miss...

I had a great time in CO with Angelica. As usual she makes everything better, she's just like that. Snowboarding was drewsome and she actually did ok...

So, I am 10 hours from home and can't wait to be there...

## Sitting On The Edge Of My Seat At DIA November 14, 2009

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I am sitting at the airport in Denver waiting for her, and I have never been this excited to see someone in my lifetime.

This trip is about to get 1,236,652 times better... (a)

- -Brunch tomorrow at the same hotel I got married at
- Snowboarding at Breck on Monday
- Meeting Tuesday at 2PM. Then driving back to Houston

Hurry up and get here 8:23PM!!!

### Exhale A Deep Breath.... November 13, 2009

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#### 7 comments

Holy Deer... The last week has been stressful. It all started with a 6AM flight to Denver on Monday and now, as I sit in my hotel room watching the snow, is finally over.

Things are finally almost over here in Denver, and as I sit here I feel relief for the first time in months as I finally have a direction and some closure. I will tell the whole story in due time, but let's just say that the last 7 months, and the subsequent outcome, have irrevocably changed my life.

It is amazing to me how all of this came about by meeting my ex wife. Her life is forever changed by this as well and as many of you know, there is no love lost between her and me. Even though meeting her has led me into the biggest challenge of my life, I would not go back and change it. Because without meeting her, I would have never changed and been the person I am today.

I am so lucky to have amazing people who show me they love me in each of their unique ways and I hope they all know that I love them and would do anything for them...

The best of the best are:

KReis- She has been there through it all and is my soulmate in friend form. She is irreplaceable.

DHam- He texts me to make sure I am ok even though I know it is hard for him to be interested in others lives(just kiddin Dham). He makes me laugh more than anyone I have ever met and I pretty much think he is Drewsome. He is the first guy I have ever loved to just be around.

Angelica- No words can describe this chick... Bullshit!!! The words, "absolutely perfect in every way" describe her perfectly. She is amazing and I am so excited for her to get to Denver.

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Traci- She defends me all the time and is pretty much badass. She knows snippits of the story and has been super supportive.

Tiff- She's just awesome and she knows it and I love that she knows it.

Bethany- You are pretty much one of the coolest girls I have ever met. I promise that you won't always "just be friends" with every guy you meet. You are way too amazing for that.

Josi- Chill ass dude. Love playing vball with him and I am pretty excited to see him grow up over the next few years, being as he is a youngin...

Other people I love but don't get to hang with as much are; Jesse Peyton, Jesse Lewis, Amberlyn and Evan. In short, my friends rock. You are each unique, and I love all of you for being unique.

Peace out from snowy Denver!!

## And the sign says, Welcome to Colorado November 12, 2009

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Stoopid sign... It should say Welcome to Purgatory. That would be appropriate in regard to me, being as this state has held me in limbo now for almost 7 months deciding my fate... I hate it here. Literally hate it. I am missing my favorite night with my favorite people (Thursdays with Drew, Josi and Shane) because of this crap. I am missing the last vball tournament of the season (I have not missed one since June) because of this crap. Screw the volleyball, I am going to miss hanging out with my friends and just having fun because of this crap...

I hate this place. I lived here for almost 10 years and I have NO friends here. NONE!!! How sad is that?? I have lived in Houston for one year and I have a core group of almost 15 friends and expand that group just a bit and it goes to 30 very quickly...

Eff you State of Colorado!!!

## 20 Miles Til Abnormally Large Rodent November 12, 2009

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I am now 20 miles from being in the same area as the worlds largest prairie dog. Question... Does the worlds largest prairie dog eat really tall grass or just a lot of it?? And, does it have extra large fleas???

Edit-HOLY DEER!!! They have badgers there also!!! Wonder if they are of the Honey variety and, if so, could a Honey Badger kill the worlds largest prairie dog??? They must keep them seperated right???

I have now FB'd, texted, blogged and talked for almost 12 hours and because of this I barely remember driving!!!

I am now 268 miles from my hotel bed!!!

Oh... funny how I knew that my high school friends would be all up in arms about my ultra hilarious abortion post on FB!!!

Five Hour Energy is amazing stuff!!!

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