

Young Wives' Tales

Editor's Note: These are excerpts from a letter Alice Morrison

(Dale's better half) sent to Virginia Knudson (Kevin's wife) last August. Many MAGCS wives will relate!

Thanks for the membership welcome letter. It's good to know that I'm not alone...that there are other women who feel like a single parent. Well, I know I am married—I have a ring!

I feel I have two husbands, you see. In the summer months, I have the tan, trim version from whom I receive a peck on the cheek sometime before the sun rises. Of course, I'm in the deepest sleep stage and my brain is not functioning. I'm always a bit startled when he plants it on me but then I am happy after I realize what it was.

I see the tan, trim version in his awake state for approximately 20 minutes in the evening before he zones out on the couch, the pale light of the TV screen illuminating his debonair profile with mouth wide open and the sound

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of strange noises coming from . . . I don't know where!

Then comes wintertime and I get the pale, paunchy version. He screws up my whole routine just by being home. I know he lives here and pays the bills, but the kids and I are just not used to seeing him day in and day out. The kids are like, "Mommy, who is that strange man on the couch downstairs? He says he wants to take us sledding. Should we go with him?"

Oh, the days of winter drag for me and my pale, paunchy one. He busies himself tinkering around in the garage or trimming trees in February. He tries to act happy but I see the longing in his eyes for that first sign of spring. Eventually, time grows short for me and the pale, paunchy one; soon Mr. Tan and Trim with the startling kisses will return and all will be right with the world!

So there is my interpretation of life with a golf course superintendent/construction man. Of course there's more, but that will have to wait for another day. 



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