

All About Love

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We are Straight Rich White Ladies. Congratulating each other. We deserve it. So silenced, are we. You are the BEST! No, YOU are the best! Oh, I promised myself I wouldn't cry. Awwww, I love you guys.

I am a Straight Rich (not-white) Lady. I'll play along. I *do* wonder about the cost. Well, not the cost-cost, you know. I mean, I do have mutual funds – oh and the *best* financial advisor! Giggle, I *love* her – She's sitting right there. She's got my financial back. My back, the bridge, the cost. Awww, you guys! I *love* you.

I mean, Ain't I a Woman?

Uh, isn't that what Sojourner meant? Anyway.

We Straight Rich White (and not-white) Ladies have to tell our stories.

Giggle. THAT's what a clitoris looks like? Who knew?

See, men, they keep all this from us. Giggle. The pink dildo. Giggle. Bye-Bye girls, off with my new friend now. Robust laughter.

We Straight Rich White (and not-white) Ladies love working with couples in our jobs as knowers of all things. Love to see the husbands and wives connecting, communicating.

We Straight Rich White (and not-white) Ladies are pulling back the curtain on our oppression. Oh, giggle, there is a *man* in the room! It's ok, giggle, he is an honorary woman today.

Oh, what does THAT mean? Cis-what? Weird. Anyways, we are all the same.

We are Straight, Rich, White (and not-white) Ladies.

So much love! We are *all about love*.

Sorry, what? But we tried to involve them. They wouldn't answer our emails. We tried *so hard*. If they don't want to be included, then what are we supposed to do?

Anyhoo, we had a Black truth sayer at the end of the day. She, I mean, they, oops, he, oh gawd, I mean she, they? Shared their voice at the end. We were gathering up our gift bags and flowers, swapping stories about our financial struggles.

Straight Rich White Lady 1: Are you travelling this year?

Straight Rich (not-white) Lady 2: Ugh, no. I am feeling kinda poor right now – fingering her large diamond wedding ring, twirling and twirling. Both kids in private school, you know how it is.

Straight Rich White Lady 1: A knowing look of concern. Nodding, nodding.

But the truth sayer closed our event! Ain't she, oops, they, or she? A woman?

Sojourner who?

Awww, I *love* you guys.

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