

What's **up**? Me, **I've been** better.

There was no way I was gonna dump \$2,000 into a car I paid \$750 for.

I hated **to see it go**, but **it's not like** I can't find another **one for under** a thousand. **Not a man of my resources, anyway.**

I've got my **feelers out at all times, in the event of such an emergency.**

Anyway, on top of my car troubles, I've been working as a security guard at this warehouse. Man, what a shit job.

The first few nights were **fine**, I just **took it easy**. **Pretty soon, though**, I started **getting tired of just sitting** there, so I started **making like** I was **chasing down** terrorists.

I was having a great time. But then my gun **accidentally went off.**

Nobody's said anything yet, so I **figure** I'm **in the clear**. **Ever since then, I've played it careful.**

One good thing **about** the job is, there's no boss **around to ride me**, but, man, I'm **about to go nuts with boredom!**

The reason I'm writing is that Eddie's behavior **has been freaking me out lately**.

He posts a calendar **for us to mark off** which days we are using the **laundry facilities**. I once **put** a mark on **the wrong** day, and **instead of simply erasing** it, he went out and **got** a new calendar.

I could live with his **quirks, I guess**.

Eddie doesn't really **frighten** me, but I'm **uncomfortable around** him.

The thing is, I would hate to have to move out. **I mean**, the **rent is cheap**, I do have my own room, and I'm **getting along great** with the other roommates. **Where else** would I be able to find that?

I've been **thinking pretty hard** about this the **past** few weeks but the only solution I've **found** is to **work late** and spend **as much** time in my room as possible. **I wonder if you have** any other suggestions.

As a matter of fact, I do. It **sounds as if** Eddie is a little **nuts**. He's a **control freak** and I don't think he's **about to** change. Start **looking around for other living quarters pronto**, and **see if you can find a pal or two to join** you.

You've got to do something **about** Mike.
You have to tell him that you **don't** think
the two of you are **working out**.

I haven't **brought it up** yet but
I'm **working up to** it.

The longer you put it **off** the
worse he's going to feel.

I'm quite **capable of dealing with** difficult
problems in a sensitive **mature way**.

I was just **settling in** for some pizza when Ron **showed up** with three people I'd **never seen** before.

I didn't know who **these people were**
so I asked Ron **about** them, and **it**
turned out he didn't know them too
well, **either**. Apparently, he **used to**
work with a couple of them.

I gave him a **dirty look** to show my
disapproval, but Ron's **such a moron** I
had to **underscore my point** with a
smack to the back of the head.

Being home alone for the weekend **might be just the thing** for someone in my **state of mind**.

His emails **have been extremely dull**, asking for news about football (**it beats me** why he can't **look up** the facts **on the** internet) and **complaining about** the school food.

Despite all the bad **stuff** that **had** happened, I thought dessert would more than **make up for** it.

I **had** Patti **turn down** the lights as I carried the dessert into the dining room.

"You must eat a lot of these," Craig said. **That did it.**

I put the dessert down and **marched** to our bedroom, because **that's where** the guests' coats **were being kept**.

I **rushed over to** Arthur and noticed that something was **sticking** from his mouth. Arthur **had choked to death** on my Beanie Baby. Well, after that, the dinner party just **fell apart**.

This **staff has been working** under me for a long time, so **it's only natural** that they'd want to show their **appreciation by throwing** a little party **on** my last day.

It's only natural that they would want to **blow off a little steam at** the end of the week. **Even so**, I really wasn't **expecting much** more than cake, and maybe a **card**. **Frankly**, I was surprised when I **found out they'd hired** a band.

While he said he was **aware** that he had a reputation **for being "something of a hard-ass,"** he **had** always **assumed** that the staff appreciated his **contributions** to increased productivity in the workplace.

After the party, **though**, I'm not sure what to think. I know they were joking **about wanting me to go**. But **everyone sure** was **getting into the joke**.

The party, which was announced with photocopied **flyers taped** to nearly every wall in the office, **was scheduled to last** from "5:30 p.m. til ???"

There were 10 people **left by the end**.

You'd figure that **on a Friday**, people would want to go home and **get a head start on** their weekend.

I **didn't leave my party until** 10:30, and it was still **going strong**. **If anything**, it seemed **to be picking up speed**.