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ficiently desperate, women see potential boyfriends everywhere. For some reason, this insight could not be successfully derived from the word "desperate."

Tragically, life sometimes involves lowering your standards and making tough decisions.

Being single means "being alone for extended periods of time," a state the author probably finds herself in. A lot of good comedians have made light of singlehood. Chances are they have avoided suggestions about how to use single time - like "snorkeling, crochet, and suicidal ideation."

According to Chocano, the meaning of sex is really different now, if you haven't noticed. She even wrote an unfunny little contract that you can sign before sex, stating that the two lovers are not required to think of one another after sex, and the act by contract implies no emotional attachment at all.

What is love, anyway, aside from a liquor-fueled period of psychosis?

CARINA CHOCANO
AUTHOR OF "DO YOU LOVE ME OR AM I JUST PARANOID?"

It might be useful if you haven't already thought of this and every other overdone relationship joke. She even redoes the old idiom about how you won't buy the cow if you get the milk for free. People, she writes, "decline to purchase livestock when their dairy products are obtainable gratis."

Someone tell this relationship columnist to be quiet for a while. She wrote for Salon.com, which should probably rank high on some top 10 list about how the mighty have fallen. There, she has covered television and some entertainment news since 2000.

It has the pleasant side effect of giving her one big red flag of a fan base. Take it from one Richard Gleaves, who wrote to Salon.com, "I've fallen in laugh with Carina Chocano's writing. Will it go out with me?" Yes, yes it will.

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