Hey, Girlfriend!

I just had to tell you the latest scoop on ASTEF and our chapter. The craziest things happen in both places. And believe me I'm here for it!

I'm so excited we got a speaker for the ASTEF ticketed event at San Marcos, and I was part of the selection process! Strangely, they asked me to sit in on the speaker interview via Zoom. I figured they wanted me to prepare some questions for the prospective speaker, so I did my due diligence and had some thought provoking, intelligent questions prepared.

I liked the speaker candidate right away just from looking at her. She had pinkish-colored hair, and I always say hair color choice is a good indicator of a woman's ability to get a job done. I knew this woman was bold, forward thinking, and quirky enough to mesmerize a bunch of teachers.

When it came time for questions, my flabbers were gasted because I actually got a chance to ask my brilliant questions. Toward the end of our Zoom interview, PychoSuzy asked if anyone else had any other questions for our candidate. I quickly spoke up and said I had some very thought provoking questions prepared and they would help me make my decision about Ms. Pinkish Hair. Mind you, they hadn't asked me to come up with questions but I wanted to be prepared in case I was asked if I had any questions. I just couldn't wait for the other ladies to hear what I had prepared. I keep asking myself, "How did I even get on the board?" You will understand when you hear my questions! Ms. Pinkish Hair literally played a game with my questions of This or That! Okay, here goes— "Salad greens or chocolate?" "The actor Mark Harmon— *St. Elsewhere* or *NCIS*?" "Romcom or historical fiction?" "Charcuterie Board or kiddie pool filled with food and adult drinks?" What the heck-what's the deal with these questions?

But you know what? Just from her answers, I knew this was our girl. She never skipped a beat, and she answered almost every question like I would. Ms. Pinkish Hair knew what she was doing playing This or That. My brilliant questions did the job for me and the others. Who woulda thunk it? Miss Pinkish Hair will be a fabulous speaker for the ASTEF ticketed event!

So let's do a little compare and contrast of the interview with what happened at our chapter meeting last night. One slightly feral sister has mousy brown hair. Of course it's colored, but why? We were discussing our chapter newsletter, and Miss Not- Bold- Nor -Forward -Thinking brought up AI. She swore it was evil and called for a standing oath about it. When do we do standing oaths in DKG? Well ok, we do but not during a newsletter discussion. So this sister is just scary enough that we all shakily stood. She demanded we raise our right hand and say, " I solemnly swear that I will not use AI for my projects." We repeated. She continued, "Artificial Insemination will never ever be used by us." *Say what?* Well ok! We emphatically stated that we would never use Artificial Insemination for *anything*, and the standing oath carried. Can't wait to read the minutes!

You know we seldom unanimously agree on anything. It was a beautiful sight. Compare/contrast. Pink hair vs. mousy brown hair; *joie de vive* vs. scary intimidation. I tell ya hair color makes all the difference in how the job gets done.

The ASTEF board has a cool fundraising campaign coming up absolutely not created by Artificial Insemination and lots of fun and some different activities for convention in 2027.

Whew! I'm totally wiped from all the hard work. Until next time— I think I'll do a little lolly gaggin. And maybe like they say, "If I shenan once, I'll shenan-igan."

See you soon,

Lady Secret Sister