

Hi Friend,

First they tried to get my children to read books. Then they made me use those mushy paper straws and tased any retail employee who dared utter the words, "Merry Christmas." Now they're saying my gas stove is problematic??

It's true. But once again, Dems find themselves finger-wagging on the wrong side of the discourse. Yeah, your gas stove may be killing you, but what the hell am I supposed to do when I want to make babaganoush or chile rellenos? Am I not allowed to toast naan or tortillas on an open flame? And God forbid if I want to flambe!!

Sorry libs, but the sweet, sweet smell of gas (and the odorless poison of all the methane I'm inhaling) reminds me of home and allows me to cook to my full potential. Fire adds to the danger and sexiness of cooking. And I hate how those electric and induction cooktops blend into the counter and look like something out of a college dorm's communal kitchen. Anthony Bourdain would NOT approve!

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Books

• Hummingbird Salamander by Jeff VanderMeer

- **Strangers to Ourselves** by Rachel Aviv. Maybe the best intro/prologue, ever?
- The Left Hand of Darkness (god what a title) by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Movies & TV

 Have you seen I Hate Suzie?! You should watch it. A B-list celeb meets Me Too and can't catch a break. So heartfelt, so funny, includes a notable what's-his-name from British TV that really leans into the villainous bitter husband role. A+++

These are called "pieces" for some reason!

• The Romance Novelist Who Faked Her Own Death. Look, I get it.

It's a low of 39 degrees today in Florida.

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