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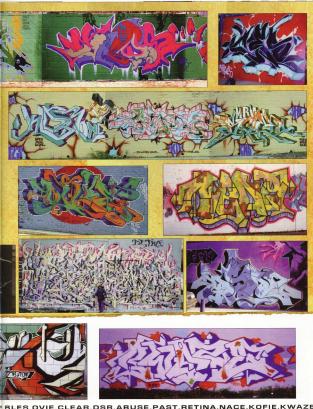


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so how's it going, pal?

well, start with the basics. Now long have you since '82, so 17 years this year. I did my first piece at '13 in a small town outside of chicago... It said SIR HIP-HOP!! sir was first ag. ... short for air chill [my b-boy name]

what made you start? it was the typical graduation from breaking, yknow, doing crew logos and t-shirts and stuff. wild style is what really got me souped up to paint though.

for those that don't know, where did att come is started att in the mid to late "80s when i was in high school, it consisted of a few of my friends. I was already in the hit men, but they were an east chicago based crew and I was in the downtown, so we didn't get to hook up allot and hit men wasn't getting

a lot of downtown exposure, so i started att in order to have a downtown crew base that consisted of the guys i was painting with in the city, its first meaning was "aerosols top terrorists", then i changed it to "authorized to terrorize, but most recently it

has stood for "abstracting the typography". plus are a couple more favorites such as "apocolypse two thousand" and "always talking trash".

i've noticed that you have influenced a lot of kids styles, any



your letters and style, face it, you can't do everything on your own and more writers need to relax and learn a little humility. I'm 100 percent, for biting, as long as the biter recognizes his source and gives credit when and where it is due, otherwise, it's just blatant robbery and an insult.

what's the craziest thing that has happened to you because of a graff?

probably seeing other people i never met from cities i've never been using my style or an adaptation of my letters, truly crazy stuff!!!

how's life in the mountains? .
i miss skyscrapers. . .nuff said.

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you and emit seem to have a
thing going on, what does your
wife think?

yeah, emit and I are pretty tight now, we figure two e's are better than one!! and sometimes I let my wife come along to shake our paint, she's down with that.

does emit ever try and get you to go raving?
yeah, but i'm not into that techno nib jib, it's

year, out if the trace teams in joints all about queensryche and rommstein! I'd rather jump on somebody and drill him in the face in the pits than dance around, like some fruit loop, to computer noise!!!

i bet you feel really inferior in the presence of the true white boys (me, dalek and merz). maybe...but they still know who's the

do you really think you could win a dance battle? i dunno. but i f i don't win one of these battles, i'm gonna send 'em all marilyn manson

posters every week until they die!!!
if you didn't paint, what would
you do?

collect welfare (maybe model green thong underwear and jean jackets?) that didn't pay, though. it was just that once for rod stewart's band.

what keeps you going after all these years? just knowing that around the corner

is some guy who's gonna blow me out of the water. but i wanna know that when i land, i'm gonna make some huge ripples! i'm not about to stop or give up on something that I've put this much time and effort into. when you spend this much time on something it doesn't bring you closer to the end, instead t shows you how many new beginnings to shows you how many new beginnings



way up we had noticed some steps missing from the fire escape, so we would straddle the rail to get around 'em. well, on the way down, (at about the 5th or 6th floor) another step gave way, the one i was standing on. i fell fast but luckily not far because i was holding the outside edge of the rail. i fell and my arms went on either side of the rail supports catching me in the armpits.







On a rainy evening in late April, two of Minneapolis' linest journalists, Khaki Bikini and (The Untouchab)plef Robard call an artaching white frainestone encursed rubu baseball caps, met with Evok to discuss fined fining, love and his latest business venture: Taco in a Cup. Inside his plush 4 bedroom bungato overlocking lake Minnetonke Evok stares blankly out the window and incoherantly mumbles something about the movie Simon Birch.

Khaki- How's shit going with your girlfriend? Ewok- Uhh, it's been kinda weak...

Def Ro-What are the problems? EK- We don't really hang out that much. She's busy all the time with school, and i'm kinda on this crap lifestyle where I'm either working at a crappy job, or trying to set up something where I can work at a crappy job. She's on this fast track to success and is having second thoughts as to whether or not I'm ever going to turn into a responsible.

adult.
K- Did she or did she not say "I don't trust anymore that you are going to be a

successful art person"?

EK- She said uhn, I want to quote her directly; she said if used to think that you were going to be successful, but now!

"I remember one time I stepped on somebody elses band-aid, and I had to peel it off my foot, and from that point foreward, I couldn't walk around pools, showers without wearing andats.

K- So she has no faith in you?

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you'd say "whatsup" and then you wouldn't really give her the time of day. EK - was just keep n it real. K-so that's how it went down?

EK Well, no I was not to her but you know; I didn't want to be a luckin stasyboy about it.

K- So you basically didn't know how to be in a relationship. EK- Yes, that is correct. I did not know how to be in a relationship. (dumb laughter)
K- Alright, talk a little bit about wearing
flip-flops in the shower. -Explain to us

why. EK- I guess it started out... Well, do you want the whole long version of the story, or

the short version? K- Ah, just be brief.

EK- Alright, I think it started in my middle school, which is actually where I was telling you about the pool and the Norwegian girl". But yeah, around that time there'd be little clots of hair and dryer limt lookin stuff

everywhere; -it was disgusting. Ro- You took showers in school?

EK- Well, it was a big public school; we had a pool so we had to swim in gym class or whatever, and I'd walk around and see all this junk on the ground.

K- (proudly) I never took a shower in school once.

EK-Nobody ever wanted to, but we had to every once in a while. Yeah, but by the pool or pretty much any place that's wet, where my feet have to touch it, and there's hair and other unknown dyer limly type dirt stuff, it's just not good. Like I think I remember one time I stepped on somemy less and to the stuff of the stuff of the my less and to the stuff of the my less and to the stuff of the my less and to stuff or out we not sands!

K- Even if that shower happens to be your own shower where you are the

your own shower where you are the only person that lives there? EK- Yeah well, after a while I learned to deal with it when it was my own shower, I sort of forced myself to take a shower with-

out sandals; but it took me like 3 or 4 months to take a shower with no sandals on.

Ro-What about the grass? Do you walk an the grass barefoot?

BEK Yeah - II do that, my main concerns are heir and band aids.

K- I feel you on band aids; I thought I

saw one in the shower the other day, but it was just a wrapper from a shampoo bottle... Alright then talk a little bit about being poor.

EK- Well, it's not cool, it pretty much sucks, but I'm not really sweating it. It's just a temporary thing right now being broke. K- How many hours a week are you working right now? EK- I'm working about 30 hrs. a week at my

regular job, (telemarketing) but I'm working all the time on freelance stuff; some of it pays ok, but most of it doesn't. I'm basically just paying my dues.

K- Describe your hair, it's texture and what kind of chemicals you put in it.

and describe how it looks.

EK-I'm going for the natural, "I'm not concerned about how my hair looks" look, because that's basically my attitude about hair right now. I see it as being hordedine.

hair right now. I see it as being borderline effeminate to be overly grooming hair or using a lot of products in your hair. K-Would you give any more thought to your hair if you dight have a girlfriend?

EK- Perhaps, but probably not a lot more. I think it looks alright. I have good days and I have bad days, but overall I just don't really care.

K- Do you think your stomach looks alright too?

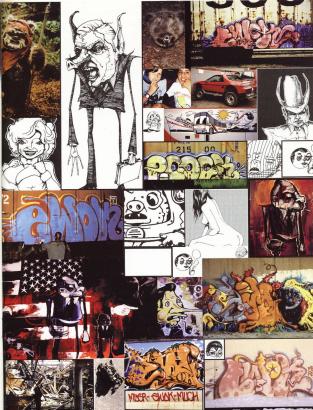
EK- I could lose about 10 pounds, but it looks better than 3 months ago. Being broke helps me lose weight.

K- how much do you weigh?

EK- I probably weigh about a buck 65 maybe.

K- Talk a little bit about your brother. EK- Well, he's almost a foot taller than me and I'm like 7 years older. He's real weird: he's always making stuff, like these funny little inventions and shit. He's real into gadgets. He takes apart all this junk and makes stuff out of it. It's like that phase that every kid goes through, where you make stuff and spend like 12 hours on some worthless piece of crap that you could basically just go out and buy for cheap. Last I saw, he was working on this walking stick that he made out of a pool cue. He internally wired it with all this crap- it's got this glass knob on the top that lights up when you turn it. I think he was trying to put a switchblade in the other end that would pop out when you push a button. -For what reason, I have no

idea. He's on some poor man's James Bond type of shit. K- Let's talk about your game on the court. (more retarded mocking laughter) are we talking about Air Bud or Air





east enter and view continued...

the step crashed down onto the steps below knocking about a 6 foot section out from each set of stairs it hit, so there were almost no steps left to get down on, dase and i ended up walking on the rails spanning our legs and arms across the gap where steps used to be, kinda like on all fours but facing up. when we got to the bottom i yelled and screamed from adrenaline sayin "this is what we do this for!" i was pretty siked at the

whole near death experience, but I left a warning on the wall for any other writers who might want to follow suit.

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favorite place you've been? the river wall on a clear cool night in kansas city with two or three of my buddies painting and having a great time of it. kc is the graffiti writers playground!!!

who influences you, name five. .

currently i find inspirations and influences from my crew take flight with new pieces and productions it's a whole different experience to see what they do when i'm not around, annoying them or fighting with them over what should be done to what and where, as far as outsiders it would have to be swet, revok, nace, ces and anything by dvs/aa crews (my hat goes off to them)

real quick, name a good color scheme (how' about purple and green)

ahahaha?

classic and can't go wrong color combo is: baby blue and brown baby, yeah! any comments for the future graff writers?

zulu nation rocks on to the breakabreaka dawn it's

what do yo dislike about graff? the long boring interviews mostly, and big headed idints who won't be around for more than a few years anyway and if they are around no body will care because they think they've done it all and that they are the all to end all but in reality they're all washed up!!!

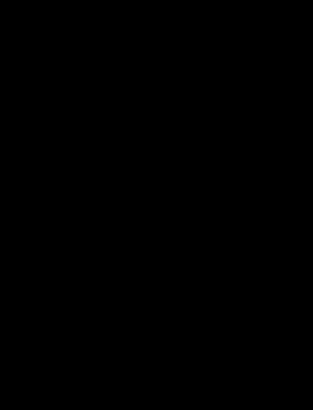
what do you feel is the most important aspect of graff, or what is your main focus geared towards? illegal activities!! when you stop doin' may as well stop altogether, sissies!!!

where do yo wanna go with your graff (goals)? wanna go where the walls are and the where gettin' over is good! my goals are simple: keep developing and never stop painting illegals. how did you get your own holiday? i traded a paper label, notch top icy grape and a 'rigid economy mon' cascade green for it stupid!!

and the shout outs?

the second best "e" i know emit, my crew: dalek, krie, aero, dase, last, quisp, emit (again), kuaze, chucho, scribe, jaser, merz and my pics's: nyse, giant, femme, rov2, iher, espo, just195, optik, sagent, rime, sub, gaze, vade, kevin wood, gmoney funk, ill and my best friend poss, also i would like to take this opportunity to blatantly push the crews i'm down with: df. am7. dlv2000, brothers of metal.ncm, tfc, nsl rocks ontil

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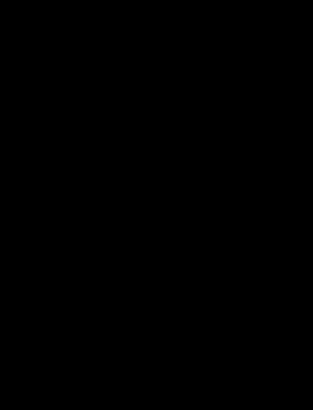














to his style, but to his inspiration. Sage: who do you run with?

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Pose II: the crews it true' prepresent are
UM-to the fullest, with King Bee who's up in
the bronx still don' his thing. He just is in that
radius where he lives and dight expand which
is unfortunate. He's paintir'. I ran into Per and
Tidd, at the time we were paintir' and we
were like, yo-we got to start
a crew, so Per, who's a hard rock muther

fucks provided the leadership, he had the vision to run a crew you need a hard rock muths fucks, straight upand down, so we started FX. The FX crew's original members were Cope 2.Pose 2, Normal, FER, TKID. Serve, and King Bea, you see it on video, we paintin' this wall and PER kept sayn're come up with a crowname, and Das FX was

playin', so I was like, "FX snappin necks live FX" as soon as i spit it out PER was throwin' it up on the wall, cause everything we do mutha fuckas are breakin' their necks to see the shit, man, no bullshit, the firet wall we did in Wester Park, the whole week it was allover New York was like, yo, did you see that FX shit?everybody was feelin' it. we went nuts and started painting, then Ces and Clark got down, a lot of members came and left for personal reasons. FX is a steadily evolving crew the good thing is, in FX everybody's got there own style then europeans got down and ship really escalated. Daim and Hesh came over with their 3d shit combined with the fattest shit at the time from New York, it was like the hottest combination in the world, you have the fattest 3d shit combined with the traditional style, at the time all the big productions were noing on with the crew, I had no time vo- I'm a family man and i can't take 5 days out of my schedule to paint a wall, i can't do it, i've got to take care of my family, i mean i tried it but? do my part of the wall but it just created a

conflict, i play my part in the crew, i'm like this

more responsibility, so you don't see as many FX productions comin' out but you see quality shit comin out. Sage: what was up with that dissin shift

dssin the FX wells?

Pose II: Well when you're on top people just try to knock you down. FX was blowing up crazy spots in the Bronx and some people were tired of at they were like where's'my sunshine, no one shines a light on my ship!

lets put the FX fireout, you can dis a wall, by you can't take away the fame, so some disk members were saying we're not hawn, is though they were head huntin' cause don't think you can cross out FX and think its all good believe me everything has an effect.

I was bombing out there. He saw Pose, wegywhere sq he started bombin' and I was like, who's this Change cat? At the time I was sirbrushing at a store called All Day Sirbday, doing airbrushed graffitzi shit. Charjae dame in and boom, boom,

Lay statisty toning airon-toning grants as his. Challeg came in and boom, boom, boom, boom we met and started bornbair together and both and the same time. That shitted was het, Now Zone, Pen and a whole bounch of other mothertuckers are left to continue the legacy. When did that all happen? July when New York trains were blower up, I lives bornbair Rochestor I would other home and born the trains would expend home and born the trains.

blowin j.p. I [was bornbin' Rochester.] would copen home and bornb the trains but nathing to take pictures of I was heavily bornbin' the in sides with Peser from Yorkets. INT, he was the king of the number ones on Broadway yo. He started the Vamy Squidt too. We used to wreck

shit.
Sage: When was that? What time?
Pose II. If writing since 1976. I don't know that bepold know how long five been writin. Ill 1979 that's when!! stopped right. Illad 2 major comebajks in the 80's. I what to college, in upstate New

York, I started Bombin' upstate, I destroyed my college vo. They had this art building right, but there was no art in it. so I started dom' full color pieces down the hallways. Piece after piece, at night. I got locked in thier and barn- i did that shit. The teachers yo, they knew who did it, some loved it and some hated it, but fuck- i didn't give a fuck, i was there from 81-86, southat's why i got no train fame, cause i was upstate getting my degree, but I wanted to be there. Mother fuckas I started off with, like Say, who's down with the FC Crew he started writin' graffiti, but when he got with me, he heardabout me in Yonkers, so he was movin' up to Yonkers from Queens and was knockin' on my door, he was like, yo you piece? let's

go piecin, elwa mike, by dou pecer less go piecin, elwa migh, cid this while piece, boom, boom, boom, go eway to bollege, i come back and start check in the trains and SAY man he was rippin shit. I twas like this kid is n

man he's rippen shit, it made me feel good but, it made me feel bed too. im upstate, glong to school, i got/fame just not that new york fame, you know what fm sayin?

Sage: but you brought out other kid's Posell: yeah, rodhester remembers, i'm still not on the level where i want to be in the Graph world, but i'm happy doin' what i'm doin'. i just keep doin' what I'm doing man the ones i really respect in the graf game, is the number one person Vulcan. cause that kid was an original muchafucka if there ever was, to be that original and different takes the biggest balls, graffiti is critical, we criticize each other a lot. in the 90's the graffiti people see this style is hot, so everybody focuses or that one style and a lot of people follow/the trend but there are thousands of hot styles out there, just don't give attention to one fuckin' style. Vulcan was like. I'm doin' my own shit. He was not doin antows, he did like 5 three ds, with 2 shedbws. He didn't follow anyone's shapes, so'l look not

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some shit have some fun. you don't have to get chased, don't have to best mothefuckes up.

Sage: you think if back in the day in NYC if there were legal walls, would they all be

Poses III: hell, yesh, there would be chill bornibary. Poses III: hell, yesh, there would be chill borniban, there's legal wells now and there is sail bornibar going on. lock at europe, they got legal yeshe but they still bornb. that she always exest, these my still, you specify the size of th

same scenario, however here in the states their not open-minded enough to conceive that cocept, you understand my point. there is drugs, drugs came from a natural plant, you can take the same cocaine plant and turn it something that can be used to help some one's health or you can take the same plant and abuse somebody's health, and graffiti is the same way you can take some of that shit and destroy fuckin property or you can take that shit and make some beautiful shit. it's not good or bad but understand it! that's all i'm askin for like people in philly, don't stamp out the whole shit cause you ain't, you should embrace some of it, give some areas where people can paint, and just because you give a legal area, don't think that mothafuckas stop

fución heard, your not hearin' me, you know that willy graf, writers startod printing, why it came from the ghetto, we weren't heard, we got money we got no vocio en this city. were not politicians, our voice was writing on the wall. If you don't get heard, your gonna be helieve me is a small thing compared to some other shit that people do, anything to get it. off, 'm' just a latte controlled now, not so out.

bombin! people need to realize yo'. i want to

express my self graffiti is sayin, i wanna be

of control anymore.

Sage: it seems like philly has a big grafficiseen but no one here seems to be promoting the art.

Pose II: well there was, but it's no longer.

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On the Go's gone and their's unfortunate, so
people don't get to hear what a goin on. the
philly hip hop soene right, is so raw, so underground, it still has the raw essence in it.
mc's like rall-sheel little chef camenche and the
writers like the poets and everything you got
own real talent, philly is like incubator of tal-

ent that's so underground man that people just don't know about it, even the artists themselves have this problem, there's no vehicle, that's pushin' philly's scene to the world, it's underground! cos' there is alot, of fuckin'

i can't put my finger on it. it's just unfortunate and i myself don't have the time and energy to put out a magazine or anything like ø that, but i feel i do my part.

Sage: What kind of destruction did you use to get into? I killed shit on the illegal tip. But I'm not in

that stage of my life right now. I destroyed cities, manRochester, New York, I started graffitti there. That was in the front pages of the newspaper, and that's how I met Change.















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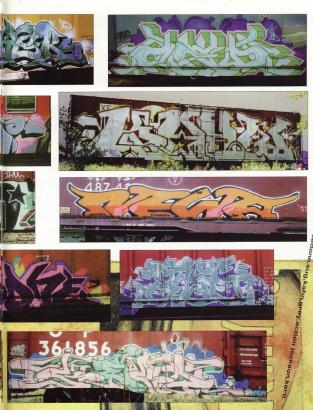


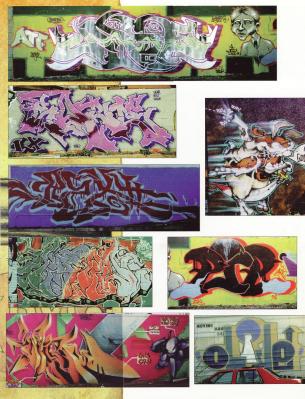












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#### ewok finishes his thoughts...

## Jordan?

Jordan? EK- I'd say say somewhere in between Air Bud and Air Jordan... they both were winners- just like me.

S- Do you have dwarfism?

EK- Yes (laughing) -I'm the same fuckin height as you are!

Ro- 'Cept not really.

EK- How tall are you?

EK- Nope. Ro- Whatever!

EK- Nope.
Ro- So let's get this straight, You're short,

your brother's a *Trekkie* and you have some funny Elmer Fudd game on the court. EK- No. I'm average height, my brother's not

a trekkie, and I ripped you and went coast to coast for two on your ass yesterday. Ro- Did we talk about your diet?

EK- No; my diet usually sucks. In Chicago it was mainly ice cream, cereal and Wolfgang Puck pizzas, and I went through a phase where I was eating Nutella on bread for about 3 months straight.

Ro- What do you eat now? EK- Right now I'm eating a lot of Strawberry Julius', cheese subs, sometimes I make

rice... and powerbars.
K- Ex-girlfriend turned dyke: -did that happen?

### EK- yes

Ro- How? EK- Girls are like, "after I've been with Ewok, what's the point?- It doesn't get any better than that..." K- How come you can't do an impression

of someone without covering your face? EK. Hdon't know, I don't really think about it; it just happens: I guess in a waird subconscious way. I figure that II-my impression sucks and brover my face, people won't be able to see me and then somehow it won't be

seem as bad.

K- What's the deal with G.G. Allin? Why
do you admire him so much?

EK- I think it's just because he was the optiome of just doing whatever the fuck you

want. Essentially, he got a huge following of people that came to watch him act belligerent, purch them in the face and shit on them; piss on them: -it's like you can't get much fooler than that.

K- Do you think that it's unacceptable that kids are writing things like Zephyr and

kids are writing things like Zephyr and Cope and Push in our city? EK, Ah, year pretty much. I don't know what makes some dumb kid want to nominate themself the ultimate sucker by ripping of a prominent writer's name. That's like; I'm

gonna be an actor, and my stage name will be Robert DeNiro. -It's just stupid. K- So I hear that you're real into graffiti

gossip. EK- I think that graffiti gossip is possibly the most boring thing in the world. It does not interest me one bit.

Ro- If you could say something to all the graf gossipers out there what would it be?

EK- Basically I'd say just get a fucking lifeyou know? Something so trivial in the grand scheme of things ... - It's like, there's kids in trench coats blowing up schools and shit, and we're out here walking around writing our names on stuff... It's really not that big of a deal getting all wrapped up in who's in this crew, or who's got beef with this person, or who's fucking who's girlfriend; it all just doesn't even interest me at this point. Every one's gone through their phase where they were all caught up in being starstruck about what Twist is doing, or this person or that person is doing, but when It comes right down to it, we're all just people who write on stuff. -Some are better at it, some do bigger fancier stuff; but we're all just people who write on things. There's so many other relevant things about people that I don't even want to waste my time with stuff as trivial as that. I don't really give a fuck about what Karch Karaly (semi-famous olympic volleyball player) does in his time off, so why would I care what some 15 year-old kid, who decided it would be a good idea to start writing Cope last month, thinks about anything. .......

# \*This was footnote was added after the inter-

view, was completed because I realized that it may have been misleading to leave it as is, so here's the story: Ewok dated (and he uses this term foosely) this Norwegian girl that went to his school in 7th grade. He was reminded of her by the aforementioned talk about the pool. For whatever reason, they made the boys line up on one side of the pool, and the girls line up on the other before we started swimming. "The first time I saw her, she was directly across from me splashing water on herself to get used to the water temperature. I remember it like it was yesterday: -her soaking the front of her tight standard issue baby blue one-piece gym swimsuit with water. She looked across at me with one of those 7th grade Playboy tooks..." "Hands down, she had the biggest breasts of anyone in our class- probably even bigger than most of the teachers. She was very hot and very mature for her age." After saving all of this it is important to note that, for the record, he never had sex with her, and didn't even think that he ever kissed her. "It was just one of those dumb kid relationships..." he shrugged awkwardly. She did however give him a tape by the hair-metal band Europe which featured the hit single The Final Countdown, 'They still sometimes play that song during the timeouts at NBA games to get the crowd hyped, but all I can think about is a huge pair of [ breasts dangling in front of me from across the pool..."

the end of interview



