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Getting a Wiggins and Being a Bitca: How Two Items of Slayer Slang Survive on the *Television Without Pity* Message Boards



[1] It's not news that *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* is one of the most verbally creative television shows in history. *Seinfeld* and *The Simpsons* are its only rivals in the production of neologisms, slang, and memorable one-liners, and discussions of the linguistic contributions of those shows can be found in *Verbatim: The Language Quarterly* (see McFedries, 2003 and Peters, 2005). "Slayer slang"—as named by its strongest proponent and primary recorder Michael Adams—has spread beyond *BtVS* and *Angel* to Buffy-related books, fan fiction, and Internet communities. This article will look at the continued use of two examples of slayer slang (*bitca* and *wiggins*) on the popular message boards of *Television Without Pity* (<http://televisionwithoutpity.com>). The survival of these terms is one of many signs of how television has expanded and enlivened the language of its fans and students.

Slayer slang

[2] Adams (2003) has written at length in *Slayer Slang: A Buffy the Vampire Slayer Lexicon* about the distinctive and innovative language of the show. In this book, Adams distinguishes between slayer slang and slayer jargon, summarizes scholarship on new word formation, shows why studying emerging words is an important and rare opportunity, and presents a delicious glossary of slayer slang terms such as *lunchable*, *break and enterish*, *cuddle-monkey*, *fester-free*, and *wow-potential*. Along the way, Adams looks at expressions like *give (one) a happy*, words like *bezoar*, suffixes like the *-age* in *whuppage* and usages like the *much* in *Control freak much?* and *Broken-record much*.

[3] Most of these words and tendencies have not spread widely in the language, and therefore remain what linguists call "nonce words"—words coined for specific occasions that might be "invented" by different speakers or writers at different times but ultimately do not catch on. If a nonce word is intended as a joke or to show off the virtuosity of its author, then the word is called a "stunt word."¹ In any case, I prefer Adams's term "ephemeral language" as a blanket term for both nonce and stunt words. As to the value of ephemeral language, I strongly agree with Adams, who writes:

Most American culture is wonderfully superfluous, and the language that expresses our experience of it is often wildly creative and relatively short-lived; but words thus created are no less important because they are the linguistic products of living in a particular place, at a particular time, doing particular things, the various threads from which our individual, not to mention cultural, experience is mostly woven. To travel among ephemeral American English and the conversational grammar that accompanies it is simply to participate broadly and deeply in American culture, here

and now. The words and linguistic habits one picks up along the way are souvenirs of any one person's American journey. (114)

[4] Of course, slayer slang is also slang—which isn't the same thing as ephemeral language, though as slang scholar Connie Eble points out, "[S]lang is ephemeral. A constant supply of new words requires the rapid change characteristic of slang. Most slang items enjoy only a brief time of popularity, bursting into existence and falling out of use at a much more rapid rate than items of the general vocabulary" (1996, 13). Though there is little agreement as to a precise definition of slang, there are several definite factors that distinguish slang words from non-slang words (ephemeral or not)—the first has to do with slang's dignity-lowering, stuffiness-demolishing effect. In the introduction to the *Historical Dictionary of American Slang*, Jonathon E. Lighter writes:

[T]he use of slang undermines the dignity of verbal exchange and charges discourse with an unrefined and often aggressive informality. It pops the balloon of pretence. There is often a raw vitality in slang, a ribald sense of humor and a flip self-confidence; there is also very often locker-room crudity and toughness, a tawdry sensibility. Whether slang's undignified sensibility communicates abrasive disrespect or a down-to-earth egalitarianism depends on one's point of view. (1994, xii)

This "undignified sensibility" of slang can be seen in slayer slang words such as *destiny-free*, which takes the wind out of the portentous word and concept *destiny*, and a similar effect is achieved by Buffy's oft-quoted "Sacred duty, yadda yadda yadda." As to how these terms "lower the dignity" of discourse, imagine sticking slayer slang words such as *crack-whore-free*, *butt monkey*, or *cuddlesome* in a CNN broadcast, newspaper obituary, or job application—in each case, the balloon of pretence would be quite popped.

[5] The social aspect of slang is equally crucial and has been much remarked upon in discussions of slang, such as Eble's book *Slang and Sociability*. Eble defines slang as "an ever changing set of colloquial words and phrases that speakers use to establish or reinforce social identity or cohesiveness within a group or with a trend or fashion in society at large" (1996, 11) and Lighter touches on the same point: "Like the use of any special vocabulary, unselfconscious and accurate use of an identifiable group's slang both implies and contributes to a strong emotional allegiance to that group and its values" (1994, xxxv). All language is social, but unlike standard English's assumption of universal, neutral diction and personhood, different slang vocabularies cultivate and maintain different communities and identities.

[6] Slayer slang is typical slang in that it is characterized by a "raw vitality" and "often aggressive informality" that serves to bond both the characters on *BtVS* and the fans who watch the show. It's no wonder then that the distinct social setting of *Television Without Pity*—which partially overlaps but is not synonymous with Buffy fandom—has been an important site for the spread of slayer slang.

Television Without Pity (TWP) and language

[7] *TWP*—originally known as *Mighty Big TV*—is a particularly fertile breeding ground for slang, and the slang-happy fans of the Buffyverse have found a home there. With an avowed mission statement of "Spare the snark. Spoil the networks," the site is made up of witty, sarcastic, humorous recaps of almost a hundred and fifty shows from the recent-past and present, and the message boards discuss these and many more shows. Though it's not hard to find praise on the site, biting criticism is far more common, and this blurb for the discontinued recaps of *Big Brother* is pretty characteristic of the site's tone:

Being a really, really bad show is usually not enough to get you banished to Permanent Hiatus. However, being a really, really bad show that's on constantly, is 80% filler, and includes that skeezy live feed phenomenon? Yeah, that'll do it. We decided to save the money we would have had to spend on carpal tunnel

treatment for recappers and redirect it to ... anything else.

[8] *TWoP*'s prolific recappers and posters are also frequent neologizers—a trait they share with *BtVS*'s writers. Ephemeral words I have found on the site include *ass-owning*, *badassery*, *chest-thrustage*, *crap-diddly-tastic*, *deadee*, *double-meh*, *fluttery-nugget*, *horrendo-mom*, *mom-burban*, *nunliness*, *ominosity*, *ovary-style*, *sexual genius-dar*, *skankspionage*, *soap-opery-ness*, *soulmate-itude*, *su-diddly-fucking-uck*, and *super-grope-y*. Just like the writers of *BtVS*, *TWoP*'s users revel in making up words that communicate and entertain, even if just for one post, one topic, and one day.

[9] To emphasize the shared language of the site, *TWoP* publishes a glossary of terms that are often used there. Some, like *asshat* and *YMMV* (your mileage may vary), are becoming very common slang terms, at least on the net; they can be found on many websites, message boards, and blogs, while other terms are more (though not completely) unique to *TWoP*, such as *for God's sack*—which was created when recapper Sep mistyped *for God's sake*.² Another of the site's more distinctive catchphrases is *blah blah blah [fish]cakes*—an expression used to mock and/or dismissively summarize any tedious speech, conversation, or situation, like so: "I would agree that Sam and her problems seem recycled, but for me they're recycled from some lazy T.V. movie (Feisty nurse, single mum, teenage pregnancy, vaguely abusive ex, troublesome tow headed son, dark, brooding widower doctor wanting to rescue both she and her child from it all ... blah, blah, blah badromancenovelcakes" (Jenn, 2005). And that's just the tip of the fishcakes-berg, as the widely varied use of *blah blah blah [fish]cakes* shows the willingness of *TWoP* users to experiment and play with language. Just to show the flexibility, I've compiled an alphabetical list of forty variations from the site:

blah blah blah abstinence cakes

blah blah blah look-at-me-attention-getting-antics cakes

blah blah blah medical gobbledy-gook-cakes

blah blah blah pretentiousfashiontalkcakes

Blah Blah Blah Repressed Feelings for Jack-Cakes

blah blah blah soulmate slavery fishcakes

blah blah blah stalkercakes

blah blah blah terrific opportunity-cakes

blah blah blah, destiny-cakes

blah blah burning in Hell cakes

blah blah fictionalcharactercakes

blah blah jealousy cakes

blah blah repetitive bullshit-cakes

blah blah revenge cakes

blah blah Utopia cakes

blah blah wiccacakes

blah obviouscakes

blah, blah, "How do you guys deal with such a tough subject matter?"

cakes

blah, blah, blah anvilcakes

blah, blah, blah No Joy in Mudvillecakes

blah, blah, blah sexist-cakes

blah, blah, blah, more High&MightyMe-cakes

blah, blah, blah, rehabcakes

blah-blah inspiring-others-and-following-dreams-cakes

blahblahblah it isn't that easy cakes

blah-blah-blah-meltdown-cakes

blah-blah-blah-the world revolves around me-fishcakes

yada yada be sure to tune in Wednesday-cakes

yada yada conflict cakes

yada yada evilcakes

yada yada peace and love fishcakes

yada yada yada 2 forms of id-cakes

yada yada yada it's-been-a-big-week-cakes

yada yada, shudder, chicken cakes

yadda yadda afterschool special cakes

yadda yadda breaking stereotypes-cake

yadda yadda fish cakes

yadda yadda impendingstormcakes

yadda yadda redemption-cakes

yadda, yadda, boring, Vera Wang-copy, snooze-cakes

Clearly, the “cakes” can be virtually any flavor or size, providing nearly endless possibilities for dismissive-and-bored-yet-creative-and-clever writers. The “cakes” can be one word (*anvilcakes, stalkercakes*) or many words (*look-at-me-attention-getting-antics cakes*). There can be one, two, or three *blahs*, and the *blahs* can be separated by commas, hyphens, or nothing—the *blahs* can also be replaced by *yadas* or *yaddas*. *TWoP* recappers and posters revel in this kind of improvisational, performative language play, and the creativity of shows like *BtVS* and the cake-baking *TWoP* users is mutually reinforcing and impossible to separate completely.

The words

[10] As Adams discusses, many of the innovations of slayer slang are of a piece with larger trends in slang; for example, one of the most characteristic tendencies in slayer slang is making atypical adjectives with the suffix *-y*, such as *heart-of-darkness-y*, *out-of-the-loopy*, *stammer-y*, *twelve-steppy*, *unminion-y*, and *crayon-breaky*. But increased productivity of *-y* can be seen far beyond the *Buffyverse*—even by as unlikely a speaker as Donald Rumsfeld, who was quoted at a 2002 press conference as saying: “I’m not into

this detail stuff. I'm more concepty."

[11] Though adding *-y* to nouns is not unusual in itself, and *concepty* doesn't have an unusually-long root like *stiff upper-lippy*, I'd say the sound and tone of *concepty* has more than a touch of slayer slang: *concepty* wouldn't seem out of place next to *avoidy*, *metaphory*, *developmenty*, *slippy*, *chickeny*, and *commandery*. I find it remarkable that Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld would choose this word instead of *conceptual*. Whatever your political beliefs, few would accuse Rumsfeld of being on the cutting edge of anything; I also doubt he's got a collection of *BtVS* DVDs stashed away at the Pentagon.³ So if Rumsfeld is capable of making up a word like *concepty*, then clearly the wider usage of *-y* has spread beyond both the Buffyverse specifically and youth culture broadly. Since the increasing use of suffixes like *-y* and *-age* is not exclusive to the Buffyverse, I opted against searching for them.

[12] Instead, I picked *bitca* and *wiggins*—two Buffyverse neologisms that can't easily be explained as part of larger trends in American English slang. As most fans will know, *bitca* is simply a euphemism for *bitch* that came about when Xander misheard Willow's spelling-out of *bitch* in "When She Was Bad" (2001). Adams (2003) has identified related terms such as *bitcalet* ("diminutive bitch"—a term of endearment) and *uber-bitca* ("superbitch"), and I have found, through Google searching, examples of *super-bitca*, *mega-bitca*, *psycho-bitca*, *bitca-ish*, *bitca-esque*, *bitca-like*, and *the bitca from hell*.

[13] Adams defines *wiggins* as an "episode of fear, over-excitement, agitation" (279). This word was used several times on the show, and its meaning is quite clear when Buffy uses it in "Welcome to the Hellmouth" (1001): "That place just gives me the wiggins." *The wiggins* seem to be a close cousin of *the creeps* and *the willies*, and from examples on the show and elsewhere, it's clear that one can have *the wiggins* or *a wiggins*.⁴ Adams has pointed out that *wiggins* hasn't spread far beyond the Buffyverse despite the potential advantage of being related to words such as *wig*, *wigged*, *wiggy*, and *wig out*.

[14] With *bitca* and *wiggins* in mind as good candidates for searching, I was curious how (and if) slayer slang had persisted in the absence of new episodes and in a particular place where the Buffyverse is a priority but not the priority. I collected all the appearances of *bitca* and *wiggins* on *TWoP* from June 2004-February 2005—a nine-month period that took place a full year after *BtVS*'s final episode Chosen (7022) aired on May 20, 2003. In the next section, I will present these citations in the style of *American Speech: A Quarterly of Linguistic Usage*, though I have added bold for each use of the terms to make skimming easier. Quotations are reprinted as presented on the board; emendations are placed in square brackets, except that quotation marks and dashes are regularized to minimize confusion.

The citations

[15] **bitca** *n.* Bitch.

2005

Jan 17 TeenLibrarian <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3122122&view=findpost&p=2402454> Some stories work better as a series than either a movie or a mini-series; and while I enjoyed the new miniseries I didn't love it. I thought Apollo was too moody & Starbuck was a **bitca**; but I have since changed my mind. A lot. I didn't rewatch the mini so I'm not sure if the writing changed or if they are both better an hour at a time.

Jan 19 kenyaj <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3122259&view=findpost&p=2414427> My brother also jokingly said Vaughn was was only pretending to be asleep to avoid talking to Sydney (it's a guy thing, he informs

me), but I thought it was sweet that he was finally able to sleep peacefully next to her. Insomnia is a bitch, but especially when it's Lauren's worthless mug that's keep you awake at night. Burn in hell, **bitca**.

Jan 22 enness2000 <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2285194&view=findpost&p=2425984>

It's strange—I hate season 6 a lot more, but I get way more worked up over the flaws of season 7. I think its because season 6 was so bad it's pretty much irredeemable in my mind, whereas season 7 started off so promisingly (the final scene of Lessons, Buffy not being a mopy **bitca**, Selfless, CWDP) only to end up as a total train wreck. I can write off season 6 in my mind, but the wasted possibilites (I'm loathe to use the easy pun here) of season 7 will always annoy me.

Jan 25 minisprout

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3119187&view=findpost&p=2438509>

Well, perhaps shrew was the wrong word. But, there are times when the **bitca** really emerges from her.

Jan 27 PeachesNCream

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3120113&view=findpost&p=2446417>

We are well aware that these hopeless morons can barely string together basic sentences, and are more preoccupied with sitting on beaches with vapid long-lost stares, engaging in semi-macho-yet-unbelievably-insipid pissing contests, or f*cking their siblings, YET we feel that if you do not come forward and expose yourself for the backstabbing **bitca** you are, consequences will be dire. Castaways should be informed immediately that you have pulled "babymamadrama" before, and are not above seducing male leads with your doe-eyed looks. Pull it together, Tess, before we mind-meld your ass out of this galaxy.

Jan 28 No Other Way

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2641556&view=findpost&p=2454185>

Sadly, Willow seems to think she's still dealing with the best friend she had in S1 and S2, and not the selfish **bitca** Buffy is being transformed into. How is Willow supposed to know that Buffy *isn't* actually concerned about their friendship, that she's only come to Willow because she wants Willow to make her problems with Faith (the same Faith she "dumped" Willow for) go away? [This citation was quoted by both Stargazer and namrog on January 28.]

Feb 2 wounded

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3122740&view=findpost&p=2472983>

I'll start off with the Emily issue: I hate her for what she did, yes, but to rub this off as character assassination? Hell no! I remember at the beginning of the season when we were all, "Why is Emily acting so rude towards Luke? She's always liked him!" leading to the conclusion that while it was fine and dandy that she knew that Lorelai perhaps had a thing for him, it was a whole other story when Lorelai began dating him. She was threatened by it, and had to do something, and was a **bitca** at dinner. (Kind of like she and Richard being manipulative assholes by trying to break Rory and Dean by throwing her the Male Yale party.)

Feb 9 jase-bot

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2932285&view=findpost&p=2502299>

The only thing that can salvage Evangeline for me - and this was true long before John/Van began—is if they own her hypocritical bitchiness and go for making her a career-oriented villainess. I would love it if Natalie was what made her little internal screw turn all the way over to Evil **Bitca**, scheming against Natalie, etc.

Feb 11 musetta

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3123062&view=findpost&p=2508781>

This episode was a mixed bag, some highs and some lows. Loved the return of Julie, and her just being a blunt **bitca** to everyone.

Feb 18 PeachesNCream

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3120113&view=findpost&p=2541116>

Dear J.J. Abrams, [¶] Stop stealing my writers, **bitca**. [¶] Love, Joss Whedon.

2004

June 6 kat_may

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=603319&view=findpost&p=1521133>

I always thought Nathan was the best thing that would ever happen to Grace, as Harrelson was to the show—he was hilarious and she wasn't such a selfish shallow **bitca** when they were together. While I like Harry Connick, Jr. I hated him on this show, and he brought out the worst in Grace. She's shrill and unlikeable, IMO; I kept hoping that Nathan would come back.

June 8 Paris Madeleine

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2285194&view=findpost&p=1526472>

I recently discovered *Buffy* during my vacation and went on an all-out marathon of seasons 1-3. I was in love! But then I started watching F/X reruns on season 7 and I can barely comprehend that it's the same show. **Bitca** Buffy? Obsessed-insane Spike? Spike has a soul? Xander as a prop? Willow as the crazy Yoko? I could only bring myself to watch 2 eppies yesterday (7.2 and 7.3) ... that was enough.

June 8 Peachy Keen

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3090924&view=findpost&p=1528771>

Don't worry, we've all defended that crazy **bitca**. I blame it on Ryan's white knight complex carrying into real life.

June 10 gr8red

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3113070&view=findpost&p=1536845>

It seemed to me that putting Cara with Steven was supposed to redeem her. She was such a **bitca** earlier in the series, and once Steven "saw the real Cara," she was ready to show everyone else that she was good. Just my HO.

June 11 Mamalita

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3115076&view=findpost&p=1543083>

Raquel's wardrobe was truly unfortunate and Pati was indeed a raving **bitca**. Angela seemed relatively normal but her boyfriend was too old for her and sleazy, which was fun to watch, but she was obviously slumming.

June 12 Shika

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3117165&view=findpost&p=1544100>

It is SO not just you. I had this feeling about her at last years awards where she seemed to show up tanked (which really didn't bother me i guess) and had this holier-than-thou attitude about things. I seem to remember her making some crack about the "Daredevil" movie stealing the upside down "Spiderman" kisser and a cut to Jennifer Gardner looking like she wanted to wipe the floor with that snotty little **bitca**. I know she thinks she's all cool and indie but darlin' get ovah

yourself.

June 16 Endeavour

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3106028&view=findpost&p=1560410> **Bitka** or **bitca** means bitch. I first heard it on *Buffy*. I think they were spelling out the word for some reason, and Xander replied "**bitca**?"

June 21 TenPea

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3100820&view=findpost&p=1575215> I was actually hoping to find the Menopause Monitor in my store. It will give me a bona fide reason to be a **bitca**. I can wave the test-stick-or-whatever at my boyfriend and say "See, THIS is why I'm yelling at you, I have no control!"

June 28 Hitwoman

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2060075&view=findpost&p=1603441> Coleburg, that's a scenario I can live with. I just didn't care for the implication that Joey was some kind of heartless **bitca** by forcing Pacey to wear a condom. Birth control should be the responsibility of both partners, and Pacey as the experienced partner should at the very least be just as responsible as Joey. And honestly, no matter what adults choose to do or say or believe, I'd be pretty disappointed if any show marketed at teens chose to show two kids having sex without using a condom. It's the most easily acquired and user-friendly form of birth control, and as such I'd expect to see it at least implicitly stated that one was used.

July 5 boardnow

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=497846&view=findpost&p=1625475> Good job we're talking about Xander's lines in S2 (kinda), as watching my DVDs last Friday, I finally got the B-I-T-C-H/**bitca** line. Yeah, I've seen the ep ("When She Was Bad") about a million times, and never got it, but it finally clicked last week - it's in the pronunciation, y'see. Next week, I'm going to learn how to use a knife and fork.

July 7 EONdc <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=576641&view=findpost&p=1635433> Me too. While I think Buffy is a **bitca** in The Yoko Factor, I think her friends meet her by exhibiting their own worst personality traits too.

Aug 11 TAPhD <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=1878967&view=findpost&p=1789938> Is your keyboard Cordy after Cordelia? And if so, is it named after early Buffy Cordy, late Buffy Cordy, early Angel Cordy, or that character on later Angel who was *named* Cordy but actually bore no resemblance other than the physical to the snarktastic **bitca** we knew and loved? [This citation was quoted by healing fish on August 11.]

Aug 19 bloody_walker <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3113416&view=findpost&p=1828021> About the capitalization, I use it to separate the different roots. For example: [¶] **PhoeBitca**: "Phoe" for "Phoebe" and "**Bitca**" because I'm a Buffy fan and that's the only way I can say "Bitch."

Aug 21 Penny Robinson <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=1754944&view=findpost&p=1836845> Word, word, word. I liked Val because I love me some good **bitca**, but she was no Brenda.

Aug 27 Just'sin

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?>

showtopic=3113416&view=findpost&p=1861473 Persephone—smart and bookwormish, clean, and eager to learn the ways of the wicca and **bitca**.

Aug 27 Just'sin <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=95288&view=findpost&p=1861400> A young woman named Persephone, smart and bookwormish, clean, and eager to learn the ways of the wicca and **bitca**.

Sept 12 Camo <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3118758&view=findpost&p=1915514> Didn't like her on sight. I fear she'll alternate between cutesy-pooing it up and being a snide little **bitca** in an attempt to get! tough! I have no real clue why I get this from her. Buts I do.

Sept 27 DavidK93 <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=164056&view=findpost&p=1982014> Aw, crap. Pigeon *is* channeling Braindead. Ugh. Ugh. Ugh. However, I think Pilar should talk about sex in every episode. Pigeon, shut up about being Pilar's maid. The woman just cooked you dinner, **bitca**!

Oct 7 BlackOrchid <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3116749&view=findpost&p=2026275> SouthernMom: Cold **bitca**.

Oct 8 amani <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2984473&view=findpost&p=2034297> Ugh, jcp ... er, retr, that sucks. She's a **bitca** and don't let her bring you down. How rude and unprofessional of her. Do you think you could report her or would that be too tattletaleish? There's no excuse for behavior like that in the workplace.

Oct 13 Brahmsian <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3119141&view=findpost&p=2055961> Our girl hasn't turned into an overly cynical **bitca** *yet*, but she is in some danger of becoming one. She needs a guy who can help her avoid going down that road, and Weevil doesn't seem a very likely candidate for that job.

Oct 26 huntergrayson <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3119482&view=findpost&p=2109975> If the Teri rumors are true, that would support the blind item being her (or vice-versa). It'd be especially grating because she doesn't turn 40 for another two months. Yet, (a) TH was nice to the other gals on Oprah (watch her body language) and (b) she got the role because she's not a diva. The **TH-as-bitca** seems entirely media invented since they are adoring the SATC-comparisons way too much. Another possibility is the rumours were drummed up by NBC for LAX interest. Hey, it makes sense if you live here and know how weird the publicity machine is. Then again, the A-list mentions a grudge held against her by every single person involved in Lois & Clark.

Nov 3 jo_tornblade <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3086685&view=findpost&p=2140688> I missed the Shannen Doherty interview because the show was pre-empted for election coverage. I think I'm one of the few people who likes Shannen Doherty, but I tend to like strong women. Or **Bitca's**, if you will.

Nov 16 TAPhD <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3120499&view=findpost&p=2190899> Rory, you're a self-centered **bitca**. Marty is awesome and he's sitting there on your bed and after you're done talking about your own issues you just fall asleep in 2 seconds flat. You didn't even attempt to stay awake and listen to him. Unacceptable. [This citation was quoted by Polter-Cow on November 16 and Summer InA Bowl on November 17.]

Nov 21 caltrask55 <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3117444&view=findpost&p=2203268> heh. I've heard that about her too. Apparently she has **bitca** qualities. [This citation was quoted by gleeboon November 21.]

Nov 21 raen <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3016155&view=findpost&p=2204842> Yeah Marcia is a total **bitca** and I agree

that last night at the start of her song she was either taking the piss out of Chanel or copying her because she wants to be young and interesting too.

Nov 25 tracyKAY <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3120707&view=findpost&p=2221399> Jen: Hmmm ... nice try **bitca**. But. No. Looking awfully lonely there, chicky. Flying under the radar, indeed.

Dec 3 fishboots

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3120931&view=findpost&p=2248345> Eliza has book smarts, but she is emotionally needy. She would never have voted for Ami if Ami hadn't been such a smug **bitca** last week. She would have wanted to sit at the popular girls table FOREVA! It'll be interesting, if the previews are to be believed, if Eliza's upbraiding Twila has any consequences. Personally, all of the parroting of Ami's opinions and imagined moral superiority has made me hate her more than I could ever hate Ami ... at least Ami had a reason for buying the bullshit.

Dec 4 Perfect Xero

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2830122&st=2925&p=2250899&#entry2250899> Eh? The episode implies that Buffy doesn't know about the pendant. Aside from her insistence that there's no option other than killing Anya, there's also the scene where she runs her through with a sword and then just stands there (rather than making a grab for the pendant) while Anya has a flashback to OMWF then wakes up and pulls the sword out. Buffy even seems surprised by this, in spite of the fact that Halfrek pulled the same stunt in Season 6. So Buffy is either just being a vindictive **bitca** looking to prolong Anya's suffering before her death, or she genuinely doesn't know (and this is just a product of bad writing/continuity).

Dec 6 babybluez

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=1154497&view=findpost&p=2256982> Yeah, Serena was a total **bitca** tonight. FOSH!

[16] **wiggins** *n.* A feeling of dread similar to *the creeps, the willies, the heebie-jeebies, or the whim-whams.*

2005

Jan 1 kariyaki

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=509312&view=findpost&p=2343179> I also liked it because I didn't really like either Chakotay or Seven with their respective other options. J/C? Nope. Dr/7? Negatory. In fact, I found the Doctor's infatuation with Seven to be pretty creepy because his instruction throughout her journey from Borg to Human seemed more paternal. For him to start crushing on her gave me the **wiggins**. I was glad that Seven seemed to have the same reaction I did.

Jan 23 BottomLine <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3122335&view=findpost&p=2430635> I've actually never watched this show before, mostly because The Donald gives me The **Wiggins**. But, I was assured by some friends it was a good show, so I am giving it a shot. For someone like me who is just finding the show, it was a good start.

Feb 1 DrShell <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3112947&view=findpost&p=2468649> The kid smacking dude gave me a serious case of the **wiggins**. He just looked like he could go off and hit you any time. Ugh.

Feb 7 LennoxHC <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?>

[showtopic=263163&view=findpost&p=2495011](http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=263163&view=findpost&p=2495011) ETA: Traci Lords wasn't just a porn star, but an underage porn star. If I think too much about that, I just get the **wiggins**.

Feb 8 Andeely <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=196664&view=findpost&p=2498266> I still get the **wiggins** thinking about that movie.

Feb 16 DrShell <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3112947&view=findpost&p=2530465> God, no lie. What a sleazeball. And he had those watery, glassy drug-abuser eyes. He gave me a serious case of the **wiggins**. What did Mr. Plaintiff ever see in him?

2004

June 1 Beelzebubba

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3100820&view=findpost&p=1499810> The "girthy" hot dog guy. That has to be the filthiest, dirtiest commercial on TV. It's not even funny dirty, it's just creepy watching this guy fellate a hot dog before viciously biting into it. It gives me **wiggins**.

June 8 Set

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2285194&view=findpost&p=1527177> Although it would have been Worse. Thing. Ever. material had they treated Tara the same way, as a walking queer joke. Fortunately, they dealt with the whole Tara / Willow thing respectfully, almost hypersensitively so, with the whole gangs reaction being glossed over, save for a 10 second **wiggins** from Buffy, a "Tara's you're girlfriend?!" and a "Bloody Hell!" from the funny drunk. I would have dreaded someone as much a woman-hater as Marti was a man-hater getting their hands on the whole lesbian story arc and making Tara into a grotesque cliché like Andrew.

June 20 Bent137

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3116452&view=findpost&p=1572910> I got bit by a tick this morning, and this episode was seriously one of my first thoughts. I even said to my parents, "But I don't WANT to start seeing GOD!" (Dad watches the show, so he got it.) I was, however, bit by a LoneStar Tick, which isn't known to carry Lyme Disease. Instead it carries "Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever" which really sounds like a similar thing. There's even rash and hallucinations! As well as fever, head aches, muscle pains, nausea, vomiting, diareha and loss of appetite. Sounds fun! Only not. Really hoping this tick was NOT a carrier. It didn't get a chance to bed itself in me so maybe I caught the stupid little bugger in time. Seriously though, they're gross and evil and painful and did I mention gross? They look ... *shudder* Creepy. Gave me the **wiggins**. So watch yourselves when you're outside everyone!

June 25 IcyLuna

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=762743&view=findpost&p=1594916> I know the story sounds like the lamest thing that ever was. It seriously creeped me out at the time though. It was night. My lights were turned off. I had a few porcelain dolls at the time. I suddenly realized that I had all these beady little doll eyes starring at me from their shelves. It scarred me for life! Plus, the doll on the TV show really did look like it was possessed. It looked nasty and mean. To this day, just thinking about it gives me the **wiggins**.

July 1 Lillilux

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3116197&view=findpost&p=1614604> Yes! I felt that, too. I always felt like a police raid was going to burst in on them and arrest Marina. Truly. It grossed me out. At

least with the boy they seem the same age, and the trapeze artist as well. Marina feels like my contemporary so it just gave me the "**wiggins**" that she'd be doing DBJ™

July 4 jazmyne

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1625083>

Ooh! Kittens! Yes, Miss Kitty Fantastico was black and white. I've had several black and white cats—Stanley, **Mrs. A-Wiggins**, and Bogie. None of them are Buffyverse names, but they are all inspired by various entertainment media. I like Riley as a name for your kitten, though. It also hearkens back to Dawn telling Riley that Buffy liked that he was "weak and kittenish." Kitteny? One of those, anyway.

July 9 Sureshot26 <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3117219&view=findpost&p=1645331>

Personally, Nicole creeped me out way more than Brandon did. He's merely a dipshit, whereas she has this very "I'm an evil robot" vibe that gives me the **wiggins**. During the infamous "God's plan" interview where Brandon pats her shoulder, she had this incredibly disturbing look that I can't even describe adequately. It seemed like a combination of "Touch me again and you can say goodbye to your nutbunches," "Oh, so this is how humans behave when they're being totally patronizing," and "Note to self: Pick up milk." Cree-pee.

July 13 Neen <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3117766&view=findpost&p=1663116>

Speaking of eye candy, I think that was quite possibly the hottest Phil has ever looked. I'm still having palpitations. That smile that he gave Charla at the pit stop made me all melty. But yeah, I think Mirna may have given him the **wiggins** last week. Hee!

July 16 Boliver

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1675713>

valny, I don't think that's just you-Egyptian stuff is creeptastic. It doesn't help that a good portion of the PC game Heretic 2 was in Egypt, and it had scary Pharaoh-panthers and spiders. When I go to the Luxor in Vegas I still get a wiggins, but it's the good kind of creepy and cool **wiggins**. I'll get the creeps in a scary movie, but it doesn't keep me away.

July 16 casperchick <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1676572>

But *Scream* I love. I've probably seen it 20 times and the part with Drew still gives me the good creepy **wiggins**.

July 16 valny <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1679535>

Do clowns give anyone the **wiggins**? If they do, don't watch the horror movie, *Clownhouse* I did like it though. Marionettes and some puppets for some reason also give me the wiggins.

July 18 LittleVoice

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1683436>

hobbit, your *Exorcist* experience would have given me the **wiggins**.

July 20 alexias <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3112420&view=findpost&p=1692871>

I hated the sisters (piper excluded) in that one. They couldn't understand why Piper was freaking. HELLO! She's taking on the demon who KILLED HER MOTHER!!! [¶] I think she was entitled to some **wiggins** on that one.

July 28 catndahat <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3118038&view=findpost&p=1730767>

And I frequently use the word "**wiggins**" and the phrase "that's not of the bad."

Aug 2 Boqueisha

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=762743&view=findpost&p=1753235> I followed that link for *Bad Ronald* and was severely disturbed. Not quite so much by the story of the movie, but because I was following a link to a horror movie and a page opens up with my name on it. "Loren" isn't a very common name, I almost never see it, so it gave me a bit of a **wiggins**.

Aug 12 nqllisi <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=927368&view=findpost&p=1794483> In fact, her speech at the end makes more sense in that context. She might be saying that Trill society, because of its inclusion of the symbiotes, has a more fluid understanding of such things than the society that Bev grew up in. In effect, she's saying, "I can't cope with you being a woman now, because the society I grew up in didn't provide a lot of examples of sexual relationships being continued after a sudden gender switch. Frankly, I can't conceive of myself in such a situation—it gives me the **wiggins** because I'm heterosexual. After continued exposure to species such as yours, perhaps my culture will adopt the same understanding of the fluidity of gender as yours, but that's just not where I'm coming from."

Aug 16 valny <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1813006> Oh man, I don't care how small the spider is, that would squick me out AND give me the **wiggins** all at once.

Aug 18 valny <http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=2891151&view=findpost&p=1819905> Ugh, you just gave me the **wiggins**, neighbors, and a frightening visual.

Aug 23 NickChick

<http://forums.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php?showtopic=3111912&view=findpost&p=1846552> Speaking of gymnastics, did anyone else's ped-o-meter go off with all the *inappropriate touching* going on between Carly Patterson and her coach? They gave me the **wiggins**.