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Bloggers Sue Each Other for Plagiarism

Cyberspace—In a landmark court case, avid bloggers Gail S., 38, and Laurie P., 39, are suing each other for plagiarism. Soccer moms Gail and Laurie both insist that, "She is ripping me off."

Gail, a sandy-haired mother of two from New Jersey known online as "Gigi Delite," commented, "Look. On June 6, I wrote, 'Today my thighs feel fat. The bitch barrista [sic] refused to get my order right. Had to pick the kidlets up at the game. God, I'm horny.' The very next day, that wannabe wrote, 'My thighs feel fat today. Why can't that Starbucks [sic] bitch ever get my order straight? Need to get the kidlets after their game. I am SO horny.' See? You do the math."

Laurie P., a dirty blonde-haired mother of two from Iowa known online as "Lola Delish," denied Gail's claims and provided her own evidence of malfeasance.

"Look," she said, rapidly pulling up blogs on her notebook computer, "On June 30, I wrote 'Husband away on business--again. Damn, I feel alone. Wish someone was here to scratch my itch.' Just two hours later, that copycat wrote, 'Once again the big guy's away on biz-ness. Damn I'm lonely. I've got an itch that needs scratching--bad.' See how it all adds up?"

During separate phone calls, Gail and Laurie both insisted that, "She's changing a few of my words and trying to steal my fans."

A brief review of one blog site revealed that more than 5,000 blogs contained the terms, "fat thighs," "husband away," "kidlets," "soccer," and "itch needs scratching."

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Professor Ira Von Lickstein, who teaches the graduate course, "The Blog and the Personal Fable: Storytelling in Cyberspace" at New York University, commented, "You will find that blogs contain a set series of universal truths. The straying husband. The fat thighs. Starbucks mishaps. Really, it is one core story--a story that has been told since the beginning of time by many, many voices."

When told of Von Lickstein's theory, both Gail P. and Laurie S. commented, "Tell that idiot to shut the fuck up." While both women say that they will take their cases to the highest court in the land, they admit that they would settle for a decision handed down from the eBay community.

FUN FACTS

If someone reviews your blog, you can review their review, then comment on their comments on your review of their review!

In our next issue: Some Kinda Social Misbehavior

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