

# THE ARCHIVE

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Grim Reaper  
- 1987

the Grim Reaper  
*'positioned AIDS as the  
spectral, unknowable  
Other, outside 'normal'  
society seeking entrance  
through violent, horrifying  
means. There was also the  
implication that the skeletal  
figure of the Grim Reaper  
represented the gaunt,  
decaying body of the gay  
man dying of AIDS,  
seeking to spread  
contamination to members  
of the 'general public' and  
the previously protected  
circle of 'the family'.*





Silence = Death  
- 1986



# Staying Negative - 2004



I never loved GAY when I was 12 or 13. Kids used to always call me FAGGOT-THIS or POOFIA-THAT in an over-casual manner. I think I knew what it meant, or wanted to own that kind of back because of all the slut that went with it. I wish it wasn't there as a COMPLIMENT.

My stomach? I was almost vomiting because it was so BOWELLY, WONDERSFULLY, experience I then had my first experience in public. So that would probably have been a bit of a CLASSY experience.

TEAR UP KISS! Like a DAD Just blew up when he first found out I WAS GAY. BUT HE GOT OVER IT. I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER FAMILY! ABOON: I LOVE SHAPES and a tub of ICE CREAM NORM! So I'd try (a moderate, educational) made it HARDER TO COME OUT FOR SURE.

read damien's story at:  
[www.stayingnegative.net.au](http://www.stayingnegative.net.au)

"MY PARENTS always gravitated to people who were farthest from being LEBANESE so most of my friends were ANGL0-SAXON AUSTRALIANS."

growing up LEBANESE meant you had to come home every night - regardless of how old you were.

I've been in situations where I HAVE BAREBACK SEX WITH THEM BECAUSE WHEN THEY SEE ME THEY SEE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS FEMINE, MASOULINE OR ETHNIC AND THEY THINK THIS GUY IS GOING TO WANT TO HAVE RAW SEX WITH ME - I STOP MYSELF - THIS ISNT GOING TO HAPPEN."

"When I was sixteen and getting ready for the end of HIGH SCHOOL I realized I WAS GAY. but I didn't. I could just GET MARRIED and be gay."

read joe's story at:  
[www.stayingnegative.net.au](http://www.stayingnegative.net.au)

"I spent a bit of time on the FLINDERS ST. STATION STEPS with the streeties and buskers and hangout with the ROUGHNECKS which was fun at the time, they were MY FRIENDS"

"There are so many SEX NEGATIVE messages out there but SEX IS GREAT and people should be HAVING IT."

"So much of SEX WORK is building a person and performing AS THAT CHARACTER"

"I get to see a lot of MELBOURNE hotels and that's quite nice"

"One night I was on the beach and my first job was this 22-YEAR OLD who pulled up in a BASINIA - "HOP ON IN!" I thought out loud, OK, LETS DO IT!"

"SEX WORK taught me how to make SEX SAFE and secure and not DAMAGING."

read tyson's story at:  
[www.stayingnegative.net.au](http://www.stayingnegative.net.au)

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A smiling, bearded man with a tattoo on his left arm stands in a swimming pool. He is shirtless and wearing red shorts. The background shows a swimming pool with blue water and yellow lane markers.

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