

95 and Not Dead Yet: Phew!

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Comparisons, we're told, are odious. I've always found them so. Even the most honey-tongued attempt to equate the merits of two people always offends one of them, sometimes both. Like the mother who, not being able to make up her mind, sent her son two ties for his birthday. To please her he wore one of them the next time they met. "What's wrong with the blue one?" she asked.

And so, when Truman Capote set up a lunch for some of the most stylish people of his time and one of them was socialite Nancy "Slim" Keith ("a tall, coltish California-bred aristocrat with the most beautiful legs, ankles and feet extant"), Capote said another guest, the divine Elizabeth Taylor, was "a runt by comparison."

Be careful, little man. That's how the Trojan war started.

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