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Hi, I'm Lynn

I'm one of the "new" fans, I guess, Somehow, I completely missed BATB when it originally ran. I spend my time watching films instead of TV, I guess.

I entered fandom through an interest in Ron Perlman. I was very impressed with him in Alien Resurrection, so I looked up his former films, saw 'Name of the Rose' and 'Quest for Fire', became convinced that he was a much underrated actor. Google was next, and I found the Bluebird site, like many other fans. I hunted all over Minneapolis for the tapes, I think every video store in town, and finally found the pilot. Of course I was hooked immediately.

Further surfing found CABB. By this time I was obsessed with Perlman (still am!), and BATB, so I made a couple of wallpapers for my own enjoyment. Then I was very bold, (I thought) and sent an email to Terrie, asking if she thought anyone else might enjoy having my wallpapers. I guess the obsession was pushing me or I'd never have had the nerve to ask.

I thought she was probably a very busy person, after all, she ran a website! I was new to the web, and thought that anyone who ran a site must be a pro with thousands of emails a day. I really didn't expect that she'd even answer, but anyone who knows Terrie knows that she was enthusiastic about my wallpapers, and posted them on the site immediately. I was then emboldened to write my first fanfic, 'All That Matters'. She posted that too! So began a friendship which endures today.

Personal info: I retired in 2001 and have moved to Jacksonville Florida to live with my daughter. I have just passed my seventieth birthday, an event which still amazes me. Where did seventy years go? I am now much

more knowledgable about the web and know that running a site isn't a matter for pros. I run two of them, The Steam Tunnels and the CABB Update, as well as assisting my daughter in fostering pugs. Since I'm home all day, I'm the one that gets to pick them up at the Humane Society, take them to the vet, and clean up puddles after those that aren't housetrained. We have at present two foster pugs as well as our own three, and four cats. Between trips to the vet I still write fan fiction, (Thanks, Terrie, for your initial encouragement), and draw pictures for The Steam Tunnels. Sue (my daughter) and I have pretty much finished redecorating our house, (thank you, Trading Spaces!), and are beginning to think about buying a fixer-upper so we can start all over.

Upon rereading the above, I think I haven't said enough about Terrie. I think we all owe her immeasurably for yeoman service to BATB through years of maintaining CABB. Not only did she keep the dream alive, but she was a welcoming presence for newcomers for all of that time, a great representative for the warmth of BATB fandom. I love her, and thank her for helping to change my life when I discovered BATB.

Well, for someone who normally lurks, I sure have written a bunch. I'll quit now.

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