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Now now, Gov. Paterson

For a whole day, we girls had your back. There was all that refreshing honesty about your - and your wife's - affairs.

You admitted in Tuesday's Daily News that the dalliances happened during a rocky time in your marriage, in the most salt-of-the-earth manner possible - at a [Days Inn](#) near the office.

How cost-effective! Give this man the state budget pronto!

Then you lost us.

You were "angry" and "jealous," you explained Tuesday. Your wife, Michelle, had strayed and, maybe to make yourself feel better, you booked a room, too, was the subtext of your speech.

Revenge sex. How tacky.

Then you tried to deflect from casting blame on her. "It wasn't Michelle's fault," you said.

Well, of course it wasn't. But even if you didn't throw her under the bus completely at Tuesday's press conference, you let it run over her foot a little - and that still hurts.

Urbandictionary.com defines revenge sex as "to s***w someone other than your current significant other for the purpose of retaliation."

It's human. And it's ugly.

"It feels good in the moment. You're like, 'I'll show them,' but like all sex, when it's over, you're like, 'meh,'" points out [Cooper Lawrence](#), a psychologist who wrote "The Cult of Perfection."

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"The anger's still there. And now all it's done is make you complicit as well. Cause now you can't point a finger."

Here's an idea, politicians of [New York](#): Man up to your mistakes.

Not hedgingly, maintaining your manly dignity while squeezing out a halfhearted, "I'm sorry you felt hurt by what I did."

Just admit them, bald-faced and without bravado or buck-passing. We're not going to get judgmental about what happens under either of your motel sheets.

You didn't exercise "poor judgment" when carrying out those affairs.

You did Tuesday, though.

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