

‘GH’ viewers seem to agree that soap needs a new hero

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Let's riffle through the 75 or so letters about "General Hospital" before packing them up and sending them to the producers and writers of the ABC soap.

Let's also note quickly that about 62 of those letters are from "GH" watchers in general agreement with Ann Greyson, who had written (Aug. 14) in hopes that FEEDBACK would settle a rather ferocious argument she and her sister were having about the direction "GH" seems to be taking of late. Ann was upset that Luke Spencer (Anthony Geary) "always has the girl and is always the hero." She was also upset that Scorpio (Tristan Rogers) and Holly (Emma Samms) are being made to look "bad." The unnamed sister had taken the opposite tack, which Ann labeled "totally stupid."

There is somewhat surprising anti-Geary sentiment in most of the letters, but minuscule minority appears to agree with the sister that Geary-Luke is It. (FEEDBACK says "appears" because there are some letters she still hasn't quite figured out.)

At any rate, next week it's back to answering questions like, "What kind of car do the Simons' drive on 'Simon and Simon'?"

But this column will be devoted to "GH" followers' letters, the first of which comes from a Valley Fan with a suspicious moniker.

"I just read Ann Greyson's letter, and, like, I was totally amused. Though I, too, am a big "GH" fan. I find it difficult to stay upset very long when I see the constant conflicts between Luke, Scorpio and Holly. Sure, at first I wished that Luke hadn't survived the avalanche, but now I realize how dull many of the episodes are without him. As for Ann's dilemma, haven't we all fallen out with a good friend and ended up being his or her worst enemy? Like the show was at its peak when Luke and Laura (Genie Francis) were together and Luke and Scorpio were the best of friends, but they started out as opponents, if you recall. So, like now it's come full circle, right?

But let me offer a plot twist that would have turned this argument around:



"GENERAL HOSPITAL": Some anti-Geary sentiment, says

Suppose Robert Scorpio did die from his wound, and, like, Luke and Holly got back together and married even? Then, like maybe a few months later, Laura turns up alive! Or even better, the show could steal a twist from Luke's and Laura's wedding, when Scotty (Kin Shriner) showed up, and have Laura catch the bouquet at Holly's wedding. Totally awesome, right?

Anyhow, Ann, thanks for the totally thought-provoking letter. As for your sister, she's certainly entitled to her opinion. Or is she? **-Love (in the afternoon), Ansley Mall, Clarkston**

P.S.: My sister didn't write this for me, so any errors are mine.

P.S.S.: My mom keeps having nightmares about being on "The Love Boat." Any suggestions?"

FEEDBACK suggests you stash a lifeboat under your Mother's bed and don't let her drink anything less than an hour before retiring each night.

"The relationship between Luke, Holly and Robert should not be so hostile. The writers certainly let Luke come back to Port Charles with a giant chip on his shoulders. I am also very fed up with all the spy business. ... It is to the point that I walk away from the TV set if the show opens at 3 p.m. with Grant, Celia and the Professor, let alone the woman who plays Natalie. Yuk!" —**Louise S. Mogyorossy, Atlanta**

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"I think Holly should stay with Scorpio, and I am tired of Luke being the winner in all things. If he gets to be mayor and continues to be hateful to Scorpio I will quit watching 'GH.' Also, he's acting terrible concerning the disc and I wish the thing would blow him up and keep him off the show forever." —**Betty Thweatt, Rockmart**

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"I think the producers and writers should (1) Let Luke get lost in the mountains again (permanently), or (2) Let Holly and Robert get on with their lives. Connie is a better match for Luke. Please, if he stays, make him get a haircut." —**J.M. McRae, Cartersville**

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"I'm with Ann Greyson all the way. I hate Luke. He is a stupid sleaze-bag. ... When Robert got shot no one cared except Holly. Holly and Robert are a perfect couple, and I hope they stay that way, but when stupid Luke is in the way it is kind of hard. Like today, everybody was mad at Robert because of what he said about Luke on TV. He couldn't help it. That guy kept pressing him to answer those questions. Now Luke is going to sue him. I hope Luke doesn't get to be mayor. He'll just ruin Port Charles." —**M.P., Lilburn**

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"Almost everyone I've talked with feels that Scorpio and Holly make a 'hot' couple and I'd say less than 1 percent even find Luke attractive. We vote Holly and Scorpio!" —**Rhonda Senkheil, Tucker, and about 2,000 other flight attendants**

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"Unless 'GH' returns to basics I'll be tuning in 'Fantasy.' ... Luke has to be toned down. ... (The writers) see Anthony Geary and Luke as the savior of 'GH,' but may viewers see Anthony-Luke as an ugly, pudgy, druggie, conceited, chauvinist ("Hey, sweetcakes."), pompous, egotistical know-it-all." —**Sue Champion, Kennesaw**



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