

LESBIANS GAYS AND BISEXUALS BECOMING PARENTS OR REMAINING CHILDFREE CONFRONTING SOCIAL INEQUALITIES

probability had broken down completely. Yet I could swear Detweiler wasn't putting on an act. His.it was not in the nature of her kind of beauty to do so..get the picture?" "I have thought about it." She waited for a long time. "I think the chances are about a thousand to one against us if I try to fly it. But Til do it, if we come to that. And that's your job. Showing me some better odds. If you can't, let me know."..words. She put their food on the table and they ate their meal in silence. Then they slept like beasts and..be Prince of the Far Rainbow, for a woman worthy of a prince is trapped behind the glass, and not till." "May his head split into a thousand pieces," said Amos..In the first place, as an organism becomes more complex and specialized, its organs, tissues, and.." "Sure, when I was really young." I repeat by long-remembered rote: "Rock breaks scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock."..He watches the men running, sees them launch the boat As they pull away, he is able to keep the..He tried to think of what most poems were about Love seemed the likeliest subject, but he couldn't imagine Madeline, at her age and with her temperament, being in love with anybody. Still, that was her problem. He didn't have to write the poem, only propose it..reproduction could be allowed to take over.." "Across the hall. The one who looks like he smells something bad." "I'm sure," she mumbled. "You people know how long they..order to make it possible to build up a great army of cannon fodder that despots will use for world." "Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky." "Like most of us these days, I would say you're probably a little of each. Are you married, uh . . ." (He peeked into Barry's file.) ". . . Barry?"..Stone 85. "Friendship is a rare thing these days," said Amos. "What sort of help do you and your friend need?" "I am tired," he answered. "My head aches where yesterday he struck me. My heart aches still with..As for the exception reports triggered by your schedule slippage, J.L. has signed off on the necessary..Smith's hair got whiter and thinner. Before the 1992 Crash, he made heavy contributions to the..began with feudal epics and marchen is no reason to keep on writing them forever. And daydreams..As a lover of variations on a theme, though, Fm usually intrigued when a producer decides to use exactly the same property that has been made into a movie before. This has happened curiously often in the science fiction and fantasy genres; it's surprising how few people know there are two (or more) versions of a fair number of movies..sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet.." "Okay," I say.."?"ready. How about you?"..Amanda cried, "Matthew, don't?" Her eyes widened with horror. Her mouth moved again..The music changed from the Sondheim medley to the flip side of The Four Seasons, and Barry's..would they?" She underlined her question with a Mona Lisa smile, and Barry, for all his indignation and.." "Did you hear him?" he said softly. "Did you hear him die?"..16.Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface..Nina?it wasn't her name, but he felt a need to somehow identify this wide-mouthed, pink-tongued..am I saying? That's petty. I don't like him, but he's right" She stood up, puffing out her cheeks as she..Because it was just Harry Spinner at the Brewster Hotel on the wrong end of Hollywood Boulevard.." "Nothing yet," said Amos. "But we can help you if you help us."..what are we talking about here? Evolution, or ... or engineering? Is it the plants themselves that did this..Batterham's, who, for all her real intelligence, was developing a distinct wobble in her upper register..79." "Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and nodded..from the pages of a decorator magazine. A kitchen behind a half wall was on my right A hallway led.." "No." She shook her hair back over her shoulders. "I don't take over officially until January. I just come early to exercise."..186.When he was at bay, he fought hard. I gave the beast's liver and heart to my dogs. But this I saved for..miss what he took." His eyes were going empty again..the top and so wide they could not see the far wall, and his hair brushed the ceiling, and his toenails..clutching a yellow plastic duck. Now you are watching yourself hiding behind the fallen tree on the hill.." "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been..Marvin Kolodny frowned?an ingratiating, boyish frown. "Are you sure you're being entirely honest with yourself, Barry? Few people are completely willing to talk about something. We've all got hobbyhorses. What was your wife interested in? Couldn't you have talked about that?"..around, and the finger Billy had put to his lips went quickly into his mouth as if he were picking his teeth..McKillian didn't seem to know what she wanted. "No. I... but, yes. Yes, I guess I do." She looked at..Now do not get the idea that everyone here is simply sitting around playing Zorphwar. That is far..wish I knew you in a personal way. Truly. You're a very heavy individual."..130.The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt and a small misshapen arm poked out briefly. I could only stare, frozen. The shirt was ripped to shreds. Two arms, a head, a torso came through. The whole thing ripped its way out and fell onto the couch beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams. Its eyes looked uncomprehendingly about. It pulled itself along with its arms, dragging its useless legs, its spine obviously broken. It fell off the couch and flailed about on the floor..She smiled at them and said, "I am glad you have come for the second piece of the mirror, but it is buried in this frozen shard of ice. Once, when I was a girl, I chopped through a chunk of ice to get to an earring my mother had dropped the night before in a winter dance. That block of ice was the coldest and hardest ice any man or woman had ever seen. This block is ten degrees colder. Can you chop through it?"..then your curiosity is easily satisfied; after an older cousin initiates you at fourteen, you are much more..A high-ranking officer in Army Intelligence, watching the first demonstration of the Ozo in the..brushed against Crawford in the dark and they murmured apologies. Then they all bedded down in their..yourself, and if you want to order anything, there's a console that rolls out from this end table/" He..In my want I forget the other occasions. "Okay."..and headed toward us with a grin.." "I simulate a job that Citibank is developing for another corporation, but only on an auxiliary basis. Next year I'm supposed to start full-time." "Very well," said Amos a third time.." "Tell them Marvin sent you."..Amos ran to get his wheelbarrow, pot the prism on top, and wheeled it to the mirror. Then, just

in.least, eager to have someone to talk with. He never told me anything that would connect him to nine.indirect evidence one can bring against this view. For one thing, the people who advance it don't stick to."Why don't you tell me what you think? You're the survival expert. Are babies a plus or a minus in our situation?".International Space Agency. Its crew came from all over Earth. Its drive was new, too, and a lot better.with a single parent, and sex has had nothing to do with its making. It is because human beings first."No, absolutely not. We're still basically in love. After all, most married couples end up not saying much to each other. Isn't that so? Even before Debra got religious, we weren't in the habit of talking to each other. To tell the truth, Dr. Kolodny, I've never been much of a talker. I think I was put off it by the compulsory talk we had to do in high school.".168.number seven." She turned back to me. "This is my protege, Johnny Peacock?a very talented young.From Competition 14: Science fiction "What's the question?" jokes..At the edge of the garden he stopped, remembering the order from Lang to stay out unless collecting samples. He watched the thing-bug? turtle??for a moment, satisfied himself that it wouldn't get too far away at its creeping pace, and hurried off to find Song..She nodded. "He was my heart" Looking straight at him, she added, "What was his is mine by right." Her chin was up and her head held high. She reached past the hunter and pulled the knife from the door with an ease that surprised him. Gently she took down the skin. She shook it out once and smoothed the nap with her hand. Then, as if putting on a cloak, she wrapped the skin around her shoulders and pulled the head over her own..Herndon's room for a few days? until someone claims her things.".219.Crawford nodded. He looked around at the other occupants of the room. There was the Surface Mission Commander, Mary Lang, the black woman he had seen inside the dome just before the blowout She was sitting on the edge of Lou Prager's cot, her head cradled in her hands. In a way, she was a more shocking sight than Lou. No one who knew her would have thought she could be brought to this limp state of apathy. She had not moved for the last hour..went on between the three of them was of no concern to her as long as it stayed happy..I laughed. I thought you were unlucky.".She shakes her head. "Just my pa." I guess I look curious because she looks away and adds, "My.hand, all the diamonds you could lift in the other, and all the emeralds you could haul up from a well in a."I certainly shall," said Hidalgo, "for I always thought you an uncommonly clever man. Your return with this wheelbarrow has proved you worthy of my opinion.".Bless you, what makes you think I know? (See, there goes Byline.) Actually, critics can make.most dependable and trustworthy person I know.".boat and row away. He hears them shouting to each other but cannot make out the words..It stops being easy after the frog, though. Frog eggs are naked and can be manipulated easily. They."Do you want to talk about it?".in return for a favor he did me a million years past, for it was he who made this cave for me by artful and."I can't say I have. I always mean to, but you know how it is. It*s the same with the Statue of Liberty. It's always there, so you never get around to it".John Varley's first story for F&Sf was "Picnic on Nearside" in 1974. Since then, he has earned a reputation as one of sfs most exciting new storytellers through such work as "Retrograde Summer/* "The Black Hole Passes," "In the Bowl" (Best from F&SF, 22nd series) and his first novel, Titan. This story was another Nebula award nominee.."Right?when you get it, you know where you can find us. We're always here on the same settee.".By the end of the day I still thought it had been a good idea, though my feet ached from following her through what had to be every shop in Gateside before Amanda found a gift she thought worthy of her father. I requested a window table at the Beta Cygnus, where we could get some coffee and rest while we watched cafe patrons and people in the street outside..darkened barracks. It wasn't much in the way of a home; they were crowded against each other on."Very well then, I have a plan." Again Amos began to whisper through the bars, and Jack smiled and.Hidalga, the woman who owned the tavern and took no man's jabbering seriously, was leaning her.Earthling Swine! I, Parker, Emperor and Commander and Chief of the Hordes of Zorph, do here.limb from limb and strew them in gobbets about the stage or platform. ... In the same way really fine.of the ghastly facts of American education. Some defenses against this experience take the form of.catch him in case he slipped and fell.."Go away?get out of here.".If the first trip had been an ordeal, this one was an agony: a frantic thrust through the sultry night on."Help me push them back in the closet," said the grey man. "They're so bright that if I look at them too long, I get a headache.".that rotting section of the Boulevard east of the Hollywood Freeway. She bossed them, cursed them,*Tm sorry to hear it.".into the elevator, rides to the fourth floor. She rings the bell beside the door marked 410. The door.is?is Jain's bodyguard. Other stun stars have whole platoons of karate-trained killers for protection. Jain needs only Stella. "Stella, pick me up a fifth? Yeah, Irish. Scotch if they don't".was confident he could have gone out and got three more a day if he'd needed to. He was off the hook..My mother told me once she was sorry I wasn't handsome enough to get by without working. Listen, Ma, I'm all right. There's nothing wrong with working the concert circuit. I'm working damned hard.At four o'clock the next morning when the dawn was foggy and the sun was hidden and the air was.Fm done with the circuit chips. Now the easy staff. I wryly note the male and female plugs Fm connecting. Jain. . .have destroyed me. However, when you made your attack, I was safely docked at a base star and thus.A bitter look.She patted him on the back. "Sure, I know. You forget, I read your dossier. It mentioned several.?Barry N. Malzberg.262.down to look at himself in the mirror. He must have been pleased with what he saw, because he gave a.Limericks incorporating an sf title into the last line.Lee KMough.3. Then your opinion is purely subjective..Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of.Nina had done this to him,.artists..On Christmas Eve, feeling sad and sentimental, he got out the old cassettes he and Debra had made on their honeymoon. He played them on the TV, one after the other, all through the night, waring mellow and mellow and wishing she were here. Then, hi February, when the world had once again refused to end, she did come home, and for several days it was just as good as anything on the cassettes. They even, for a wonder, talked to each other. He told her about his various encounters in pursuit of his endorsements, and she told him about the Grand Canyon, which had taken over from the end of the world as her highest mythic priority. She

loved the Grand Canyon with a surpassing love and wanted Barry to leave his job and go with her to live right beside it Impossible, he declared. He'd worked eight years at Citibank and accrued important benefits. He accused her of concealing something. Was there some reason beyond the Grand Canyon for her wanting to move to Arizona? She insisted it was strictly the Grand Canyon, that from the first moment she'd seen it she'd forgotten all about Armageddon, the Number of the Beast, and -all the other accoutennents of the Apocalypse. She couldn't explain: he would have to see it himself. By the time he'd finally agreed to go there on his next vacation, they had been talking, steadily, for three hours!.Sturgeon Lives Comfortably, THEODORE STURGEON Mr. Robot, That's Me, ISAAC ASIMOV. searching. Three minutes; there was not a bubble on the water, and Amos surprised himself by deciding. "Somewhere in Gateside." Nightingale must have run that stinking army hospital in the Crimea. Her tenants were the losers habitating. "Don't defend her. She's just like her mother, and my father told me what she was. Selene's been after my time ever since her mother died. Now she wants everything that makes my time worth living, too." She clutched her hands together, lacing and unlacing the fingers. "The luminous pool!" cried the prince, and they ran forward..swamp. "No, it isn't completely grey," said Jack. On a stump beside them a green-grey lizard blinked a handle. She seemed to hear the heavy breathing of Brother Hart coming at her through the walls. "Come

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