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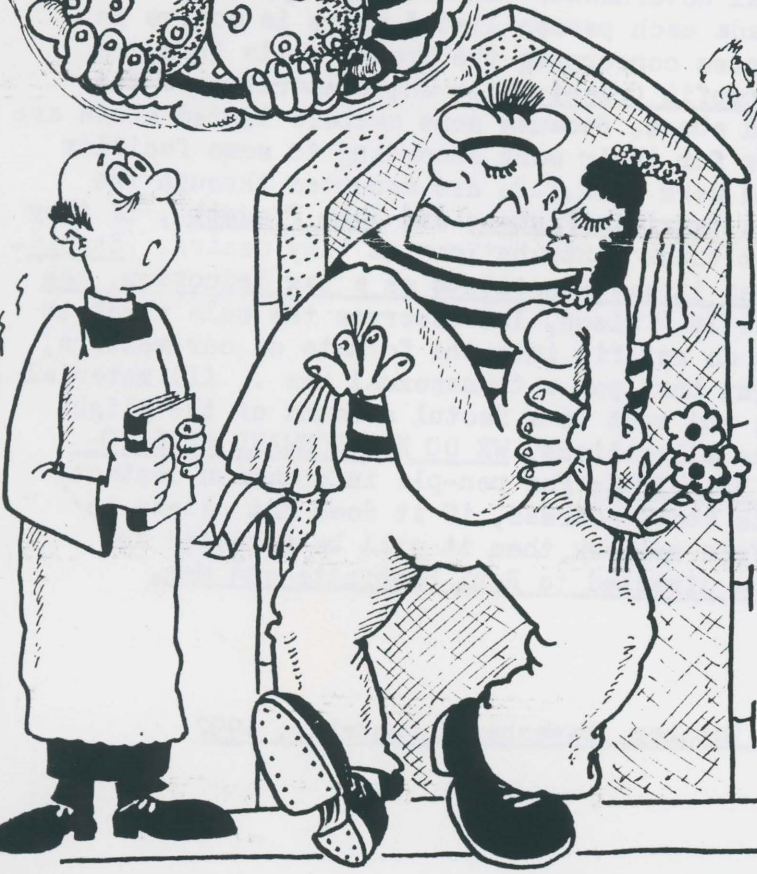
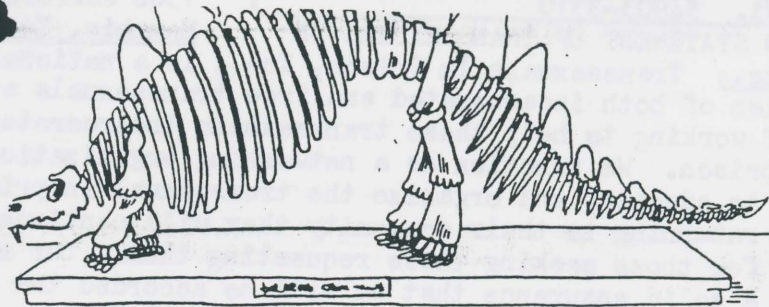
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Last time through I wrote on Fantasy. This time I will address REALITY. And thanks to a Man JOHN FALL and a Supposed Editor, Lin Elliot. my Job this time will be rather easy..

In the Last issue of TIP they requested of US the People who read TIP The Transsexual in prison to submit writings or Art work by and about GAY LESBIAN QUEER PRISONERS OR THEIR LOVERS AND FRIENDS: Gay, Or lesbian is OK that covers both sexes of those who do not feel main stream sexually. QUEER? Gosh I thought that that the two names first stated covers what he wanted to address. WHY did he call me a QUEER? But you see Brothers and Sisters, Even as a Medically and psycholological diagnosed Transsexual there are Bigots who will always call you QUEER. They are in fact Homo-phobic in their hearts. Words Like QUEER and FAGGOT are the result of the un-educated hate filled common person of today's society.

Just when I as a Full blooded Native American of Apache Blood thought that as a Post-OP transsexual with a fully presentable Female Physical Form and a fully operational Female Body with all the feelings and emotions of my Gender Sisters. With the Natural Beauty of my heritage Educated C.P.A. and doing well, in support of my self. Adjusted well and thinking that society has and will except me as a Female Person, A Fellow Human being. Here come some one along in OUR Paper the Paper pf and for Transsexuals refering to US as QUEERS. I am a Post -Op transsexual. Not by choice, but because I had to put my body in tune with my brain and my heart. I am by nature a Lesbian But I guess because I am a Male to Female TS who is Lesbian by choice I am Really a QUEER. This word and words like it are born from the hate and lack of understanding and education about people like us from people in the whole of society like this man JOHN FALL. I for one will not support nor send any thing to a project that refers to me or my brothers who may be Gay or My sisters who may be Gay or my transsexual KIN as QUEERS. I also as Director of counseling for TIP request that you as Transsexuals Boy Cot this request. We are not QUEERS. We are Human beings the same as this person. And my friends we must help stamp out this in-humanity to human beings by people like him and the rest of society. And the thoughts and feelings related in those few words by this person. GAY/LESBIAN/QUEER is the REALITY of life for you and I. We so want to just fit in and be excepted for what we are. A human being who wants and needs the same Love understanding and exceptance that Mr Fall wants Yet he and his king make that impossible with his classification of us as QUEERS. There are no over night cures for transsexualism. Surgery does not end your worries nor your plight as I the same as thousands before me and thousands that will come after me will find out. Once some one finds out about your past and they do, You will be the MAN who had a SEX CHANGE. You will then be that Drag Queen or that QUEER, and that is reality. It is not a easy path of life to walk, I know I have been walking it since I was Sixteen and I am now Fifty four And believe Reality is that Society is still cruel to us. We don't even have the same rights as the Man who wrote and asked us as QUEERS to help him make money off of us and our experiences in prison. Do we Need Men like HIM? I say NO.

THE THINGS WOMEN GO THROUGH

In my last article, I expressed how to survive in a Mens Prison. In this article, I will express how we, as women, must face a life of Men in the world.

Let's face it ladies, we are doomed no matter what we do. From the day we were born, we had several strikes against us. First we were born into the wrong bodies. We are women, but trapped within our male counter-part. So thanks to medical science, we are able to free ourselves after a large sum of change comes from our wallets and purses. In most cases, who do we see when it comes to our surgery? Ten to one it isn't a woman we see with that knife in their hands. We got a man. Who examines us? A man. No matter what we do, we are surrounded by the male. Why???

Good question. I will attempt to answer this question that most women, genentic, as well as (Forgive the term) generic, have asked in our life times.

The man is a very arrogant creature that has two things in life that it must have. The first of which is power over their immediate surroundings, the second is control. Ooooh, the power and control issues. Ring a bell girls? Most of the domestic violence that happens in the world is because the male loses one of these two important factors. Same goes for rape. Sure they try to play it off that the woman was being flirtatious...so they say. Or it was that they say we wanted it, just that we don't say it. Why not blame the female. It gives the satisfaction of power and control. We are the weak side of life in general. I don't believe this, for if I did, I wouldn't be writing this now, nor would I have published "Learning to Survive In a Mens Prison Through Female." I believe that our entire society is a corrupted place to live. We as women have absolutely no privacy. From our daily issues, to political rights, to the work force. Face it girls, we still get paid .70 cents to the man's \$1.00. I know, we are suppose to have equal rights, but do we? No, I wouldn't think so. Man doesn't want to lose their precious power and control ego trip that they pride themselves with.

A good instance for this is, when in our history has there ever been a woman for President? How many women serve in Govenmental issues? How many women hold power? Should I answer that, or would you like too, Again, I can bet ten to one that our answers would not be the same. I know that being a woman is going to be difficult. Not only in prison, but the prison we must face when we are released. How many of us will fall prey to the men's world where they have the last say? How many of you that are reading this have had a woman attorney represent you for your case?

How many of you had a woman judge when they past sentence on you? I am here now to try to console you on how to survive in a place that men are the dominant figure. A world that men have all the power and glory. I have to think to how liberated we really are. It's a crying shame to see that they continue to walk all over us, and view us as sex-objects and not for human beings. If we could blind every individual, and get everyone to speak mono-tone so as not to mistake the voice and put them into a room for a lengthy conversation about rights, rules, we'd have a heck of a lot more rights now. But when a man sees us, or hears us, the first thing that pops into their heads is female. Then the definition of female comes to their mind. First of which is a threat. Anything that threatens a man, they fear that which they fear, they destroy...legally mind you. Then they futher their definition of female as weak simple, powerless.

In a lot of ways, we have accepted this, for we rely on a man for many things. We have too, sad to say that, but none the less, nature made it that way. We are not capable to lift or carry things that are heavy, due to our body chemistry, and our physical size. I guess an old adage comes to mind. Men may have the braun, but women have the brains. Natures way of bringing about an equaliness that some how still out weighs what should be, and what is. Well, if we got the brains, how come we are not in any public place trying to fight for our rights? Here, think about this once. This goes to the Male to Female TS. How many men are really going to listen to us? I mean, we plead our case to them as a woman, right? What man is going to be willing to help a woman to remove a certain member of the male body? None that I know of. Men will stick to men, an women will stick to women. Our rights as Male to Female Transsexuals will never be what we wish them to be untill perhaps a Female to Male TS speaks to the male world to liberate us. Not just Male to Female, but likewise, we must plead our cases to women, so as not to offend the female race when a member of their society wishes to become male. Again the saying goes that women have more sympathy and understanding when it comes to us because of the fact that they know what we will face. Whereas a man will have more sympathy and understanding when it comes from a man.

Maybe we are attacking these issues of freedom the wrong way. Mabey we need to have the Female to Male fight for our rights, as Male to Female for theirs. That could be a very high possibility. So we need to see our counter-parts to see if they might give us a hand. We can use it, that we all know. I have been locked up for just under four years. I know that this is a drop in the barrel for some of you, and I am sorry that you have that much time to do. But use this time as I have done. Study the male. You have ample time to do so. I do it everyday. I am surprised at my findings to see just how insecure a man is...especially when he is taken

away from the female race. Notice how bold they get when around a woman guard or teacher. But when they get back to the populace, notice how weak and vulnerable they become. I have heard once that a man gets his strength from a womans weakness, as we as women gain our strenght from a their aggressiveness. I know that this is hard to swallow, but think about it once.

Now, bring this into the outside world and see what happens. In the real world, we women roam about like any other, unless your boy-friend or husband is so insecure that he soesn't want you to leave the house hold. Look at how vulnerable they must feel to see that their woman is working around all those other men. Perhaps you go to the store. Anywhere you go, you will stumble upon all walks of men. You will meet some that will hit on you verbally, some will hit on you physically. They think that if we are not in our prospective homes, we are fair game to any. Even when we have rings on our fingers, they wtill will try. Why is this, because some where deep inside of them, they feel powerless, and not in control of some thing in their lives. They need to feel that control of something is in their lives. They need to feel that control to be accepted by their peers. You can see that in prison. Listen to their conversations once. I mean really listen to them. How they would live to slap the f!lk out of their women for the smallest things. Never would they do it if they were there, but only to impress the guys. It is all too humerous to me, though I know that the sobering consequences are the facts that it does happen. So what do we do about this situation that we in no doubt face.

Alright, now that we know what a mans weakness is, we can do one of two things. Use it against him, or help him. In the outside world, depending on the situation, we have to respect him. Know that he is the "Law" per-se and respect his wishes. That is if he is our boy-friend or husband. If he is any other Joe out there, and he is trying to pull all this machoism on us, fine, let him do what he has to do, then very politely tell him where to go if you wish not to be disturbed. If you don't get your point acrossed to him that way, don't get hostile with him, for then you showed him that you are falling for his trap. Go find yourself some girl-friends, any female in this situation will do, and once more tell him politely where to go. It is best to do this in numbers. He will lose even more control, and in fact he will feel very uncomfortable. Now that you are with those female friends, he soesn't want to embarass himself that much more, and most likely he will leave. If not your girls will help you shake the gut by defending you with your help. If he has friends, it is best to leave the situation as quickly and quietly as possible. Again, find some female friends, and refuse to engage in any arguement, but leave as quickly as possible. It will show that

-5- "Yeah, okay, you got your power trip off, but you can't control me." Most likely he will not follow now that he has gotten the two things he desired.

Men are a mysterious creature for sure and are sometimes unpredictable. You are gifted with the one thing that men can not fathom. Intuition, Use it girls. That old gut feeling has saved more assaults yearly than all the police force can. It's called the basic need for survival. Practice it, and acquire that keen sense of judgement. Remember, they may have the muscle, but we have the brains. Use them. God did try to make us equal in ways that would stop a man. We just need to identify them, and watch. Our passivity is unbeatable, when we fully understand the effects it has. How many times have you witnessed a woman hit a man, and get away with it? It's not because they fear us for hitting them, it's their fear of what would my friends think if I ever struck her back being as weak and helpless as she is? We do have some things going for us, but we don't go out and see how many men we can go around decking and get away with it.

Well, there you have it. A world filled with men and their insecurities. Their power and control ego trips. They get what they want because of it. They strip us of ours to satisfy themselves. Our privacy, lifestyles, anything we do, a man has to be involved. I want to stress one other thing, we do have some control, however, on what type a man we want to be there to influence us. Our freedom of choice does have it's limitations, but there is some hope there. We might as well get us to it. If we are to be completely female, we are still under a Patriotic government, and until it changes to Matriarch system, men will continue to influence our every day lives. So let's put our brains together, and stick together. Together we may have a chance. Just be careful girls, it's a cruel world both in the system, and out. Take the time out to study the male while you are in the system, and you'll come off a better woman out there on the streets, for you survived the worst of the crop.

I will conclude this now, and hope that I have helped you with worldly situations as we the Transsexuals will face.

By, Melissa Marie Beyer

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