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Currently Fandom's Smallest Monthly Fanzine ----- Anybody disagree?

editorial

A number of individuals are engaged in an experiment: they are trying to form a group welded principally by bonds of affection. The nucleus is the love affair of two known fan, and the charter members have been drawn from their mutual friends. The friends of the friends formed a secondary wave of members and the group stands now at the crossroads.

On the one hand, the group could expand indefinitely as each new member brings with him his circle of closest friends. The resulting loose-jointed open network would eventually disintegrate through loss of unity and identity, since any attempt at formal organization would violate the fundamental principle of unity through affection alone.

On the other hand, the group could limit membership in such a way that mutual affection is assured among all the members. One suggestion is that new members be accepted only on unanimous approval of the members after having met them all by letter or personally. By the same token, one objecting vote would have to be enough to dismiss a member. This system can work provided the original group is truly bound by affection. Otherwise it could be easily misused by the group as a tool of self-destruction. At this time it is not certain whether all members of the group are truly interested in belonging or understand the implications of belonging.

There is also a third alternative: through indecision and lack of leadership the group may simply fade away into oblivion. - SWPW

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LITTLE BOYS' DEPARTMENT
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
EROTICA 74

Boys
are cruel and rough,
vulgar, disgusting

I hate them

I hate them most
when they are cruel
to girls

I want to have a sister
I would love her
(not like Frank
who always beats
his sister up)

I would kiss her sweet
cheeks and lips

That is what I want most
in the world

When the frost in winter
makes Susan's cheeks
rosy and cool
Oh how I want
to kiss them!

She hates me
She laughs at me
They all laugh at me

No one knows
how I cry at night
in vain
how I reach
into the dark
for my sweet
make believe love

But there is no one
in the dark

I try so hard
to change my pillow
into a girl
who would love me
as I would love her

I'm wishing
and wishing
and wishing
but my pillow is still

only a pillow
and I am still

alone

I wish I was a girl
I would be all my own

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SOME QUESTIONS ON A QUATRAIN
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"To each is given a set of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of
rules,
And each must build ere life has
flown
A stumbling block or a stepping
stone.

The set of tools - A compact self-
maintaining Computerized precision
matter Manipulator with a practic-
ally Infinite programming Capacity
(COMIC for short).

The shapeless mass - A random struc-
ture of space-time and energy.

The book of rules - A list of per-
mitted and forbidden space-time-
energy distributions.

Questions: COMIC has been devel-
oped on this planet over some bil-
lion years without any apparent
guiding principle other than simple
survival. However, by now, COMIC's
functionality exceeds by far re-
quirements of mere survival. Whence
this luxurious improvement beyond
necessity? Is there another guid-
ing program of a higher purpose
than mere will to exist? Or is CO-
MIC, except for the elementary
survival program built into it from
its inception, completely self-
programming? Is evolution the res-
ult of an accidental assembly of
the fundamental survival program
with an ability to execute it? Is
self-reproduction, as a means of
defying the second law of thermo-
dynamics, the fundamental survival
program? COMIC operates without
supervision and without awareness
of an intelligence or purpose oth-
er than its own. Is there, in fact
any ultimate mission for COMIC
other than that which it sets
for itself? Or is it indeed build-
ing a stumbling block or a stepp-
ing stone? And if so, in whose
path, leading where? - SWPW

CLAY HARLIN:

Paul Wyszowski: A loveable cynic
who punctures one's psyche with
scalpel like precision, and leaves
one begging for more.

Letter of Comment: more, PLEASE!!!

JANEY: Impossible! Loved it!

JUDI BEATTY: Format is different, I like the style. BILL WOLFENBARGER: It's
a good fanzine... well balanced. EVERYBODY: It's not Fandom's smallest!

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SPECIAL
TODAY
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Words
of
Wisdom:

One
should
never
tell
lies
and
truth
only
occasion-
ally.

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Truth
is
precious;
do
not
waste
it

* *
Each
half
truth
is
a
complete
lie
* *
One
should
weigh
words,
not
count
them
* *
You
can
lead
a
horse
to
drink
but
you
can't
make
him
water