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The LSF Book Discussion Group



If *you're* interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LGBT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fascinating round-table discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 "S" St., NW – for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369. The next book discussion will be held on May 22nd.

Here are the details for the next several book discussions:

May 22 – *The Drowning Girl*, by Caitlín Keirnan (moderator: Carl)

June 26 – *Ascension*, by Jacqueline Koyanagi (moderator: Claire).

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LSF Movie Outing:

X-Men: Days of Future Past

Saturday, May 24

announced by Peter



What: Movie outing to see *X-Men: Days of Future Past* (2D, not 3D)

Date: Saturday, May 24

Time: 4:15 PM (Please be in line on the second level of the theater by 3:45 PM, so we can get good seats.)

Where: Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14 -- 701 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001 (Gallery Place Metro).

Tickets: http://www.fandango.com/regalgalleryplacestadium14_aatar/theaterpage?date=5/24/2014

Dinner: For those that are interested in sharing a meal, we'll have some dinner in Chinatown.

Questions: PeterPKnapp@gmail.com or 202-810-4678

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Atlanta, Georgia

May 2-4, 2014

The Gaylactic Network



[For details, see Con Calendar on page 4 of this issue.]



In this month's newsletter, we're continuing with Part 2 of Max's short play, *Carrot and Stick* (originally written as a birthday present for Peter). ΛΨΦ

<<<<< May LSF Meeting >>>>>

The next LSF meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 11th**. The meeting will once again be held at Peter and Rob's home, **1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC**. The business meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and the social meeting at 2:00 PM. Please also bring some munchies or soft drinks, if you can. Hope to see you there!

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Carrot and Stick

by Maxton Young-Jones
for Peter Knapp



Part Two of Three

Characters

TUMBLES: A Rabbit. Often Irate.
An artist.

PEEP: A Rabbit. Often scared.
Occasionally Satan.

HOPSY: A Rabbit. Often
Fabulous. Twitter-famous.

DORA: A Rabbit. Newcomer.

A two story rabbit cage in a library
that is also used as a home office.

DORA: Yo what up, boyz D-Money
in DA HOUSE!!!

HOPSY: Hello.

PEEP: Hi.

TUMBLES: ‘Sup.
(Awkward silence.)

DORA: So, uh, P-Slice seems really
baller, yo? First class bruh, na’meen?

PEEP (whispering to HOPSY): What
is she saying?

DORA: Like he be feedin’ you n’ shit
; n’stead of economy carrot, you get
the whole airline complete with lettuce
'n booze. VEGETABLE-DRANK
MOTHAFUCKERS.

HOPSY: What?

DORA: P-Slice. Mofo is PIMPIN’.

HOPSY: Dad? Yes he is. We’re very
lucky.

DORA (trying out the word): ‘Dad’.

TUMBLES: *We’re* very lucky. Not
you. *Our* Dad. Not yours.

(Awkward silence.)

DORA: Would someone mind fixin’
mah weave? He and his Rob were
gettin’ dey pet on, which is nice, but a
gurl needs to keep her fur
TOGETHER. ...’Rob’? I be
pronouncin’ dat right?

HOPSY: He’s also our Dad.

DORA: Thought P-Slice was our
Dad?

TUMBLES: *Our* Dad. Yes, but so is
Rob. They’re ‘Human Gay’.

DORA: What?

TUMBLES (bigoted): It means they
smell too much like each other for my
tastes.

HOPSY (brightly): Tumbles means
they’re fucking.

TUMBLES: Ewww. Shut up, Hopsy!

HOPSY: It think it’s sweet!

TUMBLES: Not when it’s your
parents!

HOPSY: Since he can’t get sex, he has a
bad habit of judging everyone else’s.
Hashtag Virgin Problems.

TUMBLES: You bitch!

HOPSY: Sorry/Not sorry.

DORA: Tumbles, yous’a hater.

TUMBLES: What do you want?

DORA: You be hatin’ on yo fellow
buns and on yo parents. That ain’t cool,
nigguh. Downright disrespectful if you
ax me.

TUMBLES: No one ‘axed’ you.
‘Nigguh’.

PEEP: Um, Tumbles? I think that’s
racist. All fellow bunnies should be
equal under the new regime.

HOPSY: Yeah man, take it down a
little.

TUMBLES: She has white fur! She’s
whiter than all of us. And she’s a
RABBIT!

(He sulks over to the water and
begins drinking heavily. Pause.)

DORA: And there he go. Drinkin’ dat
Haterade.

TUMBLES: That’s it!

HOPSY (interceding): DORA! Why
don’t I go fix your fur like you asked.
Peep—

PEEP: Satan. Lord of Hell.

HOPSY: Right, yes, Satan. Um. Keep
Tumbles company.

PEEP (*sotto voce*): Do I have to?

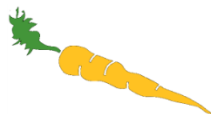
HOPSY: (*sotto voce*): Yes, Satan, or I
swear to Frith that I will shove a carrot
up your ass.

PEEP: ...Fine.

(PEEP moves to the corner
with TUMBLES.)

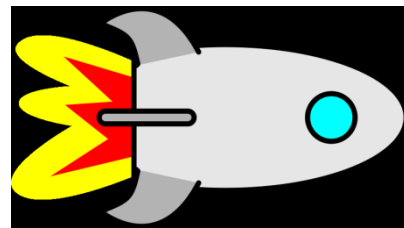
(HOPSY and DORA move to the second
level and start to groom.)

HOPSY: So, dear, how are you settling
in?



The Sky’s (Not) the Limit by Adam H. Graham

passed along by Wayne # 1
[source not specified]



Space travel may finally be a pos-
sibility—for a hefty price. Travel ty-
coon Sir Richard Branson’s Virgin
Galactic (virgingalactic.com; from
\$250,000) has already made test runs
in the Mojave Desert. His Spaceship
Two is expected to send six passengers
at once hurtling into zero g’s starting
this year. Next up: entrepreneur
Michiel Mol’s SXC (spacexc.com;
from \$95,000). Once it’s up and run-
ning, SXC’s Mojave campus will offer
daily service to the edge of Earth’s
atmosphere in a specially designed
spacecraft that will give passenger-
astronauts a stunning view of the
planet from more than 60 miles up.
The line behind these two risk-takers is
long, but other companies are laun-
ching commercial travel to space—
including Jeff Bezos’s Blue Origin,
starting in 2016.

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DORA: Er’rybody be all up in my
grill, but it’s a’ight. Good food.
Shelter. Nice humans. Lotsa places to
explore. Ain’t no ‘Tumbles gonna fuck
wit MY mood.

HOPSY: I’m glad you’re so confident.
We Rabbits aren’t known for our
boldness.

DORA: I ain’t no normal Rabbit. Dis
my pad. I RUNS dis joint ya’heard?

HOPSY: Taz once said something to
that effect. I told him he was full of
shit.

DORA: Who dat bitch be?

HOPSY: Nevermind.

DORA: He de other Rabbit I be
smellin’?

HOPSY: Dora drop it.

DORA: He dead, ain’t he?
(Pause.)

HOPSY: I think you should go now.

(to be concluded next month)

Minutes of the April LSF Meeting taken by Scott

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There was a discussion about *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*; most attendees liked it, but the Bucky Barnes Big Reveal was not surprising to most. Everyone loves Chris Evans! Did you notice the Apple store geek employee cruising Steve Rodgers in the film?

Awesome Con is next week at the convention center; Teresa read off the list of guests and activities. Peter distributed a flyer for *Confluence* (a speculative fiction con in Pittsburgh). Rob might be attending the World Fantasy Convention in Arlington in November – mainly because the GoH will be Guy Gavriel Kay.

BBC America will be showing a four-part series on science fiction. Season Two of *Orphan Black* is about to start. (The show's premise is that several identical women appear to be clones.) A new series titled *Penny Dreadful* will premiere in May on Showtime – looks like it might have some steampunk and Victorian Gothic elements. Season IV of *Games of Thrones* has begun; it's based upon the second half of the third book in the series by George R.R. Martin. The Canadian CGI series *Reboot* may get rebooted. Rob is enjoying the French TV series *Returned*, which is similar to the ABC-TV series *Resurrection*.

The Amazing Spiderman 2, *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, and

Godzilla movies are all coming out in May. The character Rogue apparently did not make it off the cutting room floor in the *X-Men* movie.

During the meeting, Rob received an e-mail that Gaylaxicon 2015 (Boston) has been cancelled and that refunds are being issued.

Carl passed around some new American Library Association bookmarks that we will be handing out at the LSF table at this year's Capitol Pride Day event; they feature Captain America, Spiderman, Iron Man, Thor, and the Hulk.

Teresa recommended a book she's currently reading titled *Slimed*, about the oral history of Nickelodeon's golden age. Peter recalled a book he read as a kid, *The 21 Balloons* by William Pène du Bois; it's about a retired schoolteacher who takes a balloon trip to a fantastical land. Carl highly recommended a new book by Caitlin Kiernan, a collection of short stories titled *Alabaster: Pale Horse*.

Wess said that actress Denise Crosby (from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*) looks like "a real person" now that she looks dumpy. (She has appeared in the series *The Walking Dead*.)

Peter reported that new *Doctor Who* episodes are being filmed now, and that a young black male is being cast as a companion. Several people noted that John Barrowman ("Captain Jack") has appeared on *Arrow*.

Rob reminded everyone that the next LSF Book Discussion Group title is *Glory Season* by David Brin. Also, the next LSF gaming party will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Peter and Rob's place.

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"There's no use trying," she said: "one *can't* believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

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Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There* (1872)

quoted in *Science Fiction Quotations* (Yale University Press, 2005)
edited by Gary Westfahl

Tidbits from Wayne # 1

Heroes, off-air since 2010, will return to NBV with 13 episodes in 2015. *Heroes-Reborn* will be exec-produced by creator Tim Kring. [*Entertainment Magazine*]

The recent film *Noah's Ark* required one million hours for F/X wizards at Industrial Light & Magic, their most ever. This is the equivalent of working 24/7 for 38 years. [NPR]

"Spirit & Opportunity—10 Years Roaming Across Mars" – an exhibit at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum through Sept. 14, 2014.

The Lost World (1925 silent adaptation of the Arthur Conan Doyle novel) was the first in-flight film: on the April 6, 1925, on a British Imperial Airlines Croyden-to-New York flight. The orchestral soundtrack was piped to the passengers using crystal radio wi-fi (probably at exceedingly high volume to compete with the cabin noise). [*Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine*]

Philip Seymour Hoffman was scheduled to appear in the next two *Hunger Games* films. [*Entertainment Magazine*]

Seemingly maxed out at 30 million subscribers, HBO is aiming to expand its membership further by using Hip-Hop to promote its shows, beginning with the current season of *Game of Thrones*. {NPR}

Alamogordo, NM recently approved six-months access to the municipal landfill to Fuel Industries (the Canadian filmdoc company) in order to prove or disprove the supposed September 1983 dumping of several million copies of "E.T.: The Video Game" and "Ms. PacMan". The outcry over the size and toxicity of the dump caused an uproar that resulted in expedited passage of the New Mexico Emergency (Waste) Management Act. [NPR]

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* * INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS * *

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed copy of this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on Sunday, **May 11th, at Peter and Rob's home, 1425 "S" Street NW, Washington, DC.** The business meeting will begin at 1:30 PM; and the social meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Please bring some munchies or soft drinks, if you can. Hope to see you there!

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* * Con Calendar * *

by Carl & James



May 2-4, 2014 **GAYLAXICON/Outlantacon 2014.** Atlanta Marriott Century Center (Atlanta, GA). Guests: TBD. Membership: currently \$45; will increase later. Watch this space for further developments.

Website: www.outlantacon.org

For more info: info@outlantacon.org



May 23-26, 2014 **BALTICON 48.** Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Author GoH: Brandon Sanderson. Artist GoH: Halo Jankowski. Bard/Filk GoH: Kenneth Anders. Membership: \$67 at the door. Make checks payable to "Balticon 48" and send to: Balticon 48 Registration, PO Box 686, Baltimore, MD 21203-0686 Check website for details about on-line registration. Website: www.balticon.org

October 10-12, 2014 **CAPCLAVE 2014.** Hilton Washington DC/North Gaithersburg (Gaithersburg, MD). Guests of Honor: Paolo Bacigalupi, Holly Black, Genevieve Valentine. Membership: \$45 thru end of May; \$50 June-July; \$55 Aug. – Sept.; \$60 at the door. Website: www.capclave.org For more info: info@capclave.org

November 6-9, 2014 **WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION 2014:** 1914-2014 – Three Centennials. Hyatt Regency Crystal City (Arlington, VA). Guests: Les Edwards (aka Edward Miller), Guy Gavriel Kay, Stuart David Schiff, Laid Finlay (daughter of Virgil Finlay), Jane Yolen. Attending membership: \$200. On-line and mail-in membership forms available on the website.

Website: <http://worldfantasy2014.org/>

For more info: info@worldfantasy2014.org

November 28-30, 2014 **CHESSIECON 2014.** Crowne Plaza Baltimore North (Timonium, MD). Author GoH: Tamora Pierce. Music GoH: Tom Smith. Art GoH: Theresa Mather. Special Guest: Katherine Kurtz. Membership: \$55 until Nov. 14; \$60 at the door. Payment via Paypal; or print membership form from website (checks payable to "Thanksgiving Science Fiction Society") and send to: TSFS, Inc., PO Box 83032, Gaithersburg, MD 20883-3032

Website: <http://chessiecon.org>

For more info: info@chessiecon.org

June 19-21, 2015 **CAPITOL CON DC 2015.** "A new science fiction/fantasy convention for the Washington DC area." Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill (Washington DC). Media GoH: Doug Jones ("Abe Sapien" in *Hellboy* and *Hellboy 2*). Author GoH: Sherrilyn Kenyon. Artist GoH: Ruth Sanderson. More info as it becomes available.