



Lambda Sci-Fi DC Area Gaylaxians



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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 roundtable discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group generally 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 meeting (a combined November/December meeting) will be held on December 3rd.

Here are the details on the next couple of discussion meetings:

Dec. 3rd (combined Nov./Dec. meeting) - *The Host*, by Stephenie Meyer; moderator: Jack.

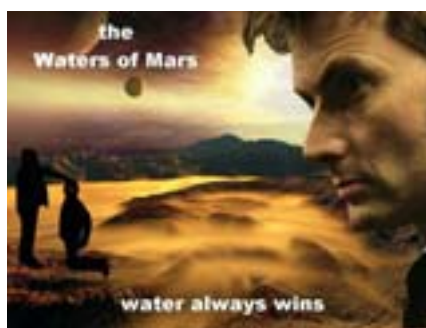
Jan. 28th (back to the regular 4th Thursday schedule) - *Havemercy*, by Jaida Jones & Danielle Bennett; moderator: Rob.

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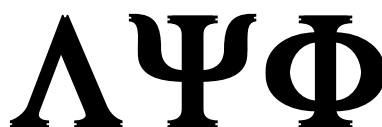
U.S. Airdate of Next *Doctor Who* Episode

info passed along by Peter Knapp



The *Doctor Who* special, *The Waters of Mars*, will air soon on BBC1 and BBC America. The UK audience will see it on November 15th on BBC1; and, in the US, BBC America will screen it on December 19th. Now you know.

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December LSF Meeting

The next LSF meeting will be held on the **Sunday, December 13th**. The meeting will be held at James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th St. NW, #413), near Dupont Circle. The business meeting will begin (as usual) at 1:30 PM; and the social meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Please bring some munchies or soft drinks, if you can. See you there!

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Reminder: Annual LSF Book Exchange Set for Jan. 10th Meeting



(and other
stuff, too!)

That's right, gang, the Holiday Season is almost upon us again; and it's time for a short reminder about Lambda Sci-Fi's upcoming *twentieth* annual book (*et al*) exchange, which will occur at the January 10th meeting! All LSF members are invited to participate in this "blind exchange" — and visitors are invited to join in the fun, too!

Briefly, this will be an opportunity for LSFers to exchange copies of their favorite science-fiction, fantasy, or horror books/videos/etc. and, thus, get to know each other a little better.

For those of you unfamiliar with the process, here's how it works: You won't be assigned to exchange with any particular person — it's a "blind" exchange, where participants will get their pick from a pile of anonymous wrapped packages. **There will be full details on the exchange in the next (January) LSF newsletter.**

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Season's
Greetings
Earthlings!

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**Minutes of the November
8th LSF Meeting**
taken by Scott

Business Meeting

It was noted that LSF club elections will be held next month (November). The offices are Speaker, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Coordinator. These positions are currently filled (respectively) by Teresa, Rob, Scott, and Rob.

Carl mentioned that the January 2010 meeting will include the popular annual LSF book (*et al*) exchange. Carl described how the book exchange will work. [Ed. Note: See article on page 1 for more details.]

Social Meeting

Alex said that a recent *Big Bang Theory* episode features “a Cylon toaster.” And Will Wheaton appeared a few episodes ago.

Regarding the remake of *V* – the plot pace seemed to advance aggressively in the first episode, including the revelation that the Visitors are actually lizard-based. Will there be a human-Visitor hybrid baby?

The SyFy Channel’s *StarGate: Universe* – well, not so hot, say some. Peter explained the show’s premise: Eli’s character is a gamer; there seems to be too much focus on emotional drama.

Alex plugged the new season of *Venture Brothers*. The premiere episode of Season IV is told in reverse order.

Nathan Fillion dressed up as his *Firefly* character for a Halloween party in a recent episode of *Castle*.

In Robert Sawyer’s *Flash Forward* novel, the “flash forward” is several years in the future (not just six months). ABC apparently needed to shorten the length of the “flash forward”



in order to squeeze in a new series before the return of the last season of *Lost*.

Peter provided some *Doctor Who* news – the BBC just showed the first episode of *K-9*. *K-9* (the series) has 26 commissioned episodes. *K-9* (the character) is also appearing in Season III of *The Sarah Jane Chronicles*. No official word on a new season of *Torchwood*.

Season II of *Being Human* is coming. Coming out in December is a new Sherlock Holmes movie starring Robert Downey Jr. as Holmes and Jude Law as Watson.

In book store news, Rob reported that there is a price war going on between Walden Books and Amazon.com. And a new reader from Barnes & Noble is out; it’s called The Nook.

Rob passed around two issues of *Sigma*, the newsletter of the Pittsburgh area’s sci-fi group.

The next LSF book club discussion will be held on the 1st Thursday in December; they’ll discuss Stephanie Meyer’s *The Host*.

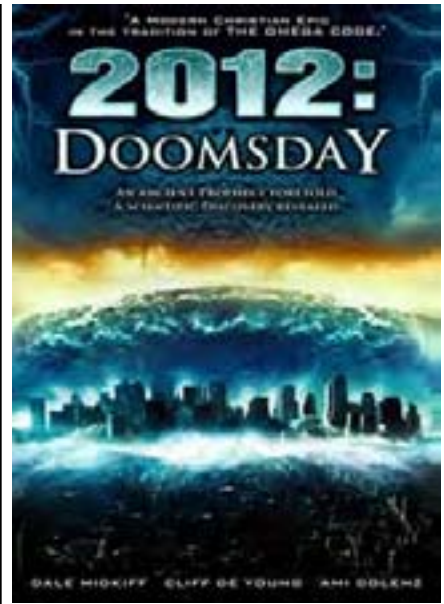
The annual LSF New Year’s Eve video party will be held at Peter and Rob’s place. Details forthcoming.

Wess supplied a mini-review of *2012*: a stupid movie with good CGI. Set your expectations low regarding plot and character development.

Rob successfully read *Altered Carbon*, after his first less-than-successful attempt. He enjoyed reading it!

There seems to be general interest in AMC’s six-episode remake of *The Prisoner*.

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2012

a short review by Wess

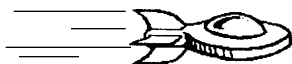
How do I start talking about the movie? It was a spectacular visual spectacle, and that should be your only reason the go see the movie. As long as you have extremely low expectations and are willing to follow a couple of simple rules, it is entertaining and enjoyable for what it is. First, you must be willing to go into the movie expecting Hollywood to pull out all the stops and to pull every disaster film cliché in the books... and then some. If you can’t do that, DON’T GO!!!! You must also be able to raise the willful suspension of disbelief to 1 Billion, which coincidentally is the price of a ticket (in Euros) to board one of the Arks at the end of the movie. I hope I didn’t ruin the plot for you.

If you recall from the trailers, an aircraft carrier slams into the White House in the movie. It’s the *USS John F. Kennedy*. It was good to see JFK on, I mean *in*, the White House again.

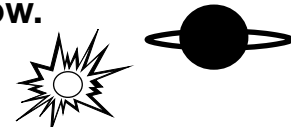
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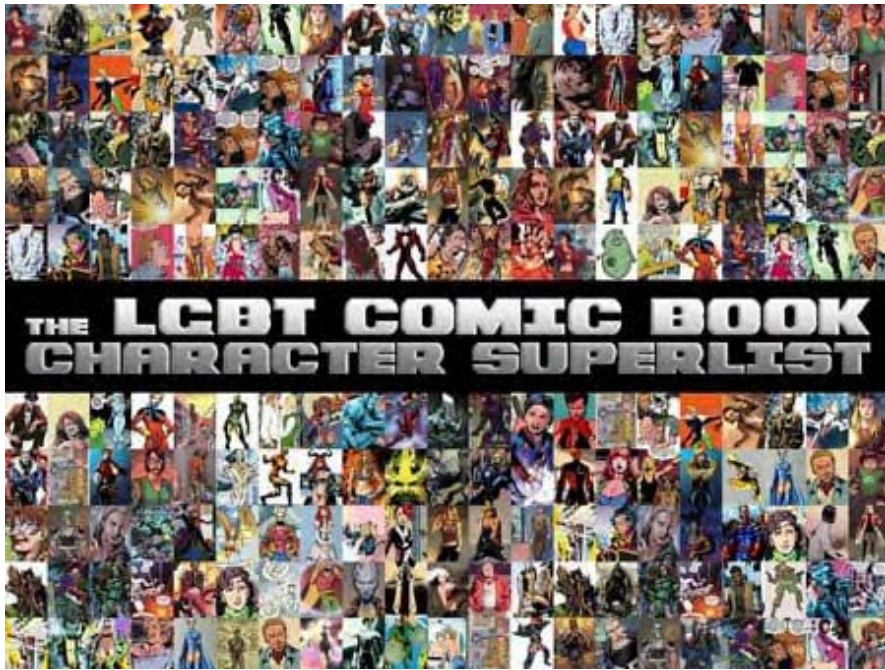
The future will one day be the present and will seem as unimportant as the present does now.



-- W. Somerset Maugham --



quoted in *If Ignorance Is Bliss, Why Aren't There More Happy People?* (*Smart Quotes for Dumb Times*)
by John Lloyd & John Mitchinson



GLBT Characters in Comics

info passed along by Kendall

Someone has made a (new) database of GLBT characters in comics. I've peeked at it quickly. It sounds like so far they have stuff from the major comic companies in there; but they are still fleshing things out, from what I read elsewhere.

<http://queersupe.com/a-z-lbgt-comic-book-character-superlist/>

[Ed. Note: I looked it over, too. It runs for many, many pages. Who'd'a think there were so MANY queer characters in comics?]

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**Prisoner Miniseries
Air Dates**

info passed along by Peter



<http://www.amctv.com/originals/the-prisoner/>

The six-part *Prisoner* miniseries premiered on the American Movie Channel (AMC) at 8 PM (7 PM Central) over three nights:

- Sunday, November 15:
"Arrival" and "Harmony"
- Monday, November 16:
"Anvil" and "Darling"
- Tuesday, November 17:
"Schizoid" and "Checkmate"

[Ed. Note: It's been rerun on several nights after that. No telling how long they'll keep running it.]

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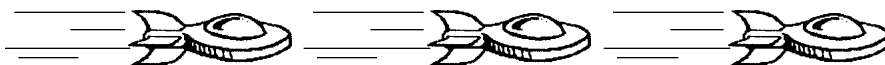


Jim Caviezel (No. 6)

**No one who has not
sat in prison knows
what the State is like.**

-- Leo Tolstoy --

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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 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. But the next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on the **Sunday, December 13th**, at James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th St. NW, #413), near Dupont Circle. 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!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of **the Gaylactic Network**, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.



Con Calendar

by Carl



February 12-14, 2010 **FARPOINT** ("Baltimore's Fandom Family Reunion"). Crowne Plaza Baltimore North (Timonium, MD). Guest: Mira Furlan ("Rousseau" from *Lost*; "DeLenn" from *Babylon 5*); and more to be announced! Pre-registration membership for the weekend: \$70. (Daily rates available.) Register on-line at: www.farpointcon.com -- or make your check payable to "Farpoint Enterprises" and send registration info to: Farpoint Enterprises, Inc., 11708 Troy Ct., Waldorf, MD 20601. Website: www.farpointcon.com E-mail: trekcontact@comcast.net

April 9-11, 2010 **RAVENCON 2010**. Holiday Inn Kroger Center (Richmond, VA). Author GoH: Rachel Caine; Artist GoH: R. Cat; Gaming GoH: Steve Long. Membership: \$35 until 12/31/2009; \$35 from 1/1/2010 to 4/1/2010; \$40 at the door. Registration form available on-line. Make checks payable to "Ravencon 2010" and send to: Ravencon 2010, 3502 Fernmoss Court, Charlotte, NC 28269. Website: www.ravencon.com

May 28-31, 2010 **BALTICON 44**. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Author GoH: Tanya Huff; Artist GoH: Howard Tayler; 2009 Compton Crook Award Winner: Paul Melko; 2010 Compton Crook Award Winner: TBA. Membership: \$48 until 2/28/2010; \$53 from 3/1/2010 until 4/30/2010; \$60 after 4/30/2010 and at the door. Registration: registration@balticon.org Website: www.balticon.org E-mail: balticoninfo@balticon.org

August 5-8, 2010 **RECONSTRUCTION** (NASFiC 2010). Raleigh Convention Center; Raleigh Marriott City Center; Sheraton Raleigh Hotel (Raleigh, NC). GoH: Eric Flint; AGoH: Brad Foster. Membership: currently \$95 (will go up!). Make checks payable to "ReConStructure" and send to: ReConStructure, PO Box 31706, Raleigh, NC 27622 Website: www.reconstructionsf.org

October 29-31, 2010 **GAYLAXICON 2010**. Marriott Chateau Champlain (Montreal, QC, Canada). More details as they become available. Website: www.gaylaxicon2010.org

Aug. 17-21, 2011 **RENOVATION** (69th World Science Fiction Convention). Reno-Sparks Convention Center (Reno, Nevada). Guests of Honor: Ellen Asher, Charles N. Brown, Tim Powers, Boris Vallejo. Membership: \$140 until 4.30/2010. Website: www.renovationsf.org Membership queries: memberships@renovationsf.org

