



# 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 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 April 24th.

Here are the details for the next several book discussions:

**April 24** – *Glory Season*, by David Brin (moderator: Randy).

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

**June 26** – *Ascension*, by Jacqueline Koyanagi (moderator: Claire).  $\Lambda\Psi\Phi$



### LSF Gaming Party

announced by Peter



What: A Gaming Party

When: April 26 (Sat.); 1:00 PM - ??

What to bring: Bring your favorite table game (or two). Also, please bring munchies and/or soft drinks.

Where: Home of Peter and Rob, 1425 "S" St NW, Washington, DC.

Directions at:

<http://lambdascifi.org/club/PeterRob.html>

Dinner: For those that are interested, we'll order pizza. To get pizza, please bring \$8 in *exact* change. For those that don't want pizza, you can order take out or go forage for food. There are a lot of food choices in the "U" St. Corridor; including a brand spanking new Trader Joe's a block away at 1914 14th St NW (opens March 21).

For more information: Please contact Peter at [PeterPKnapp@gmail.com](mailto:PeterPKnapp@gmail.com) or Rob at: [robgatesdc@gmail.com](mailto:robgatesdc@gmail.com) or call them at 202-483-6369.  $\Lambda\Psi\Phi$

### - Movie Outing -

#### Captain America: The Winter Soldier



announced by Peter

When: **Saturday, April 5th**, 4:00 PM (Please be in the lobby of the theater by 4:00 PM. That's when we'll go up to get our seats.)

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

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

Questions:

[PeterPKnapp@gmail.com](mailto:PeterPKnapp@gmail.com) or 202-810-4678.

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As the Monty Python gang says, we'll be featuring "something completely different" for the next few issues of the newsletter: a short Play (in three parts) by Max, who originally wrote it as a birthday present for Peter.  $\Lambda\Psi\Phi$

### <<<<< April LSF Meeting >>>>>

The next LSF meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 13th**. 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!  $\Lambda\Psi\Phi$

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# Carrot and Stick

by Maxton Young-Jones  
for Peter Knapp



## Part One 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. Stage left, on the first floor, a water bottle. Stage right a plastic tube that connects to the second floor. Downstage at the lip of the proscenium is a metal fence either real or imagined. The fence has a door that is often kept open which leads to the vomitorium out into the audience here symbolizing the rest of the office. Four enormous bowls are in the cage, two up top and two below. The floor is strewn haphazardly with hay on both levels as well as a liberal amount of feces.

TUMBLES and PEEP discovered on the first floor stage left. HOPSY discovered sleeping on the second floor stage right. TUMBLES is eating.

**TUMBLES** (through food): And then she started digging up my hay pile!

**PEEP:** Um-

**TUMBLES:** (through food): All my landscaping gone! It's hard enough fixing it up once Dad decides he needs to 'clean out the cage' but when some Doe starts moving your pellets too-

**PEEP:** Um, Tumbles?

**TUMBLES** (through food): It's just too much. No one appreciates modern art anymore. Not Dad, and not 'Dora' or whatever the fuck...

**PEEP** (small): I guess the name is a little stupid, but Tumbles-

**TUMBLES:** I'm just trying to turn this cage into a shithole! Is that too much to ask!?

**PEEP:** Tumbles?

**TUMBLES** (through food): WHAT!?

**PEEP:** Um. Well...uh. It's just that you're eating my food.

**TUMBLES:** Oh? (swallowing food). I hadn't noticed.

**PEEP:** Well, you have.

**TUMBLES:** Whatever. You can have the bowl back now.

**PEEP:** But it's empty.

**TUMBLES:** Yeah. Hashtag Sorry/NotSorry.

**PEEP:** ...What?

**TUMBLES:** Something I've heard Hopsy saying. It has to do with the thing he's always doing when he's messing around on Dad's computer. I think it's called 'Twater'?

(Above HOPSY has woken up and has started grooming. Peep and Tumbles do not notice.)

**PEEP:** She.

**TUMBLES:** What?

**PEEP:** Hopsy calls herself 'she' now. Like a doe.

**TUMBLES:** I'd wish you'd stop indulging each other. Hopsy is a man and 'Peep' is not your 'slave name'. Whatever that means.

**PEEP:** The revolution will come. Someday Peter and Rob will leave all the doors open and I'll take down their bourgeoisie regime.

**TUMBLES:** Whatever. What do you want to be called this week?

**PEEP:** Satan.

**TUMBLES:** What?

**PEEP:** Satan. It's a dark name.

**TUMBLES:** Oh Frith and Inlé...

**PEEP:** Dark. Like my soul.

**TUMBLES:** Sure is emo. I assume that you read some book instead of eating it to come up with this 'Satan' phase. And here you are anyway; bitching about food.

**PEEP:** It's in the Bible.

**TUMBLES:** What's that?

**PEEP** (embarrassed)...I don't know really?

**TUMBLES:** You two are disgusting. You embarrass me with your 'Boibles' and your 'Twater'. It almost makes me want to hang out with the doe.

**HOPSY** (calling down): It's pronounced Twitter, darling. And I'm all the doe you need.

**TUMBLES:** Shut up, Hopsy.

**PEEP:** Tumbles, that was mean!

**TUMBLES:** Hashtag

Sorry/NotSorry.

**HOPSY:** Don't worry Peep. He's just grouchy because he's a terrible artist and he never got the chance to be a terrible lover before the 'snippy snippy'.

**TUMBLES:** Fuck you!

**HOPSY:** Not even if you could, Tumbles.

**TUMBLES:** I hate you all.

(He goes to sulk in the corner.)

**PEEP** (distressed): You guys...

**HOPSY:** Oh let him have his alone time. Sometimes the best cure for being an asshole is to keep on being one until you calm down. Come up and let me groom you, your furs a mess, Peep.

**PEEP:** Satan.

**HOPSY:** I don't think that name means what you think it means.

**PEEP:** He's the Prince of Hell, The tempter, the Dark lord of all and the end of Hope for mortals.

**HOPSY:** ...Okay maybe you do. Don't take this the wrong way, love, but you need a psychiatrist.

**PEEP:** A what?

**HOPSY:** Just climb up.

(PEEP climbs up and HOPSY starts to groom him.)

**HOPSY:** So what set him off this time?

**PEEP:** The new girl. Dora I think her name was? The one who's replacing Taz.

**HOPSY** (frosty): Oh. Her.

**PEEP:** I think she's nice. Maybe a bit bossy.

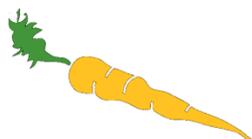
**HOPSY** (still frosty): Whatever. I don't think anything about her.

**PEEP:** Hm.

(They groom in silence.)

**HOPSY:** The thing is though she's not replacing Taz.

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# Minutes of the March LSF Meeting

taken by Scott



Peter and Rob weren't present at the meeting; they had travelled up to New York City to see the play *No Man's Land*, starring Sir Ian McKellan and Sir Patrick Stewart.

Carl is interested in the revived Fox TV series *Cosmos*, hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson.

ABC's series *Resurrection* premieres tonight. The premise is that, in a small town in Missouri, dead loved ones return without any memories of where they have been. It was mentioned that the Wicked Witch of the West will be joining the characters in *Once Upon a Time*. Xena mentioned that she loves the new series *Hannibal*.

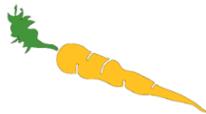
Jim W. shared some readings from *William Shakespeare's Star Wars: Verily a New Hope*, by Ian Doescher. Jim attended the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's sci-fi-themed concert featuring George Takei, who read Klaatu's ending speech from *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. He also plans to check out *Star Trek Continues*, the new fan-created *Star Trek* series

David described the Shakespearean programming language; he also described the three cultural levels of Orson Scott Card's "Speaker" series. He also enjoyed seeing Billie Piper at Gallifrey

Carl passed around packs of new bookmarks that we'll hand out at the LSF Booth for this summer's Pride Festival. One bookmark features the cast of *The Big Bang Theory*.

## Carrot and Stick

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**PEEP:** Um.

**HOPSY:** Besides Peep, this cage is only big enough for one Queen. And while I'm not saying she's...unique, she is the Fluttershy to my Rainbow Dash, y'know what I'm saying?

**PEEP:** Not...really?

**HOPSY:** The Sansa Stark to my Daenerys.

**PEEP:** What?

**HOPSY:** The Counselor Troi to my Beverly Crusher.

**PEEP:** Stop saying words! Is this a 'Twtter' thing?

**HOPSY:** Twitter. And not always. You really should come with me when I make my excursions to Dad's computer. I've torrented so many YouTube videos and Furry Porn, you don't even know. It's amazing he hasn't found out yet.

**PEEP:** I'm confused but I think you're being bad, Hopsy.

**HOPSY:** Said 'Satan'. And if you think I'm a bad bunny, you should see the porn.

**PEEP:** ...What? No!

(HOPSY gives him a look.)

Teresa enjoyed the *Lego* movie. On the other hand, *Mr. Peabody and Sherman* (another new movie) has received unfavorable reviews. Writer/director Hayao Miyazaki's latest film, *The Wind Rises*, is now out; it is not genre: a biography of a person who designed airplanes. *Divergent*, which appears to be derivative of *The Hunger Games*, comes out in a few weeks.

Finally, Carl brought out a cake with 24 candles to celebrate LSF's 24th anniversary. Carl and Jim W. were both at that first meeting, too!

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**PEEP:** ...Maybe later.

(A brief pause for grooming and then...)

**HOPSY** (serious): Seriously though Peep, about Dora...what you said earlier.

**PEEP:** Yes?

**HOPSY** (hard): She could never replace Taz. Never. You got that?

**PEEP:** ...yes.

(Suddenly there is the noise of someone coming up the stairs.

TUMBLES stops sulking and looks out into the audience.

PEEP and HOPSY also look out, but otherwise continue to groom.)

**THE VOICE OF PETER:** Okay guys, I'm going to try to leave Dora in the cage for a bit. Please try to behave this time.

(TUMBLES makes a rude noise.)

(Enter DORA through the audience up the vomms.

Although one does not see PETER, one gets the impression that she is placed in the cage on the first floor with TUMBLES)

(Awkward silence,)

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

(to be continued next month)

## Tidbits from Wayne #1

Mars One has picked 1,058 people for a projected 2023 mission to Mars. Rigorous simulations will begin in 2015; and the group will be shortlisted to 40 before full training begins in 2018 – with a final group of four. There are expected to be 20 Mars settlers by 2033. Estimated total cost: over \$6 billion. Costs will be recouped by selling the broadcast rights, including the minute-by-minute lives of each Mars-tripper. Supply missions are planned to begin as soon as October 2016. Eight supply system missions will be made before humans are launched in 2021. Six other missions will deliver two "living units", two "life support units", and a second rover. The 40-million-mile journey will take approximately 200 days.

(excerpted from NPR's  
*All Things Considered*)

More info at:  
[www.mars-one.com](http://www.mars-one.com)



## \* \* 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, **April 13th, 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!

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 & James



April 18-20, 2014 **AWESOMECON 2014**. Walter E. Washington Convention Center (Washington, DC). Guests include: Peter Mayhew ("Chewbacca"), Ernie Hudson (*Ghostbusters*), Dirk Benedict ("Starbuck", *Battlestar Galactica*), Nicholas Brendon ("Xander Harris", *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), David Yost & Walter E. Jones (Blue Ranger & Black Ranger, *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers*). Two-day tickets for \$50; one-day tickets for \$30. Tickets available at the convention; you can also order tickets on-line.  
Website: <http://awesomecondc.com>

April 25-27, 2014 **RAVENCON 2014**. Doubletree by Hilton Richmond Midlothian (Richmond, VA). Author Guest of Honor: Elizabeth Bear. Membership: \$40 before 4/11/2014; \$45 at the door.  
More information available online: <http://www.ravencon.com>

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](http://www.outlantacon.org)

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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: \$60 to 4/30/2014; \$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](http://www.balticon.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.

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