

Dear Rupert

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Thank you for Metam--finally a publ for the F-M only! How badly we've needed it! I wish you great success. I'd like to help out with contribs now & then. You have my permission to reprint excerpts only from my bklt "Info for the F-M" distrib by JIF. By the way, I believe that if you supply Janis with a batch of small ($\frac{1}{2}$ pg) ads for Metam, they would enclose them in their mailings to F-Ms & Im sure youd pick up quite a few subscribers that way. (I hope you have JIF on your ~~mail~~ mailing list) I read your first issue cover to cover & feel a need to take issue w/ some of the statements therein. As I read thru your lead article "F-M TS Defined," I began hoping it would end w/ a bit of a reprieve from the classic textbook definition...give some of us a break from the hard line! I truly doubt that all (or even most) of us have had exactly the kind of experiences/background/feelings outlined in your classic F-M definition. I know it took me a long time just to determine that I was in fact TS because my experiences/background/feelings were not textbook. Not all of us were rought-and-tumble tomboys who bitterly resented female pubescence & were turned off by boys. Not all normally born men are that way & I see no reason to deny a F-M TS his true identity as a man because he does not fit the mold. Its now OK to be quiet, sensitive, warm & non-hetero and still "be a man." Further, in the article entitled "F-M Men & Lesbians" another rather harsh statement is made: "Often the penis-less f-M man will not allow his (lover) to touch his genitals. Those who allow their...mates to stroke (their) hormonally-enlarged clitoris do so on the mutual assumption that this is a 'mini-penis' or 'little phallus'." Who knows what our mates assume? And is it really necessary for us to deny our lovers, precious & special as they are, our whole bodies simply because we are physically handicapped? The blending of male & female in us can only be resolved by each of us in our own way, while we always look toward the ultimate goal of the masculine. Your quote by Martino supports my viewpoint, "The secual activities will always differ between partners, whether heterosexual, homosexual, transsexual." Because ~~we~~ are men, it means nothing more to accept vaginal insertion as it does for us to accept anal insertion. I believe my two above-stated points are important to many F-Ms and to our community. I would welcome your publishing this letter to begin an open discussion of them. Again, thank you for your newltr & I wish Metam a long life. Regard, LS