

THE INSTITUTE
OF
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SEXUALITY



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exploring non-humanoid alien sexuality through art and speculative science

You are enthusiastically invited to participate in a book/art project in collaboration with Encyclopedia Destructica and The Institute for Extraterrestrial Sexuality.

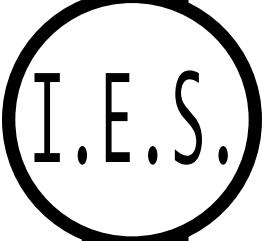
We would like to commemorate Kepler's (kepler.nasa.gov) voyage into deep space on a quest for earthlike planets with a book of visual art and writing that envisions the erotic lives of beings that may some day be encountered (if not in outer space than at least in our dreams).

This project asks you to think beyond male and female, beyond queer, beyond any notions of gender, beyond the anthropomorphic to erotic possibilities as vastly varied as the universe itself. What kinds of sentient beings, what types of sexualities, how many erogenous zones and types of erotic pleasure exist out there in the cosmos?

While science fiction literature and film has often touched on alien sexuality, these encounters are almost always represented as between a human and a humanoid alien. Gender is almost always portrayed as binary even when it is homosexual. Sexual encounters consist primarily of engagements between two beings. There is usually something like a penis and something like a vagina or anus. Everything is basically based on human sexuality. Most of it is not very imaginative, visionary or subversive.

What if instead, for example, we envisioned a sentient being that resembled a giant Slug covered with erogenous pustules. In its voracious wanderings it encounters and courts a being that is something like sentient phosphorescent Slime Mold. This Slime Mold creature possesses low charge electronic pulses that are able to tingle the Slug like being pleurably to the point of ecstatic release. During this release the erogenous pustules secrete a flood of phosphorescent multicolored psychedelic fluid that dissolves the Slime Mold into something delicious for the Slug to eat. Or for something less gruesome the fluid could temporarily dampen the Slime Mold's electrical charge and bathe it in blissful ambrosia.

We invite you to create representations that can expand our conception about the possibilities of alien life-forms and of the nature of erotic pleasure. Isabella Rossellini's hilarious Green Porno (www.sundancechannel.com/greenporno/), which looks at the unusual sexuality of insects (and more recently sea creatures) begins to suggest how limited our view of even intra-planetary sexuality is. Indeed this planet can be a good starting point for expanding our minds. While the diversity of life and sexual behavior of plants, animals and those that are in between (lichen, blue-green algae) is rich with inspiration we are not so interested in instinctual sexuality that is driven by the drive to reproduce. What we are really looking for is a sentient sexuality and eroticism that is based on self-conscious desires of any and all kinds.



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We are looking for an imaginary erotics and sexuality that is polymorphous, perverse, that imagines hundreds, thousands, millions of possible genitalia and erogenous zones, that envisions creatures great and small that can pleasure one another intra and extra species.

We are inviting you to participate in this project because we admire you and your work and believe in your ability to create/write something profound, beautiful, sublime, scary, sexy, and subversive!

We are looking for any type of visual art that works in two dimensions at medium book size: drawing, painting, comics, Photography, collage, photographic documentation of sculpture, installation and other 3D work; prose, poetry, speculative science writing, and more. All we ask is that you let us know how many pages you think you would like to work with.

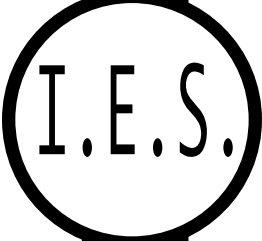
At this time we cannot offer financial remuneration for your contribution, however each contributor will receive one copy of the book upon completion. We are currently raising funds for the production of the book. At this time we are aiming to publish an archival edition of the book by the end of 2011.

We are ever hopeful that you will accept our invitation. If you know of any other artists/writers that we should consider for this project, please let us know at your earliest possible convenience. Looking forward to working with you and experiencing what you create in all its fabulousness!

More Info:

Encyclopedia Destructica is an art-zine inspired from the need to explore and export and contemporary arts/culture in a way that's accessible and easy to engage in. These hand-bound issues and books provide a forum for a primordial dialogue between artists and writers. Encyclopedia Destructica was founded in 2005.
(<http://www.encyclopediadestructica.com/>)

The Institute of Extraterrestrial Sexuality uses art and speculative science to creatively explore and imagine extraterrestrial sexualities. It was founded in 2009 by Suzie Silver.
(<http://extraterrestrialsexuality.org/>)



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TIMELINE

Phase 1

Invitation RSVP due - please email IESextra@gmail.com

Phase 2

All artwork/writing due

2011

Book Released!

GUIDELINES

Artists:

- Artwork should be submitted as high quality digital files (at least 300 dpi), preferably in tiff format.
- Multiple images are acceptable, up to 5 images. Contact Suzie or Encyclopedia Destructica to discuss larger submissions.
- Images will be reproduced in full color.
- Include a one paragraph description and one paragraph bio.

Writers:

- Limit 6 pages of prose or poetry. Contact Suzie or Encyclopedia Destructica to discuss longer submissions.
- Writing should be submitted in a .doc with any special formatting included and noted.
- Include a one paragraph bio.

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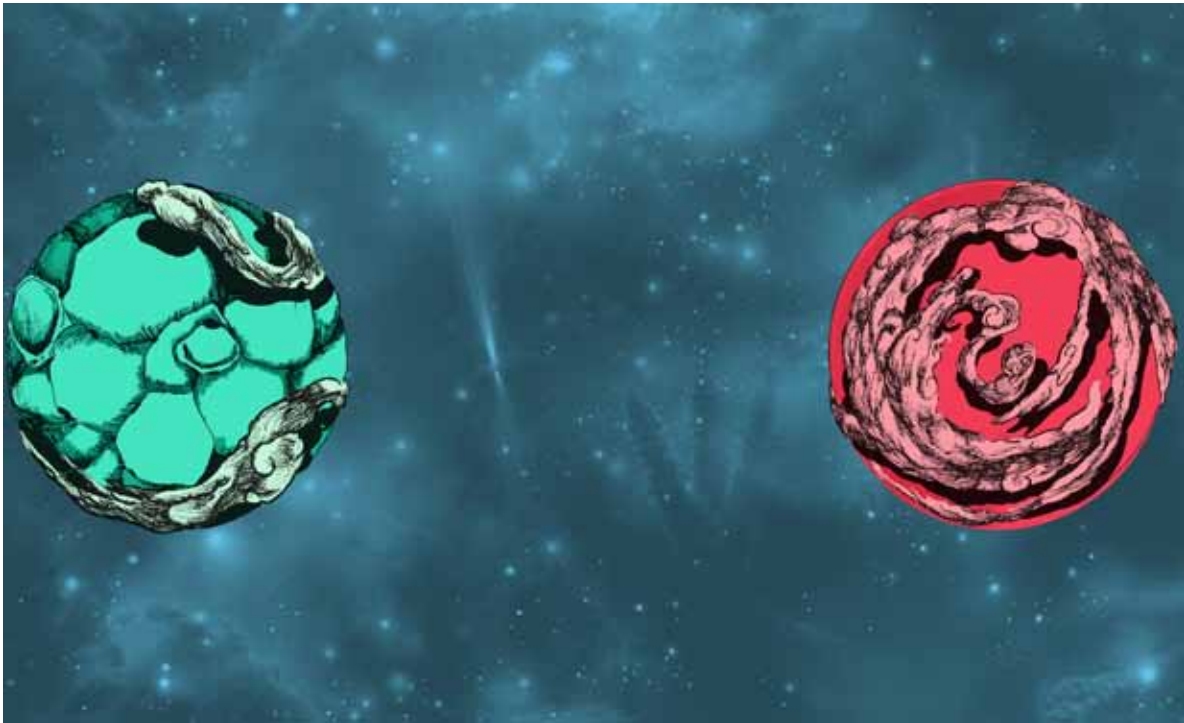
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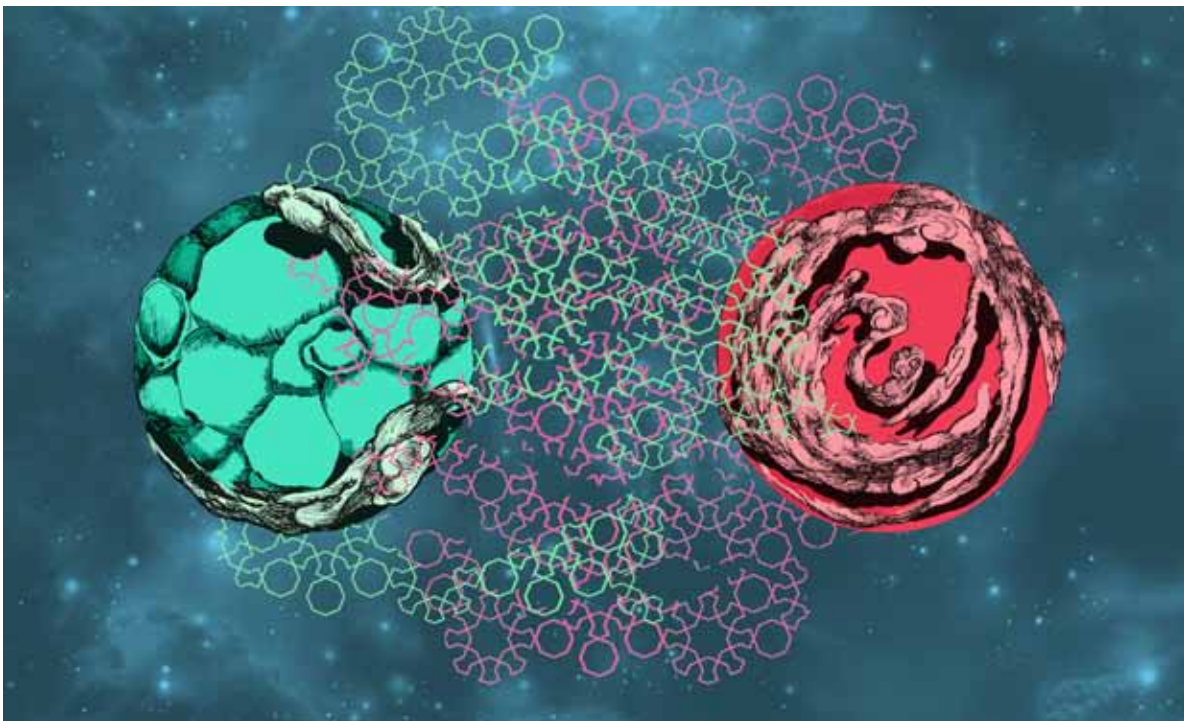
To assist in the explanation of this project and to provide inspiration the following dossier has been put together. Please visit the **Institute's Blog** (<http://extraterrestrialsexuality.org/>) to view these articles, future posts and to leave comments.

SENTIENT BIO-PLANETESIMAL MATING RITUAL

by Christopher Kardambikis



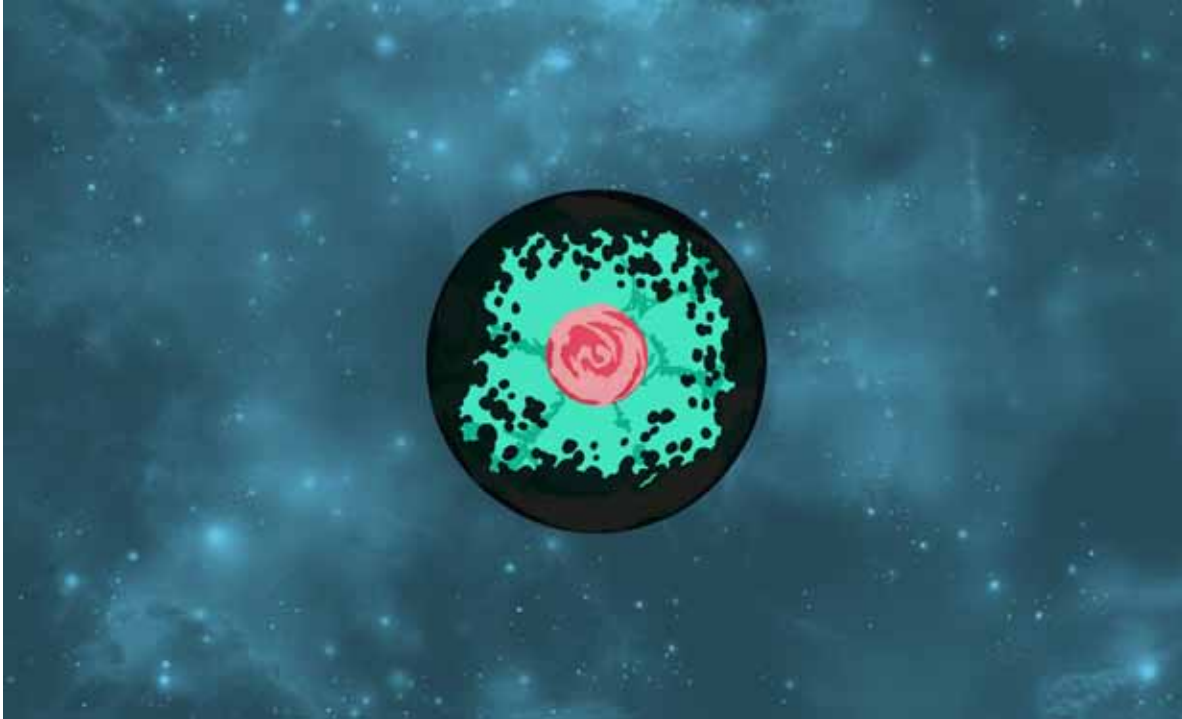
1) Two Sentient Bio-Planetisimals slowly start to circle, engaging each other in a celestial mating dance.



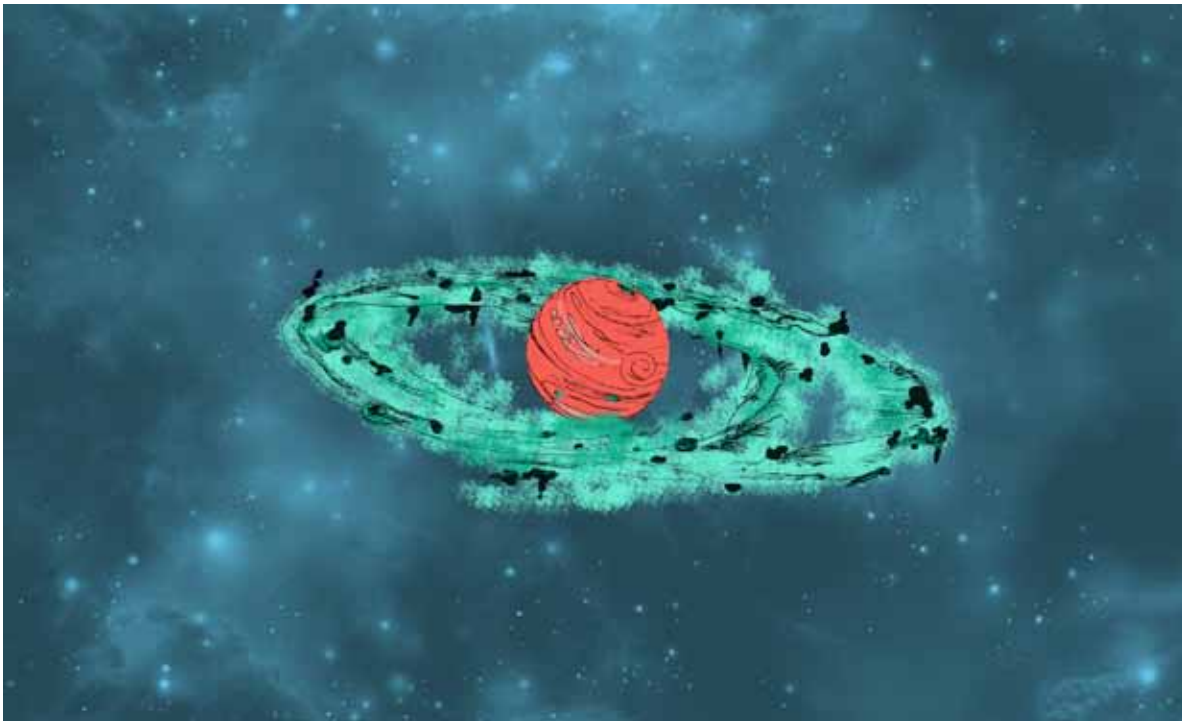
2) Mass from each Bio-Planetesimal, their genetic material, is exchanged through a newly formed shared bio-gravitational field.

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3) Once each Bio-Planetesimal is “fertilized,” the bio-gravitational field that joined the bodies is broken as the Bio-Planetesimals push away from each other.



4) The parent Bio-Planetesimal “hatches” in a brilliant explosion, leaving the newly born Bio-Planetesimal amidst a scattered disc of its parent’s mass.

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THE CASE FOR ALIENS THAT ARE TRULY ALIEN

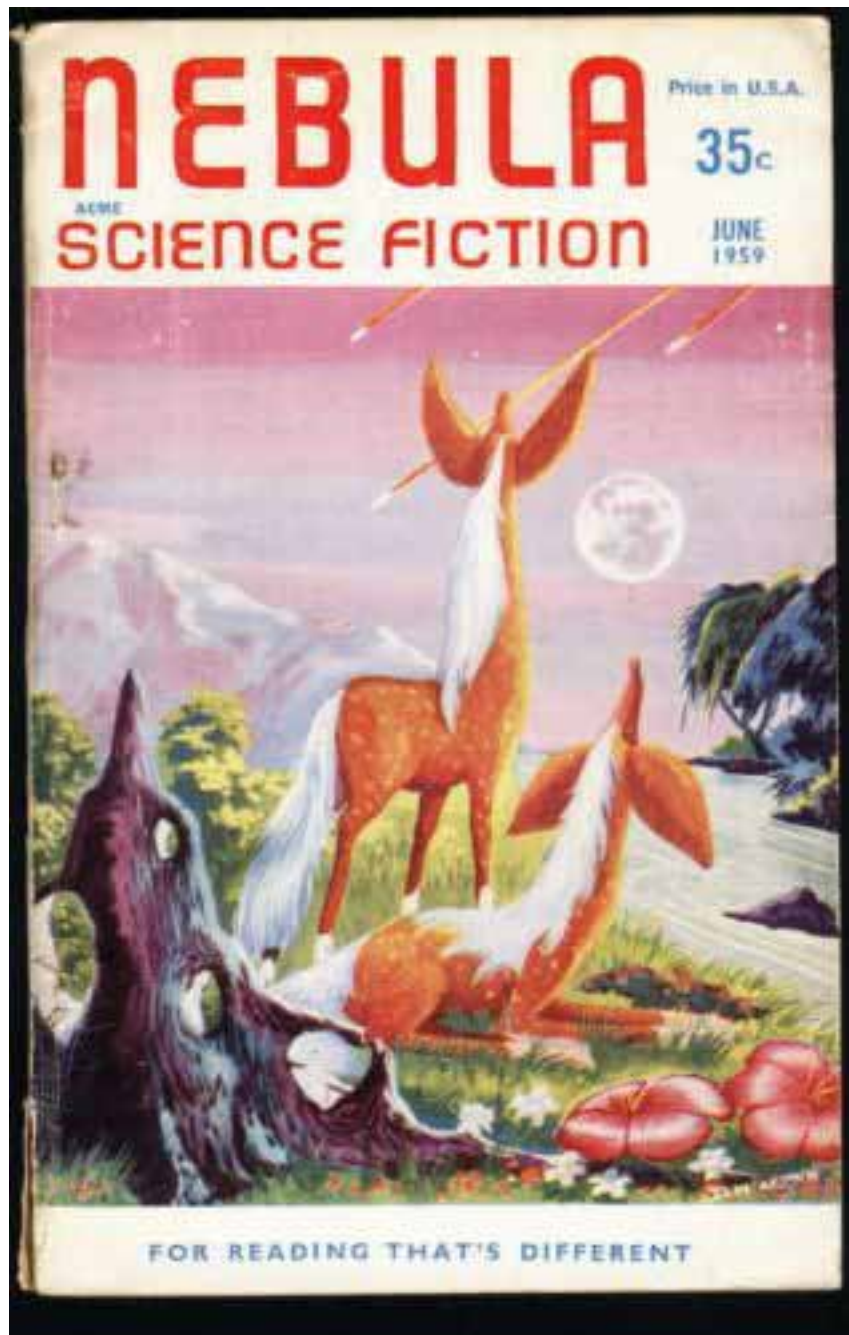
Here's a fun and recent blog post from io9: <http://io9.com/5434368/the-case-for-aliens-who-are-truly-alien>



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ASTROBIOLOGY MAGAZINE

Astrobiology Magazine (<http://www.astrobio.net/>) is a NASA-sponsored online popular science magazine. Our stories profile the latest and most exciting news across the wide and interdisciplinary field of astrobiology — the study of life in the universe.

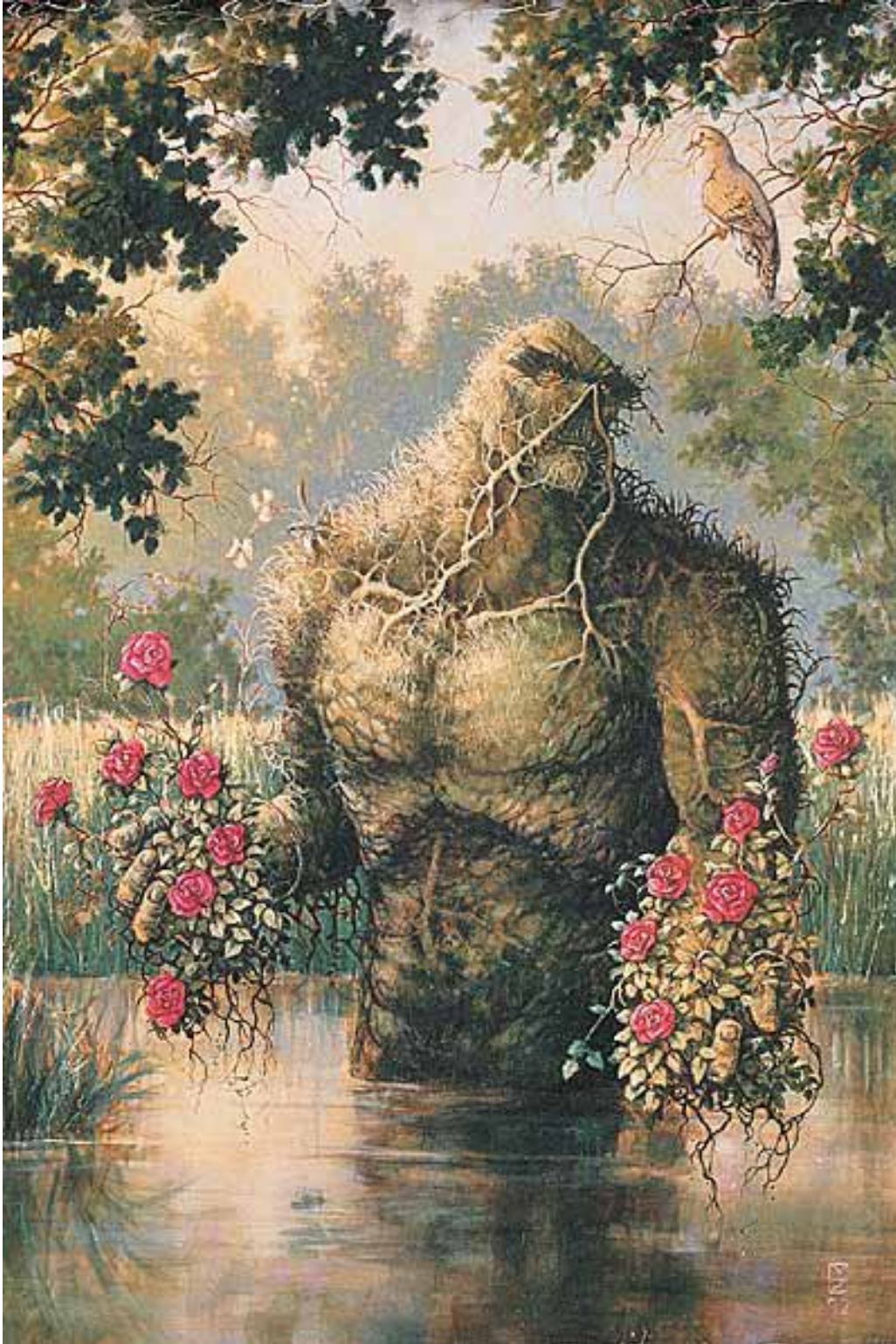


ASTROBIOLOGY MAGAZINE

ALAN MOORE'S SWAMP THING

This is still all more humanoid than we would like but does have some interesting details.

In the 80's Alan Moore took on the moribund Swamp Thing character and created a magical series. His Swamp Thing is a plant who thinks he is a man. Since he can't have sex with his human female lover he grows a fruit on his body for her so they can have a different kind of physical communion. She eats the fruit and goes on a magical, ecstatic, psychedelic experience with him.



NASA'S KEPLER MISSION

“**The Kepler** (<http://kepler.nasa.gov/>) mission is searching the skies for planets that are the same size as Earth, worlds that could be similar to our own. The Challenge now is to find terrestrial planets (i.e., those one half to twice the size of Earth), especially those in the habitable zone of their stars where liquid water and possible life might exist.”

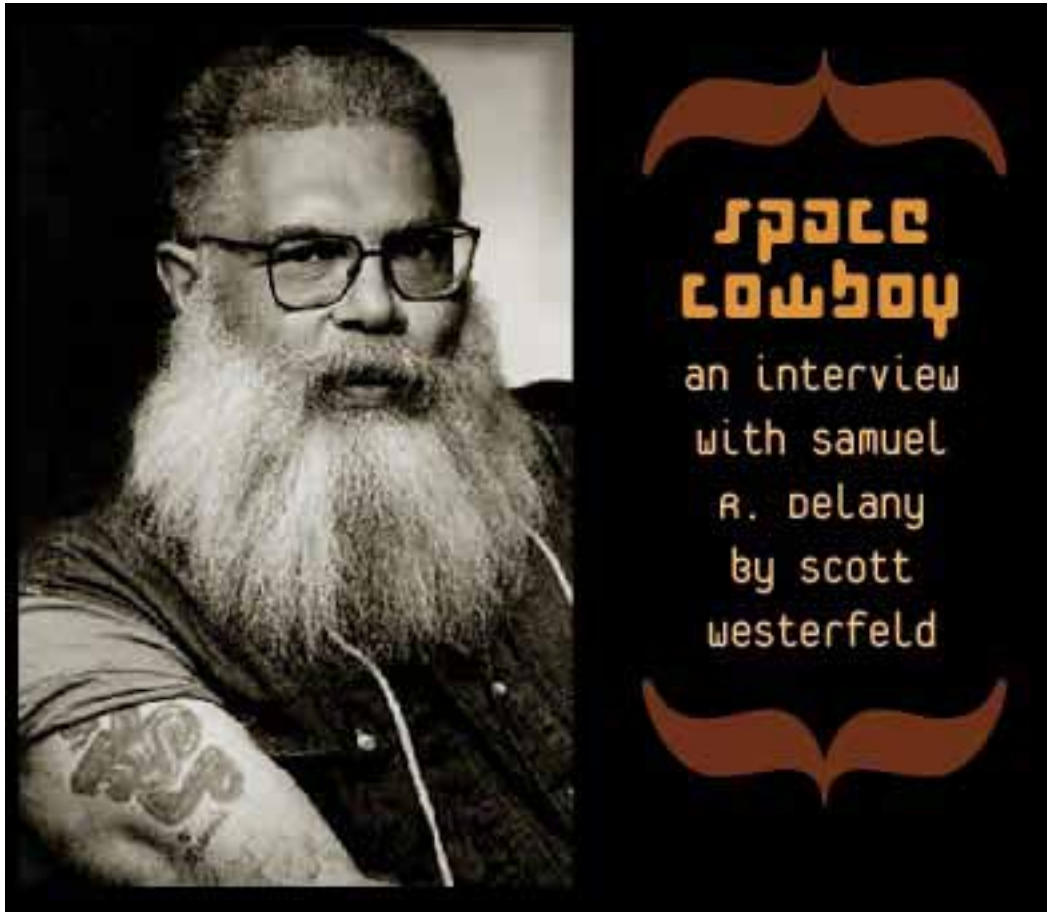


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SPECULATIVE SEX: THE SCIENCE FICTION ISSUE

Speculative Sex: The Science Fiction Issue (<http://www.nerve.com/specialIssues/speculativeSex/#a>)

Mostly human and /or humanoid but somewhat interesting nonetheless. Especially the interview with Samuel R. Delaney.



SPECULATIVE SEX: THE SCIENCE FICTION ISSUE

ORIGINAL STAR TREK'S ALIEN SPECIES

Most of the aliens on the original Star Trek Series (three seasons from 1966-1969) were humanoid and/or rather ridiculous looking. However a few were quite interesting, strange and provocative. Here's a brief summary with images from Fortean Times:

Star Trek's Alien Species (http://www.forteanimes.com/specials/star-trek/1674/star_treks_alien_races.html)

And from Wired here is:

Star Trek's 10 Cheesiest Classic Creatures
(http://www.wired.com/entertainment/hollywood/multimedia/2007/11/gallery_star_trek_monsters)



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MASS EFFECT VIDEO GAME SEX SCENE



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztzmNdNH6aE&feature=player_embedded

This is a human/alien lesbian sex scene from a video game. The alien is completely humanoid. What makes here alien seems to be blue skin! Big deal! That is so Original Star Trek (remember the green alien lady that Kirk has the hots for?) Why in almost all media including fiction are eroticized aliens almost always humanoid unless they are some sort of monster?

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ISABELLA ROSSELLINI'S GREEN PORNO

Green Porno! (<http://www.sundancechannel.com/greenporno/>)

The critically acclaimed series from Isabella Rossellini of very short films about the reproductive habits of insects and marine animals. GREEN PORNO is scientifically accurate yet extremely entertaining. Produced by Isabella Rossellini, Jody Shapiro and Rick Gilbert.

While not dealing with extraterrestrial sexuality for reproduction or pleasure, these short films certainly capture the spirit of serious playfulness combined with science that the Institute is looking for. They are simply marvelous!



ISABELLA ROSSELLINI'S GREEN PORNO

SLUG SEX!

This is just amazing:



(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G SW9kWIRCOQ&feature=player_embedded)

Here's an interesting tidbit from the Field Guide to the Slug:

“Although slugs are hermaphroditic, each animal equipped with both male and female reproductive organs, they mate with themselves only if no other slugs are around. Given a choice, they seek partners with whom to trade genetic material, a move that, by favoring the passage of chromosomes from both parents to the offspring, nurtures a healthier pool of slug genes. The actual exchange of sperm is preceded by an elaborate courtship ritual, which supposedly reduces the chance of two individuals of separate species mating and giving rise to hybrids.

During courtship, two slugs will circle each other ... with both partners engaged in ritualized bouts of lunging, nipping, and sideswiping with their tails. The two slugs may also display their disproportionately large sex organs. The great grey garden slug's penis is nearly half its total body length. In fact, penis size is reflected in the scientific name of one banana slug species: *dolichophallus* — Latin for “long penis.”

“The sight of a courting pair of slugs majestically circling one another ... while they solemnly wave their oversized penises overhead puts the most improbably athletic couples of Pompeii and Khajuraho into a more appropriate and severely diminished perspective,” note researchers C. David Rollo and William G. Wellington. “Athletic” is an even more appropriate adjective for great grey garden slugs, which are able to copulate in mid-air, suspended by stretchy strands of mucus up to 17 3/4 inches long.

As courtship progresses, a banana slug pair intertwines ... stimulating each other for several more hours. Their genital areas swell as the pair move even closer together. Penetration takes place, then each slug alternately releases and receives sperm.

Now the slugs must disengage — a challenge for two animals so amply endowed and thoroughly covered in sticky mucus. After long bouts of writhing and pulling, the pair may resort to ... apophallation. Translated, this means that one slug gnaws off the penis of the other.

Is there an advantage to such odd behavior? Yes, according to Adrian Forsyth, author of *A Natural History of Sex*. The apophallated slug, says Forsyth, “cannot regrow his penis and is now obligated to be a female and forced to offer eggs.” ... In other animal species, gigantism has been a precursor to extinction. Only by submitting to the shears can banana slugs maintain their inordinate organs.”

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