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The Way of Girl Love

by Revolution

Girl Love is more than a physical attraction to prepubescent or adolescent girls. Girl Lovers—like myself—have a romantic side deep with emotions just like those who are attracted to adults only. Perhaps it may come as a surprise that a Girl Lover—a kind of pedophile—would claim such a thing. After all, the mainstream media only runs stories that reinforce the idea that anyone who is sexually attracted to children has harmed or will harm minors. Clearly, there is a disconnect between who the news media calls a pedophile, and who Girl Lovers are referring to when using the term. I will define what makes true pedophiles—whom identify themselves as Girl Lovers—different from the pedophiles that many have heard of on television.

Many of those who are called ‘pedophiles’ which have been on news programs have more traits in common with situational offenders¹. They’re attracted to adults, but have not been able to form a healthy sexual relationship with another person in their age group. They choose to sexually abuse children out of desperation and frustration. In contrast, real pedophiles have a sexual attraction to children of one or both genders which they

didn’t choose to gain and cannot extinguish. The term ‘pedophile’ is and should be considered a medical definition, and not a criminological one. This means that it is entirely possible for someone to be defined as such even if they don’t have any interest in dominant-social relationships with children of either gender.

In contrast, Girl Lovers have shown a profound amount of emotion, intrigue, curiosity, and admiration for the thoughts, feelings, and actions of little girls. We want to see the world through their eyes, and understand what motivates them to be as they are. In their presence, we are inclined to let go of inhibition and be truer to ourselves than we can be around others. Girl Lovers see girls as their kindred spirits, our most trustworthy friends, and an excellent support.

Little girls are less afraid than adults to follow their hearts and do as they like. It’s as if the whole world is a little girl’s playground, and she is always finding new ways to play with it. Activities such as a game of tag, playing dress-up, or having a tea party would probably lead many adults—with the exception of some parents—to be very embarrassed.

While some men and women may find girls are too relaxed about choosing when and where to play, Girl Lovers find the benefits of this outgoing playful attitude far outweighs its drawbacks and we love to join their fun and games. We rarely have the same means of escapism available between ourselves and our adult friends. They often prefer that people be reserved like them.

Girls are expected to become what adults are; individuals who fit society’s mold and fit in with the selective idea of what others deem as ‘normal’. We do believe that teaching a child to respect others and their property, to be mindful of their own safety, and to understand the needs of others should be done, but some parents and authority figures set rules that serve none of these purposes. Such rules just serve to dampen the expressive nature of girls and boys. Kids under these unnecessary rules rightfully complain about them, wishing to no longer follow them. It seems sometimes that Girl Lovers are the only ones open to hearing the opinions girls have on these matters.



Little girls aren't usually afraid to say when they disapprove of something. We trust girls more than we can trust most adults that they are telling us what's really on their minds. Girls also expect the same level of honesty out of us. Unlike what is commonly said on television, we aren't out to gain the trust of girls to later take advantage of them sexually. Those who are dishonest towards children are shunned by many of us whether they are Girl Lovers or otherwise. We shun the act of lying to kids so strongly because it takes advantage of their

the right to have and gain any kind of knowledge. However, the media claims that we practice what has been coined 'grooming'; gaining the child's and child's family's trust to eventually gain the opportunity to sexually abuse her. If it is to be believed that Girl Lovers want children to be able learn about whatever they choose, it would be counter-intuitive for them to lie to little girls. What makes our honesty towards children even more crucial is our desire for kids to express curiosity.

world, but girls are eager to learn as much as they can from others. It is not common for most to question the reasoning behind basic rules of society, or why the weather changes, but for someone who sees the world with new eyes, it is intriguing and such questions beg to be understood. However redundant it may seem to many of those who are not Girl Lovers to question such things, the answers to them will always lead to deeper questions that challenge all humans in finding answers. No person will ever answer each and every possible question



lack of life experiences and uses that as a conduit to deceive them. Girl Lovers believe girls deserve

The abundant curiosity within girls is inspiring. It is not often that adults would question or wonder about the most fundamental things about the

that could be thought up and asked, but it is not important that we know everything; rather, we should know

something that can challenges us to ask more questions. Knowing this, we share our knowledge freely with the girls in our lives. We teach as much as we know, and no matter what they ask, we're glad somebody is so interested in what we know about the world. It makes us feel important, and for the girl, sharing our knowledge allows them to pass the knowledge we gave her onto others in addition to making her more proud with everything she learns.

A good number of Girl Lovers love the sense of pride girls show toward their knowledge and skills. They are pleasantly enthusiastic when showing others what they can do and what they know in so many things that many adults would take for granted in themselves. Girls appreciate everything they can do. From zipping down slides, to making up silly dances, they are able to see these simple skills they possess as notable. It's pleasant to see that girls are proud of such things, because it shows us that a girl has confidence in herself and cares about what she is doing regardless of how most adults would think while performing the same actions. Through this, girls reveal the truth about the abilities of all people. All humans are amazingly talented and capable creatures in the animal kingdom, and we should be passionate about whatever it is that we can do, big or small. This includes our ability to slide down slides as fast as we can; draw ourselves as stick figures; read, speak, and write; and share stories and knowledge that we personally find interesting. A love for one's simplest abilities

is key to the fundamentals of humanity, and is something that indicates we believe we're fortunate for our abilities. Complimentary to the gratefulness of her self-pride, we love the basic, honest expressions that girls show.

One of the simplest things that brings us much joy is making a little girl giggle. When we can get a girl to laugh, it makes the moment happier for us. It shows the Girl Lover that they made her happy, and that he's entertaining that girl. Even in cases where a Girl Lover hasn't been the cause of a little girl's laughter, he or she still enjoys hearing a free-spirited, unrestrained giggle. To us, it is a more honest laugh; one where the girl really found the thing she's laughing about as funny as her expression would suggest. Sadly, it is often the case that we are not the ones that caused a little girl to laugh.

Not all Girl Lovers are fortunate enough to spend time with girls. Those of us who do have little girls in their lives are lucky. Since Girl Lovers are by clinical definition pedophiles, we are often considered a threat to children. This difficulty is one that not only Girl Lovers face; it is one that Boy Lovers and those who love both girls and boys face as well. Within the western world, almost any adult who wishes to befriend a child will most likely have difficulty in doing so. For those who do manage to establish relationships, they have been kind enough to share their experiences with those of us who have not been able to have similar relationships.

It is common for Girl Lovers to talk amongst themselves about times they've been able to spend with little girls. We enjoy telling other Girl Lovers about the enjoyable times we've had with girls and how happy it has made us. In addition to being happy to have moments to share, Girl Lovers who read these recollections enjoy them as well. Despite not experiencing these moments for themselves, readers of these stories get to experience a small sense of a girl's expression and playfulness. This gives those

not fortunate to have Girl Love relationships the means to imagine what they are like, and may even bring readers hope that they too can one day be part of a little girl's life. Sadly, regardless of the intent of those who share these memories, the effect they have on their readers, and the countless evidence of positivity in these stories, the media has given all information we share



about girls a negative spin.

The mainstream media only reports cases where Girl Lovers share sexual information about girls, omitting many non-sexual stories. What is very wrong with this portrayal of us is that many of our longest standing and most active online communities do not allow any posting of stories of sexual interaction with minors. Even if a Girl Lover would wish to post that he or she is planning to engage in sexual activity with a minor, doing so is against the rules of many communities,



which even gets some members banned from our online forums. This is not to say that there haven't been cases of Girl Lovers taking part in sexual interactions with children. However, only a few records of such positive sexual experiences told by adults recollecting their childhood have been posted on the internet. These written memories from those who have had sexual encounters

with Girl Lovers during childhood show that even the sexuality of Girl Lovers isn't anything like what the media describes.

Girl Lovers do not express their sexuality in negative ways. In the rare case that a Girl Lover defies the law and enters a sexual relationship with a young girl, they do not express their sexuality in the same way that most have been informed they do. Hurting another human being, in any way, especially a girl, is against the morals of Girl Love. Since sexually interacting with a child is so strongly frowned upon, both the girls and their lover must keep their intimacy a secret if their relationship becomes a sexual one. It can too easily cause the child to fear the discovery of their experiences, which would cause their relationship to meet a bitter end. Nevertheless, not all Girl Lovers believe such relationships should be avoided, and there are certain cases where both the adult and the girl have willfully decided to ignore the law and any possible consequences in favor of an intimate relationship. In cases where real Girl Lovers and little girls have decided to disobey the law and become intimate with each other there has been numerous instances of positive outcomes for both the adult and child. Girl Lovers intentionally try to bring about these positive outcomes from sexual encounters with girls, because they find positive responses from their partners stimulating.

It is likely that, if Girl Lovers weren't ostracized for acting on their desires,

they would prefer sexual encounters with girls that are lighthearted in nature. They wish to see girls react toward a sexual encounter in the same way a girl may react while playing a game outside or talking to an adult in their life. Some of us Girl Lovers find adult sexual expression to be far too rigid for our liking. We don't usually like sexuality being referred to as 'dirty' or 'naughty', but it's all too commonly called such things by adults. Sex to us is neither dirty or naughty, and calling it such things implies that sex is a guilty pleasure; not something we are supposed to be comfortable with enjoying. However, there are some amongst us who are attracted to both young girls and women alike, and find both the sexual expression of little girls and women to be appealing.

Not all Girl Lovers are exclusively interested in girls. There are Girl Lovers who are also interested in having relationships with women. These relationships they have with women operate much the same as those between non-Girl Lovers and women. They go on dates, buy each other gifts, and eat at fancy restaurants like most heterosexual couples do. Some of these couples even get married and have children. Regardless of having children with their spouses, most married Girl Lovers commonly stay very faithful to their wives and aren't tempted toward incest. In fact many non-Girl Lovers would be pleasantly surprised by how excellent parents who are Girl Lovers treat their children and the amount of attention they give them. They are


great parents—especially toward daughters—because they love so many of the attributes that girls possess. For them, and all Girl Lovers, any form of interaction which both parties enjoy is desirable.

Girl Love encompasses a variety of feelings and activities for both Girl Lovers and little girls. Despite what television news may say about us, we are not like the shallow, sadistic monsters that it paints us as. We love girls for what they are—different. We want to be around young girls because we see something in them that we just don't see in adults. From their free-spirited expression, to their curiosity, and pride, we see girls as truly interesting individuals. The way of girl love is far more than skin deep.

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See, This is Why We Stay in the Toybox...

Please note: all names are not the real names of the parties involved. They are used as placeholders so as to preserve their anonymity.

I open the door, my legs shaking. I tried not to open it too fast or too slow. Never show the nerves, I've always been taught. Being someone who has performed since as long as I can remember, I knew I had to get up there and show no fear. My entire childhood prior to this moment, going to college for the performing arts, has prepared me for a variety of challenges, but this was vastly different. This required me to be the one thing I wasn't sure I could be: completely vulnerable and honest. Not that I wasn't comfortable being vulnerable and honest; I was raised in a conservative American town. My parents wouldn't tolerate dishonesty. However, there's a good reason why I limit my honesty. Not only did I know that limit was about to be pushed, but I couldn't explain to them why there was a limit. I was about to look like I was arrogant, like I was too good or too defiant to open up. In reality, I was just terrified of revealing things about myself that most

people haven't understood.

I could barely will myself to step onto the block. As I put one foot on, followed by the other, I flash a half-smile and put my hands in my pockets; a defense mechanism, one that I know won't help but I do it anyway.

My eyes flicker around the room. 20 people, all staring at me. We're doing interviews in class and I'm the subject today. These exercises usually get very deep, very personal. The teacher has a bit of a fixation on sexual preferences. I can only assume this is because he feels that's the best way to truly understand someone. I can just feel the questions coming, and I dread them, knowing I don't want to...can't...answer them. Our teacher is always very clear: if you don't feel comfortable talking about something, then you don't have to. I have a feeling I'll be denying a lot of things in the coming minutes.

As I await the first question, my heart is pounding. I'm about to be interrogated like never before and there's nothing I can do about it.

My teacher takes a deep breath and asks the one question he's never

asked anyone in the class before, the one question I didn't want him to ask:

"So what are you hiding from us?" Now it's my turn to take a deep breath, and, as I let it out, I laugh nervously.

"Um..." I trail off. "A lot of things."

"Why?"

Because people would want to castrate me. Because they'd call me the scum of the earth and abandon me. Because I don't want to lose the only support I have here, in the big city, hundreds of miles away from my hometown.

As these thoughts cross my mind, the dread sets in. I didn't want to think they're true, but I come to the realization that they are. In today's society, it is "cool" to be accepting and open-minded in most places. Everyone assures you that "whatever it is, you can open up" because "this is a safe place" and everything like that. However, I know that, if I were to tell people the entire truth, they'd see me differently. They may even abandon me, leaving me with the feeling

that I can't trust anyone. When I tell people that, they assure me they won't leave. But that's before they know my secret.

I'm a girl lover. I love little girls in the same way many men love adult women. I crave sexual satisfaction from young girls. Not that I would ever hurt a girl I love; quite the opposite, in fact. I am so fiercely protective of any young girl, whether I love them or not. If anyone tries to harm a girl I know, it tears me apart more than anything else in this world. Nothing hurts me more than knowing someone I love is hurting.

I'm a gentle person, and I always have been. I was always the shy kid in class, the one who sits in the back. I suppose I always made up for it by performing, but offstage I was an introvert. I can't say that's changed now that I'm an adult. Performing is really my only release of extroversion. Living in a city, you'd think I'd become more social, going to clubs and concerts and all those things you're supposed to do when you live in such a diverse place. But me? I prefer to settle in on a Friday night with a good movie or book. One of my favorite things to do when I'm back in my hometown is watch a movie and snuggle with my favorite little girl in the world. Every time I think about her, my heart leaps and I get those butterflies in my stomach, something that happens extremely rarely for me. While I am a hopeless romantic, I can't say I've experienced feelings this strong for very many girls. I

barely ever fall for anyone the way I've fallen for her. She means the world to me and I love her with all my heart.

But this doesn't seem to matter to most people. They jump to conclusions, claiming I'm dangerous to kids and I shouldn't be around them. That couldn't be further from the truth. I would never hurt a fly. No, really. Every time I have to kill a bug, I cringe. To think about purposely harming a child makes me physically ill.

However, most people don't believe me. There are nearly a dozen people who know I am a girl lover. And, in hindsight, I wish most of them had no idea. Why? Because of the way they treated me after they found out.

The first person I told was my best friend at the time, Sarah. We were both in high school, and it was late on a December night. We both had a love of theatre, so we had spent the day going to see a local high school's show. My friend was complaining about her relationship issues. All I could think about was this adorable 3 year-old I had sat next to during the show.

"You know, Caleb, you should get a girlfriend. You're such a great guy."

I chuckled and shook my head. "I don't think I'm going to get a girlfriend any time soon."

"Oh, come on. I'm sure you will."

"No, I really don't think so."

"Why not?"

"I just...don't think so."

"Why?"

I took a deep breath.

"Because I have a crush on Amy."

Amy was a young girl we both knew. She was 8 at the time. To me, she was perfect in every way. Her long black hair and olive skin, those big brown eyes, not to mention her crazy, almost obnoxiously spunky personality. It occurred to me at one point that she was everything I never wanted in a girl, and yet I was completely in love with her. The way she giggled when I tickled her. The way she cocked her head when she didn't understand something. Even the way her face looked when she was bored was the most adorable thing I'd ever seen. And don't get me started on those eyes. One look into those beautiful brown eyes and you'd be hopelessly hypnotized. And, because she enjoyed being a troublemaker, she used her puppy dog eyes on me a lot. And I enjoyed every second of it. Every time she climbed onto my lap and held my big hands with delicate little ones, I thanked my lucky stars for the moment she walked into my life.

The minute I saw her, I was gone. It was Amy that truly made me accept I was a pedophile. While other little girls had caught my eye, my incredibly strong, undeniable feelings for her made me realize this wasn't just some kind of messed-up craving for attention.



It wasn't a one-time thing. I was head over heels in love with an 8 year-old and there was absolutely nothing I could do about it.

This admission of mine didn't sink in with Sarah for quite awhile. She tried to understand it, then she tried denying it, then finally she accepted it. And once she accepted it, I sensed her beginning to fade. At first, she tried convincing me I wasn't in love with Amy. She said she was trying to understand why I felt these things for a young girl, but she felt I was confused and needed some kind of clarification or someone to tell me I was wrong. She thought I needed someone to help me in the right direction.

But I didn't need anyone to help me. I had suspected I was a girl

lover for awhile, but Amy had confirmed it long before that conversation took place. I assured my friend that I would never hurt a girl and I would never have sexual contact with Amy besides the occasional innocent kiss on the cheek. She didn't have to worry about me because I only wanted the best for Amy, as any person who's in love would want for their special someone.

Only several years later did I realize that Sarah never believed me. At the time, she seemed very accepting and, while she had no clue why I loved Amy, she understood that it was something over which I had no control and something that wasn't harmful. So we continued our friendship as normal. She was even around when Amy and I spent time together, when I would giggle like

a little kid at everything Amy did or when Amy would sit in my lap, wrap my arms around her, and lay her head on my shoulder. Sarah saw the bond I had with this girl.

And yet it didn't seem like she cared. Gradually, she distanced herself from me until she finally cut off all communication. At this point, I was in college and she was graduating. She claimed several different reasons as to why she didn't want to be friends with me anymore, but none of them were substantiated. I was devastated. One of my closest friends didn't want anything to do with me and I had no idea why. It couldn't be for the reasons she gave me, because any idiot with a brain could tell she was lying to me. When I went crying to one of my friends, they were speechless when I gave them the supposed

reason I was cut off.

I was so distraught that I couldn't get any thought through my mind besides, "What's wrong with me?" I blamed myself, but I also began to blame her. There was something that didn't add up and I was determined to figure it out. As soon as I thought about it, I understood the pattern. Ever since I told her about Amy, she and I had grown apart. Part of it was just normal flow of high school, but it's no coincidence that it started after my confession. I had finally let someone into the deepest, darkest parts of me and they had abandoned me.

Another person who found out during my high school years more or less forced it out of me. As soon as I told her, that's all she wanted to talk about. That, and her relationships. While her incredibly dramatic, emotionally unstable relationship was perfectly acceptable, because it was with someone her own age, she soon began judging my feelings and telling me that my feelings for Amy were some kind of elaborate defense mechanism because I'd been hurt before by relationships. She said I chose who I fell in love with so I could save myself, because she wouldn't break me the way other people had. For anyone that's ever fallen in love, you know she's wrong. You can never choose who you fall in love with. If I had any control over that, do you think I'd choose to have romantic feelings for an 8 year-old?

She didn't get it. Just one more person who treats me differently because

they know I'm a girl lover. Before I told her, we were just like any two high school students. We talked about our classes and homework and ordinary things like that. We weren't the best of friends, but we still valued each other's opinions and had long conversations about the most random things.

But afterwards, she became obsessed and wouldn't let the subject go. I became so frustrated with her that I stopped talking to her. It almost felt like emotional abuse, constantly being told my feelings meant nothing and her 2-week middle-school-esque crushes were so much more important. She always inquired how I could like a girl that young, questioning why I thought it could ever work out with such a big age difference, and quizzing me on things about Amy to prove my *"true love."* It all felt so trivial. Why did my feelings for this girl have to be so complicated? I loved Amy, and I knew that she loved me. While I wasn't really sure if she loved me as a boyfriend or as a brother, I loved her enough that it didn't matter. As long as she cared about me, that was enough.

What this boy-crazy former friend of mine didn't realize is that being a girl lover doesn't define me. Who I am before you know is the same person I am after you know. I'm still that somewhat goofy guy who likes to fanboy over his favorite musicians and movies. I'm still kind and open. I'm still me. I have to live with my attraction every day of my life. While that may cause me to do things you don't understand, like

why I loved watching *Twilight: Breaking Dawn - Part 2* (Mackenzie Foy!), your knowledge of my attraction changes absolutely nothing. I'll still love to look at Mackenzie Foy just as much as I did yesterday.

One of the only people to truly be accepting of my attraction is my friend Crystal. We've known each other for quite a few years now, and we've almost always been really close. I still remember exactly how I told her about Amy.

We were sitting around with Amy, who was very bored. She left for a minute to go get something, so that left Crystal and I alone. I had previously complained about how Amy wasn't giving me any attention. I had attempted to pass it off as nothing, but I could tell Crystal was getting suspicious. Amy gave Crystal a ring made out of a pretzel, and I jokingly asked, "Where's my ring? I thought I was your favorite and I don't get a ring!"

As Amy left, Crystal looked at me and joked, "Caleb, do you have a crush on Amy?"

I laughed, gasped in mock surprise, and jokingly replied, *"You know?"*

All of the sudden, Crystal stopped laughing, cocked her head, and narrowed her eyes.

"Wait, are you serious?" she inquired.

There was a pause. Do I tell her? Or do I keep it to myself? At this point, no one had ended our friendship over my attraction so I figured it was safe to say something.

“Yeah, kinda,” I replied.

She looked from me to Amy, who was playing nearby, and back again. She took a deep breath.

“You know,” she said quietly,

“now that you say it, it makes perfect sense. I totally see it. But the thought had never crossed my mind.”

My breathing got a little heavier, as the nerves started setting in. What would her reaction be? No one I’d told so far had a very good reaction to it. I had not yet received any terrible reactions; that would come later. But no one had really been supportive. I knew my romantic feelings for girls much younger than me were something most people would not accept, but the secret was practically killing me. I was 16. I couldn’t keep anything entirely to myself, let alone something like this.

Throughout the next few weeks, Crystal and I had several long conversations about my feelings for Amy. As with Sarah, I reassured her I had no intention of hurting Amy in any way and I could spend time with Amy like I always did while controlling my desire to try anything sexual. Crystal seemed a little bit tentative, but she knew me better than almost anyone and knew I meant what I said.

Most people haven’t had that opinion. In my experience, people are generally ambivalent, trying not to

show their disapproval or dismay. They act like it’s fine at first, before imploding and distancing themselves from me. I’ve lost more than one friend because of my feelings for young girls.

When Crystal didn’t start treating me any differently, I was incredibly relieved. While she didn’t go out of her way to encourage me, she never criticized me. She never told me it was wrong. She was exactly what I needed at the time. I never felt ashamed, I never felt like a monster. She made me feel like I was a person. When so many people decide that girl lovers are not human, someone treating us otherwise is such a welcome change.

The loss of friends over being a girl lover shook me deeply. The first time I was truly betrayed, I was wrathful, disturbed, and utterly destroyed, all at the same time. My body could not handle all the emotions I felt. The reason, I think, that it affected me so much was that something in me was hoping that people would be okay with my attraction because they knew me. They knew I was extremely gentle. They knew I’d never hurt anyone, let alone kids that I cared about. Maybe they’d get over their misconceptions about pedophiles, or at least enough so they didn’t hate me. I really wanted to believe that people would be open enough that they’d realize, just as a straight or gay person doesn’t let their sexuality become their entire being, my attraction isn’t all of who I am. It’s a part, sure, but it’s

not everything.

To those people who see me differently now than before, let me reiterate: I am who I am, who I always have been. Who I was before you found out is exactly the same person that stands in front of you, palms sweating, trembling, desperate for your approval. Just because you know a little bit more about me doesn’t mean I’m a completely different person. I live with every part of me every day of my life. It may make some of my actions make more sense now, like why I wanted to take the route to class that passes a playground or why my voice gets all soft and dreamy when I talk about that little girl back home, but it doesn’t change me at all.

I’m still the same. I’m still kooky, quirky, and caring. My favorite movie is still *Inception*. Warm, sunny days are still some of my favorite things. It makes no difference now that you know. So stop acting like it matters.

This is a struggle that so many girl lovers face, not just myself. Some people have coined the phrase “coming out of the toybox” for a girl lover who reveals his feelings, similar to homosexuals “coming out of the closet.” After many girl lovers come out, they find themselves abandoned by family and friends, without anyone to turn to. Those who we rely on most in this world leave us, letting us grapple with these feelings by ourselves in a time when we really shouldn’t be alone. When some girl lovers come out, they may not

have completely accepted their feelings. They may still be battling with anxiety over self-acceptance. Treating someone differently or cutting yourself off from someone who is struggling is the worst thing you could do.

What girl lovers need is support and love, as everyone else does. We are people, we have emotional needs as well as sexual ones. We are three-dimensional beings with normal thoughts and feelings. And, just like the rest of the world, we need to feel like our desires are valid.

Why punish someone for something they cannot control? It's just like hating someone for enjoying sitcoms or being born in Spain. Would you really shun someone just because they want to watch Friends instead of CSI? No. You would understand that you have differences in what you enjoy and you'd leave it at that. You wouldn't accuse them of ruining television. You wouldn't say they're the core of all that is wrong with Hollywood. You'd accept it and move on.

However, most people just see us as inhumane monsters who just want to attack children, though that is a myth that should have been long ago dispelled. People become unwilling to look past a stereotype because they've never met anyone who could change their mind. But maybe the reason you've never met an out pedophile is because they're too afraid of being not only ostracized, but destroyed on every level by people who allow themselves to be run by fear.

That's why I can't tell anyone.

My knees begin shaking harder as I try desperately to come up with an answer to my teacher's question. I shake my head. I can't tell them. Not if I want to be able to face them for the rest of the year. It's just sad that people are so afraid of what they do not understand.

So, for my sake as well as theirs, I finally take a deep breath as a truth I do not believe in slips from my tongue:

“I’m under the belief that there are some things people should just not know about me.”

TOR, the NSA, and CL Security

By JoeDoe

Towards the end of 2013, British Prime Minister David Cameron explained during a BBC interview that he had ordered the UK Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), a British outlet analogous to the American CIA, to work with the National Security Agency of America in a joint operation to find a way to arrest those accessing child pornography in the “Darknet”.

His actual words were, “There’s been a lot in the news recently about the techniques, ability and brilliance of the people involved in the intelligence community, in GCHQ and the NSA in America. That expertise is going to be brought to bear to go after these revolting people sharing these images [of child abuse] on the dark net, and making them available more widely.”

By Darknet, one should know that he is talking about the anonymous Tor network (<https://www.torproject.org>). It is helping political dissidents worldwide evade ISP censorship and communicate anonymously to debate about human rights. However, David Cameron is right that there is also crime going on within the Tor network. This brings up an essential question:

why are those creating child pornography and/or distributing it on Tor the number one target for law enforcement instead of those killing youths by selling them drugs?

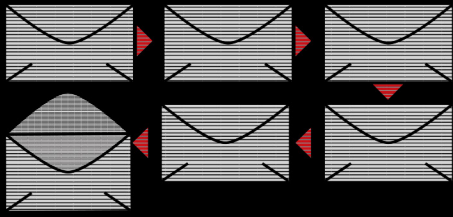
The answer is that, by targeting child porn in Tor, it is easy to convince the population that any measure they take curtailing liberties is for the greater good. Even if all they accomplish is to shatter confidence in the Tor network and harm human rights activists’ only means of secure communications to protect themselves from repressive governments, it would still be heralded as a worthwhile effort.

Targeting child porn is also a way for the big spy agencies to justify the illegal wiretapping of the whole world and get people to accept that reading their emails, listening in to their phone calls, and tracking their every move is for the just cause of stopping child porn. Even better, by defining cartoons and photos of kids in the bath as “child abuse images”, they make it sound dramatic enough that nobody will be able to say anything against it without looking abominable.

This is not the first time that GCHQ, originally created to protect UK national security from foreign governments and terrorists, is given the task to act against child porn. Just last year during a UK Parliament public hearing, the director of the UK’s eavesdropping nerve center revealed to Parliament’s Intelligence and Security Committee that they work with the Child Exploitation Online Protection Agency, stating that “in terms of working with them to uncover the identities and track down some of those who are involved in online sexual exploitation of children within the UK, including from overseas.”

It was also GCHQ who assisted British police with cracking the password of the notorious UK child abuser Ian Watkins, who, if the press is to be believed, was storing child porn online with the not-very-clever password “ifuckkids”.

What is Tor and why should I care?



Tor is a software proxy that helps to protect the anonymity of its users while browsing the web. As opposed to most internet surfing, where your computer sends data (or packets) directly from your computer to a server that contains a website, Tor sends your network packets through a number of other Tor-enabled machines before that data reaches the user's desired web page. Due to this, it is much harder to tell which computers are passing other peoples' packets along apart from a computer which a request originated from.

Additionally, Tor gives its users the ability to use websites not normally accessible without it. Tor hidden services are websites which can only be accessed by using a Tor-enabled browser. Much like using Tor for surfing the web, Tor hidden services, or onion sites, are sites which send data destined to reach site visitors through multiple systems before reaching their users' computers. It is then rather hard to find where a server hosting onion sites may be physically located.

Why Girl Lovers should be worried about the NSA:

Although the first impression of Girl Lovers is that, because they love children, would never harm them,

and hate all kinds of images depicting abuse, that the NSA and GCHQ targeting of child porn on Tor shouldn't cause their concern, this assumption is a foolish mistake.

Tor is an essential tool for Girl Lovers to protect their privacy. Using the tool allows them to express an opinion without worrying about having a brick thrown through their window or having obscene graffiti scrawled on their door by one of the many people who disagree with the views of Girl Lovers.

United Kingdom's legal definition of child abuse includes downloading images of fictitious cartoons that look underage. If a Girl Lover clicks on a mislabeled link that takes him to a site depicting cartoon children in sexual situations, he is, according to law, inadvertently abusing kids while looking at those fictional characters. If the unlucky Girl Lover were to be visited by the police, the cops would find their story of accidentally accessing child pornography absurd. At best, the person would have his opinions and attractions exposed to everyone he knows, but worse yet, he could garner both exposure of his thoughts and be arrested for viewing child porn.

Miscarriages of justice are known to have happened in the past. You don't want to be falsely accused of having abused a kid through cartoons. The consequences would be prison and having to register on the sex offender registry each year for many years.

What can Girl Lovers do to stop these agencies from tracking them?

It is imperative that you take this privacy threat seriously. The NSA and GCHQ have the expertise and funds to target you, regardless of whether you are or are not involved in any kind of illegal activity. You will not be the first innocent person to fall into the huge NSA dragnet.

When the British Prime Minister says that they will target Tor, it is because he actually will follow through on that effort. If, after the Prime Minister's public announcement to the press, GCHQ accomplishes no results in 2014, many cloak and dagger staff could get fired from their jobs. They may be willing to set up Girl Lovers to take the fall, so that there are results to show the Prime Minister and they will remain part of the intelligence community. Besides, arresting a small number of Girl Lovers in tandem with the child porn arrests will not exactly cause riots.

With the NSA and GCHQ targeting Tor, those downloading anything from Tor are probably more at risk than those doing so from Usenet.

The NSA, and we know this for sure thanks to Snowden's leaked documents, has a list of undiscovered zero day software vulnerabilities that can be only burned for the most important targets.

Since child pornography has now become the primary focus for the NSA and GCHQ, the spy agencies

will be using resources previously reserved to catch terrorists for hunting down child pornographers, as well as anybody standing up for pedophiles' rights.

An example of what the NSA can do to Tor users could be seen when a Tor services host called Freedom Host was taken over in 2013 by the FBI, claiming it hosted child porn before shutting down the site, incidentally also hosting Tormail. Now in the hands of the FBI too is a new JavaScript exploit in the Firefox browser, used by the Tor browser bundle to reveal visitors' real computer IP addresses.

People with the Firefox Noscript plug-in (<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/noscript/>) enabled in the Tor browser bundle were protected from the exploit, but others were not.

The Tor network is resilient, and it does not track you through the nodes. Spy agencies are not interested in tracking all of Tor's nodes either. If the NSA and GCHQ did this, no one would want to use the software anymore. The NSA does not want for this to happen because they run their own nodes to gather intelligence from the network. Additionally, it is the US government who partly funds Tor development.

Spy agencies will make it look as if only those visiting child porn pages or forums in Tor are being targeted, with the other users being safe. And the way they will do this is by exploiting software bugs and not the network, which would be challenging to do.

It is impossible to guarantee 100% protection against zero day vulnerabilities that nobody knows about, but you can minimize the risk of accidentally getting caught in this future law enforcement sting operation by making sure that you always run the latest updated version of Tails live CD (<https://tails.boum.org>).

It would make sense for the NSA to target the Tor browser bundle default configuration for the simple reason that is what most people are using. Running Tor in Linux using the non-persistent storage of a live CD like Tails, specially configured to avoid leaks, greatly reduces the possibilities of getting your computer infected by NSA malware. Add to that using common sense, and not going to pages that you suspect to contain child porn, even if access to it is provided indirectly. Finally, those who do not accept all files and are weary of ignoring browser warnings without reading and understanding them will be safer on the Tor network.

I am not suggesting Tails will make its users invincible, because the NSA could find an exploit for them too. I am saying that, if you use Tor, Tails is the safest way to do this right now.

There is no magic wand for unbreakable security and there will never be one. There are limited resources by the part of the NSA, and they will have to prioritize who they will go after. If you make yourself awfully expensive and time consuming to get, the NSA is likely to leave you alone and move onto a child pornographer with

lower security standards instead of a Girl Lover political dissident. If you express dissent and lack protection, these agencies will be after you online. To catch those against the status quo, they will gladly ignore children and those putting minors in danger.

PAYING THE PRICE FOR POVERTY

By truerealitylover

Editor's Note:

The plight of child prostitution is a topic near to the heart of the author of this article. Being a Girl Lover who lives in a country where child prostitution commonly goes unchecked by authorities, he has been deeply moved by its ill scenes. He wishes to bring the misfortune that all too many of The Philippines' children face to the attention of a far wider audience

We often hear stories in the news about child pornography, child prostitution, and child abuse resulting from children being homeless, lacking a family to support them, or living in single-parent homes. Some of these children are even prostituted by their own parents. Perhaps eight out of ten times, the country where these tragic stories are taking place is the Philippines. Why is this Asian nation repetitively the focus of these criminal activities involving children?

As a nation having hundreds of thousands of contract workers throughout the globe, from the

wilds of northern Alaska to the vibrant streets of Buenos Aires, Filipinos are, without doubt, a hardworking and industrious people. The government even keeps public records for the nation to view on how much money has been remitted into the country by its overseas workers on a monthly basis.

The main reason family members are seeking work outside the Philippines is the rising costs to maintain their households and to comfortably raise their children in the Philippines. More often than not, a Filipino family is overwhelmed by the number of children in their care and trapped in a paradoxical situation where there is little or no money for education. With no education there is limited access to employment to pay for their needs.

Along with the dilemma of poverty, unemployment, financial corruption, alcoholism, and outright lack of education, the nation's population growth is virtually out of control.

The current CIA World Fact Book states that 34% of the Philippines' population is 14 years of age or less. Another 19% of the population is comprised of youths age 15 to 24. With over 50% of its population below 24 years of age, the Philippines is a nation with a youth majority.¹⁰

Though various government agencies have tried to introduce educational family planning



programs, the Roman Catholic Church diligently and politically fights against these initiatives. The ongoing results of their religious dogma can be seen readily in streets throughout the nation. From cities to small villages, “Children are a Blessing — Say No to Birth Control” is a commonly-heard sentiment. This further supports and maintains the Philippines as a nation where children are in the majority.

While sitting in an air-conditioned taxi, I’ve often gazed out quietly from the back seat as the inner side streets of Cebu City slowly drifted by. It reminds me of a scene from a movie called *Empire of the Sun*. In the film, a British family was being driven through a crowded street in Shanghai, viewing the panicked masses safely behind a glass window secured by a locked door. In the back streets of Cebu City, I regularly saw scores of children scattered either alone or in small groups; poorly clothed; with dirty faces, arms, and legs; legs already scarred for the rest of their lives with cuts, abrasions and insect bites.

Abandoned to their own daily whims of personal survival, homeless, and coping without family, they are the expendables of the Philippines. These children are tossed into the streets by the ill virtues of abject poverty, lack of money for a place to live, little food, tattered scraps for clothing, and no one willing, wanting, or wishing to protect, provide and



care for them.

These children are considered a ‘dime a dozen’; often born from prostitution, infidelity, or worse, incest. They are fair game for those seeking selfish gains by using and abusing the defenseless, uneducated, unknowing children for child labor as well as a growing prostitution industry in the Philippines.

Prostitution, and specifically child prostitution, is on a phenomenal rise in the Philippines with the influx of Asian tourists from Korea and China.

While prostitution is illegal in the Republic of the Philippines, enforcement of such laws is low on the priority list of its government.

^{1,6} Other crimes such as bribery, political graft, and corruption are given much more attention. When the Philippine government is waging its war on government political corruption to the tune of nearly 100 billion pesos (2.3 Billion US\$), how are they to see all the trees in the forest?⁹

Child prostitution in the country is a now deeply-integrated option within the adult entertainment endeavor readily available in the Philippines for those who have no qualms about using a child. Children are available for anyone who wants a short session or even for a whole night. Choose a kid and just pay the pimp’s price.

Prostitution isn’t the only problem the nation faces. With the recent arrival of the Mexican drug cartel

‘Sinaloa’ to the Philippines, working with Chinese crime groups from mainland China, ‘shabu’ (known in the west as ‘meth’) factories have been discovered in several small, out-of-the-way villages across the nation.¹¹

With this additional hardcore, organized criminal influence from the international community, the Philippines is now facing a radical increase in human trafficking, abuse, and child prostitution along with the increasing availability of illicit drugs.

In 2003, Philippine Republic Act 9208—the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act—was adopted by the government to address not only human trafficking of women, but also children. Trafficking is a subtle term that includes slavery, sexual abuse, and of course the prostitution of anyone.

Being impoverished, often without parents, and frequently homeless, Philippine children are either forced or coerced to seek ways and means to survive. Often the boys or girls that are considered the ‘pretty ones’ are literally grabbed from a city’s gutters to serve the sexual whims and proclivities of those seeking to satiate their perverse sexual urges at the innocent child’s expense. Money, food, and shelter are dangled in the child’s hopeless faces to give them a false sense of family security. The mother (often known as ‘Auntie’) or father (often known as ‘Papa’) portrays themselves as saviors; saviors for a price. Those unwilling are tossed aside and

back to the streets. If they have been exposed and involved in sexual acts with people of political worth and power, they may even be executed.

Children interviewed after being taken out of the prostitution rings, say they willingly took part in the sexual work for the sake of their families. When money for food was severely lacking, and with little to eat at home, these children were forced to drop out of school and obtain any type of employment that could somehow feed themselves and provide the means to buy some food for their family. Prostitution often became one of the means to satisfy their primary needs for family first and themselves thereafter.

The Philippines was recently documented as fourth amongst nine Asian nations with the highest amount of children in prostitution. According to various estimates, the nation has between 300,000–500,000 prostitutes, and nearly 60,000–100,000 are believed to be minors, according to sources.²

In the past the Philippines has been considered second only to Thailand in its prevalence of child sex tourism. This status is uncertain and according to UNICEF the Philippines may have actually surpassed Thailand, because of the latter nation’s improving economic situation and law enforcement. Some child sex tourists may have shifted their travels to the Philippines, because the country is in the same region, and its law enforcement is less

strict.^{7 p134}

Though it's often assumed that primarily foreign men partake of and support the continued growth of child prostitution in the Philippines, it is both surprising and typical to note that local Filipino men and boys are the most frequent patrons. Their Spanish-culture-inspired heritage often motivates inebriated, uninhibited men and boys to seek virgins and overpower children to satisfy their machismo. Condoms, in addition to being condemned by the Catholic Church, are considered unmanly to use. Tragically, these affairs have included their own daughters and sisters at times.

Statistics show that nine out of ten clients of child prostitutes in the Philippines are native Filipinos. According to law enforcement authorities in the Philippines, only 10-15 percent of sexual crimes against children in the country are committed by foreigners. ^{7 p135}

Unfortunately, the Filipino government and various non-government organizations that are trying to prevent child prostitution and other forms of abuse toward minors never tell the world that the primary patrons that continue to perpetrate and support this criminal activity are their fellow citizens.

In addition to the Philippines' unwillingness or inability to deal with the growing industry of sex tourism being fed and supported by poverty, the nation tries daily to appease and quell its poor with

a flickering vestige of economic 'hope'. Typically, this is envisioned by most of the poor people when they see images of opulence and elegance spread across a cheap color TV screen.

TV game shows are broadcast daily via satellite to citizens throughout the nation as far-reaching as the remote Province of Tawi Tawi. Both Filipino and foreign programs and channels are available, showing people dancing and singing to win money and prizes. The hundreds of thousands, if not millions of Filipino people watching the TV screens are being lulled into a false dream; "they won so maybe I can too! Maybe I can win and free myself from poverty!" could be thoughts that cross the minds of many.

These game shows are virtually synonymous with the age old Roman bread and circuses syndrome; temporarily inspiring citizens to forget the plight of their poverty and despair with entertainment. Once the show ends, reality returns with the pain of hopelessness.

These game shows are particularly counterproductive to this nation's efforts to eliminate poverty; the root cause that supports and nurtures prostitution.

With the massively-increased tourism patronage arriving to the Philippines from Korea and China, the demand for children will be increasing more so. Add illicit drugs to the tourism picture and these children will face an even more dangerous and deadly



threat to their welfare.

Foreigners who willingly and knowledgeably go on planned trips to partake in organized prostitution services that offer children for their selfish sexual gratification may now face criminal prosecution in their countries of origin for using children for sexual purposes; regardless if it was through unplanned or chance indulgence or through an organized sex tour. This is one way to fight and attempt to end this syndrome, but this alone will not eliminate the problem.

How can the vicious cycle of poverty and prostitution be addressed in order to protect, save, and nurture the Filipino child so that he or she can become productive citizens of their nation, rather than a part and parcel of its social and criminal statistics? Is there a solution to all this inhumanity? Can the evil that appears to cater to the national and international predators, molesters, and outright perverts that feel that what they are doing is just for kicks, a thrill, a cheap trick with a child that satiates their personal definitions of seeking righteous 'happiness' be stopped? In an effort to appease perhaps their own guilt, they say 'it's only an Asian kid, right?'

Though poverty is a syndrome that cannot be eliminated overnight, we can start somewhere to better the lives of these defenseless, abused children that are much more than 'just kids.'

There is a glimmer of hope; a light at the end of the social tunnel for

seeing the eventual and realistic reduction of poverty and giving hope and love for the children of the Philippines.

Several small NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) and Christian Missionary projects have been growing throughout the nation. One entitled Village of Hope actively takes homeless and parent-less children off those Cebu City streets and relocates them to special homes on the hills of the Province of Bohol. Children are given real hope to live safely with adequate, nutritious food and readily-available education. Their education also includes livelihood lessons in agricultural farming, livestock husbandry, and even care-taking of younger children that have just arrived at the homes within the Village of Hope.

The international sponsors and caretakers of this remarkable effort emphasize that their mission is to give children born in poverty a hope for a better life to live and prosper in the world. The Village of Hope wants Filipino kids to be able to shape their very own futures through education and experiences fostered in a loving and caring family-orientated setting.

This author has seen the laughter, smiles, and happiness expressed from children who are well established in the Village. It's a stark contrast from when they first arrived; malnourished, frightful, and uneducated. It was amazing to watch them change into smiling, laughing, and playful children,

nurtured mostly from the fact that someone actually cares and loves them. In comparison to love and attention they receive, food and shelter are minor necessities in the minds of these children.

Unfortunately, there have also been a few NGOs and organizations in the Philippines that have been exposed as fronts with a false premise that have only one selfish mission. Every year, children continue to suffer abuse and violence at the hands of these fraudulent groups and organizations. Operating under a benevolent blanket cover, adults, both Filipinos and foreigners, have instituted organized criminal activities that include cyber-porn, child pornography, and prostitution.

I once saw a stopped taxi with Asian tourists while taking a short cut away from traffic to get to the airport. As we drove by, one tourist popped out a fifty peso note from a crack in his taxi cab window. I was puzzled when all the male tourists laughed hysterically. And then I saw why. The children went from smiling, giggling little girls and boys to vicious scrapping animals biting, kicking, punching, and pushing each other, trying to take the peso note for themselves. They selfishly brawl for a dream of plenty; plenty of food, plenty of love, and real parents that care for, love, and shelter them. They dream of a day in school where they can learn a better way...all to get that single fifty peso note for themselves! They fought for hope; hope to be freed from paying the price for poverty.

In a recently released film about child prostitution in the Philippines, entitled *Lilet Never Happen*, a Filipina child actress named Sandy Talag plays the difficult and tragic role of Lilet. Dreaming that one day she would finally meet her real father, Lilet cherishes a small photograph of him as a treasured icon. Sadly, in the movie, she never did, and the picture was merely a magazine picture cut-out given to her by an abusive Filipina mother, perhaps meant to give Lilet hope for a better future; free from poverty, free from having to sell her body just to survive day-by-day.

Sadly, there is one little girl that I remember as she stood back and aside from the others as the children wrestled and scrapped for that 50 peso note. She looked at me drive by. Her eyes told me a story. She is the 'Lilet'; already jaded by the selfish greed of the 'Johns' abusing and using her body without them knowing or even wanting to know her mind or her person as a precious girl-child needing protection and love. Perhaps she had given up already to the dark side and decided that no one cares to see her as a human being. She's 'just a kid' to them. It's a similar sentiment to Lilet's own theme quote on the DVD movie's closing scene: "Everybody is only interested in my body but no one wants to know what's under my skin. So I thought, when I'm dead they can have my body and I don't feel it anymore"

The Philippines is only one country

that subtly flaunts its 'more fun' motto for tourists in more ways than most tourists even realize. Contrasting the truth, one Philippine government official said to the Lilet film Director, Jacco Groen: "Child prostitution does not exist in my country." This simple statement inspired Groen to coin the film's name; "Lilet Never Happened."⁸

Many members of Visions of Alice have garnered my respect by always declaring their sincere care for a girl child's life to be a positive, productive, and progressive adventure towards becoming a happy and loving adult. Though there will always be a few trip ups or hiccups along the path of human experience for the child, we hope the wounds and scars will heal over with a caring, loving, and protective guardian watching over them with support, love and instruction. Part of our mission here with our Alice Lovers e-magazine is to succinctly and publicly declare our devotion, passion, and love for the girl child. Many of us seek changes in our society, with our efforts herein and within our forum, to eventually accept our nature of child love as being a legitimate and proactive endeavor that fully recognizes the girl child always being empowered on an equal social level.

The Filipino people have shown the world their resilience very recently from the devastation of Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), the largest typhoon in history to hit a country. The storm literally ripped the Philippine city of Tacloban

apart and left over 6,000 dead by its winds of over 300 mph.

Let us hope and pray the same people can someday find the same resolve and resilience to effectively save their children from poverty and ensure them the opportunity to become the nation's future leaders for the Republic of the Philippines, once and for all.

"More Power to the People of the Philippines!"

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‘DIE GRÜNEN’

UND DIE

PÄDOPHILIE-DEBATTE

VON AYUMI

Dass die Medien immer nach dem größten Aufreger suchen, um ihre Verkaufszahlen zu steigern, sollte hinlänglich bekannt sein. So ist es auch kein Wunder, dass im Sommer letzten Jahres, pünktlich zu den Vorbereitungen zur Bundestagswahl, die „Pädophilie-Debatte“ aufgekommen ist. Hohe Politiker wurden unter die Lupe genommen, 30 Jahre alte Aussagen gefunden und diese in die heutige Zeit übertragen. Politiker wurden für Meinungen aus dieser lang vergangenen Zeit verantwortlich gemacht. Dabei sind gerade Meinungen etwas, das bei Politikern häufig wechselt.

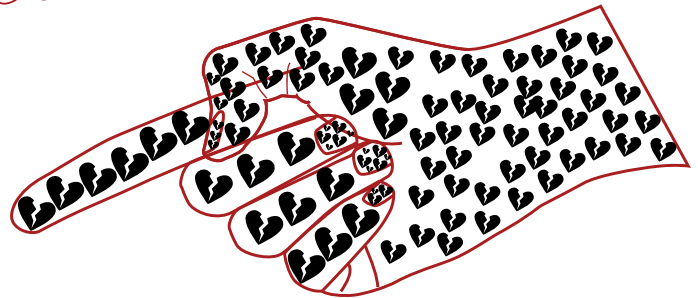
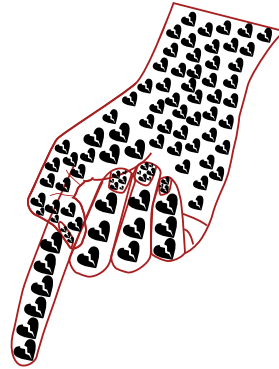
Wir wollen die Debatte im Nachhinein aus unserer Sicht aufarbeiten: Wer war beteiligt und welche Meinung wurde vertreten, wo wurden diese dokumentiert und wie sind diese Meinungen zusammengekommen. Zum Schluss werfen wir noch einen Blick auf das Bundestagswahlprogramm



2013 der Partei Bündnis 90/Die Grünen ‘Grünen’, deren Vergangenheit im Rahmen der Debatte besonders im Fokus der öffentlichen Aufmerksamkeit stand.

AUSLÖSER DER DEBATTE

März 2013: Der Grünenpolitiker Daniel Cohn-Bendit ist aufgrund seines politischen Wirkens für den renommierten Theodor-Heuss-Preis nominiert. Die Laudatio soll der Verfassungsgerichtspräsident Andreas Voßkuhle halten, dieser sagt allerdings mit der Begründung ab, Cohn-Bendit habe sich „in nicht unproblematischer Weise über die Sexualität zwischen Erwachsenen und Kindern geäußert“[1].



Auf was bezog sich Voßkuhle mit seinen Vorwürfen? Meist zitiert sind Passagen aus dem Buch „Der grosse Basar“ von Cohn-Bendit über sein Leben in den Jahren 1968-1975. Ein Auszug:

“Mein ständiger Flirt mit allen Kindern nahm bald erotische Züge an. Ich konnte richtig fühlen, wie die kleinen Mädchen von fünf Jahren schon gelernt hatten, mich anzumachen.“[2]

„Es ist mir mehrmals passiert, dass einige Kinder meinen Hosensatz geöffnet und angefangen haben, mich zu streicheln. Ich habe je nach den Umständen unterschiedlich reagiert, aber ihr Wunsch stellte mich vor

Probleme. Ich habe sie gefragt: ‚Warum spielt ihr nicht untereinander, warum habt ihr mich ausgewählt und nicht andere Kinder?‘ Aber wenn sie darauf bestanden, habe ich sie dennoch gestreichelt.“[3]

Viele Girlover haben ähnliche Momente wie im ersten Zitat schon einmal erlebt und können Cohn-Bendits Aussage durchaus nachvollziehen. Allerdings ist so ein Satz in der Öffentlichkeit unüblich und wirkt provokativ. So ist dieser Satz auch zu deuten; als reine Provokation der verklemmten Bevölkerung.

Das zweite Zitat dagegen wird aus dem Zusammenhang gerissen, folgender Absatz sollte zusätzlich betrachtet werden:

„Konflikte mit den Eltern blieben nicht aus. Einige Kinder haben ihren Eltern beim Vögeln zugesehen. Eines Abends hat ein kleines Mädchen seine Freundin zu Hause besucht und sie gefragt: ‚Willst du mit mir Vögeln?‘ Und sie hat vom Bumsen, Vögeln usw. gesprochen. Daraufhin sind die Eltern der Freundin, praktizierende Katholiken, gekommen um sich zu beschweren; sie waren aufs Äußerste schockiert.“[3]

Erst danach folgt das zweite Zitat, welches oft in den Medien zitiert wird. Betrachtet man diesen Absatz, so zeigt sich, dass seine Handlungen anscheinend in den damaligen Zusammenhang passten, sofern sie tatsächlich geschahen, was Cohn-Bendit in seiner Dankesrede [4] allerdings abstreift.

Es lässt sich also folgern, dass Cohn-Bendits Buch aus dem Zusammenhang gerissen und die politische Stimmung in Deutschland zur damaligen Zeit bewusst außen vor gelassen wurde. Betrachtet man die Rezensionen zu dem Buch, um 1976, so findet sich nirgends ein Vorwurf, er habe Kinder missbraucht. Typische Rezensionen waren eher:

„Cohn-Bendits großer Basar ist so etwas wie ein Gemischtwaren laden für linke Erkenntnisse und Gebrauchsanweisungen. Das Angebot ist schillernd, die Über-



sicht kommt leicht abhanden.“[5]

Die Diskussion um Cohn-Bendit ist also entstanden, weil ein Buch aus dem zeitlichen Zusammenhang gerissen wurde und dadurch zwei Passagen deutlich anders interpretiert wurden, als zu der Zeit, in der das Buch erschien.

ZUSAMMENHANG ZU DEN ‘GRÜNEN’

Warum aber ist eine einzelne Person der Grund einer „Pädophilie-Debatte“ bei einer ganzen Partei? Nach dem Skandal um sein Buch wurde weiter in Cohn-Bendits Leben geforscht und seine politische Laufbahn betrachtet. 1978 beteiligte sich Cohn-Bendit an grüner Politik und trat 1984 den ‘Grünen’ in Hessen bei. Er war während Fischers Amtszeit 1985-1987 dessen enger Politikberater. Im weiteren Verlauf seiner Karriere war er sowohl als deutscher als auch als französischer Vertreter der ‘Grünen’ im Europäischen Parlament tätig. Cohn-Bendit war also grüner Aktivist. So scheint es nahe zu liegen, dass die Medien auf der Suche nach weiteren Skandalen in der Vergangenheit dieser Partei gewühlt haben.

Die Partei ‘Die Grünen’ wurde zu einer Zeit gegründet, in der viele Homosexuelle für Gleichberechtigung und für eine Überdenkung der Sexualmoral gekämpft haben. So ergab es sich, dass diese sich zu einer recht provokativen Gruppe zusammengefunden haben, die eine Änderung der prüden Sexualmoral gefordert haben. Bei diesen Überlegungen spielte natürlich auch die Kindersexualität eine Rolle. Es wurde diskutiert, ob gelebte sexualität zwischen einem Kind und einem Erwachsenen per se etwas Schlechtes ist. So wurde im Bundesprogramm der ‘Grünen’ 1980 folgendes aufgenommen:

„Die §§ 174 und 176 sind so

zu fassen, daß nur Anwendung oder Androhung von Gewalt oder Mißbrauch eines Abhängigkeitsverhältnisses bei sexuellen Handlungen unter Strafe zu stellen sind.“

Diese Forderung wurde unverändert in die zweite Version des Bundesprogrammes von 1982 übernommen und war bis 1993 gültig. ‘Die Grünen’ waren in ihrer Anfangszeit also recht offen, was sexuelle Beziehungen zwischen Kindern und Erwachsenen betrifft und haben für eine Legalisierung solcher Beziehungen gekämpft.

Im Zuge dessen sind natürlich auch einige Publikationen über generationsübergreifende Sexualität veröffentlicht worden, welche 2013 Stück für Stück wieder an die Oberfläche kamen. Betroffen sind dabei Volker Beck, aufgrund eines Artikels in dem Buch „Der pädosexuelle Komplex - Ein Handbuch für Betroffene und ihre Gegner“, dessen Abdruck laut Beck nicht genehmigt war und Dagmar Döring, welche mit ihrem Aufsatz „So viel Zärtlichkeit und Liebe“ [7] in dem Sammelband „Pädophilie Heute“ über ihre Erfahrung mit ihrer Liebe zu Kindern schreibt. Nachdem die Medien diesen Artikel in den Fokus nahmen zog Döring ihre Kandidatur für den Bundestag zurück [8]. Außerdem gelangte Jürgen Trittin in die Schlagzeilen, weil er im Sinne des Presserechts damals für das Kommunalwahlprogramm der Alternativen-Grünen-Initiativen-Liste (AGIL) in Göttingen

verantwortlich war. Trotz Forderung nach einem Rücktritt seiner Spitzenkandidatur, legte er diesen Posten erst nach der Wahl aufgrund der schlechten Wahlergebnisse nieder.

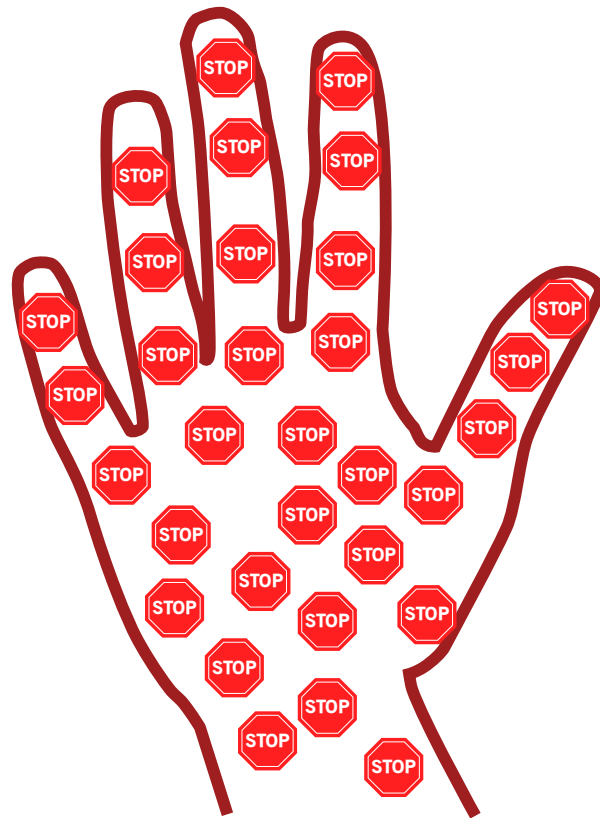
WAS BLEIBT?

Einige wenige, die das Recht auf freie Meinungsäußerung um 1980 herum nutzten und mit ihrem Namen für ihre Meinung einstanden, müssen sich heute dafür verantworten. Dabei scheint es keine Rolle zu spielen, ob diese Meinung immer noch die gleiche ist oder in welchem Zusammenhang sie geäußert wurde. Sie müssen

programm der ‘Grünen’, so stellt man fest, dass der Absatz zur Änderung der Paragraphen 176 und 184 nicht mehr Teil ihrer Politik ist. Aber dennoch ist ein kleiner Teil der Homo- und Pädophilienpolitik geblieben:

“In Artikel 3 des Grundgesetzes muss ergänzt werden, dass niemand wegen der sexuellen Identität diskriminiert werden darf.” [9]

Auch wenn dieser Absatz vor allem auf die Beendigung der Diskriminierung gegenüber Homosexuellen und Transsexuellen abzielt, so beinhaltet diese Forderung auch im Grundgesetz zu verankern, dass niemand auf-



heutzutage Verantwortung für die damaligen Interessen der gesamten Partei übernehmen.

Betrachtet man das heutige Wahl-

grund seiner pädophilen Identität diskriminiert werden darf.

WAS BEDEUTET DIE DE-

BATTE FÜR PÄDOPHIL EMPFINDENDE MENSCHEN?

Die Debatte verdeutlicht, dass jegliche Diskussion über generationsübergreifende Sexualität unerwünscht ist. Eine Forderung oder der alleinige Gedanke über eine Forderung nach einem Überdenken der Gesetze resultiert in einem Verlust von Ansehen, Ruf und Stellung bei Politikern. Somit ist klar, dass die freie Meinungsäußerung erheblich eingeschnitten und in der Politik unerwünscht ist.

Noch deutlicher wird es, wenn man bedenkt, dass über 30 Jahre alte Äußerungen eines Politikers dazu verwendet werden, diesen aus seinem Amt zu verbannen und dessen Ruf zu ruinieren. Es ist ersichtlich, dass es in der sogenannten „Pädophilie-Debatte“ nie um Pädophilie oder generationsübergreifende Sexualität ging, sondern die Diskussion lediglich dazu verwendet wurde, unerwünschte Politiker mundtot zu machen. Deutlich wird es auch daran, dass diese Debatte kurz vor der Wahl ihren Höhepunkt hatte und stark in der Aufmerksamkeit der Medien lag. Diese ging allerdings nach der Wahl deutlich zurück. Eine nüchterne Diskussion über Pädophilie und den Umgang mit pädophilen Mitbürgern ist in der momentanen Situation nicht möglich.

Nach der medienwirksamen „Pädophilie-Debatte“ folgte 2014 der nächste „Pädophilen-Skandal“: Der Bundestagsabgeordnete Sebastian Edathy wird verdächtigt

Kinderpornographie gekauft zu haben, da er auf der Kundenliste von „Azov Films“ steht. Ein Unternehmen, welches mit - in Deutschland legalen - FKK-Filmen handelte. Es handelte sich also laut deutschem Gesetz nicht um Kinderpornographie und Edathy hat mit dem Erwerb keinerlei Gesetze gebrochen. Dennoch hat die Staatsanwaltschaft eine Hausdurchsuchung angeordnet. Die freche Begründung: Wer solche Filme kauft, besitzt wahrscheinlich auch illegales kinderpornografisches Material.

Die Staatsanwaltschaft hat damit ihre Kompetenzen mehr als überschritten, hat sie doch statt einer gesetzlichen Perspektive eine psychologische Perspektive eingenommen, welche mehr als fragwürdig und sicher nicht belegt ist. Warum sollte jemand, der kinderpornografisches Material kostenlos aus diversen anonymen Quellen bekommt, das Risiko eingehen seine Kreditkartendaten einem kanadischen Unternehmen anzuvertrauen?

Meiner Meinung nach liegt die Vermutung nahe, dass Edathy jemandem im Weg stand und dieser sich den Umstand zu Nutze gemacht hat. Schließlich war es ein offenes Geheimnis, dass Edathy auf der Kundenliste von „Azov Films“ stand. Nicht uninteressant in diesem Zusammenhang ist, dass Edathy seit 2012 als Vorsitzender des „Untersuchungsausschuss zur Terrorgruppe Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund“ Erfolge feierte und damit so

manchen gestandenen Politiker in Bedrängnis brachte.

Der Vorwurf „Besitz und Erwerb von Kinderpornographie“ wurde also als Todesstoß für die Karriere eines Mannes benutzt, der sich (bewusst?) an die deutschen Gesetze gehalten hat.

Dennoch stellt sich die Frage, ob sich diese „Skandale“ nutzen lassen, um eine nüchterne Debatte über Pädophilie anzustoßen. Wie oben erwähnt, sind die jetzigen Debatten rein politischer Natur und beschäftigen sich nicht mit dem psychologischen Aspekt der Pädophilie. Gedanken über mögliche einvernehmliche generationsübergreifende Sexualität werden ungeprüft verworfen. Ich denke nicht, dass sich eine nüchterne Diskussion anstoßen lässt, solange Menschen mit „Todesstrafe für Pädophile“ in der Gesellschaft und Politik Gehör finden und Ärzte mit Aussagen wie „Pädophilie ist eine Krankheit und Betroffene sind immer eine potentielle Gefahr für Kinder“ die wissenschaftliche Meinung bestimmen.

Dennoch dürfen wir Stimmen, die 'lebenslänglich' für Unschuldige fordern, nicht unwidersprochen lassen und müssen immer wieder darauf aufmerksam machen, dass Pädophile nicht mit Kindesvergewaltigern und -mördern gleichzusetzen sind.

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PROBLEME IN DEUTSCHLAND AM BEISPIEL KINDERPORNOGRAPHIE VON KIMBERLY

Bis 1993 stand in Deutschland der bloße Besitz von kinderpornographischen Schriften („Kinderpornographie“) nicht unter Strafe. Mitte der 90er Jahre begannen die Gesetzgeber in europäischen Ländern nach und nach weitere Straftatbestände rund um Kinderpornographie in die Strafenkataloge aufzunehmen und die Strafen immer wieder anzuheben. In diesem Artikel soll die Entwicklung bis Heute insbesondere in Deutschland betrachtet und ein Ausblick in die Zukunft gewagt werden.

Mit dem 27. Strafrechtsänderungsgesetz [1] wurde 1993 der Tatbestand des Besitzes kinderpornographischer Schriften eingeführt, wobei zu diesem Zeitpunkt noch nur eine Geldstrafe oder höchstens 1 Jahr Freiheitsstrafe drohte. Gerade der Straftatbestand des Besitzes wurde damals noch von vielen Wissenschaftlern und Experten stark kritisiert, da es sich hier um eine Straftat ohne Opfer handelt. Der Strafraum für die Verbreitung von Kinderpornographie wurde gleichzeitig auf eine Höchststrafe von 5 Jahren angehoben (vorher 1 Jahr).

1997 wurde der Paragraph um das



“wirklichkeitsnahe Geschehen” erweitert [2], so dass kein tatsächliches Geschehen mehr abgebildet sein muss, um als Kinderpornographie eingestuft zu werden. Das Herstellen von Kinderpornographie wird seitdem als “schwerer sexueller Missbrauch” eingestuft (auch wenn es sich z.B. nur um einen Zungenkuss handelt) und mit “nicht unter 2 Jahren” unter Strafe gestellt. Gleichzeitig wurden Datenträger, z.B. CD-Roms oder Festplatten, den Schriften wie Bilder oder Tonträger gleichgestellt.

Ab etwa 2000 gewann das Thema mehr und mehr Bedeutung auf europäischer Ebene. So wurde vom EU-Rat im Mai 2000 [3] beschlossen, dass die europäische Polizeibehörde EUROPOL bei Kinderpornographie mit einzubeziehen und über die Fälle zu informieren ist. Es wurde geregelt, dass die einzelnen Länder Sondereinheiten bei den Strafverfolgungsbehörden schaffen sollen und diese EU-weit für die Zusammenarbeit vernetzt werden. Auch die Industrie soll nun aktiv mit eingebunden werden - so wird das Herstellen “von Filtern oder anderen Vorrichtungen gefördert”, um die Verbreitung von Kinderpornographie zu verhindern und die Aufdeckung zu ermöglichen.

In Deutschland wurde 2003 für Kinderpornographie ein eigenständiger Paragraph geschaffen [4]. Vorher gehörte das zum allgemeinen Pornographieverbot. Die Strafe für den bloßen Besitz (oder sich Besitz verschaffen) wurde auf bis zu 2 Jahre angehoben. Verschafft man anderen Besitz, dann droht eine

Strafe von bis zu 5 Jahren (vorher 1 Jahr). Erfolgt das Besitzverschaffen z.B. in geschlossenen Gruppen im Internet, dann sind es nun sogar bis zu 10 Jahre [5]. Das Durchführen einer Erkennungsdienstlichen Behandlung mit DNA-Analyse und Speicherung wegen Kinderpornographie wurde erleichtert. Somit wird unterstellt, dass jemand, der sich Besitz von Kinderpornographie verschafft, in Zukunft wohl auch mit

unter 18 Jahren als Kind zu gelten haben und die einzelnen Länder Gesetze verabschieden müssen, die Pornographie von unter 18-Jährigen unter Strafe stellt [7]. Dabei reicht es aus, wenn die Darsteller auf den Bildern auch nur so aussehen, als seien sie unter 18 Jahre alt - ganz egal, ob sie in Wirklichkeit 15 oder 25 sind (“kindliches Erscheinungsbild”). Für die Handlungen, die unter Strafe stehen, reicht bereits



hoher Wahrscheinlichkeit sexuellen Missbrauch von Kindern begehen würde. So 2008 bestätigt vom Verwaltungsgerichtshof Baden-Württemberg [6].

Auf europäischer Ebene wurde 2004 festgelegt, dass alle Personen

das Posieren in “unnatürlichen, geschlechtsbetonten” Posen aus. Die Personen müssen auch nicht real sein, das Verbot bezieht sich auch auf “realistisch dargestellte, nicht echte Kinder”. Die EU ermöglicht mit diesem Beschluss den Ländern

nun auch, Berufsverbote (z.B. für Kindertherapeuten oder Lehrer) zu verhängen.

2007 wurde mit rund 12.000 Verdächtigten und tausenden Hausdurchsuchungen eine der größten Polizeioperationen in der deutschen Geschichte durchgeführt. Offiziell hieß es, dass man “einen riesigen Kinderpornographiering gesprengt” habe. Doch wurden nahezu alle

folgte dann auch ein neuer Gesetzesentwurf, wonach Posing-Bilder nach deutschem Recht unter Strafe gestellt werden sollen.

Ein Jahr später, 2008, wurde die EU-Richtlinie von 2004 umgesetzt und ein neuer Paragraph für “Jugendpornographie” eingeführt [10]. Der Paragraph für Kinderpornographie wurde nun um das “Posing” erweitert. Besitz von Kinderpornog-

erleichtert [12], so dass jetzt bereits bei geringfügigsten Strafen eine Eintragung vorgenommen wird. Diese Ausnahme steht als - sozusagen - opferlose Straftat neben anderen tatsächlich schweren Straftaten wie Misshandlung von Schutzbefohlenen, Menschen- oder Kinderhandel hier auf einer Ebene.

Mit einer neuen EU-Richtlinie wurden 2011 weitere allgemeine Strafverschärfungen beschlossen [13]. Dazu sollen die Länder nun Berufsverbote auch tatsächlich verhängen. Arbeitgeber haben ein Informationsrecht über “bestehende Verurteilungen oder über bestehende Verbote der Ausübung bestimmter Tätigkeiten”. Darüber hinaus besteht für die Staaten jetzt auch eine Pflicht, andere Staaten innerhalb der EU über Strafen wie Besitz von Kinderpornographie zu informieren. Die undifferenzierte Begründung der EU dazu: “um zu verhindern, dass ein Pädophiler die Freizügigkeit von Arbeitnehmern in der EU missbraucht, um in einem anderen Land mit Kindern zu arbeiten.” [14] Es wurde zudem eine Internetzensur ermöglicht und Therapieprogramme beschlossen.

In Folge der Gesetzgebungen gab es auch eine Reihe höchstrichterlicher Entscheidungen in Bezug auf Kinderpornographie. Eine, die beispielhaft die dramatische Entwicklung der letzten Jahre wiedergibt, ist die des BGH vom 16.03.2011 [15]. Zunächst bestätigte der BGH ein Urteil des OLG Hamburg [16], wonach man sich bereits des Besitzes kinderpornographischer Schriften strafbar mache, wenn man auch



Strafverfahren wieder eingestellt, da man nichts Belastendes gefunden hatte [8]. Unter den Funden waren allenfalls ein paar “Posing”-Bilder, die damals noch nicht unter Strafe standen [9]. Einige Staatsanwälte und Ermittler ärgerten sich öffentlich darüber. Kurz darauf

graphie wurde als “schwere Straftat” in den Katalog der Strafen aufgenommen, für die eine Telekommunikationsüberwachung angeordnet werden darf [11]. 2010 dann wurde die Aufnahme von Straftaten wegen Kinder- oder Jugendpornographie in das erweiterte Führungszeugnis

nur ein solches Bild auf seinem Bildschirm ansieht. Es spielt keine Rolle mehr, ob man das Bild auch tatsächlich speichern (also besitzen) will. Bis dahin war ein nachgewiesener Besitzwille zur Bestrafung erforderlich. Zudem wurde die Verurteilung wegen Herstellung pornographischer Schriften bestätigt, weil der Angeklagte ein Bild seines vollständig bekleideten Jungen mit einer Salatgurke im Mund machte. Es handele es sich zwar nicht um Kinderpornographie, so der BGH. Da der Angeklagte aber pädophil sei und das Bild an andere Pädophile weitergegeben wurde, sei trotzdem ein Sexualbezug gegeben und die Herstellung daher auch zu bestrafen. Der BGH entschied hier auch, dass ein Chatprotokoll, bei dem es um sexuelle Handlungen mit Kindern geht, "ohne weiteres der Strafbarkeit" (wegen Besitz von Kinderpornographie) unterfällt. Immerhin wurde diese Entscheidung 2 Jahre später wieder relativiert, als der BGH entschied, dass der reine Besitz von kinderpornographischen Texten (hier E-Mail) nicht unter Strafe steht [17]. Die Rechtslage diesbezüglich bleibt dennoch weiter unsicher.

Dass wir langsam am oberen Ende der möglichen Strafmaße angelangt sind, macht eine Entscheidung des obersten deutschen Gerichts von 2012 deutlich [18]. Hier wurde ein Mann wegen des Besitzes kinderpornographischer Schriften zu unbefristetem, womöglich sogar lebenslangem Maßregelvollzug verurteilt. Die Richter gehen davon aus, dass die Wahrscheinlichkeit, dass der pädophile Angeklagte in

Zukunft tatsächlich ein Kind missbrauchen könne, groß genug ist um diesem unbefristet die Freiheit zu entziehen. Der Angeklagte stelle eine Gefahr für die Allgemeinheit dar. Der BGH geht weiter bei Besitz von Kinderpornographie von einer "mittelbaren Förderung des sexuellen Missbrauch" aus. Alleine diese Annahme reicht laut dem BGH bereits aus, um Maßregelvollzug zu verhängen. Auch auf die EU-Richtlinie von 2011 wird Bezug genommen und insbesondere folgende Stelle zitiert: "[...] Daher müssen [...] diejenigen Personen, die sich [...] des Herunterladens solcher Darstellungen schuldig gemacht haben, festgenommen werden" Der BGH dazu: "Hierdurch wird das erhebliche Gewicht allein des bloßen Besitzes kinderpornographischer Schriften (Dateien) nochmals ausdrücklich betont."

Insgesamt fällt bei den Urteilen besonders auf, dass bei Freisprüchen oder milden Urteilen auch auf höchstrichterlicher Ebene fast nie von Pädophilen gesprochen wird. Wurde dagegen eine Pädophilie diagnostiziert, dann sind die Urteile regelmäßig hart - und eben auch z.B. Chatprotokolle, also fiktive Texte "ohne weiteres" strafbar. Auch von Regierungsseiten, wie von der EU wird immer mehr deutlich, dass sich die Strafverfolgungen gegen eine pädophile Minderheit statt gegen Kinderpornographie richten [14]. Der Ruf nach härteren Strafen, wie erst neulich wieder nach der Edathy-Affäre, lässt dauerhaft nicht nach. So findet sich eine schier unüberschaubare Anzahl an Medienartikeln, in

denen Vertreter aller Möglichen Vereinigungen noch härtere Strafen fordern. Ganz aktuell in Deutschland sind Forderungen nach einem generellen Verbot von Nacktbildern von Kindern. Zwar gibt es hier noch viel Gegenwind, aber das war bei den Gesetzesentwürfen der letzten Jahrzehnte zu diesem Thema meistens so. Am Ende setzten sich immer einschlägige Interessenvertretungen, Medien und der Druck des Volkes entgegen der Vernunft und Gutachten von Sachverständigen durch. Die geschaffenen Gesetze reichten dann meistens doch nicht aus und wurden weiter verschärft. Diese Entwicklung wird sich wohl auch weiter fortsetzen.

Für die Zukunft pädophiler Menschen sehr bedenklich ist vor allem die Entwicklung in der Wissenschaft. So erforschen "Wissenschaftler" mehrerer Universitäten in Deutschland Möglichkeiten, um Pädophilie zuverlässig messen zu können [19]. Gleichzeitig wird das Netz an Therapie-Einrichtungen ständig weiter ausgebaut. Da der Gesetzgeber und die Rechtsprechung immer weiter Richtung Prävention gehen, ist absehbar, dass in nicht allzu ferner Zukunft präventive Zwangstherapien gegen pädophile Menschen möglich sein werden. Das deutsche Strafrecht befindet sich bereits seit spätestens Anfang der 90er Jahre auf dem Weg von einem Schuldstrafrecht zu einem Präventionsstrafrecht [20] - wie dies sogar vom Vizepräsident des Bundesverfassungsgerichts kritisiert wird [21]. Der deutsche Strafrechtsexperte Dr. Zillermann skizzierte im Mai 2013, dass nach

der rechtsstaatlichen Entwicklung wohl für das lebenslange Wegsperrten eines Menschen in Sicherungsverwahrung bald keine Anlasstat mehr notwendig sein werde. Er bezieht sich vor allem auf die Entwicklung des deutschen Strafrechts der letzten 200 Jahre, die Entscheidungen der obersten deutschen Gerichte in den vergangenen Jahren und die Möglichkeit der Neurowissenschaftler, vielleicht bald bessere Prognosen über "delinquentes Verhalten" abgeben zu können. [22] Wessen Gehirn auf Bilder nackter Kinder - oder auf Kinder überhaupt - erregt reagiert, hat wohl in Zukunft ein großes Problem.

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Therapie von Pädophilie

Ein Blick in das Berliner "Kein Täter werden"-Projekt

Worum geht es?

„Lieben Sie Kinder mehr, als Ihnen lieb ist? Das Präventionsnetzwerk „Kein Täter werden“ bietet ein an allen Standorten kostenloses und durch die Schweigepflicht geschütztes Behandlungsangebot für Menschen, die sich sexuell zu Kindern hingezogen fühlen und deshalb therapeutische Hilfe suchen. Im Rahmen der Therapie erhalten die betroffenen Personen Unterstützung, um sexuelle Übergriffe durch direkten körperlichen Kontakt oder indirekt durch den Konsum oder die Herstellung von Missbrauchsabbildungen im Internet (sogenannte Kinderpornografie) zu verhindern.“ *Quelle: <http://www.kein-taeter-werden.de>

So steht es auf der Internetseite des 2005 gegründeten Projektes. Angesprochen sollen sich alle Menschen fühlen, die sich selbst für pädophil halten und damit nicht zurechtkommen. Ich gehöre zu diesen Menschen und meldete mich deshalb 2011 bei der Charité in Berlin und begann wenige Monate später im Dezember eine Therapie dort.

Ich versuche im Folgenden einen Einblick in dieses Projekt zu geben und der Frage nachzugehen, ob die Versprechen, die auf der



Homepage gegeben werden, auch eingehalten werden und ob oder für wen sich die Therapie lohnt.

Wer bin ich?

Ich selbst stellte mit ca. 13 eine pädophile Seite an mir fest. Es fing mit Mangas an, bei denen auch schon Kinder zu sehen waren, ging über zu Posing-Bildern und mündete in Realvideo-Kinderpornografie oder „Missbrauchsdocumentationen“, wie es in der Therapie genannt wird. Spätestens zu jener Zeit wurde mir klar, dass meine Sexualität hauptsächlich auf präpubertierende Kinder ausgerichtet ist, mein Präferenzfeld lag damals bei ca. 2 bis 12 Jahre jungen Mädchen.

Ich hatte extreme Schuldgefühle direkt nach dem Anschauen von kinderpornografischen Material, sodass meine psychische Gesundheit sehr darunter litt.

2011 sah ich schließlich einen Werbespot vom KTW-Projekt, in dem ein Mann gezeigt wurde, dessen Puls sich stark erhöhte, als sich ihm gegenüber ein Junge mit Mutter setzte. Anschließend wurde die Frage „Lieben sie Kinder mehr als ihnen lieb ist?“ eingeblendet. Ich fühlte mich ertappt und hatte anschließend einen Moment der Klarheit. Mir wurde schlagartig bewusst, dass es so nicht weitergehen kann und hatte die Hoffnung, dass mir bei diesem Projekt geholfen wird. Ich

meldete mich noch in der gleichen Nacht in Berlin.

Wie sehen die ersten Schritte aus?

Ich wählte den Weg des Online-Kontaktformulars, bei dem man keinerlei Daten, außer einer E-Mail-Adresse von sich preisgeben muss. Wenige Tage später bekam ich eine Antwort, in der ich gebeten wurde zu den Sprechzeiten anzurufen, um einen Termin für ein Diagnosegespräch zu vereinbaren. Bei Wahl der angegebenen Telefonnummer (die auch auf der Homepage direkt zu finden ist) landet man in einem kleinen Büro innerhalb des Institutes für Sexualwissenschaft und Sexualmedizin und spricht mit einer der wissenschaftlichen MitarbeiterInnen. Der Kontakt ist sehr freundlich, man kann von dort auch direkt zum gewünschten Mitarbeiter weiterverbunden werden.

Im Oktober 2011 hatte ich einen Termin für mein Diagnosegespräch mit einem Therapeuten des Projektes. In der einstündigen Unterhaltung sprachen wir über mein bisheriges Leben, seit wann ich mich zu Kindern sexuell hingezogen fühle, wie es mir dabei geht, meine sexuellen Erfahrungen, mein Präferenzfeld, meinen Kinderpornografie-Konsum und schließlich meine sexuellen Fantasien. Vieles davon ging mir sehr schwer bis gar nicht über die Lippen, besonders letzteres Thema war unmöglich für mich zu artikulieren, sodass er

Fragen formulierte, bei denen ich nur noch nicken oder den Kopf schütteln musste. Es ging dabei um Details meiner Fantasien, um die Eigenarten meiner Sexualität besser einschätzen zu können. Alle dort geäußerten Sachverhalte fallen natürlich unter die Schweigepflicht.

Nach Beendigung des Gespräches wird man gebeten eine sogenannte Testung zu machen, in der man 2 Umfragebögen ausfüllen muss. Insgesamt sind es rund 100 Seiten mit Fragen zur allgemeinen Persönlichkeit, dem eigenen Verhalten und anschließend zur Sexualität. Dabei geht es um die genaue Ausprägung und Ausrichtung aller Neigungen und Fetische, die man in sich vereint. Das Ausfüllen dauert ca. 2 Stunden und hilft nicht nur den Therapeuten, sondern ebenfalls der Selbsteinschätzung.

Nach Abschluss des Gespräches und der Testung unterrichtete man mich, dass mein Fall nun mit allen anderen Therapeuten diskutiert wird, um zu entscheiden, ob es für mich einen Therapieplatz gibt oder nicht. Wenn sich genügend Pädophile für eine Gruppe gefunden haben, würde man sich bei mir melden, um mir mitzuteilen, ob und wann es einen Therapieplatz für mich gäbe. Dies kann telefonisch oder per Mail erfolgen.

4 Wochen später erhielt ich einen Anruf auf die von mir hinterlegte Handynummer. Zur Sicherheit und eindeutigen Identifizierung wird bei Telefongesprächen die

persönliche PIN abgefragt, eine 4-stellige Nummer, die die Anonymität der Patienten wahren soll. Auch alle Unterlagen, die angelegt werden, sind mit dieser PIN gekennzeichnet. Man teilte mir mit, dass es einen Therapieplatz in einer Gruppe für mich gibt und wann wir uns das erste Mal treffen würden.

Wie sieht die Therapie aus?

Es war ein recht beklemmendes Gefühl, als ich das erste Mal einen Raum voller Männer betrat, die alle aus dem gleichen Grund dort saßen und warteten. Auf der anderen Seite war es auch schön und unglaublich, wenn der Aufzug komplett mit pädophil und hebephilen Männern gefüllt war. Eine Gruppe von Fremden, denen man sich trotzdem von Anfang an recht nah fühlte, denn sie waren vielleicht die ersten und einzigen Menschen, die verstehen was man empfindet, wenn man ein bezaubernd schönes Kind sieht. Die anderen Teilnehmer waren ausschließlich Männer, das bestehende (falsche) Vorurteil, Pädophilie sei ein reines Männerproblem, wurde dadurch bestätigt. Es war jede Altersgruppe und jede Gesellschaftsschicht vertreten, vom 18-jährigen Schüler und Studenten über Handwerker im Blaumann und Anzugträger aus dem mittleren Management bis hin zum Rentner.

Die Therapie fand einmal pro Woche statt. Bei den ersten Treffen ging es hauptsächlich um

Aufklärung. Wer sind die Teilnehmer, woher kommen sie, was haben sie für Probleme? Was ist überhaupt eine sexuelle Ausrichtung und Orientierung und Neigung? Was ist Sex und was gehört dazu? Und welche medikamentösen Möglichkeiten gibt es, die Neigung zu unterdrücken?

Nachdem diese ersten Wochen vorbei waren, fanden anschließend Einzelgespräche statt, da sich genug Pädophile angemeldet hatten, um 2 Gruppen zu bilden. Man konnte so den Fokus der beiden Gruppen unterschiedlich ausrichten und an die Patienten anpassen. Im Frühjahr 2012 begann die Gruppen-Therapie. Der Fokus unserer Gruppe lag auf der Vermeidung von Kinderpornografie.

Am Anfang jeder Sitzung gab es die Eingangsrunde, in der jeder Anwesende erzählte, wie es ihm ging, was in der Zwischenzeit bei ihm passiert und auf welche problematischen Situationen er in den vergangenen Tagen eventuell gestoßen war. Anschließend wurden diese Probleme herausgegriffen und gemeinsam in der Gruppe mit Hilfe der 2 betreuenden Therapeuten analysiert. Dabei wird die erlebte Situation präzise in alle Untersituationen, Gefühlszustände, Folgereaktionen und Konsequenzen aufgeschlüsselt. Ziel dabei ist es die Ursache der Probleme, Gefühle und Verhaltensweisen zu finden, die diese Situation bestimmt haben. Das heißt, man sieht alle Zusammenhänge und kann dadurch das Kernproblem identifizieren

und Lösungen dafür finden. Zum Beispiel kann nach einer solchen Situationsanalyse herauskommen, dass man das Kind nur auf seinen Schoß gesetzt hat, weil man es sexuell attraktiv fand und Nähe spüren wollte. Das zu wissen kann helfen, falls man sich wieder in

In unserer Gruppe war der Konsum von “Missbrauchsdokumentationen”, also Kinderpornografie, ebenfalls ein großes Thema. Die Einordnung nach geltendem Recht, also was ist legal, was illegal, wurde ebenso behandelt wie die Frage, wann und wieso man



einer solchen Lage befindet, seine Gefühle zu analysieren und abzuschätzen, wie die nächsten Schritte aussehen können. Denn vielleicht verleiten diese Gefühle dazu, das Kind an Stellen zu berühren, die gesellschaftlich inkonform sind und dem Kind unter Umständen unangenehm sind.

In einer anderen Situation kann eine solche Analyse auch zu der Erkenntnis führen, dass man sich nur um ein Kind gesorgt und deshalb angesprochen hat, die sexuelle Neigung also überhaupt nichts mit dem Sachverhalt zu tun hatte.

es konsumiert. Ziel dabei war es, das gesamte (illegale) Material zu löschen, die Situationen zu vermeiden, in denen man den Drang hat, KiPos zu schauen und Ersatzstrategien zu finden, falls sie sich nicht vermeiden lassen. Es geht dabei weniger um den Rechtsverstoß als um das Wohlbefinden des Pädophilen, der ein Problem mit dem Konsum von Kinderpornografie hat.

Welche Zusatzangebote gibt es?

Neben der Gruppentherapie gibt es auch die Möglichkeit von Einzelgesprächen, um persönliche Probleme zu besprechen und sich Rat zu holen. Manchmal wurden

zum Thema Pädophilie haben wollen, um den Partner besser einschätzen zu können.

Ein großes Thema ist natürlich auch die medikamentöse "Behandlung" der Pädophilie. Da sie offiziell als nichtheilbare Krank-

sche davon ist die Dämpfung des Sexualtriebes, es soll so pädophilen Männern erleichtert werden mit ihren Impulsen umzugehen.

Eine andere Möglichkeit sind Antiandrogene, die direkt in den Körper gespritzt werden. Sie heben die Wirkung von Androgenen, also Sexualhormonen auf und verhindern mit der Zeit, dass die Hypophyse weitere Botenstoffe zur Produktion von Testosteron abgibt, welches dadurch nicht mehr vom Körper gebildet wird. Das hat weitreichende Folgen auf den gesamten Organismus und kann zu zahlreichen Nebenwirkungen führen: z.B. Brustwachstum, Schädigungen des Herz-Kreislaufsystems, Thrombosegefahr, Osteoporose, Gewichtszunahme und Impotenz. Das Medikament wird eigentlich zur Behandlung von Prostatakrebs eingesetzt und ist nicht für diesen Fall konzipiert. Die Anwendung erfolgt auf eigene Gefahr.

Weiterhin gibt es parallel zur Therapie medizinische Untersuchungen auf unterschiedlichen Forschungsgebieten. Man wird

gebeten daran teilzunehmen, es ist jedoch keine Pflicht. Grundlegender Themenkomplex ist immer Pädophilie, die Ausrichtung der Untersuchungen ist aber immer eine andere. Mal geht es um Hirnströme, die mittels MRT untersucht werden und mal um Augenbewegungen. Die Teilnahme ist immer freiwillig und wird meistens mit einer Aufwandsentschädigung vergütet. Solche Untersuchungen dienen dem

solche Einzelsitzungen auch empfohlen und teilweise vom Leiter des Forschungsprojektes, Dr. Klaus Michael Beier, durchgeführt. Teilweise gibt es auch Standorte in Deutschland, in denen aufgrund von Patientenmangel gar keine Gruppentherapie angeboten wird, sodass die Einzelgespräche die einzige Form der Therapie sind.

Es gibt ebenfalls das Angebot, solche Gespräche mit den Angehörigen zu führen, die eventuell mit der Situation überfordert sind oder eine professionelle Meinung

heit gilt, können nur Symptome mit Hilfe von verschiedenen chemischen Mitteln unterdrückt werden. Die unproblematischste Möglichkeit sind sogen. SSRI-Hemmer, welche verhindern, dass das vom Körper produzierte Serotonin wieder abgebaut wird. Es reichert sich also im Hirn an und sorgt damit für bessere Laune. Die Medikamente werden deshalb vorrangig bei Depression verschrieben. Da Serotonin jedoch auch an vielen anderen Stellen im menschlichen Körper Aufgaben hat, gibt es dementsprechend viele Nebenwirkungen. Eine gewün-



Zweck, Pädophilie zu erforschen und zu diagnostizieren. Die genaue Intention dieser Forschung ist genauso wenig transparent wie Ursache der Gründung des gesamten Projekts. Die Ergebnisse dieser Untersuchungen können in den falschen Händen wesentlich mehr Schaden anrichten, als dass sie der Aufklärung dienen.

Welchen Zweck erfüllt die Therapie?

Das Therapieangebot richtet sich an päd- und hebephile Menschen, die ein Problem mit ihrer sexuellen Ausrichtung haben und der Meinung sind Hilfe zu benötigen. Es wird in der Therapie versucht, die Selbstreflexion und das Selbstbild zu verbessern. Der Umgang mit den Patienten seitens der Therapeuten und der wissenschaftlichen MitarbeiterInnen ist ausnehmend freundlich und gastfreundschaftlich. Man fühlt sich willkommen und aufgenommen. Das ist für Menschen, die sich von der Missbrauchshysterie-geprägten Gesellschaft für ihr Empfinden gegenüber Kindern verurteilt fühlen, eine wichtige Erkenntnis. "Du bist nicht für deine Neigung, aber für dein Handeln verantwortlich" ist ein Leitsatz der Therapie. Dies zu verinnerlichen ist ein wichtiger Schritt auf dem Weg zur Akzeptanz der Neigung. Das Handeln zu kontrollieren ist damit Schwerpunkt des Projektes. Die eigenen Emotionen und Impulse in sogen. Risikosituationen, in denen Spielraum für mögliche sexuelle Übergriffe existiert, zu evaluieren und damit

zu beherrschen ist ein großes Ziel der Therapie. Eine weitere Kontrollfunktion können dabei auch nahestehende Personen erfüllen. Es wird geraten sich im Umfeld bei mindestens einer Vertrauensperson zu outen, meist ist das die Partnerin. Ein Outing birgt jedoch immer das Risiko des Bruchs dieser Beziehung, sodass viele darauf verzichten.

Ein weiteres Ziel der Therapie ist natürlich auch die Löschung sämtlicher kinderpornografischer Schriften und das damit einhergehende Finden einer Ersatzstrategie. In den meisten Fällen ist das Erwachsenenpornografie oder einfach das Benutzen der eigenen Fantasie.

Die Gruppe kann während dieser Zeit Halt geben, aber gleichzeitig auch Druck ausüben, da man die anderen Teilnehmer nicht enttäuschen will bzw. deren Anerkennung begehrt. Gleichzeitig stärkt man sich gegenseitig, da man erkennt nicht der Einzige mit den Problemen zu sein und Menschen hat, die tatsächlich nachvollziehen können, wie man sich in bestimmten Situationen fühlt.

Abschließende Analyse

Die Wahrung der eigenen Anonymität ist während der gesamten Zeit möglich, wenn man sich eine zweite Telefonnummer zulegt und an keinen weiteren Experimenten, die parallel zur Gruppe laufen, teilnimmt. Denn dort gibt es meist eine Aufwandsentschädigung, die überwiesen wird. Innerhalb der Gruppe kann man sich selbst

einen falschen Namen geben. Das wird explizit so von den Therapeuten geäußert. Man muss nur daran denken auf diesen Namen dann auch zu hören, wenn man angesprochen wird.

Auch die Bitte die Daten der Krankenkassenskarte zur Verfügung zu stellen, damit das Institut einen Zuschuss pro Patient bekommt, muss man ausschlagen. Es ist also mit etwas Aufwand durchaus möglich, die Therapie komplett anonym durchzuführen. Sie ist ebenfalls komplett kostenfrei, abgesehen von den Anreisekosten, die man selbst tragen muss.

Ich bin mit dem Ziel meine Lebensqualität zu verbessern in die Therapie gegangen. Es ging mir psychisch nie so schlecht wie kurz vor der Therapie. Ich befand mich in einer Dysthymie eine Art chronische Depression aufgrund eines miserablen Selbstwertgefühls und geprägt von Schuldgefühlen wegen des Kinderpornografiekonsums und dem gesellschaftlichen Bild des Pädophilen, welches ich auf mich applizierte. Was ich genau von der Therapie erwartete, war mir vorher nicht genau bewusst. Ich wollte lediglich, dass es mir besser geht und dass mir geholfen wird, kein Kind zu "missbrauchen".

Es gab mir Halt, dass ich das Gefühl bekam, dass sich um mich gekümmert wird, dass ich andere Männer traf, die mein Schicksal teilen und ich regelmäßig einen Ort hatte über meine Probleme zu reden und mir Rat zu holen.

Weiterhin habe ich während der Zeit große Fortschritte in Bezug auf Akzeptanz meiner Neigung als Teil meiner Selbst gemacht, da mir bestätigt wurde, dass niemand etwas für sein Empfinden kann. Mein Selbstwertgefühl wurde in der Zeit gestärkt und ich habe viele Dinge über mich und andere Pädophile gelernt. Alles in Allem war die Zeit dahingehend also sehr hilfreich und förderlich.

Auf der anderen Seite wurde das öffentliche Bild des Pädophilen weiter geprägt, man wurde als potentielle Gefahr für Kinder eingestuft, alle Begegnungen mit Kindern waren Risikosituationen. Kontakt zu Kindern im Präferenzalter wurde nicht kategorisch abgelehnt, aber kritisch begutachtet, analysiert und zukünftig im besten Fall stets von einer Person, bei der man sich geoutet hatte, kontrolliert. Das Kind steht zu Recht an oberster Stelle in der Missbrauchsdiskussion, jedoch wurde sich weder mit den Bedürfnissen von Kindern beschäftigt noch in Erwägung gezogen, dass das allgemeine Klischee des Pädophilen nicht stimmen könnte. Er stellt nach Annahme der Berliner Therapeuten immer die größte Gefahr für ein Kind dar. Dass das pauschal nicht stimmt und ein Kontaktverbot zu Kindern gemeinhin schwerste Folgen für einen Kinderliebenden Menschen haben kann, wird dabei anscheinend ignoriert. Es geht in erster Linie um die Grenzen, die das Rechtssystem auferlegt. Dabei steht nicht zur Diskussion, ob diese Grenzen und Regeln sinnvoll sind und alle

Fälle abdecken. Während meiner Zeit wurden sie von Niemandem angezweifelt, sodass ich nicht beurteilen kann, wie die Therapeuten tatsächlich diesem Thema gegenüber stehen.

Eine weitere Besonderheit liegt in den Gruppenteilnehmern, denn die wenigstens waren tatsächlich pädophil. Die meisten Männer stehen auf erwachsene Frauen und sind zusätzlich noch hebephil, die wenigstens pädophil oder sogar kernpädophil. Dafür gab es andere Gründe sich in die Therapie zu begeben, die mit der sexuellen Ausrichtung wenig bis gar nichts zu tun hatte, aber darauf natürlich Einfluss nahmen. Die Schlussfolgerung daraus ist, dass viele Pädophile keine Probleme mit ihrer Neigung haben oder anderweitig Hilfe gefunden haben anstatt sich in Berlin zu melden. Weiterhin ist das Auswahlverfahren, ob man zur Therapie zugelassen wird, nicht einsehbar und damit nicht transparent. Allgemein kann man sagen, dass die Zielgruppe sehr eingeschränkt ist und das Therapieangebot von Menschen mit geringem Selbstwertgefühl und falschem Selbstbild wahrgenommen wird und nicht von potentiellen Kindesmissbrauchern.

Das Schwierigste und gleichzeitig Wichtigste ist eine Vertrauensbasis innerhalb der Gruppe und mit den Therapeuten. Sind die Meisten eher schweigsam und anderen Dingen gegenüber verschlossen, kann es schwer fallen über alle Probleme offen zu sprechen. In meinem Fall schienen einige

Männer ein Problem mit meinen sexuellen Fantasien zu haben. Die Abneigung ist vielleicht verständlich, aber hinderlich für die vertrauensvolle Atmosphäre, die in einer Gruppentherapie vorhanden sein sollte. Ist diese gestört, geht viel Potential verloren, da sich eventuell aus Angst vor Ablehnung nicht getraut wird, alle Gedanken und Probleme zu äußern und zu besprechen. Es kommt also immer auf die Teilnehmer an, damit die Gruppentherapie nicht in zwei Schweigestunden oder einer Einzelsitzung mit 6 Zuhörern endet.

Zu den Therapeuten fand man jedoch schnell Vertrauen, der Umgang mit den Patienten war immer recht offen, ehrlich und freundlich. Ablehnung ihrerseits gab es nicht, es wurden auch keine moralischen Bedenken geäußert. Es wurde lediglich nachgefragt, ob man selber welche hätte bzw. wie die anderen Gruppenteilnehmern das sehen. Die Methodik war also eher suggestierend, der Patient sollte selbst auf die richtige Lösung kommen.

Nach einem Jahr ist die Therapie abgeschlossen, anschließend findet einmal monatlich eine Nachsorge statt, zu der man im Einzelgespräch Probleme klären kann. Dies ist jedoch kein Pflichttermin, sondern lediglich ein Angebot der Einrichtung. Während der ca. 50 Therapiesitzungen lernt man einige wissenschaftliche Aspekte von Sexualität, objektive Situationsanalyse und verschiedene Vermeidungsstrategien, selbstständig aufgeschrieben und

zusammengefasst in einem Dokument. Darin erfasst man die eigenen Signale und Warnhinweise, die durch bestimmte Situationen bei einem selbst ausgelöst werden und versucht eine mögliche Lösung zu finden, um das potentielle Risiko zu minimieren und die Kontrolle über den eigenen Körper, die Impulse und die Lage an sich zu erlangen. Insgesamt erweckt es den Eindruck, „der Pädophile“ sei eine dauerhafte potentielle Gefahr mit Impulskontrollstörungen.

Fazit

Teilweise hat mir die Therapie geholfen, mein Selbstbewusstsein wurde gestärkt, aber wirklich besser ging es mir hinterher nicht. Denn der eigentliche Knackpunkt ist, letztendlich die eigene Sexualität als Teil von sich zu akzeptieren und sie nicht zum Hauptproblem der Persönlichkeit zu etikettieren. Pädophilie ist eine weit verbreitete sexuelle Ausrichtung, die die gleiche Berechtigung hat wie (auf Erwachsene ausgerichtete) Homo- oder Heterosexualität. Die Klassifizierung als Krankheit und die Reduzierung auf den sexuellen Part ist völlig inakzeptabel. Durch Vermeidung und dauerhafte soziale Kontrolle durch Selbstkasteiung und Outing werden Menschen stark eingeengt und sind nicht in der Lage ihr Leben komplett zu genießen. Denn das geht, ganz ohne Vermeidung und ohne Schädigung von Kindern.

Meiner Meinung nach geht es bei diesem Therapieangebot um erste

gesellschaftstaugliche Schritte gegen den Kindesmissbrauch. Sie richtet sich allerdings an die falsche Zielgruppe, denn nur ein kleiner Bruchteil aller Straftaten in diesem Bereich wird tatsächlich von Pädophilen begangen. Eine andere therapiewillige Gruppe ist nur nicht so einfach greifbar.

Wer meint, tatsächlich eine Gefahr für Kinder darzustellen und andere Menschen mit dem gleichen Problem kennenlernen will, Für alle anderen gibt es gute Alternativen, wie zum Beispiel Selbsthilfegruppen, Internet-Foren

und andere Hilfeangebote von Pädophilen für Pädophile.



GUERRILLA-AKTIONEN GEGEN “KEIN TÄTER WERDEN”

von Anonymer Autor #2

Ich habe mich lange gefragt, ob es überhaupt Sinn macht, darüber einen Beitrag zu schreiben. Es ist doch im Grunde nur eine kleine Sache, kaum interessant. Aber ich dachte noch einmal zurück, zurück an meine eigene Vergangenheit. Ich dachte darüber nach, was mir Andere über sich und ihren Lebensweg erzählt hatten.

Es gab eine Zeit bei mir, in der sprach mich die Werbung der Charité für ihr “Kein Täter werden”-Projekt an: “Lieben Sie Kinder mehr als Ihnen lieb ist?” Sie verstanden es die Gefühle, die viele Kinderliebende haben, in einem kleinen Werbespot darzustellen, um betroffene Personen damit anzusprechen. Ich fühlte mich schlecht und Kinder in der Öffentlichkeit zu sehen, war mir unangenehm, es war wie in der Werbung zu dem Projekt. Es gab Phasen in meiner Vergangenheit, da überlegte ich ernsthaft mich anzumelden, um mir Hilfe zu suchen.

Ich bin mehr als froh, dass ich diesen Schritt nicht gegangen bin. Stattdessen setzte ich mich mit mir auseinander und lernte durch die Internetforen andere Menschen wie mich kennen. Nicht unbedingt von der Persönlichkeit her, aber die Liebe zu den Kindern vereint uns. Ich sah wie andere Menschen mit ihrer Liebe zu Kindern umgehen und lernte neue Sichtweisen kennen. Ich wurde emotional stabiler und lernte wieder mich selbst zu schätzen. Das alles schaffte ich ohne eine

Therapie, wie die der Charité, die Kinderliebhabern einbrennt, dass sie immer eine Gefahr für Kinder seien und ihr Verhalten immer einer Selbstkontrolle unterzogen werden müsse.

Ich kenne Menschen, die an dem Projekt teilgenommen haben. Was ich von ihnen über die Therapie gehört habe, schockierte mich persönlich: Nötigungen - getarnt als “Empfehlung” - sich bei Verwandten, Familie oder Lebenspartner zu outen, um “Hilfe” schnell greifbar zu haben. Ich hörte zwar auch, die Therapeuten seien freundlich und arbeiteten daran, dass die Teilnehmer sich selber besser akzeptieren und einen besseren Lebensweg für sich finden; einen Weg, unter dem sie nicht leiden, sondern sich gut fühlen. Aber dies auch immer unter der Prämisse, dass man sich stets und ständig selbst kontrollieren solle beim Umgang mit Kindern, sofern ein solcher besteht.

Naher Körperkontakt sollte am besten ganz vermieden werden, falls man merkt, dass dieser sexuell erregt. Es werde einem außerdem eingetrichtert, dass sie immer eine Gefahr für Kinder sind, obwohl sie die Persönlichkeit der Patienten doch eigentlich stärken sollten. Ich kann mir nicht vorstellen, dass ein Mensch mit dieser Einstellung wirklich glücklich werden kann. Wie kann man sich wirklich akzeptieren und mit sich im Reinen sein, wenn man ständig daran erinnert



wird, wie gefährlich doch das eigene Handeln ist.

Ich hörte von einem Teilnehmer, dass die Therapeuten sagen würden, es handele sich bereits um einen



sexuellen Übergriff, wenn man mit einem Kind spielt und dabei sex-

uelle Gedanken hat. Solcher Unsinn würde den Teilnehmern beigebracht werden. Die Menschen, die sich dazu überreden ließen, sich bei jemandem zu outen, wurden darauf folgend darum gebeten, dass man entsprechende Personen für ein Gespräch mitbringt. Dabei geht es dann im Endeffekt nur darum, dem Mitwisser bewusst zu machen, dass der Pädophile immer eine Gefahr für Kinder sei und dass man bei Kindeskontakt die Augen offen halten müsse und ihn am besten nie mit Kindern alleine lassen sollte.

Es geht in Wahrheit nicht darum Pädophilen zu helfen. Es geht mal wieder nur um vermeintlichen Kinderschutz und präventive Maßnahmen. Zum Beispiel die Erforschung, wie sich am besten und frühestmöglich eine Pädophilie "diagnostizieren" lässt. Neben der Therapie werden dafür auch eigene Studien angeboten, an denen man freiwillig teilnehmen kann. Und das ganze wird vom Justizministerium finanziert! Und da frage ich mich nochmals, wie dabei eine stabile Persönlichkeit entstehen kann. Gar nicht meiner Meinung nach.

Dies ist auch der Grund, warum ich mich dazu entschlossen habe, etwas dagegen zu tun, nämlich das Projekt mit meinen Möglichkeiten zu bekämpfen, "Guerrilla"-Unterwanderung der feindlichen Reihen also. Durch mein Wissen, wo die Therapiesitzungen des Projektes stattfinden, entschloss ich mich selbst dahinzugehen, hinein in die Warteräume des Projekts unter der Leitung von Dr. med. Dr. phil. Klaus M. Beier. Ich lege Flyer

aus, die auf andere Projekte und Selbsthilfeforen für Betroffene hinweisen, ich klebe Aufkleber mit der Frage "Verliebt in Kinder?" und einem Link dazu, ich versuche Betroffene anzusprechen und ihnen zu zeigen, dass es auch Möglichkeiten der Selbsthilfe gibt.

Es gibt viele Betroffene, die nichts von den bestehenden Internetforen wissen, aus den Medien lernen, dass sie Monster sind und dann einen Werbespot des Projekts sehen. Deshalb muss auch darauf aufmerksam gemacht werden, dass es einen anderen Weg gibt als den der Selbstzerstörung durch die Charité. Jeder kann sich, wenn er will, einfach ein paar Aufkleber zu Hause ausdrucken. Es reicht, wenn sie einfach sind, die Botschaft muss stimmen. Ein kleiner Satz mit einem Link zu den Foren reicht. Seien es Links zu Boy-, Girl-, oder Childloverforen, zu Selbsthilfegruppen wie der "AGPD" oder Links zu dem Nachbarschaftsprojekt des PGB - alles hilft.

Hauptsache es tut sich etwas und Betroffene erkennen, dass sie nicht alleine sind und sie vor allem keine Monster sind, die ständig Gefahr laufen, ein Kind zu missbrauchen. Ich werde weiterhin die Charité besuchen, um Flyer und Aufkleber zu verteilen. Jeden Einzelnen, den man damit "abfangen" und zeigen kann, dass es auch anders geht, ist es wert.



PGB - UNTERSTÜTZUNG FÜR PÄDOPHILE

Mit unserem Wissen und unseren Möglichkeiten unterstützen wir pädophile Mitmenschen, um ihnen ein straffreies Leben in der Gesellschaft, im Einklang mit ihrer Neigung, zu ermöglichen.

Wir zeigen Betroffenen, dass sie nicht alleine sind. Wir beantworten ihre Fragen und geben Orientierungshilfen. Wir unterstützen beim Coming-In und helfen bei der straffreien Selbstverwirklichung. Angehörige und Interessierte können bei uns mehr über das Thema Pädophile erfahren und darüber, wie man einem Betroffenen wirklich helfen kann.

Für eine Kontaktaufnahme mit uns verwenden Sie bitte eine der auf der letzten Seite genannten Kontaktmöglichkeiten.

PROJEKT NACHBARSCHAFT

Das Nachbarschaftsprojekt unterstützt pädophile Menschen im Umgang mit ihrer Neigung.

Pädophile können mit den teilnehmenden Nachbarn völlig anonym in Kontakt treten und sich bei Problemen unterstützen lassen. Das Projekt will vor allem Pädophile unterstützen, die sich in der Coming-In-Phase befinden. Das ist die Phase, in der ein Pädophiler sich seiner Neigung bewusst wird. Die Nachbarn sind pädophile

Menschen, die ihr Coming-In und die damit verbundenen Herausforderungen bereits überwunden haben. Nun möchten sie ihr Wissen und ihre Erfahrungen an andere Pädophile weitergeben.

Das Nachbarschaftsprojekt ist in Form von Selbsthilfegruppen erprobt. Nachbarn finden sich im gesamten Bundesgebiet und ihre Zahl nimmt zu. Weitere Informationen zum Nachbarschaftsprojekt, insbesondere auch wie man mit einem Nachbarn in Kontakt treten kann, finden Sie auf unserer Webseite.

KONTAKTE

Wenn Sie noch mehr über unsere Arbeit erfahren möchten, uns mit einer Spende unterstützen oder direkt mit uns in Kontakt treten wollen, dann verwenden Sie bitte eine der folgenden Möglichkeiten:

PGB Webseite:

pgb-online.org

PGB-Nachbarschaftsprojekt:

nachbar.pgb-online.org

E-Mail:

pgb-mail@safe-mail.net

Sie sind pädophil, wollen aber nicht gleich mit jemandem direkt in Kontakt treten? Foren zur Selbsthilfe und andere Informationen werden Sie auf dieser Webseite finden:

verliebt-in-kinder.net



PÄDOPHILIE

Menschen, die sich eine Beziehung mit vorpubertären Kindern wünschen, bezeichnet man als pädophil oder auch pädosexuell. Psychologen gehen davon aus, dass dies auf ein bis drei Prozent der erwachsenen Bevölkerung zutrifft. Demnach würden allein in Deutschland hunderttausende pädophil empfindende Menschen leben. Diese Zahlen basieren jedoch ausschließlich auf Schätzungen, zuverlässige Angaben gibt es bis heute nicht.

PÄDOPHILE IN DER ÖFFENTLICHKEIT

In den Fokus der gesellschaftlichen Aufmerksamkeit gelangt Pädophilie meist nur durch die mediale Berichterstattung im Zuge von Strafprozessen. So verwundert es nicht, dass öffentliche Diskurse über dieses Thema stets vom strafrechtlichen Kontext dominiert werden. Mag dies im Einzelfall folgerichtig sein, sorgt dies insgesamt aber dafür, dass die Öffentlichkeit pädophile Menschen fast ausschließlich als Täter wahrnimmt. Diese beiden Gruppen gleichzusetzen ist jedoch völlig verkehrt, denn weder verstoßen alle Pädophilen gegen die sexuelle Selbstbestimmung von Kindern, noch wird die Straftat sexueller Missbrauch überwiegend von Pädophilen begangen. Es besteht also keineswegs ein zwingender Zusammenhang zwischen der sexuellen Orientierung Pädophilie und dem Straftatbestand des

sexuellem Missbrauchs im Sinne des §176 ff. StGB.

Die Versuche, Pädophile allein aufgrund ihrer sexuellen Orientierung von pädagogischen Berufen fernzuhalten, stellen somit eine nicht zu rechtfertigende Diskriminierung dar. Pädophile sind seit jeher in allen gesellschaftlichen Schichten und Beschäftigungsfeldern vertreten. Sie üben ganz selbstverständlich auch pädagogische Berufe aus und leisten dort einen wichtigen Beitrag bei der Vorbereitung der Kinder für ihr späteres Leben als Erwachsene, ohne dass sie den Kindern dabei Schaden zufügen würden.

PÄDOPHILIE UND PARTNERSCHAFT

Basis für eine dauerhaft funktionierende Beziehung zwischen zwei Menschen ist Zuneigung, Vertrauen, Respekt und Achtung dem Partner gegenüber. Dies ist in einer Beziehung zwischen einem Erwachsenen und einem Kind nicht anders als in einer Beziehung zwischen zwei Erwachsenen.

Auch Erwachsener und Kind erleben sich in ihrer Partnerschaft und Beziehung als gleichberechtigt. Dadurch führt das oftmals angesprochene Machtgefälle zwischen Erwachsenen und Kind nicht automatisch zu einem Machtmissbrauch durch den Erwachsenen. Ein eventuell vorhandenes Machtgefälle ist somit für diese Art Partnerschaft ohne jede

Bedeutung.

PÄDOPHILIE UND SEXUALITÄT

Richtet sich das sexuelle Interesse eines Menschen auf Kinder, dann existiert bei dieser Person auch der Wunsch, Sexualität gemeinsam mit einem Kind zu erleben. Nötigung, Zwang oder gar Gewalt lehnen Pädophile dabei jedoch in gleichem Maße ab wie alle anderen Menschen.

Diese Differenzierung scheint der Gesetzgeber jedoch nicht zu kennen. Er unterscheidet bei sexuellen Kontakten zwischen Kindern und Erwachsenen nicht zwischen freiwillig und unfreiwillig, sondern bewertet alle Handlungen gleich. Ungeachtet dieser Ignoranz des Staates, fühlt sich die Mehrzahl pädophiler Menschen dazu verpflichtet, diese Differenzierung vorzunehmen und richtet ihre Handlungen danach aus.

PGB - EINE STARKE GEMEINSCHAFT

Der Pädophilen-Gemeinschafts-Bund (kurz PGB) ist eine Interessengemeinschaft pädophiler und nicht pädophiler Menschen, die sich engagieren, um das Leben der Pädophilen in ein menschenwürdiges und das Bild der Pädophilen in ein realistisches zu wandeln. Die Diskriminierung von Pädophilen allein aufgrund ihrer sexuellen Orientierung werden wir nicht länger

einfach nur hinnehmen. Berichterstattungen in den Medien, die undifferenziert über Pädophilie berichten, werden wir nicht unkommentiert lassen. Pädophile, die aufgrund ihrer Neigung unrechtmäßig in Probleme geraten, werden wir bestmöglich unterstützen und die uns zur Verfügung stehenden Mittel ausschöpfen. Wir werden pädophilen Menschen helfen, sich selbst zu akzeptieren und zu einer straffreien Selbstverwirklichung zu finden.

Wir sind eine stetig wachsende Gemeinschaft, in der jeder auf jeden zählen kann!



*Hoch auf einer grünen Wiese
Steht ein junges Blümelein,
Dessen Anblick ich genieße
Jeden Tag - du Blümlein mein!*

*Morgens komme ich und sehe
Nassen Tau auf deinem Blatt.
Ungern ich nur von dir gehe,
Deines Anblicks niemals satt.*

*Neben dir lieg' ich mit Wonne
Und bin deiner nur gedenk,
Wenn im Rot der Abendsonne
Deine Silhouette brennt.*

*Als die Stürme böse wüten
Lege ich die Hand um dich,
Schütze zärtlich deine Blüten
Und die Blätter kitzeln mich.*

*Wenn die Niederschläge klopfen
Nasche ich mit Zungenschleck
Dir die großen Regentropfen
Von den kleinen Blättchen weg.*

*Steht im Wasser dann die Wiesen
Schau' ich dir beim Planschen zu,
Sehe deinen Körper wiegen
Nackt im Bade immerzu.*

*Oft mit meinem steifen Finger
Gleite ich an dir empor,
Halte vorher aber immer
Wo die Biene Staub verlor.*

*Wenn mit trock'ner Wüstenhitze
Sommersonne brennt so feist
Komme ich zu dir und spritze,
Daß im Naß du wohl gedeihst.*

*Tief in deine feuchte Knospe
Tauch' ich meine Nase rein;
Von dem jungen Duft ich koste,
Sauge süße Frische ein. -*

*Bald jedoch wirst du erblühen
Ganz erwachsen und vulgär,
Wirst mit falschem Reize sprühen
Arrogant und elitär.*

*Viele werden sich dann bücken,
Nach der reifen Blume seh'n,
Werden rücksichtslos dich pflücken
Bis verwelkt die Blüten geh'n.*

*Ich nur sah dich wirklich blühen,
Sah' die echte Schönheitspracht:
Konnt' die Kinderseele fühlen –
Und hab's Pflücken nicht gemacht.*

—Junges Blümelein

Smaragd aus Oz



Ich sah mich an: Das harte Licht schrieb mir Schatten ins Gesicht, meine Augen waren klein, mein Blick müde, mein Kragen zerknittert, meine Stirn bedeckt von verirrten Haaren. Der nächtliche Regen hatte sie aus meinem Scheitel gespült - nun hingen sie dort nass und klebrig auf meiner Stirn herum. Das letzte Bier war zu viel gewesen; alleine hatte ich mich durch die Türsteher hinaus auf die dunklen Straßen meiner Heimatstadt gedrückt. Nur der mondbeschienene Asphalt hatte etwas unter meinen Füßen gegläntzt. Es war schön, aber zu kalt, um zu bleiben. Ich löste den Blick von meinem Spiegelbild im Fenster und schaute zurück in den S-Bahn-Waggon. Nur ein junges, sich schmatzend küssendes Paar und ein stummer, alter Punk mit Haaren irgendwo zwischen Grau und Grün saßen noch mit mir in ihm. Wieder fuhren wir an, wieder knirschten die Gleise unter uns, wieder knisterten die Lautsprecher, wieder heulten die Bremsen. Das Paar und der Punk erhoben sich fast gleichzeitig, entschlossen sich aber doch für verschiedene Türen.

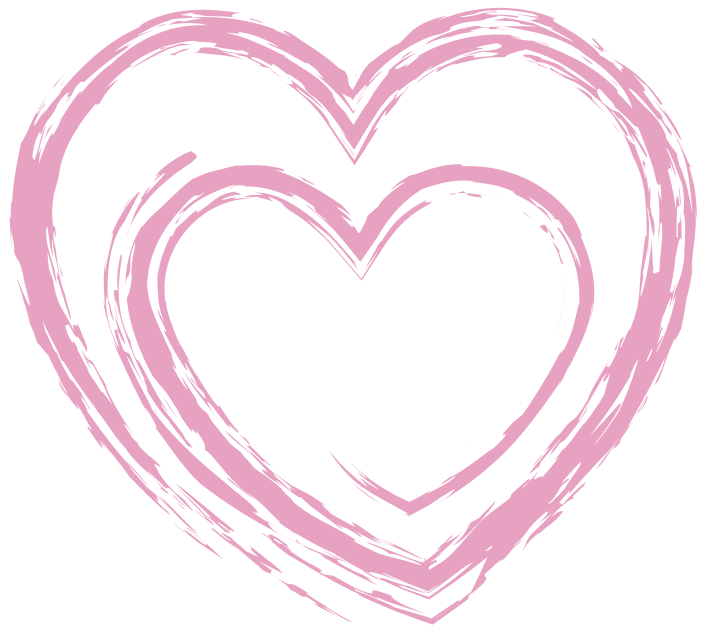
Es dauerte bis ich begriff, aber dann wusste ich: Ich bin allein. Das war neu, das war mir noch nie passiert. Die verschlissenen Sitzreihen, die zerkratzten Fenster, die im Rhythmus der Fahrt umherrollenden Bierflaschen - das alles gehörte nun mir. Ich stand auf und schritt durch mein Reich, überprüfte, ob nicht doch irgendwo noch ein Widersacher zwischen den Sitzreihen lag. Aber nein, ich war allein. Ein unerhörter Gedanke kam mir nun: Wieso nicht schreien? Wieso nicht mein Innerstes hinausschreien, meinen innersten Schmerz, mein innerstes Geheimnis? Niemand würde mich hören, nur ich. Und ich schrie also: "Ich bin pädophil!"



*Zwecks Stadterrichtung hast du mich
in dein Zimmer geführt
Doch das Lego haben wir nicht mal
angerührt
Ich bewunderte bloß seine Masse
Dann erzähltest du von den Jungs in
deiner Klasse
Nico ist fies, Johannes nett
Welchen Regeln folgt die Maserung
auf deinem Parkett?
Das für mich gemalte Bild konntest
du nicht finden
Beim suchenden Bücken sah ich dich
kurz von hinten*

*Du fragst, wieso Tauben gurren,
wenn sie doch nicht hören
Deine Eltern würden solche Fragen
stören
Dann will auch ich dir imponieren
Du auf meinem Rücken, ich auf allen
Vieren
Dein Zimmer ist klein
Bald lassen wir es sein
Zum Abschied hast du noch einmal
gelacht
War dein "Auf Wiedersehen"
bedacht?*

—Besuch
kafka



THE GREEN PARTY

AND THE

PEDOPHILIA DEBATE

BY AYUMI

It is common knowledge that the media is always looking for the biggest scandal to boost their sales figures. So it did not surprise anyone that last summer—just in time for the German parliamentary elections—the so-called “pedophile debate” sprung up. Important politicians were closely examined, 30-year-old statements were found, and those statements were transferred to today. Then the politicians were blamed for having those opinions a long time ago, even though politicians are especially known to change their minds very often. We want to work up to the debate from our point of view: Who was involved and what statements were made, where were they documented and how these opinions came together. At the end we want to look at the election program of the German Green Party for the general elections in 2013 since this party was in the focus of public attention during the debate.

HOW THIS ALL STARTED

In March 2013 the Green politician Daniel Cohn-Bendit was nominated for the prestigious Theodor Heuss Award, because of his political activity. The award ceremony was supposed to be held by the president of the Constitutional Court Andreas Voßkuhle. However

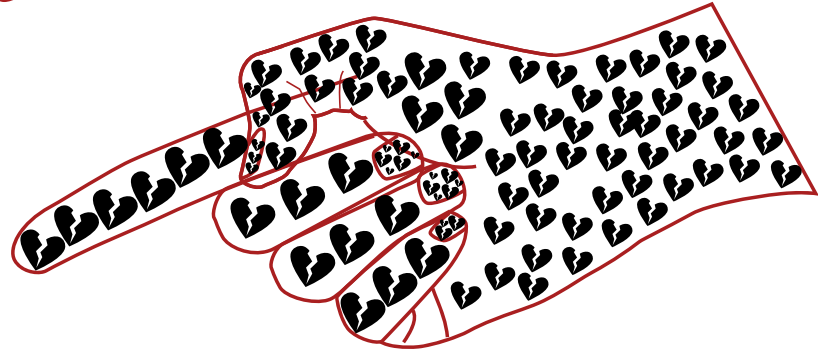
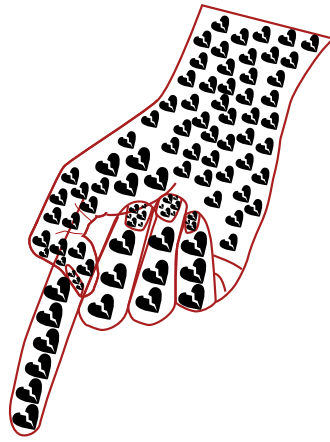


Voßkuhle declined, because Cohn-Bendit “expressed himself in a not unproblematic way about the sexuality between adults and children”[1].

But what is Voßkuhle referring to? He is referring to passages from the book “The Big Bazaar”, by Cohn-Bendit, about his life between the years 1968 and 1975. This is an excerpt:

“My constant flirt with all children soon gained an erotic character. I could really feel how the little girls of five years already knew how to turn me on.”[2]

“I found several times that a couple of children opened my codpiece to stroke me. I reacted differently depending from the situation, but their wish was creating problems for me. I asked them: ‘Why don’t you play with each other, why did you choose me and not other children?’ But if they insisted I caressed them nonetheless.”[3]



Many Girl Lovers have experienced moments similar to the one in the first quote and do understand such statements. Sharing such experiences with the public is unusual and provocative, though. And this is also how this sentence was meant; as a pure provocation of an uptight society. The second quote, however, is taken out of context. To understand this the following sentence should be read, additionally:

“There were some conflicts with the parents. Some children have watched their parents screwing. One evening a little girl visited a friend at her home and asked her: ‘Do you want to screw me?’ And she spoke of shagging, screwing, etc. As a result of this the friend’s parents, practicing Catholics, came to complain; they were immensely shocked.”[3]

Then the second quote, which is often cited by the media, should follow. If we look at this paragraph it shows that his actions

seem to be normal at the time—provided those actions happened at all, despite that Cohn-Bendit denied it in his acceptance speech. [4]

It can therefore be concluded that Cohn-Bendit's book was taken out of context and the political mood in Germany at that time was deliberately left out. If we look at the reviews from around the year 1976 there are no accusations of him abusing children at all. Typical reviews were more like this:

“Cohn-Bendit's ‘Big Bazaar’ is like a convenience store for left insights and instructions. The assortment is dazzling, the overview is easily lost.”[5] Therefore the discussion about Cohn-Bendit was born because a book has been taken out of context due to the sensibilities of that time not being considered. And thus two passages were interpreted very differently from when the book was published.

CONNECTION TO THE GREEN PARTY

How can a single person cause a debate about pedophilia within a whole party? After the scandal about his book, Cohn-Bendit's life and his political career were further examined. In 1978 Cohn-Bendit participated in Green politics and in 1984 he joined the Green Party in Hesse. He was, during Joschka Fischer's term, his close policy adviser. Further in his career he worked both as a German and as a French representative of the

Green Party in the European Parliament. To sum it up: He was a Green activist. So it seems to be logical that the media also looked into the past of this party when searching for new scandals.

The Green Party was founded at a time when many homosexuals fought for equality and for a rethinking of sexual morality. This resulted in a quite provocative



group coming together that called for a change away from the prudish sexual morality of the time. In the course of this naturally the topic of child sexuality played a role as well. It was discussed whether the sexuality between a child and an adult was a bad thing per se.

So the following was included in the federal program of the Green Party in 1980:

“The §§ 174 and 176 are to be interpreted in a way that only the use or the threat of violence or the abuse of a dependent relationship is a punishable offense.”

This claim was adopted unchanged in the second version of the federal program in 1982 and was valid until 1993. It has become obvious that the Green Party was pretty open in their early days regarding sexual relationships between children and adults and have fought for the legalization of such relationships. Of course there were several publications on inter-generational sexuality in that time, too, that surfaced in the year 2013 piece by piece. Affected by this was Volker Beck, because of an article in the book “the pedosexual complex—A handbook for those affected and their opponents” which was, according to Beck, published without his approval. Dagmar Döring, who wrote of her experiences about her love for children in the essay “So much tenderness and love”[7], published in the anthology “Pedophilia today”, was also affected. After the media took this article into focus, she resigned from her candidacy for the Bundestag.[8] Furthermore Jürgen Trittin reached the headlines, since he was responsible for the municipal election program of the Alternative Green Initiative List (AGIL) in Göttingen at that time, according to the press law. Despite demands for him to resign from the top

candidature he only did so after the federal election due to poor election results.

HOW THIS CONCLUDED

A few that used the right to freedom of speech around 1980 and avowed for their opinion with their name must defend themselves today. It does not seem to matter whether their opinions are still the same or in which context they were expressed. So today they need to take responsibility for the interests of the whole party at that time.

Looking at today's election program of the Green Party, one learns that the section about changing the paragraphs 176 and 184 is no longer part of their policy. But after all a little part of their homosexual and pedophile policy did remain:

"In Article 3 of the Basic Law it must be added that no one should be discriminated because of his sexual orientation." [9]

Although this paragraph is aimed mainly at ending the discrimination of homosexuals and transsexuals it still includes the claim to include in the Constitution that no one may be discriminated due to his pedophilic identity.

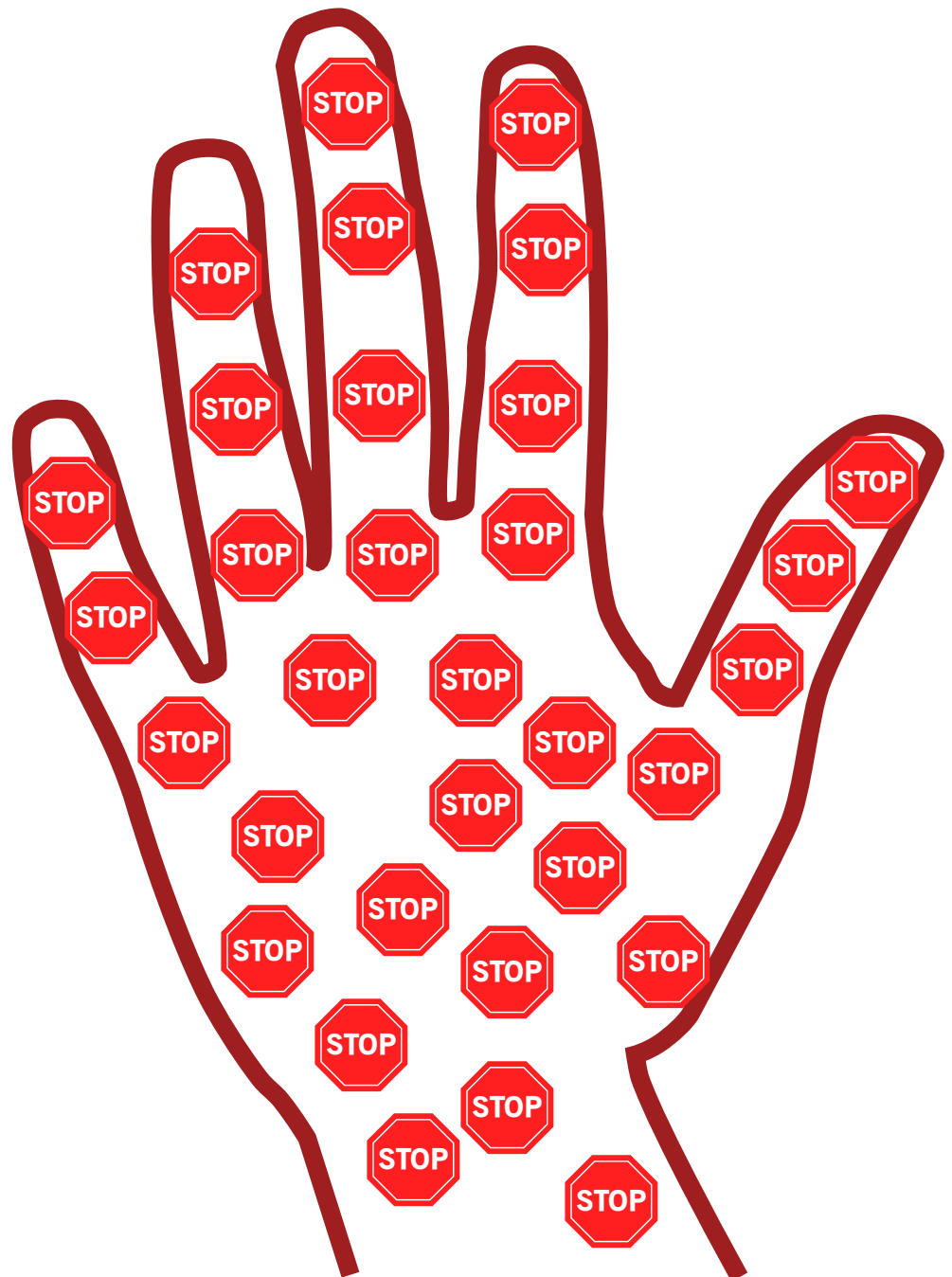
WHAT MEANING DOES THIS DEBATE HAVE FOR HUMANS WITH PEDOPHILIC FEELINGS?

The debate shows that any discussion about inter-generational sexuality is

unwanted. Calling for or the sole thought of calling for a rethinking of the laws results in a loss of prestige, reputation and position amongst politicians. Thus it is clear that the freedom of expression is significantly limited and, in general, unwanted in politics.

This gets even more clear when you consider that statements made by a politician over 30 years ago

were used to banish him from his position and ruin his reputation. It is obvious that in the so-called "Pedophilia Debate" it was never about pedophilia or inter-generational sexuality, but instead, silencing unwanted politicians. This is also supported by the fact that this debate reached its peak just before the elections and had at that time the attention of the media, which decreased strongly after the elections.



A sober discussion about pedophilia and about dealing with pedophiles is not possible in the current situation.

After the media-enticing “Pedophilia Debate”, the next “pedophile scandal” followed in 2014: The Member of the Bundestag Sebastian Edathy was suspected to have bought child pornography, as he appeared on the client list of “Azov Films”, a company currently selling nudist films that are legal in Germany. So according to German law it was not child pornography and Edathy has broken no laws by purchasing there. Nevertheless the prosecutors ordered a house search. The outrageous explanation: Whoever buys such films probably also possesses illegal child pornography.

By doing so the prosecution has more than exceeded their rights since in this case it took a psychological perspective instead of a legal perspective which is more than questionable and only leads to unprovable claims. Why would anyone who has access to child pornography material from anonymous sources for free take the risk of giving his credit card information to a Canadian company?

In my opinion it seems likely that Edathy was a thorn in somebody’s flesh and that this somebody used the opportunity. After all it was an open secret that Edathy was on the client list of “Azov Films”. What is interesting in this situation is that since 2012 Edathy was, with a lot of success, the chairman of the “Committee of Inquiry for the

Terrorist Group National Socialist Underground” and thus brought many seasoned politicians distress. The accusation of “possession and purchase of child pornography” was therefore used to end the career of a man who (deliberately?) adhered to German law.

Nevertheless the question arises whether it is possible to use these “scandals” to initiate a sober debate about pedophilia. As mentioned previously, the current debates are of a purely political nature and are not dealing with the psychological aspect of pedophilia. Thoughts about possible consensual inter-generational sex are rejected automatically. I do not think that a sober discussion can be initiated as long as people calling for a death penalty for pedophiles are being heard by society and scientists determine the scientific opinion with statements such as “Pedophilia is a disease and affected persons are always a potential danger to children”. Yet we must object to voices calling for life sentences for innocent people and must again and again point out that pedophiles cannot be equated with child rapists and child murderers.

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A LEGAL HISTORY OF

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IN GERMANY

BY KIMBERLY

Before the year 1993, the possession of child pornography was not punished in Germany. In the mid-1990s, legislators in European countries began to incorporate criminal offenses concerning child pornography in their criminal codes step-by-step and raised the severity of punishments continually. This article is going to look at that development up until today, particularly in Germany, and make predictions about the future.

In 1993, the crime of possession of child pornography was introduced through the 27th “Criminal Law Amendment Act” [1], although, at this point, only a fine or a maximum of a 1 year prison term was a possible punishment. The crime of possession was especially criticized by many scientists and experts, since it is a criminal offense without victims. The range of sentences for distribution of child pornography was widened to a maximum penalty of 5 years (a 1 year penalty before).

In 1997, the paragraph was expanded to include “realistic activity” [2] with the result that no real children



had to be depicted anymore to be classified as child pornography. The production of child pornography has since been ranked as aggravated child abuse (even when it is just about a tongue kiss, for example) and is punished with no fewer than 2 years. At the same time, volumes—e.g. CD's or hard drives—had started to be considered devices capable of storing child pornography.

After 2000, the topic gained more and more importance at the European level. Therefore, in May 2003, the European Council [3] decided that the European police department EUROPOL shall be involved and informed about all cases. It was arranged that each country should create special forces in their law enforcement agencies and should form connections between these inside the EU for cooperation. Industry would then become actively incorporated as well. “Filters or other devices” were created and promoted for the purpose of preventing the distribution of child pornography and make the detection possible.

In Germany, a single distinct paragraph for child pornography was created in 2003 [4]. Before that, it was part of the general prohibition of pornography. The sentence for the sole possession (or the gaining of possession) was raised to up to 2 years. If somebody was to cause another person to receive child pornography, he would now be punished with up to 5 years for possession (1 year before). If this obtaining of possession, for example, happens in a closed group,

then it could be even up to 10 years. Rules for taking fingerprints, photographs and a DNA analysis became more relaxed. By doing this, it is alleged that everybody who possesses child pornography has a high probability of abusing a child in the future. This was, in 2008, confirmed by the Administrative Court of Baden-Württemberg [6].

On a European level, it was determined in 2004 that every person under 18 is a child and that each country would have to pass laws which criminalize pornography depicting people younger than 18 years old [7]. It is enough if the actors in the pictures only appear to be under 18—regardless of whether they are 15 or 25 in reality (having a “childish appearance”). Posing in an “unnaturally gender accentuating” way is enough to fulfill the case of those criminalized actions. The persons don't have to be real, because the ban is about “realistically depicted, not real children”. With this decision, the EU enables countries to impose occupational bans as well (e.g. for child therapists or teachers).

In 2007, one of the largest police operations in German history was carried out, including 12,000 suspects and thousands of raids. Officially, it was said that they had shattered a huge child pornography ring. But almost all criminal proceedings were ceased, as they had found nothing incriminating [8]. Not more than a few posing images were found, which were not yet punishable at that time

[9]. A few prosecutors publicly expressed their annoyance about that. Sure enough, a new draft bill followed shortly afterward, according to which posing images would be illegal by German law.

A year later in 2008, the EU 2004 directive was implemented and a new paragraph for “youth pornography” was introduced [10]. The paragraph for child pornography was now being extended to include “posing”. Possession of child pornography has been added as a felony in the catalog of punishments that may be ordered for a telecommunications surveillance [11]. In 2010, the recording of offenses for child or youth pornography on a good-conduct certificate was then simplified [12], so that now even at the slightest punishment an entry would be made. Even as a “victimless crime”, so to speak, this exception stands on the same level as truly serious offenses such as abuse of wards, human trafficking, or even child trafficking.

Through a new EU directive, further increases in the severity of penalties were adopted in 2011 [13]. Moreover, these countries shall now actually impose occupational bans. Employers now have a right to be informed about “existing convictions or about existing bans of certain occupations” that their employees may have. In addition, the states now have the duty to inform other countries within the EU on sanctions such as possession of child pornography. The undifferentiated reasoning by the EU about this is: “to prevent a

pedophile abusing the free movement of workers in the EU to work with children in another country.” [14] Internet censorship was made possible as well and therapy programs were enacted.

Following this legislation, there were also a number of supreme court decisions by the BGH concerning child pornography. One that represents the dramatic developments in recent years is that of the Federal Supreme Court of March 16th, 2011[15]. First, the Supreme Court affirmed a judgment of the Higher Regional Court of Hamburg [16], which says that if you just look at an image of child pornography on your screen, the offense of possession of child pornography has already been committed. It does not matter anymore whether you actually want to save (possess) the image or not. Until then a substantiated will to possess was required for punishment. In addition, a man was convicted of production of pornography because the defendant took a picture of his fully clothed boy with a cucumber in his mouth. Even though the BGH admitted that this was not child pornography, they argued that since the defendant was a pedophile and the image was passed on to other pedophiles a sexual reference was still understood and therefore the production should be punished. The Supreme Court decided as well that a chat about sexual acts with children falls “readily” punishable under the law against the possession of child pornography. At least 2 years later, this decision was brought into

perspective again, as the Supreme Court ruled that the mere possession of child pornographic texts (here e-mail) is not punishable [17]. The legal position in this regard still remains uncertain though.

The fact that we are slowly reaching the upper end of the possible degree of penalty is shown by a decision of the highest German court in 2012 [18]. In this case, a man was

constitutes a danger to the community. The Supreme Court proceeds to judge possession of child pornography as an “indirect promotion of sexual abuse”. This assumption alone is sufficient, according to the Supreme Court, to impose indefinite detention. Also the EU Directive of 2011 was referenced, and in particular the following point is quoted:”[..] It is therefore



convicted of child pornography to indefinite, perhaps even lifelong, forensic commitment. The judges assumed that the probability of the accused pedophile actually abusing a child in the future is big enough to indefinitely take away his freedom, since the defendant

necessary [...] that those individuals who [...] have been guilty of downloading such representations are arrested”. The Supreme Court said: “Through this the significance of the mere possession of child pornographic material (files)

is stressed again.”

All in all, it is noticeable in the verdicts of acquittals or light sentences how seldom the word “pedophile” is used, even on the highest judicial level. However, if pedophilia was diagnosed, then the judgments are regularly harder—and also, for example, chat logs and, therefore, fictional

tougher penalties, as it had happened just the other day after the Edathy affair, does not cease. That way, there is an overwhelmingly large number of media articles in which representatives of all possible associations are asking for tougher penalties. Very recently in Germany, there were calls for a general ban of nude images of children. There still is a strong

Then the created laws turned out to be insufficient after all and were further tightened. This trend will probably continue.

The development in science is also alarming for the future of pedophile humans. “Scientists” at several universities in Germany explore possibilities to detect pedophilia reliably. At the same time, the network of treatment facilities is constantly expanding. Since the legislature and the jurisdiction go further and further towards prevention, it is foreseeable that, in the not too distant future, preventive therapies forced against pedophiles will be possible. The German criminal law is already, at least since the early 90s, on its way from a law system concentrating on liability to a law system focusing on prevention—a trend that even was criticized by the vice president of the Federal Constitutional Court [21]. The German criminal law expert Dr. Zillermann predicted in May 2013 that, following the constitutional development, soon there probably won’t be any triggering offense needed for locking a person up lifelong in preventive detention. He refers mainly to the development of German criminal law in the last 200 years, the decisions of the highest German courts in the last years, and the feasibility for neuroscientists to perhaps soon give better predictions about “delinquent behavior”. [22] Those whose brains react excitedly to images of nude children—or maybe children in general—probably will have a big problem in the future.



texts are “readily” punishable if you’re a pedophile. Also, through statements by the government and the EU, it becomes more and more obvious that the prosecutions are directed against a pedophile minority instead of against child pornography [14]. The call for

opposition against that, but that was mostly the case when it came to draft bills related to this topic in the past decades. In the end, the relevant lobby, the media, and the pressure of the people have, every time, prevailed against common sense and the opinion of experts.

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Treatment of Pedophilia

A closer look at the **Don't Offend** project

by Anonymous Writer #1

What is it?

“Do you like children in ways you shouldn't? According to scientific research, at least one percent of all men have sexual fantasies directed towards children. This means, pedophilia or hebephilia is their partial or exclusive sexual preference. Causes for these sexual preference disorders are generally unknown. It is a fact, however, that it concerns many people in the community – the vast majority being men who have substantial difficulties living with their sexual preference.

Insecurities and fears arise when noticing this inclination for the first time. The Prevention Project Dunkelfeld (PPD) provides confidential treatment* free of charge for individuals who have pedophilia or hebephilia as a partial or exclusive sexual preference and seek therapeutic help.” —Source: <https://www.dont-offend.org/>

This comes from the website for the German project Don't Offend, founded in 2005. It is addressed to all people who identify as pedophiles, and are troubled with this orientation. I was once one of those individuals, so I contacted “Charité” in Berlin during 2011 and began therapy there a few months later. Below, I will give my



insight into this project. I will discuss how well it keeps to the promises made on its homepage, as well as who will find the treatment worthwhile.

Who am I?

By the age of 13, I realized that I was a pedophile. It all started when I began reading Manga. Later, I started viewing pictures of child models, and this eventually led to viewing child nudity, or “documentation of an abuse”, as it is called in therapy. At this time, I realized that my sexual preference was focused towards prepubescent children. My preference at that time was for young girls between 2 and 12 years of age I had extreme feelings of guilt

immediately after looking at pictures of nude children. These negative emotions were taking their toll on my mental health.

In 2011, I finally saw a commercial for the “Don't-Offend” project. In the advertisement, a man's heart rate greatly increases when a boy sits next to him on a train. Soon after, the question “Do you like children in ways you shouldn't?” appeared. I felt convicted and then had a moment of clarity. I was suddenly aware that I could not go on viewing those images I had been viewing, and hoped that the project could help me. I sent an email to them that very night.

What are the first steps?

I chose to fill out the online contact form. With that, you don't have to reveal any information about yourself, except an email address. A few days later, I received a reply, in which I was asked to call the office to make an appointment for a diagnostic interview. The phone number (which can be found directly on the homepage) connects you to a small office within the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine in Berlin, where you speak to one of the scientific assistants. They were very friendly and you can be forwarded directly to any desired employee if you want.

In October 2011, I had an appointment for my diagnostic interview with a therapist from the project. In the 1 hour talk, we talked about my past, when I first felt sexually attracted to children, how good my mental health was, my sexual experiences, my sexual preference, my consumption of images containing child nudity, and, finally, my sexual fantasies. It was very difficult to talk about those things, especially the last topic, which felt impossible for me to articulate; so we switched to questions where I only had to nod or shake my head. This was all intended to provide details about my fantasies in order to assess the characteristics of my sexuality. Of course, all of the information one provides is kept confidential.

After the end of the conversation, I was asked to complete a test

consisting of two survey parts. All clients must complete the same test. In total, there were around 100 pages with questions about your general personality, behavior, and, finally, your sexuality. It attempts to find the characteristics of all inclinations and fetishes that you have. It takes about 2 hours to complete the whole survey, which helps the therapist to evaluate the patient.

After completing the test, I was told that my case would be discussed amongst all of the other therapists to decide whether there was a place for me or not. When enough pedophiles had been found for a group, they would contact me to let me know if and when there would be a place in therapy for me. They may contact clients about this by either telephone or email.

Four weeks later, I received a call on my mobile phone (I had given my number). For safety, and to identify yourself, your 4-digit PIN is requested during phone calls with therapists. Additionally, all documents that are created are only marked with this PIN and no name. They told me that there was a place in group therapy for me and when we would meet for the very first time.

What is the treatment like?

I felt quite an oppressive tone when I walked into a room full of men for the first time. They all sat there for the same reason and waited. On the other hand, it was beautiful and incredible when the elevator

was completely filled with pedophilic and hebephilic men. They were a group of strangers who I felt quite close to from the beginning, because they were perhaps the first and only people who understood what I felt when I saw an adorably beautiful child. The other participants were exclusively men, seemingly confirming the prejudice that pedophilia is a male-only problem. They represented every age group and every social class, from an 18-year-old student, to craftsmen in blue overalls, a manager in a suit, and pensioners.

The therapy took place once a week. The first meetings were mainly for answering a few questions: Who are the participants, where do they come from, what are their problems? What exactly is a sexual orientation and an affinity? What is sex and what is involved? And what medical options are there to suppress the symptoms of pedophilia? After these first few weeks were over, individual interviews were held, because enough pedophiles had come to form two groups. Therefore, they could set the focus of the two groups differently and adapt each one to the patients. In the spring of 2012, we began our group therapy. At the beginning of each session, each participant told the group how he was feeling, what had happened to him since the last meeting, and if he had encountered any problematic situations. Subsequently, these issues are singled out and analyzed together by the group with the help of two supervising therapists. The accounts at hand are then

precisely broken down into small parts, emotional states, subsequent reactions, and consequences. The aim was to find the root cause of the problems, feelings, and behaviors that have defined the situation. This helps to show how these factors in the situation relate together, to identify the core problem, and find solutions for it. For example, after analyzing a situation where a man is always putting his niece on his lap, it becomes clear that the patient is doing this because he finds it sexually stimulating and wants to feel closeness. Knowing this can help you analyze feelings and estimate what steps should be taken next, if you again find yourself in such a situation. The therapists purport that it's possible that these feelings could tempt us to touch the child in places that are not socially acceptable and perhaps would make the child feel uncomfortable.

In our group, the use of child pornography was another major issue. The classification under current law was covered as well as the question of when and why we used it. The overall aim was to delete all of our (illegal) material and avoid situations where we would feel the urge to look at such images, or to find alternative strategies if they cannot be avoided. It was less about the infringement as much as it was about the well being of the pedophile who has a problem with the use of child pornography.

What additional services are available?

In addition to group therapy, there is also the chance for individual meetings to discuss personal problems and receive advice. Sometimes these individual

offered are SSRIs, which prevent the decomposition of serotonin produced by the body. While using the drug, serotonin accumulates in the brain and thus ensures a better mood. The drugs are therefore prescribed primarily to treat depression. Since serotonin also



sessions were also recommended, and partly held by, the head of the research project, Dr. Michael Klaus Beier. There is also the offer to lead such discussions with friends or family members who may be overwhelmed by the situation or want to have a professional opinion on the subject of pedophilia in order to assess the partner better. A major issue is, of course, the “treatment” of pedophilia using drugs. Since it is considered to be an incurable disease, only some symptoms can be suppressed with the aid of various medications. The most well-tolerated medicines

has responsibilities in many other places in the human body, there are many side effects. One of these is the desired damping of the sexual instinct, so, therefore, it should help pedophiles to deal with their impulses. Another possibility is anti-androgens, which are injected directly into the body. It cancels the effect of sex hormones until the body no longer produces them. This leads to far-reaching consequences on the entire body and can have numerous side effects such as breast growth, damage to the cardiovas-

cular system, risk of thrombosis, osteoporosis, weight gain and impotence. The drug is actually used for the treatment of prostate cancer and is not designed for this case. Use it at your own risk. There are also medical examinations on different areas of research

The results of these investigations can cause much more damage than helpfulness in the wrong hands.

What is the aim of the therapy?

step on the way to the acceptance of one's own sexuality. To control your actions is therefore the focus of the project. Because of this, evaluating and controlling emotions and impulses in so-called 'risk situations', where scope for possible sexual assault exists, is a major goal of therapy. Another control function can also be fulfilled by related parties. It is advised to come out at least to one trusted person, usually a partner. But an outing always carries the risk of rupturing this relationship, so some refuse to do that. Another goal of therapy is the deletion of all of a patient's child pornography and finding a replacement strategy. In most cases, this is adult pornography or simply the use of imagination. The group can give backup during this time, but, at the same time, can also produce pressure, because you don't want to disappoint the other participants and you seek their recognition. Though it also helps to see that you are not the only one with these problems and to have people who actually understand how you feel in certain situations.

Final analysis

The preservation of our own anonymity is possible during the entire process if you get yourself a second phone number and refuse to take part in further experiments (which run parallel to the group), because they need personal data from you for that. Within the group, you can give yourself a fake name. This is deliberately expressed by the therapist. You just have to

parallel to the therapy. One will be asked to participate, but it is not mandatory. The basic topic is always pedophilia, but the focus of the investigations is always different. Sometimes, it's about brain waves, which are examined by MRI, and, in other cases, about eye movements. Participation is always voluntary and is usually rewarded with an allowance. Such studies serve to investigate pedophilia and its diagnosis. The exact intention of this research is just as transparent as the cause of the foundation of the entire project.

The therapy is aimed at pedophilic and hebephilic people who have a problem with their sexual orientation and think they need help. It attempts to improve self-reflection and self-image. The approach to the patient by the therapist and the research staff is exceptionally friendly and hospitable. You feel welcomed and included. This is new and very important for people who feel condemned by society for their feelings towards children. "You are not responsible for your sexuality, only your actions" is a guiding principle of the therapy. To internalize this is an important



remember this name when people want to speak to you. The request of your health insurance card may be refused as well. The project gets some money for each patient if you swipe your card through a machine, but all the personal data is recorded too. So, with some effort, it is possible to fully carry out the therapy anonymously. It is also completely free of charge, except for the travel expenses that you must bear yourself.

I went into therapy with the aim to improve my quality of life. My mental health never was as bad as just before I started therapy. I found myself in a dysthymia—a kind of chronic depression—due to a miserable self-esteem and marked by feelings of guilt because of consuming images containing child nudity and the social image of pedophiles, which I applied to myself. Previously, I was not aware what I exactly expected from the therapy. I just wanted to feel better and receive some help in avoiding the “abuse” of a child. I was supported by the feeling that someone will take care of me, that I met other men who share my fate, and I regularly had a place to talk about my problems. Furthermore, I made great progress in terms of acceptance of my sexuality as a part of myself, because it was confirmed to me that no one can influence these feelings. My self-esteem was strengthened at the time and I had learned many things about myself and other pedophiles. On the other hand, the public image of the pedophile was minted. We were

classified as a potential hazard for children. Every meeting with children was a risk situation. Contact with children of our preferred age was not categorically rejected, but critically examined, analyzed, and, in the future, always controlled by a person with whom you had outed yourself. The child is rightly at the top of the abuse discussion. However, the needs of children never played a role and it was never considered that the general stereotype of the pedophile could not be true. In the perspective of the therapists, “the pedophile” is always the greatest danger for a child. In general, this is incorrect and a ban on contact with children can have serious consequences for a child-loving man. Apparently, this is ignored. The primary concern is the limits imposed by the legal system. The focus is not to discuss whether these limits and rules are meaningful and cover all cases. During my time, they were doubted by no one, so I cannot judge what the point of view of the therapists actually is. Another limiting feature is the group participants, because the minority were pedophilic. Most of the men were into adult women and additionally attracted to teenagers. Only very few were additionally pedophilic or only attracted to children. There were other reasons to go into therapy for them, which had nothing to do with their sexual orientation but was simply influenced by it. The conclusion is that many pedophiles have no problems with their sexuality or have otherwise found help rather

than participating in this project. Furthermore, the selection process of possible participants is not transparent. Generally, one can say that the target audience is very limited and the treatment offered is to be used by people with low self-esteem and a false self-image and not by potential child abusers.

Building a foundation of trust within the group and with the therapists is hard, but it is the most important thing. When most of the men are rather taciturn and closed to other things, it can be difficult to talk openly about any problems. In my case, some men seemed to have a problem with my sexual fantasies. Maybe the reluctance is understandable, but it is a hindrance to the atmosphere of trust that should be present in a group therapy. If this is disturbed, much potential is lost because people don’t dare to talk about their problems and thoughts due to fear of rejection from others. So it all depends on the participants to avoid group therapy devolving into two hours of silence or a single session with 6 listeners. This being said, trust in the therapists was built quickly. Dealing with patients was always quite open, honest, and friendly. Rejection did not exist and no moral concerns were expressed. It was merely asked if you have concerns yourself and how the other group members see that. The methodology was thus rather suggesting the patient should come up with the right solution.

After one year, the therapy is completed. Afterward, there is an

opportunity to meet once a month for personal interviews in which you can solve problems through discussion. However, this is not compulsory. During the 50 or so therapy sessions, you learn some scientific aspects of sexuality, objective analysis of situations, and various prevention strategies, written down in a single document. It captures the signals and warnings that are triggered by certain situations and tries to find a possible solution to minimize the potential risk and take control over the situation. Overall, it gives the impression that “the pedophile” is a permanent potential danger associated with impulse control disorders.

Conclusion

Some parts of the therapy really helped me. My self-confidence has been strengthened, but I really didn't feel better afterward. The real solution is ultimately to accept your sexuality as a part of yourself and not to label it as the main problem of your personality. Pedophilia is a common sexual orientation and, as such, pedophiles have the same right to exist as much as homo- or heterosexuals do. The classification as a disease and the reduction of sexuality is totally unacceptable. By avoiding social contact and enduring social controls, people are cramped and not fully able to live their lives. This is unnecessary, because it is possible to do so without avoidance and without harming children. I think this therapy exists to offer a suitable action against child

abuse for society, but not to help pedophiles. It is aimed at the wrong target group because only a small fraction of all offenses in this area are actually committed by pedophiles. An additional voluntary therapy group is just not easily feasible. This therapy is right for anyone who thinks that he or she actually is a danger to children and wants to meet other people with the same problem. For everyone else, there are better alternatives, like support groups, internet boards and other offers of help from other pedophiles.



GUERRILLA ACTIVITY AGAINST DON'T OFFEND

by Anonymous Writer #2

I had asked myself for a long time if it makes any sense at all to write an article about this, because it's such a small thing in the end and hardly interesting. But then I thought back on my own past and I remembered what others told me about themselves and their way of life.

There was once a time when Charité's advertisement of their "Don't Offend" project spoke to me. Its message: "Do you like children in ways you shouldn't?" They knew how to depict emotions many Child Lovers experience and address affected persons. I was uneasy with the feelings I had at the time. Seeing children in public was unpleasant for me. When I did, it made me think of what the advertisement for the project said. There were times in my past when I seriously considered seeking help there.

Right now, I am more than happy that I did not go through with the project's therapy. Instead, I dealt with my inner feelings and got to know others like me through internet forums. Although we all have different personalities and come from different walks of life, it is our love of children that unites us. I saw how other Child Lovers coped with their attraction to children and, through them, I gained a new perspective on myself. I became more emotionally stable and learned to value who and what I am. All this was achieved by myself; not with therapy like the one adver-

tised by Charité, which tells Child Lovers that it is always dangerous for children to be around them and that those attracted to children should be judgmental of all of their own behavior.

I know some people who participated in the project. Personally, I found what I heard about the therapy shocking. The program uses coercion on its patients—disguised as coping strategies tips—to get them to tell their family and life partners of patients about their affection, for the purpose of having "help" always available. However, despite this, the therapists are friendly and work at developing a sense of self-acceptance within the participants. The therapists helped them in finding a better way of life; a way in which they do not suffer, and instead feel positive. However, this is always under the mantra that one should always control himself when being around children, if one is around them at all.

We are told we should avoid close body contact if we notice it arouses us. Furthermore, the therapists drum into the minds of Child Lovers that they are always a danger to children, even though their actual objective is to improve the participant's well-being. I cannot imagine how a human could become happier when told such things. How can one really gain self-acceptance when he is constantly reminded of how dangerous his own behavior is?





I heard from a participant that the therapists would say that when one plays with a child while also having sexual thoughts meanwhile is abusive. The people who let themselves be talked into being outed to somebody were then later asked to bring those persons for a talk. In the end, the only purpose of this conservation is to let the person know that they are always a danger to children, that one must be careful when they come in contact with children, and he should, if possible, never be left alone with kids.

In reality, Don't Offend is not about helping pedophiles. It is once again another group whose goal is protecting children from harmless individuals with preventive measures. For example, they try to find what is the best way to diagnose pedophilia. Therefore, they also offered special studies that one can participate in. And this is all financed by the Ministry of Justice! Therefore, I ask myself, once again, how this is supposed to stabilize one's personality. In my opinion, it cannot.

This is also the reason why I decided to do something about this program. Namely, fighting the project with my own means of "Guerrilla" infiltration of the enemy's lines. With my knowledge of where the therapy meetings are held, I decided to go there by myself, inside the waiting rooms of the project which was under direction of doctor of medicine and philosophy, Klaus M. Beier. I distributed fliers about forums and self-help groups for Child Lovers, I attached stickers

with the question "In love with children?" and a link to a website, and I tried to talk to the patients and show them that there are also ways of self-help.

There are many affected persons who do not know about the existing internet forums. They learn from the media that they are monsters, and then they see an advertisement about the project. Because of this, attention has to be drawn to the fact that there are other ways than self-destruction by Charité. Everybody can, if they have the will, print a couple of stickers on their own printers. The design of these can be simple, but the message has to be right. A short sentence with a link to a forum may be enough. No matter if the link leads to a boy, girl or child lover forum, to a self-help-group like the AGPD, or links to The Neighbor Project by PGB—everything helps.

It is just important that the affected persons realize that they are not alone and that they are not monsters who are always under the risk of abusing a child. I will continue to visit Charité to distribute fliers and stickers. Every single person I can reach with that and show that there is an alternative is worth it.



Arts & Entertainment

Dancing in the RAIN

by ExO

The fresh Pacific air hit my skin and I breathed in deeply, trying to cram as much clean air into my lungs as possible. Living in Chicago meant there wasn't a ton of clean air. It mostly smelled like garbage, vomit, or some unspeakably awful combination of both.

But now I was out in nature, at Camp Dakota. It was the camp I'd gone to since I was only eight or nine, and now I was back for my first summer as a counselor. Going to camp as a kid had always been the highlight of my year and now I couldn't wait to give other kids that same experience.

"Welcome back, Will!" Helen called, emerging from the Command Center. That's the main building of camp that held just about everything.

Helen was the director of the camp, and had been for about fifteen years. She'd started her job soon after I started coming here as a camper,

so she knew me very well.

"Good to be back, Helen," I said.

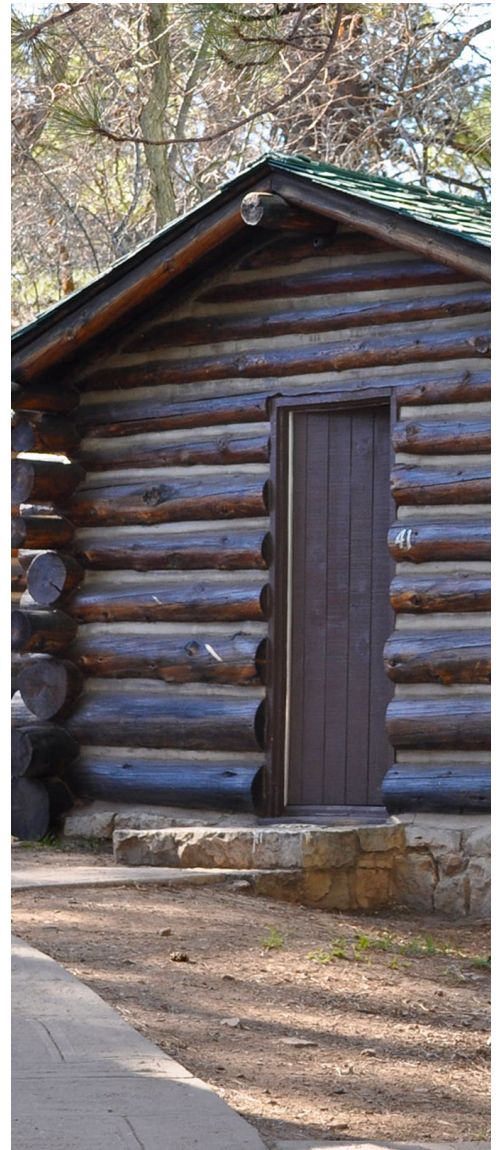
"How have you been?" Helen asked. "We haven't heard from you since you aged out of camp. When was that? It's got to be close to ten years."

"Yeah, it's been close to ten." I took another deep breath. "I'm going through some stuff and it just seemed like there's no better place to clear my head than here. I grew up here more than anywhere. More growing up is what I need right now, so why not come back?"

She smiled knowingly. "Well, whatever it is you're going through, it'll be fine. And remember, we're always here to help you weather the storm, so, if you need anything, just ask."

"Thanks, Helen."

She gave me a look. "Seriously, Will. I've known you since you were



nine years old. You need anything, you just ask.”

She excused herself back to the office, and I headed over to my home for the summer: the Angelfish bunk. All of the cabins were named after fish. I’m not sure who decided that was a good idea, but we’ve all just accepted it and moved on.

I knocked on the door to Angelfish and entered the cabin. Ten beds were lined up on either wall, five on each side. For the moment, they were perfectly made up and clean. I knew that wouldn’t last ten seconds once the campers got here, but I appreciated the cleanliness anyway.

Two girls around my age were sitting on the floor, shuffling through papers. They both looked up and smiled at me, and I was surprised to see one of them was a familiar face.

“Sarah!” I said, confused yet excited. “What are you doing here?”

She got up and hugged me, laughing. “Didn’t Helen tell you I’d be here?”

“No, she didn’t. I had no idea you were back! How long has it been?”

“I have no idea! It’s been at least ten years, because that was definitely the last summer we both went to camp here.”

We were interrupted by footsteps coming up the stairs of the cabin. We went out onto the porch and saw our first camper had arrived.

“We’ll catch up later!” Sarah promised. “Brace yourself, cause

we’re on the clock. You ready for an amazing summer?”

I nodded. “Let’s get this show on the road.”

She laughed and greeted our first camper. I sat out on the porch with Kelly, the third counselor in the Angelfish bunk, while we waited for more kids to arrive.

I watched kids and parents alike scurrying around the campground, saying their final goodbyes and checking their backpacks one last time to make sure they had everything. It was a sight I knew well, having been a camper myself for so many years. I loved the first day of camp. It was a fresh start. A chance to meet a group of new people, see some old friends, and spend two months just enjoying every moment. School was a constant torrent of things to do, so I was looking forward to a time when all I had to do was make sure these kids had fun.

I looked through the screen windows into the cabin. A few more of our campers had arrived and were unpacking some of their stuff while their parents watched, already experiencing far more separation anxiety than their children were.

“Excuse me,” a voice behind me said, “but is this the Angelfish bunk?”

I stood up, turned around and found myself instantly taken by the most beautiful girl in the world. She couldn’t have been older than eight. She had the most stunningly beautiful dark skin, seemingly indicative of

Hispanic heritage, and her long, wavy black hair was blowing in the gentle breeze. I tried my best to form a coherent sentence.

“Um...yes...I mean, uh...”

The girl didn’t wait for me to finish my sentence. She smiled, thanked me, and headed inside.

How was this possible? I’d never found myself attracted to a girl that young before. I knew I had a bit of a thing for younger girls, but I thought six- or seventeen was as young as my attraction went. Evidently, I also had a thing for much younger girls, because this girl had just made me feel things I didn’t know I was capable of feeling. And that scared the hell out of me at the same time as it made my heart soar. This beauty was in my cabin, I thought. I had the best luck ever!

I walked into the cabin behind her, smiling at the other campers and generally checking on them. The new girl set her stuff down on a bed and opened her suitcase.

“Do you need help with anything?” I asked cheerfully.

She smiled at me again, and my heart stopped. “No thank you.”

“Well, my name’s Will, so just let me know if you need anything.”

“My name’s Parker.”

I reached out my hand. “It’s nice to meet you, Parker.”

She shook my hand and I swear there was a jolt of electricity through her hand and into mine. I’d never

felt anything like it, and I could tell she felt the same because she looked a little startled as well. We held our hands there for a moment, not moving, just looking at each other and smiling like idiots.

Finally, my common sense got the better of me and I let her hand go.

“Like I said, just tell me if you need anything,” I muttered before leaving.

I helped the rest of the girls unpack and chatted with a few of them. I made sure to learn names as quickly as possible because it was really important that the kids felt welcome and loved. These girls were all either seven or eight. Spending a summer away from home couldn’t be easy for them. Hell, it wasn’t easy for me and I was nearly three times their age!

After everyone got their stuff unpacked, we sat down in a circle on the grass outside the cabin.

“Okay, girls,” Sarah began, “we’re going to play a name game so that Will, Kelly, and I can figure out which one of you is which! Sound good? I’ll start!”

As the girls went around and introduced themselves, I couldn’t help but continue to feel fixated on Parker. She was so intriguing to me. Beautiful dark skin, a smile that lit up the world, and a giggle that made my heart flutter. I couldn’t understand why I loved those things so much, but I did. They were perfection.

“What about you, Will?”

All of the sudden, I realized someone was talking to me. I was caught staring at Parker. I couldn’t help but blush as the whole group laughed. Parker noticed I was looking at her with a stupid smile on my face and blushed as well, looking down at her lap, trying not to let me see her embarrassment.

“Hi, I’m Will, and...wait, what are we supposed to say?” I asked.

Sarah shook her head, suppressing a grin. “It’s fine. We’ll come back to you.”

They continued around the circle, but I still didn’t hear anything they said. I was hopelessly hypnotized by the beautiful angel named Parker.



I picked up my bow and arrow and took a deep breath. It had been a couple years since I’d done competitive archery, but it all came back instantly. Just like riding a bike. I’d been practicing a bit in the month or so leading up to camp, because I knew that, in order to teach archery, I first had to be good at it.

I’d spent several hours the day before planning with the rest of the archery counselors, and I was ready for action. Teaching was something that I enjoyed anyway, but archery had been a big part of my life for years, so putting them together made me very excited. I couldn’t wait to teach all summer.

Campers trickled in for the first session of the day, a tired look

in all of their eyes. It was only nine in the morning, so I was still a bit exhausted myself, but my excitement was helping hold the exhaustion at bay, at least for the time being.

“Hi, Will,” a small voice said behind me.

My heart stopped. There was Parker.

I turned and looked at her. Even first thing in the morning, she was beautiful. Her black hair was pulled back into a ponytail, with a couple of strands hanging in that adorably beautiful way over her face.

“Parker, hey,” I replied, somewhat unsuccessfully hiding my surprise.

“Are you okay? You sound surprised.”

Guess I’m not as good of an actor as I thought. “I’m fine. Sorry, it’s just really early in the morning,” I claimed, scared of admitting Parker’s effect on me.

“Oh, okay. Are you going to teach archery the whole summer?”

“Yes, I am! Are you going to take archery all summer?”

“I will if you teach it.”

This girl was going to be the death of me, I swear. The comment was obviously nothing, just her expressing her happiness that she would get to see me more often. Her affection for me already was extremely pleasing, though.

“That’s great!” I said. “I’d love to have you in my class.”

“Of course you do, because I’m

awesome!”

I laughed. “Someone’s full of themselves.”

She just crinkled up her nose and giggled before joining the rest of the kids who were sitting on the grass. I looked after her for a moment and shook my head, smiling. This girl had a very spunky personality, and I loved it. I loved everything about her.

After I introduced myself to the group, I split them up into smaller clusters of three or four and had each of the instructors take a cluster. By complete chance, the group that was left over after I assigned everyone was Parker’s group.

“Yay! We get Will!” Parker cried, before blushing and giving me a hug.

I felt myself get chills and I hugged her back. She kept her arms wrapped around me and looked up at me, our eyes meeting. At that moment, I felt a connection, like I wasn’t just looking into her eyes...this is really cheesy, but it felt like I was looking into her soul; her beautiful, beautiful soul.

We began the first instruction drill, where we taught the girls how to hold the bow. I went around looking at their form and it all looked pretty good, so we brought out the targets and let them start shooting.

Within a minute, Parker’s hand shot up in the air and her eyes jolted, looking right at me. I scampered over to where she was standing and crouched down next to her.

“What’s up, Parker?” I asked.

“I keep missing the target and I don’t know why!” she raged. “All my arrows are going the wrong way!”

“You looked fine a minute ago. Let me see what you’re doing.”

She lifted the bow up, loaded an arrow, and held everything in place, ready to shoot. She let go of the string and the arrow flew toward the target. Unfortunately, it sailed far over the top. She looked up at me, exasperated.

“Parker, it’s your first time shooting an arrow. Don’t be so hard on yourself.” I grabbed another arrow from the quiver and gave it to her. “Here, try again, but don’t shoot it yet. Get set and hold the arrow like you would shoot it, and then wait for me to tell you before you let go, okay?”

She nodded and focused on getting herself, the bow, and arrow into the correct position. I observed her form and took a few mental notes. I also noted how cute it was when her hair fell into her face.

“See, your elbow isn’t high enough,” I told her, pushing her arm up a bit. “Also, you don’t have enough tension in the string. Pull it back further.”

She tried to do what I said, but she continued to struggle as the arrow went far below the target. After several more attempts, she still wasn’t grasping the concept.

I got down on my knees behind her as she raised the bow and arrow again. This time, I held her hands

with mine and directed her where to go.

The second I touched her skin, I felt an electric jolt, same as the other day when I shook her hand. Parker inhaled sharply and suddenly I saw small bumps all over her skin. She had goosebumps! At first, I thought this was a good thing, but I got a little bit worried that maybe it wasn’t.

Still kneeling behind her, I asked, “Parker, is it okay if I adjust you like this?”

She slowly grinned and nodded while focusing on the target. “Uh huh.”

“Now let go,” I whispered.

She took her finger off the string and the arrow went flying. It zoomed toward its target and a dull *thwack* resounded through the air as the metal tip penetrated the target thirty feet away.

Parker’s eyes went wide and she dropped her bow, throwing her arms up in celebration and cheering, then twirling around and dancing. She suddenly threw her arms around my neck and tackled me in a huge hug.

“Thanks, Will!” she cried joyously. “I did it!”

Caught off guard at first, I couldn’t help but feel a warmth in my heart for this girl. Her happiness was contagious and I soon found myself laughing and squeezing her tightly as she squirmed with euphoria at her accomplishment.

“This is so much fun! Let’s do it

again!” she squealed.

So for the next hour, Parker and I worked on her form and I got a hug every time she hit the target. It was the best hour I’d had in a long time.



“Will, are you doing anything right now?” my co-counselor Jake asked me.

I looked up from my book. It was my break hour, so I had decided to spend it reading a book underneath the shade of a gigantic tree that resided on a quiet corner of the campground.

“Not really.” I paused. “Just enjoying my break.” I hoped he got the hint.

He didn’t. “Can you come with me to the Center?”

“Why? What do you need?”

“We have a bit of a situation with Parker.”

I jumped up, paying full attention. “What is it?”

“She’s having a rough afternoon. We tried to calm her down, but she won’t talk to us. She asked for you.”

“Okay, yeah, of course I’ll come.”

We quickly walked to the basement of the Center, where all the art classes are held. Jake and I entered the painting classroom and I saw Parker sitting by herself over in the corner, sulking. Kate, the

counselor in charge of painting, saw me, pointed to Parker, and shrugged. I nodded and approached Parker.

“Hey, are you okay?” I asked.

She looked up at me and her face lit up. She jumped up and hugged me, crying. I sat down on the floor in the corner with her, lifting her onto my lap so that she was facing me.

“What’s wrong, Parker?” I asked again. “Was someone mean to you?” She shook her head. “Did you hurt yourself?” Another shake. “What is it?”

Parker just burrowed her head into my shoulder, tears falling at a slightly slower but still steady pace.

“You know, I’ve been feeling kind of down myself,” I goaded. “I’m feeling a bit homesick.”

All of the sudden, this little angel looked up at me and cocked her head.

“But you’re a grown up! You can’t be homesick!” Parker argued.

“Of course you can! I miss going to the bakery down the street in the morning and grabbing a bagel. There’s a park next to my apartment building that’s the perfect place to sit and relax. Some days, I wish I could just get out of here and go sit in that park, reading a book or tossing a football around. At this point, I’m used to being away from my parents, but I’m not used to being away from college and my friends.

So now that I’ve told you what’s

bothering me, what’s the matter? Jake said you’ve been quiet all afternoon. I know you, Parker. You’re not quiet.”

She looked back down at her lap, wringing her hands gently, still tentative about telling me what was wrong. Maybe my tactics weren’t working. Finally, she took a deep breath, locked eyes with me, and spoke up.

“I’m homesick too.”

“You are?” She nodded. “You miss your parents?” Another nod. “And maybe your pets too?” A third nod. “My dog.” I could see tears beginning to form in her eyes, so I wrapped her in a hug and kissed her on the head. “Parker, it’s completely normal to be homesick. You’re not used to being away from home all the time. You’re still getting used to it.”

She remained silent, but snuggled into me, clearly enjoying what I had to say.

“But there’s so much exciting stuff to do here!” I continued. “Don’t you love when we practice archery? When you get to go swimming every day?”

“Uh huh,” she whimpered.

“Parker, listen. I’m not going to try to convince you to not be sad. That’s pointless. But what I am going to do is remind you of how much there is to do here, and how many people here love you and want you to have fun. Like me. I love you a lot and it’d make me really sad if you decided you’d rather

mope around than enjoy yourself."

"I'd make you sad?"

"Yeah, because that's what happens when you care about someone. If they're sad, then you're sad. And I want you to be happy!"

She smiled and said, "You do?"

I laughed. "Of course I do! There's that beautiful smile that I love so much! Do you know just how much you light up a room when you smile?" She blushed and smiled again. I kissed her on the head. "Come on, let's work on your painting. I'll help you."

She threw her arms around my neck and hugged me tightly.

"Okay!" she squealed.

I carried her back to her seat and kept her on my lap as we worked on her painting, a sunset over the lake that bordered the camp. I'd spent many a night as a camper sitting on the shore with Sarah and the rest of our friends watching the sun go down over that very same lake. There had been so many good memories.

I had completely zoned out, watching Parker paint and thinking about all the times I've had in that lake. Suddenly, I heard my name being called.

"Will! Will, come here," someone was saying.

I turned and saw Jake poking his head in the door. He motioned for me to come out into the hallway. I kissed Parker on the head, told her

I'd be right back, and joined Jake outside the classroom.

"Is everything okay?" Jake asked. "Did you find out what was wrong?"

"Just homesickness," I replied. Jake nodded. We all knew that feeling.

"Okay good. You can go back to your break now if you want. We just felt lost when she wouldn't even talk to us. Thanks for bailing us out."

"No problem. And I think I'll stay, if that's okay with you guys. Seems like Parker could use a friend right now."

"Go ahead." He paused. "She really adores you, you know. All I've heard her talk about the past few days has been her dog, One Direction, and you."

I laughed loudly and sighed. "Oh, Parker...yeah, we're close. She's in my cabin and she's in my archery classes. She's taken a liking to me."

"I'm glad that she likes someone here, at least. I was beginning to think she hated all of us."

"No, she just doesn't warm up to everyone very quickly. I guess I'm the exception."

"Well, I'll let you get back to your girlfriend," Jake joked. "I'll see you later."

I walked back into the class and was immediately intercepted by Kaley, another girl in my cabin.

"Come on, Will!" she pleaded. "I

want you to see my painting!"

She had me by the hand and was dragging me over to the opposite side of the classroom as Parker, who looked up at that moment and appeared none too pleased that I was holding Kaley's hand. She glared at me, squinting her eyes, and then turned back to her painting with a huff.

I took in Kaley's painting in all of its glory. It was an 8 year-old's version of a forest; enough said. As I was smiling and nodding politely, I felt a little hand slip into mine, intertwine with my fingers, and pull me away. I turned back to look at who was dragging me and it was none other than my little angel herself.

"Whoa, Parker," I said. "I was trying to look at Kaley's painting."

"No, you can't look at her painting!" she pouted.

"Why not?"

"Because you're mine!"

All of the sudden, it seemed that Parker registered what she just said, because she paused, stared at me while blushing, then quickly pushed me down onto her stool, climbed up in my lap, and continued working on her painting.

Those three words kept resonating in my head: Because you're mine! Because you're mine! Because you're mine!

Oh, Parker. I most certainly was.



Lightning flashed overhead, and its thunder crashed as rain began to pour down hard. I sprinted through the campground, making a dash for the Angelfish cabin. I'd been taking a break in my bunk in staff housing when I learned that all activities were canceled for a few hours while we weathered the storm, so I decided to make the most of the time and spend it with my cabin. Except that I didn't have a poncho or an umbrella or anything that could even remotely help me stay dry.

I arrived at the front door of the cabin soaking wet. Water was literally trickling off the top of my head and down my face.

So much for keeping dry.

Sarah was the first to acknowledge my arrival. She tried to stifle a laugh but was not able to, and, as soon as she started laughing, the rest of the girls turned around and guffawed as well. Sarah stood up and ran to the bathroom, returning moments later with a towel. She handed it to me.

"Sorry, I really shouldn't laugh," she said, grinning. "But I did warn you about the power of an Oregon thunderstorm."

"Yeah, I know," I replied, smiling as well. "I can't blame anyone but myself. I knew better, but I figured being stuck here was better than being stuck at the Center, twiddling my thumbs."

"I'm sure the girls are glad you're here—" she turned her head and spoke loudly over her shoulder, "aren't you, girls?"

There was a chorus of squealing affirmations, including one from Parker, which made my heart leap. Her smile lit up the room.

The little angel came over to me and grabbed my hands.

"Come on, Will!" she pleaded.

"Read me a story! I'm bored!"

"Of course," I told her. "Anything for one of my favorite campers."

She blushed and said, "I'm your favorite?"

"Well, I'm a counselor so I'm technically not allowed to have favorites."

She looked at me with that adorable exasperated look, exhaling sharply in annoyance. I laughed as she retreated to her bed and grabbed a book.

I walked over to her bed and sat down, sitting up against the headboard. Parker sat next to me and handed me a Magic Tree House book.

"Oh, I love these!" I said. "I used to read these with my brother all the time. We used to pretend we had our own magic tree house and we'd travel through time and space in our own pillow fort."

Parker looked at me and cocked her head. "You're weird."

Without another word, she snuggled into my side and sighed, awaiting

the beginning of the story. I opened the book and began to read the prologue.

"No!" Parker interrupted. "I already know that part! That's always the same! Skip to chapter 1!"

I chuckled. "Okay, okay. Sure." I couldn't resist teasing her, so I continued, "Don't get an attitude with me, missy. I'm being nice and reading this to you."

She looked up at me, locking eyes with me and, with a completely straight face, she quipped, "I can have Sarah read it to me instead."

This little rascal had me. She knew I was enjoying reading her the story as much as she was enjoying having me read it to her. We maintained silent eye contact for a moment, then she grinned and giggled. I broke out into a smile and tickled her sides.

"You got me there," I told her.

The thunder crashed again, hard and close, sending the girls into a frenzy. Without saying anything, Parker jumped into my lap and wrapped my arms around her, clearly distressed.

"Why does it have to do that?" she whimpered.

I rested my head on her shoulder and squeezed her tightly. "You don't like the thunder?"

Parker shook her head as lightning flashed outside, shaking a little bit in anticipation of more thunder.

"It can't hurt you, Parker," I assured her. "I guarantee you that, as

long as you're here inside with me, you're safe."

"I know."

We sat there for a minute, not saying anything, intertwined. The rain continued to fall, sounding almost like a thunderstorm of its own as it fell on the cabin's metal roof.

"You know, Parker," I whispered tentatively, unsure if I should be telling her what I wanted to say. "I know I'm not supposed to have favorites. But if I did have a favorite, it'd be you."

I felt Parker fully release her body, allowing herself to relax and melt into my arms. It was only at that moment that I realized she had still been shaking and had her body completely tensed. But she fully trusted me now. She was more than happy to let go and trust that I was there to protect her.

With her head resting on my shoulder, she whispered, "You're my favorite too."

I kissed her on the head. "I'm yours, right?"

She smiled and giggled. "Right."

"Well, it's a good thing I'm yours, because you are all mine."

Her face lit up. "Really?"

"Really."

Parker sighed happily and snuggled into me.

Sitting there, holding her in my arms, it occurred to me that I hadn't thought about any of the issues outside of camp since I arrived. My family was

going through a rough patch and I was a bit unsure of my direction in life. But, when I was with Parker, none of that mattered.

What mattered was that, even though I had to deal with my issues, I could remember the good in my life too. And Parker gave me so much goodness, it was almost unreal. Spending the past week with her reminded me that every storm runs out of rain.

We continued to sit in silence. Finally, I opened up the book and continued reading. We lost ourselves in the story, remaining intertwined as Jack and Annie's latest tale unfolded before us. Neither of us had even realized that the rain had died down a bit and the thunderstorm had faded. We'd successfully weathered the storm.

Without any prompting, Parker looked out at the lightly falling rain and exclaimed, "Let's go run around outside!"

I cocked my head. "What?"

"Let's go run around in the rain!"

"Why? We'll get soaked!"

"So? It's not thundering anymore, so it's safe! Dancing in the rain is fun!"

She didn't even wait for my response. She hopped off the bed, threw the door open, and scurried out into the pouring rain.

I walked to the porch, watching her frolic about in the storm, and I realized something: life isn't about weathering the storm, as Helen

had suggested. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

So I stepped out from underneath the porch, looked up at the sky, and danced out in the pouring rain with the most beautiful girl in the world.



TOP 10



STARLETS



#10 NATALIE PORTMAN

Although Natalie Portman is mostly known for her work after her childhood, it was her role in *Leon: The Professional* in 1994 that bolstered her career. She was very lucky to get this role by being in the right place at the right time. An agent discovered her while they were both in a pizza parlor. While she was directed towards modeling, she decided to take up acting. After a number of plays, she got her controversial role in *Leon: The Professional*, playing Mathilda; a girl who befriends a contract killer by the name of Leon after her family is murdered. This role is a quintessential testament to how good child actresses can be. Natalie Portman proved that even a child, who's assumed to be innocent, can adapt to and act differently on the silver screen.



#9 JACKIE EVANCHO

Jackie Evancho is a young singer known for her outstanding soprano voice. At about the age of eight, she first began dedicating herself to singing when she was inspired by the film *The Phantom of the Opera*; after watching the film, she started singing songs from the movie to her family. Since then, she has entered in several talent competitions with much success, coming in second place in many of them. When Jackie Evancho performed during the fifth season of *America's Got Talent*, she stunned the judges and the audience with her incredible singing talent. Her fame skyrocketed at this point, adding to the popularity she had already earned. She has been continuously releasing albums and has made performances around the world at various events. As a singing prodigy who has already accomplished much in her life, she is undoubtedly one starlet to keep watch of as she continues her career.



#8 ANN CARTER

Ann Carter, or the “serious-faced little blonde”, was known for playing roles in films not targeted at children. Her first role was in *Last of the Duanes* – a small role which she was not credited for. At age six, she took on a major part in the war film *The North Star*. In this film, Carter played the role of Olga Pavlov – one of the children living in a Nazi-occupied Ukrainian village. Shortly after *The North Star*, she played her most remembered role in the movie *The Curse of the Cat People* as a lonely, only child. Being an only child off screen, she identified well with the role as well as being fascinated by the set.

Sadly, despite such big roles like hers in *The Curse of the Cat People*, she was often uncredited, playing minor parts with a few major roles on occasion. Additionally, her acting career was cut short in 1948 when she contracted polio. After recovery, she decided to teach instead, and had never taken another role. She died at the age of 77 after a nine year battle with ovarian cancer. Her legacy will live on in the tough roles she played at such a young age.



#7 NATALIE WOOD

Natalie Wood made her film debut at the age of four, appearing for less than a minute in the film *Happy Land*. Her parents were determined to make her a superstar, so they packed up the family and moved to Los Angeles. At age seven, Wood appeared with Claudette Colbert and Orson Welles in *Tomorrow is Forever*. In 1947, she was catapulted to superstardom by acting in a little film called *Miracle on 34th Street*. For the next several years, she appeared in a series of family films, such as *Father Was a Fullback*, *The Jackpot*, and *The Blue Veil*.

Her breakthrough from child star to bonafide actress occurred at age 16, when she appeared in *Rebel Without a Cause* with James Dean and Sal Mineo. For her performance, she was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. As her career progressed, she starred in a number of flops before resurrecting her popularity with *Splendor in the Grass* in 1961. Following this, Wood appeared in several musical films, including *West Side Story* as Maria and *Gypsy* as Louise.

Wood's work was critically hailed throughout her career. In 1964, at the age of 25, Wood received her third Academy Award nomination for *Love with the Proper Stranger*, making her the youngest actress at the time to receive three nominations. This record was surpassed by Jennifer Lawrence in 2014.

Unfortunately, Wood's life was cut short prematurely when she drowned in November of 1981. She was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1986, and continues to be known as one of the greatest film actresses of the 1900s.



#6 MACKENZIE FOY

Mackenzie Foy is a well-known starlet from recent films, such as *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* and *The Conjuring*. She is also known for being an experienced child model; she started modeling at the age of three when she began working for Ralph Lauren. She later went on to work for several other companies, such as Guess, Garnet Hill, The Walt Disney Company and Mattel. Her success as a model helped showcase her talent and charm in front of the camera, and she began appearing in commercials as well. At the age of nine, she landed her first acting role when she guest starred in a 2009 episode of the TV series *'Til Death*. She later made appearances in two more TV shows, *FlashForward* and *Hawaii Five-O*. In 2010, she was cast for the part which she is now most famously known for -- as Renesmee in *The Twilight Saga - Breaking Dawn*. Since then, she has started appearing in numerous films, such as *The Conjuring*, *Wish You Well* and the recently released *Interstellar*.



#5 CHLOE GRACE MORETZ

Chloe Grace Moretz is a revered and well-known actress that has been in the Hollywood spotlight for over a decade now. Her interest in this career path was sparked by her older brother's involvement in the Professional Performing Arts School. Soon after realizing how much she enjoyed acting, she began her career in 2004 when she made an appearance in the TV series *The Guardian*. In 2005 she appeared in her first movie role as Molly in *Heart of the Beholder*. That same year, her role in *The Amityville Horror* launched her fame and earned her recognition as an actress, and in the following year she was nominated for a Young Artist Award. Since then, her acting career has been going strong; she has appeared in many TV shows and movies as various well-known roles, including Abby in *Let Me In*, Hit-Girl in *Kick-Ass* and the title character in the 2013 remake of *Carrie*. She has also been nominated for and received dozens of awards for her performances in film and television. Due to her iconic film roles and prolific acting career, she's developed a huge fanbase that continues to grow as she takes on more parts in movies and TV series.



#4 SYBIL JASON

Sybil Jason was a popular child starlet of the 1930s. She displayed impressive talent from a young age, being able to play the piano, dance, sing and do impersonations by the time she was 3. Her uncle was a well-known orchestra leader, and through him she began performing at London's Palace Theatre. Because of her amazing performances at the theater, a movie producer noticed her and decided to cast her in her first movie role in *Barnacle Bill*. Jack Warner, the head of Warner Bros. Pictures, saw Sybil's talent and potential through this film and was convinced he had to sign her on a contract to work with the studio; it was the studio's hope that Sybil would become a major rival to Shirley Temple and increase the company's success. Through working with Warner Bros., she starred in films such as *Little Big Shot*, *The Singing Kid* and *The Captain's Kid*. Despite her charm and talent, she never became the rival to Shirley Temple that Warner Bros. had intended and her contract with the studio was left to expire. However, she later went on to work with 20th-Century Fox and appeared in films alongside Shirley Temple. Perhaps ironically, the two starlets developed a lifelong friendship. However, Shirley's mother evidently did not want to risk her daughter being overshadowed, and several of Sybil's scenes in *The Blue Bird* were cut. The film, shown in 1940, ended up being the last movie she appeared in. Though her time in the spotlight can be considered short-lived, she is still warmly admired and remembered as a starlet of the golden age of Hollywood.



#3 DAKOTA FANNING

Dakota Fanning is an actress whose talent really blossomed during her childhood. Her parents saw potential in her when she would 'act' at home. Her make-believe activities would eventually lead to her performing plays in a playhouse. Due to the great talent she showed during her time there, her parents were told that she should be taken to an agency. Her debut film was *Tomcats* in 2001, and with her role in *I am Sam*, she gained international recognition that same year.

Through the 2000's, Dakota played roles in many films including one in *Trapped*, *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Hansel & Gretel* and *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*. In 2002, she played a major part in *Taken*, a Steven Spielberg television mini-series. Now age 20, she's still involved in films, and will be starring in *Brain on Fire*. Her story shows the world that no matter how young you are, you can be very gifted.



#2 MARGARET O'BRIEN

Back in the 1940's, Margaret O'Brien was ingrained in history as one of the most famous little girls in show business, playing in a total of nineteen films during the decade. Her film debut was at age four in *Babes on Broadway*, but it was her second film – *Journey for Margaret* – that brought her career into the spotlight. It was because of the title role she played in this film that she changed her name from Angela to Margaret. However, she is most well-remembered for playing “Tootie” in *Meet Me in St. Louis* along side Judy Garland; a part which won Margaret an Academy Juvenile Award.

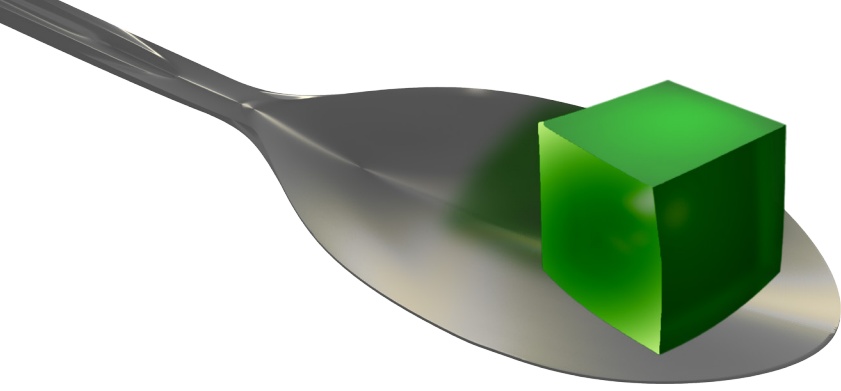
Upon entering adulthood, she initially faced difficulty attaining adult roles. It wasn't until *Life Magazine* told its readers' “The Girl's Grown” that her on-screen appearance was revived. Now 77, she has been in 37 films, has been inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and is still acting. Margaret's next role is Ms. Stevenson in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, which is set to hit theatres in the spring of 2015.



#1 SHIRLEY TEMPLE

Shirley Temple was one of the most influential starlets to have ever graced the silver screen. It's her cheerful demeanor, dancing, singing, and acting—all skills that she had by age five! She gained her fame playing Shirley Blake in the 1934 movie *Bright Eyes*. Because of her performance in *Bright Eyes* and *Little Miss Marker*—another 1934 film—she won the first ever academy award to be given to a child star. In 1935, Shirley played a role in *The Little Colonel*, which showed Hollywood's first interracial dance. This dance was shocking at the time; not even being shown in the southern United States.

Her career in show business went on until 1949, when she played in the movie *A Kiss for Corliss*. She transitioned into politics as an adult, becoming a US ambassador in 1974. Just two years prior to her political career, Shirley had been diagnosed with breast cancer, requiring a mastectomy. She was one of the first women to ever announce openly that she had such an operation. Later on, in 2014, Shirley Temple passed away from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at the age of 85. While she may be gone, her energy on the silver screen cannot be forgotten. She is alive whenever her films are enjoyed.



Amanda Filipacchi

Nude Men

a review by fredmc

Nude Men is a novel told from the perspective of Jeremy Acidophilus, a 29 year old fact checker and file clerk for Screen magazine. He describes himself as “a man without many pleasures in life, a man whose few pleasures are small, but a man whose small pleasures are very important to him.” The story begins when he meets Lady Henrietta, who paints portraits of nude men for Playgirl magazine and wants Jeremy to pose for her. She is nicknamed after Lord Henry in Oscar Wilde’s novel The Picture of Dorian Gray, who thinks the only things worth pursuing in life are beauty and fulfillment of the senses.

Henrietta thinks of Jeremy as one of her “Optical Illusion Men”, men that she believes are on the cusp of being ugly, but are not quite there. Jeremy is very interested in Henrietta and develops a friendship with her 11 year-old daughter Sara, who becomes attracted to him and starts trying to seduce him. Though he tries at first to resist, he becomes intensely attracted

to her and eventually gives in to her advances.

The novel, based on Filipacchi’s master’s thesis for Columbia University’s MFA fiction writing program, is her first. Its content was deemed so shocking by one student that they refused to read it. Compared to the way a typical American writer would treat the subject, Franco-American novelist Filipacchi (who moved to the U.S. at age 17) seems very unbiased. One difference is that she has Sara initiate the encounter. Filipacchi explains why she broached such a taboo concept by saying, “I thought it would be interesting to see what would happen if a little girl started coming on to a man”. While in most stories about pedophiles, the adult male comes on to the girl, Filipacchi reverses the character roles promoted by the feminist power dynamic argument which says that men have power over girls by making the adult male character, Jeremy, vulnerable. Instead, Sara, the young girl, uses her sexual attractiveness in order to have power over him. Filipacchi’s description of the

relationship between a young girl and an older man is different from the viewpoint that is popular today. Men who are attracted to young girls are often assumed to be manipulative, just wanting power over the girl. In this view, young girls are assumed to be naive and too trusting, their lack knowledge of the world making them easy targets. This seems to be the view that many news sources and mental health professionals hold. This image is maintained in works of fiction by other authors; one famous example is Lolita, a novel by Vladimir Nabokov, well-known for its depiction of a sexual relationship between a young girl and an older man. Humbert, the older man in the story, is far from vulnerable. He is willing to use deception and manipulation to get what he wants, unlike Jeremy.

Additionally, Filipacchi clearly disagrees with the simplistic view that young girls are entirely asexual until age 15 or 16. At one point, Henrietta tells Jeremy about her sexual urges when she was young, and that

she did not want her daughter to be frustrated the way she was, telling him “I am for children’s sexual liberation... why should it be wrong for children to have sex if they feel like it? What right do we have to prevent them? But of course, they must feel like it. That’s what determines the line between children’s sexual liberation and child molestation. I wanted to have sex when I was 12. But I didn’t, because society said it was wrong, and I thought ‘Society must have a good reason for believing children should not have sex.’” Sara not only desires him, but is also fiercely adamant about getting what she wants.

As Jeremy tries to resist Sara’s advances, she tells him,

“You know you want me. And you know the only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. Resist it, and your soul grows sick with longing for the things it has forbidden to itself, and sick with desire for what its monstrous laws have made monstrous and unlawful.”

Sara puts that quote at the beginning of a story she wrote, a biography about an egg that is afraid of hatching for fear of being hurt. It is meant to describe Jeremy’s fear of sex with her but, to me, it represents society’s incorrect view of children always being damaged by sexual contact. “It felt so natural, so

right, how could it be evil or immoral or harmful? After all, we all have a need.” Sara writes of her egg.

Jeremy cannot resist Sara forever, and he eventually gives into her demands during a trip to Disney World. When he tries to get her to put clothes on and leave his room, Sara says, “I’m only a little girl. Children are allowed to be naked.” He finally gives in but is conflicted because of her youthful face. In order to make him less reluctant to make love to her, she puts on a Micky Mouse mask. After arriving home, Jeremy tries to resist her



again by handcuffing himself to the stove in his apartment. Eventually, he cannot resist any more, so he takes off the cover and carries it with him to her place.


I like the way Filipacchi describes the development of Jeremy’s intense feelings and lust for Sara. Jeremy explains that his feelings have created an impossible predicament saying,

“I have almost reached the point where, if I were not handcuffed, I would visit Sara with no hesitation. I have only a tiny drop of doubt left, a tiny grain of guilt. I say: I’m going to crack at any moment. ...I know I will visit Sara tonight. It may be a bit wrong, a bit undesirable and unbecoming and unworthy of praise, but it’s not that despicable a crime. I sigh deeply and lift up my head and say, okay, it’s finished. I’ve hatched.”

Jeremy’s girlfriend overhears him on the phone confessing to Henrietta and tells his mother, who is so disgusted that she hires people to follow Jeremy around to say things that are meant to make him feel bad about what he did with Sara.

Halfway through the book Jeremy develops a relationship with a stage magician who is loved despite her strange performances. She's one of the many whimsically-absurd additions within the story, woven in tandem with the taboo of a girl's desire for a man.

Overall, *Girl Lovers* will appreciate the descriptions of Jeremy and Sara's relationship and the development of his feelings for her. I think they will agree with Filipacchi's character Henrietta's take on child sexuality. However, Filipacchi's focus with the novel seems to be on surrealism and absurdity, and a *Girl Lover* looking for a romantic story between an adult and a young girl may be disappointed with the way the story changes direction. Despite how readers may feel about the odd twists, they will most likely appreciate the wit and charm in Filipacchi's writing style.

A young girl with blonde hair is shown in profile, blowing a dandelion seed. She is wearing a white shirt. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green grass and trees. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

I see her in the sun
Summer rays catching
each wisp of her hair
and turning it to gold.
There she goes, so pretty
and young walking under
the shady trees, breathing
in the gentle summer air;
Her eyes shining like beads
of dew on a moonlit night.
Then she looks at me,
mischievous and sweet
and she knows that
love is in my eyes.

Summer's Secret
—by Supergirl



She is tiny

She is small

She is a child

Only six years old.

Flowing past me

oh, that skirt

against the movement of her thighs

The way She shimmers like a kingdom

hands reaching toward the sky

She is a breeze

that blows

right through me

a perfect second struck in time

She is a golden

molten moment moulded perfectly aligned

As though

constructed by a master

her portrait agelessly divine!

She walks by me

I am guilty
yet unashamed that I stare so.

She is holy

She is worthy

At last an icon to behold!

She is desire

I am afire

Is She an arsonist by trade?

She is victory

She is glory

Wins every war She cares to wage.

She is tiny

She is small

She is a child

Only six years old.

She is a vision of beauty

She is mine to behold

A little giggling princess

She is a jewel of love



Hex



A gentle kiss
To heal your pain
An offered umbrella
To stop the rain
An outstretched hand
In time of need
Words of kindness
To plant the seed
A tender touch
To soothe the skin
And caring arms
To welcome you in
A love to last
And always be true
Knowing I would do
Anything for you
by Supergirl



To You, Who Loved Me

Precious memories of being so small,
Of endearing piggyback rides,
Or being up on top of the world
As I rode on your shoulders so high.

You'd walk around with me in your arms;
Did you know such a simple thing,
Was feeding heart and soul and mind
Of a child just unfolding?

Pockets always filled with treasure,
I loved to hold in little hands;
Hanky, wallet, comb, coins, pen, stamp;
And two hears, a present from you.

Restaurants were never a bore
With projects of comb salt and static
Doodling pictures on paper placemats
And spiraling straws so emphatic

Every day just filled with our kisses,
Often rolling around Greenlake;
Upon our bikes we'd cruise the path,
Until we found the place to lay down

A gentle breeze upon my face,
I'd watch the world race by;
As holding fast, with smile in my eyes,
To your hands that held me tight.

Fond memories of bedtime stories,
Narnia and Huckleberry Finn;
Each page a new kiss to my cheek,
I dreamed it will never end.

Carkeek Park, Seattle Center,
The Ferry, or Woodland Park Zoo;
Every place a place of wonder
When sharing it with you.

Teaching me how to ride my first bike,
You'd steady it from behind;
Endless tries and many days,
'Till the skill at last was mine.

I never wondered if you loved me,
I never had a doubt.
I knew I was so special 'cause
I never went without

But most of all, your faith in me,
Your gentle heart that spoke to me
Of faithfulness and selfless love
In your life I clearly see

So in writing you this letter
Saying thank you is my goal
For loving a little girl
And cherishing her soul.

by Jasmine



Prisoner of Your Kisses

I have been
captured by your
endless and innocent
love. I have been
chained to the
wall of your young heart;
I am kept a
prisoner by your
candy kisses; I do not
desire to be free
from your eternal
hold on my soul.
I am guilty of
the charges of loving
and wanting you,
little girl. Oh,
please kiss me and
and throw away the key.

by Spirit Hunter

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A young girl with blonde hair is the central figure, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a sleeveless dress with a white base and pink patterns. The top half of the dress features a diamond-shaped lattice pattern with small pink flowers at the intersections. The bottom half has larger, stylized pink floral motifs. She is standing in a field of tall, dry grass, with a large, dark rock visible to her right. The background is a soft-focus field of similar grass, and the lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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