

Connie A. Lopez-Hood

Combing Through a Porn Shop on their Honeymoon

↪ Combing Through a Porn Shop on their Honeymoon ↪

Everyone was happy when she finally got married:

she would quit her wild ways

after all

bisexuality only meant the person was confused

all it took was the right man for her to finally grow up

put her head on straight.

Her sexuality scared him:

he could never be woman

she could leave anytime

her cousin the lesbian left her girlfriend of 7 years

with their baby

for a man

the ex never sees her
nor the baby anymore.

Convinced towards intervention:

he grabbed his wife's hand
pulled her over towards a more traditional section.

↳ **Not Just a Dark Night of the Soul** ↵

Not just a dark night of the soul,

she quit her faith
in exchange for a clove cigar
and a pink dildo,
storing these in her top dresser drawer
beside a bible and good perfume.

Passing her in the breakfast-foods aisle,
the pastor's wife,
on behalf of the church,
offered smiles like tithes
as they both reached for the same Kashi cereal,
and mulled over: her new haircut,
her haphazard lips set like traffic cones,
her thin wrists peeking out of her jacket sleeves,

but mostly the absence of Jesus in her eyes:

heart-breaking to see one of the church's own
become so lost.

The congregation
cancelled all overseas trips
and instituted a new mission:
to win back for God the back-slidden children
he loved so dearly.
They all prayed she might show up again,
never having to knock on her door:

*What freedom, what delight
might exist that is better than God?
Is there anything better than this?*
thought the pastor's wife,
updating the church marquee on a dark evening,

↪Clogs in Drains↪

our shower drain was clogged,
i unstoppered it with an old wire coat hanger
my mother worried about me
being locked in the bathroom
with a coat hanger
the only thing I'm aborting
is this shower baby, I told her

there are more humane ways
to remove pats of hair
and fetus from any drain, she said
how about a snake?
a medical shop vac?

Author Bio

Connie A. Lopez-Hood is a poetry editor for the *Ghost Town* literary journal. Connie was recently named a runner-up in *Our Stories' Literary Journal's* Gordon Flash Fiction contest and was a recipient of the Fullerton College Creative Writing-Poetry Scholarship. Connie is currently enrolled in a Poetry MFA at CSU San Bernardino, where she has also served as a poetry editor for the *Pacific Review* literary journal.

Citation: Lopez-Hood, C.A. 2011. 'Combing Through a Porn Shop on their Honeymoon'. *Polari Journal*, 3 (April 2011), www.polarijournal.com/resources/Lopez-Hood-Combing-Porn.pdf (accessed <insert date>).