

structions of masculine and feminine sexual roles. While some parts of my paper relates exclusively to heterosexual relations, the discussion of undesired, consensual sex should be relevant to LGBT relations as well.

<sup>2</sup>Of course, the continuities between sex and rape are not unique to heterosexuality, and discussions of sexual coercion are likely to make all feminists, regardless of sexuality, uncomfortable. However, as earlier noted, this paper is limited to a discussion of heterosexual relations. I am solely looking at the construction of heterosexuality to avoid making a muddy topic even muddier.

<sup>3</sup>It should be noted that although all participants were heterosexual, the incidents of sexual coercion did not necessarily occur within a relationship.

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## CAROLYNE VAN DER MEER

### The Workshop

It's easier to write  
The tired, old man  
walked slowly into the  
dark, smoky room  
she said

or  
The handsome young man  
strode purposefully into the  
sundrenched room

than it is to write  
The man walked into the room

I didn't write anything  
because you never showed up  
or maybe I left  
before you arrived

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