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lotte and I have had several

about swearing we're not

lo-masochistic. Or, for that
The homosexual part is the

ney leave everything so sticky.
haven't discussed the subject
homosexual attendance.

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avior. We've all learned to
earing pants, or holding a
ing genitals in public ...
nmon sense.

Each one of us has his own

must we never mix pronouns?
lerful flotsam for your maga-
a grain of salt. But what you're
o sexuality is beyond the pale.
d be open to anyone?
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we're passionate sexual beings
the magazine?
ready assumes we do nothing

re laws against cross-dressing
s "transvestite" is synonymous
will ever welcome us.
er the queers, we're jake?

TERRY. I'm not sure how I say this. I'm sorry to say I can't be party to the organization.

VALENTINA. (*Suddenly frightened that Terry is about to reveal something untoward.*) Terry, my friend, you don't owe any explanation. Please don't say any ...

TERRY. I have been hosting "the girl within" more years than even you, Amy. Before I found another like me, homosexuals were the only friends I had. Among them I found support, acceptance, and encouragement. For years I've attended their balls and clubs and parties. Well, we all do. And aren't we always welcome? Homosexuals accepted me, even as a heterosexual man, without judgement or malice. And, for the record, not once did I have to fend off unwanted attention. I owe a great debt of gratitude to them. I'm not telling anyone else what to do, but I cannot sign a piece of paper purposely excluding them. And I should add, if creating this organization is truly a step ahead, then I think it is morally wrong not to extend that leg up to our sister transvestites in the homosexual world. I cannot imagine they wouldn't do the same for us.

VALENTINA. Terry, you'd be fine if the resort were to fill up with homosexuals?

TERRY. I imagine homosexuals have many more fun places to go than the Catskills.

CHARLOTTE. And if it meant a night in jail? Must I remind you that sodomy is a punishable crime. What if you were drinking in one of their bars and it was raided. It's happened. Facing arrest, would you still find it repugnant to swear you weren't one of them?

TERRY. Not at all. I'd swear it proudly because doing so would attest that we were nothing more than neighbors gathered to enjoy one another's company, and that the persecution of such clubs is wrong.

CHARLOTTE. Fifty years from now, when homosexuals are still scuttling about as the back-alley vermin of society, cross-dressing will be as everyday as cigarette smoking. And transvestites everywhere will celebrate those in this room for making the hard decisions that led to their liberation.

TERRY. And with that, I think this meeting is adjourned.