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Sex God

I am a sex god. Really. Oh, it's not that woman chase me or that I succeed with each one I date. No, it's when I point at a male and then point at a female they get it on together soon after. So one day I am at the corner of Elm and Main pointing at my friend Alec and telling he's wrong about picking Penn State over Ohio State when suddenly I hear my name called. I turn and say here's my wife, pointing to her.

Nowhere Man

When Murphy O'Daley hears the Beatles recording of *Nowhere Man* he always knows where he was when he first heard it. He remembers the time his girlfriend thinks they are lost going from Bar Harbor to Rockland on back roads. Murphy keeps telling her he knows where they are. Of course, a left on this road and right on that, then straight to Rockland. Now, he listens to *Nowhere Man* and knows exactly where he is. He need only look out the window of the space ship to know that Mars is behind and Jupiter is just ahead.

End Of The Line

There was no doubt Suiporg was guilty of Amla's murder. The drill with her blood was found in his residence and after a grueling questioning he had admitted to the crime. The trial only took two solars on Kepler 3. Whereas during the past centuries many of the citizens who died natural deaths were sent to Kepler 4 for rebirth while others went to a planet at the near middle of the galaxy for their rebirth.

But for criminals like Suiporg there was a fate which while merely rumored was enough to keep most Kepler 3 citizens from committing the foulest of crimes. As a result, at the end of the two solar trial the judge looked at Suiporg with the dual expression of disgust and pity.

"Suiporg Lefrew you have been found guilty of the most serious of all crimes on our planet, that of terminating the life of another being prematurely. Alma Relham had many years to exist in our peaceful and supportive society, yet you chose, without valid reason or excuse to bring her existence to an end. You have stated you wanted to mate with her but she rejected you for another and so you terminated her. We know there were others you could mate but you only wanted Alma Relham.

"As a result Suiporg Lefrew you will be sent to a living hell where you will live out your existence unless you are terminated by one or more of the vicious criminals. You may have heard rumors of this terrible place and none of our citizens have ever seen it except the judges of our planet who are given a view so as to know that when a criminal such as you is sentenced to this hell in our galactic community we will know that it is the cruelest punishment that can be meted out to those such as you.

"Centuries ago many were committed to this hell and they have multiplied and caused millions more to perish in misery. It is a place of war, terminations and cruelty. So as not to infect or contaminate our civilizations we picked a planet at the outer edge, away from intelligent, peaceful societies. While it has been rumored to exist and named Hell, to where you will be sent, the bestial creatures existing there call the place Earth."