

They say love is the strongest force, and that has become the universal truth for the galaxy in 3000 A.D. Love is the most important thing in life, and if you think about it, it's probably because we have nothing else to worry about. On all 19 planets we have created near perfect utopias. Each planet is unique in that it can cater to a certain type of person. If a person loves outdoors and being handy they live on Xarf. If they love the hustle and bustle life of a city they move to New York, named after the one and only city of New York. All these planets are fair and just, and treat everybody with equality. There is no more struggles for resources like there was in the past, and everybody has equal opportunity. We also live extremely healthy and treat our planets with honor this time. We have vowed to never destroy another planet again like we did with Earth. When people tried to save Earth they ended up making things worse, by giving people certain mutations. We look similar, but there are a couple differences that aren't always visible. The first was ending sexual reproduction. The toxins in the water made it unable to have children, so to save humanity science discovered a way to reproduce without sex. The second mutation was after falling in love gradually or suddenly switching genders. I actually don't mind these mutations, and can't really imagine a life anyway else. In my opinion we're better off now.

My name is Zaner, and I live on the planet Tantara. I'm only 23 years old and have not yet found a mate. I say mate, because I'm not quite sure yet if I'll fall in love with a male or

female. All creatures are strictly male or female, because after meeting your lover you begin the process of “Gender Changing”. Gender changing has somehow evolved after leaving Earth where you begin to change into the opposite gender after falling in love. So if you fell in love as a male, you begin the process of transitioning into a female. If two females or males fall in love, together they both transition into the opposite gender. It can be a sudden overnight change, or even take up to a record of 60 years. The nice thing is you get to change at the same time as your partner, and it has become somewhat of a bonding experience. We believe this helped created our utopian society, because there are no longer strict gender norms or a patriarchy.

Considering I have just turned 23 and not yet found a lover, it will soon be my turn to travel to the planet of Agapi. This is where everyone travels to find their one true love. It is possible to fall in love with someone before 23 and on your planet, but that is rare, and those lovers are thought to have the most powerful love. Now, this does not mean that people that go to Agapi don’t find a love just as powerful, but just a different type of love. Considering love is the most important and powerful source we have defined 150 new and old forms of love. The forms can be really general such as; friendship and can become very detailed to; a love between two people where they have become literally one soul, so that when apart they are almost unable to function. So, I’m almost terrified to find out what kind of love I’ll fall in.

The process of falling in love and traveling to Agapi can take time, and be a somewhat scary. If you don’t find someone your first time going to the planet, you can choose to go back once a year until you finally do. I can best compare it to camp, where everything is free for that one week of stay, and it is all fun and games. You join in on fun activities and try to mingle with as many people as you can. You try to meet as many as possible, because the moment you fall in love; YOU KNOW. It’s as if the whole world stops and you only have one thing on your eyes.

The two of you become one where this love will last forever spiritually, emotionally, and sexually. So far I haven't even mentioned sex which is a very important aspect. Sex has taken on a new aspect, where it's not as taboo as it once was. Sex is very common, and is between any number of different people. It has become so normalized that I often forget to talk about it. We know people are passionate and want to be satisfied, so it's very common to have pre-marital sex on Agapi. When someone falls in love it is important to have sex safely, to know how sexually compatible you are, especially if the gender change has occurred right away. We encourage it, because if problems do occur we have sex-counselors on the planet to help solve these problems right away. If all of a sudden you're in a new body, I can definitely see how sex would be somewhat different. It's all about setting up the couple to have a successful marriage.

The last odd difference is that when leaving Agapi with your partner you must return to the original females home. This may sound saddening for the original male, but most don't have a problem with it, because they are so rooted in their partners love. Love again is the strongest force, where males follow without any hesitation. Just as women went to live with the men, now men go and live with the women. It creates a sense of equality, where males again don't have most of the power. The most difficult part isn't leaving your home, but switching genders. From then couples decide who takes on what type of roles and duties. It's also difficult discovering and being comfortable in your new skin. Suddenly everything is different about you, but researchers still haven't discovered why this occurs.

I'm scared to fall in love for a number of reasons. Traveling for the first time, switching genders, and leaving home, but from what I have heard love conquers all. Love is the purpose of life, and I'm ready to start my life. I'm ready to see what the galaxy has to offer me. So, for now I'm just going to wait until the real part of my life begins.