



## *The Betty Letters*

*My Dear Grandchild,*

*Some years ago, the former Urban Council promoted an art exhibition. To this end, the Urban Council imported, on loan, some of the old-world masterpieces. One of the works on display was a copy of Michelangelo's David. Of course, David was a nude statue, complete with a flaccid penis. It was considered, then, and still today, to be an example of one of the best works of this renowned Italian sculptor. However, it was determined by the powers-that-were in those days that the open display of the man's penis, even one caste in stone, and even a flaccid one, was vulgar. The flaccid penis, obviously, had the ability to corrupt the youth of the territory. Or so it was thought. After all, it must have been reasoned at the time: What beauty is there in a penis, even one of David as a young man, who was destined by God to become King of Judah and Israel and Founder of the Judean Dynasty? David's penis was, promptly, covered up with a fig leaf or something (I don't fully remember, now). At the time, I wondered: Who made this silly determination? I never found out, sadly. It was probably that woman, Mrs Elsie Elliott Tu (she used to be a Christian missionary, you know, before she fell in love with Mr Andrew Tu. Clearly, Christians must be proscribed at looking at penises). In the Motherland, today, there is a clampdown on what is considered pornography on the Internet. In the first cyberporn criminal case in the Motherland, a Ms Wang Yan Li was jailed for four years for running a website, which displayed ladies, taking off their clothes. And so, I am wondering, today: Who determines what is pornography and what is art in the Motherland? I remember a chat that I had with a member of the Seventh Day Adventist (cult), some years ago, a Dr William Andress, who used to work at Adventist Hospital in Hongkong. He used to teach health and wellness, there. According to Dr William Andress, watching pornography is bad for people because it becomes a habit. Dr William Andress, also, told me that homosexuality was horrible and it is an affront to God. He explained to me that only homo sapiens indulge in such abominable sexual activities. The Bible, he told me, considers homosexuality to be an abomination. I asked Dr William Andress, at the time, whether or not he realised that certain types of simians, also, indulged in homosexual activities, and that, for people, who work in dairies, they, quite often, see cows, mounting each other in the way that a bull services a cow. Dr William Andress said that he knew nothing about such matters. He said he did not understand such things. Getting back to his idea – or, the idea of the Seventh Day Adventists – that pornography is habit-forming, I think that that is not such a bad idea, actually. What is wrong with sexual activities, becoming habit-forming, or pornography, leading to sexual intercourse when the sap is rising in a male and/or a female? The sperm banks of Hongkong, run by The Family Planning Association, all have magazines in special little rooms where prospective male sperm donors may go in order to arouse themselves, sexually, leading to masturbation, and, lastly, ejaculation of semen and sperm. Are such activities to be considered pornography or live medicine? Who will draw the line on published materials, determined to be fostering the prurient interests of society? What about the utterances of those four-letter words? Will such utterances be considered pornographic and, as such, subject to the laws of the Motherland? And what about words, such as tits, pubic hair, anus, clitoris, scrotum, balls, etc? Are these words to be outlawed, also? The moment you open this type of pornographic door, even the smallest crack, you are likely to see all kinds of horrors flood into the room. Nathaniel Hawthorne in his famous book, *The Scarlet Letter*, made matters of this nature only too clear. Puritanical values of the Seventeenth Century America were such as to be completely*

*unforgiving. It was a strict code, which, in fact, was fundamentalistic in the extreme. Is that where the Motherland is headed? May Hongkong expect to come under the yoke of 'Puritanical' Motherland? Or will there always be a double standard: One for the Motherland and one for the Special Administrative Regions, including Hongkong and Macau? As far as I am concerned, sex is great. I think, probably, we shall have it for at least the next decade or so.*

*What do you think, My Dear Grandchild: Shall we continue to copulate and conceive and utter dirty words ... or is that pornography?  
Must go, now, I am getting all excited with all of this talk.*

*The Chief Lady of Hongkong*

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