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# How to Structure Your Marriage

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My wife N'omi is often asked if she doesn't believe in equality for women, because some of the things she says sound odd to the modern ear. But she always replies:

"Why should I give up superiority for mere equality? I have worked at developing my feminine traits and my human abilities. So as a woman, I am superior. But as a man, I'm a failure.

"Why waste my time trying to be something I'm not? I can compete well with men in terms of some of my human abilities. But just as men can never compete with women in terms of feminine traits, I can never compete with men in terms of masculine traits.

"And since I used to counsel a group of gay and lesbian people, I can say with authority that if you knew what female impersonators or sex-change people went through mentally, emotionally, and physically, you wouldn't think it was so easy for men to compete with women at being female.

"I'll never be as strong as most men-they generally have 300% the upper-body strength of most women! And I'll never have the masterful presence of a man, no matter how powerful a presence I present as a woman.

"During the many years before I met Joel, I functioned as father and mother to five of my children. I was only able to fulfill the father role by telling my children stories of how wonderful their father was, and how much he loved them, and was proud of them. But I couldn't BE a father to them

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