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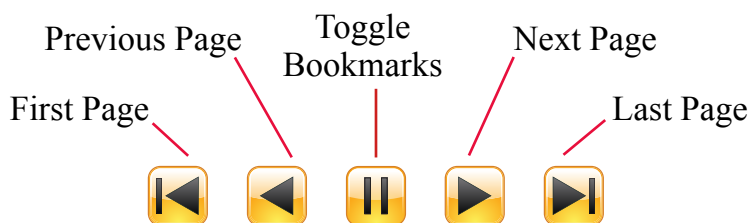


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RAIN HITCHED

It's because of my faith in God that I ran away from my mother's religion, and it was to appease my mother that I agreed to make my wedding vows within a religion that has no faith in me. An outdoor wedding was an even better blessing. *By Caroline Ailanthus, artwork by April Caverhill... 25*

BRINGING LIGHT FROM DARKNESS: SETTING BOUNDARIES AS AN ACT OF CREATION

In light of the Wiccan Rede, I found it difficult to say, as I needed to, "I can't take this anymore; I don't want you in my life," to someone. And yet, I found myself wondering, Are we not also included in the statement, "harm none?" *By Maggie Blackwood, artwork by April Caverhill... 28*

THE DAY I MET PAN

I can't tell you how many Pagan men have told me in confidence that they were "devotees of Pan." To them it meant they loved all women and the Goddess. Loved women so much they had to have three or four or five of them at once. *By Ellen Evert Hopman, artwork by April Caverhill... 31*

SWEET NOTHINGS: THE ALLURE OF SACRED EROTIC POETRY

It captures your imagination and makes your knees melt by murmuring sweet nothings in your ear. It offers a way of exciting the most important human sex organ, your brain. *By Elizabeth Barrette, artwork by April Caverhill... 34*

ERZULIE FREDA: MISTRESS OF LOVE

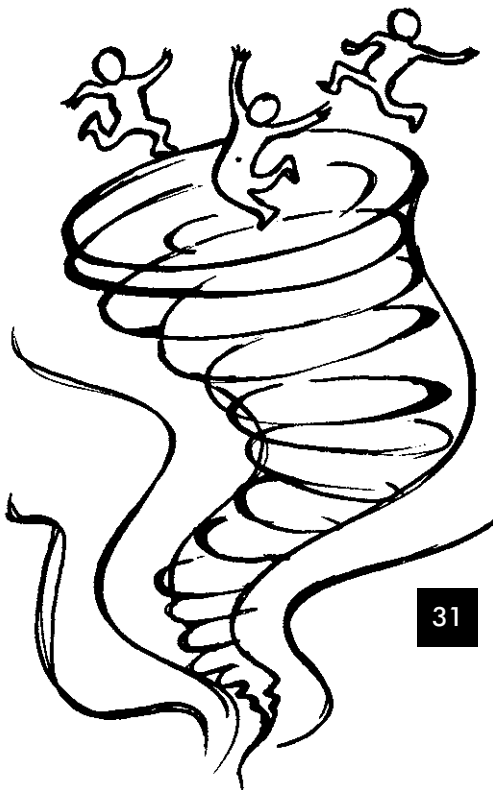
Erzulie Freda has become nearly as popular among Pagans as she is with Haitians. Many Witches have installed Her picture beside their Hathor statue, or placed Her *dwapo* (sequined flag) above their Aphrodite altars. As Haitians say, Freda is "no small Iwa." She can grant favors to those she loves, but She is also quick to anger when She feels neglected. *Article and photos by Kevin Filan... 38*

BUTCH/FEMME PAGANS @ THE CROSSROADS: TRANSGENDERED MAGIC ONLINE AND IN 3-D

Some heterosexual magical traditions are tolerant of lesbians, gays, and transgendered persons, but they may not be equipped to recognize and handle specific issues that arise for the alternatively gendered or those who are not heterosexually oriented. *By Kathlyn Wichens, artwork by April Caverhill... 43*

MATCH MAKERS: THE GODS OF ATAGO SHRINE

For over three hundred and fifty years, pilgrims in Fukuoka, Japan have visited Atago shrine to request that the Shinto gods fulfill their prayers. An increasing number of young people are imploring the shrine's gods to guide them to the ideal partner. *By David Gallion, artwork by Aleinthia... 49*





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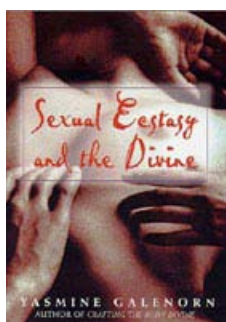
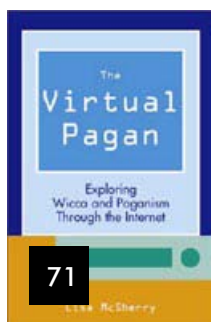
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