



## Creative Essay

### **The Rise Of An Androgynous Society**

Aldrine was already hitting his mid-30's and the pressure from parents and peers was building up fast. While he admitted that marriage was an essential rite of passage, he was also keen not to marry an entirely incompatible partner with whom he would struggle all through adulthood. The father was already losing patience and several of his peers had been sent with threats that he would eventually be ostracized.

Aldrine's only object of desire was a college lady by the Name Millicent. She was of the millennial age, backed with enough ego and the feeling that she could not be yoked into a patriarchal society in the name of marriage. On the brighter side, however, she was a loving and caring lady that was willing to commit as long as she met an androgynous man.

Aldrine came from a patriarchal society where women were treated as subordinates. It was believed that no matter how the society tried to emancipate women, they were a weaker sex that was subject to subjugation. Aldrine weighed all his options and decided to propose to Millicent. In their agreement, Aldrine was to shell his patriarchal upbringing and instead adopt an androgynous nature. They agreed that at some point he would wash dishes, do the laundry, cook an even prepare the meals and the kids when they eventually had some.

Upon realization, Aldrine was turned into an object of scorn and his manhood was ridiculed. His ego was deeply hurt and Aldrine experienced a flawed sense of self-esteem. For a period of three years, he could not set foot at home. Inasmuch as Aldrine was happy and satisfied with his prospective wife in the urban area, it was disheartening that his father could not approve of the marriage. It was yet another

difficult thing to transition from a patriarchal society into being an androgynous man that would assume feminine roles when necessary.

Aldrine spent his first five years of marriage without a meaningful social circle. At the back of his mind, however, he had the belief that being androgynous would not make him less of a man. In the information age, there was need for equality, which would eventually pave way for the recognition and expression of mutual respect towards women.

The couple gave birth to the first two children and their love grew bifold. The society that expected Aldrine to be trumped upon by his wife regressed into a state of confusion as their mutual respect solidified by the day. Although it began as a gradual process, upcoming generations began embracing the concept of being androgynous and the patriarchal society began weakening at a steady rate. Through the belief system of one man, the society began recognizing women and giving them equal opportunities.

The years that followed saw massive enrollment of the girl-child into schools. Employers began considering women for top opportunities as Millicent too went round to sermonize the power of women. They eventually had a voice in society and vices such as female genital mutilation were abolished. The family that had initially rejected and ridiculed Aldrine grew remorseful. The generations that followed would easily accept women as equal partners in a relationship and this helped to strengthen the marriage institution that already crumbled. Aldrine's neighborhood recovered from a state of economic regression as more and more women contributed meaningfully towards development.