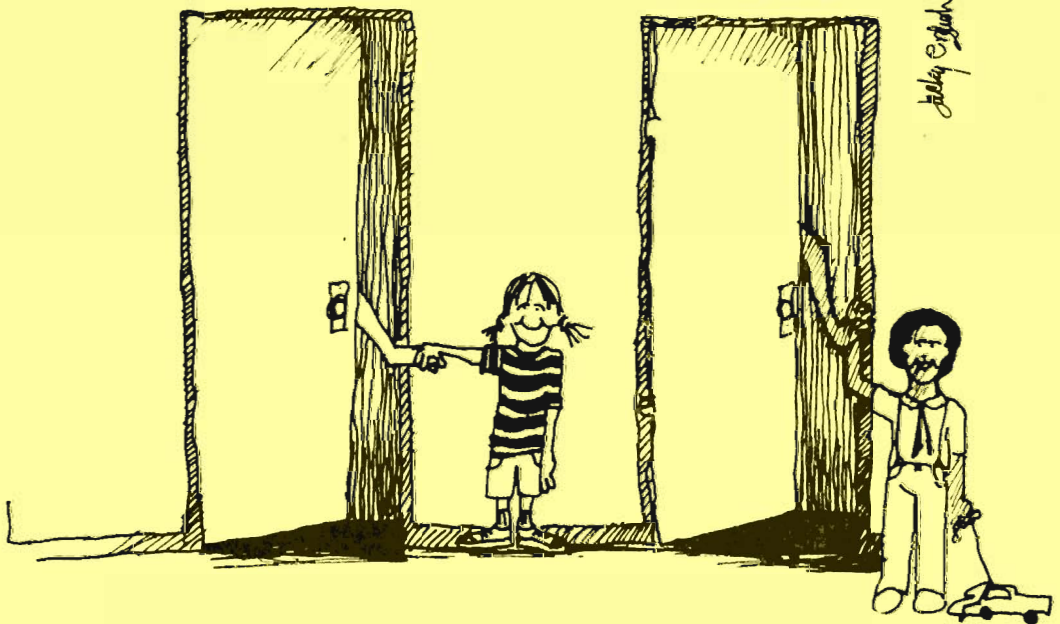


# WHY ARE LESBIAN MOTHERS IN THE CLOSET?

- we could lose our children just because we are Lesbian mothers and for no other reason.
- as heads of households, we cannot afford to risk losing our jobs. We have children as well as ourselves to support.
- our children could be labeled "freaks" and become outcasts because their mothers are Lesbians.
- we could be thrown out of our homes or denied housing because we have children, or because we are single parents, or because we do not constitute a "family unit" if we live with our lovers.
- we are caught between two worlds. We are rejected by the straight world because we are homosexual and alienated from the gay community because we have children. Because of ignorance about homosexuality, insensitivity towards women, and a culture which places a low priority on children, we are fighting the consequences of being Lesbians and single parents every day.



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