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«Perhaps this place was blessed,» whispered Thomas, kissing Peter's neck as the other looked up at the ceiling.

«Perhaps, but what ever happens now doesn't matter, we are together forever.»

Around the tall building the breeze murmured knowingly and from somewhere far away there came the sound of music, or was it again the sound of the wind singing in the topmost branches of the willows?

As the sun sank slowly down two figures stood at the window of their home and listened to the faraway music.

Book Review

CITY OF NIGHT by John Rechy (Grove Press, Inc., New York — 410 pages, \$ 5.95)

It is a pleasure to inform our readers of a true-to-life, outspoken book which can be recommended without reservations—one which deserves all of the bouquets tossed in its direction. Never has a writer conveyed with such down-to-earth authenticity the world of the homosexual.

To read this detailed fictional tour of the great cities of America is to be made aware of the defiant segment of twilight people who comprise rather more of society than it will permit itself to recognize. At some point in their lives, these deviates from «normality» refuse to accept the heterosexual pattern of life and make it in scene after scene of fleeting sex, using each other's bodies to satisfy a lust which can never be slaked.

Some try pathetically to impose the pattern of the conventional marriage on their doomed quest for abiding love. Others flout any pretense of conformity, selling themselves while youngmen and becoming the buyers when they become oldmen.

The characters in this lurid gallery form an endless parade: drag queens seeking «husbands,» hustlers, actors sadie-maisie (sodomasochist) johns, married men seeking the contacts they have tried unsuccessfully to subdue—these are all depicted with an honesty and lack of sensationalism which other writers have eschewed.

Again, may we urge one and all not to miss this swift-moving, unvarnished novel? It pulls no punches in presenting *la vie du monde gai* without mincing any naughty words or hard-boiled passages. Mr. Rechy is to be commended for bringing to life some of the questions which Dr. Kinsey posed many years ago. *Tout comprendre c'est tout pardonner?* —Diego de Angelis

The Vassall Affair

A curious byproduct of the Vasall affair may be the end in Britain of the fairly old custom of hunting the homosexual.

I was talking about this with Lord Boothby. Said he: «In the light of this case I am considering the introduction of a Private Member's Bill to the House of Lords.

«It will have just one clause. It will seek to amend the present law which makes homosexual behaviour between consenting males in private a criminal offence.