

LEGACY

for Anastasia Jean

*'Anything handed
down from, or as
from an ancestor
to a descendant.'*

Prologue

*There are those who think
or perhaps don't think
that children and lesbians
together can't make a family
that we create an extension
of perversion.*

*They think
or perhaps don't think
that we have different relationships
with our children
that instead of getting up
in the middle of the night
for a 2 AM and 6 AM feeding
we rise up and chant
'you're gonna be a dyke
you're gonna be a dyke.'*

*That we feed our children
lavender Similac
and by breathing our air
the children's genitals distort
and they become hermaphrodites.*

*They ask
'What will you say to them
what will you teach them?'*

*Child
that would be mine
I bring you my world
and bid it be yours.*

by Pat Parker

Detail of
the Amazon Series.
life-cast
in colored
porcelains,
by Mary Ann Fariello.
1985.

Photo by Meryl Truett.
*The scorpion is an image
of women's powers of
transformation.*

