

The stories will be set in near or distant futures in which some aspect of women's existence is profoundly altered. Maybe a draconian new law has criminalized women for their own infertility. Maybe a medical breakthrough has narrowed the gap between the brute strength of the males and females of our species. Maybe men are no longer allowed to hold positions of power in a female-led government, and maybe that doesn't actually go any better than the opposite — or maybe it does. Maybe young men start finding gray-haired, high-achieving women distinguished and sexy, and it's men of a certain age who need to be described with a term like "cougar."

From matriarchies to retrenched patriarchies, from lurid legislative nightmares to impossibly freeing new biologies, the imaginative possibilities are endless. And, as with our cli-fi collection, we are hoping to include a variety of tones and styles in this collection — everything from dystopian speculative fiction to prophetic dark comedy to family dramas, stories of manners, and coming of age tales: you name it, we're open to it as long as it's a strong story beautifully told, in which some aspect of women's experience is profoundly altered.

Our expectation is that many of these stories will offer visions that inspire hope, as well as caution, for the future of being female.