

## *Eight Gallant Ladies and their Animal Friends*

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No, this is not about Eve and her Serpent,  
Leda and her Swan, Diana and her Stag,  
or Pasiphae and her Toro - there are no god-  
desses and no queens... Nothing to do with  
Venus, Helen of Troy or with Sheherazade.  
No medieval "Dames" listening to pretty  
madrigals about endless courtship and chivalry.

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These Ladies have replaced their talkative  
froufrou friends with dumb friends. They have  
constructed elaborate haunts for the men who'll  
undo them and who'll fling their beasts out!

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Don't search for the unconscious process to  
divert sexuality into an acceptable "narrative."

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Eight Gallant Ladies and their Animal Friends -  
Beware of them! Remember - their creator's  
name is "Judith" and there might well become  
Eight Gallant Ladies with the head of Holofernes  
or, who knows, your head, tucked underneath  
their arm...

  
Charles David

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### Portfolio

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### Date

1974

### Primary Maker

Judith Bledsoe

### Medium

Color etching with embossing on paper

### Dimensions

SHEET: 19 3/4 x 26 in. SHEET: 502 x 661 mm

### Object number

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