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Intro:

Thesis: By contrasting Bruce and Alison's narratives, *Fun Home* illustrates two disparate journeys of self-discovery by demonstrating the detrimental effects of repression when navigating issues of homosexuality and genderqueer identity.

Body 1:

- Reactions of the mind and body caused by repression and silence in a heteronormative oppressive society.

Body 2:

- The importance of Bechdel's illustrative narratives such as diaries, images, drawings, books, and documents to analyze her personal experiences and perspectives of her and her father.

Body 3:

- Dangers of intergenerational trauma inflicted on Bechdel as a child witness struggling with gender identity and openness.

Body 4:

- Exploring the emotional conflict between Bechdel and her father through the illustrative maps—detailing the effects of fantasy vs reality with her journey of self-discovery.

Conclusion