

Diaries of A Transgendered Youth

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I'm starting this off by saying, wow, my mind is blown. I've been asked a lot of questions in my life like "what does transgender mean" and "are you gay"? First off - no, I am not gay. My gender identity does not involve my sexual orientation. I am a transgender female and I also happen to be a lesbian. So I would like to thank Amy for asking the best questions ever, and don't worry, they weren't offensive at all.

Q) How does someone come to learn that they are not in the appropriate body? For example, male body, female mind or female body, male mind?

A) I'm actually going to start off with a question of my own. How do you come to learn that you're in the right body? I believe that when you're a baby you know the truth about your gender but you can't express it until you're older. I knew when I was about 4 or 5 years of age that I shouldn't have been a boy. Back then I didn't know the difference between boys and girls, even though I knew that I should have been born a girl.

Q) How does the conversation go with the parents if you feel that you are not the gender in which you were born?

A) Awesome question. I've done it once already with my mom, but with my transition coming up soon I'm going to have to have another conversation with her. I don't know what the outcome will be. I haven't told my Father yet, the only reason being because he doesn't exist in my life. When I first told my mom she freaked out, which is understandable, but there are a lot of parents who kick their children out and disown them due to the fact they are transgender.

Q) How do you express this fact in your relationships? Do your partners accept this easily or does it take time getting used to?

A) For me personally, I wait awhile to see how accepting and open-minded they are before I tell them. I have had a few partners say they wanted a real man, and I haven't been in long enough relationships to know how quickly they can accept the fact that I am transgender.

Q) How do you go about a gender change if you want it?

A) This question was the actually the hardest to answer, but the easiest way would be to find a place that deals with the LGBTQ2_ community and ask them for contacts to help you get started with transitioning.

Q) What is your biggest fear for your-transition?

A) My biggest fear is losing friends and family. However, if friends leave my life because of it, it

shows who my true friends are. As for family, I was born into it, but that doesn't mean I can't choose them. Yes, I may not have a Father, but I have two dads. One is dating my mom and the other one I adopted as my dad before he became a man. It makes me happy that he and I: are going through the same thing and he has a very supportive girlfriend, which is a bonus.

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