



GRANT ME YOUR WISDOM,
AND TELL ME IF YOU CAN,
WHY I LET MYSELF OUT
WHEN THE WOODS WOULD
ONLY EAT ME ALIVE?

AM I HOPING TO MEET
YOU, TO DECIMATE
MYSELF SO COMPLETELY
I BECOME ONE WITH
THE VIRGINAL PACK?

TEXTS TO THE GODS (ARTEMIS)

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COMING OUT OF MY CLOSET AND I'VE BEEN DOING JUST FINE.

I NEVER CAME OUT TO MY FAMILY AS BI BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER A REVELATION, NO SHOCK OR SURPRISE. JUST A FEELING. I ALSO AVOID THIS TALK BECAUSE I FEAR IT WILL LEAD TO SOME CONVERSATION ABOUT MY SEXUAL HEALTH, AND I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH TELLING MY TIAS THEY ACTUALLY DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I HATE BEING TOUCHED. TOO MUCH INFORMATION.

i came out as genderfluid in bits and pieces, starting a few years ago, and that's roughly when i realized the whole process is like, heartwarming, soul-crushing horseshit. having some serious heart to heart about gender, and just getting mocked forever after? like it's funny - "sometimes i feel masculine too," the overall experience of trying to balance if someone is being sincere and just not saying it well, versus someone who nods and says "oh yeah, me too, i'm nonbinary," and then never wants to discuss it? claim you're like me because it's funny, and you'll never actually have a serious discussion with me about it? sounds good, sounds great, sounds fucking terrible, goodbye. call me when you want to have an actual discussion that isn't rife with sarcasm and distaste.

best case was me telling a smaller section of family over breakfast that i changed my gender marker on my real id. i think they shrugged. it was fine, no different. thank god for that. the boulder of sisyphus sometimes stays still at the top before rolling back down, taking me with it. to celebrate the change i sent my friends a video set to DMX's "X Gon Give It To Ya" of my new ID reveal. (early 2012's pop punk singer drawl) i love my friends!

a lot of the repetitive work of it manifests in being mean to idiots on tinder that don't know how to google and instead decide i'm their personal spank bank for invasive and dumb questions: "what's in your pants?" "does that make me gay?" "so you're a girl, right?" I DON'T KNOW, TIMOTHY. unmatched.

anyway. drop us a note to tell us about your coming out experience. i know i'm not the only one with shit to settle.

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- aries: mildly flavored sparkling water
- taurus: beef jerky
- gemini: donut
- cancer: milkshake
- leo: twinkie
- virgo: cheetos
- libra: nutter butter!
- scorpio: pack of cigarettes?
- sagittarius: salt and vinegar chips.
- capricorn: arizona iced tea
- aquarius: boxed wine.
- pisces: slushee

Other items shown: SALT & VINEGAR, CHEETOS, SMOKES, a drink with a straw, a donut, and a twinkie.

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EMOTIONAL BABY GIRL TALK

- only girl (in the world) - rihanna
- the louvre - lorde
- touch my body - mariah carey
- g.u.y. - lady gaga
- partition - beyoncé
- she's crafty - beastie boys
- black no. 1 (little miss scare-all) - type o negative
- arabella - arctic monkeys
- rx queen - deftones
- white roses - charli cxx
- girl with one eye - florence + the machine



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