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Jimmy Carper 00:02

Okay, Sylvester, thank you, you can Ooh, some more. But that really gets gets me going. I really liked that song, you make me feel quite real? And isn't that the topic we're talking about?



Gigi 00:18

I can't, I don't know where to begin on this conference, because it's just so awesome. I mean, from the pre conference, dinner to the after conference party we were all flying



Michelle 00:29

really helped to is, you know, Thursday night, we had, all of the presenters came in early, and so we had dinner for them, and all the people who were here in Houston, got to meet them. And so that was a really great way to get to know some of the national leaders and some of these big names. And, you know, I mean, Fritz Klein, and Wayne, Bryan and Carol, who these are, these are huge names. Yes, they are. And by having that little party, that sort of intimate gathering wouldn't have like 1314 people, something like that. Yeah. And so they were able to, to meet them and get to know them so that when the conference started, you know, they kind of knew somebody already there and got to know some of these national leaders. And so I think that was really good, too, is to get the national people, meeting with the local people and really get some interaction going. And I think that really helped.



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Yeah, I thought that was a great way to kick off the conference is just having that pre conference get together. And yeah, I mean, I got to meet some of the people who are going to be doing the presentations.

M Michelle 01:28

Yeah. And then it kind of you know, dispels the mystique because I know when I went to my first conference in North Carolina conference, I went, well, obviously, because I wanted to get the conference. But when I heard Lorraine Hutchins was going to be there, I filled out my form and send it in that very same day. I mean, it was just like, Yes, I'm going

G Gigi 01:45

Yeah, and I even got a spanking firmer. Yeah.

M Michelle 01:47

You know, I mean, I was always thought, oh, my gosh, no rain. Hutchins, you know of Hutchinson kind of motto by any other name. You bet. And so I was doing most starstruck thing for a while, but everybody else was so casual. I mean, there were some other starstruck people too, but she knew everybody is so casual, and it was such a small gathering. After a while I kind of got over it. And as a matter of fact, I lost my starstruck, starstruck, goodness, I suppose so much that I forgot to get her to autograph my book around all weekend, and I forgot but like when I met her someplace else at Boston College, I

G Gigi 02:19

think it was we had

J Jimmy Carper 02:21

a caller call in and was very appreciative of all the talk we were doing about transgenderism and and gender and in, in general, and I wanted her to know that next week is first half of the show will be a transgendered segment.

G Gigi 02:41

Sarah Palmer, I believe. That's why she's doing

J Jimmy Carper 02:45

what we're doing it yeah, we're having a rotating co host there. And I believe it's going to be Monica. Yeah, is going to be here. So I'm looking forward to that. Monica is such a fun woman. Yes.

G Gigi 03:00

Another thing that happened at the conference, we Saturday afternoon, we had a breakout for male, female and androgynous. And Jai did a fabulous What do you mean by breakout breakout session where you instead of being on big room together, we just saw kind of Oh,



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okay. Like a small group discussion, kind of gotcha.



Jimmy Carper 03:25

Gotcha. And



Gigi 03:26

Jaya did a fabulous job she did the vagina monologue. Oh,



Jimmy Carper 03:30

yeah.



Michelle 03:31

We talked about that on the show.



Gigi 03:33

We're gonna do that and got all the women at the conference fired up on what their vaginas would were great, and what they would say,



Jimmy Carper 03:45

I think it's a great exercise in getting to get rid of a lot of guilt and shame in which people might have about their bodies and women, I think are more taught that growing up that, you know, oh, that's the secret part. And, you know,



Gigi 04:03

I did hear some people come up, you know, and they even told me, they said, you know, after that workshop had really learned a lot about my own body. Yes, your

 Michelle 04:17

well, the whole point I wanted to do, I mean, it's a great. It's a great book, and someone said that they're going to be performing it in a couple of months in Austin something Yeah. But I just want because when I read it, I was so struck by just talking about it. Women never sit around and talk about their vaginas. You know, and

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it's really funny because men do sit around and talk about their penises. Yeah,

 Michelle 04:44

I know. I've heard them you know, and that's what I thought was so amazing what they will do talk about it.

 Jimmy Carper 04:51

Maybe more with straight men than gay men on I don't know about by men, but still there's this dirtiness. Oh yeah. Bye out

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Yeah, about strained into us, I think isolations

 Jimmy Carper 05:03

to my way of thinking something that gives you so much pleasure. I mean, how could it be bad and dirty? Yeah,

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I don't. I don't Yeah, I don't understand the whole dirtiness thing either. Yeah, I've I've tried to overcome that. And I mean, it's it's a beautiful thing. Yes. thing we can do with our bodies, and connect with another person is wonderful.

 Michelle 05:24

Well, that's one of the one of the quotes that I love from endless book is that she has she calls the Vagina Monologues. So right there. And this one woman was horribly offended that she would call it bad and, and, as always say, well, it's why there's nothing wrong with the word. It's not so much a dirty word, you know? And this woman said, I know it's not dirty. But what if my daughter were to hear it? What would



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I tell her? Probably this, she has one of those. That's exactly what Enzo



Michelle 05:50

said, Well, you might start by saying she's got one. And then there's this other woman who said, Oh, well, it's not a pornographic word, but it's definitely dirty. Oh, brothers go, excuse me.



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Maybe the meaning that they are attaching to it is dirty, but the word itself is not dirty,



Michelle 06:07

as she says a very clinical term and she has a little great little riff about it, you know, it's like a sounds like a surgical instrument. You know, nurse, please hand me the vagina or something.



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Hey, I know a lot of transsexuals that would be interested in that.



Michelle 06:24

So I just I just wanted to get it out in the open, just, you know, hey, let's talk about this. Because we don't talk about it. And, you know, so I'd read a little section and we discussed whatever it was they were talking about. And, and just, it was it was really fun. And it was really, and since I didn't have time to prepare it, I had plenty of time to prepare it, actually. But I kept putting it off. And we got around to it. So it's a little tedious. Yeah, I got it sometimes says



Gigi 06:51

can be the best. But



Jimmy Carper 06:52

did you notice some women kind of like getting the point? Oh, yeah. And you know, especially since you said so many we're going to this conference for the first time that they can talk about their vagina.



Michelle 07:06

Well, yeah, I did the introduction where endorses vagina about 27 times or something and, and talks about saying it and how awkward it wasn't how scary it was, and it but saying it. And then after I was done, I said no. How many of y'all were little uncomfortable when I kept saying the word vagina knew a couple of hands went up. And so I said, yeah, the first time I read it, that's what I was doing too. And then we started talking about it. And some women were very comfortable talking about it. And just all sorts of things. And some women of course we're not but because these other women, and we talked about how a lot of men will name their penises. Yes. And how and I said, No, come on. Have you ever heard of a woman naming her vagina and just one woman her hand goes up? Girl. Name yours is Miss Kitty. So she's so casual. This is Katie. So that's a



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give all kinds of jokes on that. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.



Gigi 08:05

Well, you know what, you know, a mapping is I would say if it could speak what? I want my vagina back.



Michelle 08:14

We had a lot of fun with that one, and got some good discussions going. I mean, I was having a hard time reading the crowd. And I think it may have partly been because of, you know, nervousness, or shame or Word and stuff. But afterwards, a lot of people came up to me. Oh, that was so great. That was really great energy. I loved the reading and apparently went quite well. I was very pleased. So



Gigi 08:37

well. Scott, what was your favorite workshop? of the conference? Oh, boy, or favorite couple? Variable question.



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I would have to say the safer sex party workshop was right up there at the top minus the fire alarm that interrupts



Gigi 08:55

the party or the workshop?



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Oh, the workshop.



Gigi 09:00

Okay. What stood out for you on that? Well, something



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stood out in my pants. Oh, you mean about the conference? Oh, yeah.



Jimmy Carper 09:12

There was, you might say hands on. It was what we what you had already talked about. It was a Jack and Jill off part. Yeah.



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Right. When the idea being of course, men jack off and what do women do? And then when both are doing it, then, you know, that's the name. But what was really interesting for me was, oh, this is how you can throw one of these parties. And it was kind of like a these are the instructions for someone who's never done one of these before. They actually had someone who had done a legal document for their party. That was a waiver for all the participants. Yes. And it was worded by lawyers so that for the state of California that nothing could happen. That wasn't consensual basically. Yes. And just Really,



Jimmy Carper 10:00

there was a there was a lot of neat things I thought there, especially the don't touch anyone unless you have permission. And that was, that was a great thing.



Gigi 10:10

Saying no means no. No means no. And the one I really liked because I've seen this in some of the dungeons. I've been to that as you get a lot of tourist at the dungeons kind of staring and watching people and kind of vampires, vampires going off the events going on. And they specifically said in the rules downstairs, people down vampire on somebody else's activities.



Jimmy Carper 10:35

But it was a beautiful sight. Yes.

 Gigi 10:39

And it didn't mean not to look and enjoy, but it just meant don't stand around and stare be active be a participant

 Michelle 10:47

Yes. Because there's a difference between participating and looking and just looking.

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On the other hand, if you're part in the act is to be a voyeur at least ask permission. Yeah, just like ask him to touch just okay. Can Do I have permission to watch you.

 Gigi 11:03

And you know, anybody can ask me and I'll put on a show. And.

 Jimmy Carper 11:09

But that was kind of neat. And I think that that also helped break barriers of inhibitions. Oh, yeah. Yeah.

 Gigi 11:16

But you're not I need to back up here and say that, you know, Kara, Queen was the one and Robert were the ones that led this. And they've been doing Jack and Jill offs in California for years and years, and are very experienced, I've had, you know, just very wonderful

 Michelle 11:33

presents to and I think that really helped a lot is they're so comfortable with sex and sexuality. And Carol is such a sec, but both of them are such sex positive people. And they, they don't treat it as anything being dirty, you know. And so because of that attitude, I think, and their discussion of it and all that, I think that really helped a lot of people get over their inhibitions and allow themselves to do what is this? I don't know, let me try it out and have a lot of fun.

 Gigi 12:04

And that was one of the big surprises of the conference. I mean, we were going to have a dance

that we thought the majority of the people were going to be at. And we were going to have a dungeon and then we're going to have the Jack and Jill off. But we thought we get a few people trickling into these other two events. Turned out. Almost nobody showed up at the dance all night.

 Michelle 12:25


Poor little Jim Jim was there all by himself?

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You know, it's funny, because when I read about the Jack and Jill off at the preliminary scheduled for the conference, I was like, Well, I don't know. Maybe I'm interested. But there's really other things that I'm more interested in for the nighttime activities. Well, when I got there, I heard people talking about it. There was this big buzz going on. Ooh, you gotta go see this. This is gonna be really cool. And I said, Well, maybe I'll check it out for half an hour. While I was there for two and a half.

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 Jimmy Carper 13:08

and ke O 's College Station.

 Gigi 13:12

Okay. We're still not hearing that on the our headsets. Oh.

 Jimmy Carper 13:21

yours a little different.

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might say that.

 Jimmy Carper 13:27


This is a great show for


This is a great show for


 Gigi 13:28
man's totally out there.


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We know about you miss Gigi?


 Michelle 13:33
We know about what's out there on you, girl.


 Jimmy Carper 13:37
I think the workshops are a big deal because not only do people get to learn stuff, but the whole idea. Many people like you, Scott were found themselves in a room with a whole bunch of other bisexuals.


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Yeah, so it was my first exposure to it.


 Jimmy Carper 13:56
I think that's that's a big deal. I remember Jim saying the first time he went to a Biden that meeting he was just he almost started crying because he felt like he was home. That was

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exactly what it was for me. Like I say I had been active in the gay community and but I'm not gay. I'm bi. I'm absolutely bisexual and I'm absolutely gay. Yeah, and some people are absolutely gay and whatever. Okay. But it just felt like I was at home.


 Gigi 14:22
And here we're touching on them by visibility issue. I mean, if you're bisexual, and you know, I still have to kind of check myself. I see two people walking down the street hand in hand. First thought that I've been programmed to think is, oh, it's depending on the perceived gender. They're either gay or straight.


 Jimmy Carper 14:41
And everything's fine, right? Yeah.

 Gigi 14:46
You go out into the community. You see a massive strike community out there. Then you see the gay community and it's very visible. And you look around and there is no by community that you can see


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Yeah, I mean, it's not visible. Very are

 Gigi 15:04
no buy bars. Yeah, there are true.

 Michelle 15:07
Well, then as you were saying, you know, walk down the street if I walked down the street hand in hand with a man, everyone says, Oh, look a straight woman, I walked down the street hand in hand with a woman Oh, look a lesbian, you almost have to verbally come out every time, you know. And so that's that's

 Gigi 15:23
hand in hand down the street with me.

 Michelle 15:26
It's true that everyone says, oh, it's uh huh.

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There are a lot of people in the gay community who when I tell them, I'm bi, or when they see me with a woman, they're like, I thought you were gay? And I simply tell them, Well, you're half right and half wrong?

 Jimmy Carper 15:43

And what kind of how do they act about that?



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Some are okay with it. And some have a very serious problem with it. And I think it's a personal problem on their part, I'm still the same person, I haven't changed. And I know if they want to stop being my friend because of that, and I've had one or two people just not want to associate with me saying once they've learned that, and it's like, I'm sorry,



Jimmy Carper 16:06

I think that is the most incredible thing in the gay community that we cannot perceive of somebody else's difference. I mean, that we, we we bitch about being persecuted by the straight community. And then what do we do?



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Well, you know, I think that may, I've had some time to think about that that may be an overcompensation on the part of the gay community. Yeah, it could just be that they're the gay community is now gaining some political strength. And it's about time, I might say, yeah, and there might they're quite possibly fearing that maybe if someone is bisexual, and they're in the gay community posing as gay, as they might see it, that that might take away from their message if that person is later seen with a woman. Yeah, it's to kind of diagnose someone that doesn't know the issue.



Jimmy Carper 16:58

But then why is it that so many so many organizations talk about? We were gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered? Right? There. They want to include the name, but they don't want to include the people.



Gigi 17:15

Yeah, yes. And I think



Michelle 17:20

bisexuals, but I'd never date one. I say, Well, you know, yeah.



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And a lot of times that what I've seen, it's the organization that wants to include the name. And it's the people that don't include the people. Okay. Yeah. And it's, it's beginning to change. I'm

seeing it start to change. But that's part of why I got involved with buying it. I said, Wow, this is a great group. They're doing a lot to help the buy community. And there is actually a bisexual movement out there. And it's just starting.

 Jimmy Carper 17:47

And that's the question, how do you come out of the closet is by and let people know, if I walk down the street, people know I'm gay. Right? I mean,

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well, you know, people think I'm gay from the way I act, or, yeah, if I'm wearing a dress that particular day, right? And it's like, well, you're half right. So what do you do

 Jimmy Carper 18:13

to think to buy visibility? One of

 Gigi 18:17

the things that's going on is we're flying the by flag, we flew it over during at the hotel, the hotel was great. I mean, they flew the by flags, the whole weekend at the conference. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 18:30

Get people to put by flags, bumper stickers on your car, and all the things that we do in the game, as I say, we didn't talk they'll unless you've got this big symbol on your chest. People do not know.

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Well, yeah, I mean, observers not going to have any way of knowing, like the same thing that Jay was saying, Yeah, you're walking down the street with whoever, you know, unless you're polyamorous and you're walking down the street with your male and female partner at the same time. Yeah, hands and kissing. Maybe then someone might get a clue. Yes, then

 Gigi 19:01

what were you gonna say, Jay?

 Michelle 19:02

I forgot. Now. I was gonna say that I think we had a workshop on this. It was supposed to be started out? Should the the bike community align itself with the gay community or something like that? And if so, how? And we got off the subject and start talking about what is the bike community? And how can you build it, you know, because nobody wants to come out unless they have a community to come out to. But unless people actually come out, there will be no community to come out to. So we started talking about this, and how do you become visible? Yeah. And someone was saying here, the buy pride flag and stick it on your bumper sticker or whatnot. And someone else was saying, Oh, but I don't want to do that because nobody will know what it is and say, well,

J Jimmy Carper 19:43

well, nobody. Opportunity. That's right. Nobody knew what the rainbow flag was for a very

M Michelle 19:48

long time. But then someone pointed out that she had a bi flag on her car. And someone saw it and said, Oh, what's that all about? Let's see. Now I know the rainbow flag is gay. And let's see that It's not rainbow, so it's pink, blue and purple that looks kind of is that bisexual? She figured it out

G Gigi 20:09

for you step back a minute, because we brought up an issue earlier that I think we didn't want to answer I have Yes, is that you know, we have these bisexual myths that are prolific out there. And one of them is that it's just a phase. And I think that may be one of the things that the gay community is frayed that the strike community will perceive if they accept buys, whilst bisexuality is just a phase. Would this rub off and make? Well,

J Jimmy Carper 20:46

those are gay people who believe that bisexuals sexuality is and that's a cop out because somebody doesn't want to admit that they're gay. And

G Gigi 20:55

when you believe something, you're projecting it outward, but you're also fairing it inward. And when you are learn about the myths and learn that they are stereotypes that they are not real, that's part of education and learning that, well, it's not justifies these people aren't going to change. And they have made up their mind. They have made up their

M Michelle 21:21

mind, I think, and we kind of talked about this in the workshop too. Or maybe we didn't, I'm just

hallucinating. But um, is that when you are comfortable with yourself? That comes you don't you don't even have to say anything. It just comes out, you know, and I was just thinking about this teacher I had in high school. At the time, I was so blocked from anything gay not necessarily for a negative reason. I don't know why I just was not there. I never saw anything had crushes on all these women. Of course, I never had any clue. Oh, gee, I really liked I'll be her friend, you know, looking back on what crush on her crush on her crush on her big crush on my Latin teacher, you know, and I'm looking back going she was a massive lesbian. How could I not have seen that? You know, she didn't shave her legs. And you could tell even though she wore pantyhose, you could tell she did shave her legs. She always talked about being a witch. I mean, we'd give her like little witch dolls and stuff like that. She'd always talked about being a witch and how cool it was and what that meant. And he had a really short hair was just so cool. And I was talking about a cat. And whoa, I know, I'm just going to blow Can we just have a neon sign flashing here? But no, I didn't get it then. You know, like I said, I didn't even realize how to crush on her until later. I was like, big crush on



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her. She was so well, you didn't know your gaydar turned on? Yo,



Michelle 22:39

I sure didn't know I had nothing. But um, so she never said anything about it. I mean, she never wore the gay flags or anything. But you know, I'm looking back on God, if she's not a lesbian. There is no God. Right? And so it's like, when you're comfortable with yourself, and you know who you are you kind of project that. And it's



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very good point. Yeah, I mean, I've become very comfortable with who I am. And with myself for exactly how I am. And most people do seem to get it when they get to know me. It's like, Oh, of course.



Gigi 23:16

And I think that's no matter if you're gay or straight, wild, buy, or whatever, or even strike Yeah. I think that's one of the most critical parts of the coming out process is to come out to yourself first, and be accepting of yourself first, before you come out to anybody else.



Jimmy Carper 23:36

And that's the biggie being except yourself as you are, no matter what it is gay, straight, whatever, I'm not afraid of any innings. It's, you know, a lot of the, I don't want to say 100%. But a lot of the gay bashing that goes on is supposedly straight, teenage boys who are just wrestling with their own sexuality, and they aren't sure of what they are. And they're afraid that they might be gay or bi. You know,



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I gotta say, in my late teens and early 20s, I had not yet come out to myself and I was very homophobic, and my friends, and I mean, the crowd I hung out with. If the opportunity came up to verbally gay bash, we would we'd have a discussion amongst ourselves like, Oh, look at that faggot. And it was terrible. And finally, when I came out to myself, and started coming out to my friends, I found that there were some I could keep them there were some I couldn't. And it was really sad. But those friends that weren't accepting of it that haven't moved on, just aren't my friends anymore. Yeah. But it's the process of coming out to myself took from the time I first became aware of some questions that I had, to the time I realized that I'm bisexual was about a five year process. Then admitting it to myself still took another year or



Jimmy Carper 24:55

two. Was that was that painful to go through? Oh, yeah.



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It was very painful. I had always known looking back in retrospect, I, I didn't know at the time what this was. But when I look back on who I was and the desires I had when I was in adolescence, yeah, I always was bisexual, that it's really that's really what it was about. And it was very hard for me to deprogram a lot of that stuff in untrained myself and to say, No, this isn't wrong. This is who I am. And the God I believe in does not make mistakes. And if you did, I'm not one of them. Made me That's right.



Jimmy Carper 25:36

Oh, yeah. Good for you. Good. But that does take a lot of soul searching. Oh,



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yeah. Oh, yeah. It was very painful. And I have the support of my father, my stepmother, and my natural mother has disowned me. My brother is at least talking to me about things. So I mean, there's hope there. But, you know, it's so much of this Training we get from our families that they got from their family and got passed down. It's it's sets this whole thing up for all this bitterness to continue and it's it's just really sad. And it causes a lot of pain. One thing



Bobby 26:14

man you got, and you know, and then you've got friends like me, you know.



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I've got some great friends. I can lean on when when the need arises.

B

Bobby 26:24

I know because I met. I met you here a year ago, this past week, edits matter of fact, we met on Halloween at the Renaissance Festival. Wow.



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Let me tell ya, I had straight guys coming up asking me if I was really, you know, for real. I had some of

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Bobby 26:50

them fooled. Wow. And then his next dent in that was was at Dickens on the Strip. We went to Dickens on the strand together and he was in period draft. And, you know,



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what can I share? Greg good to have her fire. Yeah.

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Michelle 27:08

girl's got to have some serious costumes.

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Bobby 27:13

She does.



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It's funny, ever since I came out of the closet, my closet just got bigger.

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Bobby 27:21


Nobody could possibly, whether they figure you for being gay or bi. They couldn't, that they couldn't mistake you for straight wearing that shirt, honey.





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Yes, it's a vintage orange polyester print. I love it. It's nasty.


 Jimmy Carper 27:39
70s Hawaiian.

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It's really, really bright. And dare I say gay.

 Michelle 27:52
One thing I was gonna say. So I mean, just speaking of straight people and stuff like that, and it's, you know, we talked about knowing who you are, and not being afraid of any part of you and stuff like that. And I think the thing is that for a lot of straight people, they've got a lot of issues to work with, too. And it's not just about because they don't have to deal with coming out. So I think they don't have to face it a lot. But you know, I mean, like my sisters and my sister, my younger sisters, boyfriend, boyfriend, husband, whatever it is these days. A year and a half, I still can't get used to it, but I'm getting their husband. They all are very comfortable with who they are. And they're all very straight. And but very, I mean, comfortable with it. As I say, you know, they've all had to deal with with various issues about who they are and sexual orientations and stuff like that. Or maybe they didn't have to deal with it. But you know, my older sister is very open to it. She's one who wanted to go to the gay pride parade and drag. And yeah, you know, so it's

 Jimmy Carper 28:54
been half that whether they're coming out. And I use that because our friends and our parents have their own coming out when we come out to them. Yeah. How was that?

 Michelle 29:07
Um, well, they were very good about me being gay or bi whatever I am. For that my younger sister was really cool with it and no problem. And then what's actually really funny is her at the time boyfriend said, Oh, I gotta tell you something. You know, we said we'd never have secrets from each other. He's very nervous. We said, No, we have a secret. Well, you know, my, my older brother, the one who's you know, 35 and never been married and living in San Francisco with his male roommate and

 Jimmy Carper 29:42
this story,

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Michelle 29:43

she told us, you told me that he had a brother in San Francisco and my first thought, Oh, he's gay. I said, Oh, no, don't be stereotypical. Well, yes, yes, he is gay. So he's helpful to look at. He's like, Yo, so my brother's gay. He's all worried about what's this? What's this woman whom I love? Gonna save? Got this. Laura's first thought was, oh my god, that's so cool. So it's my sister. The bonding experience for me was great. My older sister. She knows more gay people than I do practically, you know, and



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use her for calling people for dates or something. All her

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Michelle 30:19

life. I mean, like, all the guys, my older sister knows are gay. I said, maybe there's a reason you haven't been getting dates. I don't know. You know, so. And then my mother was

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Jimmy Carper 30:29

to hang out with at least with some bisexual guy, you know,

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Michelle 30:35

move his affections over so. So I think because my older sister always hung out with gay people. And then she, you know, men and women when she was in New York, she only had gay friends. You know, I don't know how this happens. And here I am hanging out with a bunch of straight guys go on. Hello, we're all the lesbians, you know.



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Never good lesbian when you need one.

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Michelle 30:56

But, so she kind of had to deal with some of these issues. And my mother actually took her aside after her freshman year of college and said, Honey, you don't have a boyfriend, you hang out with all these women. And you just started a women's interest group. There's something you're not telling. It was just like, No, Mom, I'm not a lesbian. Okay. So but she didn't, she had to kind of face those issues too. And so when I came out, I mean, she'd already deal with dealt with all of her homophobia or whatever. I was like, Oh, that's so cool. And the only thing she was upset about is that I was in Houston. And she was in Chicago, and she didn't have a chance to really sit down and talk with me about it. But



Gigi 31:37

and I want to throw in that Chinese parents have been so cool. I mean, oh, yeah. accepted me. Sometimes with a little grain of salt.



Jimmy Carper 31:49

I think. Because they have they're very open to gender also. Yeah, like, Jay, you're talking about how your mom you know, just loves power tools. Oh,



Michelle 32:00

yeah. Oh, my boyfriend's one year for Christmas. I came home came back to school. How was your Christmas? It was great. What everyone get for them. Oh, my dad, my dad bought my mom a power sander. And my mom bought my dad at a pressure cooker. And he looked at me, he said, that explains an awful lot of



Jimmy Carper 32:20

people in your family, people can express themselves the way they want to. Yeah, so that can't be anything but healthy. Oh, it



Michelle 32:27

was great. For me.



Gigi 32:29

I think it's such a great role model. I mean, everybody could accept people for who they are. And understand that, you know, no matter what form it takes love, Saudis love. You got it. When the world did a lot better.



Michelle 32:45

But even even straight people need to have that coming out. coming out process, and they don't necessarily have to tell me I think it'd be great if everybody came out, you know, if we didn't make any assumptions about sexual orientation whatsoever. And even straight people would have to come out think about why am I straight? You know, and I always tell the story about when I was in junior high or early high school, I thought maybe I was a lesbian because I wasn't attracted to any of the guys at my school and, and then I realized all because of my school were jerks, but except for actually, every single guy I've ever had a crush on from my high school is turned out to be gay, or bisexual. So that was kind of interesting. So lucky. But my younger sister had the same experience. And she said she too was like, you know, I think

early high school and wasn't attracted to any of the guys she knew. And she thought maybe she was a lesbian. So she kind of had to deal with this. And then it gets she came to the same conclusion. No, it's not me. It's them. And then she did meet a guy actually, no, I take it back. She didn't meet a guy at her high school. She met a guy from another high school, dated him, but so she had to deal with these issues, too. And so I said, Well, this is very interesting. I had no idea you know. And so in a sense, she did come out as being heterosexual because she didn't just assume that she was she had to think about it and say, Well, maybe I'm not. No, no, I guess I am and really thought about. So it was, you know, she actually did have it all coming out process. It was kind of cool.



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You know, the talk about high school has just made me think about an interesting topic. The whole idea of when one is gay, lesbian or bisexual. The idea of the locker rooms is a very interesting concept. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 34:30

The dreaded locker rooms. We just



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allowed to look I mean, I just I knew I was I can't look I can't look, I can't look,



Jimmy Carper 34:40

I was afraid to look because I thought I'd get an erection. That would be it. Yeah, that'd be it'd be I'd be dead. Yeah. I was scared to look



Gigi 34:51

and one thing that we've kind of hinted around on all this and this is something I love so much about the BI community But as you know, I know a lot of bisexuals they love that person first, and then peek at the gender.



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That's a really good point. Yes, that's exactly how I feel I'm most attracted to a person for their mind and for who they are. And gender is really kind of incidental to me. Yeah,



Michelle 35:21

I think you could say that about a lot. I mean, I don't think he's just bisexuals. He's like, that

makes it seem like everybody else just loves Oh, yeah, I love your you know,

 Gigi 35:28

no, no, I'm not saying it that way. But. But I like this concept that you know, you learn if you know you love the person, for who they are.

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Bisexuality is less limiting than mono sexuality. Because if you meet a wonderful person, and were concerned about well, Are they male or female, then that rules out? Some of your possibilities? Well,

 Jimmy Carper 35:57

it rules out the possibility of a sexual relationship of a sexual. No, I have I have several very close women friends. And

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sure, and there's all share a lot of

 Jimmy Carper 36:09

emotion relations. Yeah. It's just sex isn't part of it. Yeah. And I think they're probably happy relationship with a man and not worry about getting hit on

 Michelle 36:21


Oh, yeah. Yeah. Really? Wonderful thing.


 Bobby 36:24


Yeah. That's one of my closest friends in the world is a is female. Say and. And she just, you know, she just, oh, that's just Bob, you know, she's, she's like, you know, the, at this point, she's like, she could care less who I sleep with, you know, she is more concerned with who I am as a human being


 Jimmy Carper 36:49


is actually that's the way it should be. Yeah, we need to wrap this up and get the news people in here time


 Gigi 36:55
guy, no.


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Credible Fun,


 Jimmy Carper 37:00
fun, fun. Well, I


 Gigi 37:01
just wanted to say one more time, we do have a star Jimmy one award.

 Jimmy Carper 37:06
Thank you. So I was just sitting there talking with Jay and all of a sudden


 Michelle 37:16
we had such a hard time getting you that I could possibly say come to this dinner so you can get an award without saying you're gonna be getting an award.


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We're very glad that you could be there with us at the conference. It was great to have you.

 Jimmy Carper 37:32
I was really glad to be there. And I didn't even feel you know, like, odd man out either. Oh,


 Gigi 37:40
definitely not. Not the


 Michelle 37:42


 Michelle 37:42
honest man. By far


 Jimmy Carper 37:43
I felt very.


 Gigi 37:47
He fit in quite well upstairs.


 Jimmy Carper 37:52
I tried. I wasn't the oldest person there, though, when I noticed. You know, it's when you get older, you kind of have these reservations about, about about body image and all that kind of stuff.

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We're back to the dirty topic, aren't we? No. Dirty, but

 Jimmy Carper 38:11
that that? Well, I think it turned out by some older Yeah, older folks. Yeah.


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Well, I think that's for me, that's part of the same myth that gets it's the older thing. I mean, you've got to be young, you've got to only do a certain way. That's kind of part of the whole thing that I've seen,


 Jimmy Carper 38:33
because we may be older in body but we're still


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we're still young in mind. in mind, yes. Thank you.


 Gigi 38:41


For those that weren't able to make the conference by Nick Houston meets every week on Wednesday evenings from 730 to nine ish Nish teepees to be two bees I'm now bringing the by flag and putting it on their table good stand up thing and if anybody perfect for you. And if anybody wants to come by just drop in or you can call us the phone number is 713467438.

 Michelle 39:21
How many years now? Too many?


 Jimmy Carper 39:25
You're not a number person.


 Gigi 39:27
I am not a number person but we urge but I am

 Jimmy Carper 39:30
anybody. Anybody by friendly by curious by. I know I don't like you don't like that term. But there are people who don't know about their sexuality and you know, maybe this is for them.

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And it's pretty much come as you are to sit around

 Michelle 39:48
as you wish you were just

 Jimmy Carper 39:50
to have coffee and chat.

 Bobby 39:52
Yes. Still a lot of scouts out right.

 Jimmy Carper 39:54
And it's a very open atmosphere. So

And it's a very open atmosphere. So



Gigi 39:58

it's a scarecrow says Some people get



Jimmy Carper 40:05

well, we'll have the news coming up in a little bit. But before we do, I've got a piece of music from Lee Leszek, who is a gay man. Sorry. He has a very beautiful album, called. I know you by heart and it's just dreamy little tunes on here. And this song I'm going to play is my favorite called dreamers. And you've been asked before



Gigi 40:30

we go, do you want to say one thing? I was really impressed with the Houston voice and



Jimmy Carper 40:39

showed up to that because I wanted to be able to tell them that over the air Yeah, front page. I mean