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SPEAKERS

Jay, Jimmy Carper, Gigi, Michelle

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Jimmy Carper 00:02

And that was Annie DeFranco, within or out and you're listening to Annie DeFranco. And everything else you're hearing right now. After hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station Bryan. And now back to the bisexuals.

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Michelle 00:25

We just realized we asked people to call in, but we didn't give a phone number. So our phone number here is 5265738 or 536 KPFT. So if you want to call in just stop at number and have fun, we'll talk to you on the air.

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Gigi 00:44

Wanting to kind of move on with the discussion on women issues. I know that another thing that comes up in the group A lot of times is, you know, just what it's like to be in a relationship as a female. We talked about, you know, how sometimes. And now we're just split up the group in the past males and females, and some issues that come up who got his way or when you're not sure what you are, or when you know, what you want to be or what you are or whatever. Any thoughts on that?

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Michelle 01:31

Now do we have any takers?

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Gigi 01:39

Can we take a call? But anyway, I think the other thing that's really important too, is that, you know, I keep hearing this coming up over and over again in the group that that, you know, it's

hard for women to meet women. You know, it's hard for women too, especially for bisexual women, to connect with other women to meet other women that to form relationships with. How do you all feel about that? So that's something that you've been having problems with lately?



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Yeah, I've always had problems with it. I've known of respite since I was like 17. But I've always dated more guys because they were easier to find. You know, it's hard for me



Michelle 02:33

because almost like guys just find you within you like it or not. But I mean, to find women you have to let go and work really hard.



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Then half the time they have girlfriends anyway



Gigi 02:52

I wanted to kind of bring up another issue. This is totally separate from well, it's partly separate from women's issues. We did get a black sheets publication from Jimmy,



Jimmy Carper 03:08

thank you for mentioning that.



Gigi 03:10

Oh, yes. It's a bisexual. Kind of interesting.



Jimmy Carper 03:16

While the way they call it bisexual. Bill Brent was bisexual,



Gigi 03:21

but the way he was yeah, it's it. It's queer, kinky, intelligent and irrelevant. I mean,

J Jimmy Carper 03:32

gotcha on that one.

G Gigi 03:36

But one thing I mean, it's got everything in it that she ever wanted to know about bisexuality. It's got nude women, amen. editorials, letters, interviews, and everything about bisexuality. And it's totally read in some sections.

J Jimmy Carper 03:54

What I liked about the eyeball I liked a lot of there were there were some stories that were purely erotic, some stories that were very informative, but I liked where he had in the back where he talked with people on computers about bisexuality, and there's like, I don't know, half a dozen different people with their ideas on bisexuality, and they were all different.

G Gigi 04:16

Uh huh. And, I mean, that's something we've encountered in this group is that everybody in here has a different definition of what bisexuality is. You know, we all have different ideas. And I know in California things are really totally different. I mean, it's like they have Jack and Jill off parties. Everything. You know, there's some of the problems that we face as women in California that we do here. You know, and there are healthy alternatives. I don't know how many

J Jimmy Carper 04:55

women want to comment on that. Especially killing off that's it. Yeah. Oh my god. God, I don't want to tell anybody I do that.

J Jay 05:04

Please, everyone does it. You see?

J Jimmy Carper 05:07

Okay, you heard it Houston, everybody does it. Well, the women JG you you could

G Gigi 05:21

do. I can check in show off all in one shot.

J Jimmy Carper 05:29

I would like to tell us how that occurs.

J Jay 05:34

I think we're getting off the subject here.

M Michelle 05:36

I think that's next month's topic.

J Jimmy Carper 05:40

Just because Joycelyn Elders got fired for talking about masturbation, there's no reason that we can talk about it.

J Jay 05:47

Can't fire us, we're volunteers.

G Gigi 05:51

But I know that for a while, I don't know if it's still going on and on. So you know, when AIDS was scare was at its height, they had jackoff parties here for a while

J Jimmy Carper 06:02

actually, I just read in steam magazine. I hadn't read it and steam magazine, which comes, you know, from North Dakota or some some odd place like that, Wisconsin, I think, is that Houston has to jack off clubs. One is for HIV people only. And the other is for anybody else. I had to read that. And the national magazine. That's incredible. And it's so underground.

G Gigi 06:32

Yeah. And well, I know the attitude here publicly. It's kind of frowned upon.

J Jimmy Carper 06:40

I don't understand it. We all do it. So what's the big deal? But other people say? Yeah, well, we all go to the bathroom too. But we don't have to talk about it.

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Gigi 06:48

Yeah, but I mean, it can be so much fun, especially in a group where you see other people doing it. You can learn so much. People get so much pleasure and

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Jay 06:57

talk about safe sex. I mean, exactly what we're supposed to be doing. Right.

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Gigi 07:03

But um, you know, I know, I went I went to a couple of places in California and had a blast. And you know, it's totally safe. And totally also, there's even women, they're doing it, you know, it's like, on display for all of us. And I was on the jury. You know, it's just the one big thing where, you know, one of the things I got out of it was, you know, learn some new techniques. There you go. Something to take home and try.

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Jay 07:31

Yeah, learn something new every day.

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Gigi 07:35

Oh, I tried to. But, anyway, if anybody's interested in ordering black sheets, the PIO boxes 31155 San Francisco, California, zip code 94131. And it costs \$20 For four issues subscription. You want to contact bill, but

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Jimmy Carper 08:04

you Oriente Yeah. And if you missed that, Roy, out in the lobby, we'll have that information, if you want to call us at 5265738. Or if you want to get in on the conversation here.

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Gigi 08:18

But how did y'all feel about Jack and Jill off parties? Any takers?

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Cow man.



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I'm just wondering why they call it black sheets?



Gigi 08:29

I don't know. Good question. Well, it's put out by the black book publications. I see. So I'm not sure why it's called black sheets. Except the cover. I think maybe it's referring maybe to leather sheets. I don't know.



Jimmy Carper 08:50

I'm not sure about that. Little Black Book, the black. The black book is a reference book and I forget what this is terrible. I forget whether it's about I think it's about bisexual organizations and groups around the US.



Gigi 09:07

Okay. Learn something new about bisexuality.



Jay 09:14

You thought you knew at all? Yeah.



Gigi 09:16

But what about cheese? Stacy? Would you be up for Jack and Jill party? That's not going up the hill. Well, maybe in some ways,



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I don't think that's for me. That's something I do in the privacy of my own home. I couldn't do it front of other people. That's just me though.



Gigi 09:40

Even if they were doing it in front of you. Yeah.



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I'm just really modest when it comes to that. I'm a boring bisexual. Okay.

G Gigi 09:55

Do you have any perspectives?

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Do I have any perspectives? Well, let's see.

♀ 10:01

Straight boys peeks straight.

♀ 10:04

This, this is a, this is something completely new to me. It's something I never even thought about. I like the I like the orgy scene myself, as far as many people masturbating in front of each other. Well, if that's what they want to do, that's, I guess that's the problem related to me, that's not my idea of fun. Sex is much better with another person than with yourself. But if everyone can agree to keep their hands off each other, I definitely have nothing against it.

G Gigi 10:43

What if half the fun is getting your hands on each other?

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Exactly. So, you know,

J Jay 10:50

I think I think the difference between a Jack and Jill off party and orgy assist, there's

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no actual treasure. Okay, I

J Jay 10:58

didn't know if we could say that on the radio. So

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Jimmy Carper 11:00

we can sit down penetration

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Jay 11:05

I should have that list of things you can't say on the radio because I always forget. But I mean, you know, it's not just like everyone's doing their own little thing. I mean, at least in this magazine, the the article we had or the story or whatever it was, it was not just everyone's in their own little booth watching movies or anything like that. I mean, it was a lot of hands on touching, kissing, and sounded like a lot of fun. And it wasn't just you know, individual I guess kind of depends on how you define sex and how you define masturbation but it sure changed my views or what I thought a jackoff party was

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Gigi 11:48

well, it's available go for it. I'll just be concerned about where you step because you can slip and break or whatever else you know, it depends on where you shoot it maybe

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12:04

just don't shoot it straight.

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Jay 12:07

This group never

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Gigi 12:10

miss any comments. You're getting so quiet over here

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turning red.

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Michelle 12:15

I don't know. It's doesn't really sound like it's something for me either. But, I mean, if people you know, I feel like that the more varieties of sexuality there are the better but and if you know people who wish to do that I say more power to them.

G Gigi 12:33

One thing I do want to say is that, you know, I think this helps show some of the diversity in the group because it's like a lot of people picture Oh, if you're bisexual, everybody's into wild rampid sex all the time. It just isn't so I mean, except for me, you know? Oh, yeah.

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I wish

G Gigi 13:01

but but anyway, back to women's issues.

J Jay 13:08

That topic now let's Nice segue. But anyway, Oh, speaking of women's issues, by the way, remember how we were talking about we wish there were other places women could go to meet? A friend just called on the phone. I don't know if she wants me to use her name. So I'll keep her anonymous. But she reminded me of two peas on Alabama, Alabama. Yeah, between Montrose and Sheppard. She says it's a great place to go. Nice non threatening or coffee shop Coffee House, whatever they call it. I've been there yet, but it sounds like a great place. Pretty cool. I've been and yeah, she says that, you know, a lot of women hang out there. So that's another place to go.

G Gigi 13:55

I did have another question. You kind of mentioned the word safe. place to go. Do you feel like there's more of a threat for women in the gay community as far as physical violence

J Jay 14:12

in the gay community? Heaven forbid No. safest I've ever felt is with a group of gay men. I mean, never felt threatened. I mean, you know, as far as like, I don't know walking down Montrose. I guess there's always the worry about queer bashers but that's a little different than

G Gigi 14:34

anybody else have. Any feel about going to the bars? Stacey

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Well. when I do to the bars usually these dia women hit on me and it like it freaks me out. It's

like, I mean, it kind of like still scares me a little bit. I don't know why that is. You know, it's like, I'm afraid they're gonna beat me up if I turned them down for a dance or something.

 Michelle 15:07

And I was getting hit on by really little women. So

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okay, you could hit on each

 Gigi 15:19

done what about maybe going to?

 Jay 15:30

Well, one thing, just, I mean, you say like, feeling threatened or feeling yeah, I've never felt physically threatened or anything like that. But well, I guess I personally have never experienced this. But I hear a lot of times in a lot of gay and lesbian organizations where it's both men and women. Sometimes the men will tend to take over and the groups tend to be more gay oriented, gay, male oriented. And so that's why the lesbian community feels they have to have their own lesbian groups, your lesbians in business or something. That's also why the Michigan Women's festival was so adamant about only letting women in to make it a safe place for women. And not that, you know, for gay men. It's not like we feel a physical threat from it's just in this society, men tend to take over from women and men tend to dominate the conversation, whatever. And so I think a lot of conversations, a lot of dialogues between gay gay men and lesbians, the gay men have a tendency to take over the conversation. And so a lot of lesbians can feel intimidated by that, I guess,

 Jimmy Carper 16:45

even in buying it. Oh, yeah. There's, there's a kind of a lesbian contingent. Yeah, we've women only groups

 Jay 16:53

issues with that. Yeah. And because I think with any minority, they need a place to go, where they can feel safe. And when there's a member of the majority, I mean, whether it's racial or sexual, or gender, or sexual orientation, or whatever. Excuse me, the minority needs a place to feel safe. And when there are, when there's some of the majority there, they have a tendency to dominate to take over. And that's always always been an issue for whatever.



Jimmy Carper 17:31

That's really not hard to understand. I know the feeling I had the first time I walked into a gay bar, I felt like I was at home. I was with my people. Oh, yeah. And Jim feels the same way. The first meeting, he went to bind that it was like, I'm with my people. And so it's not hard to understand how at times you want to be with your own kind, no matter how, how small that group happens to be? How selective



Jay 18:01

at times, I think that because all too often, as what happened at the Women's festival is you start to narrow it down and say only women and here's what we mean by women or only bisexuals, and here's what we mean by bisexuals then it starts to be a pulling apart. And, you know, while I agree with having your own little mine minority space, and I like the idea of having lesbians in business, which is just for lesbian bisexual women. I also think that there should be a lot of connection between lesbians and bisexuals and gay men, and have that connection go on. But sometimes, you know, that's, that's why there do need there does need to be women only spaces or lesbian only spaces or bisexual only spaces or something like that. To get that, that feeling of you know, being with my people.



Jimmy Carper 18:58

That's right. That's right. I know as a gay man. For years, I only went to gay male bars. And I really did not have any friends in the lesbian community. And then I joined the game lesbian switchboard. And women came back into my life and I realized how important it was even as a gay man to have women in my life. It kind of balances things out. And it's tough to understand. I know it's having, you know, I can let the the female side of my personality come out. But being with a real woman makes a big difference. And it helped me to understand lesbian issues a whole lot more to Yeah, I mean, I can read all I want but until I hear it voiced by a lesbian, then I really don't understand that same thing with bisexuality until you until you're with bisexuals have I can talk about bisexuals and In my sexual issues all I want, but I'm a gay man. So it doesn't have that impact as it comes from a person who is one.



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Exactly. And



Jimmy Carper 20:17

my soapbox, okay.



Jay 20:20

Yes, good. Thank you for your input.

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Gigi 20:25

I think one thing I'd like to bring out next is the essence of what it is to be a bisexual woman either. Is there something different because I've noticed just dating straight women, and bisexual women that there's a big difference.

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Jimmy Carper 20:45

Let's before we get into that, let's think about that. Let's go to a break. Kind of shake out or cobwebs and talk about what it means to be a bisexual woman. Woman. We'll be back after we whoops. After I put the CD in

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Gigi 21:03

my head is that what you mean by penetration?

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Jimmy Carper 21:10

Yes, stick it in deep. I'm ready. And it's by one of my favorite bisexual artists. Sophie B. Hawkins. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and KPNKE on College Station. Brian. Now Sophie B. Hawkins with right beside you. With right beside you one of our favorite bisexual artists. And now a lesbian group group of women who came in a couple of weeks ago and dropped off a cassette of their music and they're going to be one of the starring acts at the Lone Star women's musical festival. That's going to be held October 6 seventh and eighth of the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country, there's going to be 18 plus musical acts. Entertaining workshops open mic stage plus surprises more than 900 Women attended this in 1994. So there's gonna be over 1000 this year at the Lone Star women's musical festival that's October 6, seventh and eighth. If you want more information, give us a call at 5265738 ROI. We'll have some of the handouts on this. But right now, the threads and we'll be talking to the threads. We got to talk with three of the threads. We want to talk to all four of them and maybe have them do some live music here. Right in the studio. So look for upcoming interviews with the Fred's and right now my favorite song that they do. It's getting down the road.

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The Harris County flood recovery project is offering free and confidential counseling for persons affected by the October 94 flood disaster. Normal responses for any age may include sleep disturbances, loss of appetite and feelings of anxiety when it rains. Services provided our support group stress management, individual or family counseling and linkage to disaster related services. For more information please call a flood recovery counselor at 7520717 marches cataract Awareness Month. Now is the time to get the facts on cataracts. Call prevent

blindness Texas at 5262559. If you would like your nonprofit organizations Public Service Announcement read on KPFT please send information to KPFT radio 419 Lovett Boulevard Houston, Texas 77006 And please send two weeks in advance a broadcast date Thank you



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The following is a dramatization no real bumpers were used for making this promo Oh my car Oh no. My program I have a bumper sticker. The bumper sticker my old KPFT bumper sticker. It's



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ruined. My insurance is never going to cover my KPFT bumper sticker. Oh me humanity. my bumper sticker. Hey, don't worry about it because KPFT is now offering our brand new KPFT bumper sticker absolutely free. Whether the stickers on your car, truck, boat, skateboard or guitar case, you'll be proud to show off your KPFT bumper sticker wherever you go. You'll be delighted by the vibrant and moving colors that you'll want to order two bumper stickers, one for you and another to share with the love One. Furthermore, we've made ordering the KPFT bumper sticker. So easy. Your friends are going to want to order their very own. Ordering is easy. So don't delay. Send a self addressed stamped envelope to KPFT bumper sticker for 19 Lovett Boulevard Houston, Texas 77006 or call 52629729 certified by the Texas bumper sticker bar law 46 weeks for delivery bumper nut included. Wow, my Bob Oh.



Gigi 25:32

This is JT back. And with finance, and we're doing women's issues, and we left off with a question. But before we get to the question, I do want to offer the number again to anybody out there that wants to have comments about anything, whether it's by women issues, or gay women issues, straight women issues, just whatever the number is 526-573-8526 KPFT. And now we'll move on. Do you want to start?



Michelle 26:12

Sir? question you're asking was what does it mean to be a bisexual woman? That's to me, it means just, I guess. I mean, it's about loving, loving a person for who they are, instead of what body parts they have, or know how, against the expectations that people have of us. I mean to be able to see through all the societal kind of stuff that is put on people and be able to just simply love somebody for who they are.



Gigi 26:48

Do you find that it's more difficult being bisexual? I mean, do you feel like it's maybe more difficult being a woman as bisexual than it would be if you're a male?

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Michelle 27:03

I don't know. I mean, I don't honestly, do you feel that bisexual men tend to suffer a little bit more than bisexual women, all they have is a bisexual woman you get trivialized a lot by by people like oh, you know, like, if you come out as like, when I come out as bisexual several times it's been like, Oh, that's cute. You know, it's like, they don't take it seriously. It's like, That's very frustrating. But on the other hand, I do I do feel that that's better than like getting beat up.

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Jay 27:31

Well, I think it's this is Jay. I think it's difficult to be a bisexual woman well used to bisexual feminist in the same way that in much the same way that it's difficult to be a heterosexual feminist because, as you said, Stacey sleeping with the enemy. I mean, a lot of people see that and at least lesbians. You know, they don't, they're not sleeping with men. And so they can incorporate their feminism kind of more into their lives. Incorporate the political into the personal if I may, whereas bisexuals we were dealing with men, both kind of as quote unquote, the enemy and then also as lovers. And, and then we're also in the lesbian community. And it's, I sense a struggle in there. It's always kind of a struggle, I guess it's more of a political thing for me. But there's always a kind of a struggle there.

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Michelle 28:37

I feel feeling is that that's that that can be really empowering in a way just because I mean, if you if you get really frustrated, you know, with with the with the way men act, it's like, you can just say, Well, fine, then I'm not gonna do it. I'm not gonna deal with men take my toys. So sounds like you have almost least, you know, I believe it's like, almost an escape that heterosexual women who are feminists don't have because they have to deal with men on a sexual level.

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Gigi 29:05

We're about to Stacy.

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Well, I agree with Michelle. In that, I guess I look at the person as being a person not about what they have. And that if I get if I get fed up with one gender, I can go the other. I've done that before, but about being a bisexual feminist, which I am. Sometimes it's really frustrating for me. Because it's like, I'm reading all these feminist books, and I'm trying to incorporate it into my life. It's like I'm living it every day in like, the relationships I have. And sometimes I just want to say, forget it. But there's like, no way I can be a lesbian. I tried it didn't work. But yeah, it's, it's a big thing for me. You know, trying to terminate a strong, feminist woman, you know, and still go out with men. It's really hard.

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Jay 30:03

Tell me about it.

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Gigi 30:06

What do you think about?

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Jay 30:09

What is the essence of a bisexual woman? Glory? Again, that's kind of like, what does it mean to be bisexual? I mean, you ask what, there's six of us here, you're gonna get six different answers. I don't know, I almost kind of think that's an irrelevant question. I mean, that's kind of like I, I don't quite see the point. I mean, I can say what it means to me to be bisexual, and what it means to me to be a woman. But what it means to be bisexual woman, I don't know. And I can't really say without qualifying it, I know what it means to me to be bisexual feminist, as I said, but I don't know, too many other factors in the equation, I suppose.

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Gigi 31:00

I guess that's kind of thinking of, you know. In our relationship, you know, we, we do a lot of playing with gender roles. Switching around, and having some fun with it. And sometimes we do some switching around and, you know, flip flops. And sometimes for me, can feel very feminine. And very womanly. And it's a, it's a whole different perspective. I mean, for me, to be not only effeminate, that female, the female sign out, it's kinda like, I get a sense of why I've always kind of had this sense of, you know, more on the submissive side. And the men, the men in my life have always been real, you know, the traditional dominant types, except for me, I think it was kind of a double whammy, because as expected to be one of the dominant types, you know,

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Jay 32:16

they get that one wrong.

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Gigi 32:19

Oh, big time. But, you know, I guess that's kind of thinking in those kind of terms. You know, you know, I know that a lot of times I get a lot put onto me for being bisexual. And for being feminine. You know, and it's, it's kind of like, for me, it's hard to separate the two. I don't know if it's, you know, I guess for you. It sounds like it is a little bit more separated.

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Jay 32:53

Well, I guess. Okay, from that point of view. Yeah, I can see that since coming out as bisexual. I've, I don't know, gotten in touch with my masculine side or something like that. I don't know.

I'm definitely not the same person. I was in high school. But I don't know if that's so much an aspect of coming to terms with my bisexuality or coming to terms of my feminism or coming to terms with myself? Yes, in our relationship, I do see years in my relationship. I see. We do play around with gender roles a lot. And just, you know, whoever feels like cooking does the cooking whoever feels like cleaning up cleans up? And but I guess again, now I see that more as a personal thing. That's our relationship. And if I was with somebody else, it might be different. I guess I can't really say that. It's because I am a bisexual woman that I feel this way. I don't know. But just rock on. Oh, question.



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What do you clean up when you are like a man?



Jay 34:04

Hmm. Oh, as far as cooking and cleaning up? Yeah, that's true, I guess. Well see, that's yes. Another thing in my family. Were just all screwed up. A couple years ago, my father gave my mother a scroll saw for Christmas. And she turned around gave him a pressure cooker. And this is the kind of family I come from and, and my younger sister is very much in that she's always played soccer and she's big and strong. She can kick your butt nine different ways. But yet she's also very feminine, always wears nice clothes and looks just exceedingly gorgeous. My older sister has been very masculine and feminine in different ways, too. So as far as you know what it means to be a woman what it means to be a man well in my family, what it means to be a woman it means you go out and you're working in your workshop and you're, you know, cutting down two by fours and to be a man It means you're doing the grocery shopping and working jigsaw puzzles So, I guess I've just gotten screwed up all the way around. I don't know.



Gigi 35:04

I would say that's more of a blessing than a screw up myself. As far as being gorgeous I think



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the way that I was raised