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 Michelle 00:02

And when I'm dating someone who is bisexual, I mean, I feel like there's a natural understanding that's already there.

 Gigi 00:09

That's explained.

 Michelle 00:11

Right? And compared to like, if I'm dating someone who's not bisexual, there's always there's the issue of like having to explain you know, certain like, what it means to be bisexual, you know, I'm not going to leave you for a man are not gonna leave you for a woman. That kind of that kind of issue comes up more I think when I'm dating someone who's not bisexual versus someone who is-.

 Speaker 2 00:32

And I think to this is Jay by the way for the identification. Um, you know, talk. I'm with you that everyone since I've come out and everyone I've dated has been bisexual. Well, everyone, except that one woman I went out with one night and I was bad it. No, I'm sorry. She was bisexual too. Okay, so they're all bisexual. But um, when I was in the process of coming out, I was dating this guy, and in grad school, Catholic Republican business major, and which always sounds so horribly scary. But he was really one of the most wonderful, caring, sweet people, most open minded person I've met in a long time. And so I told him, I was at the time I thought I was lesbian. I said, Well, I think I'm a lesbian. And his only response was, Oh, does that mean you want to break up? And it's like, well, here's what we're lesbians do. And he was, he was very supportive. And he was very sweet and all but one thing he said, was kind of like what you were saying, Michelle, with the, you know, the married couple, and the woman comes out and

says, Oh, I think I'm bisexual. And the husband says, Well, if you want to bring a woman home, that's fine. You know, and that's, and that's kind of what he did. And he was. So on the surface, it seemed like he was very open and accepting and friendly and everything like that. But there was still this kind of Sure. I don't mind if you bring another woman home and a little bit like that.

 Gigi 02:04

But does it sometimes feel like you're in some kind of circus, or? Or some kind of freak show when people ask you that? Or?

 Speaker 2 02:17

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Yeah.

 Michelle 02:20

Just it just feels tiresome at times, answering the same questions over and over again. Because sometimes, you know, sometimes I find that, like, I'll get impatient with somebody. And it's, you know, it's not so much that they're asking, the question they're asking is bad, or that, you know, I shouldn't. There's, there's nothing wrong with the question they're asking, but it's just that I've answered the same question about 70 or 80 times. So it gets to where it's like, well, I feel like I've explained it so many times.

 Speaker 2 02:45

I know that, but but I think yeah, I think too, it's, it's, you always have to explain yourself over and over and over again. And even I mean, I was thinking, Oh, I think I might be a lesbian. So I tell my boyfriend that and then like, I think, Oh, it must have been less than a month later, I finally realized no, I'm not lesbian and bisexual. And so I told him, and even so, months later, when we were talking, and he said something about, well, I know you still need to figure out who you are and where you're going. I said, No, I know, I'm bisexual. And he says, Yeah, I know. So I'm gonna give you time to figure out where you know who and what you are. And I said, I know who I am. I'm bisexual. And it's really hard. I think, you know, I may have just been him. But-.

 Gigi 03:34

Well, fun to that. I mean, I think there's kind of a dual issue there, possibly. Because I think it's real hard for anybody that isn't bisexual to really understand and accept that that is a legitimate orientation. Because I've had boyfriends and girlfriends both come in and say, Well, you just haven't made up your mind yet. You know, in time, you're gonna identify, but you know, you're not.

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Michelle 04:08

I find that. I mean, in general, it's difficult for at least at least I find that like, it's difficult for anyone to really understand what people you know, who are different, like, try to is hard for people to put the feet in other people's shoes. Like, for example, I mean, I find that sometimes like bisexual people will come and say, Oh, well, everyone's really bisexual. And that's, to me just as bad as saying that, like, oh, no, one's bisexual that some gay people will say. And I find that, at least for me, I find it's important to try to understand that everyone has their own perspective on on who they are. And there's like, all kinds of different ways of looking at things.

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Gigi 04:42

That's one of the things I like about my net is that I think it's such a diverse group. And the thing I've discovered is that, you know, it's, you really can't stereotype. Everybody's, in a sense, unique and everybody has a different mixture. of who they are, and how they come across.

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Speaker 2 05:04

But, you know, we have all sorts of people come into by net, you know, because, as you say you you said, I don't think anyone who's not bisexual can really understand. And, you know, on the one hand, I mean, of course, there's always that if you're not something you can't fully understand it, I will never fully understand what it means to be a lesbian or a gay male or anything. But you can, you know, get their 99% of the way and we have had gay people, we've had straight people come in to buy them. And you know, I mean, my sisters are just absolutely wonderful. I came out to them. And my older sisters response was to go and call up everybody she knew and say, Oh, my sister just came out as bisexual congratulate me, you know, I mean, it's like, this is and even so she well, until I met you, and even after I met you for a while she was saying, so if you met me cute guys, cute women. What? You know, she's always coming back from school saying, Oh, I met this fabulous woman you'd love her. Or oh, I just really cute guy, I think you'd really get along. So okay, thanks for trying to set me up their hand. But you know, thanks. And even my younger sister does that she hasn't tried to set me up with anyone. But you know, she, I'll talk about something and just say, have you had this problem with any boyfriends or girlfriends in the past? It's like, well, so it can happen. And I'm sure there are some straight.

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Gigi 06:22

I mean, you know, I've had found both acceptance and rejection in the gay community about my bisexuality, I've found people that are very supportive, and very understanding. Then I've had others that said-.

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Speaker 2 06:41

I hate bisexuals. You know, but even the people who at least I've run into they've, they've always I've, I've heard people say that, or, you know, I was with this lesbian group one time and so many women, oh, I'd never do lesbian suit me a bisexual woman and blah, blah, blah. But

even as they said that they knew I was bisexual. And they were, they were they were okay with it. And ever. So often, they'd say something like, we just need to find you good woman, you'd be good lesbian and all that. But I'd say no, I'm bisexual and say, Oh, that's right. That's right. And I had to remind him a little bit, but but still, it was really cool. And they accepted it. You know, and kind of tease me about it a little bit. But you know, I just kind of teed right back. But I think it is. It sure is a lot easier to date a bisexual person, I'll put it that way. Because you don't have to sit there and explain. No, okay, I like men, and I like women, but sometimes.

 Gigi 07:40

I think that's, you know, that kind of leads to the next thing I want to kind of bring up is that finance itself? And how, you know, the atmosphere there is so accepting of everyone tries to be Yeah, tries. Sometimes, but I mean, you know, I've walked into many different types of meetings and, and been around many different groups. And the thing I find that bind it is that you know, everyone there is accepted for who they are. And nobody really tries to change anybody. Now, we have our disagreements, and you're gonna find that anywhere. But the thing I find that that's unique about this group, is it for both the women and the men is that it's it's very accepting and, and supportive, in the sense that, you know, we're not here to change somebody. We're here to support people in who they are.

 Speaker 2 08:44

Yeah, it's a safe place. I always feel very safe. There. Yeah. And even the first time we were just talking about that, in fact, how the first time we all walked into buying it, and we're just scared to death. Well, it was Michelle and I were seeing-.

 Michelle 09:02

What's going on what's gonna happen.

 Speaker 2 09:06

Okay, so we're a little weird.

 Gigi 09:08

Gigi.

 Speaker 2 09:11

And then we said, oh, boy, that's that's, that's about as crazy as it gets. But, yeah, we're all kind of nuts there. But it's, it's fun. And it is a good group. It's a good group.

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Gigi 09:27

That looks like we're ready for another. Pause in the agenda.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:32

No, actually that been break with. It's just at the top of the hour and we know you're listening to KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

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Gigi 09:42

The Time does fly. I know.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:46

I can go to a piece of music if you need a breather. Yeah. Why don't we turn on music? Okay, since we were just talking about the roop Hall concert, and the benefit, I thought I'd drag out some pink, who kind of opened up that concert and She has. This is off her last album called hush in the Rama.

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Gigi 10:05

Before we go to that, yeah, so you want to remind everyone by net meets every Wednesday night, from seven to nine at MCCE church

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Jimmy Carper 10:15

Still meeting there? Oh, yes,

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Michelle 10:17

Yes, and the phone number is-.

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Speaker 2 10:19

467438.

J

Jimmy Carper 10:22

And now pink with a song for the game lesbian community called Give and Take.

G Gigi 10:35

We're back Gigi here with binary Houston. And we're discussing a little bit on feminism and, and women's issues in the bisexual community. And I wanted to kind of clarify one thing about by Nance, I don't want to sound like we're all real gender fluid. Many of us are in binary, but there's some people that what's came between the legs at birth is pretty well rooted. And, you know, we do have some very strong masculine men and some very feminine women and-.

M Michelle 11:15

All sorts of things in between, it's like, that's why that's what I really love is just, there's just a wide, diverse range of-.

G Gigi 11:24

One thing I kind of want to bring up, since and this is kind of related to female issues or women's issues, it's almost the antithesis. In that is, when a man wants to wear a dress, or when a man is found. And stepping out of that society's role model it is, I think, sometimes even more ingrained than the female role model. I know, I was persecuted growing up because I like playing with dolls and, and cooking and sailing and, and many of the things that were typically female. And, you know, it's called all kinds of things, everything from Sissy and, and I had guys wanting to beat me up after school and did learn how to run and climb very fast. But, you know, I think part you can't talk about just a woman's movement or women's issues, unless you also look at the opposite side. And that is that, you know, because it all fits is part of the whole in the sense that we have these ingrained role models of what it is to be a man and what it is to be a woman. And, you know, unless both sides change, you're never really going to see change on either side that's meaningful.

S Speaker 2 12:57

Yeah. Well, as I have long contended, we have had a woman's movement in that there were the two separate spheres, there was the man's world and a woman's world. And feminist movement came along and exploded the woman's sphere. And now women can stay home and cook and raise their kids or they can go out and be CEOs tried to be CEOs, you know, and basically women have a lot of freedom to wear pants or they can wear pants or wear a dress. They can wear lipstick. And you know, to certain things if you don't wear lipstick or you don't shave your legs. Yeah, there's a little bit of backlash there. But But um, now what-.

G Gigi 13:38

Even in the workplace, you're not gonna get fired if you show up in the opposite genders clothing, whereas I can imagine all workplaces but yeah, but I can imagine if I went to work dressed as I am tonight, baby.

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Speaker 2 13:56

Think that long blue dress would go very well in corporate America. But she does. So that's what I'm saying is so we've had this women's movement and women can you know, this sort of revolutionists were and women can wear pants women can wear dresses, you know to a certain extent and men can't so I think we need a comparable men's movement and I'm not talking iron John go out in the woods and beat a drum kind of crap. But you know, a real something that explodes the man's sphere because it is very tight. And you know, we all know about homophobia and stuff like that, but it really has very little to do with who you sleep with. It's as you were saying it has to do with how you look and how you act and you would have been called sissy whether or not you were you know, whether you're gay, straight or bisexual or whatever. That's really irrelevant. It's because you're a sissy because you didn't play football because you know, you've played with dolls and stuff like that.

G

Gigi 14:52

Yeah, yeah, cuz it's horrible that those three big sports baby trying to hit that damn back with the ball all the way around. That's why I mean, you're supposed to use the other way around. or catch that thing that, that looks like a funny projectile on either end, that things hurt when they hit you, especially on the pointed end. But if you do manage to catch it, or you're even AAA When did because everybody jumps on.

M

Michelle 15:37

I think so much of the attitude like in society is related to that. I mean, the whole patriarchal attitudes in society are related to like keeping up that the the notion that men are superior to women, and if men start to act more like women, then that like threatens the whole notion because it says that there's some sort of value to acting like a woman. Yeah.

G

Gigi 15:54

And I like Jace Paul point. She's told me so many times, for women to dress like a man and to step up. But for man to dress like a woman.

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Speaker 2 16:06

Yeah, step in the wrong direction.

G

Gigi 16:10

Actually, I think it's a step up. Yes, I feel this skirt flitting about my ankles.

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Speaker 2 16:22

It's you, baby. But so I think we need a comparable men's movement. Oh, I had a big long

discussion with my ex boyfriend last time he was up here about that. And he was going on and saying how men have freedom. You know, there are men out there who babysit and stay home and cook and I said to right, three, four of them, you know, what is this? But um-.

 Gigi 16:44

I've always wanted to be a happy homemaker.

 Speaker 2 16:48

You do a wonderful job of it, sweetie. But yeah, we've had this woman's movement, but it's kind of I think, almost reached a stalemate. Because there is no comparable men's movement. If women want to go out in the workforce, that's all well and good. They got to come home and feed the kids and do the diapers and stuff like that.

 Gigi 17:10

And there's that's part of what's led to this Superwoman role. Oh, yeah, woman does everything and the man just for.

 Michelle 17:20

The workplace has become more accepting, like, you know, the men in charge have become more accepting of women working and you know, that's okay with them. But they're not accepting of like men doing the housework and then doing the cleaning and men doing the cooking and men doing-.

 Speaker 2 17:33

Heaven forbid, mentioned trying take maternity leave, you know, it's like, it just doesn't work. paternity leave, excuse me. It just you know-.

 Gigi 17:41

-but I want to take maternity.

 Speaker 2 17:45

Leave when you get pregnant, we'll talk about it. Okay. Okay, but I think that I think that dead women's movement, it's kind of, as I say, reached a stalemate. And that's, if I may go back to it one more time when we're talking about it, buying it in the kind of equality we have and how women are valued men are valued. Men who dress like women are valued women who dress

like men, you know, whatever. But it's all seen as I think that's kind of more what I mean by gender fluidity at any rate, not so much like one day I'm going to wear a suit and tie and the next day I'm going to wear lipstick. I mean the only time I wear lipstick is involuntarily-.

 Gigi 18:32

-but when I kiss or-

 Speaker 2 18:36

-lipstick stays on mute, just because he wished lipstick doesn't mean she-

 Gigi 18:39

-has to get some that stuff.

 Michelle 18:43

But-

 Speaker 2 18:43

-to do a commercial for that-

 Gigi 18:44

-man, where's the lipstick but then smear off.

 Speaker 2 18:54

But oh no, he's lucky. He made me forget what I was saying. Oh, something about buying it and thank you. Yeah. So that I'm a man. For me kind of what I mean when I say gender fluidity is like, we have like a continuum. We have men who are really stereotypically masculine and got the big muscles and going or are you know, and not like macho buttheads or anything like that? We don't have those thank God but you know, just just working out and real buff and wouldn't even dream of putting on lipstick or anything. And then we have men who you know, maybe low flirty or something but basically masculine and then we have men who wear dresses and lipstick and not not at all you know, and there's total Queens like you dearest. And then you know we have women who do all that as well and it's all okay, you know, we have we even have you know, some transgender people come by I or transsexual whichever the difference is or you know, whatever or non or, you know, I don't know what. And it's all okay, you know, and that, to me is the ultimate goal of feminism and the reason why I call it feminism I know some people who don't call it feminism, I call it humanism because I believe in, you know, human

movement and blah, blah, blah. But, you know, I hate to say it to say that kind of denigrates and cheapens the women's position. But it's like when people talk about race and why can't we all just have no color? What that means is why can't we all be white? Okay. Why'd Why do we always have talk about gender issues? Why can't we all just be human? What that means is why can't we all be man, you know, but basically, it's my interpretation. But it bind it with the people I see there. It tends to be more of we are all human. And men can do whatever they want. Women can do whatever they want. It's really cool. Works for me. So I don't know that's and there are some people who I guess are gender fluid. I think more than what you're talking about, Michelle, that, you know, one day they get up and wear a dress and lipstick and the next day suit and tie.

 Gigi 21:19

That's me.

 Speaker 2 21:22

Yeah, but only because you can't help it sweetie. Suit and tie thing.

 Gigi 21:26

No one ever really blamed me that I had a choice. Probably wearing with something something a little off the wall though.

 Michelle 21:37

Like Gigi wearing like a shirt and a tie and like a mini skirt

 Gigi 21:44

-or a woman's suit and tie-

 Speaker 2 21:48

-with a big floppy bow like-

 Michelle 21:52

-that's my friend. I was talking I was talking to a friend of mine as I'm moving. I'm moving in about a few weeks to Memphis to do like a real corporate kind of job. And my friend was like oh, you should just go there wearing a suit and tie and stuff and I was like I was you know kind of thinking of that but I knew I'd get fired if I did.

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Speaker 2 22:09

For me, it wouldn't be fun yeah, sometimes I wear DD suits as well cool it's got some three piece suits nice one-

G

Gigi 22:24

I want to throw one other thing in because this was an issue that I grew up with and I always wondered why we had a name for Tom girls that we didn't I mean Tom boys oh you know me I just can't get this gender thing.

S

Speaker 2 22:42

-boys girls from within.

G

Gigi 22:47

But anyway, it just mystified me that there's not an appropriate and you know, pleasant and well kind of role model type thing. name for a boy that was found that for girl to be a tom boy is socially acceptable and for a boy to be girl Jane. is unacceptable unacceptable.

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Speaker 2 23:26

Well, I think it goes back to what we are saying in this this hierarchy for for a little girl to act like a boy you know people Pat her on the head. No, well look at that. Ha ha ha. Because it's a good thing. At least you know, of course she wants to be like a boy doesn't everybody. But for a boy to act like a girl. Why would you do that? You want to play with dolls and cook? You know? And so-

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Gigi 23:54

I mean, I was I was thoroughly indoctrinated and the big three sports miserably. I mean, they forced me to play these themed things they tried to indoctrinate Yeah, they try then mark. And the whole thing just totally backfired. I mean, I cannot shoot the thing into the basket. I cannot hit the ball. I cannot catch it. My hand coordination when they're just problem after problem, I mean, in school is has just singled out. I had people on both sides saying if you're on my team, we're gonna meet you after school and beat you up. You know, it just didn't work. And yet, I was continuously forced to play these rugged boys sports. Even though I begged and swore that I hated it and tried to get out of it every chance I could.

M

Michelle 24:53

It's almost like they that like society is divided activities into like two spheres just like a

woman's sphere, and then there's like a human's Hear that, you know that it's okay for basically the whole of things like on TV and stuff you always see like, male things when you see like TV shows directed, or the men are the heroes doing things and this is like we're all supposed to aspire to. But you never see like, anything really wishes like the woman's a hero and-.

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Speaker 2 25:22

Well if there-. Yeah, or if there is anything you know, I Feldman Louise I mean this, this whole thing is basically this buddy buddy movie about these two people who go out and commit a crime and then run from the law. But he's Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid only. They're both women. And oh my gosh, you know, you know what happened with that and all the controversy and whatnot. And, and, yeah, so women, I think, for the most part, women's work, women's thoughts and stuff tend to be devalued. And I think until we have a men's movement, like we were saying some sort of revolution to break out of that sphere it will continue to be and no matter how and women will be seen as being valuable if they correspond to it to male ideals and you know, like working in the corporate America and stuff like that if they act like a man and this is good and and stuff like that but a man to like you're saying to be nurturing to look, I want to play the dollies and be a happy homemaker and you know, stuff like that is seen as being wrong as being twisted.

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Gigi 26:35

I mean, this is and what I found especially intriguing was it is punished, countless times beaten, spanked and told given this strong message just take this like a man. Oh, baby, it turned me into the biggest s&m Queen you ever saw.

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Speaker 2 27:03

Talking about backfiring.

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Gigi 27:07

But, you know, we get this indoctrination. And I think it's, we get it equally. Whether we're a man or woman trying to transverse thralls. It's like society. backlash is this.

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Speaker 2 27:27

Yeah, it's hard for me to talk about it. Because and I don't know why this happened. But it did that my parents really let us grow up how we wanted to. And they let us and I don't know if it was just because there were only three girls in the family. So if my dad wanted to go out and throw the baseball around, he had to pick one of the girls or what but you know, my old sister was out there. And we talked about tomboy man. She did wear dress she tried to my mother tried to make her wear a dress one time when she's about three and she put up such a screaming fit. She did not wear a dress till she was like in I think eighth grade or something like

that. And that's only because she had to. Which is really odd because now she's like the fashion play to the family. And it's just incredibly gorgeous. But she was such a little tomboy. And. And so all of us were growing up. None of us if we wanted to play with dolls, that was fine. We had Barbie dolls, we had Tonka Trucks, you know, and we'd be out there with our trucks running over our Barbies, actually, but like Barbie, but, you know, we played with our other dogs when we played house sometimes, and then we'd go out and we played cops and robbers and ooh, we love playing pirates, you know? So, it's hard for me to see that. But then I guess I can see it. Because we'd get it in school. And because my parents did not raise us that you know, you there are certain things you can't do because because you're a woman. And I said I wanted to be a geologist at one point. My father was ecstatic. He's a geologist, and he was oh, great. Yeah, cool. Be a geologist. And then I got to school. You know, people were saying maybe you shouldn't go into science. Maybe you should be like literature or something. Which is ironic because I do teach English but um, you know, and so when I got to school, I got the socialization there, and everyone was telling me no, you can't do this. You're a woman and I was a girl. I'm Excuse me. It just really confused me. Tom, I didn't know what to think. I was like, what do you what do you mean? What are you talking about?

 Gigi 29:37

I certainly admire you. I think you're so wonderful. You're-.

 Speaker 2 29:42

-just it's crazy. Boy.

 Gigi 29:44

That's silly thing. Oh, Michelle. You're so quiet over there.

 Speaker 2 29:50

Talking to me.

 Michelle 29:51

Yeah, just just call it alright. I guess-.

 Gigi 29:56

What about you in growing up, did you feel this socialization pressure?

 Michelle 30:06

I mean, yeah, it's, it's, you know, when you grow up in a society, it's like, there's all this pressure. I mean, there's all these rush Oh, boys are like this girls like this is the way that you have to be. And, you know, to get away from that takes a lot of years and a lot of time and a lot of getting over, you know, stereotypes getting over, socialization, socialization.

S Speaker 2 30:30

And I think even, you know, as I said, even if your parents, you know, my parents tried to raise us, free and equal and whatnot, and even so we still got the message. My mother reports one time with absolute horror, that the boys were out playing with someone we throw the ball football in the streets, - wrap it up on the screen. And we were watching from the sidelines, and my mother asked, Why aren't you out there playing? And my older sister said, Girls don't play football girls watch. My feminist mother's hard here and she got ahead. And there was something else you do? Yeah, yeah. And there was something I got.

G Gigi 31:20

Do you have to mention Jays mom. I got J router for Christmas this year. Her whole family was going, okay. Her mom came in and her eyes got big and wide. And she said, wow, power tools?

S Speaker 2 31:38

Yeah, well, my ex boyfriend. His favorite story was one year for Christmas. My mother gave my father a pressure cooker. And my father gave my mother a scroll saw. You said that explains a lot about you. But, yeah, but so with this kind of family. I mean, you would think that we would not get these sorts of social messages, but we did, to a certain extent. So even even though your parents may try their hardest, society still kind of creeps in every so often. But we can we work on overcoming it.

M Michelle 32:17

Yeah, just realize you something kind of interesting. I thought, on the internet, I was talking to this one woman who's a lesbian, and she's raising, she's raising her daughter, you know, she's been in a committed relationship with this woman for about 10 or 15 years. And she's, she's very, very masculine in a lot of ways. She's very Butch and, and her daughter is like, wanting to become a cheerleader and we're all this makeup and all this stuff. She's like, God, where did I go wrong? God is like bringing him all these guys and stuff. And she's like, Oh, God-.

G Gigi 32:46

I had kind of like to wrap things up a little bit. We talked a lot about the women's issues and feminist movement. And in buying that, and, and I think the thing that really stands out about buying it is that you know, we do have a lot of people that can be whoever they are, and can even play with it and be whoever they aren't. And the acceptance and love and just being a

part of each other. It's kind of like it's the way I hope the world will be one day. And man, that we can all accept each other for who we are and for our strengths and impossibly even one day, kind of overlook some of the weakness.

M

Michelle 33:52

I just never could relate to the idea of like, like, whenever I see people who just, you know, totally hate people because they're different like Oh, I'm gonna go kill this person because they're gay or because they're black or I just never could relate to you know, why do you hate this person so much? Whatever, what have they done? I mean, it's like I just hope that over time, you know, we get to be more I guess I guess it's like something I find interesting. You know, just the more you talk to people from other cultures and other backgrounds and stuff, the more you realize that you know that we're all human and they're just they're just like us in a lot of ways. They have their own unique story and their own way of how they got to be who they are but they're still human and they still bleed red blood.

J

Jimmy Carper 34:40

Okay, gang. I think you've done it again for this month. You're listening to After Hours crew radio with attitude on KPFT instant and KEOS College Station and-.

G

Gigi 35:00

It is a full moon out there. Yeah.

J

Jimmy Carper 35:03

Yes, yes. In fact, you should have been here last week we had the owners of the magic cauldron. Show. Yes, it was. So great show great show. Because because I know that you've talked about paganism quite a bit. Yeah. So that that was kind of neat. I didn't really know until the last minute or I would have given you a call. Okay. Anyway, you have been listening to Gigi and J and Michelle on bisexual issues and actually issues for the entire queer and straight communities. Things to think about. Coming up and a couple of minutes, I've got JJ from April queer talk about what's going on with his group. And Rainbow is here to talk about Mother's Day. And in the two o'clock hour, we've got reflections of a Rock Lobster the the radio drama of Aaron Frick, who took his boyfriend to the prom. It's getting to be kind of that time, you know, Mays is prom month, isn't it? May June. Okay, so then we'll we've got community events and things coming out. But right now we have a request. Indigo from the third ward called in and wanted to dedicate a song to Sunshine. It's k.d. lang. And it's if I were you, and I want to thank Gigi and J and Michelle for being here tonight.

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Michelle 36:42

Thanks for having us.

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Jimmy Carper 36:43

You. Yes, if I were you, that's from Indigo to Sunshine. Nice song nice song you're listening to After Hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station. And a few months ago, if you are a long term term listener of this show, you heard us talking about a new group that was forming called Abled Queers. And tonight, JJ is back to talk more about it. JJ. Hi, there, what's up?

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Not much. We're on Tuesday night if you have nothing to do. Six o'clock. I'm asking y'all to swing by Charlie's it's not the best place to eat but the best place anyway to have a meeting. It is it is and that but basically, we're actually getting to the stage.

J

Jimmy Carper 37:53

Let's start from the beginning. What's abled queers?

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Eva, queer. We are a support group for people that are gay, lesbian, bisexual are transgender, we leave no one out. And that you can even be straight as long as you're gay friendly. Ah, okay. We're a support group for people that have mental or physical disabilities that are gay or lesbian or any of the others listed. And we're trying to open the eyes of the people within the community that you can have a disability and still be gay and lesbian. You are no different from what you are. Yeah. And that we're human. We're human beings too.

J

Jimmy Carper 38:33

Yeah, sometimes it makes me crazy that being part of the game, lesbian community, I see so many queers look down their nose, at someone with a physical or mental disability.

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They happen. It happens a lot. It's like, I've gone to clubs here in Houston, and I got owners of bars that will testify to the that I have been spit on by patrons. Gosh, we have two little girls in the Montrose area that are in chairs now, that are dope dealers. And because they're in wheelchairs, and they're dealing dope, that they consider anybody that are gay or lesbian dealing dope. And that if they're in a chair, oh brother, and it really kind of gives us sour taste, too. It's like yes, I'm