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WOMAN: (SINGING) After Hours. After Hours.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. You've tuned in to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of *After Hours* is ready to bring you news, interviews, dialogue, and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their friends. Here at *After Hours*, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common-- we are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are.

Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age, job, or frame of mind. That's OK. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of *After Hours*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, yes, sir. That ends right like real fast, doesn't it? Well, hello Houston and College Station in the world and welcome to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude. This is the Sunday, July 7th edition. We're in our temporary new time from 1:00 to 4:00 AM on Sunday morning. And the music that you heard was, yes, it was the B-52s and yes, it was Love Shack and yes, there's a reason that I played it because, number one, it's a nice queer band and, number two, it's their 25th anniversary. I saw that on CNN. Amazing what happens when you turn on the TV. Oh, yes.

This is the first Saturday of the month. So it's Bi- Net and the second half of the show is-- GiGi's giving me sign language there with his fingers. He's going to be in there but in a minute. But he has to do something. And I don't whatever, OK. [LAUGHS] Yes, GiGi is here. The second half of the show is the *After Hours* News and Views Magazine.

And Big Roy cannot be here with us tonight because he's got to be at work at 7:00 in the morning. He's doing that supervisor thing now. And so when somebody doesn't show up, he's got to be there. And so that's it. So Chris has agreed to interview Ray Hill on whatever Ray Hill wants to talk about, I'm sure. You don't really have a choice. You don't have a choice with Ray.

Some goings on with the ICOH, the Imperial Court of Houston-- let's see. This Sunday, Her Majesty Lexi and Sean will be hosting a small gathering at the outpost at 6:00 PM. That's tonight, Sunday tonight. And this is a fundraiser for ICOH Coming Out Cotillion. And that proceeds Benefiting Sisters and Camp Hope. I hope that everyone can come out and support these wonderful charities.

Also please don't forget that ICOH is sheltered under the Colt 45s as a 501C3 charity. So all donations are tax deductible. Keith will be hosting the potluck and jukebox show this Thursday night at decades. Anyone wishing to sign up to bring a pot or something, please email him. The jukebox shows are a lot of fun and just show up there and you'll be amazed at the fun you have with those folks this Thursday.

And next Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, July 14th at the outpost, Sean Carter will be hosting his birthday show at the outpost at 6:00 PM food and cocktail parties will be at 6:00 and showtime will be at 7:00. Yeah, right. More like 8:30. You know how that goes.

This show will again, be open to all and benefit the Montrose Clinic Women's Program. And this one is not as dramatic as last one because this one is number 31. So that's it for Sean and the Imperial Court of Houston.

And let's see, let's see, let's see. Oh, I've got a thing here about Bi-Net. OK. Oh, our own-- well, I call her our own-- Sweet Mama Cotton has got a schedule. New schedule coming up for July. Let's see.

Just wanted to let you know about her performance just booked for next Monday, July the 8th. Sweet Mama will be playing from 7:00 to 11:00 at the Villa Italia restaurant, aka Fornos. And that's located at 14,545 Memorial Drive. Woo! Just a little east of Dairy Ashford. So you Montroseians, bring your passports and whatever it is you need to go out there.

Joining me on stage will be Michael Dean, a fine guitar player and vocalist and an old friend. They've worked together for quite a while. Mike and his wife Beth will also be flying to Key West with me in a couple of weeks and they will be playing there at the Green Parrot. But that's another story. I'll bet it is.

What does a nice straight man want to go to Key West for? I don't get it. I don't get it. OK. And of course, you get--

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BOBBY: Girls in bikinis?

JIMMY CARPER: It's something like that you can see, of course, Sweet Mama Cotton every Wednesday night at the Briar Patch. Yes, indeedy. And the next meeting of the Colt 45s will be on Monday, July 8th. There's a hell of a lot going on Monday, July 8th, isn't there? Yeah, it's--

BOBBY: July's a good month.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I guess it is. 8 o'clock at the Brussels River bottom upstairs. Ooh. Welcome everyone to attend our meetings because it's open for all. And of course, they're always looking for people who would like to work. Yes, that's what they do there at the Colt 45.

BOBBY: Maybe they're looking for a good 4th of July bounce. Sometimes the stock market works off a holiday bounce? The same concept, only with parties and stuff.

JIMMY CARPER: Right. OK, let's see. It's just about that time. So let's get GiGi on here. Hi, GiGi.

GIGI: Hey.

JIMMY CARPER: Welcome back from Colorado.

GIGI: Oh, yes. Spent a whole month up in Colorado.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, yes. Oh, I forgot to mention Bobby's here.

BOBBY: Oh, hello.

JIMMY CARPER: And Jewel's here.

GIGI: Yes.

DAVID: And me.

JIMMY CARPER: David's here.

DAVID: Don't forget about me.

JIMMY CARPER: I don't forget about you. And we've got, of course--

BOBBY: How could we possibly forget you, darling.

JIMMY CARPER: The usual curmudgeons in the lobby.

GIGI: Oh, yes.

DAVID: Is it still black? Isn't your hair still that color?

JIMMY CARPER: I've got this wonderful email-- what? Stop talking about hair color. Well, today, it's a color found in nature.

DAVID: It's usually a color found in nature. I am a natural blonde, thank you.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, well it usually some--

BOBBY: Excuse me. The particular shades we've seen your hair in are only found in nature on

JIMMY CARPER: Crayons!

BOBBY: --on parrots and tropical birds in general.

[LAUGHTER]

DAVID: Oh, talk about the black and purple moment.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. The black and purple moment.

BOBBY: Blue, black and purple.

JIMMY CARPER: I have an email that says here the regional organizers of Bi-Net USA are GiGi Raven Wilbur. Our list moderator is Paco Rice. We'd like to make ourselves available to you. Now what do you mean by that?

GIGI: I think Paco must have written that one. I've been gone a month.

JIMMY CARPER: I see. I see. That's how that works, huh?

GIGI: But I am available.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, at bihouse@flash.net.

GIGI: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Yes, my. So you happen-- where did Jewel go?

JEWEL GRAY: Right here.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, she's--

GIGI: She needs to get a chair here.

JEWEL GRAY: Man, all this band equipment--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. She's playing the air guitar here. Yeah. Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: --fall down and bust my butt. There's no room to sit-in there. So I think I'll just annoy you from here.

GIGI: Oh, OK.

DAVID: We'll let you--

GIGI: You can bring a chair. I mean, I won't bite hard.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I'm happy here actually.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

GIGI: OK.

JIMMY CARPER: You just have to get close to a mic when you want to talk.

GIGI: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

BOBBY: This is Jewel. I think she can manage.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: See, I was worried about sit next to GiGi because how loud I am.

[LAUGHTER]

I'm afraid I'd step all over her.

GIGI: Not at all.

JIMMY CARPER: How have you been?

GIGI: Oh, I've been doing good. And tonight's show, I wanted to talk a little bit about the bi community and where it's been and where it's going and a little bit on myths and just kind of bi 101 stuff tonight. Lorraine Hutchins wrote an email and in the email, she has a paper she was packing and came across she's moving.

And ran across an article from the November 1986 Washington magazine of lovers and their friends, bisexuality used to be the subject of jokes. Now that men are giving AIDS to women, it's not a laughing matter. The article featured quotes such as this-- is bisexuality a state of mind or simply a state of confusion?

The concurrent bisexual actively and consistently maintains a bisexual lifestyle. He may be a married man who, for years, has had secretive often an ominous encounters with men. He may be a gay man who occasionally frequents singles bars for the thrill of it. Or he may be the person who masters in Johnson's calls the ambisexual. Ambisexuals are those who have no preference whatsoever over the gender of their sex partners, have never become involved in a committed sexual relationship, and have frequently frequent sexual interaction with both men and women. The so-called ambisexual is the source of the greatest controversy among psychologists.

Some say the ambisexual is the only genuine bisexual, the perfect 3 on the Kinsey scale. Others would contend that the bisexual does not truly exist. It's kind of interesting how much misinformation is out there.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. We were talking outside and I was completely, completely in the dark when I first met Jim. And then when he went through his acknowledgment of his bisexuality, it was a real stunner for me. And I picked up a little bit, but still-- I'm kind of one of those people who says, so what, what's the big deal about.

I mean, but to me, I'm like we were talking about outside, I have the same philosophy Woody Allen does. It just means that your dating pool is much bigger.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: And as far as I'm concerned, that's all I've ever really thought much about it. It's not that I haven't. It's not that I haven't wanted to think about it. It's just never been something that slapped me in the face to give this some thought.

GIGI: Well, in this article that she came across, they go on to talk about a lot of things like where is the bi movement, despite the existence of small groups, there's no real bisexual community. The gay world has a framework in a newspaper that people can read. But how does information go about in the bi community when it's so invisible and so--

JEWEL GRAY: I don't think some bi people know they're bi.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Actually, I'm really tell you the truth. I'll give you the real dope. I'm one of those people who believes that we're all basically bisexual and that through our environmental and gene pool that we come from that we lean one direction or another and that the actual extremes are normal people, the ones that, quote unquote, are normal that have these perfect--

BOBBY: Balance?

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, balance. Yes. And you know what? I don't think balance is a good thing for when people get together. It just never is. But I'm one of these people who thinks that basically everyone is-- we're all able to be bisexual and that we tend to lean depending on our-- like I said, gene pool and our environmental growing up and what in one direction--

GIGI: Many different factors.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. One direction or another.

GIGI: I mean, I'm kind of one of these people that falls right in the middle. I'm attracted to both pretty equally. But I know most bisexuals lean towards one gender or the other for the most part and tend to have interests, flickering interests sometimes.

JEWEL GRAY: At some point, I thought maybe it was an intellectual thing that someone wanted to be kind of like able to experience all parts of life, all parts of life. And I thought it was maybe intellectual experimental thing. But getting to know Jim, Jim Vaughn who came out to me some time ago, and getting to know him and coming from what I was telling you earlier, I knew him when he was married and straight, quote unquote, straight.

And then to find out, it was kind of difficult for me to adjust because I had no information. Well, what should I feel? Is this a problem? When it came out to me, he was like, I'm bisexual. And I said, OK. Is there a problem? I don't know that there's problem.

GIGI: I think there is a problem in the sense that-- well, I think one of the problems I see is that unless more bisexuals do come out, we remain invisible and we remain voiceless and the myths continue. Lorraine kind of brings up some pretty pertinent questions. She says the above words were written 1986.

How much has changed since then? How much more of a bisexual community in DC is there now in 2002? Has the public attitude changed in the last 16 years? Have bi's self perceptions changed? And despite all the great bi political organizing, I've been part of over the past two decades. I'd say not much, not enough. But reading stuff like this sure puts it in perspective.

You look at-- I brought a copy-- and we've done shows in the past in bisexualness and they still abound in many parts of the community, even in AIDS clinic. I think that--

JEWEL GRAY: How does that come up? I mean, how does this play in when you're dealing with places like that?

GIGI: I think education is the key.

JEWEL GRAY: No, no. I mean, how do they happen? I mean, this is truly an honest to goodness question. I'm not trying to-- but it's because I don't know. I don't know and I'd like to know.

GIGI: Well I've even gone in for AIDS testing in the past to doctors and had this misperception that because I'm bisexual, I'm spreading AIDS everywhere.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I see. I see. I see how that would be--

GIGI: And I said, no. Basically, I practice safe sex. And AIDS isn't spread by a sexual orientation, it's practiced by the-- I mean, it's spread by the lack of practicing safe sex. And it doesn't matter if you're gay or straight or--

JEWEL GRAY: It's not done by-- it's not about behavior. It doesn't matter what you are.

GIGI: Right.

BOBBY: Not because you happen to want to be with some both sides, both male and female, but because of the practices while you're being with either.

GIGI: Well, since the early days of AIDS, I've practiced safe sex. And I've even gone in gay bars and had men not want to practice safe sex. And I go, oh, don't touch me, baby.

JEWEL GRAY: I don't know what that would be like to have to deal with that.

GIGI: But it's just assumed because I'm bi, I'm out there spreading AIDS everywhere.

JEWEL GRAY: Right. See, that's the thing I want to know is what is it bi people want. I mean, it's the thing like, well, gay people, we want equality, blah, blah, blah. But where is it that bi people need to have this voice? What is it they want to say with this voice other than we're here?

GIGI: I think partly, we're here, we want equality. I think the other thing we want to say is-- and this is very strong in the bi community is that it shouldn't matter who you love and it doesn't matter if it's nurture versus nature. We're not really concerned about those arguments. It shouldn't matter right. We should all have a choice of who we want to love and that love is sexless. Yeah. And whether it includes sex or not--

I remember seeing a study done years and years ago. Someone did a death count on television on the three networks. And one week of television and counted actual killings depicted on TV, more people were killed in one week of television on the three networks than died in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam combined.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

GIGI: How many people get to see two people loving one another on television? It don't happen. So we're OK with boring TV.

BOBBY: It's all about the drama--

JEWEL GRAY: And that's what it's about is that we are just boring people. We're just exactly like the other people. We have mundane lives, and I don't mean to knock anybody in here that their lives are not exciting or anything. But we all do the same thing. We go to the store--

GIGI: My life is fabulous.

JEWEL GRAY: Really. We go to the store, we buy bread, we buy-- we go to stop by the gas station, we have our tire fixed.

GIGI: Buy the newspaper and go to work.

JEWEL GRAY: We run the stop sign, that one stop sign right two blocks from the house every day. We're just boring people just like everybody else. And that's basically what I tell people. What is it? We're just as boring as you are. There's nothing to be afraid of.

GIGI: We're not out to convert the world.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. We're not like religious right. We're not out to convert you.

BOBBY: Oh, I wish people would get over that concept of we're out to convert people.

GIGI: I mean, we're here to get equality and to have equal access to what everybody else enjoys.

JEWEL GRAY: And that's essentially why your political philosophies are joined in with the GLBT community is because that is basically what the GLBT community entirely wants is the freedom to be who we are without fear of--

GIGI: Marry who you want or how many you want--

JEWEL GRAY: The pursuit of happiness just like everybody else. And that's why I just thought I'd say that because some people might wonder.

GIGI: Yeah. I'd like to kind of-- since we touched on some of the bisexual myths, I want to kind of cover a few.

JIMMY CARPER: Cool.

GIGI: First one is bisexuality doesn't exist. And the reality is that bisexuality is a sexual orientation just as homosexuality or heterosexuality.

I remember as a kid, I was attracted equally to both men and women. I played doctor with the boys, I played doctor with the girls. It was fun.

JEWEL GRAY: I'm jealous.

GIGI: And I even had people say, oh, it's just a phase, you'll grow out of it, you'll kind of gravitate one way or the other and you'll be OK then. And it's like, no, that never happened. I still like both and I'm very happy with both.

The next myth is bisexuals are promiscuous. And the reality is that sexual behaviors vary for all people, regardless of sexual orientation. Bisexual women and men are the prude, the perverse, and everything in between, just like any other sexual orientation.

BOBBY: Same number of nuts, same number of saints.

GIGI: Yep. Sexual orientation isn't tied to how much you do it and how many of you do it with. The next is--

JEWEL GRAY: Because you know why? Because it's not about sex.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: It's about what's inside you, who you are. It's not about what you're doing in bed with someone. It's about who you are.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: So that's why it doesn't matter.

BOBBY: It's like I was saying to somebody earlier today just before the show actually, I didn't have to sleep with and have a sexual encounter with a woman to prove that I was gay.

GIGI: Yeah.

BOBBY: I didn't have to sleep with a guy to know I was gay.

GIGI: Yeah.

BOBBY: It was internal. It wasn't about the act.

GIGI: You can be gay, bi, or straight and never has to be a virgin.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. And it can be done. I doubt it has been done, but it could be done.

GIGI: And I'd like to touch on one thing real quickly here. And I've said this before on the show-- there is this kind of magic with attraction. We don't know what it is exactly, but what is it that gets us all goo goo, weak kneed, wobbly by one person out of the 100.

JEWEL GRAY: --you could have a little more control over it.

GIGI: But I mean, one person in the crowd stands out and gets you going, whoa--

JEWEL GRAY: Not only stands out but jumps at you.

GIGI: Jumps at you.

JEWEL GRAY: You know it.

GIGI: And it's like, that's a very mysterious force that we still don't understand. Very powerful force. I mean, goodness. And I love it.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, yeah. Limericks. Yeah, limericks is wonderful.

GIGI: And for a lot of people that are gay or totally heterosexual, half the people automatically don't do that. But for bis, it's like whoa.

JEWEL GRAY: And you had to be cross-trained. I was just thinking of that. He has to be cross-trained.

GIGI: Oh, I'm trained in all kinds of ways. I am.

JEWEL GRAY: Ambi-everything.

GIGI: The next myth is that bisexuality is just a phase. Well, we've already touched on that one.

JEWEL GRAY: Let's just get over that whole phrase at all--

JIMMY CARPER: It's a lifelong thing.

JEWEL GRAY: It's never a phase.

GIGI: Bisexuals cannot be monogamous.

JEWEL GRAY: I don't think bisexuals are any more or any less than anybody else. There's another place where it has nothing to do really with the sexual act. It's who you are.

GIGI: Yeah. And I've known lots of bisexuals all over the country that are in monogamous--

JEWEL GRAY: I know couple bisexuals who are-- they're actually celibate. They're people I know in a religious order.

GIGI: And then there's people like GiGi that get in everybody's pants that he can. [LAUGHS] This next myth is one that really stands out for me because I've seen people make this assumption so much in the gay community about bisexuals. And that is that bisexuals have heterosexual privilege.

JEWEL GRAY: Wait, wait. What is heterosexual privilege?

GIGI: Heterosexual privilege.

JEWEL GRAY: See, these are things I never hear about.

GIGI: OK. It's being able to blend in and live in the heterosexual world and get married and have kids and get all the perks that you can't get in the gay community.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. I got you.

GIGI: So that's heterosexual privilege. And the myth is that bisexuals have this.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, that would conversely mean, you'd also have homosexual privilege.

GIGI: Yeah. [LAUGHS] But, any person-- whether they're lesbian, gay, bisexual-- who remains in the closet retains heterosexual privilege. It's not tied to sexual orientation, it's tied to how out you are or are willing to be.

JEWEL GRAY: Right. Willing to be. Yeah. What else?

GIGI: Many of us are very strong activists.

JIMMY CARPER: And I think that's because, if you see-- and I know you're going to go there, but--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

GIGI: OK. [LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: If you see a man and a woman walking down the street holding hands, you assume they are heterosexual. If you see two men walking down the street holding hands, you assume they are gay.

GIGI: They are gay, yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: So--

JEWEL GRAY: Well, how many times out of 100 do you think it isn't a gay couple?

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: But how many times do you see a man and a woman--

JEWEL GRAY: I'm so literal. I have a hard time with some of this stuff.

JIMMY CARPER: --and it's really a bisexual couple?

GIGI: Yeah. Well, actually, one year after the Pride Parade, I had a girlfriend and a boyfriend and we had a three-way kiss on the corner of Montrose and Westheimer.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, those are pretty liberal boyfriend and girlfriend.

GIGI: So there's no mistaking. [LAUGHS] The next myth is, bisexuals--

JEWEL GRAY: I haven't figured out gay men yet. [LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: Besides, his girlfriend is butcher than he is.

GIGI: Oh, yes.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

GIGI: [LAUGHS] The next myth is, bisexuals are not committed to the queer movement.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I don't find that to be true. Everywhere I look, somebody identifies themselves, you know, and I would never think of it. I, frankly, would assume that they were gay because they're in the gay movement. But I find that I have to relook at that because more and more straight people are getting involved and a lot more bisexuals are involved these days.

GIGI: Oh, yes. [LAUGHS] But that kind of covers--

JEWEL GRAY: Which I think is great because when the transsexuals started getting all involved-- let me do this again. When the T started getting all involved and getting sassy out there with everybody and wanting to be included and everything. You know, I believe that they had every right to complain.

And let me preface this, they had every right to complain. But, you know, I didn't hear anything about bisexuals then. But it's only been since those people started. I think that bisexual people are sometimes more closeted than gay people.

GIGI: I don't know if it's more or less. I mean, it's hard to make sweeping statements. And then some very out and active bisexuals. Not just-- I mean, locally and all over the nation. One thing that I see is that activism kind of at a low-end right now, no matter what community you go into.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: You know, and in activism--

JEWEL GRAY: We're going to have to do something about that.

GIGI: Yes, definitely. But activism is something that's gotten very low-keyed.

JEWEL GRAY: So it's people like you and I who are on late night radio trying to educate people into the nursery of life here. So that they can find out about these things and be more familiar and, maybe, less condescending when they come in to somebody that they've heard about here and they've never met before.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I don't know if condescending's right.

BOBBY: Maybe I've gotten more upfront and bold about the whole thing.

JEWEL GRAY: You know he's always talking about what's in his pocket, there.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: But, upfront and bold.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: But it seems to me, whenever I'm hanging out with some of my friends and stuff and there's a new face there, one of the things I end up asking at some point during the conversation, if it doesn't come up as an obvious point, is, "Gay, straight, or bi?" Like, I just ask.

JEWEL GRAY: You know, I'm going to be completely honest with you, GiGi, because I've never met you before, and I know you well enough to lie to you. You know, I just-- I don't understand. I just don't understand and it's not that I don't want to. And it doesn't matter to me whether I understand or not.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Like we were talking about outside.

GIGI: What is it that you're not understanding?

JEWEL GRAY: I just don't understand why there's a bi movement. I don't understand how that there's some sort of discrimination where bi people are not being treated equal. It's not that I don't think it's happening, it's that I don't know about it.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: So that's what I'm saying. It's always great to come down here and meet somebody new, let me tell you. Let me say, was it-- Sarah DePalma really brought me out, let me tell you. But it's my ignorance.

It's my ignorance and I don't know why. It's just not something I've ever dwelled on, other people's sexuality. If somebody wants to identify themselves to me. Like, Jim just flat-out said, you know, I've decided I'm going to go bi. [LAUGHS]

GIGI: Well when we live in a society where heterosexuals can flaunt their sexuality in public, but nobody else can--

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: --or there's repercussions.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: --then things need changing. There's a problem.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I agree. I agree. I'm just trying to figure out why bisexuals are having a problem with all this. You know, you were talking about, what is it, heterosexual privilege?

GIGI: Privilege.

JEWEL GRAY: And you said you didn't-- I'm sorry, will you go over that again? Do you think that bisexual people get this heterosexual privilege.

GIGI: Not bisexuals because of sexual orientation, but anybody that's in the closet.

JEWEL GRAY: Because they're not "out." Right.

GIGI: Now there's-- I mean, I've been out of the closet.

JEWEL GRAY: So it's not a matter of choice.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: I've been out of the closet forever.

JEWEL GRAY: It's thrust upon you.

GIGI: And I certainly don't get heterosexual privilege. It depends on how out you are, whether you're gay straight or bisexual.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. I see what you mean.

GIGI: And if I want to go to a movie with my boyfriend and my girlfriend and make-out or do whatever.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, see, that's a whole 'nother show here. That's the thing, I think, that kind of takes me into another place here because not only are we talking about bisexual, multi-partners, you know and

GIGI: Polyamory.

JEWEL GRAY: And that's what we're talking about really is polyamory and I think that's some part of what makes me uncomfortable. I tell you, the truth is, if I was dating someone and she told me she was bisexual, I wouldn't have sex with her.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: I just-- there's just no way I could do that.

GIGI: Oh. [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: I wouldn't. And I've talked-- who was I telling that about? We were talking about one night? I think it was Jessica or Jennifer.

GIGI: Let me back up and ask you why you wouldn't have sex with a bisexual woman.

JEWEL GRAY: I don't know. I don't know. We had this conversation before, and I swear to God, I thought about it. And I think I'm pretty articulate person. And I'm pretty honest. I'll tell you when I'm lost and I don't understand things. But I don't know. I've looked at that many times before that conversation. It's certainly--

GIGI: What if the bisexual woman was completely monogamous?

JEWEL GRAY: I just-- I just don't-- I just don't know. I can't figure it out. I just don't know. If they were completely monogamous, then why identify that you're both sides, if you're completely monogamous with the person you're with?

GIGI: Because I think it gets back to identity. especially in

JEWEL GRAY: I'm going to sleep with you, but I could sleep with him.

GIGI: Well, no. When we're attracted to both, that's a very different orientation than when you're only attracted to one gender or the other.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I know. I understand that part. And like I said, once again, let me tell everybody out there listening, I have no problem with any of this. I love everybody.

GIGI: But that's part of our identity.

JEWEL GRAY: Right. And I understand that part because that I can identify with as a lesbian. I can identify with that. But it's like, as a lesbian, I can't walk down the street without two-thirds of people I meet knowing I'm a lesbian. But you walk around, or you or someone who's bi, and actually have that heterosexual privilege where you're just assumed to be one way or another.

GIGI: Depending on who we're with. [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: Right. I mean, but we're not talking about when you're experiencing whatever your chosen flavor for the month is, that kind of thing. It's not when you're with someone that will identify just by yourself. I can walk down a street in two-thirds of people I've seen know I'm a lesbian.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: And if they don't know that I'm a lesbian, they know something's different. And it's like I've always kind of envied the position that Jim finds himself in because he gets thrown in prison, man, and he's set for life, right?

[LAUGHTER]

You know, my point is, though, that he could walk into a prison setting and pass and never expose that he was bisexual or something.

GIGI: OK. I think that's a key word right there.

JEWEL GRAY: Pass.

GIGI: Pass. Pass implies that there's a deception.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: OK. And--

JEWEL GRAY: And deception by omission. It's like lying by omi-- I didn't lie, I just didn't say anything. Well, it's by omission.

GIGI: Right, and I guess that's where I come in. For me, it's like, I want to live my life openly as who I am with the identity that I am.

JEWEL GRAY: And that's essentially what you're wanting to tell.

GIGI: And that's part of being free. And--

JEWEL GRAY: I, too, want the freedom and identity that others around me are able to have. Yeah.

GIGI: So I think that's really what it comes down to. Can we be free to live our lives as who we are?

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: Whether or not--

JEWEL GRAY: And see, I've always felt, once again, that the background that we should all be fighting for that, rather than our individual little, you know, are fighting in this direction gay men are fighting in that direction, you know. You know, bisexual or and transsexuals or everybody's going doing lobbying here. And that we all should be taking just one philosophy all of this the freedom to make those choices without interference or judgment.

GIGI: Yeah. [LAUGHS]

BOBBY: I think that there's an interesting-- there's this thought running through my head that--

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, no. Watch out!

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Be afraid. Be very afraid

JEWEL GRAY: Be very afraid.

[RUSTLING NOISE]

BOBBY: I think another thing that people might not understand--

JEWEL GRAY: All that rustling is GiGi getting undressed.

[LAUGHTER]

I've never seen a bisexual naked. Oh, I have to talk to Jim about that.

[LAUGHTER]

GIGI: I can help.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: I think, for someone who's either straight or gay, they deal with one person, one sex, one gender, or whatever word you're-- I think to some extent, there's probably a lot of people who wonder, when you're bisexual and, yes, you're monogamous with somebody, with one, how do you put the desire for the other to the side?

JEWEL GRAY: Same way I do every time I get in a relationship. No, you cannot touch.

GIGI: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: No, you cannot touch.

BOBBY: I'm just saying, I'm sure there are people who probably wonder how you put the other, you know.

GIGI: I think the key word and the way I define bisexuality is that it's a self-identified process in which a person finds that they're attracted to more than one gender. OK. It has nothing to do about number lovers. It has nothing to do with the polyamory, monogamy issue.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

GIGI: Bisexuality is a sexual orientation. And that's where the waters get kind of muddy.

JEWEL GRAY: Just because you're bisexual, doesn't mean you ever have to have sex with one or the other sex.

GIGI: I think you bring up a good point about when you get into a relationship with someone and you practice monogamy, for you being lesbian, when a really gorgeous woman comes walking down the street that gives you that wow feeling, you don't just go and have sex with her.

JEWEL GRAY: Don't I wish.

GIGI: Yeah. [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: I sure envy gay men for that, let me tell you.

GIGI: And I think one that--