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00:00:09,650 --> 00:00:08,990  
welcome to fans of the hidden fruit show

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00:00:12,290 --> 00:00:09,660  
podcast

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00:00:14,839 --> 00:00:12,300  
I'm Jim Breslow welcome to our youtube

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00:00:16,640 --> 00:00:14,849  
version of the podcast those of you who

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00:00:19,310 --> 00:00:16,650  
are fans know that the hidden truth show

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00:00:22,040 --> 00:00:19,320  
has just launched our new season a deep

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00:00:25,009 --> 00:00:22,050  
dive into the transgender movement this

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00:00:27,170 --> 00:00:25,019  
season starts with an interview entitled

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00:00:30,500 --> 00:00:27,180  
my fraternity brother who became my

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00:00:32,900 --> 00:00:30,510  
sister my fraternity brother dave was

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00:00:35,299 --> 00:00:32,910  
the long-haired rocker dude in college

12  
00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,309  
who wore makeup and jewelry what we

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00:00:39,680 --> 00:00:36,960

didn't know was what Dave was doing on

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00:00:41,330 --> 00:00:39,690

the weekends Dave as it turns out was

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sneaking away to West Hollywood spend

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time in the trans community he married

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00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:46,579

his college sweetheart had two children

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00:00:51,889 --> 00:00:49,440

but ultimately could not contains trans

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00:00:56,330 --> 00:00:51,899

feelings any longer he transitioned to

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00:00:58,490 --> 00:00:56,340

being Sabrina Sabrina just recently went

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,500

through this transition but she didn't

22

00:01:02,689 --> 00:01:00,719

get the full surgery and she explains

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00:01:04,250 --> 00:01:02,699

why she thinks many trans women are

24

00:01:05,170 --> 00:01:04,260

making a big mistake by having the

25

00:01:07,609 --> 00:01:05,180

surgery

26  
00:01:09,410 --> 00:01:07,619  
Sabrina agreed to sit down with me and

27  
00:01:11,600 --> 00:01:09,420  
have a no-holds-barred conversation

28  
00:01:13,370 --> 00:01:11,610  
about what it means to be trans I

29  
00:01:15,679 --> 00:01:13,380  
thought it was a great way to start this

30  
00:01:18,020 --> 00:01:15,689  
season we did over over three

31  
00:01:20,240 --> 00:01:18,030  
consecutive Wednesday nights each of us

32  
00:01:22,070 --> 00:01:20,250  
with the gin and tonic in hand helped

33  
00:01:24,920 --> 00:01:22,080  
get the edge off to start but by the

34  
00:01:27,289 --> 00:01:24,930  
time we got started it went in very

35  
00:01:29,210 --> 00:01:27,299  
deeply personal in emotional directions

36  
00:01:31,580 --> 00:01:29,220  
and what resulted was a three-part

37  
00:01:33,050 --> 00:01:31,590  
interview that is very compelling for

38  
00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:33,060

both people in the community and outside

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00:01:37,630 --> 00:01:35,520

the community to hear it's a very

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important start as we dig into the

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00:01:42,440 --> 00:01:40,020

hidden truth behind behind the

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transgender movement I think you're

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gonna really enjoy this interview and if

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you do check out the hidden truth show

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interview starts with Sabrina explaining

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why she agreed to sit down and have this

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00:02:00,380 --> 00:01:57,060

interview yeah it's just education I'm

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00:02:01,459 --> 00:02:00,390

aware on every single day that when I go

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00:02:03,679 --> 00:02:01,469

out in public we're talking about Los

51  
00:02:05,870 --> 00:02:03,689  
Angeles here now when I go out in public

52  
00:02:07,639 --> 00:02:05,880  
that is likely the first time that

53  
00:02:08,990 --> 00:02:07,649  
anyone has ever met come face to face

54  
00:02:10,969 --> 00:02:09,000  
with the trans that they've interacted

55  
00:02:13,130 --> 00:02:10,979  
with the trans and I take that

56  
00:02:14,449 --> 00:02:13,140  
opportunity very seriously in the sense

57  
00:02:19,940 --> 00:02:14,459  
that

58  
00:02:22,280 --> 00:02:19,950  
to meet one of us and once you know it's

59  
00:02:24,680 --> 00:02:22,290  
the simple human nature that once they

60  
00:02:26,180 --> 00:02:24,690  
meet anything once a human being comes

61  
00:02:27,770 --> 00:02:26,190  
in contact with somebody they're no

62  
00:02:30,080 --> 00:02:27,780  
longer afraid of it they don't fear it

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00:02:32,960 --> 00:02:30,090

anymore and then they don't you know

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:32,970

reject it and and you know stigmatize

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00:02:37,399 --> 00:02:35,519

and all that kind of stuff and so it's

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00:02:39,949 --> 00:02:37,409

about bringing down those curtains so

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00:02:41,809 --> 00:02:39,959

that's you know they just know we're

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00:02:43,339 --> 00:02:41,819

just humans just like the rest now I do

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00:02:45,860 --> 00:02:43,349

have to ask you how do you do that in

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00:02:47,390 --> 00:02:45,870

just everyday situations I know you'd

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00:02:48,020 --> 00:02:47,400

mentioned before for instance uber

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00:02:49,819 --> 00:02:48,030

drivers

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00:02:51,530 --> 00:02:49,829

how are you having a conversation with

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00:02:53,479 --> 00:02:51,540

the uber driver about don't you know I

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00:02:57,949 --> 00:02:53,489

don't make any know like hey by the way

76  
00:03:00,380 --> 00:02:57,959  
on trans you know but you know as kind

77  
00:03:02,119 --> 00:03:00,390  
of as great as I look I still feel that

78  
00:03:06,140 --> 00:03:02,129  
many people can figure out that I'm

79  
00:03:09,500 --> 00:03:06,150  
trans and that's great I I actually kind

80  
00:03:13,550 --> 00:03:09,510  
of appreciate that I'm not entirely what

81  
00:03:15,890 --> 00:03:13,560  
they say passable because it allows them

82  
00:03:18,379 --> 00:03:15,900  
to see who I am and allows them without

83  
00:03:21,620 --> 00:03:18,389  
you know direct conversation about the

84  
00:03:23,059 --> 00:03:21,630  
topic to simply meet Who I am now

85  
00:03:25,610 --> 00:03:23,069  
speaking of that have you fully

86  
00:03:31,550 --> 00:03:25,620  
transitioned what do you mean by that

87  
00:03:34,039 --> 00:03:31,560  
well major surgery the ultimate surgery

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00:03:35,599 --> 00:03:34,049

so I wouldn't say that there's any one

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00:03:37,970 --> 00:03:35,609

ultimate surgery and every girl is

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00:03:41,539 --> 00:03:37,980

different in terms of what they want to

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00:03:45,979 --> 00:03:41,549

achieve for me I got a breast

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00:03:48,439 --> 00:03:45,989

augmentation but and then I I got what's

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00:03:50,689 --> 00:03:48,449

called an orchiectomy which is having my

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00:03:52,099 --> 00:03:50,699

testicles removed but I still kept my

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00:03:56,150 --> 00:03:52,109

penis and it still works

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00:03:59,420 --> 00:03:56,160

gotcha yeah and is that kind of the most

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00:04:01,939 --> 00:03:59,430

common type of surgery that so when I

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00:04:04,849 --> 00:04:01,949

was little Nina growing up here in Los

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00:04:07,430 --> 00:04:04,859

Angeles and you know by the time I was

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00:04:09,470 --> 00:04:07,440

12 I had trans friends and by the time I

101  
00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:09,480  
was 16 I was hanging out them with them

102  
00:04:12,800 --> 00:04:11,040  
secretly because I couldn't hang out

103  
00:04:14,449 --> 00:04:12,810  
with them and let my friends and family

104  
00:04:18,770 --> 00:04:14,459  
know I was still was scared to death of

105  
00:04:21,289 --> 00:04:18,780  
what this was and and back then it was

106  
00:04:23,870 --> 00:04:21,299  
rare that a girl would actually get

107  
00:04:26,790 --> 00:04:23,880  
what's called what do they call it

108  
00:04:28,920 --> 00:04:26,800  
gender reassignment surgery

109  
00:04:31,710 --> 00:04:28,930  
which is you know getting the penis

110  
00:04:33,450 --> 00:04:31,720  
turned into a vagina and it was really

111  
00:04:34,830 --> 00:04:33,460  
rare and the one girl who would who

112  
00:04:36,689 --> 00:04:34,840  
would say she's gonna do it

113  
00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:36,699

all the other girls would literally jump

114

00:04:39,570 --> 00:04:38,560

on her and start attacking her and say

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00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:39,580

what are you doing you're gonna ruin

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00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:41,770

your life and they all seem to know

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00:04:46,649 --> 00:04:43,840

these these trans women back then really

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00:04:50,129 --> 00:04:46,659

seem to know that it was the proverbial

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00:04:53,369 --> 00:04:50,139

unicorn cutting off their corn to look

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00:04:55,619 --> 00:04:53,379

like a horse what's the sense in that if

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00:04:57,540 --> 00:04:55,629

you're born this exotic animal that's

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00:04:58,920 --> 00:04:57,550

different than you know that's literally

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00:05:02,059 --> 00:04:58,930

the one in the million why would you

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00:05:05,070 --> 00:05:02,069

want to try and look ordinary and and

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00:05:09,510 --> 00:05:05,080

they also knew that many of the women

126  
00:05:11,820 --> 00:05:09,520  
who had that surgery really got

127  
00:05:14,100 --> 00:05:11,830  
themselves in a hole because men didn't

128  
00:05:18,119 --> 00:05:14,110  
want them men who won a vagina want a

129  
00:05:20,129 --> 00:05:18,129  
real vagina and lesbians were the same

130  
00:05:22,110 --> 00:05:20,139  
thing lesbians for the most part wanted

131  
00:05:25,249 --> 00:05:22,120  
a woman with a real vagina so nobody

132  
00:05:27,629 --> 00:05:25,259  
wanted them and they would become alone

133  
00:05:29,339 --> 00:05:27,639  
they wouldn't have any dating life the

134  
00:05:31,800 --> 00:05:29,349  
and a lot of them became suicidal and

135  
00:05:33,600 --> 00:05:31,810  
these trans that I grew up with knew

136  
00:05:35,580 --> 00:05:33,610  
this and they would and they would just

137  
00:05:36,959 --> 00:05:35,590  
get so on top of these girls for like

138  
00:05:38,969 --> 00:05:36,969

what are you doing you're gonna ruin

139

00:05:41,640 --> 00:05:38,979

your life if you do this and that's what

140

00:05:43,769 --> 00:05:41,650

I grew up with and that is a good number

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00:05:45,360 --> 00:05:43,779

of years ago we're we're being frank and

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00:05:46,800 --> 00:05:45,370

open about years so wait so it's

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00:05:48,570 --> 00:05:46,810

probably you know close to 40 years ago

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00:05:50,730 --> 00:05:48,580

you're saying that was going exactly

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00:05:52,800 --> 00:05:50,740

right yeah and I'm really grateful that

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00:05:56,339 --> 00:05:52,810

I grew up in this city that I was you

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00:05:58,890 --> 00:05:56,349

know that I grew up with generation of

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00:06:01,830 --> 00:05:58,900

trans women who were just so wise about

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00:06:03,839 --> 00:06:01,840

being trans and and everything that

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00:06:06,089 --> 00:06:03,849

implored in me like not to do something

151  
00:06:07,800 --> 00:06:06,099  
like that and so by the time I was 20 I

152  
00:06:09,689 --> 00:06:07,810  
knew two things obviously that I was

153  
00:06:12,719 --> 00:06:09,699  
trans and that I wanted to transition

154  
00:06:15,869 --> 00:06:12,729  
but I also knew that I would never leave

155  
00:06:18,540 --> 00:06:15,879  
on icky my penis that that was a great

156  
00:06:20,519 --> 00:06:18,550  
part of who I was overall it wasn't the

157  
00:06:22,290 --> 00:06:20,529  
only thing as my boyfriend will tell you

158  
00:06:24,330 --> 00:06:22,300  
you know I I loved every part of you

159  
00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:24,340  
including that but you know it's not

160  
00:06:29,459 --> 00:06:25,840  
that one part of you that I love I love

161  
00:06:30,749 --> 00:06:29,469  
everything and and so I knew at Ordnung

162  
00:06:32,040 --> 00:06:30,759  
I was gonna you know that I was going to

163  
00:06:34,610 --> 00:06:32,050

transition eventually and that I was

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00:06:37,529 --> 00:06:34,620

going to keep it and fast-forward today

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00:06:39,500 --> 00:06:37,539

because of the advancement on trans

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00:06:42,330 --> 00:06:39,510

issues

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00:06:45,570 --> 00:06:42,340

this country and many countries have

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00:06:47,340 --> 00:06:45,580

made it like UK have made it part of

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00:06:49,680 --> 00:06:47,350

regular health insurance said of your

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00:06:52,970 --> 00:06:49,690

dean trans you can get the full surgery

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00:06:55,080 --> 00:06:52,980

covered by insurance basically 100% and

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00:06:56,910 --> 00:06:55,090

you know if you go to a convention and

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00:06:59,100 --> 00:06:56,920

there's free pens people clamor for that

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00:07:00,930 --> 00:06:59,110

free pen right it seems like anytime you

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00:07:03,990 --> 00:07:00,940

give away something for free you know

176  
00:07:07,860 --> 00:07:04,000  
people go crazy for it and now with the

177  
00:07:08,640 --> 00:07:07,870  
the sexual reassignment surgery being

178  
00:07:10,590 --> 00:07:08,650  
free

179  
00:07:12,240 --> 00:07:10,600  
these girls are lining up like they're

180  
00:07:14,040 --> 00:07:12,250  
giving away free pens without ever

181  
00:07:16,050 --> 00:07:14,050  
questioning like what am I really doing

182  
00:07:18,420 --> 00:07:16,060  
what's the life gonna be for me like

183  
00:07:19,830 --> 00:07:18,430  
after I get it done and they fall kid

184  
00:07:22,110 --> 00:07:19,840  
you're talking about the full surgical

185  
00:07:23,250 --> 00:07:22,120  
surgery which is you know can sexual

186  
00:07:25,410 --> 00:07:23,260  
reassignment surgery where you get the

187  
00:07:27,390 --> 00:07:25,420  
penis turned into a vagina it's a very

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00:07:29,970 --> 00:07:27,400

complex surgery has a very high rate of

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00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:29,980

complications there's no guarantee that

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00:07:36,300 --> 00:07:32,560

it's even gonna work you might be peeing

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00:07:39,600 --> 00:07:36,310

side was the rest of your life and they

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00:07:42,750 --> 00:07:39,610

just card all that science and just go

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00:07:44,610 --> 00:07:42,760

to it thinking and wrongly thinking that

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00:07:48,240 --> 00:07:44,620

by getting the surgery they're gonna be

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00:07:50,790 --> 00:07:48,250

a real woman and they're not you're

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00:07:52,800 --> 00:07:50,800

always gonna be a trans woman and to try

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00:07:54,840 --> 00:07:52,810

and get away with get away from that is

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00:07:56,159 --> 00:07:54,850

exactly like Michael Jackson trying to

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00:07:58,200 --> 00:07:56,169

be the white person he was trying to

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00:07:59,700 --> 00:07:58,210

become he's still Michael Jackson and

201  
00:08:01,770 --> 00:07:59,710  
why would you want to be thing anything

202  
00:08:04,050 --> 00:08:01,780  
different than Michael Jackson right and

203  
00:08:05,730 --> 00:08:04,060  
so these girls think like if they get

204  
00:08:09,690 --> 00:08:05,740  
this done there'll be a real woman and

205  
00:08:10,860 --> 00:08:09,700  
all the problems will be solved but it

206  
00:08:13,680 --> 00:08:10,870  
doesn't work that way

207  
00:08:15,180 --> 00:08:13,690  
they're still trans and it's funny

208  
00:08:18,780 --> 00:08:15,190  
because there's been you know there's a

209  
00:08:21,300 --> 00:08:18,790  
lot of I would say far right or either

210  
00:08:23,310 --> 00:08:21,310  
is a shion's religious groups just

211  
00:08:26,909 --> 00:08:23,320  
definitely the right side of the

212  
00:08:28,409 --> 00:08:26,919  
population that you know you would

213  
00:08:30,120 --> 00:08:28,419

forcefully say to them you're a man

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00:08:31,800 --> 00:08:30,130

you'll never stop being a man well

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00:08:34,260 --> 00:08:31,810

you're not a man you're a trans person

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00:08:35,790 --> 00:08:34,270

and that was that's something that'll

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00:08:38,219 --> 00:08:35,800

never stop happening you're always gonna

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00:08:40,860 --> 00:08:38,229

be trans and why is that a bad thing

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00:08:43,860 --> 00:08:40,870

even my transistors who are generally

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00:08:46,320 --> 00:08:43,870

proud and very accomplished at where

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00:08:48,840 --> 00:08:46,330

they are in life still like a very

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00:08:50,590 --> 00:08:48,850

common discussion is like I I got asked

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on a date I tell him

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00:08:55,120 --> 00:08:53,000

well that shouldn't even be a question

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00:08:56,470 --> 00:08:55,130

not only sure you tell him but you

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00:08:57,790 --> 00:08:56,480

should tell him like you won a gold

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00:08:58,960 --> 00:08:57,800

medal at the Olympics it should be

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something that you're proud of not

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something that you're running from

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scared like why do you think it's

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00:09:05,560 --> 00:09:03,830

something to be ashamed of it's

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00:09:07,590 --> 00:09:05,570

something to be proud of so alot easier

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girls go through the full surgery

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00:09:11,710 --> 00:09:09,950

because they're running from being trans

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and again they think it will solve their

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00:09:17,770 --> 00:09:13,460

problems and it doesn't it causes even

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00:09:19,750 --> 00:09:17,780

more problems and limits for you further

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00:09:23,170 --> 00:09:19,760

limits their dating pool and people who

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want to see them women that are becoming

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men what is the most common surgery that

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they're getting in the genitalia area so

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00:09:36,430 --> 00:09:33,350

I have a lot of female to male transfer

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00:09:37,690 --> 00:09:36,440

ends and it's I think it's a very

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interesting phenomenon because here on

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one side the male to female you have

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this cata call of trans women won't you

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00:09:50,890 --> 00:09:47,360

like vine to get their penises cut off

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00:09:54,550 --> 00:09:50,900

but on the female to male trans

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00:09:57,340 --> 00:09:54,560

nearly basically none of them want to

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00:09:59,260 --> 00:09:57,350

change anything on their genitalia they

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00:10:04,270 --> 00:09:59,270

want to keep their vaginas

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00:10:06,850 --> 00:10:04,280

many of them are lesbians and I have a

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00:10:09,850 --> 00:10:06,860

lot of lesbian friends and lesbians like

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00:10:11,200 --> 00:10:09,860

the vagina and so they want to keep the

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00:10:13,540 --> 00:10:11,210

aspect that attracts what they're

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00:10:17,140 --> 00:10:13,550

attracted to in another human being

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00:10:19,150 --> 00:10:17,150

romantically so they they have very

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00:10:20,680 --> 00:10:19,160

little desire as a whole population of

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00:10:23,110 --> 00:10:20,690

wanting to do anything different to

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00:10:24,760 --> 00:10:23,120

their genitalia the elective system to

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00:10:27,370 --> 00:10:24,770

change and get their hair on their chest

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00:10:29,440 --> 00:10:27,380

hair on their face and the muscles they

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00:10:31,930 --> 00:10:29,450

love but they love keeping their videos

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00:10:35,680 --> 00:10:31,940

and there is a surgery I was just gonna

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00:10:42,480 --> 00:10:35,690

say surgery it's not it's not on par

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00:10:44,590 --> 00:10:42,490

with the success of the male to female

267

00:10:47,620 --> 00:10:44,600

sexual reassignment surgery getting

268

00:10:49,900 --> 00:10:47,630

penis to vagina you know it's this

269

00:10:53,380 --> 00:10:49,910

implant it doesn't look very good it's

270

00:10:55,270 --> 00:10:53,390

not quite very functional so there's a

271

00:10:57,820 --> 00:10:55,280

lot of things a lot of issues with it

272

00:10:59,320 --> 00:10:57,830

but from talking with them that's not

273

00:11:01,660 --> 00:10:59,330

the reason they don't seek it it's

274

00:11:03,520 --> 00:11:01,670

because they just generally would like

275

00:11:04,360 --> 00:11:03,530

to keep their vaginas what was the

276

00:11:06,310 --> 00:11:04,370

insurance that your

277

00:11:08,470 --> 00:11:06,320

referring to that had been covering the

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00:11:10,510 --> 00:11:08,480

surgeries really everyone's health

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00:11:12,850 --> 00:11:10,520

insurance and in the u.s. every health

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00:11:17,230 --> 00:11:12,860

insurance company is now required to

281

00:11:19,450 --> 00:11:17,240

offer trans care okay so if you have an

282

00:11:21,400 --> 00:11:19,460

insurance policy in the u.s. you're in

283

00:11:24,940 --> 00:11:21,410

whatever standard pool that everybody

284

00:11:27,310 --> 00:11:24,950

else is in and is covered provided you

285

00:11:29,410 --> 00:11:27,320

go through the proper various procedures

286

00:11:32,019 --> 00:11:29,420

yeah there's protocol and you want to

287

00:11:33,640 --> 00:11:32,029

make sure you're not crazy and that you

288

00:11:35,200 --> 00:11:33,650

really are trans and this really makes

289

00:11:37,000 --> 00:11:35,210

sense and that obviously would be then

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00:11:40,510 --> 00:11:37,010

the woman's surgery to become a man

291

00:11:41,970 --> 00:11:40,520

would be covered - theoretically yes and

292

00:11:46,660 --> 00:11:41,980

the surgery that you had would be

293

00:11:48,100 --> 00:11:46,670

covered it's not just the full so you

294

00:11:49,300 --> 00:11:48,110

said you had the more limited surgery

295

00:11:53,530 --> 00:11:49,310

yes all I had

296

00:11:57,940 --> 00:11:53,540

oh the the orc yes yes orchiectomy that

297

00:12:03,040 --> 00:11:57,950

is covered but it was a very funny

298

00:12:05,170 --> 00:12:03,050

process and my my provider is Kaiser

299

00:12:09,220 --> 00:12:05,180

I love Kaiser Kaiser is great and they

300

00:12:10,930 --> 00:12:09,230

actually have great trances but medical

301

00:12:13,329 --> 00:12:10,940

protocol which is in Keiser's it's this

302

00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:13,339

is a international medical protocol

303

00:12:18,040 --> 00:12:16,160

dictates that you have to go through a

304

00:12:20,530 --> 00:12:18,050

series of interview it's generally over

305

00:12:22,990 --> 00:12:20,540

about a year year and a half to get the

306

00:12:24,850 --> 00:12:23,000

doctors collectively to conclude that

307

00:12:27,790 --> 00:12:24,860

this makes sense for you and sign off

308

00:12:30,390 --> 00:12:27,800

and you know be they're afraid of

309

00:12:33,610 --> 00:12:30,400

getting sued maybe one of the reasons

310

00:12:36,220 --> 00:12:33,620

because it's such a being being half

311

00:12:38,290 --> 00:12:36,230

facetious but you know you're it's a

312

00:12:40,120 --> 00:12:38,300

semi irreversible thing so you want to

313

00:12:42,400 --> 00:12:40,130

make sure right right there's definitely

314

00:12:46,740 --> 00:12:42,410

some truth to that but I think the

315

00:12:50,019 --> 00:12:46,750

greater the greater thought to it is

316

00:12:52,600 --> 00:12:50,029

this is a permanent irreversible surgery

317

00:12:54,850 --> 00:12:52,610

and we don't want to do this on somebody

318

00:12:55,690 --> 00:12:54,860

that two years later goes what did you

319

00:12:58,180 --> 00:12:55,700

guys do to me

320

00:12:59,079 --> 00:12:58,190

you know I just was I was a crazy time

321

00:13:01,480 --> 00:12:59,089

in my life

322

00:13:02,620 --> 00:13:01,490

why did you do this to me and so I think

323

00:13:04,300 --> 00:13:02,630

they're just dotting the eyes and

324

00:13:06,220 --> 00:13:04,310

crossing the t's and as they they should

325

00:13:07,630 --> 00:13:06,230

as a medical community that's what

326

00:13:09,519 --> 00:13:07,640

they're there to do to protect you from

327

00:13:11,470 --> 00:13:09,529

harming yourself and to do the best for

328

00:13:13,900 --> 00:13:11,480

your body so I think I think overall

329

00:13:16,180 --> 00:13:13,910

it's right but for a girl like me who's

330

00:13:18,430 --> 00:13:16,190

known I was trans since I was 12 to have

331

00:13:20,800 --> 00:13:18,440

to sit in an office and prove to

332

00:13:23,949 --> 00:13:20,810

somebody else that you are what you are

333

00:13:26,170 --> 00:13:23,959

imagine if you go to the doctor you know

334

00:13:28,480 --> 00:13:26,180

they say Jim prove to me that you're a

335

00:13:29,770 --> 00:13:28,490

guy you're like okay like okay good

336

00:13:31,840 --> 00:13:29,780

let's go back to when you were seven

337

00:13:33,670 --> 00:13:31,850

what kind of car things did you do and

338

00:13:35,350 --> 00:13:33,680

you're like okay I play with trucks I

339

00:13:37,150 --> 00:13:35,360

threw balls around you're like yeah but

340

00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:37,160

like how did you dress you know and

341

00:13:40,390 --> 00:13:38,000

you're going through these interviews

342

00:13:41,740 --> 00:13:40,400

going like duh before those the type of

343

00:13:43,270 --> 00:13:41,750

questions you're being asked basically

344

00:13:46,180 --> 00:13:43,280

you know you're having to go through

345

00:13:48,160 --> 00:13:46,190

this history of your life as a female

346

00:13:50,500 --> 00:13:48,170

trying to trying to ask you these

347

00:13:52,390 --> 00:13:50,510

questions to demonstrate that you're

348

00:13:54,810 --> 00:13:52,400

really a woman and what kind of doctor

349

00:13:56,920 --> 00:13:54,820

is it that's asking those things

350

00:14:00,370 --> 00:13:56,930

therapists like the psychologists a

351

00:14:02,470 --> 00:14:00,380

psychiatrist psychiatrist yeah and that

352

00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:02,480

went on for you for about a year now you

353

00:14:07,510 --> 00:14:04,610

know it's funny because I got the Kaiser

354

00:14:09,370 --> 00:14:07,520

programs like if I can get them to sign

355

00:14:11,949 --> 00:14:09,380

off and do this within six months fine

356

00:14:13,480 --> 00:14:11,959

but I'm in a financial position that I

357

00:14:15,220 --> 00:14:13,490

don't really have to wait for this I can

358

00:14:16,990 --> 00:14:15,230

pay for it myself particularly that

359

00:14:19,690 --> 00:14:17,000

surgery was only like I don't know five

360

00:14:21,670 --> 00:14:19,700

thousand bucks so it's like I gave him a

361

00:14:23,110 --> 00:14:21,680

shot but after I don't know two

362

00:14:24,819 --> 00:14:23,120

interviews I'm like this is really

363

00:14:26,590 --> 00:14:24,829

stupid I had no patience for it and I

364

00:14:29,590 --> 00:14:26,600

went to my doctor I said let's go do it

365

00:14:31,060 --> 00:14:29,600

oh so you for the time you decided I'm

366

00:14:33,220 --> 00:14:31,070

going to do this it ended up being a

367

00:14:34,569 --> 00:14:33,230

relatively short ya period of time well

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00:14:37,180 --> 00:14:34,579

I I would say that from the time I

369

00:14:39,460 --> 00:14:37,190

started realizing I wanted to get the or

370

00:14:41,470 --> 00:14:39,470

key it was probably twelve months so I

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00:14:44,470 --> 00:14:41,480

actually got it done because it was

372

00:14:46,449 --> 00:14:44,480

probably because I every step of this I

373

00:14:48,940 --> 00:14:46,459

took a lot of patience and consideration

374

00:14:50,760 --> 00:14:48,950

myself before I undertook anything even

375

00:14:53,380 --> 00:14:50,770

before he took the first hormone pill I

376

00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:53,390

studied you know and I know when I was

377

00:14:57,579 --> 00:14:55,040

transferred years but still this is like

378

00:14:59,740 --> 00:14:57,589

you know life changing and I and I just

379

00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:59,750

wanted to make sure I did my research on

380

00:15:03,490 --> 00:15:01,279

the science how this stuff was gonna

381

00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:03,500

affect my body what the risks were for

382

00:15:07,300 --> 00:15:05,120

me and it was the same thing so I

383

00:15:09,880 --> 00:15:07,310

probably for six months

384

00:15:12,040 --> 00:15:09,890

looks really closely at you know what

385

00:15:15,130 --> 00:15:12,050

are any any medical pros or cons from

386

00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:15,140

this and am I gonna suffer in any way is

387

00:15:20,890 --> 00:15:18,160

my body gonna suffer do I lose any like

388

00:15:22,000 --> 00:15:20,900

you know strength or whatever I just

389

00:15:24,340 --> 00:15:22,010

want to make sure this was something

390

00:15:26,110 --> 00:15:24,350

that I wanted to do so after six months

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00:15:27,970 --> 00:15:26,120

of going okay yeah this makes sense for

392

00:15:29,290 --> 00:15:27,980

me then it was six months of working

393

00:15:31,450 --> 00:15:29,300

with Kaiser and then I was

394

00:15:34,900 --> 00:15:31,460

now I'm just gonna do it and when was

395

00:15:36,970 --> 00:15:34,910

that May of last year may have last year

396

00:15:38,620 --> 00:15:36,980

okay I didn't realize is that recent

397

00:15:41,830 --> 00:15:38,630

yeah then I got the or key I got the

398

00:15:44,020 --> 00:15:41,840

other surgeries couple like two three

399

00:15:46,750 --> 00:15:44,030

years ago gotcha

400

00:15:48,880 --> 00:15:46,760

so I've gonna started talking a little

401  
00:15:51,160 --> 00:15:48,890  
bit more about our college days together

402  
00:15:54,280 --> 00:15:51,170  
you UC Irvine then we'll get back to

403  
00:15:56,380 --> 00:15:54,290  
that stuff but we were Sigma Kai's

404  
00:15:58,510 --> 00:15:56,390  
together I thought we should alert

405  
00:16:00,880 --> 00:15:58,520  
people a little bit about the Sigma Chi

406  
00:16:02,860 --> 00:16:00,890  
fraternity fraternity of John Wayne Brad

407  
00:16:06,130 --> 00:16:02,870  
Pitt Tom Selleck and David Letterman am

408  
00:16:07,960 --> 00:16:06,140  
i missing any big ones when I told some

409  
00:16:10,450 --> 00:16:07,970  
people that I was gonna be interviewing

410  
00:16:12,340 --> 00:16:10,460  
you and they didn't know you not not

411  
00:16:15,730 --> 00:16:12,350  
returning by the mm-hmm that strikes me

412  
00:16:18,010 --> 00:16:15,740  
as odd that that she wanted to join a

413  
00:16:19,600 --> 00:16:18,020

fraternity especially since at that time

414

00:16:22,300 --> 00:16:19,610

you already had these very strong

415

00:16:23,920 --> 00:16:22,310

feelings so walk me through that a

416

00:16:25,510 --> 00:16:23,930

little bit I'm just kind of curious so

417

00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:25,520

we do what was your thought process and

418

00:16:30,340 --> 00:16:27,380

deciding to join a fraternity which can

419

00:16:33,940 --> 00:16:30,350

be guys trying to be very manly or cool

420

00:16:35,650 --> 00:16:33,950

or whatever and and not necessarily the

421

00:16:38,410 --> 00:16:35,660

most respectful to women based on my

422

00:16:41,980 --> 00:16:38,420

recollection of fraternity days right so

423

00:16:43,300 --> 00:16:41,990

great story I mean you know again one

424

00:16:46,840 --> 00:16:43,310

thing we can get into the more but I

425

00:16:48,910 --> 00:16:46,850

knew by 12 but back when I was 12 no one

426

00:16:51,100 --> 00:16:48,920

was talking about this and so I didn't

427

00:16:54,370 --> 00:16:51,110

know what it was I knew you know by 12

428

00:16:56,200 --> 00:16:54,380

16 I had friends and I started learning

429

00:16:58,570 --> 00:16:56,210

but still they would seem to be in the

430

00:16:59,920 --> 00:16:58,580

shadows and I thought wow this I don't

431

00:17:01,750 --> 00:16:59,930

know if this is it seems maybe it's

432

00:17:04,030 --> 00:17:01,760

wrong and I didn't know what it was and

433

00:17:06,280 --> 00:17:04,040

so I just really kind of hid it from

434

00:17:09,540 --> 00:17:06,290

everybody meanwhile I tried to live a

435

00:17:13,060 --> 00:17:09,550

normal life I'm a very social person i

436

00:17:15,880 --> 00:17:13,070

I've always been engaged socially with

437

00:17:18,370 --> 00:17:15,890

tons of friends and family and so when I

438

00:17:20,500 --> 00:17:18,380

went to UC Irvine the way I got into

439

00:17:22,600 --> 00:17:20,510

Sigma Chi was pretty funny especially to

440

00:17:25,000 --> 00:17:22,610

another one of our Sigma Chi brothers

441

00:17:28,840 --> 00:17:25,010

that was really frustrated by my overall

442

00:17:32,560 --> 00:17:28,850

lack of actual direct desire to get in

443

00:17:34,240 --> 00:17:32,570

the fraternity versus he and years

444

00:17:36,130 --> 00:17:34,250

before his dad was fraternity you know

445

00:17:37,630 --> 00:17:36,140

Sigma Chi you was gonna go Sigma Chi he

446

00:17:39,460 --> 00:17:37,640

was like the Sigma Chi all the way he

447

00:17:41,920 --> 00:17:39,470

didn't get in his first year anyhow so

448

00:17:42,970 --> 00:17:41,930

I'm a freshman in the dorm and it was a

449

00:17:44,770 --> 00:17:42,980

Friday night and

450

00:17:47,140 --> 00:17:44,780

came from my dorm I don't to the other

451

00:17:48,970 --> 00:17:47,150

side of campus and Sigma Chi was having

452

00:17:52,000 --> 00:17:48,980

their first rush party of the season in

453

00:17:53,470 --> 00:17:52,010

the Commons in my in my dorm area and I

454

00:17:55,659 --> 00:17:53,480

just see a party going on some lights

455

00:17:58,510 --> 00:17:55,669

and oh it appears to be a party so I

456

00:18:00,159 --> 00:17:58,520

stopped in and you know I'm a guy so

457

00:18:02,620 --> 00:18:00,169

they come on in and I don't even know

458

00:18:05,680 --> 00:18:02,630

what it says but it seems cool and I go

459

00:18:07,180 --> 00:18:05,690

in and I'm back then you could drink it

460

00:18:09,220 --> 00:18:07,190

fraternity event so I'm having a couple

461

00:18:10,450 --> 00:18:09,230

of beers and guys are like hey why are

462

00:18:12,850 --> 00:18:10,460

you why are you here and I'm like I know

463

00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:12,860

I saw a party like really that's that's

464

00:18:17,409 --> 00:18:16,160

it yeah there's your name tag yeah and

465

00:18:19,810 --> 00:18:17,419

they're like you seem pretty cool

466

00:18:22,360 --> 00:18:19,820

because you know in college as you you

467

00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:22,370

know know it's like you know my hair was

468

00:18:27,460 --> 00:18:26,240

you know kind of down to my waist I wore

469

00:18:30,010 --> 00:18:27,470

really tight pants I mean I'm basically

470

00:18:32,350 --> 00:18:30,020

dressed like a girl under the pretext

471

00:18:34,330 --> 00:18:32,360

that I was this rocker right and it

472

00:18:36,970 --> 00:18:34,340

worked really well so it made you really

473

00:18:39,340 --> 00:18:36,980

cool it made me super cool in you know

474

00:18:42,150 --> 00:18:39,350

conservative Orange County UC Irvine it

475

00:18:45,850 --> 00:18:42,160

made me stand out so in going into

476

00:18:49,810 --> 00:18:45,860

college what was your feeling as far as

477

00:18:54,970 --> 00:18:49,820

like sexual orientation wise so really

478

00:18:56,710 --> 00:18:54,980

interesting story about that ever since

479

00:18:58,810 --> 00:18:56,720

my life I came became sexually out of

480

00:19:01,270 --> 00:18:58,820

this way I lost my virginity to a girl

481

00:19:03,880 --> 00:19:01,280

within you know 18 months of losing my

482

00:19:05,500 --> 00:19:03,890

virginity to a guy and so I was always

483

00:19:09,130 --> 00:19:05,510

by but I'd only fall in love with girls

484

00:19:11,049 --> 00:19:09,140

and and when I was younger like entering

485

00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:11,059

the college about that point in time so

486

00:19:15,460 --> 00:19:13,520

I'm in college and I thought am I

487

00:19:18,130 --> 00:19:15,470

kidding myself maybe I maybe this is all

488

00:19:20,169 --> 00:19:18,140

just means I'm gay and so I tried to

489

00:19:22,240 --> 00:19:20,179

experiment to see like okay well let my

490

00:19:24,130 --> 00:19:22,250

hair down with this I'm gay I'm gay I'll

491

00:19:27,280 --> 00:19:24,140

accept it and so I tried to toy around

492

00:19:29,289 --> 00:19:27,290

with that but I wasn't and I just fell

493

00:19:32,020 --> 00:19:29,299

only in love with girls but occasionally

494

00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:32,030

I would hook up with a guy and it wasn't

495

00:19:37,080 --> 00:19:36,080

until I took hormones which was now four

496

00:19:40,539 --> 00:19:37,090

or five years ago that I started

497

00:19:42,400 --> 00:19:40,549

estrogen the hormones that's like

498

00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:42,410

overnight and I didn't expect this

499

00:19:47,470 --> 00:19:44,960

because none of the other even even the

500

00:19:51,070 --> 00:19:47,480

older trans women that I had known for

501  
00:19:53,530 --> 00:19:51,080  
years never told me about this it really

502  
00:19:55,880 --> 00:19:53,540  
changed my polarity from like literally

503  
00:19:59,960 --> 00:19:55,890  
south to north where

504  
00:20:01,789 --> 00:19:59,970  
within 30 to 60 days I stopped losing a

505  
00:20:03,220 --> 00:20:01,799  
romantic interest in women and started

506  
00:20:06,110 --> 00:20:03,230  
being romantically interested in guys I

507  
00:20:08,450 --> 00:20:06,120  
totally did not expect that I can tell

508  
00:20:11,269 --> 00:20:08,460  
you I have a lot of friends who were

509  
00:20:13,130 --> 00:20:11,279  
never were trans we're never bisexual

510  
00:20:15,289 --> 00:20:13,140  
only liked women and they still only

511  
00:20:17,720 --> 00:20:15,299  
liked women so it's not gonna like flip

512  
00:20:20,779 --> 00:20:17,730  
every person but it was obviously

513  
00:20:22,940 --> 00:20:20,789

something inside of me that once the

514

00:20:25,009 --> 00:20:22,950

right hormone was introduced like my

515

00:20:27,440 --> 00:20:25,019

polarity shifted to where I feel it

516

00:20:29,539 --> 00:20:27,450

should have been all along I always felt

517

00:20:32,120 --> 00:20:29,549

like a girl in a relationship with girls

518

00:20:37,009 --> 00:20:32,130

and so like we'd be like two cats you

519

00:20:39,889 --> 00:20:37,019

know my two and and it would

520

00:20:42,350 --> 00:20:39,899

cause conflict sometimes and you know

521

00:20:43,940 --> 00:20:42,360

I'd see guys in relationships with other

522

00:20:45,080 --> 00:20:43,950

guys friends and they'd all be chill

523

00:20:47,210 --> 00:20:45,090

when their girlfriends would flip out

524

00:20:48,440 --> 00:20:47,220

but I'd be like get crazy with them and

525

00:20:50,419 --> 00:20:48,450

I'm like I don't know something

526  
00:20:51,350 --> 00:20:50,429  
something's wrong here I took estrogen I

527  
00:20:52,759 --> 00:20:51,360  
start falling

528  
00:20:55,610 --> 00:20:52,769  
I might need some of that estrogen

529  
00:20:59,659 --> 00:20:55,620  
actually I'm seeing is not real chill

530  
00:21:01,820 --> 00:20:59,669  
when we get an argument so I started

531  
00:21:06,100 --> 00:21:01,830  
falling in love with guys and started

532  
00:21:09,139 --> 00:21:06,110  
just dating guys only and you know

533  
00:21:11,269 --> 00:21:09,149  
probably the most remarkable thing the

534  
00:21:14,180 --> 00:21:11,279  
most remarkable part about the change in

535  
00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:14,190  
transition and formal transition was

536  
00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:16,080  
that everything in my life became so

537  
00:21:20,180 --> 00:21:18,000  
peaceful all these balls in the air that

538  
00:21:22,340 --> 00:21:20,190

were just you know up in the air the

539

00:21:24,320 --> 00:21:22,350

whole time all sudden just came down and

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00:21:26,629 --> 00:21:24,330

everything locked in place and I became

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00:21:28,610 --> 00:21:26,639

really peaceful like I wasn't like

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00:21:31,639 --> 00:21:28,620

struggling anymore with who I was and

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00:21:33,470 --> 00:21:31,649

stuff I knew who I was then the estrogen

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00:21:35,509 --> 00:21:33,480

seemed to like really lock that in and

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00:21:37,460 --> 00:21:35,519

seemed to be the hormone that should

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00:21:40,129 --> 00:21:37,470

have been my body all along it really

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00:21:41,990 --> 00:21:40,139

frustrated me because I felt like had I

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00:21:44,060 --> 00:21:42,000

taken the hormones years earlier it

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00:21:45,919 --> 00:21:44,070

could have resolved a lot of conflict in

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00:21:48,950 --> 00:21:45,929

my life earlier that would have been

551  
00:21:50,360 --> 00:21:48,960  
healthy and so you know fast forward

552  
00:21:53,299 --> 00:21:50,370  
today I have a boyfriend of two years

553  
00:21:56,750 --> 00:21:53,309  
and you know how many guys have you

554  
00:21:59,690 --> 00:21:56,760  
dated since transitioning well you know

555  
00:22:06,620 --> 00:21:59,700  
it's I want to share them now as you see

556  
00:22:07,940 --> 00:22:06,630  
he's hard paying paying attention I have

557  
00:22:08,860 --> 00:22:07,950  
this whole perspective in fact this is a

558  
00:22:10,990 --> 00:22:08,870  
whole nother

559  
00:22:13,870 --> 00:22:11,000  
after this you know being being

560  
00:22:16,000 --> 00:22:13,880  
socialized growing up as a guy society

561  
00:22:19,299 --> 00:22:16,010  
is treating me as a guy entitles me to

562  
00:22:21,220 --> 00:22:19,309  
that white male privilege okay now you

563  
00:22:23,320 --> 00:22:21,230

take you don't lose that when you

564

00:22:26,260 --> 00:22:23,330

transition all that knowledge wisdom

565

00:22:27,130 --> 00:22:26,270

experience is being treated as a white

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00:22:31,299 --> 00:22:27,140

male privilege

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00:22:33,790 --> 00:22:31,309

now you transition to a female and you

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00:22:35,770 --> 00:22:33,800

know guys inside out you know guys

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00:22:37,240 --> 00:22:35,780

before I was one of the guys I was in a

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00:22:40,420 --> 00:22:37,250

fraternity for peace you're in the club

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00:22:42,210 --> 00:22:40,430

okay so I knew guys inside and now and

572

00:22:45,340 --> 00:22:42,220

now as a woman I was dangerous because

573

00:22:47,740 --> 00:22:45,350

you know when a guy would say something

574

00:22:50,740 --> 00:22:47,750

I knew what he meant where other girls

575

00:22:52,450 --> 00:22:50,750

really struggled for instance you know a

576

00:22:54,549 --> 00:22:52,460

girlfriend would call me and said you

577

00:22:56,410 --> 00:22:54,559

know I made a day this guy he's ten

578

00:22:59,590 --> 00:22:56,420

minutes late he's totally disrespecting

579

00:23:01,960 --> 00:22:59,600

me go no honey he's just like okay guys

580

00:23:03,970 --> 00:23:01,970

don't think about things they just do

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00:23:05,560 --> 00:23:03,980

right you know and you can rely on that

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00:23:08,049 --> 00:23:05,570

they're their men their minds don't go

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00:23:11,370 --> 00:23:08,059

like this about you know romance they

584

00:23:14,169 --> 00:23:11,380

just act and sometimes they are late

585

00:23:16,480 --> 00:23:14,179

period and don't overthink it and guys

586

00:23:17,980 --> 00:23:16,490

are women are always thinking men are

587

00:23:19,600 --> 00:23:17,990

like them's that they're just thinking

588

00:23:22,660 --> 00:23:19,610

thinking thinking all the time but

589

00:23:25,510 --> 00:23:22,670

they're not and not to be not to condemn

590

00:23:27,610 --> 00:23:25,520

guys but romantically speaking there are

591

00:23:32,020 --> 00:23:27,620

a lot like dogs okay you love your dog

592

00:23:35,169 --> 00:23:32,030

I'm a dog person I love dogs you know so

593

00:23:37,000 --> 00:23:35,179

it's not inferring anything bad but you

594

00:23:38,650 --> 00:23:37,010

know your dogs gonna misbehave it's

595

00:23:40,450 --> 00:23:38,660

gonna jump on the couch sometimes and

596

00:23:43,180 --> 00:23:40,460

you you don't go we need to have a talk

597

00:23:44,169 --> 00:23:43,190

about this in an hour we're gonna mean

598

00:23:45,970 --> 00:23:44,179

the bedroom we're gonna talk about no

599

00:23:48,010 --> 00:23:45,980

you say dog get off the get off the

600

00:23:49,840 --> 00:23:48,020

couch get off the bed right now and you

601  
00:23:51,610 --> 00:23:49,850  
can talk and guys love direction and

602  
00:23:53,890 --> 00:23:51,620  
girls don't realize this they tiptoe

603  
00:23:56,799 --> 00:23:53,900  
around guys and make it and make drama

604  
00:23:58,450 --> 00:23:56,809  
happen to have a communication whereas

605  
00:24:00,460 --> 00:23:58,460  
if you just tell a guy get off the couch

606  
00:24:02,980 --> 00:24:00,470  
they'll go thank you okay I will

607  
00:24:06,340 --> 00:24:02,990  
no drama so there's all this stuff I

608  
00:24:08,020 --> 00:24:06,350  
knew about guys so I knew with guys guys

609  
00:24:11,200 --> 00:24:08,030  
take a long time to fall in love girls

610  
00:24:15,520 --> 00:24:11,210  
want commitment and stability guys want

611  
00:24:18,070 --> 00:24:15,530  
sex okay and you can't make a guy fall

612  
00:24:20,020 --> 00:24:18,080  
in love you you can't make a guy

613  
00:24:22,330 --> 00:24:20,030

have commitment and stability that just

614

00:24:23,830 --> 00:24:22,340

that just happens over time that a guy

615

00:24:26,650 --> 00:24:23,840

falls in love but when a guy does fall

616

00:24:29,740 --> 00:24:26,660

in love with you he's you have him for

617

00:24:31,510 --> 00:24:29,750

life it's it's yours to mess up and so

618

00:24:33,430 --> 00:24:31,520

girls just generally don't understand

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00:24:36,280 --> 00:24:33,440

this so the show is getting a little bit

620

00:24:39,190 --> 00:24:36,290

too normal right now especially talking

621

00:24:41,050 --> 00:24:39,200

about the trans issues this is sounding

622

00:24:42,610 --> 00:24:41,060

like any normal relationship so let's

623

00:24:44,500 --> 00:24:42,620

ask a couple transfer related questions

624

00:24:46,660 --> 00:24:44,510

on that when you're on social media you

625

00:24:49,090 --> 00:24:46,670

do note on there that you're trans yeah

626  
00:24:53,110 --> 00:24:49,100  
okay on Facebook it says proud

627  
00:24:54,550 --> 00:24:53,120  
transgender woman and then when you

628  
00:24:57,790 --> 00:24:54,560  
first met him at the bar

629  
00:25:00,130 --> 00:24:57,800  
it comes out how and I didn't win and

630  
00:25:02,320 --> 00:25:00,140  
what kind of bar was it so it was in

631  
00:25:04,840 --> 00:25:02,330  
West Hollywood it was a notorious gay

632  
00:25:05,980 --> 00:25:04,850  
bar but it was for la pride we were

633  
00:25:08,500 --> 00:25:05,990  
there so we're actually coming up on our

634  
00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:08,510  
two-year anniversary and he's not gay he

635  
00:25:13,840 --> 00:25:10,000  
was there with his two lesbian friends

636  
00:25:14,890 --> 00:25:13,850  
and I pride myself always pride myself

637  
00:25:16,660 --> 00:25:14,900  
on

638  
00:25:18,310 --> 00:25:16,670

because I'm proud of being trans so I

639

00:25:21,190 --> 00:25:18,320

always pride myself when I was meeting

640

00:25:23,020 --> 00:25:21,200

guys in public the first the second I

641

00:25:24,700 --> 00:25:23,030

saw that they were interested and I

642

00:25:25,900 --> 00:25:24,710

realized I was interested I would

643

00:25:27,390 --> 00:25:25,910

literally give them a straight arm ago

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00:25:30,340 --> 00:25:27,400

hey I'm trans

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00:25:32,260 --> 00:25:30,350

just to make sure they knew mhm because

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00:25:33,910 --> 00:25:32,270

it's a waste of both of our times to go

647

00:25:36,670 --> 00:25:33,920

on any further than that without them

648

00:25:38,740 --> 00:25:36,680

knowing and a lot of times one like this

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00:25:40,720 --> 00:25:38,750

I would tell them hey I'm trans by the

650

00:25:42,700 --> 00:25:40,730

way just to interrupt for a second what

651  
00:25:45,940 --> 00:25:42,710  
would the community if that's the right

652  
00:25:49,210 --> 00:25:45,950  
word for it say about that do they tend

653  
00:25:51,850 --> 00:25:49,220  
to agree is that their view something

654  
00:25:55,180 --> 00:25:51,860  
that you should do know there's there's

655  
00:25:58,330 --> 00:25:55,190  
if you go on like Facebook string posts

656  
00:26:00,880 --> 00:25:58,340  
about this again it's pretty sad thing

657  
00:26:03,310 --> 00:26:00,890  
or one of the sisters on social media

658  
00:26:05,620 --> 00:26:03,320  
will go oh I met this guy I'm going on a

659  
00:26:08,380 --> 00:26:05,630  
date should I tell him and like I said

660  
00:26:09,580 --> 00:26:08,390  
before I'm like yeah like why wouldn't

661  
00:26:11,650 --> 00:26:09,590  
you like this is something to be proud

662  
00:26:13,630 --> 00:26:11,660  
of but so it's still a question that's

663  
00:26:16,120 --> 00:26:13,640

being asked all the time should you or

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00:26:19,930 --> 00:26:16,130

should you not tell these trans women

665

00:26:22,420 --> 00:26:19,940

largely are not proud of being trans

666

00:26:25,360 --> 00:26:22,430

they'll tell you staunchly I'm a woman

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00:26:27,070 --> 00:26:25,370

I'm not trans I'm a woman they don't

668

00:26:28,930 --> 00:26:27,080

want to hear that they're trans it's

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00:26:30,670 --> 00:26:28,940

really really weird and so they're the

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00:26:35,260 --> 00:26:30,680

ones mostly promoting

671

00:26:37,960 --> 00:26:35,270

like you know this feeling of disgrace

672

00:26:40,030 --> 00:26:37,970

for being trans and like that's like

673

00:26:41,590 --> 00:26:40,040

something really incredible it's

674

00:26:43,900 --> 00:26:41,600

literally like I said being a unicorn

675

00:26:46,980 --> 00:26:43,910

say no I'm just a horse yeah why would

676

00:26:48,880 --> 00:26:46,990

you want to just be a horse so I'm

677

00:26:50,290 --> 00:26:48,890

definitely a little bit different so you

678

00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:50,300

would say might you're in the minority

679

00:26:54,670 --> 00:26:52,880

for someone who would definitely come

680

00:26:57,580 --> 00:26:54,680

out that quickly to the person yes yeah

681

00:26:58,750 --> 00:26:57,590

yeah a lot of girls thinking is well I'm

682

00:27:00,940 --> 00:26:58,760

gonna take the time I'm gonna go on a

683

00:27:03,010 --> 00:27:00,950

couple dates with him let him get to

684

00:27:05,200 --> 00:27:03,020

know me and and once he gets to know me

685

00:27:06,910 --> 00:27:05,210

then I'll tell him thinking like oh

686

00:27:08,260 --> 00:27:06,920

he'll kind of fall in love with me and

687

00:27:11,470 --> 00:27:08,270

then I'll tell him then he won't want to

688

00:27:13,420 --> 00:27:11,480

say no but all that happens is because

689

00:27:15,040 --> 00:27:13,430

guys tell me this that have become my

690

00:27:17,860 --> 00:27:15,050

friends and stuff so they'll say you

691

00:27:19,780 --> 00:27:17,870

know that happens a lot of the trans

692

00:27:22,270 --> 00:27:19,790

women that they they play him for like

693

00:27:24,640 --> 00:27:22,280

three dates and then they're in the

694

00:27:26,560 --> 00:27:24,650

bedroom things are getting heated and

695

00:27:28,630 --> 00:27:26,570

then I go I have something to tell you

696

00:27:30,820 --> 00:27:28,640

and then it's not about being trans then

697

00:27:33,220 --> 00:27:30,830

it's about being feeling a betrayal

698

00:27:34,480 --> 00:27:33,230

right that you've been lied to yeah by

699

00:27:36,550 --> 00:27:34,490

someone you're trying to forge a

700

00:27:38,950 --> 00:27:36,560

relationship with like that's the last

701  
00:27:41,140 --> 00:27:38,960  
thing you wanted and by the way if this

702  
00:27:43,810 --> 00:27:41,150  
male that you're talking to that had

703  
00:27:44,860 --> 00:27:43,820  
been appeared to be interested in you at

704  
00:27:47,590 --> 00:27:44,870  
a time and then you let him know that

705  
00:27:49,450 --> 00:27:47,600  
you're trans and he indicates oh gee

706  
00:27:52,030 --> 00:27:49,460  
thanks for letting me know and then kind

707  
00:27:54,580 --> 00:27:52,040  
of backs off is that offensive to you no

708  
00:27:57,160 --> 00:27:54,590  
way in fact I get complimented when I

709  
00:27:58,240 --> 00:27:57,170  
was dating I was getting complemented

710  
00:28:01,960 --> 00:27:58,250  
all the time because I would I would

711  
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:01,970  
tell the guys I you know brought a lot

712  
00:28:05,860 --> 00:28:03,740  
of a lot of guys hit me up all the time

713  
00:28:09,310 --> 00:28:05,870

just in public I'm just you know no

714

00:28:11,080 --> 00:28:09,320

matter where I go and so um I was

715

00:28:14,220 --> 00:28:11,090

engaging like this a lot hey I'm trans

716

00:28:17,530 --> 00:28:14,230

and they would say either I didn't know

717

00:28:19,720 --> 00:28:17,540

but that's it's fine with me I look like

718

00:28:21,580 --> 00:28:19,730

a beautiful woman or they'd say I didn't

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00:28:23,080 --> 00:28:21,590

know but thank you so much and that's

720

00:28:24,850 --> 00:28:23,090

where they get the extra kudos like

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00:28:27,340 --> 00:28:24,860

that's really cool that you're that

722

00:28:29,620 --> 00:28:27,350

proud that you just went out and told me

723

00:28:31,210 --> 00:28:29,630

like I have a major respect for you for

724

00:28:33,520 --> 00:28:31,220

just coming out like that so I'd win a

725

00:28:36,970 --> 00:28:33,530

lot of respect and admiration for being

726

00:28:39,070 --> 00:28:36,980

that way and it also was exemplary for

727

00:28:40,930 --> 00:28:39,080

you know trans woman they came away

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00:28:43,919 --> 00:28:40,940

feeling wow that's it well and it's the

729

00:28:46,289 --> 00:28:43,929

easiest point in the relationship

730

00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:46,299

to do it because you're relatively doing

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00:28:50,039 --> 00:28:48,159

this dialogue with the person right it's

732

00:28:52,259 --> 00:28:50,049

your it's getting harder and harder each

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00:28:54,359 --> 00:28:52,269

hour and day that you're with that

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00:28:56,999 --> 00:28:54,369

person that you haven't told them to to

735

00:28:59,009 --> 00:28:57,009

tell them as if maybe they're thinking I

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00:29:01,970 --> 00:28:59,019

mean never have to tell them but that's

737

00:29:05,940 --> 00:29:01,980

not not to mention dangerous

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00:29:08,279 --> 00:29:05,950

you know trans women as a population are

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00:29:11,730 --> 00:29:08,289

one of the most murdered segments of US

740

00:29:13,200 --> 00:29:11,740

society and you have to ask yourself why

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00:29:17,190 --> 00:29:13,210

is that and that's a really good

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00:29:18,570 --> 00:29:17,200

question and you know people want to

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00:29:21,930 --> 00:29:18,580

think particularly trans women want to

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00:29:24,539 --> 00:29:21,940

think oh people are just you know being

745

00:29:27,210 --> 00:29:24,549

biased or hateful know what they don't

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00:29:31,440 --> 00:29:27,220

understand is that there's a lot of hard

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00:29:34,649 --> 00:29:31,450

core biology in this that while the

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00:29:37,009 --> 00:29:34,659

majority of men are bisexual by their

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00:29:39,810 --> 00:29:37,019

very nature the Kinsey study proved that

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00:29:43,080 --> 00:29:39,820

and that trans woman would be that the

751

00:29:45,419 --> 00:29:43,090

the most perfect resource for a for a

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00:29:48,210 --> 00:29:45,429

man with my tendencies because men want

753

00:29:50,190 --> 00:29:48,220

men who like women who men who are bi

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00:29:52,049 --> 00:29:50,200

like women still want a woman figure and

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00:29:55,169 --> 00:29:52,059

everything they just want to try out the

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00:29:56,669 --> 00:29:55,179

male genitalia it's not that they want

757

00:29:59,100 --> 00:29:56,679

to necessarily do anything specific with

758

00:30:02,580 --> 00:29:59,110

it it's just having that exotic aspect

759

00:30:05,009 --> 00:30:02,590

that they fantasize about and so it's

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00:30:07,590 --> 00:30:05,019

very prevalent that guys are fantasizing

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00:30:10,340 --> 00:30:07,600

about trans women they don't talk about

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00:30:14,340 --> 00:30:10,350

to their friends there's this thing that

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00:30:16,830 --> 00:30:14,350

you know seventy plus percent of guys

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00:30:19,200 --> 00:30:16,840

fantasize one time another about being

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00:30:21,359 --> 00:30:19,210

with a trans woman but 99% of am won't

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00:30:23,759 --> 00:30:21,369

even tell their best friend for fear of

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00:30:25,950 --> 00:30:23,769

being called out as gay and it's not gay

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00:30:27,389 --> 00:30:25,960

women are allowed to be bisexual but men

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00:30:29,600 --> 00:30:27,399

aren't allowed to be bisexual you have

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00:30:31,919 --> 00:30:29,610

to have this macho a stick image so

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00:30:35,669 --> 00:30:31,929

beyond that seventy percent there's a

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00:30:38,999 --> 00:30:35,679

good solid 30 plus percent of men who

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00:30:41,159 --> 00:30:39,009

are not only heterosexual and they have

774

00:30:46,549 --> 00:30:41,169

no hatred towards gay people but they

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00:30:48,840 --> 00:30:46,559

are just so essentially straight that

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00:30:51,659 --> 00:30:48,850

you know the thought of kissing another

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00:30:53,700 --> 00:30:51,669

man or anything like a man is pictured

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00:30:56,460 --> 00:30:53,710

to them is disgusting and it's not a

779

00:30:58,290 --> 00:30:56,470

bias it's not a discriminatory thing

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00:31:00,990 --> 00:30:58,300

there is just a reaction

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00:31:03,930 --> 00:31:01,000

or anything right and it's very toxic

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00:31:06,450 --> 00:31:03,940

and if you trick a guy into kissing you

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00:31:08,430 --> 00:31:06,460

who's one of these guys they get really

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00:31:11,520 --> 00:31:08,440

angry and you're in jeopardy of getting

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00:31:13,290 --> 00:31:11,530

hurt if not killed yeah that I mean if

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00:31:14,790 --> 00:31:13,300

you know I could understand the person

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00:31:16,560 --> 00:31:14,800

being upset because as you said it's

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00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:16,570

kind of a betrayal and maybe it so

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00:31:20,400 --> 00:31:18,640

rightly so that should be upset now to

790

00:31:22,700 --> 00:31:20,410

go to that extra thing of the violence

791

00:31:25,020 --> 00:31:22,710

thing that's where you almost go to the

792

00:31:27,150 --> 00:31:25,030

homophobic or the person's in the closet

793

00:31:28,770 --> 00:31:27,160

or whatever no I mean you know well but

794

00:31:30,150 --> 00:31:28,780

no that's like I know even though even

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00:31:32,220 --> 00:31:30,160

if a person is betrayed

796

00:31:34,350 --> 00:31:32,230

you shouldn't go violent so that's

797

00:31:36,420 --> 00:31:34,360

absolutely true yeah but the fact is

798

00:31:38,790 --> 00:31:36,430

we're talking about human behavior what

799

00:31:40,680 --> 00:31:38,800

what I've seen it touch off and again

800

00:31:42,030 --> 00:31:40,690

there's no excuse for it but what the

801  
00:31:44,190 --> 00:31:42,040  
girls don't understand what the trans

802  
00:31:47,280 --> 00:31:44,200  
girls don't understand is that they're

803  
00:31:49,200 --> 00:31:47,290  
potentially igniting something that from

804  
00:31:51,990 --> 00:31:49,210  
in a guy that has never been prone to

805  
00:31:54,090 --> 00:31:52,000  
violence that's so behaviorally and

806  
00:31:56,490 --> 00:31:54,100  
instinctual that he goes into a rage

807  
00:32:00,030 --> 00:31:56,500  
right away unlike never before and

808  
00:32:02,370 --> 00:32:00,040  
causes violence and and so you're not

809  
00:32:05,460 --> 00:32:02,380  
just playing with a little bit of fire

810  
00:32:07,770 --> 00:32:05,470  
you're playing with your welfare by not

811  
00:32:10,080 --> 00:32:07,780  
coming out and so I haven't feel when

812  
00:32:11,100 --> 00:32:10,090  
guys start flirting with me I mean

813  
00:32:12,780 --> 00:32:11,110

someone relate you know I'm in a

814

00:32:15,450 --> 00:32:12,790

relationship so but I still have guys

815

00:32:17,280 --> 00:32:15,460

flirt with me and I still will either

816

00:32:20,700 --> 00:32:17,290

get away from them or just tell them

817

00:32:23,580 --> 00:32:20,710

right away I'm trans because I really

818

00:32:25,560 --> 00:32:23,590

protect myself from anyone who would

819

00:32:29,190 --> 00:32:25,570

have that rage can you could you kind of

820

00:32:31,860 --> 00:32:29,200

have a radar I was going to try and use

821

00:32:34,560 --> 00:32:31,870

a different word related to radar not

822

00:32:37,770 --> 00:32:34,570

gaydar obviously but anyway a radar for

823

00:32:39,720 --> 00:32:37,780

for a man that you think is so

824

00:32:41,160 --> 00:32:39,730

heterosexual that hey he's flirting I

825

00:32:42,300 --> 00:32:41,170

mean he's not gonna be happy when he

826  
00:32:44,670 --> 00:32:42,310  
errs on trans so I'm just gonna go ahead

827  
00:32:46,530 --> 00:32:44,680  
and walk walk away now versus one that

828  
00:32:51,060 --> 00:32:46,540  
may in fact be interested no I don't in

829  
00:32:52,800 --> 00:32:51,070  
fact um some guys in the past have come

830  
00:32:54,840 --> 00:32:52,810  
unto me so hard that I actually thought

831  
00:32:56,640 --> 00:32:54,850  
they knew I was trans and we're really

832  
00:32:58,980 --> 00:32:56,650  
excited about the notion of flirting

833  
00:33:01,410 --> 00:32:58,990  
with me only to tell them they're like

834  
00:33:03,780 --> 00:33:01,420  
whoa and they get away from me really

835  
00:33:06,510 --> 00:33:03,790  
fast you know and it's reactionary it's

836  
00:33:08,370 --> 00:33:06,520  
not a bias or I should say it's not a

837  
00:33:10,530 --> 00:33:08,380  
discriminatory thing it's a behavioral

838  
00:33:14,460 --> 00:33:10,540

thing so no I have

839

00:33:17,190 --> 00:33:14,470

you know no sense on that so for a man

840

00:33:21,780 --> 00:33:17,200

that is interested in being with a trans

841

00:33:24,300 --> 00:33:21,790

woman your your assessment of that guy

842

00:33:28,140 --> 00:33:24,310

is basically that it's kind of an

843

00:33:28,920 --> 00:33:28,150

in-between bisexual kind of attraction

844

00:33:31,320 --> 00:33:28,930

yes

845

00:33:34,620 --> 00:33:31,330

no it's most guys who like trans women

846

00:33:36,570 --> 00:33:34,630

and there's kind of there's really kind

847

00:33:40,560 --> 00:33:36,580

of two different guys who like trans

848

00:33:42,180 --> 00:33:40,570

woman their first one is guys who meet a

849

00:33:45,000 --> 00:33:42,190

beautiful trans woman they don't really

850

00:33:46,770 --> 00:33:45,010

realize she's trans they they really

851

00:33:49,380 --> 00:33:46,780

fall in love with her as a woman and

852

00:33:52,020 --> 00:33:49,390

whether she tells on day one or not they

853

00:33:54,390 --> 00:33:52,030

they fall in love and they just learn to

854

00:33:56,850 --> 00:33:54,400

live with that aspect and and they work

855

00:33:58,500 --> 00:33:56,860

around it and they're not put off by it

856

00:34:01,770 --> 00:33:58,510

they're just again so in love and

857

00:34:04,650 --> 00:34:01,780

enamored by this woman that they're okay

858

00:34:08,909 --> 00:34:04,660

with the extra apparatus and then

859

00:34:11,700 --> 00:34:08,919

there's the other kind of guy who you

860

00:34:13,890 --> 00:34:11,710

know knows he likes trans just just like

861

00:34:16,050 --> 00:34:13,900

someone knows maybe that they're gay or

862

00:34:18,360 --> 00:34:16,060

someone knows that they're straight a

863

00:34:20,460 --> 00:34:18,370

lot of guys just grow up with the

864

00:34:22,320 --> 00:34:20,470

knowledge Wow I just like you know women

865

00:34:25,110 --> 00:34:22,330

with the tail between their legs it's

866

00:34:28,110 --> 00:34:25,120

just what they like and they're not

867

00:34:29,940 --> 00:34:28,120

afraid to express that so going back to

868

00:34:32,100 --> 00:34:29,950

college at that point you were kind of

869

00:34:34,350 --> 00:34:32,110

experimenting with both but primarily

870

00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:34,360

attracted to women yeah so I had a

871

00:34:39,060 --> 00:34:35,919

girlfriend all the way through college

872

00:34:41,640 --> 00:34:39,070

um but again I hid this whole thing from

873

00:34:43,320 --> 00:34:41,650

everybody so you know I'd go into you

874

00:34:45,180 --> 00:34:43,330

know this we went to UC Irvine Orange

875

00:34:48,030 --> 00:34:45,190

County so I Drive up relatively

876

00:34:50,700 --> 00:34:48,040

conservative area you really so I Drive

877

00:34:54,030 --> 00:34:50,710

up to Hollywood on weekends hang with

878

00:34:57,770 --> 00:34:54,040

trans sisters get into trouble have some

879

00:35:00,600 --> 00:34:57,780

fun be myself and then drive back down

880

00:35:03,840 --> 00:35:00,610

so and and did you didn't share that

881

00:35:06,780 --> 00:35:03,850

with anybody at Irvine no way none of

882

00:35:08,790 --> 00:35:06,790

the fraternity brothers were aware of

883

00:35:11,490 --> 00:35:08,800

that no any the the first person outside

884

00:35:14,190 --> 00:35:11,500

of the another trans person I shared my

885

00:35:18,660 --> 00:35:14,200

quote unquote secret with was what

886

00:35:21,060 --> 00:35:18,670

became my wife when I was 24 years old

887

00:35:23,340 --> 00:35:21,070

and you met her at the river Mara

888

00:35:23,640 --> 00:35:23,350

right yeah the river we should tell

889

00:35:25,920 --> 00:35:23,650

people

890

00:35:27,630 --> 00:35:25,930

was a big weekend of debauchery that

891

00:35:30,510 --> 00:35:27,640

would happen once a year of Sigma Chi

892

00:35:33,060 --> 00:35:30,520

and its claim to fame was you wanted to

893

00:35:36,030 --> 00:35:33,070

outdo the number of kegs drank the prior

894

00:35:38,820 --> 00:35:36,040

year so you bunny hit like the 110

895

00:35:40,110 --> 00:35:38,830

number or whatever and of course a lot

896

00:35:41,640 --> 00:35:40,120

of the beer descended up being thrown on

897

00:35:44,640 --> 00:35:41,650

people's own wasn't necessarily drank

898

00:35:47,220 --> 00:35:44,650

but that that's a nice environment to to

899

00:35:48,590 --> 00:35:47,230

meet a nice woman that was very funny

900

00:35:51,900 --> 00:35:48,600

meeting she was actually there with

901  
00:35:54,810 --> 00:35:51,910  
another Sigma Chi brother unbeknownst to

902  
00:35:58,020 --> 00:35:54,820  
me oh oh actually had gone together had

903  
00:36:01,260 --> 00:35:58,030  
gone together and her best friend was a

904  
00:36:04,140 --> 00:36:01,270  
little sister and she saw me and as the

905  
00:36:07,890 --> 00:36:04,150  
story goes she said to Lenore who's that

906  
00:36:11,070 --> 00:36:07,900  
I want to marry him and and right then

907  
00:36:12,510 --> 00:36:11,080  
she was like crazy about me and which is

908  
00:36:14,820 --> 00:36:12,520  
fun because she's from Orange County and

909  
00:36:16,230 --> 00:36:14,830  
again by that I had long hair I just

910  
00:36:18,990 --> 00:36:16,240  
didn't look like anything she'd ever

911  
00:36:22,500 --> 00:36:19,000  
dated and it was love at first sight for

912  
00:36:24,900 --> 00:36:22,510  
her and you know we had a nice time

913  
00:36:26,280 --> 00:36:24,910

meeting at the river shortly after that

914

00:36:27,180 --> 00:36:26,290

we started dating and I ended up

915

00:36:29,370 --> 00:36:27,190

marrying her but she was the first

916

00:36:33,060 --> 00:36:29,380

person I came out to and it didn't go

917

00:36:34,650 --> 00:36:33,070

well so it almost perpetuated the notion

918

00:36:38,400 --> 00:36:34,660

that yeah this is something I can't tell

919

00:36:41,370 --> 00:36:38,410

people so let's go back to the beginning

920

00:36:43,400 --> 00:36:41,380

if you don't mind like where you were

921

00:36:47,040 --> 00:36:43,410

born and let's talk about your childhood

922

00:36:48,830 --> 00:36:47,050

so born in here in Encino or I should

923

00:36:51,420 --> 00:36:48,840

say I was born in Hollywood Presbyterian

924

00:36:54,330 --> 00:36:51,430

adopted at Birth until a wealthy Jewish

925

00:36:58,050 --> 00:36:54,340

family I later found out I was half

926

00:36:59,190 --> 00:36:58,060

Mexican living si and so I'm adopted

927

00:37:03,690 --> 00:36:59,200

into a wealthy Jewish family from day

928

00:37:04,650 --> 00:37:03,700

one and grew up here in Encino do you

929

00:37:09,210 --> 00:37:04,660

know anything about your biological

930

00:37:14,060 --> 00:37:09,220

parents I do I am you know fast forward

931

00:37:16,500 --> 00:37:14,070

at age 20 my adopted mom passed away and

932

00:37:19,740 --> 00:37:16,510

at that point in time I asked my dad I

933

00:37:21,840 --> 00:37:19,750

said you know mom's gone you never as a

934

00:37:24,720 --> 00:37:21,850

job retire you never want to disrespect

935

00:37:26,970 --> 00:37:24,730

the parents who raised you by asking

936

00:37:29,130 --> 00:37:26,980

about hey can I meet my birth parents

937

00:37:31,080 --> 00:37:29,140

but once she passed away I said dad you

938

00:37:31,770 --> 00:37:31,090

know I'm kind of curious do you think

939

00:37:33,120 --> 00:37:31,780

it's okay

940

00:37:35,100 --> 00:37:33,130

and he goes yeah and I knew I was

941

00:37:36,670 --> 00:37:35,110

adopted through a private attorney so he

942

00:37:38,230 --> 00:37:36,680

said here's the law firms name

943

00:37:41,230 --> 00:37:38,240

you give him a call and see where you go

944

00:37:44,079 --> 00:37:41,240

with this and that day I picked up the

945

00:37:47,500 --> 00:37:44,089

phone called that law firm said who I

946

00:37:50,109 --> 00:37:47,510

was and I said I'm looking for you know

947

00:37:51,790 --> 00:37:50,119

my birth parents and they said listen

948

00:37:53,650 --> 00:37:51,800

it's usually a dead end but we'll check

949

00:37:55,809 --> 00:37:53,660

your file and then came back to the

950

00:37:57,370 --> 00:37:55,819

phone compliment Slater and said Wow and

951  
00:38:01,450 --> 00:37:57,380  
had you know anything about them not

952  
00:38:04,599 --> 00:38:01,460  
nothing you know the way my lair I found

953  
00:38:06,220 --> 00:38:04,609  
out from my birth mom she really did

954  
00:38:09,010 --> 00:38:06,230  
protect the notion of that she adopted

955  
00:38:11,410 --> 00:38:09,020  
me and I needed to come find her before

956  
00:38:13,359 --> 00:38:11,420  
that was gonna happen so she had written

957  
00:38:15,040 --> 00:38:13,369  
letter to the law firm on my 18th

958  
00:38:16,809 --> 00:38:15,050  
birthday saying that if I ever came

959  
00:38:20,920 --> 00:38:16,819  
looking for her to give me this letter

960  
00:38:23,380 --> 00:38:20,930  
and I was it was one year after my mom

961  
00:38:25,120 --> 00:38:23,390  
died so I was 21 when I made this call

962  
00:38:27,010 --> 00:38:25,130  
and they came back to the phone with

963  
00:38:28,420 --> 00:38:27,020

this letter and said we have a letter

964

00:38:30,400 --> 00:38:28,430

here for you it's apparently written

965

00:38:33,400 --> 00:38:30,410

from your birth mom would you like us to

966

00:38:35,230 --> 00:38:33,410

read it I said yes and so they read this

967

00:38:38,589 --> 00:38:35,240

letter and she went on to say she's

968

00:38:43,990 --> 00:38:38,599

waited for this day my whole life and

969

00:38:46,750 --> 00:38:44,000

she had hope but didn't want to infringe

970

00:38:48,760 --> 00:38:46,760

on on my life in any way and she wanted

971

00:38:50,650 --> 00:38:48,770

to respect what she had done but if I

972

00:38:53,770 --> 00:38:50,660

came looking she would love to meet me

973

00:38:55,059 --> 00:38:53,780

that same weekend that that day was on

974

00:38:57,250 --> 00:38:55,069

the phone talking with her and that

975

00:39:00,309 --> 00:38:57,260

weekend I went down to Orange County San

976  
00:39:03,160 --> 00:39:00,319  
Diego and visited her Wow and did she

977  
00:39:08,109 --> 00:39:03,170  
share with you the story oh yeah

978  
00:39:11,020 --> 00:39:08,119  
so what was the story I was a result of

979  
00:39:12,510 --> 00:39:11,030  
a one-night stand with a married LAPD

980  
00:39:15,520 --> 00:39:12,520  
officer

981  
00:39:18,490 --> 00:39:15,530  
sorry was she Mexican no she was a white

982  
00:39:23,500 --> 00:39:18,500  
girl okay and he was Mexican he was

983  
00:39:25,000 --> 00:39:23,510  
married at 28 had some kids and they he

984  
00:39:27,190 --> 00:39:25,010  
had been hitting on her for months and

985  
00:39:28,720 --> 00:39:27,200  
they had sex at a holiday party at

986  
00:39:30,789 --> 00:39:28,730  
Parker center downtown and that's where

987  
00:39:33,430 --> 00:39:30,799  
I was hatched that's where you were

988  
00:39:36,220 --> 00:39:33,440

conceived yeah Sanna that was always a

989

00:39:37,569 --> 00:39:36,230

nice safe place to be conceived at yeah

990

00:39:42,700 --> 00:39:37,579

when I get pulled over these days I'm

991

00:39:45,130 --> 00:39:42,710

like are you my father my lineage so

992

00:39:47,109 --> 00:39:45,140

wait you said conceived at Parker's

993

00:39:49,060 --> 00:39:47,119

honor at Parker center uh-huh

994

00:39:52,000 --> 00:39:49,070

so she was 19 at the time

995

00:39:54,430 --> 00:39:52,010

where was she from you know she grew up

996

00:39:56,200 --> 00:39:54,440

in Big Bear and just a local girl and

997

00:39:58,510 --> 00:39:56,210

she's wanting to be an actress here in

998

00:40:02,650 --> 00:39:58,520

Los Angeles why she was a secretary at

999

00:40:05,230 --> 00:40:02,660

Parker center but thank you so much mom

1000

00:40:09,030 --> 00:40:05,240

for having me Yeah right yeah I mean

1001  
00:40:12,370 --> 00:40:09,040  
that would be just my just unbelievable

1002  
00:40:14,560 --> 00:40:12,380  
overwhelming reaction to it because for

1003  
00:40:15,790 --> 00:40:14,570  
a 19 year old what an easy decision it

1004  
00:40:18,160 --> 00:40:15,800  
would have been to have an abortion you

1005  
00:40:19,870 --> 00:40:18,170  
would think well this is 1963

1006  
00:40:22,360 --> 00:40:19,880  
so abortion was illegal one of her

1007  
00:40:24,280 --> 00:40:22,370  
friends recently died from having an

1008  
00:40:27,040 --> 00:40:24,290  
illegal and abortion procedure and that

1009  
00:40:28,540 --> 00:40:27,050  
she said that's what made her convinced

1010  
00:40:30,460 --> 00:40:28,550  
her like she wasn't gonna do that around

1011  
00:40:33,250 --> 00:40:30,470  
she was gonna have the baby and she was

1012  
00:40:35,920 --> 00:40:33,260  
gonna adopt me you know she said I was

1013  
00:40:38,770 --> 00:40:35,930

19 if I decided to have you I would have

1014

00:40:41,110 --> 00:40:38,780

grown up hating you and you deserve

1015

00:40:42,670 --> 00:40:41,120

better so I found you a good home she

1016

00:40:44,860 --> 00:40:42,680

went to two law firms back then it was

1017

00:40:46,210 --> 00:40:44,870

more supply than demand these days it's

1018

00:40:49,180 --> 00:40:46,220

more demand than supply because

1019

00:40:51,970 --> 00:40:49,190

abortions legal and so it was very hard

1020

00:40:54,520 --> 00:40:51,980

to place a healthy baby and so back then

1021

00:40:56,350 --> 00:40:54,530

only you know healthy white babies could

1022

00:40:58,870 --> 00:40:56,360

be placed and she went to the first two

1023

00:41:02,080 --> 00:40:58,880

law firms and running the application

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00:41:03,730 --> 00:41:02,090

you know father Hispanic they rejected

1025

00:41:07,510 --> 00:41:03,740

her outright she went to the third one

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00:41:09,310 --> 00:41:07,520

she lied and said father Caucasian cuz

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00:41:11,680 --> 00:41:09,320

she said he was really more of a white

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00:41:13,510 --> 00:41:11,690

Mexican and from that point forward just

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00:41:14,800 --> 00:41:13,520

she said she crossed her fingers and

1030

00:41:18,310 --> 00:41:14,810

hope that I've come out white and when I

1031

00:41:19,900 --> 00:41:18,320

finally came out why she was like so it

1032

00:41:21,430 --> 00:41:19,910

was very funny cuz years later once I

1033

00:41:23,340 --> 00:41:21,440

met her and came back home and told my

1034

00:41:25,750 --> 00:41:23,350

dad hey did you know I'm half Mexican

1035

00:41:33,310 --> 00:41:25,760

it's like he just found his Mercedes was

1036

00:41:36,280 --> 00:41:33,320

a was a I want my money Mexicans are

1037

00:41:39,010 --> 00:41:36,290

beautiful wonderful people so you know

1038

00:41:41,290 --> 00:41:39,020

why you would think that I that's crazy

1039

00:41:43,480 --> 00:41:41,300

it was that's crazy and it gives you a

1040

00:41:45,910 --> 00:41:43,490

little bit more olive skin or whatever

1041

00:41:48,730 --> 00:41:45,920

exactly normally give so I was actually

1042

00:41:52,270 --> 00:41:48,740

with my birth mom at her side when she

1043

00:41:54,940 --> 00:41:52,280

passed away which was like eight no wow

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00:41:56,830 --> 00:41:54,950

that's like ten years ago now so did you

1045

00:41:58,870 --> 00:41:56,840

have the reaction that I think I would

1046

00:42:01,760 --> 00:41:58,880

have which is just overall man gratitude

1047

00:42:03,829 --> 00:42:01,770

overall gratitude I always thought

1048

00:42:05,180 --> 00:42:03,839

you know I my adoptive parents always

1049

00:42:06,289 --> 00:42:05,190

told me from day one we were adopted

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00:42:08,960 --> 00:42:06,299

that we said you know you were chosen

1051  
00:42:11,150 --> 00:42:08,970  
you weren't you know yeah and so I

1052  
00:42:13,370 --> 00:42:11,160  
always grew up with this feeling like I

1053  
00:42:14,870 --> 00:42:13,380  
had won the lottery like this is great

1054  
00:42:16,730 --> 00:42:14,880  
like I don't want to go looking for any

1055  
00:42:17,930 --> 00:42:16,740  
parents this this is this is this is

1056  
00:42:23,059 --> 00:42:17,940  
where I want to add cuz you said they

1057  
00:42:26,359 --> 00:42:23,069  
were wealthy yeah how to travel the

1058  
00:42:29,779 --> 00:42:26,369  
world all this great stuff so but do you

1059  
00:42:32,539 --> 00:42:29,789  
did it so you didn't harbor any feelings

1060  
00:42:35,269 --> 00:42:32,549  
of you know being unwanted or anything

1061  
00:42:37,609 --> 00:42:35,279  
like that no opposite the opposite yeah

1062  
00:42:39,829 --> 00:42:37,619  
and and you you you basically give them

1063  
00:42:41,210 --> 00:42:39,839

credit for instilling that in you

1064

00:42:43,160 --> 00:42:41,220

because I think that's not an uncommon

1065

00:42:45,289 --> 00:42:43,170

feeling for people who were adopted to

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00:42:48,620 --> 00:42:45,299

have is to so one it would be why didn't

1067

00:42:50,059 --> 00:42:48,630

my mom want me and it's kind of it right

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00:42:51,589 --> 00:42:50,069

I mean I don't know if he matures right

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00:42:53,150 --> 00:42:51,599

but it seems like it almost an immature

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00:42:56,510 --> 00:42:53,160

way of singer but I know it that is a

1071

00:42:58,819 --> 00:42:56,520

common a lot of people think you know I

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00:43:01,279 --> 00:42:58,829

mean they're born into let's say less

1073

00:43:03,589 --> 00:43:01,289

than incredible circumstances or they're

1074

00:43:06,859 --> 00:43:03,599

adopted into a home that's maybe not

1075

00:43:07,730 --> 00:43:06,869

wealthy that's just you know and you

1076

00:43:09,710 --> 00:43:07,740

know they scratch their heads and

1077

00:43:12,650 --> 00:43:09,720

thinking well maybe I'm maybe I'm

1078

00:43:15,170 --> 00:43:12,660

royalty you know maybe maybe I was given

1079

00:43:18,980 --> 00:43:15,180

away by right all right I do queer

1080

00:43:22,490 --> 00:43:18,990

prints right instead nope LAPD officer

1081

00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:22,500

and now what about you haven't tracked

1082

00:43:26,809 --> 00:43:24,720

him down no you know she she never had

1083

00:43:29,720 --> 00:43:26,819

very good words about him she certainly

1084

00:43:31,190 --> 00:43:29,730

said she told him and he denied it said

1085

00:43:34,640 --> 00:43:31,200

he was impotent but she's like you're

1086

00:43:36,410 --> 00:43:34,650

the only one I slept with honey and she

1087

00:43:39,769 --> 00:43:36,420

said when she first met me she goes oh

1088

00:43:40,640 --> 00:43:39,779

yeah you're Ben's kid so she told you

1089

00:43:42,260 --> 00:43:40,650

who it was though

1090

00:43:45,049 --> 00:43:42,270

show me who it was told me the whole

1091

00:43:47,029 --> 00:43:45,059

story um told me you you know he was a

1092

00:43:50,420 --> 00:43:47,039

jerk to her so it wasn't something I

1093

00:43:51,980 --> 00:43:50,430

really wanted part yet pursue did she

1094

00:43:54,410 --> 00:43:51,990

indicate whether she cared whether you

1095

00:43:56,029 --> 00:43:54,420

pursued it or not she didn't she didn't

1096

00:43:58,099 --> 00:43:56,039

care so here's what biz if you want to

1097

00:43:59,660 --> 00:43:58,109

go track him down go ahead correct and

1098

00:44:02,650 --> 00:43:59,670

you just made the decision yeah you know

1099

00:44:04,849 --> 00:44:02,660

I got close with her pretty quick and

1100

00:44:06,740 --> 00:44:04,859

really appreciate the relationship so I

1101

00:44:08,150 --> 00:44:06,750

just had respect for her thought you

1102

00:44:10,080 --> 00:44:08,160

know this is this is great I also

1103

00:44:13,170 --> 00:44:10,090

inherited in that

1104

00:44:16,470 --> 00:44:13,180

I have a half-brother who we are really

1105

00:44:20,610 --> 00:44:16,480

close he's a great uncle to my daughters

1106

00:44:22,380 --> 00:44:20,620

and so I and a half-sister as well so

1107

00:44:24,420 --> 00:44:22,390

you know I got some great family through

1108

00:44:26,250 --> 00:44:24,430

this and it was a really nice surprise

1109

00:44:29,100 --> 00:44:26,260

most people don't get two mothers in

1110

00:44:30,420 --> 00:44:29,110

their life so you know just to be

1111

00:44:32,310 --> 00:44:30,430

upfront about it one of the reasons I'm

1112

00:44:34,410 --> 00:44:32,320

asking questions about childhood or

1113

00:44:36,570 --> 00:44:34,420

early childhood is that you know there's

1114

00:44:40,440 --> 00:44:36,580

this question mark as to nature nurture

1115

00:44:42,000 --> 00:44:40,450

and so on and what what causes transit

1116

00:44:45,050 --> 00:44:42,010

cetera I mean first of all let me just

1117

00:44:48,090 --> 00:44:45,060

asked you have a belief as to what

1118

00:44:51,000 --> 00:44:48,100

causes yes yes what was that

1119

00:44:53,700 --> 00:44:51,010

so you know I believe this is absolutely

1120

00:44:56,850 --> 00:44:53,710

a spiritual condition mankind is

1121

00:45:00,990 --> 00:44:56,860

essentially four things physical mental

1122

00:45:02,430 --> 00:45:01,000

emotional and spiritual and so I have

1123

00:45:06,030 --> 00:45:02,440

always felt that this is a spiritual

1124

00:45:08,610 --> 00:45:06,040

condition you know it's this intuitive

1125

00:45:09,870 --> 00:45:08,620

thing in your image sorry we talked

1126

00:45:10,920 --> 00:45:09,880

about spirituality could you just share

1127

00:45:12,750 --> 00:45:10,930

everything real quick before we go into

1128

00:45:17,250 --> 00:45:12,760

it sorry to interrupt what what were you

1129

00:45:21,240 --> 00:45:17,260

raised as far as yeah but spiritual

1130

00:45:22,920 --> 00:45:21,250

Jewish or practicing Jewish or you know

1131

00:45:25,110 --> 00:45:22,930

went to Hebrew school for seven years

1132

00:45:28,380 --> 00:45:25,120

but you know well you will you into it

1133

00:45:30,750 --> 00:45:28,390

or you know what what kid is really into

1134

00:45:32,420 --> 00:45:30,760

you know faith and religion and a young

1135

00:45:35,760 --> 00:45:32,430

age it's generally aren't they're not

1136

00:45:38,130 --> 00:45:35,770

raised with a lot of right per se but

1137

00:45:40,860 --> 00:45:38,140

you know we're all spiritual being you

1138

00:45:43,290 --> 00:45:40,870

have a spiritual indwelling you know

1139

00:45:45,150 --> 00:45:43,300

when you die your body goes lifeless and

1140

00:45:48,120 --> 00:45:45,160

you know people talk about the spirit

1141

00:45:50,490 --> 00:45:48,130

leaving so well they talk about it but I

1142

00:45:52,260 --> 00:45:50,500

don't know I'm so struggling with

1143

00:45:54,270 --> 00:45:52,270

whether there's a spirit or not I would

1144

00:45:56,760 --> 00:45:54,280

love to believe it but um I'm a little

1145

00:46:00,510 --> 00:45:56,770

skeptical so you know life isn't that's

1146

00:46:03,780 --> 00:46:00,520

a whole nother dialogue but you know I I

1147

00:46:08,400 --> 00:46:03,790

don't believe life is you know chemistry

1148

00:46:11,520 --> 00:46:08,410

I believe life is spirit there's an

1149

00:46:13,380 --> 00:46:11,530

ether of life in everything that's

1150

00:46:16,920 --> 00:46:13,390

living and I think it's in us and so I

1151  
00:46:20,310 --> 00:46:16,930  
feel very much when I was young the way

1152  
00:46:22,290 --> 00:46:20,320  
I felt was I I can't say that I was like

1153  
00:46:23,079 --> 00:46:22,300  
oh I'm definitely a girl but I felt

1154  
00:46:25,900 --> 00:46:23,089  
different

1155  
00:46:27,969 --> 00:46:25,910  
felt much like a girl I felt like I was

1156  
00:46:30,400 --> 00:46:27,979  
born with all girls attribute side a

1157  
00:46:32,620 --> 00:46:30,410  
girl's body wears a lot of trans women

1158  
00:46:36,279 --> 00:46:32,630  
or actually squarely built with a guy's

1159  
00:46:39,029 --> 00:46:36,289  
body you know I was tiny I you know was

1160  
00:46:44,559 --> 00:46:39,039  
you know had a 24 inch waist in college

1161  
00:46:46,239 --> 00:46:44,569  
that was my natural condition and so you

1162  
00:46:48,729 --> 00:46:46,249  
know I always felt physically like a

1163  
00:46:50,380 --> 00:46:48,739

girl but my spiritual enjoy life I felt

1164

00:46:53,079 --> 00:46:50,390

different and I couldn't put my finger

1165

00:46:54,729 --> 00:46:53,089

on it I didn't know what this was but I

1166

00:46:56,680 --> 00:46:54,739

just felt different and so you don't

1167

00:46:58,569 --> 00:46:56,690

talk about it and we're going back to

1168

00:47:00,640 --> 00:46:58,579

earliest time you're having these

1169

00:47:03,489 --> 00:47:00,650

thoughts as what so there are some how

1170

00:47:05,200 --> 00:47:03,499

many sauces prog around five you know

1171

00:47:07,719 --> 00:47:05,210

when you start have a consciousness

1172

00:47:10,180 --> 00:47:07,729

about who you are and I hear stories

1173

00:47:12,549 --> 00:47:10,190

from people who said oh you know like at

1174

00:47:13,779 --> 00:47:12,559

two I knew well you don't even you don't

1175

00:47:15,670 --> 00:47:13,789

have a memory at you I mean how could

1176

00:47:17,559 --> 00:47:15,680

you yeah I I think there's things about

1177

00:47:19,660 --> 00:47:17,569

you that the parents could notice but do

1178

00:47:20,920 --> 00:47:19,670

you really know about yourself so I

1179

00:47:23,859 --> 00:47:20,930

think at best you know something's

1180

00:47:26,339 --> 00:47:23,869

different about yourself and you know

1181

00:47:29,229 --> 00:47:26,349

for youngsters who and I also feel that

1182

00:47:32,249 --> 00:47:29,239

all the trans people are different so

1183

00:47:36,940 --> 00:47:32,259

some of us have a much more stronger

1184

00:47:39,700 --> 00:47:36,950

propensity and identity of female male

1185

00:47:42,579 --> 00:47:39,710

than than others I feel like mine was

1186

00:47:46,479 --> 00:47:42,589

probably more middle of the road like it

1187

00:47:48,279 --> 00:47:46,489

leaned obviously female but I didn't

1188

00:47:50,289 --> 00:47:48,289

just wake up at 5:00 and go I'm a girl

1189

00:47:53,289 --> 00:47:50,299

you know I just I felt that were you

1190

00:47:55,390 --> 00:47:53,299

doing more girl type things or like I

1191

00:47:57,219 --> 00:47:55,400

were a girl I wore as much girl close as

1192

00:47:59,890 --> 00:47:57,229

I could get away with so I didn't you

1193

00:48:02,229 --> 00:47:59,900

couldn't wear a dress to school but I'd

1194

00:48:05,979 --> 00:48:02,239

wear just like you know by time I was I

1195

00:48:08,200 --> 00:48:05,989

felt I found a lot of refuge I you know

1196

00:48:10,150 --> 00:48:08,210

became I playing drums since I could

1197

00:48:13,120 --> 00:48:10,160

remember I got in rock bands since I

1198

00:48:15,339 --> 00:48:13,130

could remember and back then you know

1199

00:48:18,609 --> 00:48:15,349

rockers were tight clothes and cutoff

1200

00:48:21,999 --> 00:48:18,619

shirts and jewelry and earrings and

1201  
00:48:24,279 --> 00:48:22,009  
makeup and so I you know was a total

1202  
00:48:26,229 --> 00:48:24,289  
rocker but I found refuge in who I was

1203  
00:48:28,359 --> 00:48:26,239  
through that as well like I could have

1204  
00:48:29,680 --> 00:48:28,369  
long hair and all the things that I was

1205  
00:48:31,299 --> 00:48:29,690  
wondering about that we're going to get

1206  
00:48:33,579 --> 00:48:31,309  
into your rock'n'roll stage but how much

1207  
00:48:36,069 --> 00:48:33,589  
of your attraction to rock and roll was

1208  
00:48:36,490 --> 00:48:36,079  
the fact that you could act out some of

1209  
00:48:38,650 --> 00:48:36,500  
your

1210  
00:48:40,150 --> 00:48:38,660  
trans feelings is that really what drew

1211  
00:48:42,310 --> 00:48:40,160  
you to it or was that a secondary to it

1212  
00:48:43,930 --> 00:48:42,320  
was it was secondary like I loved rock

1213  
00:48:46,840 --> 00:48:43,940

music but the fact that I could be

1214

00:48:49,150 --> 00:48:46,850

myself within that was really I mean was

1215

00:48:53,050 --> 00:48:49,160

a lot of refuge but what age did you

1216

00:48:55,720 --> 00:48:53,060

start playing drums like five five yeah

1217

00:49:00,670 --> 00:48:55,730

I had my first drum set by the time I

1218

00:49:03,400 --> 00:49:00,680

was 12 my first rock band 13 I was

1219

00:49:06,670 --> 00:49:03,410

recording by the time I was 14 in a

1220

00:49:09,420 --> 00:49:06,680

major studio and at so at five what

1221

00:49:13,090 --> 00:49:09,430

about your friends male or female

1222

00:49:14,620 --> 00:49:13,100

interesting I had a lot of little little

1223

00:49:19,630 --> 00:49:14,630

girlfriends I just five better with

1224

00:49:22,360 --> 00:49:19,640

girls um you know I love sports though

1225

00:49:27,010 --> 00:49:22,370

by the way I've always loved sports it's

1226

00:49:29,290 --> 00:49:27,020

funny now I feel like if I had been born

1227

00:49:31,450 --> 00:49:29,300

a female I would have been much more

1228

00:49:34,510 --> 00:49:31,460

opportunity in sports because I would

1229

00:49:36,100 --> 00:49:34,520

have fit but when you're born with a

1230

00:49:37,900 --> 00:49:36,110

girl's body and trying and have this

1231

00:49:40,120 --> 00:49:37,910

passion for sports you get rejected

1232

00:49:43,030 --> 00:49:40,130

because you don't look like a strong

1233

00:49:44,650 --> 00:49:43,040

male competitor and so coaches misjudge

1234

00:49:46,540 --> 00:49:44,660

you and you don't get opportunities I

1235

00:49:48,580 --> 00:49:46,550

saw Joe playing anything like it like

1236

00:49:50,830 --> 00:49:48,590

everything played tackle football played

1237

00:49:52,660 --> 00:49:50,840

basketball played baseball player and

1238

00:49:57,850 --> 00:49:52,670

still to this day I played baseball and

1239

00:49:59,380 --> 00:49:57,860

softball mm-hmm so what would tell me

1240

00:50:03,550 --> 00:49:59,390

about your relationship with with each

1241

00:50:04,870 --> 00:50:03,560

of your parents and I want to hear more

1242

00:50:07,870 --> 00:50:04,880

about your thoughts about spirituality

1243

00:50:10,780 --> 00:50:07,880

too and in why you think that the you

1244

00:50:14,230 --> 00:50:10,790

know the the trans almond is a spiritual

1245

00:50:16,240 --> 00:50:14,240

thing so and I feel spiritual because it

1246

00:50:17,560 --> 00:50:16,250

wasn't even though I had was born like

1247

00:50:20,470 --> 00:50:17,570

with this girl's body it wasn't like I

1248

00:50:22,750 --> 00:50:20,480

was looking oh I look like a girl it was

1249

00:50:25,030 --> 00:50:22,760

a feeling on the inside like I felt

1250

00:50:28,690 --> 00:50:25,040

different and that was the thing that

1251

00:50:31,120 --> 00:50:28,700

really like made me stir inside

1252

00:50:33,430 --> 00:50:31,130

fortunately I had you know my dad was a

1253

00:50:35,560 --> 00:50:33,440

hard-working guy he was also just into

1254

00:50:38,890 --> 00:50:35,570

like letting you be yourself but my mom

1255

00:50:42,820 --> 00:50:38,900

she was a stay-at-home mom and she just

1256

00:50:46,570 --> 00:50:42,830

really really lets you be you sometimes

1257

00:50:49,900 --> 00:50:46,580

I wonder if she knew and just supported

1258

00:50:51,789 --> 00:50:49,910

it quietly or just was so clueless but

1259

00:50:54,370 --> 00:50:51,799

you know when she'd say like you know

1260

00:50:55,990 --> 00:50:54,380

and fall to get new clothes for school

1261

00:50:58,180 --> 00:50:56,000

she's I'm gonna go shopping for a pose

1262

00:51:00,400 --> 00:50:58,190

for you what do you want I go oh chemin

1263

00:51:02,500 --> 00:51:00,410

de fer jeans and you know these crop

1264

00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:02,510

tops and stuff she would never go are

1265

00:51:06,190 --> 00:51:04,160

you sure you know she'd never question

1266

00:51:08,470 --> 00:51:06,200

it she was just bring it home and let me

1267

00:51:09,730 --> 00:51:08,480

wear it and I just couldn't believe half

1268

00:51:11,200 --> 00:51:09,740

the time that I was getting away with

1269

00:51:12,760 --> 00:51:11,210

getting wear wearing this stuff and no

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00:51:14,950 --> 00:51:12,770

one would question it and what about in

1271

00:51:17,500 --> 00:51:14,960

school we were children recognizing that

1272

00:51:19,289 --> 00:51:17,510

these are girl clothes you know I got I

1273

00:51:22,420 --> 00:51:19,299

was already getting beat up a bunch

1274

00:51:24,069 --> 00:51:22,430

again if you're at what age from the

1275

00:51:26,049 --> 00:51:24,079

littlest age I can remember because I

1276

00:51:28,480 --> 00:51:26,059

was the little one my garden I was like

1277

00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:28,490

you know among guys I was a little thing

1278

00:51:34,510 --> 00:51:31,760

and yet I was you know appearing as a

1279

00:51:36,010 --> 00:51:34,520

guy I was a guy so I get beat up a lot

1280

00:51:38,289 --> 00:51:36,020

and so I was already getting beat up a

1281

00:51:40,180 --> 00:51:38,299

lot and so but you're wearing girls

1282

00:51:42,579 --> 00:51:40,190

clothing so is that playing a role in

1283

00:51:44,079 --> 00:51:42,589

them beating you up no it was the

1284

00:51:48,250 --> 00:51:44,089

typical thing you know the rent on the

1285

00:51:52,059 --> 00:51:48,260

yard guys you know we were UC Pickens

1286

00:51:53,920 --> 00:51:52,069

yeah guys guys that's you know I hate to

1287

00:51:55,539 --> 00:51:53,930

say that that's how guys are but that's

1288

00:51:57,609 --> 00:51:55,549

how guys are on the schoolyard I mean

1289

00:51:59,440 --> 00:51:57,619

that's gotta be I mean pretty traumatic

1290

00:52:03,069 --> 00:51:59,450

right I mean was that really traumatic

1291

00:52:05,559 --> 00:52:03,079

yeah yeah do you think that played any

1292

00:52:08,400 --> 00:52:05,569

role and anything that you're getting

1293

00:52:11,950 --> 00:52:08,410

beat up and now you're retreating from

1294

00:52:13,539 --> 00:52:11,960

hanging out with guys or maleness no no

1295

00:52:16,420 --> 00:52:13,549

it made me a fighter in life you know

1296

00:52:18,190 --> 00:52:16,430

that thing you know whatever doesn't

1297

00:52:21,339 --> 00:52:18,200

break you makes you stronger I think it

1298

00:52:23,829 --> 00:52:21,349

definitely made me stronger you know

1299

00:52:27,700 --> 00:52:23,839

I literally fight for a living these

1300

00:52:29,859 --> 00:52:27,710

days in what I do and I feel you know

1301  
00:52:32,200 --> 00:52:29,869  
being picked on at such young age I

1302  
00:52:35,230 --> 00:52:32,210  
didn't fold to and I would try and fight

1303  
00:52:37,029 --> 00:52:35,240  
back and I'd get beat harder for it but

1304  
00:52:39,359 --> 00:52:37,039  
I'd still fight as hard as I could and

1305  
00:52:41,380 --> 00:52:39,369  
so I think it made me stronger overall

1306  
00:52:43,890 --> 00:52:41,390  
but yeah it's really traumatic when

1307  
00:52:46,120 --> 00:52:43,900  
you're getting beat up yes so you know

1308  
00:52:47,920 --> 00:52:46,130  
again I kind of raised this as the

1309  
00:52:50,019 --> 00:52:47,930  
nature versus nurture thing you're

1310  
00:52:51,730 --> 00:52:50,029  
actually raising a third thing because

1311  
00:52:52,660 --> 00:52:51,740  
you know what reading I've done on it is

1312  
00:52:54,910 --> 00:52:52,670  
there's a lot of people that believe

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00:52:57,250 --> 00:52:54,920

that that you could be born with this

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00:52:59,349 --> 00:52:57,260

and something hormonal or something then

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00:53:01,269 --> 00:52:59,359

there's a lot of discussion about early

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in childhood you know whether it be

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00:53:05,200 --> 00:53:03,380

abuse or neglect

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00:53:08,529 --> 00:53:05,210

lack of a bonding with a wit with a

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00:53:10,180 --> 00:53:08,539

father or so forth what's your where do

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00:53:12,160 --> 00:53:10,190

you come down on all that if you kind of

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00:53:15,220 --> 00:53:12,170

done your own thinking and research on

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00:53:17,529 --> 00:53:15,230

all that so again fortunately being born

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00:53:18,970 --> 00:53:17,539

in this city I've been privy to meeting

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00:53:21,880 --> 00:53:18,980

hundreds and hundreds of trans women

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00:53:24,370 --> 00:53:21,890

knowing their full stories and you know

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00:53:25,749 --> 00:53:24,380

there wasn't any one story any two

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00:53:27,519 --> 00:53:25,759

stories that were alike you know

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00:53:31,059 --> 00:53:27,529

everyone came from different backgrounds

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a lot of the my early friends were Latin

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00:53:36,069 --> 00:53:33,349

American from Central America and they

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00:53:37,630 --> 00:53:36,079

all had different stories so no two

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00:53:39,870 --> 00:53:37,640

stories were alike and even among my

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00:53:42,039 --> 00:53:39,880

friends these days they're all from

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00:53:43,690 --> 00:53:42,049

really different backgrounds I'm most

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00:53:46,749 --> 00:53:43,700

from wealthy friends from from poor

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00:53:49,210 --> 00:53:46,759

families some are born minorities

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00:53:50,890 --> 00:53:49,220

already some you know are why it just

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00:53:52,990 --> 00:53:50,900

really didn't matter there was such

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00:53:56,049 --> 00:53:53,000

diversity and it was happening equally

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00:53:58,029 --> 00:53:56,059

in men and women you know wasn't like it

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00:54:01,749 --> 00:53:58,039

wasn't like 1% of the male population

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00:54:04,749 --> 00:54:01,759

strands and only 0.006 percent of female

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00:54:05,980 --> 00:54:04,759

or trans it's pretty equal so one of

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00:54:08,410 --> 00:54:05,990

those things that it tells you if it's

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00:54:11,259 --> 00:54:08,420

equal and it's happening among a very

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00:54:14,049 --> 00:54:11,269

stable base of human population well

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00:54:16,990 --> 00:54:14,059

this is just the thing and so it happens

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00:54:18,730 --> 00:54:17,000

and you can try and point and go it's

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00:54:20,829 --> 00:54:18,740

biological that something happened in

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00:54:22,329 --> 00:54:20,839

the womb or something but from my own

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00:54:25,299 --> 00:54:22,339

experience I can tell you that it was a

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00:54:27,700 --> 00:54:25,309

very spiritual experience because you

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00:54:30,279 --> 00:54:27,710

know I get you know later what preceded

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00:54:32,499 --> 00:54:30,289

me actually doing formal transition I

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00:54:34,359 --> 00:54:32,509

went through like ten years of a

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00:54:37,240 --> 00:54:34,369

spiritual search of abandoning

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00:54:40,630 --> 00:54:37,250

everything about who I thought I was and

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00:54:45,329 --> 00:54:40,640

living a almost like a life a pious life

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00:54:48,460 --> 00:54:45,339

of a saint and it was at the end of that

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00:54:50,140 --> 00:54:48,470

spiritual search that I really found

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00:54:53,410 --> 00:54:50,150

myself and when this was still waiting

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00:54:54,940 --> 00:54:53,420

there this was still inside you know I'd

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00:54:57,670 --> 00:54:54,950

always thought oh there's something may

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00:54:59,529 --> 00:54:57,680

be wrong with me but at the I was I was

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00:55:00,999 --> 00:54:59,539

never on more sure footing than at the

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00:55:02,980 --> 00:55:01,009

end of that ten-year spiritual search

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00:55:04,390 --> 00:55:02,990

and this was still waiting there inside

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00:55:06,519 --> 00:55:04,400

it was like one of the most pure things

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00:55:07,809 --> 00:55:06,529

inside of me and was inside of me wasn't

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00:55:09,549 --> 00:55:07,819

about fulfilling something on the

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00:55:11,289 --> 00:55:09,559

outside was about the spiritual

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00:55:12,400 --> 00:55:11,299

condition on the inside that I needed to

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00:55:15,100 --> 00:55:12,410

fulfill

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00:55:17,470 --> 00:55:15,110

and then it was a matter of undertaking

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00:55:19,510 --> 00:55:17,480

the physical steps in transition taking

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00:55:22,900 --> 00:55:19,520

the estrogen particularly with that

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00:55:24,550 --> 00:55:22,910

bridged physical with the spiritual and

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00:55:28,990 --> 00:55:24,560

I feel that's where the harmony really

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00:55:31,360 --> 00:55:29,000

took it was a spiritual awareness for

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00:55:33,160 --> 00:55:31,370

you but does that basically mean that

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00:55:37,810 --> 00:55:33,170

you believe that you were born with a

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00:55:40,750 --> 00:55:37,820

female spirit yes so basically there was

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00:55:42,610 --> 00:55:40,760

a misalignment between your gender that

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00:55:43,180 --> 00:55:42,620

you're born with in your inherent spirit

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00:55:46,030 --> 00:55:43,190

yeah

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00:55:48,460 --> 00:55:46,040

and is this something that others kind

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00:55:53,980 --> 00:55:48,470

of share with you that they kind of that

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00:55:55,690 --> 00:55:53,990

they identify with that thinking you

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00:55:59,020 --> 00:55:55,700

know I don't think there's any consensus

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00:56:01,710 --> 00:55:59,030

whether it's among physicians I you know

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00:56:04,600 --> 00:56:01,720

when I learned from the Kaiser

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00:56:05,980 --> 00:56:04,610

interviews with they're still scratching

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00:56:09,700 --> 00:56:05,990

their heads trying to figure this out

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00:56:13,540 --> 00:56:09,710

they're asking questions and trying to

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00:56:15,220 --> 00:56:13,550

understand this you know and you know to

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00:56:16,240 --> 00:56:15,230

be honest you know again I do I

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00:56:17,740 --> 00:56:16,250

definitely see some of the younger

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00:56:20,670 --> 00:56:17,750

population now that it's becoming more

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00:56:24,430 --> 00:56:20,680

socially acceptable I'm seeing younger

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00:56:26,170 --> 00:56:24,440

kids coming out and realizing that they

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00:56:29,200 --> 00:56:26,180

are this and then going all the way

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00:56:31,060 --> 00:56:29,210

right away but they seem to have much

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00:56:32,740 --> 00:56:31,070

more internal direction on this like

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00:56:35,410 --> 00:56:32,750

they were certain they're a girl they

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00:56:36,820 --> 00:56:35,420

were certain they were a boy and you

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00:56:38,920 --> 00:56:36,830

know the point that they're they are

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00:56:40,540 --> 00:56:38,930

five two other mom get these clothes off

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00:56:44,110 --> 00:56:40,550

me I don't want to wear a dress I want

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00:56:46,720 --> 00:56:44,120

to wear boys clothes you know and who

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00:56:48,640 --> 00:56:46,730

would five has the wherewithal unless it

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00:56:49,180 --> 00:56:48,650

is a spiritual Inge willing to have that

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00:56:51,280 --> 00:56:49,190

direction

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00:56:52,930 --> 00:56:51,290

mm-hmm you know when we talk about the

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00:56:57,610 --> 00:56:52,940

spirit it doesn't have to be something

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00:56:59,680 --> 00:56:57,620

about God or or anything faith-based or

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00:57:02,680 --> 00:56:59,690

religious space but you know when I

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00:57:05,800 --> 00:57:02,690

asked you Jim like who are you you could

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00:57:09,190 --> 00:57:05,810

say oh I'm a guy or oh I'm this I'm this

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00:57:10,960 --> 00:57:09,200

age or this but who are you really the

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00:57:12,550 --> 00:57:10,970

things you would express and describe to

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00:57:16,090 --> 00:57:12,560

me are about things aren't on the inside

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00:57:18,220 --> 00:57:16,100

of you not the outside right yeah and

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00:57:20,410 --> 00:57:18,230

with that we wrapped up our first night

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00:57:22,990 --> 00:57:20,420

of discussion I think she and I were

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00:57:25,420 --> 00:57:23,000

both ready to go longer but our producer

1426  
00:57:26,230 --> 00:57:25,430  
had kids to tend to so we agreed to get

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00:57:28,210 --> 00:57:26,240  
together again

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00:57:30,520 --> 00:57:28,220  
the following Wednesday night make gin

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00:57:33,640 --> 00:57:30,530  
and tonics and sit down for further

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00:57:34,840 --> 00:57:33,650  
discussion about her transition and

1431  
00:57:37,090 --> 00:57:34,850  
everything about the transgender

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00:57:38,950 --> 00:57:37,100  
movement if you want to hear parts two

1433  
00:57:40,870 --> 00:57:38,960  
and three of the podcasts check it out

1434  
00:57:42,970 --> 00:57:40,880  
wherever you listen to podcasts hidden

1435  
00:57:45,750 --> 00:57:42,980  
truth show transgender movement

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00:57:47,470 --> 00:57:45,760  
I'm Jim Breslow thanks for watching

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00:57:47,860 --> 00:57:47,480  
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