

Skylar

Things in your life are the best they've ever been. There's a lot that's still unsettled, but overall things are pretty good. You have two partners who love you as much as you love them, and a group of friends who accept you for who you are, at least as well as you can understand that yourself. At the same time, there's so much you're still trying to figure out that you still don't feel quite at home in your own skin.

You're an actor. You've been acting since you were in middle school. You love acting partly because it lets you be someone besides yourself. You've never felt completely comfortable in your own skin, or playing the role you were expected to play. You were always told that you were a boy, so you played the part. You knew you were different from the other boys, but you didn't quite understand it. At first, other people assumed you were gay, but you knew that wasn't right. Most of your first crushes were girls, although you did find yourself eying the occasional boy. In high school, you mostly dated girls, and tried dating one boy, but either way, it never worked out. You always felt like they wanted you to be something that you weren't.

When you were 16, you met a trans woman through community theater. For a while you thought maybe that was it, maybe you were really a woman. You tried on women's clothes, tried playing female characters in improv exercises in class, but that didn't really feel right either. The only narrative you had ever heard was the idea of being "born in the wrong body" and that didn't feel right. You were born in your body. It wasn't perfect, but no one's is. You just didn't really feel like a woman, and you didn't really see yourself going through surgeries. It wasn't until college that you discovered that there were other options.

You started identifying as genderqueer and it was incredibly liberating. You'd wear a dress one day and cargo shorts the next. You grew your hair into an adorable pixie bob, and started experimenting with make-up. You began waxing your legs and getting laser removal for your facial hair. You felt more like yourself than you ever had before. You kept it quiet for a while, because you were nervous about what would happen, but in recent years, you've been leaning more and more feminine in your expression.

You graduated from college with a major in English and a minor in Theater. It was fun and it taught you a lot, but it didn't exactly prepare you for the work force. You moved back home with your parents and started working at the local supermarket and doing community theater while you tried to figure out what your next steps were. Thankfully, you were blessed with amazing parents who have always accepted you for who you are and were willing to help you out for a few years while you figured things out.

About three years ago, through theater, you met Maria. She was cute, and she liked flirting with you. She dragged you into this theater company. You were nervous because she had a boyfriend, and one who was part of the same theater company, no less. Finally, she managed to convince you that casual sex with friends was ok with Jason, and you were fine with that. At least you thought you were. After the show ended and you weren't seeing her all the time, you found yourself missing her. You didn't want to break the rules, so you tried to let it go. You started to realize that she meant more to you than you had been willing to admit. Sure, you missed the sex, but you really missed cuddling with her, and hanging out and chatting with her and Jason.

So you were really excited when she finally called you. OK, it was only about two weeks, but it felt much longer. She told you that she had talked it over with Jason, and he liked you and was ok with the two of you continuing to see each other, and even with it becoming more serious. You found yourself over at Maria and Jason's place 3 or 4 times a week, whether you were spending the night with Maria

or not. Just hanging out and chatting with them was the most comfortable you've ever been. Meanwhile, you started identifying more openly as genderqueer at your job, wearing more dresses and make-up and going by they pronouns whenever you could. Maria didn't care, and the theater group was very accepting. It all felt very safe.

As you started presenting in more feminine ways, you started noticing Jason looking at you differently. You thought he was cute, and he was one of your closest friends, but you didn't want to push. You were terrified that you would ruin everything. Then one evening, you were all curled up on the couch, watching a movie. You started to doze off, and found your head in Jason's lap. You woke up startled and started to move and apologize, but instead he leaned down and kissed you. Since then, it's been the three of you, always. Only a few months later, you moved in with Jason and Maria. The past year of living with Jason and Maria has been the best year of your life.

You know that Jason is more comfortable thinking of you as a girl, and you don't mind. It's kind of nice. He's the first person who really saw you that way. It's gotten you thinking that maybe you really would like to be more feminine. You don't think of yourself as a trans woman, you know that woman isn't really much more right for you than man, but when you look at yourself and see all hard angles and hair, it's hard. It just doesn't feel quiet right.

Playing a male character in this show was harder for you than you expected. You haven't thought of yourself as male in a long time. You like being able to play male or female characters easily, so it was upsetting to you that it made you uncomfortable. You just know that next time you're in a play, you don't want to play a man.

You've been starting to think that you might want to take some more serious steps to make your body more feminine, more androgenous. You've thought about testosterone blockers, with or without estrogen. You're scared of the idea, and you don't have great insurance. Besides, will a doctor work with you when you don't even really identify as a woman? At the same time, the idea of being just a little more feminine (softer features, maybe some small breasts) is so tempting.

You're really not sure where that is going, or whether you want to act on it. You should talk to Maria more about it, because you know it will impact her. You know that the most important thing to you right now is your relationship with Maria and Jason. Whatever else happens, they are making you the happiest you've ever been and you want to stay with them.

The Cast:

Jason is one of your partners. You started off only involved with Maria, and never really expected Jason to take to you. You were just happy to have him as a friend. That the two of you eventually became involved makes you so happy. You know he thinks of you more as a woman, which you're not completely happy with, but at least it's better than all the people who refuse to see you as anything besides a man. You know he loves you, and that's what really matters.

Maria is your partner, and the person in your life who most knows and accepts you. Even though you haven't really been together that long, you feel like you can rely on Maria to be there for you, whatever happens. You will do just about anything for her. You love Jason, and you love the two of them together, but Maria was first, and she will always be the one who first truly loved you for who you were.

Tyler is one of Maria's closest friends. He's bi and really cute. You tried hitting on him once, but he's super monogamous, so the two of you could never work out. He and Dan are adorable together. You know there are some problems there, but mostly they just seem to be so happy. You know Maria really hopes it works out for them.

Dan is dating Tyler. He's also the theater teacher at the high school, and you've helped him out with school play stuff a few times. Since you have irregular hours, you can often help out when most of the rest of the company are unavailable. You like working with the kids: they remind you of yourself at your age. You've thought about going back and getting your teaching certificate, but you're afraid that you would never get a job without going back to "gender conforming".

Crystal is the director, writer and just about everything else for the company. You and Crystal have been friends for a long time. She's asexual, but she loves to flirt with people. She is always really nervous about being taken the wrong way, and you love flirting, regardless of where it's going. Once she figured out that you didn't care, the two of you became fast friends and have enjoyed flirting madly and confusing everyone else ever since. It's kind of a relief not to have to worry about whether she's interested, whether she wants something you don't, whether she sees you as a man. Sometimes it's nice just to flirt.

Angela is a friend to several people in the company, but you don't know her that well. She left the company years ago, just as you were getting into it. You know she's friends with Crystal, and that she recently got out of a bad relationship, so you have tried to connect with her. She seems nice enough, but you haven't really made a lot of headway.

Olivia and you had a brief fling, early on in the show. Olivia generally only sleeps with women, so you were surprised that she was interested in you, but it was fun for a few nights. After that she got distant and awkward. You're not sure exactly what happened, but she's a friend of Jason's. Maybe she thought you were cheating on Jason and Maria? That seems a little weird, but it might be worth trying to sort things out with her.