

### Appendix A: Transcript

Video Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/dreamgirlsoul0385#p/a/u/1/TJh0zIiVcEg>

C = Chris, J = Josh, A = Alissa

\* indicates overlapping speech

1 C: Yeah.  
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 3 C&J: \*[unintelligible]  
 4 A: \*But what does that mean?  
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 6 A: Like, would you see me as this... but, but would it change the way that you see me?  
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 8 C: Not physically, but, I mean... the way, y- I mean, yeah the interaction would change, I think.  
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 10 A: Why?  
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 12 C: Well, there's- cause there's guy talk and there's girl talk.  
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 14 A: But I would still identify as a woman, and  
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 16 A. \*I would still  
 17 C: \*Yeah  
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 19 C: but if I found out you were a guy, I'd start talking to you like I talk to a guy.  
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 21 A: What do you mean?  
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 23 C: You know, how men communicate.  
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 25 J: I wouldn't necessarily do that. I would still have the same communication between the two of  
 26 us, but [short pause] I mean, obviously, like, looking at you physically I would see a woman,  
 27 but-  
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 29 C: Oh, that's right. You said you were a guy with a complete sex change.  
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 31 J: Yeah. Like,  
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 33 J: \*I would see you  
 34 C: \*[quietly] Ah, that's right  
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 36 J: like as a woman, physically, but- I mean, you're right about that, though. Like mentally, in the  
 37 back of my head, [short pause] I [short pause]  
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 39 C: You're always gonna think  
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 41 J: \*It's

42 C: \*It's a guy  
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44 J: \*Yeah  
45 C: \*I'm talking to a guy  
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47 J: It's a difficult concept, you know? It's like, someone tells you-you kinda think of them as a  
48 woman the whole time except it's- you *do* treat a woman slightly different than you do... your  
49 guy friends.  
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51 A: But if I still identified as a woman, like I wouldn't want you treating me like your guy friends.  
52 I'd want you to still treat me like a woman cause that's what I felt that I was. Like, that would be  
53 weird if I told you I'd had a sex change you suddenly started treating me differently and talking  
54 to me differently.  
55  
56 C: Well-  
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58 J: It's kinda hard not to, though.  
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60 C: Yeah.  
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62 A: But I would still be the same as  
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64 A: \*I was before.  
65 C: \*I-if  
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67 C: I told you I was born a woman... [pause]  
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69 A: It wouldn't change the  
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71 A: \*way  
72 C: \*every  
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74 C: time I, no, but that's the thing, though, like if I was like oh, I was actually born a woman,  
75 and then certain things that I, certain mannerisms and stuff you'd be like, oh I totally see it now.  
76 I mean, because you can't get that out of your head.  
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78 J: \*Right?  
79 C: \*You know?  
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81 C: Just- cause it's  
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83 C: \*kinda crazy.  
84 A: \*I don't think I  
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86 A: I don't think I  
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88 A: \*would.  
89 J: \* You don't  
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91 J: think so?  
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93 A: No. [pause]  
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95 J: Mmm.  
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97 A: I really don't. [pause] Like, cause, I don't know, it doesn't, like it- I don't- I *don't* think that  
98 your bio- that your biology means anything. So it doesn't matter. Like, if I was biologically born  
99 a man, so what? That doesn't change anything about my psyche; it doesn't change anything  
100 about the person that I am. I'm still *exactly* the same as I was before, so I wouldn't want to be, so  
101 like why would you treat me any differently? I wouldn't *be* any different. [short pause] *I* would  
102 be exactly the same.  
103  
104 C: Yeah.  
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106 A: There would be no reason to treat me any differently than you'd always treated me.  
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108 J: [quietly] It's a mental thing. [pause, then louder] Maybe  
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110 J: \*that's  
111 C: \*L-  
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113 J: where we have a mental  
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115 J: \*block.  
116 C: \*Let me  
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118 C: ask you this. As a gay guy, would you date a man that had a sex change and was  
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120 C: \*fully woman?  
121 J: \*No.  
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123 J: No.  
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125 C: You wouldn't?  
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127 J: No. I wouldn't be able to...like, have sex with them. Like I wouldn't be able to do that.  
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129 C: Or  
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131 C: \*what about  
132 J: \*Cause it  
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134 C: a woman that was a man, like the-the man thing? And then you found out. Like, you were  
 135 dating someone, thought it was a guy, found out she used to be a woman.  
 136  
 137 J: No.  
 138  
 139 C: It would be weird.  
 140  
 141 J: Yeah. I wouldn't- that would be a breaking point. I'd just be like, sorry, I can't-  
 142  
 143 A: *In* a sexual relationship, I wouldn't be able to handle it either, I agree. I would- in a sexual  
 144 relationship, yes, but my friends? No. Like if I found out that one of my friends used to be- like,  
 145 it wouldn't. I don't- I mean it wouldn't change the way I saw someone *except* sexually. Like, I  
 146 don't know if  
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 148 A: \*I  
 149 C: \*That's  
 150  
 151 C: what I'm talking about.  
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 153 A: But we're not in a sexual relationship, so why would you see *me* differently?!  
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 155 C: I'm- well, cause guys think about sex about everything.  
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 157 J: [laughs]  
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 159 C: [laughing] Everything is sexual to us, Alissa.  
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 161 A: Jesus christ, Chris.  
 162  
 163 C: See, that's the difference between male and female right there. See, Alissa's going off about,  
 164 you know, the personality and all this stuff. It's like, well, no, because, thinking, well, I can't  
 165 sleep with that person anymore.  
 166  
 167 J: Yeah. [laughs]  
 168  
 169 J& C: [laugh]  
 170  
 171 A: Well, I just mean, like there would be the same. Like if you told me that you were once a  
 172 woman, like, that would not... that would make-  
 173  
 174 C: Well, I wouldn't, I mean- I don't know.  
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 176 A: \*It wou-  
 177 C: \*It's  
 178  
 179 C: all theoretical what we're talking about here.

180  
 181 A: But if I were in a sexual relationship with someone and they came to me and were like, look,  
 182 um, actually, I used to be the other, I'd be like: whoa  
 183  
 184 J: [laughs]  
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 186 A: I...  
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 188 A: \*don't  
 189 J: \*Uhhhhh...  
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 191 A: know about that. Like, I would be weirded out by that. And,  
 192  
 193 A: \*but, um-  
 194 J: \*[quietly] So would I.  
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 196 C: Lydia told me she used to be a guy, it would be really hard for me to deal with. [mumbling]  
 197 probably a couple days and I think I'd be fine with it.  
 198  
 199 A: Yeah, I mean it would depend. If I was like-  
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 201 C: But then I'd be all fucked up mentally with myself.  
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 203 A: If I was like really in love with them as a person, like, it w- but why? There would be no  
 204 reason to be.  
 205  
 206 A: \*like  
 207 C: \*Because  
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 209 C: I'd be like well I, techn-ll-ll I fell in love with a guy, so, I'm probably gay, then.  
 210  
 211 C: \*That's why.  
 212 A: \*No  
 213  
 214 A: you didn't. You fell in love with a woman.  
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 216 C: What I thought was a woman,  
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 218 C: \*buuuuut  
 219 A: \*but it was  
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 221 C: If I was really straight, would I be able t- wouldn't I be able to peg that out beforehand?  
 222  
 223 A: No, because she identifies as a-as a woman, so it wouldn't matter. Like, she would *still* be a  
 224 woman.  
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226 C: But it is weird. That's when  
 227  
 228 C: \*you start questioning yourself quite bit. [short laugh]  
 229 A: \*she'd always been a woman.  
 230  
 231 A: There's no  
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 233 A: \*need to, like.  
 234 J: \*It's true.  
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 236 J: You do start questioning  
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 238 J: \*yourself.  
 239 A: \*She would have  
 240  
 241 A: always been a woman.  
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 243 C: I mean, right? I mean, think  
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 245 C: \*about, like, some guy  
 246 J: \*You do. Yeah, if  
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 248 J: some guy. Like, if that happened to me. Like if Cliff told me, "I used to be a woman"? [scoffs]  
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 250 A: But see,  
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 252 A: \*guys  
 253 C: \*You would honestly  
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 255 C: [unintelligible] maybe-maybe I'm actually straight.  
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 257 J: Yeah.  
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 259 C: Maybe I'm actually straight. Maybe there's something in me that was instinctively telling me,  
 260 "go after this."  
 261  
 262 A: See, you guys, right there. That is exactly why people feel the need to get [short pause] sex  
 263 changes. Because you need to be seen as the other gender because people can't handle it. Like,  
 264 you can't just be- you know like if you're a, if you're a woman who identifies as a man, as a  
 265 straight man. If you're a woman who identifies as a straight man, and you want to be with a  
 266 woman, lesbians don't wanna [short pause] like [short pause] you know? You're gonna have  
 267 trouble. Cause your lesbian girlfriends... like, you don't want a lesbian girlfriend. You want a  
 268 straight girlfriend, and like... your girlfriend thinks of you [short pause] you know, you want  
 269 your girlfriend to think of you as a man, but your girlfriend's always going to think of you as a  
 270 woman. You know?  
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272 C: I fell in- you know, I fell in love with a couple of lesbians, one time.  
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 274 J: [chuckles]  
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 276 A: But it's just- yeah, like, that's why, because-  
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 278 C: I used to have a big thing for butch dykes.  
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 280 J: Really?  
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 282 C: Yeah, when I was in high school. [unintelligible]  
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 284 J: [unintelligible]  
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 286 A: Because you need the, you need the genitalia to match [pause]  
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 288 J: See, that's one thing that's  
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 290 J:     \*weird  
 291 A:     \*what you feel  
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 293 J: I've never [long pause] See, I- this is where it comes in, like- Me personally, I don't know  
 294 myself mentally. You know what I mean? Like, I-I confuse *myself*. Like I-I don't get myself, at  
 295 points. Like, I have literall- like, I can confidently say that I have never been attracted to a  
 296 straight man. Like, as far as like, having a crush, you know what I mean? Like  
 297  
 298 C:     \*Yeah  
 299 J:     \*having  
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 301 J: those emotions. Like, never. But [pause] I know people who have. You know, I know other  
 302 gay men who have and stuff, but I, for some reason, I have that block to where it's like, straight  
 303 men? Nah. You know what I mean? It's just kinda like, nah, not gonna... no.  
 304  
 305 C: It's just weird. Yeah, cause I used to really be into the-the lesbian girls.  
 306  
 307 J: [laughs]  
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 309 C:     \* I don't  
 310 A:     \*I  
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 312 C: know, I-you know-  
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 314 A: I've had crushes on some straight girls in my day. [pause] But, you know, like-  
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 316 C: Did you ever- did you ever have a crush on a- on a gay guy?  
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318 A: [long pause] I don't... think so. [pause] Maybe one a little bit once.  
319  
320 C: Look at Danika. She only likes gay men.  
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322 A: Really?  
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324 C: That's all she's interested in, cause she thinks straight guys are unclean and don't take care of  
325 themselves. She wants to be with a gay guy.  
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327 J: [scoffs] She needs to meet Cliff.  
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329 C: [laughs, then loudly] That's the thing, though! I mean, it's like, that is so stereotypical, it's  
330 like what these people think. It's like,  
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332 J: \*[unintelligible] There's gay guys out there  
333 C: \*there's gay guys out there that, you know love drinking  
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335 C: beer and watching sports just as much as a straight guy.  
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337 J: Yeah.  
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339 A: Yeah.  
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341 C: And it's just as filthy and gross.  
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343 J: *Cliff* is filthy and gross.  
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345 J: \*[unintelligible]  
346 A: \*It's just  
347 C: \*That's another thing  
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349 C: too. Like, if you're a super clean guy, uh, you know, oh man, that guy's *really* effeminate.  
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351 J: \*Yeah [unintelligible]  
352 C: \*And it's like, is there really  
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354 C: something that wrong about getting a  
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356 C: \*pedicure? You know?  
357 J: \*gay guys  
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359 C: What's wrong with wanting to look nice?  
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361 J: Exactly.  
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363 A: So where do hermaphrodites fit in?

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 365 J: Ho-ho  
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 367 C: They're....  
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 369 C: \*[blows out air] You see a lot of times, though, hermaph-  
 370 J: \*[whistles]  
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 372 C: hermaphrodites get their stuff snipped- they get decided at birth by their parents.  
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 374 C: \*[unintelligible]  
 375 A: \*What do you  
 376  
 377 A: think about that?  
 378  
 379 J: I think it's unfair.  
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 381 C: Hermaphrodite- I mean, well, it's- they're freaks, so-  
 382  
 383 J: I- well, I think it's- I-I don't think they're freaks.  
 384  
 385 C:[laughs]  
 386  
 387 J: [chuckling] I don't think they're freaks. I think it's kinda cool that you have both parts and you  
 388 can kinda- you know what I mean? I think that's kinda cool  
 389  
 390 J: \*actually, personally  
 391 A: \*But do you have to  
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 393 A: make a deci- okay, first of all, so- [pause]  
 394  
 395 J: I think that's- I think that's something that-  
 396  
 397 A: Hold on.