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IS MY FIANCEE GAY?

I'm engaged to be married in November. My happiness should be complete. That is far from being true. My family insists that the man I love is gay.

Most of my family has accepted my sex-change; the others tolerate it for my mom's sake.

I made the mistake of telling my sister that I met my fiancée through a personal ad that he put in a small local paper - "Handsome Male seeks post-op transsexual for possible long-term relationship . . ." She told her red-necked husband. He has convinced my father and my two brothers that if a man advertised for a transsexual woman, he's gay; no question about it.

I love my family, I also love my fiancée; I don't want to have to make a choice between them. If my family forces me to do so, I will choose my fiancée. My sister regrets telling her husband and tells me that if I go ahead and marry, my family will come around and that I shouldn't worry about it.

Every time my family and I try to discuss my impending marriage, it ends up in an argument. I haven't spoken to any member of my family in the last over two months. I told them I didn't care what he was I was going to marry him. My father told me if I did that he was through with me.

It never occurred to me when I read the ad that the person placing the ad might be gay. All the arguing with my family caused me to start wondering if he might be gay and how do I really feel about it. The answer came easy; I am a woman via sex-change surgery - he is a male. Our relationship cannot be a gay relationship.

I doubt I will get many proposals of marriage if the man knows I had sex-change surgery. I don't want to grow old alone and I am not about to give up a chance at happiness because of other people's ignorance.

Future Bride?

Dear Phoebe;

I would like to read about how other transsexuals cope with the "real-life test". Especially changing the voice to a high pitch in the female range. It is very hard to pass with a deep voice. Alicia

Dear Phoebe;

I have been to quite a few conventions and I have yet to see you at any of them. Is there a reason why?

I've been subscribing to the TRANSSEXUAL VOICE several years and I really would like to meet you. Are you planning to attend any conventions or meetings soon? Steven

Dear Steven;

I have attended conventions\seminars as an exhibitor. I was in Las Vegas the summer of 1984 and in Anaheim CA. the summer of 1985. Invalid parents have prevented my attending meetings since that time. Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

Can you give me the name and address of a surgeon who does sex reassignment surgery. Becky

Dear Becky;

Listed below are the names and address of three surgeons who do SRS. Phoebe

Stanley Biber, M.D
406 First National Bank Bldg.
Trinidad, CO. 81082
(719)846-3301

Yvon Menard, M.D
1003 E. Boul, St. Joseph
Montreal, Quebec
Canada H2J 1L2
(514)288-2097

Michel Seghers, M.D.
Avenue De Broqueville 60
1200 Bruxelles, Belguim
(322)770-0108

Dear Phoebe;

I would like to see some before and after surgery pictures. You know what they say - a picture is worth a thousand words. I guess what I really want is to see how someone who looks as masculine as I do looks after the transition is completed. I'm not sure that I could ever be passable. Bob

Dear Bob;

I will be happy to publish before and after photos that anyone wishes to send. Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

Have you ever heard of a male transsexual and a female transsexual getting married after they had surgery. Jennifer.

Dear Jennifer;

No, I have not although I did see a picture of a married couple in a tabloid who planned (both of them) to have sex-change surgery. I don't know if it was true.

Dear Phoebe;

How long did it take you to finish electrolysis? Kim

Dear Kim;

I'll let you know if I ever finish.

Actually, I only have a couple of dozen hairs that need to be removed. I have electrolysis about two times a year and cut them with scissors between times. Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

Occasionally, baldness is mentioned in the TSV. Any new solutions? What about the hair replacement system advertised on tv. Mike

Dear Mike;

I don't know of any new solutions; I know a male who has the hair replacement as advertised on tv. He is very satisfied. Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

I live in a rural area and trying to find help is next to impossible. I've really wanted to start hormone therapy for a long time, but am unsure where to turn. The closest town to me does not have an endocrinologist. I'm not sure anyone here has ever heard of a transsexual. MY counselor is of no help, so consequently, I cut off his lunch money.

Any ideas; I'm "out in the cold" on this?

A.G.

Dear A.G.;

Perhaps someone who has had a similar problem can advise you what to do. Can you not go to a larger city to see a doctor? Since you live in a small town, that might be appealing to you.

If not, get out your phone book and call some numbers of physicians in your city and explain your situation to the person who answers. There may be someone in your city who has other transsexual patients; but doesn't advertise it. You don't have to identify yourself. Phoebe

(I realize how late this issue is and apologize. Instead of dating this issue June 1995, I'm numbering it 1995 No. 3. Every time I think I can spend time on the newsletter problems arise with my mother. She can feed herself but is pretty much dependent on me for everything else.

I'm going to begin work on the August issue as soon as possible after I get this one out. It will include the results of the survey (which I promised would be in this issue. I hope I can get back on schedule with the next issue. Phoebe)

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR MEDICAL QUESTIONS TO DR. LEO WOLLMAN AND DR. JANICE DORN TO BE ANSWERED IN THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE.

SEND YOUR PERSONAL ADS, LETTERS, ARTICLES, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS TO BE SHARED WITH OTHER TRANSSEXUALS. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR PERSONAL ADS.

CONNECTIONS

THE CONNECTION SECTION WILL BE USED TO LOCATE PEOPLE (OTHER THAN FOR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS) SUCH AS ROOMMATES, BIG SISTER/BIG BROTHER, JOBS WANTED; ETC. ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A BIG SISTER OR BROTHER(I'M GOING TO FIND A BETTER WORD FOR THIS ONE), THIS IS THE PLACE TO OFFER YOUR FRIENDSHIP. IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO HIRE A TRANSSEXUAL POST-OP OR PRE-OP, PLEASE, PLEASE LET IT BE KNOWN.

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PERSONAL AD

SINGLE WHITE MALE, HANDSOME, RUGGED, ATHLETIC AND SINCERE - DESIRES TO MEET A SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, PRE OR POST OP TRANSSEXUAL OR HERMAPHRODITE FOR FRIENDSHIP, DATES, FUN AND PERHAPS DEVELOP A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP. I AM A MATURE BUT FUN LOVING PROFESSIONAL MAN BELIEVING IN TRUTH, HONESTY, KINDNESS, CARING, SINCERITY, FIDELITY AND TOTAL COMMUNICATION. I EXPECT THESE SAME QUALITIES FROM YOU FOR WITHOUT THEM YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP. I AM UNPRETENTIOUS, DISLIKE PHONY PEOPLE AND AM VERY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE OF MY PARTNER'S GOALS AND DESIRES. I DO NOT SMOKE, AM TOTALLY DRUG AND DISEASE FREE. I AM JUST A NICE GUY WHO WANTS TO MEET A NICE GIRL TO ENJOY EACH OTHER IN THE FUN AND HAPPINESS THAT LIFE AND A RELATIONSHIP CAN OFFER. WRITE TO JOHN, P.O. BOX 558, SOMERS PT., NJ 08224.

Dear Dr. Wollman:

I would like to visit you in your office (and pay a consulting fee) and ask you many questions, but I do not know your address or what hospital you work from. I think you are on the east coast and you would be closer to me than Dr. Biber.

Would it be possible for me to make an appointment to see you in your office. I am 70 years old. Alicia

Dear Alicia;

Phoebe Smith has my permission to give you my telephone number. call me any afternoon between 2 and 6 pm.

Leo Wollman, M.D.

Dear Dr. Wollman:

Is there a standard hormone prescription for pre-op transsexuals and do you prescribe the exact dosage for all post-op transsexuals. Some of my friends seem to get better results from the hormones than I do. Can you tell me why? Misty.

Dear Misty;

All hormone doses depend on the individual patient. There are distinct variations because all patients differ somewhat from one another.

Leo Wollman, M.D.

Dear Dr. Wollman:

I belong to a support group and am friendly with one of the pre-ops who attends the meetings. Each month, she acts like she has cramps like other women (non-transsexuals). Personally, I think she is faking; I can't be sure. I don't know the exact dosage of hormones she is taking. I don't particularly want cramps but is it possible that her hormones are working better than mine. Mona M.

Dear Mona;

Female sex hormones do not produce "monthly cramps" in a genderic male because there is no uterus in a male be he a transsexual or not.

**East Coast Female-to-Male Group (ECFTMG)
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The East Coast Female-to-Male Group is a peer support network for female-to-male transvestites, transsexuals, and their partners, since 1992.

DREAM GIRL

I am a genetic female who admires and is attracted to transsexuals. I admire them for their hard work, courage, dedication and ability to transform themselves into beautiful women and maintain their femininity on a daily basis. I realized that this is the type of person I wanted for a lifetime after living with a transsexual as a roommate for approximately three years and being in a relationship with a transsexual for approximately three years. I also cultivated many friendships with transsexuals. Unfortunately, the relationship did not work out. It was the first time I had experienced a relationship with a transsexual. Because of her dishonesty about her true sexuality it didn't last. Painfully I realized more and more she was with me for other motives. I kept hoping that my unconditional love, understanding and support for her would come make her love me the way I loved her, but it did not.

I began to think I would never find my "DREAM GIRL". All of my transsexual friends and most of the girls I read about or see, only have attractions for men. It has been very difficult for me to find this person or transsexual who have an interest in women. I seem to be more of an oddity than the transsexual herself. Sometimes it is so frustrating. Some of my transsexual friends would rather be in abusive unhealthy relationships with men than a loving caring and supportive relationship with a woman. I asked my roommate if she had the opportunity to be with a woman who loved her and worshipped the ground she walked on opposed to being alone for the rest of her life with no one, which would she choose? She said she would spend the rest of her life alone.

My friends keep telling me that in the closed-minded state I live in I'll never find what I want here. They tell me don't give up on something you really want. Believe me I don't want to. I know there are lesbian identified transsexuals out there, I'm just having a problem finding them. I'd like to see some articles, pictorials and personal ads on lesbian identified transsexuals. I would like to hear their views on things, experiences, life-styles and suggestions on how I might be able to meet someone like themselves.

Thanks again from a genetic female searching for a transsexual.

M. K.

Dear Phoebe;

I would like to caution everyone to take care of their health in areas unrelated to gender. When I first decided that I was to going to have sex-change surgery, I was thin and looked good in my clothes (22 years younger than when I actually completed the process). I kept that thin picture in my mind of how I was going to look: I was forty pounds overweight and had some teeth missing by the time I had my surgery. I don't look anything like the picture I envisioned when I was thin.

If I had taken better care of myself I would be much happier today. Michelle

Dear Phoebe;

Where can I write Christine Jorgensen. I've hear she lives in California. I'm planning a trip to Los Angeles later this year and if possible would like to meet her. JMN

Dear JMN;

Christine Jorgensen died a few years ago of cancer. I would like to have met her too. Without her, I wonder where any of us would be today. Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

I was looking at a friends old copies of the Transsexual Voice and was surprised at the number of issues that had cover photos. Why did you stop? Some of those girls were very attractive. Annamaria

Dear Annamaria;

I would be happy to resume with cover photos if anyone wishes to send their photo. You are right, those girls were gorgeous (well, not all of them - I forgot I was on the cover of one). Phoebe

(IF ANYONE WANTS TO BE A COVER GIRL OR GUY SEND YOUR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO.)

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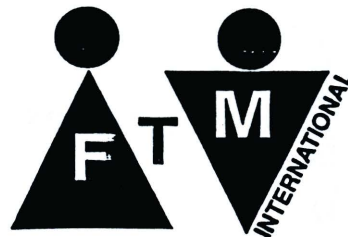
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