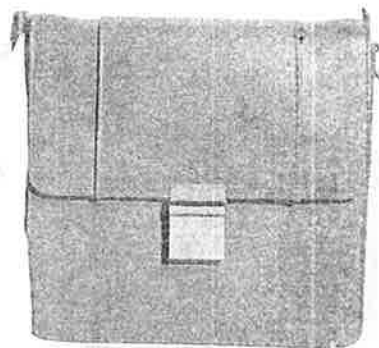
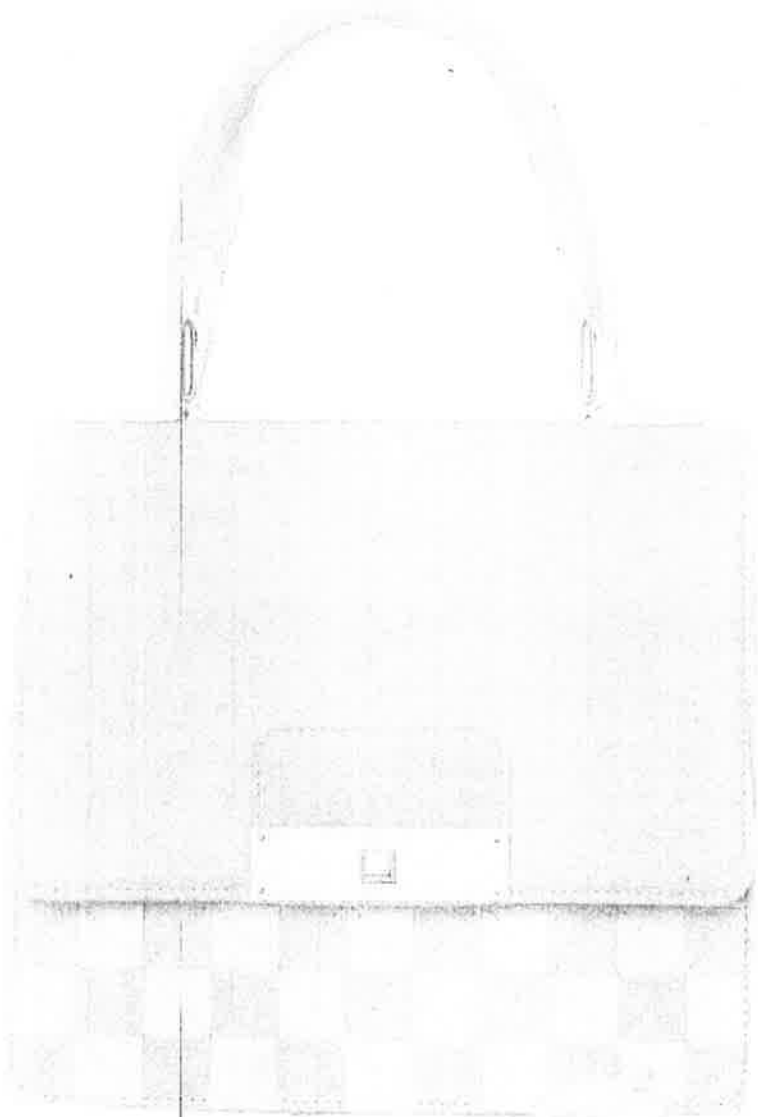


BE FEARLESS

TRANSITIONS



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## PERCEPTIONS

MOST OFTEN HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN HOW OTHER PEOPLE VIEW YOU FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN. AND MORE OFTEN THAN WE WOULD LIKE TO ADMIT, WHAT IS SEEN OF US FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE FORMS THE BASIS FOR HOW PEOPLE DEAL WITH US AS INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS AS A GROUP. WITH THAT SAID I OFFER THE FOLLOWING.

WELCOME TO TRANSITIONS; MY NAME IS FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL, I AM AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TRANSWOMAN DOING TIME IN PRISON LIKE MANY OTHER TRANSWOMAN NATION WIDE AND POSSIBLY WORLD WIDE. HOWEVER, LIKE MOST PEOPLE THERE IS FAR MORE TO ME THAN MY BEING A TRANSWOMAN. I'M A COLLEGE GRADUATE, AND HAVE ALSO HAD THE OPPRTUNITY TO TRAVEL BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

AS IT HAPPENS I AM ALSO A WRITER POETIC SPOKEN WORD ARTIST, MUSICIAN AND ACTRESS. I AM MOST AT HOME HOWEVER STANDING BEHIND A MIC RIPPING VERSES OF POETRY, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF BEING A TRANSWOMAN DOES NOT AUTOMAT-ICALLY RELEGATE ME TO SIMPLY DOING DRAG SHOES. THOUGH I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR THE GIRLS THAT DO, IT IS **A HELL OF A LOT OF WORK.**

I PRIDE MYSELF ON BEING WELL RESPECTED BY BOTH FRIENDS AND FOES ALIKE, BUT I DO ALWAYS CONSIDER THE SOURCE AND TAKE GREAT PAINS TO LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF THOSE WISER THAT I, WHICH A LOT OF US DO NOT DO, PREFERRING TO SIT AROUND AND BE A MESS, TELLING EVERY DAMN THING YOU KNOW AND NOT KEEPING YOUR OWN BIZ IN ORDER.

SEE, IN REALITY WE ARE ALL TO A CERTAIN DEGREE VAIN AND SELF SERVING AND A BIT INSECURE, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE OFTEN BLINDED BY THE NOT VERY WELL INTENTIONED OPINIONS OF NOT ALWAYS WELL MEANING FRIENDS. THESE SAME "FRIENDS" OFTEN FEED US A LOAD OF CRAP THAT WE TAKE AS THE GOSPEL BECAUSE OF OUR VANITYAND REFUSAL TO SEE REALITY, AND THE FACT THAT WE THINK THESE PEOPLE ARE LOYAL TO US:

LIKE WHE YOUR GIRLFRIEND SAYS, GIRRRRL THAT DRESS LOOKS SO HOT ON YOU AND YOUR WEAVE IS THE BIZ, WHEN SHE REALLY WANTS TO SAY IS THAT DRESS MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE A BROKE HOE AND THAT FAKER HAIR WEAVE IS A HOT MESS, AND YOU KNOW THOSE PAYLESS SHOES ARE TOO SMALL AND HURTING YOUR FEET.

WE ARE OFTEN UNAWARE OF THE BEAUTY AND GREATNESS THAT WE HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING OUTSIDE WHO WE ARE TO MUCH TO SEE IT. BECAUSE OF THIS WE OFTEN BLOCK THE BLESSINGS THAT COULD BE COMMING OUR WAY BY ACTING LIKE HEATHENS, REINFORCING EVERY NEGATIVE STEREOTYPE IN THE BOOK. EXAMPLE; IF YOU ARE A FASHION MAVEN (LIKE MYSELF) AND YOU WANT TO HAVE A BUSINESS THAT PROVIDES QUALITY SHOES CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE GAY AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY, YET YOU ARE CONSTANTLY HEARD IN CONVERSATION WITH YOUR "GIRLFRIENDS" USING IN INTELLIGENT LANGUAGE, THERE IS A VERY GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT YOU GAVE JUST TURNED OFF SOME ONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN OF SOME HELP TO YOU.

I ONCE HEARD A STORY ABOUT A PERSON WHO BOUGHT A NEW BUSINESS AN PROMPTLY FIRED ALL THE UNHAPPY EMPLOYEES, NOW I WONDER WHY HE DID THAT, BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO DEAL WITF UNHAPPY ASS PEOPLE AROUND ALL THE TIME, TOO MUCH DRAMA. AS A WOMAN I HAVE A MULTITUDE OF THINS TO DEAL WITH ON A DAILY BASIS, I HAVE NO TIME OR TOLERANCE FOR DUMB SHIT. PLEASE NOTICE I SAID "AS A WOMAN". YOU SEE TO SOCIETY I'M A TRANSWOMAN, TO ME I AM A WOMAN PERIOD!

I SAY THAT TO SAY THIS, I AM AWARE THAT MANY PEOPLE DON'T AND WON'T EVER SEE ME AS A WOMAN, AND I'M COOL WITH THAT, BUT THAT DOES NOT GIVE ME LICENSE TO RUN AROUND AND ACT CLASSLESS AND DISRESPECTFULL AND THEN BE ORDASTIC ENOUGH TO THINK I CAN DEMAND TO BE RESPECTED. RESPECT IS EARNED NOT AUTOMATICALLY GIVEN. SO I CONDUCT MYSELF IN LADYLIKE FASHION SO AS TO BE TREATEDIN THE DIGNIFIED MANNER OF A STRONG BLACK WOMAN.

WHEN WE CONTINUE TO REINFORCE NEGETIVE STEREOTYPES WE MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR ADVERSARIES TO TEAR US DOWN, AND PUT IS IN A DIVIDE AND CONQUER SITUATION, WE MUST STANI STRONGER TOGETHER.

I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR MY GLBTQ FAMILY WHO ARE LIVING THEIR LIVES EVERYDAY WITH PRIDE RESPECT AND DIGNITY, AND BIG UPS TO MY PEOPLE DOING BIG THINGS IN PLACES WHERE JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO WE WERE NON-EXISTANT, PRO BALLER BRITTANY GRINER, TALK SHOW HOSTESS ELLEN RUE PAULS JINXX MONSOON, MS JANET MOCK, AND ALL THE OTHERS DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES.

WE SHOULD KNOW THAT AS A COMMUNITY WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE, AND WE SHOULD, (as a COMMUNITY) BE USING THIS TO OUR FULL ADVANTAGE, IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY TO ACHIEVE THE RIGHTS AND RESPECT THAT HAS BEEN SORELY LACKING IN OUR COMMUNITY ALL THESE YEARS.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE STOOD AND STILL STAND ON THE FRONT LINES OF THIS EQUALITY FIGHT TO ENSURE THAT WE ALL GET WHAT WE HAVE COMING, OVER THE YEARS SINCE THE STONEWALL REBELLION THAT STARTED THIS MOVEMENT WE HAVE MADE MANY GAINS, AND IN MANY WAYS WE HAVE SQUANDERED MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO STENGTHEN OUR POSITION, THIS HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE OF OUR FRACTIONAL ATTITUDES. WE DOWN EACH OTHER, IN MANNERS SUCH AS SO-CALLED TRADITIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN MEN AND WOMAN DISLIKING TRANSGENDERS.

THIS CAUSES US HARM AND LEAVS US VULNERABLE TO ATTACK FROM OUR EMEINIES BECAUSE THEY ASSUME (AND RIGHTLY SO) THAT WE AS TRANSGENDERS HAVE NO REAL SUPPORT FROM THE SO-CALLED TRADITIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY, NOT TO BE CLICHE, BUT IT IS TRUE, "A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND. THERE HAVE BEEN FAR TOO MANY TIMES WHEN A MEMBER OF THE GLBTQ COMMUNITY HAS COM UNDER ATTACK, AND THERE WAS NO ONE THERE TO HELP HIM OR HER, BEVCAUSE THE CASE WAS NOT WORTHY OF A PHOTO OP OR GOOD SOUND BITE.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY; WE ARE RARELY SUPPORTED WHEN WE NEED HELP, AND ALMOST ALWAYS COME OUT ON THE WRONG END OF THE SITUATION WHEN IT IS US AGAINST THE STRAIT COMMUNITY. PLEASE BELIEVE I SUPPORTED THEN AND SUPPORT NOW THE SISTER CE CE MCDONALD DEFENDING HESELF AGAINST THE HOMOPHOBIC ASSHOLES THAT ATTACKED HER, AND I DO NOT SUPPORT THE COURT THAT CONVICTED HER FOR

IT, THIS IS A CLASSIC SITUATION WHEN THE MIGHT OF THE GLBTQ  
COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE COME DOWN LIKE THE HAMMER OF GOD ON  
THIS BOGUS CRIMINAL INJUSTICE SYSTEM, BIG UPS TO MY GIRL  
CE CE IF YOU EVER READ THIS, KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU MY SISTER.

ALL OF THESE PRIMA DONNAS IN THE GLBTQ COMUNITY SHOULD STOP  
BEING ASSWADS AND REALIZE WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT, WHEN  
SOMEONE SETS OUT TO ABUSE ONE OF US, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO BEING  
A VICTIM OF THAT ABUSE JUST LIKE ANY ONE OF US IS, GET OVER  
YOURSELF.

BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL SUFFER  
THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF HATEFULL IGNORANT PEOPLE. WE KNOW  
THAT THESE HATEMONGERS DON'T EVEN KNOW US PERSONALLY, BUT  
THEY STILL FEEL JUSTIFIED IN THEIR HATE, IN THE SAME WAY  
THEIR ANCESTORS FELT LIKE IT WAS THEIR MANEFEST DESTINY TO  
TAKE THE LAND THEY TOOK FROM THE NATIVE AMERICANS. BUT UN-  
DERSTAND THAT AS LONG AS YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND WALK IN  
YOUR POWER POSITIVELY, NO ONE CAN HARM YOU.

MY ALBATROSS IS THAT I AM AFRICAN AMERICAN AND A CONVICTED  
FELON (MORE THAN ONCE); THAT ALONE IS ENOUGH TO CAUSE ME  
MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF STRESS. COUPLE THAT WITH THE FACT THAT  
I AM ALSO A TRANSWOMAN AND I SHOULD REALLY BE AT DEFCON 5  
STRESS OUT LEVELS. BUT I'M NOT. I KNOW WHO I AM AND WHAT  
I'M ABOUT, AND I'VE HEARD ALL THE TRANNY FAGGOT JOKES, SO  
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH OR MY TIME, JUST FIND YOU SOMETHING  
ELSE TO DO.

TRUTH IS; YOUR AFRAID OF ME, YOUR AFRAID THAT THOUGH I'M FAR  
DIFFERENT FROM YOU, WE MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE A LOT IN COMMON,  
AND THAT SCARES THE HELL OUT OF YOU, AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT I  
HAVE A POTENTIAL FOR GREATNESS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE BECAUSE  
YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY MIRED IN MEDIOCRITY.

WELL THATS YOUR PROBLEM, SO IF YOU THINK GAY MARRIAGE IS  
A BAD IDEA, SO WHAT, WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN MARRIAGE, OR LACK  
THEREOF. IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW BAD IT MAY LOOK FOR  
GLBTQ PEOPLE TO PATRONIZE YOU BUSINESS, DON't trip

REMEMBER WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE A STRONG ECONOMIC BASE AND WE ARE BUILDING OUR OWN BUSINESSES SO THAT PEOPLE CAN FEEL COMFORTABLE WHEN THEY COME IN THE DOOR, NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE. SEE IN THE REAL WORLD MONEY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE COLOR OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE WE WILL BECAOME STRONGER ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL AND HOLD OFFICES AT EVERY LEVEL, SO GET OVER IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE ARE HERE TO STAY, BUT WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE. SO IF YOUR PERCEPTION IS THAT THIS IS JUST A PASSING FANCY, I SUGGEST YOU CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION.

FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL

SOMEONE ONCE SAID, NEVER ~~ACT LIKE YOU ARE THE SMARTEST~~ PERSON IN THE ROOM, UNLESS YOU'R ACTUALLY THE ~~SMARTEST~~ PERSON IN THE ROOM.

WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO YOU HE DOES IT WITH A FEATHER, SO BE QUIET AND LISTEN, BUT WHEN HE REALLY WANTS TO GET YOUR

## SUPERWOMAN

HOT LIKE RHIANNA, SEXY KINDA DANGEROUS LIKE COLUMBIANA,  
YOU KNOW ZOE SALDANA; COME THROUGH DRIFT DRIVING PUTTING  
THE HANDLES TO THESE RATCHET CHICKES ENVIOUS GREEN EYEIN  
CAUSE I KNOW YOU SCHEMEIN AND CONNIVIN, SO I MOVE WITH  
CAUTION AND FEMENINE FINESS, STAY DRESSED TO IMPRESS IN  
A BONY HUGGING-AZZEDINE ALIA MINIDRESS, AND I KNOW I  
GOT YOU SHOOK AT HOW THESE FENDI HEELS MAKE THESE EBONY  
LEGS LOOK.

FACE IT BABY, I STEAL THE SHOW LIKE A CROOK, IF CLASS  
AND STYLE WERE A HIP HOP SONG I'D BE THE BASS LINE LYRICS  
AND THE HOOK, IF YOU WROTE A NOVEL ABOUT IT MY NAME  
WOULD BE THE TITLE OF THE BOOK, KNOW THAT WHEN THE  
WORLDS GREATEST CHEF CREATED THE WORLDS GREATEST MEAL  
HE WAS THINKING ABOUT ME WHEN HE STARTED TO COOK.

STOP PLAYIN, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN, I'M YOUR SUPER  
WOMAN, OR AM I? MAYBE I'M JUST A FIGMENT OF YOUR  
IMAGINATION, OR MAYBE WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH THIS SEE  
THROUGH DRESS AT THESE PRETTY THONG PANTIES AND C-CUP  
BREASTS YOU HAVE A YEARNING FOR A TRANSGENDER ASSIG-  
NATION TO RELIEVE YOUR EMOTIONAL STRESS.

I'M SURE YOUR IMAGINATION CAN IMAGINE THE REST (MARVIN  
GAYE PROBABLY SAID IT BEST), BUT DONT THINK FOR A SECOND  
I DONT SEE REALITY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH OF A PRETTY DIVA  
I MAY BE, YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN IN NON-GAY  
PUBLIC WITH ME, BECAUSE YOUR FEEBLE BOY MIND SAYS THAT  
WOULD BE CONTRARY TO WHAT A REAL MAN IS SUPPOSED TO ME.

BUT YOU SEE THATS FINE WITH ME, I DON'T NEED YOU HOLDING  
MY HAND TO CELEBRATE BEING ALL THE THE WOMAN I KNOW I'M  
SUPPOSED TO BE, OR TO ACHIEVE BEING THE GREAT WOMAN I'M  
MEANT TO BE, ALL I NEED IS CONFIDENCE IN ME.

LIKE I SAID, I'M HOT LIKE RIHANNA, SEXY KINDA DANGEROUS  
LIKE COLUMBIANNA, SO I'M CAPABLE OF HANDLING ME, I'M A  
GROWN ASS WOMAN, NOT A LITTLE GIRL, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME  
YOUR SUPER WOMAN, SHAYLA PEARL.

FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL



CRITICS CORNER

CURRENTLY I HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS GOING ON WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT I'M READING. THE JUNE 9 2014 ISSUE OF TIME HAS THE BEAUTIFUL LAVERN COX ON THE COVER, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, SHE'S ONE OF THE STARS OF THE NEW HIT NETFLIX SHOW ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK. I HAVE NOT HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING THE SHOW SO I WON'T COMMENT ON THAT, BUT I DID SEE MS. COX ON THE WENDY WILLIAMS SHOW, AND FOUND HER NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL, BUT ALSO VERY WELL SPOKEN,, GO GIRL; IN ANY CASE THE ARTICLE IS NOT JUST ABOUT HER, IT IS ABOUT THE TRANSGENDER RIGHTS MOVEMENT BEING THE NEXT CIVIL RIGHTS FRONTIER.

I FOUND THE ARTICLE FAIRLY INTERESTING IN ITS APPROACH TO BEING TRANSGENDER, I ALSO LIKED THAT THE ARTICLE SPOKE ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE OR HAVE TRANSITIONED INTO THE GENDER THAT THEY TRUELY IDENTIFY WITH; LIKE MS. CASSIDY LYNN CAMPBELL WHO WAS ELECTED HOME COMMING QUEEN AT HER SCHOOL, THERE IS A PHOTO OF HER HOLDING HANDS WITH HER FRIEND, VICTORIA AVALOS, WHO IS ALSO A MALE TO FEMALE TRANSGENDER, THERE IS ALSO ASHTON LEE WHO IS FEMALE TO MALE, AND MS. JAMIE EWING WHO IS ALSO MALE TO FEMALE AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD WHE THEY FOUND OUT SHE WAS TRANS. I SUGGEST READING THIS ARTICLE, AND IF POSSIBLE FOR YOU LET THE WORLD KNOW HOW YOU FEEL .

AS A TRANSWOMAN I HAVE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE NEEDS, NEEDS I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO PAY FOR SHOULD I BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MY KEEP, THE OPERATIVE WORD BEING EARN, NO ONE IS ASKING FOR A HANDOUT, JUST AN OPPORTUNITY. BUT THE FACT THAT I FIRSTLY AM A CONVICTED FELON, AND SECONDLY LIVE MY LIFE AS A WOMAN LENDS ITSELF TO SOME TOUCHY SITUATIONS, AT BEST.

WHAT I AM ASKING OF ANYONE READING THIS RIGHT NOW IS TO CONSIDER THE WORLD THAT WE CURRENTLY LIVE IN, BY THAT I MEAN "YOUR REAL WORLD" AND OUR REAL WORLD, AND RECOGNIZE THAT THOSE WORLDS WILL INEVITABLY COLLIDE, WHEN THAT HAPPENS YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WITNESS FIRST HAND THE REAL PRICE OF FREEDOM. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS ARE YOU READY TO CONTINUE PAYING THAT PRICE????

FATIMA.

ON ONE LEVEL I THINKS ITS GREAT THAT AS TRANS MEN AND WOMAN WE ARE GETTING THE RECOGNITION WE HAVE COMING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND I DON'T WANT MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO START TO THINK "OH MY GOD WE'VE FINALLY ARRIVED" BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE. NOT UNTIL WE REACH THE POINT WHEN WE HAVE MORE OPENLY GAY AND TRANS PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF POLITICAL POWER WHO HAVE A REAL VOICE AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE WILL I SAY WE HAVE COMPLETELY ARRIVED.

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN ENTERTAINMENT, ON STAGE AND IN MOVIES, MOSTLY IN PARODIES AND AS COMIC RELIEF. AS AN ENTERTAINER, I'VE LIKED VERY, VERY FEW PORTRAITS OF GAY AND TRANS PEOPLE IN THE MOVIES OR ON TELEVISION. I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THE CRYING GAME, HAD AND STILL HAVE A HUGE CRUSH ON JAYE DAVIDSON. AND I LIKE A FEW OF THE CHARACTURES I SEE NOW, BUT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE TRANS MEN AND WOMAN BETTER REPRESENTED IN MOVIES AND TELEVISION.

HOLLYWOOD HAS NOT "PROPERLY" REPRESENTED US IN THEIR DEPICTIONS OF WHO WE ARE, BEING MORE CONCERNED WITH SHOWING US IN A LIGHT THAT DOES NOT REFLECT WELL IN REGARD TO OUR TRUE GENDER PREFERENCE. FOR MANY YEARS HOLLYWOOD HAS ONLY SHOWN US IN A LIGHT WHERE WE ARE NOT RESPECTED FOR LIVING IN OUR TRUE GENDER REPRESENTATION, SUBLIMINALLY SAYING "YOU LOOK GOOD AS A WOMAN, BUT YOU'R REALLY NOT A WOMAN" TO THOSE OF US WHO CAN "PASS" AS THEY SAY, OR BY SHOWING HOW UN-FEMININE WE ARE BY PUTTING IN FRONT OF US THE TORTURED "MAN IN A DRESS" TO BE USED AS FODDER FOR HOMOPHOBIC VIEWERS AND CRITICS. HOLLYWOOD NEEDS TO STOP.

ANYWAY, MY OTHER GOINS ON ARE THE BOOKS I'M READING, THE FIRST IS WORD WARRIORS 35 WOMAN LEADERS IN THE SPOKEN WORD REVOLUTION, IF YOU ARE INTO SPOKEN WORD POETRY THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU. I HAVE BEEN A SPOKEN WORD ARTIST FOR THE LAST SIXTEEN YEARS. THE STAGE IS MY HOME, AND THESE WOMAN BRING THEIR STORIES TO LIFE IN THIS BOOK. MOST OF THE WOMAN ARE GAY OR TRANS, BUT NOT ALL, ACTUAL FACTUAL IT DOES NOT MATTER ONE IOTA THAT THEY ARE NOT GAY OR TRANS, BUT THAT THEY HAVE STRONG VOICES THAT NEED TO BE HEARD. I HIGHLY RECCOMEND THIS BOOK EDITED BY GAY ACTIVIST ALIX OLSEN WITH FOREWORD WRITTEN BY EVE ENSLER.

AND NO MATTER WHAT YOUR GENDER IDENTITY, IF YOU NEVER READ ANOTHER BOOK EVER YOU HAVE TO READ WHIPPING GIRL BY JULIA SERANO. JULIA WHO IS "TRANSEXUAL" BREAKS IT ALL DOWN FOR YOU IN HER GRIPPING GIVE YOUR ASS AN EDUCATION ACCOUNTS OF WHO AND WHAT WE ARE, AND WHY WE ARE SO OSTRICIZED MINIMIZED AND MARGINALIZED IN THIS COUNRTY, GET THE DAMN BOOK GIRL, ITS WORTH EVERY PENNY.

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### SERIOUSLY GIRL???

LET ME BE CLEAR!! I AM AN AFRICAN AMERICAN TRANSWOMAN DOING TIME; THAT ALONE IS A LOT OF DRAMA, SO THE LAST THING I NEED IS SOME BIG MOUTHGOOD FOR NOTHING CRAZY ASS LESBIAN TRANNY TALKING SHIT ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK, AND THINKING SHE CAN SMILE IN MY FACE LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHATS GOING ON. SO RIGHT NOW TO KEEP FROM PUNCHING THAT BITCH IN HER FACE, (LADIES SHOULD NOT FIGHT) I'MA TALK A LITTLE SHIT.

I DON'T LIKE TO USE DEROGATORY TERMS, BUT THIS TRAMP TOLD A FRIEND OF MINE, (WHO WILL REMAIN NAMELESS) THAT I AM PRETENDING TO BE A TRANNY TO GET NEXT TO HER. NOW WHAT WOULD MAKE THIS MENTALLY DISFUNCTIONAL SPAZMOID THINK THAT MY FRIEND WOULD NOT TELL ME, ESPECIALLY SINCE, WE ALL KNOW

NOT WITHSTANDING, THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO DO BENEFIT FROM SAID PROGRAMS, AT THE END OF THE DAY THE REALITY IS THAT PRISONS ARE HUGE STAE AND FEDERALY FUNDED CRIMINAL UNIVERSITIES, THAT DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT TURNING OUT HIGH CRIME GRADUATES. YOU CAN COME TO PRISON A LOW LEVEL DRUG OFFENDER AND LEAVE HERE WITH ALL THE KNOWLEDGE, (AND CONNECTIONS) TO BECOME A HIGH LEVEL PLAYER IN THE DRUG GAME.

PETTY THEIVES BECOME ARMED ROBBERS, AND HAND TO HAND FIGHTERS BECOME PROFICIENT KNIFE KILLERS, AND THEY ARE COMMING BACK TO AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU, THE PUBLIC ARE CONSTANTLY CASTIGATING THEM FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE, AND TELLING THEM YOU DONT WANT THEM AROUND, AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE. SO AFTER ALL THIS HOW DO YOU THINK HE OR SHE WILL RESPOND.

I'LL TELL YOU, MANY, THE VAST MAJORITY WILL GO BACK TO WHAT THEY WERE DOING, FIRSTLY; BUT NOW ARMED WITH NEW KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THAT CRIME AND A HOST OF OTHERS, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE FAR MORE DANGEROUS, AND LESS LIKELY TO NOT HURT YOU. BUT I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER YOU ASKED FOR ALL OF THIS WHEN YOU SAID YES BULD MORE PRISONS, VOTE IN TOUGHER SENTENCING GUIDELINES, AND WHILE YOUR AT IT LETS GIVE THEM A MINIMAL AMOUNT TO DO ON THE INSIDE.

OH AND YEAH WHY DON'T WE NOT GIVE THEM ANY REAL RESOURCES TO HELP THEM GET ACCLIMATED TO FREEDOM WHEN THEY GET OUT. NO; IMAGINE BEING ME, AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONVICTED FELON, BETTER YET AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONVICTED FELON WHO IS ALSO A TRANS WOMAN, I HAVE BASICALLY HIT THE GRAND SLAM OF DISCRIMINATION.

## WHAT PRICE FREEDOM

THE VALUE OF FREEDOM IS UNMEASURABLE, OR AT LEAST IT SHOULD BE; SEE SOME OF US ON THE INSIDE HAVE NO REAL CONCEPT OF HOW VALUABLE FREEDOM REALLY IS, SO WE SQUANDER OUR FREEDOM LIKE WEALTHY PEOPLE SQUANDER MONEY. I SAY THIS BECAUSE THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN HAVING FREEDOM AND KNOWING THE VALUE OF SAID FREEDOM, JUST AS THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN BEING RICH AND BEING WEALTHY.

AS A MATTER OF SEMANTICS, BASKETBALL STAR LEBRON JAMES IN HIS CAREER THUS FAR HAS MADE WELL OVER A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS, THAT MAKES HIM RICH, VERY RICH, BUT THE GUY THAT PAYS HIS CONTRACT IS WEALTHY, VERY WEALTHY.

BUT SEE THE PRICE WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR FREEDOM IS VERY STEEP. SOCIETY DOES NOT EVEN REALIZE THAT MANY OF THE CRIMINALS THEY ARE BLTCHING AND MOANING ABOUT WERE CREATED RIGHT HERE IN THIS AND OTHER PRISON SYSTEMS NATION WIDE.

THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO LOCK YOU UP YOUNGER AND KEEP YOU INSIDE LONGER, WITH NO REGARD TO HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU OR YOUR FAMILY, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE LONG TERM EFFECTS ON SOCIETY AT LARGE. I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE, THIS COUNTRY INCARCERATES MORE MEN, WOMAN AND JUVENILES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING CHINA. SO THE END RESULTS SHOULD NOT COME AS A SUPRISE TO ANYONE.

SO LET ME GIVE YOU SOME INSIDE INFORMATION, THE REHABILITATION INCLUDED IN THE NAME OF YOUR PRISON, MEANS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. NO ONE WORKING WITH IN OR AROUND ANY PRISON SYSTEM IN AMERICA GIVES A DAMN ABOUT YOU BEING REHABILITATED, WHAT THEY CARE ABOUT IS JOB SECURITY, THE LONGER YOU ARE IN, THE MORE MONEY THEY CAN MAKE GETTING FUNDING FOR BOGUS PROGRAMS, THAT DON'T SERVE TO REHABILITATE ANYONE.

THAT THE REAL REASON FOR THIS IS BECAUSE MY FRIEND DOES'NT WANT TO BE WITH HER AND SHE IS COMPLETELY SPAZZED OUT THAT ME AND THE GIRL THAT REJECTED HER ARE FRIENDS. SO SERIOUSLY GIRL?? GET OVER IT.....

YOU SEE THATS THE TYPE OF THING THAT EVENTUALLY GOT PEREZ HILTON PUNCHED IN THE FACE AND CRYING ALL OVER THE NET. THIS IS WHY KANYE IS CRAZY, CAUSE ALL OF YOU IGNORANT SHIT STARTERS DONT HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO WITH YOUR TIME THAN TO RUN AROUND RUNNING YOUR MOUTH ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S BIZZ. AND YOU WONDER WHY YOU "AINT GOT NO MAN", SHUT THE HELL UP.

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REALLY THOUGH!!

OKAY, SO I VENTED A LITTLE, BUT HERE IS HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT THAT TYPE OF THING. YEAH, I DO THINK YOU SHOULD SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU ARE NOT WENDY WILLIAMS OR ANY OTHER TALK SHOW HOST FOR THAT MATTER. BUT THE REALITY IS WE ARE GONNA HAVE HATERS IN OUR BIZ. THE BEST WAY (FOR THE MOST PART) TO DEAL WITH THESE JACKASSES IS TO IGNORE THEM, THEY SHOULD NOT EXIST, AND YOU SHOULD SHOW THEM THAT THEY DON'T EXIST BY ACTING LIKE THEY DON'T LITERALLY, DO NOT ENGAGE THEM IN ANY WAY UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

DON'T FEED INTO THEIR NEGATIVE BULLSHIT, IT ONLY SERVES TO SUCK (NO PUN INTENDED) THE LIFE OUT OF EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AROUND THEM, AND IT WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO YOU MISSING YOUR BLESSING, BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO BE INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT AND YOU WILL BE GUILTY BY ASSOTTATION WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT. CUT THAT CANCER OUT OF YOUR LIFE.

I ALSO WANT MY SISTERS TO KNOW THAT AS TRANS WOMAN ON THESE PRISON YARDS ONE OF OUR BIGEST PROBLEMS IS OUR OWN ACTIONS. THESE ACTIONS CAN HAVE A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE EFFECT, WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT. BUT WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, PUNCH THAT BITCH IN THE MOUTH!! HEY, SOMETIMES A GIRLS GOTTA DO WHAT A GIRLS GOTTA DO. BESIDES, WOULD I BE RAISING ALL THIS HELL AROUND HERE WITH THE MEDICAL STAFF ABOUT HORMONES IF ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS GET WITH ANOTHER GIRL, BITCH PLEASE.

**MY STORY  
(HERSTORY)**

AS FAR AS COMING OUT STORIES GO I DON'T THINK I REALLY HAVE ONE, THINGS UNFOLDED FOR ME IN A VERY UNCONVENTIONAL WAY, AT LEAST THATS THE WAY I SEE IT. PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THAT GAY AND TRANS PEOPLE HAVE THESE EPIPHANIES, LIKE WE WAKE UP ONE DAY WITH A LIGHT BULB HOVERING ABOVE OUR HEADS AND SAY OH MY I'M GAY OR I'M A GIRL... NO SIR, IT DOES NOT HAPPEN THAT WAY

WE KNOW PRETTY MUCH FROM DAY ONE WHO AND WHAT WE ARE. I KNEW FOR AS LONG AS OI CAN REMEMBER THAT I WAS A GIRL, AND NOW A WOMAN. I'LL SPARE MY READERS THE WOMAN TRAPPED IN A MANS BODY LINE, WE ALL KNOW IT. THING IS I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF A TYPE OF TORTURED SOUL KIND OF PERSON. I LOVE DICK SO WHAT, MORE PEOPLE LIKE DICK THAN YOU WOULD THINK, THAT INCLUDES SO CALLED STRAIT MEN, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY;

IN ANY CASE. I FIRST CAME OUT TO MY BEST FRIEND DURING A SLEEP OVER AT MY HOUSE WHILE OUR PARENTS WERE OUT. THE START OF THAT WAS I HAD MY FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCE WHEN I WAS 13, AND I LIKED IT. I LIKED IT UP TO THE POINT WHEN I WOKE UP TO A GROUP OF BOYS IN MY BEDROOM WHO PROCEEDED TO KICK MY ASS AND RAPE ME REPEATEDLY FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

THE NEXT RESULT WAS, MY BECOMMING A VERY CLOSED AND INTENSLY PRIVATE PERSON, AND VERY GOOD AT LIVIN THE DUALITY OF A STREET HOOD, IN BROOKLYN AND A WEED DEALIN TRANNY HOOKER DOWN IN THE VILLAGE IN NEW YORK AND WHEN I WAS AWAY AT COLLEGE. ALL OF THOSE THINGS, INCLUDING BEING RAPED AND PIMPED OUT BY NEW YORK STATE PRISON GUARDS TO OTHER GUARDS, HADS A PROFOUND EFFECT ON HOW I LIVED MY LIFE.

POINT OF FACT THAT BEING GENETICALLY MALE BUT KNOWING THAT YOU ARE A GIRL IS NOT ALWAYS A VERY EASY WAY TO LIVE, BUT I LIVED IT EVERY DAY, I HID IT EVERY DAY, UNTIL I GOT TIRED OF HIDING.

BUT MOST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK ALL MY FRIENDS AT THE PRISONERS CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT, AT QPARG CONCORDIAFOR HELPING ME OUT WITH THIS THING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT ME FOR COMMENT OR CRITICIZM, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO AT THE FOLLOWING.

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I WELCOME ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS. KNOW THAT AS SISTERS IN THIS STRUGGLE YOU ALWAYS HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT, IF YOU NEED ME TO WRITE ABOUT IT I GLADLY WILL, BUT PLEASE, IF YOU ARE IN THE FREE WORLD KNOW THAT WE ARE PEOPLE AS WELL, IN NEED OF SUPPORT FOR OUR RIGHT TO EXIST AS WELL. THERE IS FAR TO MUCH SEPERATIST SHIT GOING ON IN THE GLBTQ COMMUNITY. WE REALL NEED TO BE STRONGER, AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WILL HAPPEN IS IN TOGETHERNESS, NOT CHILDISH SHIT, GOSSIPING AND PLAYING EVIL DVA. SO LETS GET IT TOGETHER GIRLS.

LOVE YA, ALWAYS,

FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL

I KEPT SUCKING LINDSEY'S DICK UNTIL SHE EXPLODED IN MY MOUTH,MMMMM THAT'S GOOD BABY I MOANED UP AT HER. BEFORE I KNEW IT I WAS BENT OVER ASS IN THE AIR WITH ALL THRE GIRLS TAKING TURNS WITH ME, AT ALL TIMES I HAD A DICK IN MY MOUTH AND ONE IN MY ASS, INCLUDING A HUGE THAT FELT LIKE IT WAS A MILE LONG, AND SO WIDE I THOUGHT IT WOULD SPLIT ME IN TWO.

THE BETTER PART OF THE EVENING WAS LIKE THIS, THEM GIVING AND ME GETTING, THERE ARE FAR MORE DETAILS TO THIS STORY, AS I'M SURE YOU CAN IMAGINE, BUT I'LL SAVE THEM FOR ANOTHER TIME, SUFFICE TO SAY THAT FOR THE TIME WE ALL LIVED TOGETHER THERE WAS RARELY A TIME WHEN WE AERE FULLY DRESSED.

XOXOXO  
SHAYLA

LOOK FOR THIS COMPLETE STORY IN MY EROTIC ZINE, CUMMING SOON.

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### THE WHATS AND WHAT FORS

FIRSTLY IF YOU ARE READING THIS ZINE I WANT TO THANK YOU, HTIS IS MY FIRST ATTEMPT AT PUTTING ONE TOGETHER, AND I PROMISE THE FUTURE ZINES WILL BE FAR BETTER, LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHRONICLES OF SHAYLA PEARL, MY ALL POETRY ZINE, AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF THE TRANS GR&O COLLECTIVE. I'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THAT AS TIME GOES BY. I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED ME TO DO THIS. I AM ALSO CURRENTLY WORKING ON WRITING A NOVEL, AS WELL AS A PLAY

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK TGI OF SAN FRAN-- CISCO FOR ASKING ME TO BE A PART OF THE TGI LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.

SO ALLOW ME TO REINTRODUCE MYSELF!!!! MY NAME IS FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL SHABAZZ, I AM AN AFRICAN AMERICAN DREAD LOCKED TRANS WOMAN CURRENTLY TRANSITIONING INTO FULL PHYSICAL WOMANHOOD. I AM 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " TALL ATHLETICALLY BUILT AND IN VERY GOOD SHAPE, AND IN CASE YOUR INTERESTED, I'M HYPERSEXUAL, (WHAT CAN I SAY). I'M A WRITER, AN ACTOR, AND A SPOKEN WORD ARTIST, WEBSITE OWNER, FORMER CLUB OWNER, AND CLUB MANAGER, AND OWNER OF MY VERY ON PROMOTIONS BIZ. I'M ALSO A COLLEGE GRAD WITH A B.A. AND AN M.A. ALL BY 21.

AS YOU CAN SEE THERE IS FAR MORE TO ME THAT A FELONY RECORD, AND I'M SURE THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR MANY OF MY SISTERS BEHIND THESE WALLS. WE ARE JUDGED CONSTANTLY FOR HOW WE LOOK, AND CALLED CRAZY FOR SAYING WE BELIEVE OURSELVES TO BE WOMAN, EVEN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPT. DOES'NT TRUELY BELIEVE US SOMETIMES. I FIND IT DEPLORABLE THAT SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER LIVED A DAY IN MY STILLETOS THINKS THEY CAN TELL ME WHO I AM. UNFORTUNATELY THATS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

IN DOING THIS ZINE I HOPE TO CHANGE SOME OF THESE BOGUS MIS- CONCEPTIONS ABOUT WHO WE AS TRANS MEN AND WOMAN ARE AND WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE IN THIS WORLD. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME ON THIS RIDE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE. WITH THAT SAID, LETS CONTINUE THE TRIP.

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### WORD WARRIOR

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ME

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ME THEN YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW I FLOW, THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN LOOKING PRETTY OR THE WAY MY HIPS SASHAY TO AND FROW, MORE TO ME THAN MY FASHION DIVA CLOTHS OR HOW I STAND TALL LIKE AN AFRICAN QUEEN IN MY 4 INCH HIGH STILLETOS.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW ME THEN YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THOSE DARK NIGHTS, AND ALL THOSE DARK YEARS I SPENT

CRYING FOR REDEMPTION SHEDDING BUCKETS OF TEARS, THE SOUL SEARING PAIN I SUFFERED TRYING TO CONQUER MY FEARS, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW LOOKING LIKE A BOY BUT LIVING LIKE A GIRL DAMN NEAR KILLED ME BY BEING JUDGED AND MIS-JUDGED BY A HATEFUL JURY OF MY HATEFUL PEERS. YOU WANT TO KNOW ME, YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THOSE TEARS.

YOU WANT TO KNOW ME, YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY LIFE ON THE STREET ACCUMULATING MILLIONS OF EMOTIONAL SCARS, AND GIRL I GOT SOME STORIES TO TELL YOU ABOUT JUMPING IN AND OUT OF RANDOM CARS, AND THE BACK SEAT FIGHTS FOR MY LIFE THAT GAVE ME THESE PHYSICAL SCARS, THEN I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY OF HOW MY BEST FRIEND AND "HIS BEST FRIENDS" GANG RAPED ME, ABOUT HOW THEY THOUGHT TAKING TURNS FUCKING ME WOULD ONLY HURT ME LIKE ALL I DID WAS FALL AND SCRAPE MY KNEE. I'LL TELL YOU THAT SINCE YOU WANT TO KNOW ME.

SEE YOU SEEM TO THINK IT'S EASY BEING ME, BUT SHIT LIKE GANG RAPE CAN CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION OF REALITY, YEAH, BUT YOU SAID YOU WANNA GET TO KNOW ME; SO YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT THIS HARD LOOK IN MY EYES COMES FROM TOO MANY YEARS OF SELLING MY ASS IN UNFAIR BACK ALLEY DEALS TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T CARE ABOUT MY BILLS ONLY HOW GOOD MY DICK SUCKING FEELS....

KNOWING ME, MEANS KNOWING I'VE SEEN JUST AS MANY OF MY SISTERS DIE IN DARK ALLEYS ON COLD NIGHTS AS I'VE SEEN MY BROTHERS DIE ON DARK STREETS IN GUNFIGHTS; TRUTH IS IN ALL THESE HIGH PROFILE RAINBOW FIGHTS, NO ONE REALLY GIVES A DAMN ABOUT A TRANNY HOOKERS "GAY RIGHTS", OR HER DRUG ADDICTION, OR HER HIV CONDITION, AND PLEASE BELIEVE THAT DUDE STANDING OVER ME WITH HIS DICK IN MY MOUTH AINT OFFERING ME A BETTER JOB PROPOSITION, ALL HE'S OFFERING ME IS ANOTHER 50 TO PUT ME IN THE FACE DOWN ASS UP POSITION, SO HIS FRIEND CAN FUCK ME TOO--THE WAY THE COPS AND JUDGES ALWAYS DO.

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AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED THERE ARE VERY FEW THINGS BETTER THAN A ROOM FULL OF WELL HUNG GUYS TWISTING TURNING AND BENDING ME IN EVERY DIRECTION, WHILE FUCKING ME SILLY AND CUMMING ALL OVER MY FACE AND BODY. AS IT STANDS NOW I WILL ONLY DO GANG BANGS, AND I'LL PRETTY MUCH DO THEM ANYWHERE, I'M FAIRLY WELL KNOWN IN A LOT OF PARKS, CLUBS AND THE BACKROOM OF MAY BARS FROM NEW YOUR THROUGH ATLANTA VEGAS AND NOW LOS ANGELES.

I GENERALLY DATE OUTSIDE MY RACE, EVEN THE TRANS GIRLS I DATE ARE USUALLY WHITE ASIAN OR HISPANIC. WHEN I FIRST CAME TO LA TO HUSTLE, A LOT OF YEARS AGO, (THE 80'S) I HAD A COUPLE OF TRANS--WOMAN ROOMMATES, LINDSEY AND KARA, THEN LATER A LESBIAN GIRL NAMED JAN MOVED IN WITH US, TO BE CLEAR, THESE GIRLS WERE STUNNING, I PERSONALLY ONLY REALLY PASS WHEN I HAVE MY FACE BEAT (MADE UP), BUT THESE GIRLS WERE FAR BEYOND THAT.

FOR THE THREE YEARS WE LIVED TOGETHER WE NEVER HIT ON EACH OTHER, BUT ONE NIGHT FOR SOME REASON THAT ALL CHANGED... AFTER A NIGHT OF DRINKING MARGARITAS AND SMOKING SOME GOOD WEED WE FOUND OURSELVES HORNY AS HELL. LINDSEY AND I WERE SITTING ON THE SOFA WATCHING A MOVIE WHEN JENNA SAT DOWN AND SQUEEZED HERSELF BETWEEN US.

BEFORE I KNEW IT JENNA HAD HER HAND DOWN MY PANTIES AND HER TONGUE DOWN MY THROAT. LYNDSEY STOOD UP AND DROPPED HER TEDDY AND PANTIES TO THE FLOOR, THIS GIRLS WAS SIX FEET TALL IN BARE FEET AND HAD A NINE INCH COCK, ALONG WITH A HELL OF A PAIR OF 38C CUP TITS.

JENNA STOPPED KISING ME LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET ON THE FLOOR ON MY KNEES AND PUT LYNDSEY'S COCK IN MY MOUTH, MMMMMM I MOANED, SHIT LYNDSEY SAID, YOU SUCK A GOOD DICK, YOU LIKE THAT BABY I ASKED LOOKING UP AT HER, OH YEA DON'T STOP SHE MOANED



## EROTICA

### ROOMATE ROMP

HELLO LOVER, MY NAME AS YOU ALREADY KNOW IS SHAYLA, FATIMA SHAYLA PEARL TO BE PRECISE, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO THINK YOU KNOW ME THIS STORY WILL COME AS A BIT OF A SHOCK, BUT I ASURE YOU EVERY WORD IS TRUE, SO RELAX AND ENJOY YOURSELF, (AND I MEAN ENJOY YOUR-SELF).....

MANY MANY MOONS AGO WHEN I FIRST CAME OUT BACK IN NEW YORK I WORKED THE STREET IN THE VILAGE SELLING WEED TO THE DENIZENS OF THE NIGHT, WHO CAME LOOKING FOR THEIR UNUSUAL PLEASURES IN THE ONLY PLACE YOU COULD FIND THEM AND NOT BE JUDGED. BACK THEN THEY CALLED US ONE OF TWO THINGS HOMO CROSS DRESSERS OR TRANSVESTITES, I REALLY DIDN'T CARE AS LONG AS I MADE MY MONEY.

IT WAS ON THESE STREETS, HOWEVER THAT I TRUELY DISCOVERED MY LOVE FOR SEX. LONG STORY SHORT, ONE OF MY TRANNY FRIENDS TURNED ME OUT TO SELLING MY ASS, AND FROM DAY ONE I LOVED IT. LET ME BE CLEAR; TO SAY I WAS A PROSTITUTE WOULD REALLY BE A HUGE UNDERSTATEMENT. I WAS THEN AND AM NOW A GOOD OLD FASHION SLUTTY WHORE, I DO IT ALL HONEY, AND I LOVE IT. IM A CHAMPION DICK SUCKER, AND I SWALLOW. BUT WHAT I ESPECIALLY LOVE IS MULTIPLE PARTNERS.

I LOVE GANG BANGS LIKE FISH LOVE WATER, AND I ALSO ENJOY GOOD OLD FASHION CUM FACIALS. IN ANY CASE. MOST OF THE GIRLS I'VE EVER KNOWN WERE HUSTLING THE BLOCK BECAUSE THEY FELT LIKE THEY HAD TO TO GET PAID. I ON THE OTHER HAND WORKED AND STILL WORK THE BLOCK SIMPLY BECAUSE I LOVE BEING FUCKED, AND IF I CAN GET PAID FOR IT GREAT.

SO YOU CAN SPARE ME THE "IWANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER BULLSHIT", BECAUSE I WON'T BE DOING ANY INTERVIEWS FOR ANY OF YOUR PUFF PIECE TALK SHOWS, WHILE YOUR DIS-RESPECTFUL PRODUCERS, TRY TO DISCREDIT MY FEMENINITY WITH DUMB AS BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS.

YOU WANT TO KNOW ME, YOU NEED TO KNOW I'M A STRONG BLAK TRANSWOMAN ACTIVIST, WHEN I SPEAK MY WORDS GET ACTIVE LIKE A PRIZE-FIGHTERS FIST, CONSIDER ME A VERBAL ACTI-FIST.

SO IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW ME?? CHOOSE YOU WORDS CAREFULLY.....

**FATIMA (SHAYLA PEARL) SHABAZZ.**

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### JUST SO YOU KNOW

ACTIVISM MEANS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE ACTIVELY DOING SOMETHING TO BETTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU ARE IN. I SAY THAT BECAUSE SO MANY GIRLS WALK AROUND CLAIMING TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY BUT ACTUALLY DO NOTHING. YOU KNOW HOW THIS GOES, IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO VOTE FOR YOUR LEADERS, DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE ONES YOU HAVE. BUT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE, THEN BY ALL MEANS CHOOSE ANOTHER METHOD BUT DO SOMETHING.

BIG UPS TO THE NEW BLACK AND PINK CHAPTER IN CORCORAN SP. I ALL THE MEMBERS THE BEST. IF YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING GOOD AND POSITIVE IN THE GLBTQ COMMUNITY AND/OR THE WORLD AT LARGE BIG UPS TO YOU AS WELL..

IN CASE YOU DID NOT KNOW THIS, THERE HAVE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS BEEN SOME CHALLENGES TO STATE FUNDED SRS-- SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, AT LEAST ONE STATE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO COURT IN ORDER TO GET LEGISLATION PASSED SO

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THOSE OF US WHO QUALIFY AND WANT IT CAN GET A SEX CHANGE OPERATION PAID FOR BY THE STATE. I SUGGEST THAT IN WHATEVER STATE YOU ARE IN THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS WHOLE-HEARTEDLY. I KNOW HERE IN CALIFORNIA I WILL BE WATCHING THIS THING VERY CLOSELY, I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME LEFT, SO IF EVER IT COMES A TIME WHEN WE IN THIS STATE ARE ALLOWED TO GET SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY I WILL BE THE FIRST GIRL ON THE TABLE. WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT AFTER THE FACT I WILL HAVE TO BE HOUSED IN A WOMANS FACILITY, WHICH IS PERFECTLY ALRIGHT WITH ME.

THE THOUGHT OF BEING ABLE TO WALK OUT OF HERE PHYSICALLY WITHIN THE GENDER I LIVE AND IDENTIFY WITH WOULD BE A REMARKABLE THING FOR ME, AND I'M SURE THERE ARE MANY OTHER GIRLS OUT THERE WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY I DO, SO LETS KEEP PUSHING FOR THIS TO BE A REALITY IN ALL OF OUR STATES COMMON WEALTHS AND TERRITORIES.

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