

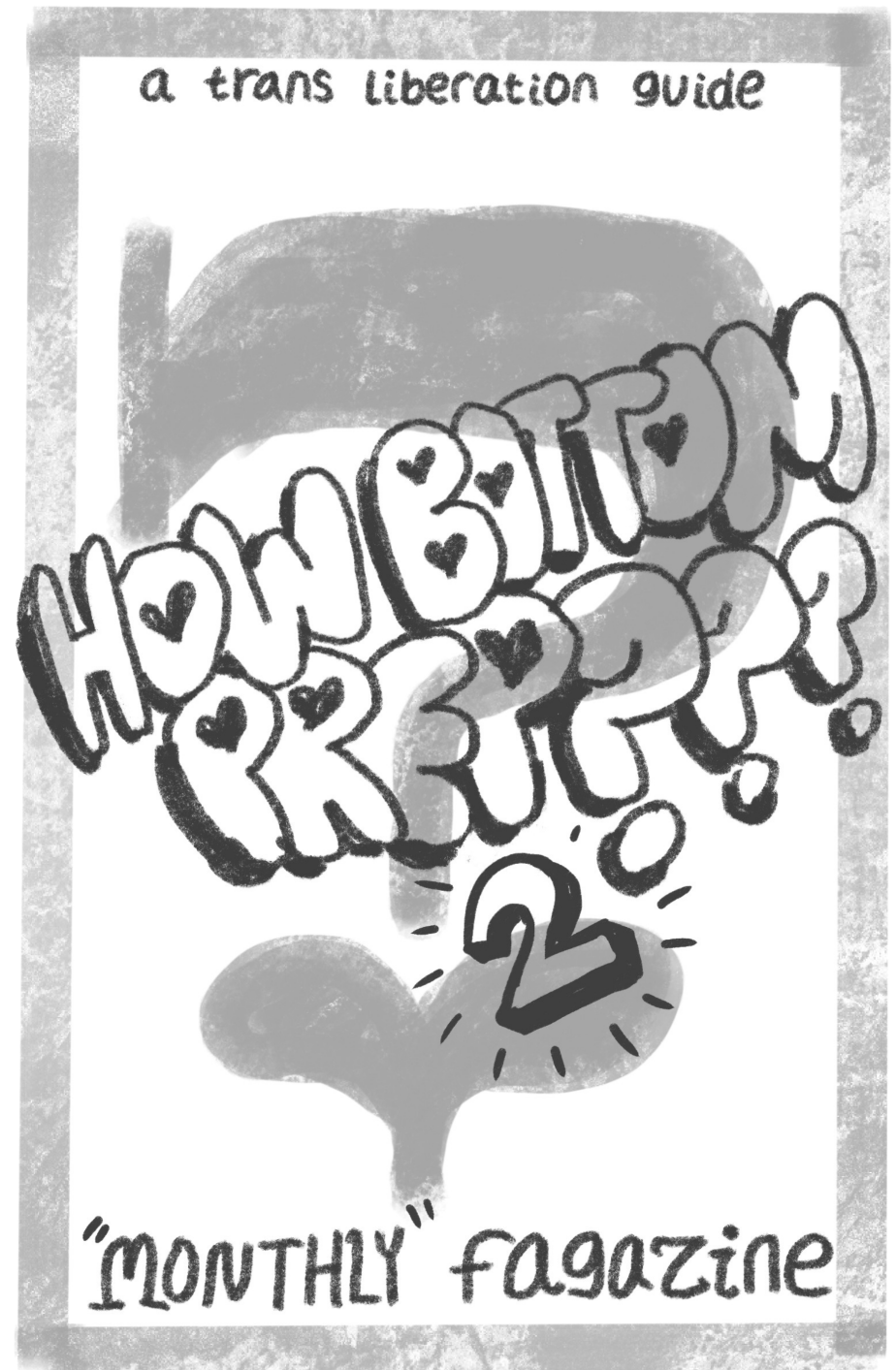
WHAT IS HOW BOTTOM PREP????

"How Bottom Prep?????" is a community zine! People from the Trans Liberation Project work together to make these volumes but there is no owner! Anyone can have their art, poetry, writing, photography, vulgarity, stupid shit or masterpieces distributed in this zine (assuming of course you're not a piece of shit like a nazi or a zionist or a harry potter fan)

This is a public forum for queer artists in the central valley! If you are one of those: There is a place for you, your art, your passions, your special interests here in this zine! Please claim your place!

If you want you can just download the pdf for this zine, add a your own page and distribute them. If you wanna be in the next OFFICIAL print of this zine: message me on instagram @IsaacEyz!! I hope to see you soon neighbor and comrade!!

for links and resources:



◇ LOCAL EVENTS ◇



- ❖ **Gender Alchemy Potluck!!!**
(during arthrop)
→ Aug 7 from 6-8pm
→ as a vendor at arthrop I can naver go to this damn thing, but you should!!
- ❖ **Neon Bloom Punk Shows** @neonBloomShows
→ Go see local bands with local queers and local punks and local queer punks!!
→ A lot of their shows are at Summerfox in Tower which is also all ages I think?
- ❖ **Root Access Sip & Stitch**
→ Free crafting based hangout sessions on the second Saturday of every month
- ❖ **Judging by the cover rad book club**
→ last one was on the final saturday of the month. No idea when the next one will be tho ;-;
- ❖ **Jazz Tuesdays**
- ❖ **Trans Libration Punk Show**
→ August 16, 2025 doors @6pm \$10 entry
→ 1426 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno
→ GO SUPPORT THE CAUSE!!



- ❖ ❖ **BAD GIRLS MARKET** ❖
→ **AUGUST 30th**
→ Usually the last saturday of the month at my favorite dead corpse of a mall:
❖ **Manchester Mall** ❖
→ not neccisarily a queer event but a great place to dress like a faggot and get tons of compliments~

website they "only operate in legal settlements". When according to international law there is no "legal 1sreali settlement".

Fucked up buisness Practices

In 2021 Cemex claimed to and did sell their physical Operations in the West Bank, however reports show their "1sreali" company Readymix is stilled involved in managing operations. They simply did this to avoid backlash from BDS efforts.

Cemex out of everywhere

Marina California

In 2017 Cemex had to reach a settlement with the California Coastal Commission because their Lapis sand plant was linked by scientists to increased erosion rates of the beach as they were bagging and selling off the beach.

Lyons Colorado

Cemex was fined \$350,000 in air pollution violations from 2020-2022 from a Colorado Plant. pyramid Lake Paiute (Nevada) In 2025, Cemex is currently being sued for their practices on native land. Cemex is being held responsible for allowing their contaminated runoff into the lake.

Overall

According to Good Jobs First, Cemex has spent over 52 Million dollars on worker rights and environmental regulation violations since 2000. This companies existence is a threat.

Moving Forward

Despite many folks rejecting the 100 year project and putting forth efforts ranging from our assemblyman Arambula proposing a bill to protect the San Joaquin River, to grassroots organizations like Raza Against War gathering signatures to present to city and county officials. The future of this project is still unknown as it will be decided by the state and county government, it will be a couple months before another vote. We will have to be ready.-- Thank you!

Eris A.

Pronouns: They/Them/Theirs

-CEMEX ON YOKUTS LAND-



Cemex is an international megacorp that has been operating in Fresno since 2005 with no meaningful care for our environment or health of the folks around their operations. The San Joaquin River has been considered one of the nations MOST endangered rivers due to drought, over extraction of natural resources, and construction near the river. This has had a negative impact on the conditions of the river and fish populations, instead of finding ways to preserve our beloved San Joaquin river Cemex

has proposed a 100 Year long extraction project that would use dynamite blast mining to expand their current site 600 feet deep into the earth about 3 miles from the river bed. This is not the first time Cemex has operated in a way that prioritizes their interests over the land, in 2012 Cemex wanted to blast away Jesse Morrow Mountain to use as another extraction site. Luckily since the community gathered to challenge the project, it was never done. The community has shown up before and will have to continue if we wish to perverse our river while paying attention to how our struggles are connected.

Constructing the Occupation

The BDS (Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions) Movement and the Electric Intifada have both reported that Cemex's "Isreali" company in occupied Palestine have contributed materials for the illegal wall in the West Bank and IOF military checkpoints throughout the territory. Through this Cemex has been directly in support of the development of illegal settlements for their own profit.

Legitimizing Isreal

Beyond the infrastructure that physically upholds the occupation, Cemex also legitimizes the state of "Isreal" by claiming on their



❖ Queer Housing Summit

- Aug 23, 2025
Fresno City College
- your gay ass can't afford a house? this is for that

•~• ARTHOP ~••

Arthop is on the **first Thursday** of every month. Its when a fuck ton of local artists find a place to setup shop and vend whether its in a local shop or out on the street. Bitch ass Fresno Arts council made this event illegal last year, but they couldn't stop us. We are still here. Come out and support us! Here's a list of venues that usually host arthop vendors and are cool!

DOWNTOWN

TOWER DISTRICT

OTHER

- ☆ **Sour Milk** - 1474 N Van Ness, Fresno, California 93728
- ☆ **Dulce Upfront** - 2026 N. Van Ness BLVD, Fresno, California 93704
- ☆ **Root Access** - 1476 N. Van Ness Ave, Fresno, California 93728
- ☆ **Summerfox Tower** - 1426 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno, CA 93728
- ☆ **Pie Mama's** - 950 Fulton St, Fresno, CA 93721

ARTIST HIGHLIGHTS



"It's Not Broken" by Xypher Nym
(@softchaosdesigns on ig)
Digital art via Procreate 2025



@Aloarchive

BROWN BUTTER SESAME COOKIES

Vegan Version

(ie the better version -eyezz)

2 cups flour	2 cups flour (or gluten free 1:1 baking flour)
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 tsp salt
1 cup butter	1 cup plant based butter
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup powder sugar	1/2 cup powder sugar
2 egg yolks	1 tsp ground chia seeds, hydrated with
1/2 tsp vanilla	3 tbs of filtered water
1 tbs toasted sesame oil	(Can grind chia in blender, coffee grinder or mortar and pestle) let Chai mixture stand for 3 minutes, stir
	1/2 tsp vanilla
	1 tbs Toasted sesame oil

Brown butter in a saucepan, cool completely
Cream together butter and sugars in a bowl
Add eggs (or chia egg)
In a separate bowl combine dry ingredients
Mix the 2 until just combined
Roll each cookie dough portion in sesame seeds
Bake at 350F 10-12 minutes



Chef Maegan Maetrix Media
@Maetrixmedia

feel for my friend had me feeling like our kiss meant more than it did to me just because I haven't had such an intimate t4t friendship before. Those feelings are really fucking big and confusing. I got scared by them and then was able to process today."

"Duuuuuuuude," I say, because I'm stoned and because Sadie and I are both dude-positive, "100 percent! It's a much more expansive way of letting yourself feel love for everyone! And when you're used to love of that size only meaning being in love it's scary!"

"God that's exactly it," she says. "It was really scary. It started to feel a lot better once I realized that it doesn't mean we're in love, that I don't want more than they do, that I've just never been a sapphic little poly tgirl before and it's ok to want to be seen in a physical way."

"'Being seen in a physical way' is EXACTLY RIGHT! It's all about being WITNESSED!" I say. Then I send a gif of Nux from Mad Max: Fury Road. "Tgirl icon."

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"Each of these social constructs has a vested interest in upholding the others – the less divergence there is in any one area, the more shortcuts there are overall and the easier everything is to navigate in the short term. Patriarchy is, at its core, about creating hierarchies and giving everyone a role to fill, making things easier and simpler, in order to cement the supremacy of the dominant class within each hierarchy. Like the rest of these structures, the platonic/romantic distinction supports and reinforces all these other categorizations and allows people to be more easily sorted into their respective bubbles. By kissing your friends, you begin to disrupt the societal automation that allows for patriarchy and compulsory cisheterosexuality. Instead, you contribute to a culture of interpersonal engagement that prioritizes genuine, honest communication."

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"This is something I wish I had read when figuring out friendships/relationships beyond heteronormativity at a much younger stage in my life"

-Saturn(@saturns_kb)

READ THE REST HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/KissFriends>





The queen ever. literally. If you like Queen, or rock in general, I implore everyone to sit down and listen to a couple of my favorite Queen albums ‘A Day at the Races’ and ‘A Night at the Opera’. and if you’ve already heard them take it as a sign to play them again <3

-Art and music rec by @maximakes_art

FREDDIE MERCURY. 1979

On Kissing and Fucking Your Friends

by Ella Yurman

A few quotes and excerpts (bc the whole thing is just a bit too long)

“What, then, is the utility of social categories like “friend” and “lover”? Like gender, the platonic/romantic distinction provides interpersonal shortcuts that allow people to engage with each other on a broad level. The shortcuts narrow down the range of possible interactions. Instead of being presented with every option at once, you choose a category that presents you with a more limited palate of options. From there, socialization continues to streamline with the help of other social categories – different genders have a set of approved interactions with each other, as do different social classes, ethnicities, even ages. With each additional category, the number of acceptable interactions shrinks, and the easier it is to know which behaviors are approved. The semi-automation of human interaction.”

“These social categories also inevitably end up reinforcing the same ciscentric, heteropatriarchal structures that we (fags) have worked so hard to challenge. This is the other type of utility that these constructs continue to serve – upholding sociopolitical power structures that allow the dominant in-groups to retain their status. In a heteropatriarchal society, men date women and women date men, and therefore men are friends with other men, and women are friends with other women. It’s the same criticism that polyamorists have of monogamy, and that gender abolitionists have of the gender binary: gender and monogamy reinforce heteropatriarchy, which reinforces monogamy and gender, and around and around it goes, like a misogynistic ouroboros (though obviously in real life all snakes are feminists). There is probably also an argument to be made that much of our cultural tendency to relegate physical intimacy to only one social category and to embrace being bummed out in some moral rejection of “hedonism,” is rooted in Christian puritanism, but I don’t know enough about Christianity to speak on that and I refuse to learn.”

“I am texting my friend Sadie (first kiss #22, nine months earlier). “Had a big revelation tonight,” she says. It’s one in the morning and we are both transgender, so this is to be expected. “The love I

It's A Wedgie, Not A Thong

Is this what it feels like to wear a thong?

I think, as my underwear rides higher.

Swishing my hips: kinda subconsciously.

Like I know that I'm doing it, but can't control it.

Not sure about this concept anymore.

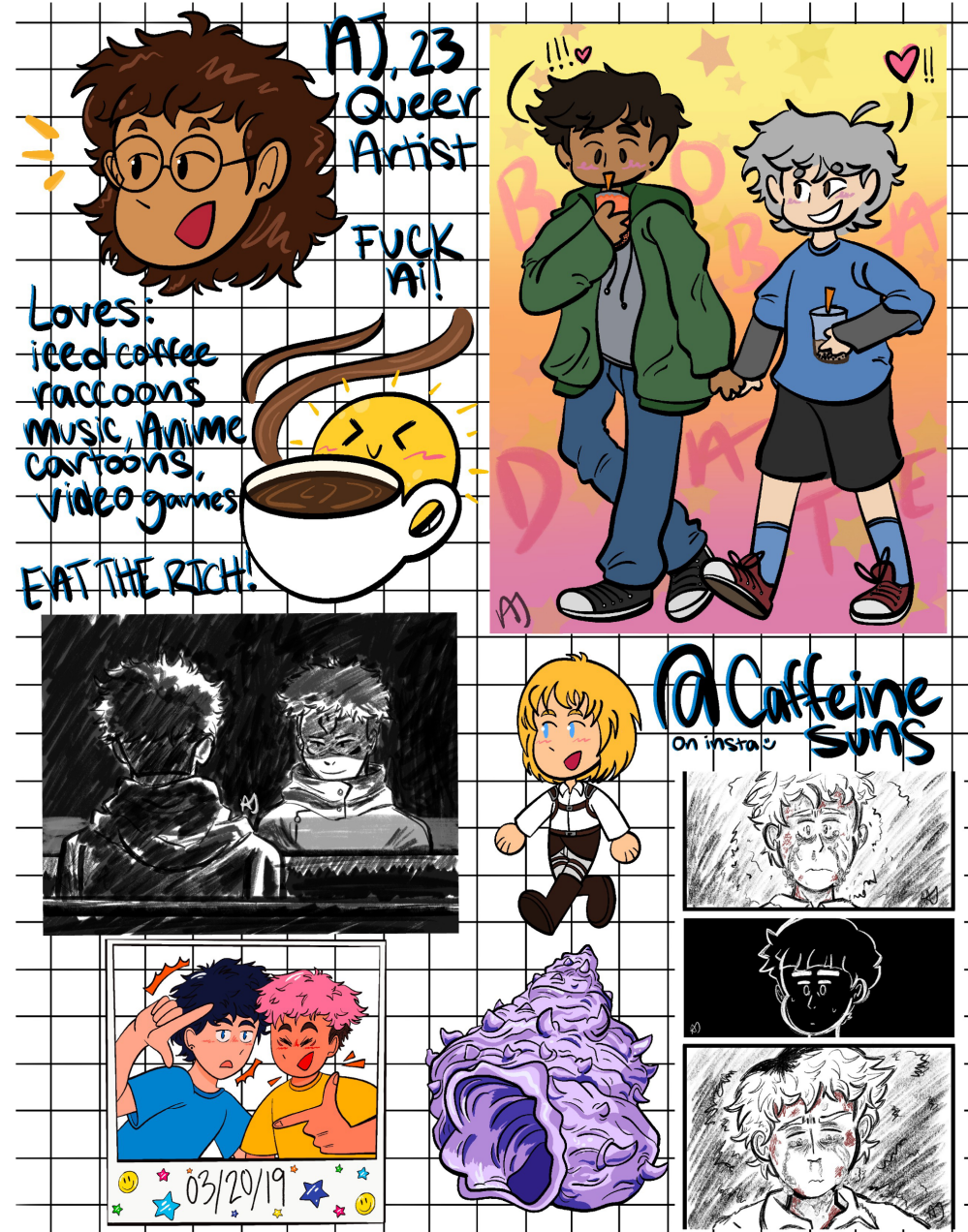
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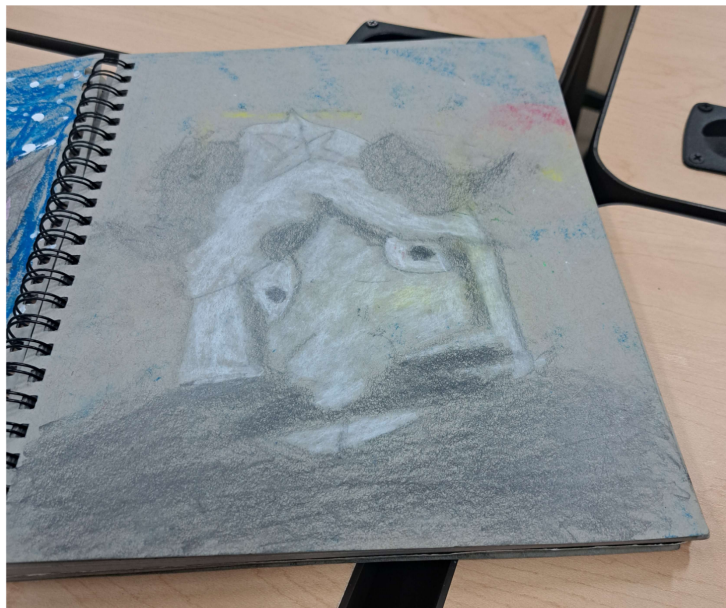
I don't know if I want them, even to explore:

Unless I want to look sexy and rather bored

Jamie Ellis is a nonbinary local artist, and poet. They are associated with the Loud Mouth Slam team in Visalia. Jamie has five published books in circulation on Amazon. They are always involved in some kind of vendor event in the region. Jamie originally grew up in Arkansas and have always been involved in the art scene in some form or another. You can find more on Instagram For art @artfullystuck

For poetry and proses @the_poet_jamie





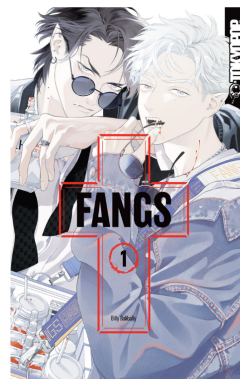
katysart.bigcartel.com



Yaoi Recommendations from - THE LIBRARY -

Free, Legal(for now) Yaoi smut!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

All of these can be found at the library! Go to tinyurl.com/FresnoYaoiLibrary to place a hold!

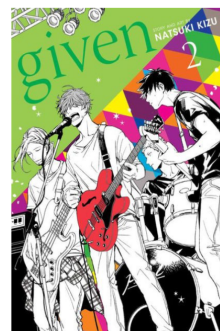


FANGS by Billy BaliBally
"What kind of guy is unlucky enough to get bitten... and survive?"

As the sole survivor of a vampire attack, En wakes up to find that his hair has gone white as snow... and, worse, that he's developed a craving of his own for blood.

Cherry magic! : thirty years of virginity can make you a wizard!
By Yuu Toyota

Adachi's 30th birthday as a virgin came with the oddest gift—the ability to read the mind of anyone he touches. Pondering what to do with this mysterious power, he gets a lead when he accidentally reads his colleague Kurosawa's mind. Turns out the handsome hotshot of the sales team has got a thing for him! *not smut!!



Given by Natsuki Kizu.

A classic BL manga, deely touching a wildly well written love story
I haven't finished it but you should!!

-A YAOI RECOMMENDATION-



- ♥ Golden Retriever top x stoic autistic(unconfirmed but c'mon) bottom
- ♥ Characters are in their mid 20s
- ♥ ~Supernatural~ element!
 - ➔ Ibeom is a shaman~~~
- ♥ Tons of chemistry
- ♥ Tons of Smut
- ♥ An actually decent understanding of love, respect and for gods sake CONSENT
- ♥ Highly recommend all of White Eared's work!
 - ➔ They have a thing for autistic stoic bottoms and I gobble that shit up



she flew the mother plane into the world serve center causing thousands of cuntualties. A second mother plane has hit the cuntagon



- Local Queer



Boycott these companies now for their complicity in Israel's occupation, apartheid and genocide against Palestinians.

Priority boycott targets of the BDS movement:



Pressure targets of the BDS movement:



Organic boycotts supported by the BDS movement:



Fuck AI in Its R*bot Ass

AI, especially AI art is primarily a predictor. It takes from what exists and makes something vaguely like everything else in the world. There is no creativity to it. There is no intelligence whatsoever. It's basic programming paired with human's unrelenting urge to anthropomorphize everything.

If you use ai you are outsourcing your thinking to a r*bot owned by billionaire pedophiles. And as someone who knows literally anything about computer science:
*The r*bots are made in the image of their creator*

feel free to use these disgusting creations in place of using your actual brain or actual skill, but you are a moron for doing so. I will look at you like the pathetic brain dead worm you are.

From a computer science degree haver:

DO NOT TRUST THEM, DO NOT USE AI, IT WILL PERVADE EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE UNTIL THERE IS NOTHING OF YOURS LEFT

You'll be a husk, a moron, a nazi and so unimaginably unfuckable you'll probably kill yourself. Genuinely. This is a warning.



i wanna rise up
i wanna get violent
fuck your optics
i wanna throw their tear gas
right back at those pigs in riot gear
like my queer ancestors
throwing pennies and bricks
like Palestinian children
throwing rocks at israeli tanks
i wanna fuck shit up
i wanna light it up
breathe in the smoke of a colonial system
and breathe out global liberation
for all peoples
i want more dead billionaires
and executives
and ceo's
and politicians
i want a free Palestine
Haiti
Congo
Hawai'i
Ireland
no more borders
no more walls
death to ice
i want a revolution
because this is not a world worth living in
but i have seen one worth dying for
no more rainbow capitalism
no more gay parades
i want more faggot riots
no more standing on street corners
no more waving witty signs
no more calling our representatives
where is your anger?
they should be more afraid of us
let's make them afraid of us
-anarchy

processing to really grasp what had happened. It felt awful knowing that you had no control over something, and it scared me away from drinking and drugs for months after. I ended the relationship shortly after this realization.

It's awful, not being accustomed to the states and the attention, craving it's validation, just to be used and abused for the want. It felt like I was pushed to be so sexual, so in love with the attention, and when I finally was, it hurt me.

It took me awhile to heal, and in a way I still am. I've finally become accustomed to the attention, how to deny it appropriately, but it's disgusting that it's something that's normal now. Being seen as a woman means I have all the same misogyny to deal with, plus being trans on top of that.

It's such a combination of euphoria and fear, being seen and treated as a woman. I've lost so much of the privilege I had before, but have become so much happier in my own skin. I wouldn't trade it for the world, but I sure wish it was different.

Sadly this is standard for trans women, the cycle of never being seen, and then not being prepared for predators who will use you for your body. all of the trans women I am friends with have been assaulted at least once.

I wish things could be different, and I wish that I could have warned myself about things like this, but I can't. Ultimately it's something that is a part of me forever. it doesn't define me or make me any different, and that fact has taken awhile to believe. I'm still a whole person, and I am still worthy of loving and lusting for, respectfully, of course.

Perhaps next time I'll speak on the relationship that followed this one, which is somehow even worse

follow me on insta @penelopethefey

RESOURCES

- ♥ **Fresno EOC** @fresnoEoc.lgbtq
 - they help with legal stuff a ton. They helped everyone I know get their name and gender markers changed
 - 1900 Mariposa St. #113 Fresno CA 93721; Drop-in hours M-Th 10am-5pm
 - Free resources, they have a library and used to have a closet too
- ♥ **Dulce Upfront** @dulceUpFront
 - does a lot of good queer-friendly events like artmart and probably others I dunno
- ♥ **Root Access** @rootAccessHackerSpace
 - 1476 N. Van Ness Ave, Fresno, California 93728
 - In Fresno's gay ass tower district
 - queer 3rd space with a ton of nerds. I recommend going to the Sip & Stitch hangout sessions on the second Saturday of every month
 - usually has open bathrooms if you need somewhere safe and free to pee while in tower
- ♥ **Maarte** @maarte.fresno
 - 2026 N. Van Ness BLVD, Fresno, California 93704
 - Third space especially for artists I think? I havent actually been but they look cool
- ♥ **Trans-e-motion**
 - has a list of gender affirming doctors and therapists
 - "a non-profit organization in the Central Valley that focuses on support and activism for the transgender and non-binary community."
 - Rent Assistance
 - Help with top/bottom surgeries
 - Free binders, gaffs, shapewear etc
- ♥ **Gender Alchemist**
 - "A 501c3 org based in Fresno, CA. Providing support, education, and healing for trans and gender expansive people"

- Name and Gender Marker change assistance
- Dungeons and Dragons campaigns!
- ♥ DIY HRT Wiki
- ♥ Trans Liberation Project - Fresno
 - This is the group that makes these zines!!!!
 - A local mutual aid group focusing on raising funds for access to HRT
 - @fresno.transliberationproject on instagram
- ♥ Pflag Fresno
 - has a list of resources on their website including queer social groups, businesses etc
- ♥ The Source in Visalia - 109 NW 2nd Ave, Visalia, California 93291
 - I have been told they have a free queer closet!



A N O L D G A Y L A N G U A G E

"Polari (or alternatively *Parlare*, *Parlary*, *Palare*, *Palarie*, *Palari*; from Italian *parlare*, "to talk") is a **form of cant slang** used in Britain by actors, circus and fairground showmen, criminals, prostitutes, and by the gay subculture. It can be traced back to at least the 19th century, and possibly the 16th century. There is a longstanding connection with Punch and Judy street puppet performers who traditionally used Polari to converse.

It is a mixture of Romance (Italian or Mediterranean Lingua Franca), London slang, backslang, rhyming slang, **sailor slang**, and **thieves' cant**." vocab words with the same meaning as modern day are in bold:

Bibi	bisexual	Drag
Bona	Good	Dyke
camp	effeminate	Hettie
Cartso	Penis	Uppers and downers
clevie	vagina	Fantabulosa:
cod	bad	Betty Bracelets:
cods	Testicles	Naff
		Bad, dull, hetero

Another trans womans story on abuse and desire

Howdy y'all, my name is Penelope (she/her) and I'm a trans woman living here in the valley.

Ever since I began my medical transition a couple of years ago, the attention I've received for my appearance has grown. It could be that the hormones were working, and that good ol classic sexism started affecting me, or maybe I just started to carry myself in such a way that attracted eyes. Either way, I had been getting attention that I was very, very not prepared for.

This all came to a head when I started dating again, I could go out and seek romantic and especially *sexual* gratification. I wanted to date everyone, be seen and desired, be propositioned. I got into a few relationships in this time, and unsurprisingly considering my lack of experience (and lack of understanding on dating safely) they didn't end super well.

TW sexual assault

The first of these relationships was entirely fueled by lust. I wasn't attracted to this person, but they *wanted* me, and that was such a new feeling I had to chase it. The first night we met they convinced me to smoke, take edibles, and drink. All of these experiences were new to me, id gone 25 years without touching any of these things. I was incredibly intoxicated when we went back to my room. So much so that I couldnt remember where I was or what was going on. While my friends were in the other rooms enjoying their times, she decided to take advantage of my lack of awareness and touched me, grabbed me, and eventually used my body. I was confused the entire time, unable to say yes or no.

I didnt realize what had happened was a bad thing for another month. I openly talked about it to my friends for the first time and they had used the word assault for the first time. It was shocking, me? assaulted? it didn't make sense. I didn't think it was a big deal, it was just intoxicated sex right? It took me about a month of