

Ok, Maybe I'm Just Cranky

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Abstract

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At the very least, I wish he’d have written it as Transsexual woman, or Trans-woman. It’s frustrating to transition, go through all that it entails, only to be objectified and thrown in some “odddity of the day” category.

Maybe it’s just me. Some of this is definitely personal. A friend told me recently that “you’re at the top of a short list of the most important trannies in the blogoverse!” I don’t really want that. I want to be known as a PERSON, not an OBJECT. I want to be known as a writer and a blogger, not as a “tranny” or ” transsexual.” I want people to see me as a person, not a constructed THING. To me, when someone doesn’t denote man or woman, it’s like a slap in the face. You’re not a woman, you’re a TRANSEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEXUAL! At least that’s how it feels to me.

Discuss?

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