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TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN PRISON, GENDER ANARKY ZEEN AND COLLECTIVE, WANT TO EXTEND OUR MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO DR. LORI KHOLER, WHO STARTED THE HORMONE PROGRAM FOR US IN THE PRISONS (CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE CONSULTATION NETWORK - CMCN) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO, AND DR. CECILY COSBY, PH.D., FNP, THE TRANSGENDER SPECIALIST AT UCSF WHO EVALUATES AND PRESCRIBES HORMONES FOR US VIA TELEMEDICINE CONSULTATION. THEY ARE VERY SPECIAL TO US AND THERE ARE NO WORDS IN ANY LANGUAGE THAT CAN CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION. "THANK YOU SO KINDLY! WE LOVE YOU!"

THE HORMONE PROGRAM IS A BIG BREAKTHROUGH IN TRYING TO GET TREATMENT IN THESE PRISON FOR DECADES. IT IS LIKE A MIRACLE! EVERYONE TURNED US DOWN IN THE PAST - THE PRISONS, COURTS, POLITICIANS. MANY GIRLS ARE NOW ABLE TO GET THE PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THEIR TRANSITION IN THE PRISONS. WE ARE ALSO GETTING BRAS, AGAIN THANKS TO THE GENDER DOCTORS AT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY. A LOT OF THIS STUFF IS NOT GOING PERFECTLY AT THIS TIME (WHAT DOES IN PRISON?), BUT WE ARE WORKING OUT THE KINKS AND THINGS ARE GETTING SMOOTHER AS WE STRUGGLE WITH THIS, AND TRULY ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF IT! EVEN GIRLS IN THE HOLE ARE GETTING THEIR TELEMEDS AND HORMONES. WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THIS IN THE FUTURE.

THIS IS THE ADDRESS FOR THE CANADIAN PRISONER SUPPORT PROJECT: PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT/c/o QPIRG CONCORDIA/1455 DE MAISON-NEUVE W./MONTREAL (QUEBEC) H3G 1M8 CANADA GET AT THEM FOR INFO. THEY WILL GET BACK AT YOU IN DUE TIME. REMEMBER, THEY ARE JAMMED WITH A LOT OF REQUESTS, SO GIVE IT A LITTLE TIME.

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WELCOME TO ANOTHER ISSUE OF GENDER ANARKY ZEEN! I AM EDITRIX OF THE ZEEN, LA CHI CHI ICE, ALSO KNOWN AS AMAZON ICE QUEEN AND AMAZONKABUKI, "ETC." IN THIS ISSUE WE DISCUSS THE STRUGGLE IN THE PRISONS FOR TRANSSEXUAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND THE LATE DEE FARMER, A VERY DEDICATED QUEEN TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF US GIRLS IN MEN'S PRISONS, AND HER TRAGIC DEATH THAT RESULTED FROM IT. WE HAVE SOME POETRY; WE WANT MORE, SO GET AT US. AND SOME SPIRITUAL INSIGHT INTO OUR CONDITION AS TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN, OTHER COMMENTS AND KICK UP. SEND IN YOUR WRITINGS, DRAWINGS, THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS AND WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, GIRLS. THIS IS YOUR ZEEN TOO! WE ALSO WELCOME FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS.



***** DEE FARMER: TRANSSEXUAL MARTYR *****

BY AMAZON

IN THE ANNALS OF THE DECADES-LONG LEGAL FIGHT FOR TRANSSEXUAL WOMANHOOD IN THE PRISON, DEE FARMER IS A PARAGON AND MARTYR. THE FIGHT FOR TRANSSEXUAL MEDICINE IN PRISON WAS TAKEN BY DEE TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, WHICH WOEFULLY MISUNDERSTOOD OUR CONDITION AND OUR PLIGHT. DEE NEVER STOPPED FIGHTING FOR HER WOMANHOOD, EVEN UP TO THE VERY LAST DAY OF HER LIFE IN PRISON.

I MET DEE IN THE EARLY 1990s BY WAY OF CORRESPONDENCE. SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL AFRICAN TRANSSEXUAL WOMAN IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR COMPUTER FRAUD. I HAD HEARD OF DEE SOMEHOW, FROM READING HER CASES IN LAW BOOKS, I BELIEVE, AND I WROTE TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS HEADQUARTERS IN SEARCH OF HER ADDRESS. I WAS DETERMINED TO GET A HOLD OF HER. AT THE TIME, I WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF "TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON," A NATION-WIDE ORGANIZATION OF TRANSWOMEN IN MEN'S PRISONS WHO WERE FIGHTING IN COURT FOR HORMONES. DEE HAD BEEN DOING JUST THE THING ON HER OWN IN THE FEDERAL PRISONS, FOR YEARS, AND IT SEEMED APPROPRIATE THAT I SHOULD SEEK HER OUT. THE B.O.P. ACTUALLY SENT ME HER NUMBER AND ADDRESS. I WAS IN PELICAN BAY SHU AT THE TIME, ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS LOCKDOWN PRISONS IN THE LAND, WHICH PRISONCRATS FROM OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES WERE COMING TO SEE AS A MODEL OF HIGH-TECH MAXIMUM SECURITY IMPRISONMENT IN THAT ERA. SO I WAS REAL SURPRISED TO GET A LETTER IN THE SHU FROM B.O.P. HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH DEE'S HOOKUP. I WROTE TO THE GIRL. I HALF EXPECTED THE LETTER TO BE KICKED BACK BY THE PRISON REGARDING NO PRISON-TO-PRISON CORRESPONDENCE ALLOWED. WAS I EVER SO HAPPY TO GET HER FIRST LETTER!

DEE WAS YOUNG AND VERY INTELLIGENT, FAST. SHE KNEW HER WAY AROUND THE COURTS AND WAS A FORMALLY TRAINED PARALEGAL, WHICH IS A LAWYER'S LEGAL ASSISTANT. SHE HAD SOME ACTIVE CASES AT THE TIME, NOW ON THE LAW BOOKS, THAT SHE TOLD ME

THERE IS A LIBERAL PUBLICATION OUT OF FRESNO CALLED THE "COMMUNITY ALLIANCE." LATE LAST YEAR THEY RAN AN ARTICLE BY A PRISONER AT SOLANO STATE PRISON, WHO SPUN OFF A WHOLE BUNCH OF PHOBIA AT GAYBOYS AND QUEENS WITH REGARD TO A NEW PRISON POLICY OF DISTRIBUTING CONDOMS TO PRISONERS, A KIND OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM. I DID IMMEDIATELY PUT THAT IN CHECK, WITH HIM AND THE EDITOR. HE RESPONDED WITH A LETTER TRYING TO CLEAN UP THE MESS HE MADE ON HIMSELF, A CHEAP TRY, SHALLOW. THE EDITOR HAD NOTHING TO SAY, A GUILT SILENCE. THERE WAS ALSO A COMMENT FROM A GAYBOY ON THE PAPER'S STAFF WHO DOES A COLUMN ON GAY ISSUES, SAYING BASICALLY THAT WE QUEENS HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD, THIS BECAUSE I HAD CRITIQUED THE EDITOR FOR NOT PRINTING ARTICLES I HAD SENT IN, BUT PRINTING ALL THIS TRANSPHOBIA AND HOMOPHOBIA BY A PRISONER. HE SAID THAT GAY ISSUES AND TRANZ ISSUES ARE NOT THE SAME AND SO HE CANT REALLY GO TO BAT FOR US IN THE PUBLICATION. THEREAFTER I SENT IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR PLIGHT IN THE PRISONS FOR DECADES FOR HORMONES AND SURGERY. NADA. THEY DID NOT RUN IT, DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE IT, DID NOT SAY "NO!" THEY JUST LEFT US HANGING. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER REASON AND EXAMPLE OF WHY WE NEED OUR OWN PRESS PUBLICATION, EVEN IF IT IS JUST A ONE-PAGE FLYER. WE NEED VOICE. OUR NEXT ISSUE WILL SPEAK MORE BROADLY TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. BUT WE WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE ALL QUEENS IN AND OUT OF PRISON TO INSTIGATE YOUR OWN PUBLICATIONS, AND CREATE A KIND OF "TRANSSEXUAL PRESS ASSOCIATION" OR SOMETHING SIMILAR. LET US TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND OUT A CALL FOR THIS VERY THING RIGHT HERE AND NOW! ANY GIRLS OR TRANZ GROUPS WHO WANT TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS DIRECTION GET AT US ANY TIME. YOU CAN REACH US THROUGH ME AT THIS TIME IN OUR DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT WILL WORK. IT HAS LONG BEEN TIME FOR THIS. THE HARDSHIPS AND PERSECUTIONS WE FACE DAILY AND ON OUR PATH TO WOMANHOOD AND SIMPLE HUMAN RIGHTS CREATES THE CONDITIONS FOR UNITY AND UNIONS AMONG US, DESPITE OUR DIFFERENCES. WE WILL WORK WITH ANY GROUP OF QUEENS ON ISSUES AFFECTING OUR LIVES. WE NEED THIS, AND TO STICK WITH IT THROUGH THICK AND THIN, NOT WALKING AWAY OVER DIFFERENCES BUT TALKING THEM OUT OR AGREEING TO DISAGREE OR THAT WE ARE JUST PLAIN DIFFERENT IN SOME RESPECTS. ▼

OKAY. SO I HEARD FROM A PRISON PROJECT IN CANADA - THE PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO US NOT JUST IN CANADA BUT IN THIS LAND TOO. THEY ARE BONIFIED PEOPLE WHO DELIVER. THEY PROVIDE GOOD INFO/LITERATURE ABOUT THINGS LIKE SAFE TATTOOING IN PRISON AND SAFE-SEX IN PRISON, AND OTHER LITERATURE OF RESOURCES AND REFERRALS. WE WILL GIVE THEIR ADDRESS IN THIS ISSUE. THEY GOT AT ME WITH A CALLOUT FROM A GROUP OR A COUPLE OF THEM OVER THERE FOR INFO ON SAFE-SEX PRACTICES IN PRISONS SO A PAMPHLET CAN BE DRAWN UP AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG US. SO THEY GOT AT ME FOR INPUT/FEEDBACK. AS FOR ME PERSONALLY, I SAID THAT I HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY SUCH THING AS "SAFE-SEX" IN THESE CALIFORNIA PRISONS, AND THAT IT IS KINDA A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AROUND HERE. IT IS JUST NOT DONE IN THESE CALIFORNIA PRISONS. I HAVE BEEN DOWN 28 YRS TO DATE AND HAVE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN IT IN PRACTICE IN ALL THAT TIME. A RARE GIRL MIGHT TALK ABOUT IT FOR A FEW, BUT IT IS VERY, VERY HARD TO IMAGINE IT ACTUALLY BEING A FACT OF LIFE FOR US. AND THEREFORE I HAD NO REAL SUGGESTIONS TO OFFER, JUST MY LITTLE PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY THAT IT AINT ABOUT TO HAPPEN ON THIS SIDE OF THE ELECTRIC FENCE. NOT JUST FROM LACK OF RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO PRACTICE IT BUT FROM LACK OF MOTIVATION AND ENTHUSIASM TO DO IT. IT SEEMS THAT A GIRL WHO WAS PROPOSING SUCH A THING, SHE WOULD PRETTY MUCH BE CONSIDERED A FAKE HO BY OTHER GIRLS. WE TOOK OUR CHANCES. AND THAT IS JUST A PART AND REALITY OF THE LIFE, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IT. NOT ABOUT TO STOP NOW. IT JUST DONT SEEM REAL TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I SAID THAT I DID NOT WANT TO SOUND LIKE A PESSIMIST, JUST THAT I WAS A REALIST. SAFE-SEX.....IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A STRANGE IDEA. I DO THINK THAT IF THE MEANS WERE PROVIDED THAT, YES, SOME OR MAYBE EVEN MANY GIRLS WOULD GO FOR IT. I PERSONALLY WOULD NOT. WELL, IN THIS ERA OR TIME I AM WAY MORE CAREFUL ABOUT SEX THAN I WAS BACK IN THE DAY. I HAVE TESTED FOR HIV VIRUS, WHICH CAME OUT NEGATIVE, AND MAKE IT A HABIT TO TEST ANNUALLY, NOT THAT I AM DOING "RISK BEHAVIOR," BUT CAUSE I READ UP A LOT ON THE VIRUS AND HOW IT CAN "HIDE" IN THE BODY AND NOT SHOW UP ON A TEST FOR YEARS, THEN SUDDENLY YOU CAN SEE YOU GOT IT WHEN YOU WERE NOT EVEN DOING NADA TO GET IT. SURE, I SEX, BUT VERY, VERY INFREQUENTLY. I AM ON SINGLE-CELL STATUS AND THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO LESS SEX IN MY LIFE I WOULD SAY. ALSO, I AM A LESBIAN, JUST GO WITH OTHER GIRLS, NOT WITH MEN, AND THAT TOO CONTRIBUTES TO LESS SEX. I REALLY CANT SPEAK FOR OTHER GIRLS AND THEIR SEXUAL HABITS. I DONT ASK.

THAT SHE TOLD ME ABOUT - THE PROGRESS OR LACK OF IT, NO ACTION FROM THE JUDGE IN MONTHS. "I HAVE TO PUT SOME FIRE UNDER THIS CASE," SHE WOULD SAY. "KNUCKLEHEADS!" SHE COMPLAINED OF HER LEGAL OPPONENTS, WHO WERE PUTTING FORTH EVERY RIDICULOUS ARGUMENT TO STOP HER. SHE NEVER SLACKED OFF, LEAPED TO EVERY OCCASION WITH A YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM, WAS ALWAYS THINKING OF A NEW ANGLE.

I MYSELF HAD A CASE FOR TREATMENT GOING AT THE TIME, IN FEDERAL COURT, WHICH WAS DEE'S TURF. I TOLD DEE ABOUT T.I.P. I INVITED HER TO JOIN US. OUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VENESSA MERIWETHER - WHO FOUNDED T.I.P. AND WAS IN PRISON IN INDIANA - HAD ALSO FILED A COURT CASE FOR HORMONES THAT WAS ON THE LAW BOOKS. I EXPLAINED TO VENESSA MY CONTACT WITH DEE AND MY DESIRE TO SPREAD T.I.P. INTO THE FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM.

WE WERE JUST A SMALL GROUP OF QUEENS - VENESSA, LYNN SCRIBNER IN TEXAS, PATRICIA FISHER IN CANADA (A POST-OP WHO WAS NOT IN PRISON) THE REVEREND JOHN PROWITT IN TENNESSEE (A FREE PERSON WHO WORKED WITH INCARCERATED TRANSSEXUALS AND GAYS AND WAS VERY CLOSE WITH US), AND ANOTHER YOUNG GIRL NEW TO THE GROUP AND EAGER TO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS AT HAND. WE ALL FILED REGULAR REPORTS WITH VENESSA OF OUR ACTIVITIES FOR OUR RIGHTS IN PRISON. PAT PHOTO-COPIED AND DISTRIBUTED OUR PAPERWORK ALL AROUND - WE FUNCTIONED THIS WAY WITH HER GREAT HELP. THE GIRLS HAD TO BE ACTIVE IN THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION FOR HORMONES, AND IF THAT FAILED, IN THE COURTS, AND IN ANY OTHER WAY THAT PROMOTED OUR CAUSE AND GATHERED SUPPORT. I DID A LOT OF OUTREACH TO TRANS PEOPLE, PRISONERS RIGHTS GROUPS, TRANS AND PRISON PUBLICATIONS, CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECTS, OTHERS, INFORMING OF T.I.P. AND ASKING FOR HELP IN SOME WAY - PUBLICITY, MEDICAL OR LEGAL INFORMATION OR TO WRITE TO THE WARDEN ABOUT TRANSSEXUAL MEDICAL TREATMENT. I GOT SOME GOOD RESPONSES.

IT WAS INHERENT PART OF OUR MISSION THAT WE KEEP BUSY IN PURSUING OUR IDEALS. VENESSA DROVE THIS ON US. "I WANT YOUR REPORTS ON MY DESK" SHE SAID WHEN IT NEARED THAT TIME. SHE WAS A GOOD LEADER AND ORGANIZER AND GAVE US GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT.

THE REVEREND JOHN PROWETT MADE REGULAR VISITS TO A JAIL IN TENNESSEE, WORKING WITH TRANS AND GAYS THERE. WE HAD A WONDERFUL CORRESPONDENCE. HE WAS VERY NICE AND UNDERSTANDING AND HAD A GALACTIC HEART THAT MADE HIM WANT TO HELP US IN OUR STRUGGLE. HE FOUNDED AND HEADED THE "AGAPE PRISON MINISTRIES." HE HAD TAKEN INTO HIS CARE A TRANSSEXUAL WOMAN WHO WAS MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF CARING FOR HERSELF AND NEEDED CONSTANT CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE. HE TOLD ME OF THE DAILY DIFFICULTIES HE HAD WITH HER, TENDING HER AS HE WOULD A CHILD. IT WAS A VERY TRYING EXPERIENCE FOR HIM, BUT HE DID IT, OUT OF LOVE. HE WAS SURPRISED AT THE HIGH NUMBER OF TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN THE PRISON I WAS THEN AT, THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY (CMF) IN VACAVILLE, WHICH NUMBERED WELL OVER 100 QUEENS. "WHAT IS WRONG WITH THOSE GIRLS?" HE QUERIED. I GATHERED THERE WERE MORE TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA PRISONS THAN IN TENNESSEE PRISONS. HE ALWAYS MADE INQUIRIES OF HOW I AND ALL THE GIRLS WERE DOING. TRAGICALLY, REVEREND PROWETT WAS KILLED IN A ROBBERY, BY YOUNGSTERS WHO JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE DOING.

THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DEE AND ME WENT ON FOR NOT A VERY LONG TIME BEFORE OUR RESPECTIVE PRISONS REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND STOPPED OUR WRITING TO EACH OTHER. BEFORE THAT HAPPENED SHE HAD SENT ME A FRIENDSHIP CARD, A REAL NICE LITTLE AFFAIR, PRETTY, WITH A SKETCH OF A WATER WELL ON THE COVER. THERE WERE SOME WORDS OVER IT, I DO NOT RECALL THEM EXACT, EXCEPT FOR THE ENDING, WHICH ARE ENGRAVED INTO MY HEART:

....AND MAY WE BOTH RELY,
THAT NEVER SHALL OUR FRIENDSHIP'S WELL,
BE EVER FOUND RUNNING DRY.

I JUST CHANGED THE DISTANCE OF LETTERS ON THIS MACHINE SO I CAN SAY MORE....

HERE ON THE YARD AT CORCORAN MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN SEEING THE GENDER DOCTOR AND GETTING THEIR HORMONES, AND THAT IS GREAT NEWS AND DEVELOPMENT! YES, SHIT IS FINALLY WORKING OUT FOR US HERE WITH THE TELEMED PROCESS. THERE WAS NO TELEMEDS BACK IN THE DAY, SO A LOT OF THESE GIRLS OF TODAY DID NOT SEE WHAT WE DID IN THE TIME OF NO-SUCH-THING-AS-TELEMEDS. I HAD BEEN FIGHTING FOR MONES MORE THAN 20 YRS BACK, WHEN THEY WOULD NOT GIVE US SHIT OR SHINOLA IF WE DID NOT HAVE LETTERS FROM DOCTORS ON CLICK CLICK THAT WE WERE TAKING THEM OUT THERE. FAST FORWARD.....LAST FRIDAY I GOT CALLED FOR MY SECOND TELEMED, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN NOVEMBER 2008 BUT THE PRISON DIDNT GET IT DONE BACK THEN. THE OTHER GIRLS ON THIS YARD WHO WENT THE SAME DAY HAD THEIR FIRST TELEMED AND THEY ALL GOT THEIR MONES. ANOTHER GIRL FROM THIS YARD WHO WAS IN THE HOLE ALSO WENT FROM THERE, AND SHE GOT HER MONES AS WELL. WE SAW GIRLS FROM OTHER YARDS ALSO HAVING THEIR TELEMEDS. IT WAS A GREAT DAY TO SEE IT ALL! THIS WAS ONE OF MY BIGGEST DREAMS COME TRUE! I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SEE THE DAY. I WISH SO MUCH MY GOOD GIRLFRIEND DEE FARMER COULD HAVE BEEN HERE, HAVING HER TELEMEDS, GETTING HER HORMONES AT LONG LAST, JUST LIKE ME. IT IS VERY MUCH THANKS TO DEE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR WOMANHOOD IN THESE PRISONS. SHE FOUGHT SO HARD, SET A LOT OF PRECEDENCE CASE LAW THAT CONTRIBUTED TO US GETTING OUR MONES AT THIS TIME IN HISTORY, FOR US GIRLS IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE-JURISDICTION PRISONS. SHE FOUGHT FOR YRS AND YRS AND YRS. LITTLE DID SHE KNOW SHE WAS SETTING THE GROUNDWORK FOR US OF TODAY. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR HER! SHE IS IN MY DAILY PRAYERS I SAY WHEN I TAKE MY MONES, GIVING HER DUE THANKS. WELL, I SAW THE DOC AND TOLD HER HOW I NEED A BRA NOW, STOOD AND TURNED SO SHE COULD GET A GOOD LOOK AT MY PROFILE, HOW MY BREASTS ARE DEVELOPING AND NEED A BRA NOW. SHE ARRANGED FOR ME TO HAVE ONE, AND I WILL SEE HER AGAIN IN 3 MONTHS. THAT IS WONDERFUL! SEE, I HAD ASKED HER FOR AN EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR SURGERY. SHE MUST GET WITH A GIRL REGULARLY FOR THAT, AND I REALLY IMPRESSED IT ON HER THAT I WANTED AN EVALUATION. IT DOES TAKE TIME FOR HER TO MAKE A CONCLUSION IN THAT AREA OF TREATMENT, IN ACCORD WITH THE STANDARDS OF CARE. SO THAT WILL COME IN ITS TIME, I REALLY, REALLY DO HOPE!

KICKING IT UP, BY AMAZON-KABUKI.....

OKAY, I AM AMAZON-KABUKI. I HAVE A ZILLION OTHER NAMES; PLEASE DONT ASK THEM ALL. I USUALLY WRITE OR TYPE WITHOUT THE OBSERVATION OF GRAMMAR, LIKE SOME OF US SPELL CERTAIN WORDS OUR OWN WAY. I OMIT CAPITALS, APOSTROPHES, AND OTHER STUFF. I ALSO CUSS QUITE HEALTHILY - NO APOLOGIES.

I MENTIONED ONCE ALREADY, IN A PAST ISSUE (OR IT MAY HAVE BEEN IN TRANZLEZBOZ) THAT I GOT IN TOUCH WITH SOME GIRLS ON CLICK CLICK, TRANSWOMEN, WHO SAY THEY ARE WORKING FOR US IN THE PRISONS. THEY ARE CALLED "TIP" AND OTHER NAMES. I SHOT THEM A CRITIQUE, THAT WE AINT FEELING NADA BACK HERE AND WHAT IS UP WITH THAT. I GOT TWO LETTERS FROM THEM, SAYING BASICALLY NOTHING REALLY. I AM WONDERING WHO THEY ARE. ONE KITE WAS A PENPAL LETTER; I DID NOT ASK FOR A PENPAL. THAT WAS MONTHS AGO; THEY HAVE NOT REPLIED TO MY RESPONSE. AND SO FORTH....

WE WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE GIRLS ON CLICK CLICK THAT IF THEY REALLY WANT TO MOVE MOUNTAINS THEY MUST FIRST OF ALL HAVE REALISTIC GOALS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WHILE SOME INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS MAY REALLY FEEL MOTIVATED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP US OUT BACK HERE, IN THE MANY WAYS WE NEED IT OR IN JUST A SINGLE WAY, THEY INEVITABLY TEND TO PUT THE CART IN FRONT OF THE HORSE. THEY TAKE TOO BIG OF A BITE THAN THEY CAN CHEW, AND AFTER THE INITIAL ELATION IS OVER AND THEY HAVE SEEN THAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH MORE THAN THEY THOUGHT, SOMETHING FAR BIGGER THAN THEY IMAGINED, SHIT PETERS OUT AND THEY SLACK OFF. ITS NOT FUN ANY MORE. THEY DONT HAVE NO MORE TIME, PERHAPS NO MORE DESIRE. WE ARE TOO MUCH REALITY BITCHES BACK HERE THAN TO FUCK WITH SHIT LIKE THAT. IT GETS US DROVE. WHO ARE THESE BITCHES? WE WONDER. DONT THEY KNOW WHAT THE FUCK THEY ARE DOING? DO THEY REALIZE HOW SERIOUS THIS SHIT CAN GET WITH SOME OF US BACK HERE WHO DONT LIKE BEING USED?

SOME YEARS HAD GONE BY BEFORE I GOT ANY MORE NEWS OF DEE. THINGS KIND OF CHANGED WITHIN T.I.P. AND SOME OF US LOST CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER. I WAS READING A TRANS MAGAZINE, AND THERE WAS AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DEE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF T.I.P. IN THE FEDERAL PRISONS. SHE DESCRIBED THE SITUATION WITH HERSELF THERE AS A TRANSWOMAN IN A MEN'S PRISON. "THIS IS A MEN'S PRISON; NO WOMEN ARE ALLOWED" A TOWER GUARD HAD CALLED DOWN TO ANOTHER GUARD WHO WAS BRINGING DEE FROM A BUS INTO THE PRISON. IT WAS THEIR AMUSEMENT, TYPICAL OF HOW THEY BANTER ABOUT US. I WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT GIRL WAS STILL ON THE FRONTLINE, EXPOSING OUR ABUSE AND MISTREATMENT, GETTING THE WORD CUT OF OUR PLIGHT, OUR NEED FOR COMPASSION AND SOME KIND OF RELIEF FROM WHAT SEEMED TO BE A RATHER CRUEL ARRANGEMENT OF THINGS FOR US IN THESE PLACES. I WAS SO PROUD OF DEE. SHE NEVER ONCE WAIVERED OR STUMBLED OR TOOK A BREAK FROM WHAT TO HER - AND SO MANY MORE OF US - WAS A LIFE, THE LIFE, OUR LIFE, THE RAW REALITY OF BEING A WOMAN IN WHAT WAS DECLARED AS A MAN'S WORLD. HER SPIRIT BLEW ON THE COALS OF MY HEART UNTIL THEY GREW RED AND GLOWED, AND I WANTED TO DO EVER MORE THAN I WAS CAPABLE FOR OUR CAUSE.

THE NEXT TIME I HEARD OF DEE WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER DEATH IN A TRANSSEXUAL MAGAZINE. I WAS SHOCKED. I NEVER KNEW SHE WAS HIV. PERHAPS SHE WAS DIAGNOSED AFTER WE LOST TOUCH OR I AM SURE SHE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME. HER T-CELL COUNT HAD GOTTEN TOO LOW, THE ARTICLE SAID, AND SHE DECEASED. THE MAGAZINE PAID DUE HOMAGE TO HER, A HUMBLE LITTLE OBITUARY, THE ONLY ONE ANYWHERE, MOST LIKELY. I SAT THERE RINGING WITH THE SHOCK OF THE NEWS, MY HEAD ABUZZ, MY HEART THUMPING LOUD IN MY EARS, HURTING, ANGUISHED. SHE HAD COME TO PRISON SO YOUNG, AT AGE 18, NEVER TO GET OUT ALIVE. AS MUCH AS SHE FOUGHT FOR HER WOMANHOOD IN EVERY COURT SHE COULD GET INTO - FOR HORMONES AND SURGERY - NO ONE UNDERSTOOD HER NEEDS ANYWHERE ALONG THE WAY, ALL THE WAY TO THE HIGHEST COURT OF THE LAND. MORE THAN EVER, I

NO LONGER BELIEVED IN "JUSTICE," NOT FOR US
GIRLS IN THESE PLACES, NOT IN ANY COURT OF LAW.
I WAS BITTER, TO SAY THE VERY LEAST.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL MUCH LATER THAT I LEARNED HOW
DEE CAME TO ACQUIRE HIV. SHE WAS RAPED IN ONE
OF THE FEDERAL PRISONS SHE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED
TO AGAINST HER WILL, A RATHER ROUGH PLACE,
NOTORIOUS FOR IT CAPACITY FOR VIOLENCE AND BLOOD-
SHED. SHE HAD FILED LAWSUITS AGAINST SUCH TRAN-
FERS, WHICH WAS REVEALED WERE RETALIATORY SET-UPS
FOR HER MANY LAW SUITS FOR TREATMENT OF TRANSSEX-
UALISM IN PRISON. THIS WAS A TYPICAL TACTIC USED
BY PRISONCRATS, TO RETALIATE FOR COMPLAINING OF
OUR TREATMENT AT THEIR HANDS. MANY TIMES THEY
HAD TRIED TO SILENCE DEE, FILED FALSE DISCIPLIN-
ARY REPORTS AGAINST HER TO MAKE HER STAY IN
PRISON LONGER, BEYOND HER COMMITMENT SENTENCE.
IT IS WHAT THEY DO. IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD BY ALL
PRISONERS. THIS IS "THE GAME." PRISONCRATS KNOW
THAT WE ARE VULNERABLE IN VIOLENT ENVIRONMENTS,
NORMALLY. THEY KNOW WE WILL GET RAPED IF PUT IN
THE MIDST OF SUCH PRISON POPULATIONS, ARE AT THE
MERCY OF BRUTAL ELEMENTS WHO CONTROL SUCH PRISON
YARDS. WE WILL BE RAPED. WE WILL BE HARMED,
BEATENED IF WE RESIST. WE WILL VERY LITERALLY BE
MADE SLAVES OF, SEX SLAVES, WITH NO CHOICE BUT
TO GO ALONG OR BE VERY SERIOUSLY HARMED, EVEN
KILLED. OUR PLEAS TO THE ADMINISTRATION GO IGNORED.
THEY GET A KICK OUT OF IT, A LAUGH, A SMIRK.
THEY KNOW WE ARE BEING "TAUGHT A LESSON," THAT
MAKING A STAND, HOWEVER LEGAL, HOWEVER CONSTITU-
TIONAL, WILL COME WITH A HEAVY PRICE, COULD BE A
LETHAL UNDERTAKING, AND SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR
OTHERS. THE PRISONCRATS FULLY INTENDED FOR DEE
TO BE PUT IN SUCH A SITUATION, TO BE PUNISHED IN
THIS WAY FOR HER ACTIVISM, TO BE RAPED, BEATENED,
TO ACQUIRE A LETHAL VIRUS, MOST PROBABLY, FROM
BEING RAPED BY AN ELEMENT LARGELY COMPRISED OF
DRUG ADDICTS, INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS, A HIGH
RISK TARGET GROUP FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE
HIV VIRUS LEADING TO FULLBLOWN AIDS. MORE
EXPLICITLY, DEE WAS KILLED, MURDERED.

((((((((((((Spirit Talk))))))))))))

"Ice Lady." A poem, by Amazon-Kabuki. Undated.

You spun your web around me, Ice Lady,
in the night light of Infinity.

A web of icicles bounded me,
somewhere out there,
where clouds of color are made,
and moons clash with stars in the sky.

A state of coldness,
soothes memories,
of shattered webs,
and the crinkle of icicles in flight.

Somewhere out there,
the sound of small bells are ringing,
as you spin your web around me,
Ice Lady,
and bound me,
in a state of coldness.

"in this world," which is to say she is considered mentally unstable, "crazy." "Gender identity disorder" is a clinical term of the professional medical field that describes the trans-spiritual woman's condition. "A serious psychiatric disorder." "Gender dysphoric." In fact, she bears a hallow quality, sacred.

"Complex cosmic beings in female form" having to do with cause and effect are behind evolutionary phenomena, changes that take place across the realms and on Earth that have to do with an individual's fate and destiny, a fate that is not immovable but is constantly being transformed. They are weavers of riddles in the universe, this Pantheon of Goddesses, These Divinities of Fate. Transspirituality is a complex process in which The Divinities of Fate act to institute and implement Divine Law by which the trans-spiritual woman assumes the status of a demi-goddess.

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[Editor's note: In Native dialect "su'yak" means "you-changed-into-something-different."]

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FOR ME - FOR ANYONE - IT IS SO UNFAIR THAT DEE COULD NOT, BY THE STUBBORNNESS OF OUR MOST VEHEMENT OPPONENTS, BE ACCOMMODATED IN HER MANY REQUESTS FOR TREATMENT. SHE CAME TO FEDERAL PRISON AT AGE 18, WITH A 20-YEAR SENTENCE. SHE WAS YOUNG, VIBRANT, SO FULL OF VIGOR AND ENTHUSIASM. SHE STUDIED SO MUCH, SPENT SO MUCH TIME DOING LEGAL WORK IN PRISON LAW LIBRARIES, IN HER CELL, LONG HOURS IN THE DAY, LATE AT NIGHT, DETERMINED. HER MOTIVATION WAS SO PURE, SO INNOCENT: TO BE THAT WOMAN, AS SHE WAS DESTINED TO BE, AND FINALLY WAS, IN HER OWN LIGHT, AND IN THE RADIANCE OF THE GODDESSES WHO PUT WOMANHOOD ON US. DESTINY IS SOMETHING IMMOVABLE. IT IS ORDAINED, BEYOND HUMAN INTERFERENCE, BY POWERS IN WHOSE HANDS WE ARE MERE DREGS. DEE'S DESTINY WAS TO OPEN THE WAY FOR THOSE WHO WOULD COME AFTER. SO MANY TIMES SHE WAS UNJUSTLY DENIED HER HORMONES IN HER TIME, AND NOW HER PARAGON EFFORTS, ALL THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT AND DEVOTION AND LOVE THAT SHE PUT IN HER ENDEAVORS FOR WOMANHOOD ARE BEARING FRUIT FOR US OF TODAY. HER CASES HAVE BECOME PRECEDENT, ESTABLISHED LAW IN THE ARENA OF TRANSSEXUAL JURISPRUDENCE, EVEN IN NON-TRANSSEXUAL CASES. SHE WAS A FIREBRAND ON A MISSION, FANATICAL IN HER DEVOTION TO BEING THE WOMAN THAT SHE WAS.. SHE DID NOT KNOW THEN THAT SHE WAS THE POINT GIRL FOR THE REST OF US. SHE NEVER GAVE UP, NEVER DROPPED IT ALL AND SAID FORGET IT, IT CAN'T BE DONE. EVEN AS THE U.S. SUPREME COURT MORE THAN ONCE REJECTED HER CLAIMS. SHE DIDN'T CARE. SHE JUST SAW HER GOAL, HER IDEAL, AND THAT TO HER WAS THE MOST MEANINGFUL THING IN HER LIFE: IT WAS HER HEART. SHE LOVED HER WOMANHOOD WITH A FEVERISH PASSION THAT SHE EXPRESSED IN HER MANY LAWSUITS FOR TREATMENT OF TRANSSEXUAL MEDICINE.

EVEN AFTER MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF KNOWING DEE, BEFORE AND AFTER HER DEATH I AM STILL FINDING CASES SHE FILED IN COURTS ACROSS THE LAND IN COMPUTER SEARCH ENGINES. SHE DID MORE WORK THAN I THOUGHT. MORE CASES FOR HORMONES, OR AGAINST PRISONCRATS FOR NOT PROTECTING HER AGAINST PREDATORS IN PRISON, OR CHALLENGING DISCIPLINE PENALTIES. IT MADE ME THINK OF THE MANY TIMES I HAD LET INCIDENTS SLIDE, DIDN'T PURSUE A WRONG DONE ME, OR DIDN'T CARRY IT THROUGH. I FELT LAZY, NOT UP TO PAR WITH DEE. I TOOK A LOOK AT MYSELF, REEVALUATED, RESOLVED TO BE AS

DEE WAS IN CHALLENGING WRONGS IN COURT. IT PUT A NEW VIGOR IN ME. I FOUND MYSELF THINKING AND FEELING: I WANT TO BE LIKE DEE. SHE IS AN EXAMPLE WORTH EMULATING. SHE HAS BECOME ONE OF MY PERSONAL IDOLS, ONE OF MY IDEALS. SHE HAS BECOME MY ALTER EGO.

DEE'S ILLNESS - INFECTION WITH HIV VIRUS AND LATER FULLBLOWN AIDS - WAS A DIRECT PRODUCT OF HER FIGHT FOR HER WOMANHOOD IN PRISON. THE PRISONCRATS KNEW HER AS A LITIGATOR. THEY DELIBERATELY PUT HER IN A SETTING THAT WOULD GET HER HURT, RAPED, AND THIS DID HAPPEN AND RESULTED IN HER INFECTION FROM A PRISONER WHO RAPED HER. THIS WAS HER PUNISHMENT AT THE HANDS OF OUR KEEPERS, ANOTHER FORM OF KILLING US OFF. SHE HAD BEEN BEATEN AS WELL. A SLOW DEATH, CREEPING, GNAWING, TAKING ITS TIME, EATING UP T-CELLS ONE BY ONE. DEE'S T-CELL COUNT BEGAN TO FALL STEADILY. SHE BECAME WEAKER AND WEAKER. AND FINALLY SHE WAS TAKEN UP IN A SINGLE BREATH, A SPIRIT ON FIRE, A WOMAN ON FIRE, AT HER ZENITH AT LONG LAST, UP AND AWAY FROM THE FOLLY AND SUFFERING OF MORTALITY TO AN ETERNAL ABODE, AND ETERNAL EXISTENCE OF THE LIKES WE CAN ONLY YEARN FOR, AWAIT OUR OWN TRANSFORMATION. SHE IS BETTER OFF THAN WE ARE NOW. SHE IS LIVE, WHOLE, KICKING, FULLY AWARE. SHE IS BRILLIANT, RADIANT, RESPLENDENT IN HER BEAUTY AND PURITY, IN HER PURE SPIRITUAL FEMALE FORM, A GODDESS NOW.

LET EVERY TRANSEXUAL WOMAN WHO IS A DEMIGODDESS ON EARTH ASPIRE TO BE LIKE DEE, EVER VIGILANT OF OUR WOMANHOOD AND PROTECTIVE OF IT TO THE TIME THAT WE OURSELVES TRANSCEND OUR EARTHLY CALLING AND ULTIMATELY ATTAIN OUR OWN GLORY THAT IS THE ETERNAL LIFE AND THE ETERNAL PEACE.

(FROM CORCORAN PRISON, CALIFORNIA. COMMEMORATING DEE FARMER, WITH GREAT LOVE. APRIL 2009.)

five sexes, berdache, two-spirit, queers, multiple genders, two-souls, homosexuals, biological male/gender female, feminine males, alternative gender, androgyne, gender variance - to brief the sample.

The confusion and uncertainty prevails, with one study reaching not a conclusion but "inconclusions." The uncertainty reaches into segments of the 21st century spiritual community itself.

The curiosity over transspirituality will be solved not by professional researchers but by experts in the spirit.

Polarity is universal law. Polarity is the law of opposites. Thus a set or "pair" of opposite "genders" is proper. Polarity has a character, distinguished from its activity. The character of polarity can trend any way. An eclipse, for example, which "darkens" the "day" at an unorthodox time - during the day. The reversal of the magnetic fields. The demigod in relation to the God and Goddess. Polarity is one half of the universe. What enables polarity to spin-off in this way is the other half of the universe: realms. Realms are also universal law.

Transspirituality is a characteristic of polarity; it is a quirk of polarity on a level of the spiritual realm. Realms concern levels of existence (space/worlds) and levels of awareness (consciousness). Realms of awareness criss-cross the universe. Their influence impacts the Earth - human activity, human events, mental and physical processes.

A transspiritual woman exists in another realm (of awareness), though physically grounded in this one. In a sense she is unworldly. Indeed the average person does not consider her to be

////////// THE TRANSSPIRITUAL //////////

- By Su'yak -

Because human eyes must necessarily see gender (in its content, role, quality, earthly and universal context), Goddess is preeminent in male-to-female transspiritual phenomenon. Transsexualism is a spiritual process.

It is the Goddess Who initiates the spiritual process or sets the spiritual mechanics into play when male spirit is overwhelmed with the spirit of female in an individual. Only the spiritual can bend Nature, reverse it. It is the spiritual that weaves Nature. The components of Nature are mere dregs in the hands of the spiritual Goddess and must comply with Her desire.

In every divine pantheon of the earthly continents and islands and waters that be the Goddesses have been active in this way, bestowing Their peculiar Blessings on Their chosen, the Blessings of Womanhood on man.

Male-to-female transspiritualism is a global phenomenon, found in all cultures, since time immemorial. Encompassing genital alteration, not mere transvestism or gender-role inversion, the full extent of this spirituality has not been explored. Properly speaking, it is a transspiritual phenomenon.

Doctors of disciplines and researchers have scratched at the phenomenon among Native (First People) cultures in particular. The literature is rich in examination of Native transspirituality, employing terminology from transsexual to transgender, lesbian, gay, hermaphrodite/intersex, other, third gender, fourth gender, the



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A BRIEF BIO ABOUT THE EDITRIX:

I AM A NATIVE PERSON, A TRANSEXUAL WOMAN, IN MY LANGUAGE CALLED A "SUYAK." I AM DOING LIFE AND MAY OR MAY NOT EVER GET OUT. I TRANSITIONED IN PRISON AND AM TRYING TO GET SRS (SEX-REASSIGNMENT SURGERY) AND TRANSFER TO A WOMEN'S PRISON. I AM GETTING HORMONES HERE IN THE CORCORAN PRISON, MAXIMUM SECURITY. MY GIRLFRIEND AND WIFE IS BELLADONNA, A WHITE QUEEN ALSO DOING LIFE. WE ARE MARRIED. I HAVE A COUPLE OF GIRLFRIENDS AND SO DOES THE B - WE ARE NOT SHY. I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN OUR CAUSE SINCE THE 1980s AND CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN FOR OUR DREAMS IN THE WOMANHOOD. I AM ALSO ACTIVE IN DISABILITY RIGHTS ISSUES HERE AS I AM HEARING IMPAIRED SINCE AGE 15. I WILL TALK MORE OF OUR SITUATION IN THE NEXT ISSUE, BUT THINGS ARE GOING REAL GOOD FOR US HERE NOW. I AM CONSTANTLY WORKING ON PROJECTS HAVING TO DO WITH TRANSEXUAL RIGHTS IN THESE PLACES AND DISABILITY RIGHTS, AND HAVE SOME ACTIVE COURT CASES ON OTHER ISSUES IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS. I RECENTLY HAD SURGERY TO REMOVE MY TESTES, WHICH I WILL DISCUSS NEXT TIME. I FEEL GREAT! THIS IS AN OLD PICTURE OF ME, 1988 AT VACAVILLE MEDICAL FACILITY. WE MIGHT HAVE A CAMERA PROGRAM IN NOT TOO LONG AND I WILL UPDATE THIS PICTURE. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

***** GENDER ANARKY ZEEN *****

GENDER ANARKY ZEEN CONTINUES TO BE PUBLISHED AT RANDOM FROM PRISON. GENDER ANARKY IS A PRISON-BASED INITIATIVE OF TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN MEN'S PRISONS. WE ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY GROUPS ON THE STREET, BE THEY TRANSSEXUAL, POLITICAL, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE. WE DO NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICS. WE ARE TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN PRISON. WE ARE ABOUT FEMALE HORMONES AND SEX-CHANGE SURGERY IN PRISON FOR TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN. GENDER ANARKY ZEEN IS FREE TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE.

WE ARE AWARE OF MANY SOCIAL GROUPS CLAIMING TO BE "SUPPORT GROUPS" FOR TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN THE PRISONS, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH US OR REPRESENTATION, WHICH MAY BE COMPOSED OF TRANSSEXUALS WHO ARE FORMER PRISONERS. SUCH GROUPS WERE SPAWNED ON THE STREET. THERE IS A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRISON-BASED GROUPS AND SOCIAL-BASED GROUPS IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATION.

THE FIGHT OF TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN PRISON FOR TRANSSEXUAL MEDICAL TREATMENT, OUR HUMAN DIGNITY AND OTHER THINGS, IS AN EXTREMELY PERSONAL FIGHT, VERY DIRECT, VERY CLOSE, TOUCHING. THIS INTIMATE EXPERIENCE - TO THE DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, SECOND, AND THOUGHT - IS ONGOING. THERE IS NO BROKEN SPACE. ONLY THE PERSON IN THAT IMMEDIATE SPACE CAN REPRESENT THE MOMENT.

INASMUCH AS SOME TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN ON THE STREET WHO HAVE BEEN IN PRISON SPEAK ON THE EXPERIENCE OF TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN THE PRISONS IN CALLING ATTENTION TO OUR FIGHT, NO ONE CAN REPRESENT US BUT WE OURSELVES, FROM PRISON. REPRESENTATION TAKES PLACE AT THE LEVEL OF THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRON-

MENT. THIS IS RADICAL, WHICH MEANS "GOING TO THE ROOT."

WHEN INDIVIDUALS ON THE STREET ATTEMPT TO REPRESENT US WHO ARE IN THE PRISONS, THEY TEND TO PUT THEMSELVES AT THE CENTER AND ABOVE US, AND OF OUR CAUSE, AND ARE BEYOND OUR CONTROL. THIS ESCALATES AND CREATES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WE HAVE SEEN IT MANY TIMES. IT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY.

SOCIAL GROUPS AND SOCIAL PEOPLE TEND TO PUT THESE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS ON A STAGE TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF BEING A SPOKESPERSON FOR US BACK HERE WHO ARE BLEEDING AND CRYING IN THE GUTTER, FIGHTING WITH ALL OF OUR MIGHT - AND IN SOME CASES WITH OUR VERY LIVES [DEE FARMER] - FOR OUR WOMANHOOD. OUR VERY LIVES ARE ON THE LINE. THEY BECOME CELEBRITIES. WE DON'T KNOW THEM.

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THE WORD "ANARKY" IN THE NAME GENDER ANARKY DECLARES THE DECONSTRUCTION OF FINITE GENDER/SEX CONCEPTS, CATEGORIES, AND CLASSIFICATIONS. WE USE THE TERM "TRANSSEXUAL" SOLELY FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE, FOR WE HAVE OUR DOUBTS ABOUT IT AS WELL. WE ARE TRANSSEXUAL WOMEN IN MEN'S PRISONS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR - WITH BLOOD AND A LOT OF PERSONAL TRAGEDY - AND ARE GETTING HORMONES, AND WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR THEM, AND FOR SEX-CHANGE SURGERY WHILE IN PRISON, EVEN IF THIS MEANS TRANSFER TO A WOMEN'S PRISON: WE WILL BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.