**Will Audition Monologue**

*Note: this monologue contains some graphic sexual language.*

*It doesn’t really follow on from any particular plot elements in the first scenes but it is a window in Will’s mind as he moves through his transition and in particular how his gender and sexuality/sex drive have interacted.*

About three months on T, it hit me: men are everywhere. You go to the post office, there they are. You go to the grocery store, there they are. You go to work, they march single file up to your register and then right out the door. I know that sounds obvious, but it’s like I’d never really seen them before.

They tell you taking testosterone will make you horny, and you think it’s all blood rushing through your body and getting turned on at work when you’re restocking corn chips—and it is that, okay, sometimes it is that, but it’s more than that. Before I came out as trans, I was never one with my attraction to men, it was all theoretical. It didn’t really make sense. I thought I was a lesbian for a while, but it’s not like I was ever really into women. I just wasn’t into this experience of being a woman in a world of men, like you’re on stage all the goddamn time.

But once I came out and I started passing, and my hormones were making me all aware, the script flipped. Now I was the watcher. I had this moment, at the gas station 6 months ago, of sudden visceral kinship with gay men everywhere. Like, oh, we walk among them, but we are not quite like them. We watch them, and they look right past us. We desire them, and we fear them, and constantly, constantly, we search for each other. It was a lonely feeling and a feeling of belonging all at once. And it made *sense*. Finally. All these years I played these mind games to try to make my life make sense, but this made *bone* sense, you know? You couldn’t have found it in a book, or by talking to a friend, or by thinking yourself crazy. It just happened to me.

And all because I was watching this guy in a trucker hat filling up his car and I thought: God, he looks like an asshole. I want to fuck him.