

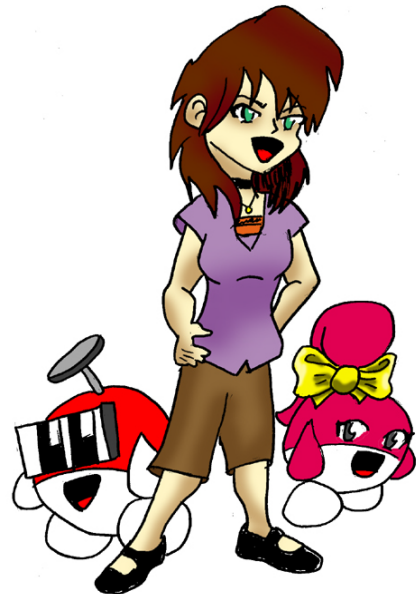
WARNING:

The following website / comic contains adult oriented themes and touches on a subject not suitable for younger audiences with out parental consent and guidance. It also touches on personal issues with its creator and some may find the material disturbing. Discretion is advised.

Intro

The following story/ Strip are about very deep and close issues in my life. More so, it is covering the trials tribulations and struggles. I am writing it to educate, inform and assist others going through or know of someone going through this challenge in their lives.

When I finally decided to pursue this side of me, I had hard time finding information that truly talked about the process on a one to one basis. All though the web has several stories of people going through their lives, often it is covered up in medical lingo and / or the important decisions of life are ignored as being personal. I will try to do what I can thru the posting of each new part of this sort of personal artistically put together blog and share my stories, perhaps others stories and the medical side of things as well. However, I am not a medical authority and should not be taken as one. I can only speak from life experience and from the stories sent to me. I can only state that as I write this introduction, that I too am learning about things and bring them to light the best way I know how.



The following is the official Public notice of the issue:

Okay its time to come clean. As I have stated in an earlier posting I had some health issues and some personal issues that I was dealing with that was causing me a delay in the release of my work and not letting me attend Conventions. Well now its time that I come clean. After months of planning on how to say it and even if I should I have come to the decision to just be blunt, come out, and say it. Yes, this could cost me customers, fans and even work and friends. However, this is something that if I do not become open about it will ultimately end up hurting me more emotionally and mentally in the long run.

First off, I ask that if you to bear with me but understand that this is an issue that I have struggled with for over 23 years of my life. Even though my immediate friends and family have known about it for a year now, I have not quite discussed in this out in the open that much nor as in-depth as I will in the future. Nor have I discussed how I had to make this decision in my life.

So here it is. I am transgendered. I always felt I was in the wrong body all my life and it took me looking at how my life was as I sat in the Emergency room Early last October suffering from asthma and finding out how much closer to death I truly was. Over the last year, I thought about ending it. Several times in my life, I found my self-thinking of a way to kill myself. Trust me it takes a lot not to act on the impulse that I had to end it all back then. My life was stuck in a rut, I was overweight, depressed, out of work and building debt with no care for my self-being. All the while, I hid another life another side of me from myself and the world I had created in my mind. Hidden away in a box under my bed was a small collect of cloths that I would wear for time to time. It all started at the age of seven. Like many people who go through the life of being transgendered, this is when I started to notice the difference between boys and girls, and I found myself on the wrong side. I looked like a boy but inside I was a girl. When I tried to act like a girl society would push me away from my choice and tell me "No you are a boy and boys don't act like how you are acting." Therefore, I pushed it away locking my feelings, opinions and self away for how I was to be formed by the vision the world had for me. There were brief moments in my life where I would sneak a chance to feel like myself over the years but it wasn't till I was on my own that I start to really be able to explore my life but by then the damage was done. I my fury of holding my anger at what I had become inward and I continued to destroy my life through bad habits and negative thinking. Throughout this time, I was in and out of Therapy sessions and even placed on several drugs to help curb my attitude. However, what my life really called for was coming clean with who I am and who I wish to be.

Since I came clean to my friends, family and most importantly myself, I have been working on pursuing the path towards solving this issue. My first step was to get my health in line and learn to deal with the issue through therapy and with the help of friends and family. Luckily, for me I have loving friends and family that have all come to understand what I have been through and my decision is best for me. I have truly changed my life and how I act. Slowly I have over the last year been working on rebuilding my life from scratch only this time I would not ignore the person I want to be and the person I am. Although as I write this I have yet to go through any physical changes in my life (other then losing about 50 lbs over the year) I have mainly focused on my lifestyle.

Now for how this will effect my work. Other then CV taking two paths one being the continued humor strip where the old me will be replaced by the new me, and the new section called CV: Path of the Butterflies. This new section will not be for younger readers and will not just be a web comic instead, it will be more a personal transformation dairy and guide for others. The subject at times will be dark and for me deeply personal but I am ready and willing to share my life story with the world. Otherwise it won't change my work I carry a sense of professionalism about my life and my choices I make yet I never have my life effect my work for both my fans and for my clients. Sure, my name will eventually change along with my looks. However, as for whom I am, that change has already occurred over the last year, I have matured and carry a professional attitude towards those who I work with making sure I get the job

done at the absolute best way possible.

I write this I hope for you the reader to better understand me and what I am going thru. In the future, I hope we can get to grow closer. If that is not the case then I am glad you gave me the time in reading this and any of my previous work and for that I thank you. For those that want to know more about this subject in my life I ask you to tune into my upcoming guide, *Critical View: Path of the Butterflies*. Where I will be sharing a more in-depth look at the decisions and issues that brought me to this point in my path of life and some tips, tricks, opinions and info I find along the way.

Thank you
B. T. Dodson

And lastly the strip where the change is made.

