

Straight and Perfect

A monologue from Barricade

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Synopsis

Jane explodes at her Grandpa, revealing not only the emotional and psychological trauma of living up to her mother's standards, but that she might not be as straight and perfect as everyone believes.

Character

Jane - 14-18 years old, female, suffering from the same angst as any teenager and terribly worried what other people think, especially her mom. LGBTQ

Run Time

1-2 minutes

JANE

Stop it, Grandpa! I said stop it! Stop it! You have no idea what I'm going through, neither does she!

Jane throws a roll of toilet paper at her grandfather, followed by another. Left with a roll of toilet paper in her hands, she starts clawing at it, ripping it, unraveling it, destroying it as she talks.

At school, I'm picked on and bullied, I try to tell her and you know what she says?

"Toughen up, Jane, its only school, its not the real world."

How would she even know?

When she was in school like a hundred years ago, she was a cheerleader and dated the captain of the football team and everyone loved her and she got straight A's.

And I want to kill myself sometimes, so I don't have to keep trying so hard.

I'm so sick of trying to live up to her standards.

To change myself for her.

I'm tired of trying to be like her, to make her proud, to be the person she thinks I am.

I'm not that person.

I'm not. And I never will be.

I'm never going to date the captain of the football team because I think I like girls and I haven't told her yet.

I can't tell her, she would never accept it.

Because it wouldn't fit her straight perfect little image of her straight perfect little daughter who will grow up and turn out exactly like she's turned out.

Straight and perfect.

Well, fuck that.

Fuck her!

FUUUUUUUCK!

Jane throws the roll of toilet paper in the air.