

SHOCKING: Images from book 'Gender Queer,' which is stocked in school libraries across Iowa

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Please do not show children these images. These are intended for mature adults so that they understand know exactly what is in "Gender Queer," a book in schools across Iowa.

Scroll down to see the images.

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Thank you.

You have heard what "Gender Queer" sounds like, now take a look at what the book looks like:

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HIDING MY PERIOD BECAME
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME.
FOR TWO ENTIRE SCHOOL YEARS I SUCCESSFULLY
AVOIDED EVER USING A SCHOOL BATHROOM.

I'd often wear the same
pad for so long that the
dried blood turned to
dark crumbles



resembling
coffee
grounds.

TO THIS DAY A HUGE NUMBER OF MY
NIGHTMARES INVOLVE MENSTRUAL BLOOD.

I'll feel the familiar
sensation of hot blood
gushing from my body—



When I make it to the
bathroom I'll find my
legs smeared with blood
from waist to knees.



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IN SEVENTH GRADE MY MOM BOUGHT ME
MY FIRST BRA.

I liked that it flattened
my tiny boobs
into non-
existence



but I
hated that
I needed it
at all.

I STARTED DAYDREAMING ABOUT GETTING
BREAST CANCER THINKING IT WOULD
GIVE ME THE PERFECT EXCUSE
TO HAVE MY BREASTS REMOVED.

Since then there have been
several cases of cancer in
my family, so I know
how terrible that
sounds.

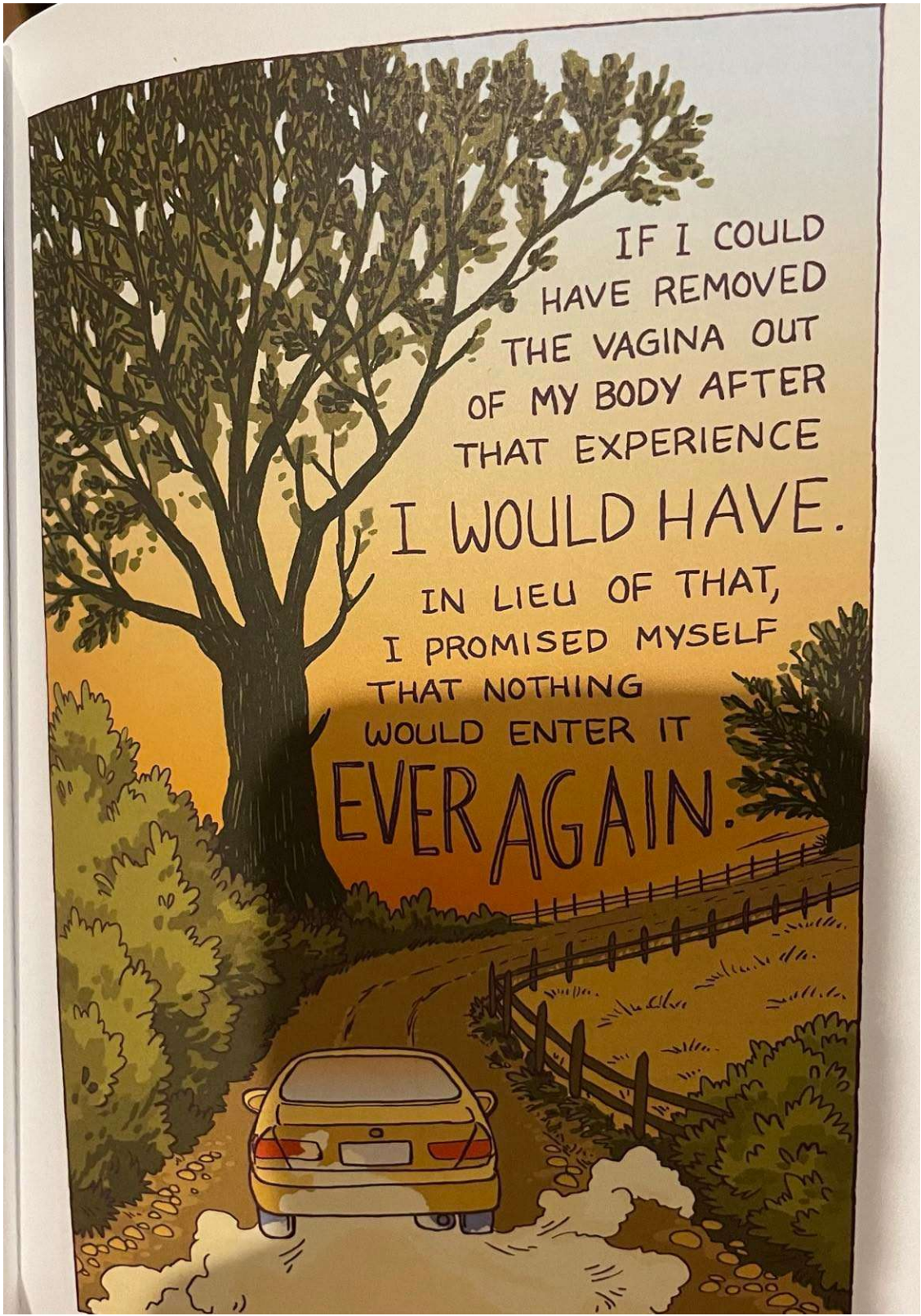


I'd like to say I
never think about that
anymore... but that
would not be true.



THE BOYS AROUND ME SEEMED AS YET UNRAVAGED BY
PUBERTY. I WISHED I WAS ONE OF THEM





IF I COULD
HAVE REMOVED
THE VAGINA OUT
OF MY BODY AFTER
THAT EXPERIENCE
I WOULD HAVE.
IN LIEU OF THAT,
I PROMISED MYSELF
THAT NOTHING
WOULD ENTER IT
EVER AGAIN.

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...TION HAS BEEN
...NDSHIPS, ONE
...EREQUISITE.

HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE

bridge in

to hot.

they're about
to make eye
contact.

you
mean
eye
sex.

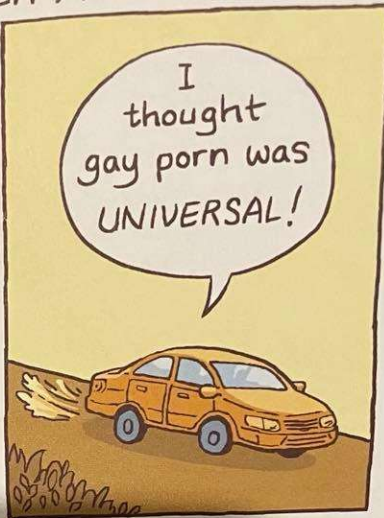
GRAD SCHOOL



IN FACT, I'M SHOCKED WHEN A FRIEND SAYS:

I'm not really into slash or gay comics...

WHAT?
Really?!?



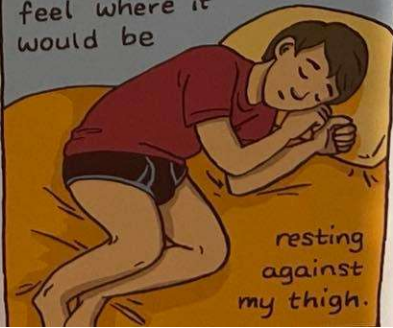
I thought
gay porn was
UNIVERSAL!

LATER SHE DESCRIBED HERSELF AS HETERO-FLEXIBLE AND TRIED TO EXPLAIN WHY SHE LIKED LESBIAN PORN MORE THAN GAY PORN.

I think it's because—
I just don't
know how to assign
a sensation to a
body part that
I don't have.



I assign sensation
to a body part I don't
have all the time.
Sometimes I can almost
feel where it
would be



resting
against
my thigh.

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WHEN I WAS 14 OR SO I TOLD A CLOSE FRIEND

I think I'm asexual.
You can't be, I've seen you lust after people.

Well. Yeah.

But not very often and I don't enjoy it.

I REMEMBER MY FIRST YEAR AT SF PRIDE THINKING THAT THE ASEXUAL GROUP HAD THE BEST SIGNS.



ALISON BECHDEL WRITES IN FUN HOME ABOUT DISCOVERING MASTURBATION SOON AFTER HER FIRST PERIOD (PAGE 170).



I DISCOVERED IT AT AROUND THE SAME AGE, FOLLOWED BY THE FURTHER REALIZATION THAT MY ABILITY TO BECOME AROUSED WAS GOVERNED BY A STRICT LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURNS.



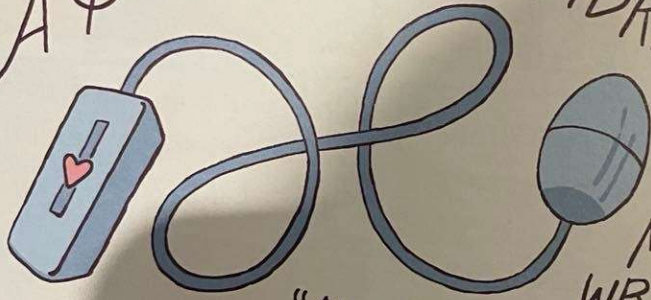
THE MORE I HAD TO INTERACT WITH MY GENITALS THE LESS LIKELY I WAS TO REACH A POINT OF ANY SATISFACTION. THE BEST FANTASY WAS ONE THAT DIDN'T REQUIRE ANY PHYSICAL TOUCH AT ALL.

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IN 2013, I DISCOVERED ERIKA MOEN'S WEBCOMIC OH JOY SEX TOY. IN A COMIC FROM NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR SHE TALKS ABOUT THE FIRST SEX TOY SHE EVER PURCHASED

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MOEN WRITES:

"My first orgasm is still one of my most vivid, lovely experiences. It was the first time I ever loved my body."



A FEW WEEKS LATER I BOUGHT ONE.

I remember my bedroom imagining vibrator make me I G OF by press the front of my jeans, the unoper box in my

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FAST-FORWARD: WE'VE BEEN DATING FOR TWO MONTHS. WE'VE MADE OUT, WE'VE HAD SEX, WE'VE MOVED ON TO SEXTING AT WORK.

I got a new strap-on harness today

I can't wait to put it on you it will fit my favorite dildo perfectly

you are going to look SO HOT



I can't wait to have your cock in my mouth - I'm going to give you the blow job of your life



then I want you inside me



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LATER, TALKING TO MY BEST FRIEND

I hate it! I hate having boobs and a period. I hate buying bras and underwear.

I hate feeling like I have to shave my armpits and have a perfect tan...



I hate feeling like I'm supposed to wear makeup and like boys and

ACT GIRLY!

Maia- you are one of the least girly people I know.



Even if you did wear a dress and a ton of makeup- even then, I don't think people would find you girly.

SNIFF

Thank you.



WHEN I FINALLY GOT OLD ENOUGH TO NOT BE EMBARRASSED TALKING ABOUT THIS STUFF WITH MY SISTER:

It really never occurred to you to put something into your vagina, not even a finger?

It really didn't.

So you've never tasted yourself?

What? NO! EW!

WAIT—
you have?

HAHA, of course!
You should try.

AND
SO:

Vagina
slime





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