

The life



IT'S BEEN A MONTH...



SINCE THE VERDICT.



I'VE ALREADY BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL TWICE...



BUT THE BILLS ARE MORE THAN I CAN HANDLE.



WHEN I FIRST TESTED POSITIVE...



I WAS CALM.



SO CALM THAT THE NURSE AT THE CLINIC SAID...



SHE'D NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE ME.



YOU SEE, I'D HAD MY SUSPICIONS.



I'D THOUGHT: 'WHAT IF...WHAT IF I HAD ROTTEN LUCK...?'



MAYBE THAT'S WHY I'D TAKEN THE NEWS SO WELL.



THERE WERE PLENTY OF SITUATIONS WHERE I COULD HAVE CONTRACTED IT.



I KNEW I WASN'T STRAIGHT FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.



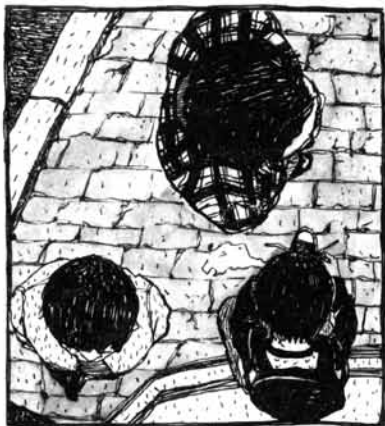
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE...



ACCEPTING MY SEXUALITY.



FROM THAT POINT ON, I LIVED RECKLESSLY.



RATHER THAN HAVING A STEADY
RELATIONSHIP...



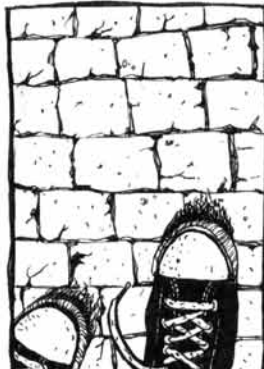
I HAD A LOT OF ONE-NIGHT STANDS.



I CAN'T TELL ANYONE NOW...



AND THIS BURDEN IS TOO BIG
FOR ME TO CARRY ON MY OWN.



I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY
FAMILY.



THEY HAVE NO IDEA.



WHAT IF I TRANSMIT THE DISEASE
TO THEM?



THAT'S MY BIGGEST FEAR.



AS LONG AS I DON'T SHARE A RAZOR
OR TOOTHBRUSH, THE NURSE SAID I
DON'T HAVE TO WORRY...



BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING
ANXIOUS...



WHENEVER I EAT
WITH MY FAMILY.



I FEEL BAD EVEN PUTTING MY
SPOON IN THE STEW.



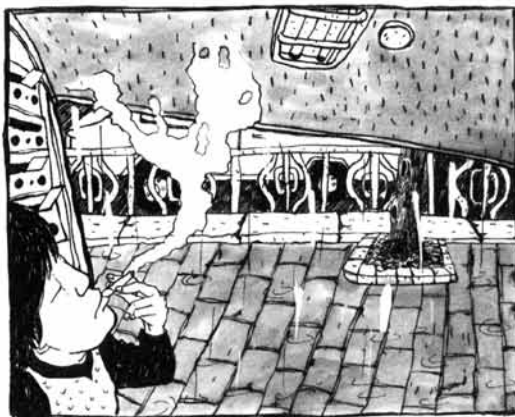
IF I JUST KEPT THIS AS A
SECRET...



AND WENT QUIETLY...



WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR
EVERYONE?





SOMETIMES THOUGH...



I THINK LIFE IS TRULY
UNFAIR.



NOT BEING STRAIGHT
IS A BIG ENOUGH
BURDEN...



BUT TO FIND OUT I'M HIV
POSITIVE...



BECAUSE THE WORLD IS
SUCH A CRUEL PLACE...



BECAUSE IT'S UNFAIR TO
DIE THIS WAY...



I SOMETIMES WANT TO
TRANSMIT IT TO ANYONE I
COME ACROSS.



I'M STILL TOO YOUNG...



I'VE NEVER EVEN EXPERIENCED LOVE...



EVEN THOUGH I THINK ABOUT DYING
EVERY SINGLE DAY...



BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR
MY PARENTS...



BECAUSE THERE'S
STILL SO MUCH I
WANT TO DO...



BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR
MYSELF, EVERY DAY IS A
STRUGGLE.



BUT I GUESS IT WILL ONLY GET
HARDER FROM NOW ON?



AT LEAST I'M NOT ON
MEDS AND I DON'T SHOW
ANY SYMPTOMS.



BUT HOW LONG WILL THIS
LAST?



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WHAT THOUGHTS WILL FILL
MY DAY TOMORROW?



MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF I DON'T WAKE UP TOMORROW...



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