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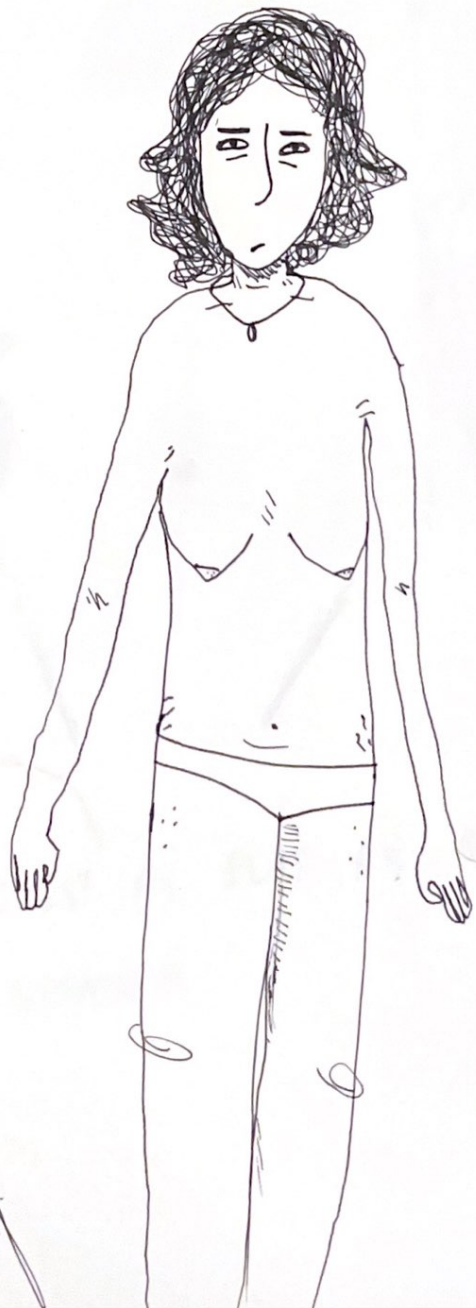
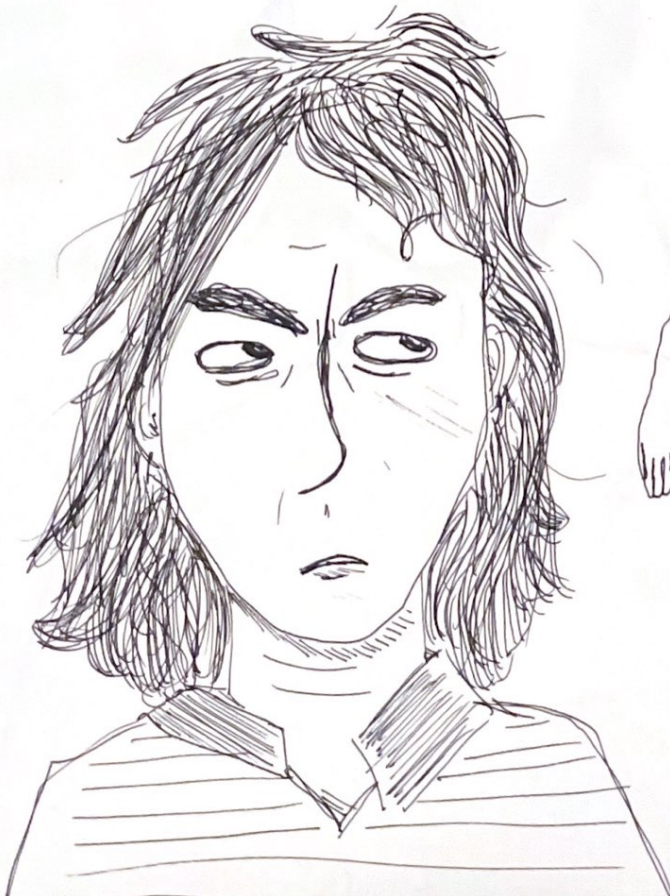


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BE CHOOSERS.

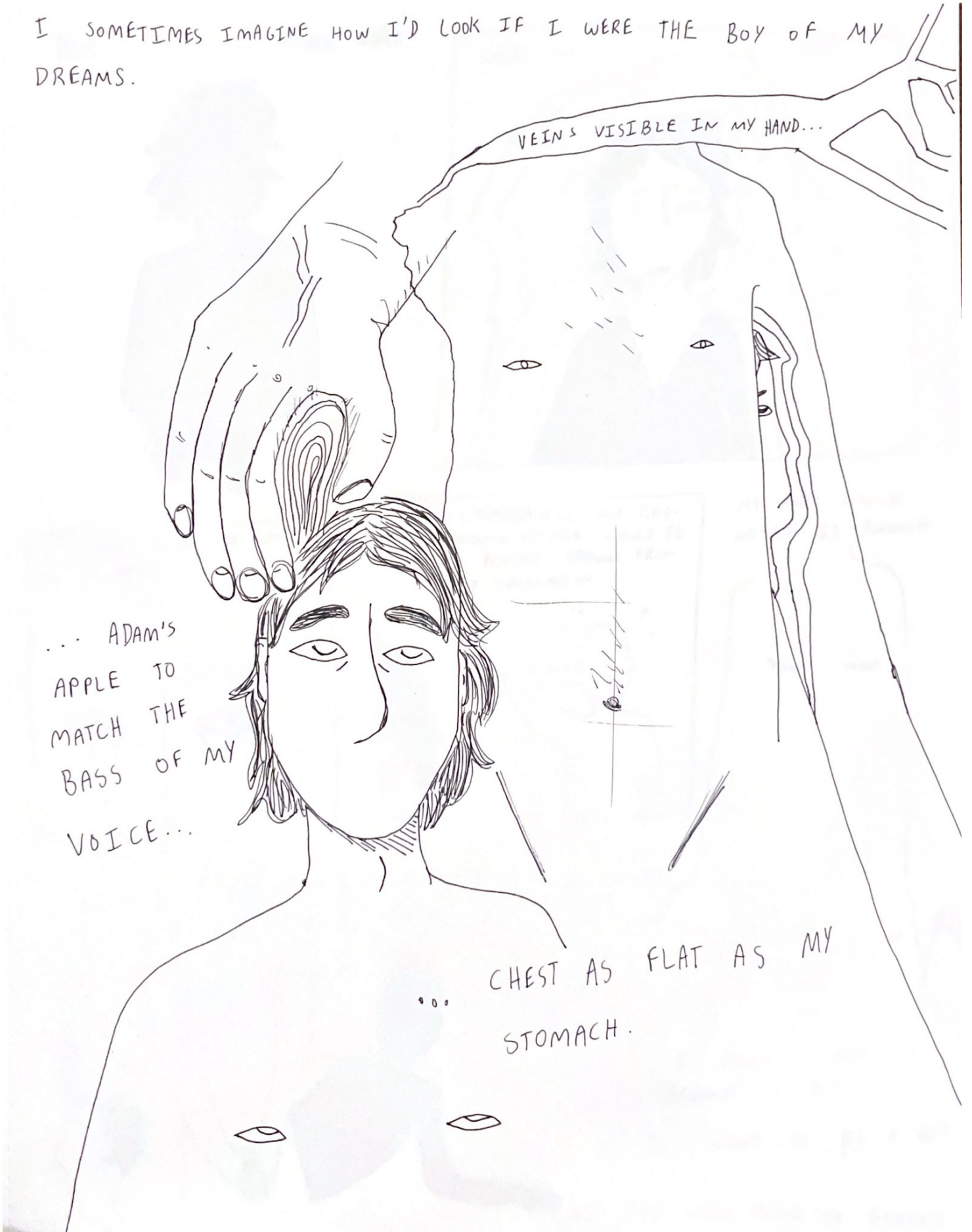


I SOMETIMES IMAGINE HOW I'D LOOK IF I WERE THE BOY OF MY DREAMS.

VEINS VISIBLE IN MY HAND...

... ADAM'S  
APPLE TO  
MATCH THE  
BASS OF MY  
VOICE...

... CHEST AS FLAT AS MY  
STOMACH.





BUT IT WOULD NEVER WORK.



WHAT IF I WAS FOUND OUT?



I WILL NEVER BE LOVED  
AS A MAN.



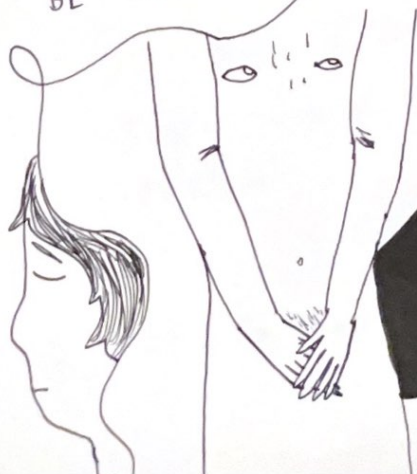
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THERS WOULD OFFER WOULD BE  
AWKWARD, FORCED, DRAWN FROM  
PITY AND OBLIGATION.



MY BODY WOULD  
NEVER BE ENOUGH.



EVEN IF I DID PASS, I'D NEVER KNOW IF I WOULD  
BE ABLE TO HOLD A LOVER.



I DON'T WANT TO  
BECOME A BOY.

I WANT TO BE A BOY.

MY BODY WOULD NEVER BE ENOUGH.



SURE, IT'S NOT ENOUGH NOW, BUT  
I'M PRETTY ENOUGH AND I  
HAVE CURVES, SO PEOPLE ARE  
NICE TO ME.



SOMETIMES I WEAR LOW-  
CUT TOPS BECAUSE I FEEL  
MY FACE ISN'T PRETTY  
ENOUGH ON ITS OWN.

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF I ONLY  
THINK ABOUT BEING A BOY BECAUSE  
OF THE SUBTLE HORRORS OF  
MISOGyny.



BUT PEOPLE ARE NICER TO ME NOW THAN  
THEY WOULD BE IF I WAS A VISIBLY TRANS  
PERSON.

IS IT SO BAD TO WANT PEOPLE TO BE NICE TO ME?



I KNOW THAT MAKES ME A COWARD

SO BE IT.

I AM A COWARD.

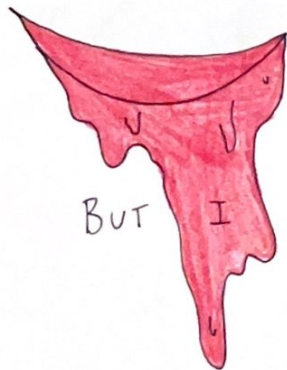
I DON'T WANT THE PAIN OF CHANGE.

I DON'T WANT IT TO HURT.



I WANT TO TAKE A LOVER,  
IF ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE.

THERE IS PAIN WHEN HE LEAVES, YES;  
THE PAIN OF KNOWING I'LL BE A BODY, NOT  
A FULL PERSON TO HIM.



BUT I CAN ALWAYS FIND ANOTHER.



AND WHILE I'M WITH MY LOVER, I CAN BE A BOY.



IT'S MY OWN LITTLE SECRET.

HE THINKS HE'S  
FUCKING ME,

BUT REALLY...







I CAN BE WHOEVER I WANT AT NIGHT.

WITH ENOUGH DARKNESS AND BAGGY CLOTHES, YOU CAN BE WHOEVER YOU WANT.

I'LL WEAR A HOOD SO YOU CAN'T SEE THE SHAPE OF MY FACE.

I'LL LOWER MY GAZE SO YOU CAN'T LOOK INTO MY EYES.

