

HOMELESS SIDE

ACT I Scene 8

The CoffeeHowse. There is one tall, long, rectangular table with 4 bar stools at it facing the audience. WHITE HELMET sits in one of them in the middle. TRANS is at the counter to order, speaking with BARISTA. BENT (in pussycat hat) and KAYLA (in MAGA cap) are behind TRANS in line.

TRANS
[to BARISTA]

Ah! Thanks for asking! I 100% appreciate that! My pronouns are "she and her."

[HOMELESS enters as TRANS speaks]

BARISTA

Okay, you got it...Miss!

[BARISTA slides TRANS a cup of coffee across the counter. Trans doesn't pick it up; he's distracted by HOMELESS who approaches]

HOMELESS

'Scuse me. Wouldja spare some change for a tired, old, veteran?

START

TRANS

"Veteran!" OMG, I served in the military, too! Wait, where were you stationed?

HOMELESS
[He laughs once]

Kid, I fought in the Gulf War. Operation Desert Storm. Afghanistan.

[TRANS, puts his hand on his chest, drops his jaw and turns toward BARISTA and back to HOMELESS]

TRANS

Oh my goodness, stop! I served at Bagram Air Base! Ah! What a fun little coinkydink!

HOMELESS

Didja now! Well, from one USA-lovin' son of a gun to another, could ya help me out?

[BARISTA puts up a finger about to correct the pronoun HOMELESS used]

TRANS

Aw, babe, I'm so sorry, I don't have anything to give you. You can say "eighty-six forty-five" for a free coffee though! You know, bye-bye to the Big Baby in office.

HOMELESS

Protest Trump?! Why I ain't gon' do no such thing!

TRANS

Oh. Oh my. Well then, I'm sorry, sir. I can't do anything to help you.

HOMELESS

Figures. Well, God bless ya, son.

[He throws his hand carelessly dismissing TRANS]

BARISTA

She uses female pronouns.

[HOMELESS scoffs]

HOMELESS

[to BARISTA]

He looks like a man; he is a man; why in blazes would I call him a woman?

TRANS

Oh no, she's right. I identify as a woman and I prefer female pronouns.

HOMELESS

Yeah, and I prefer females and my own house. But look at me—just cuz I prefer 'em don't mean I got 'em!

[HOMELESS walks away. TRANS turns to BARISTA]

5. Dream Life (continued)

TRANS

Can I be honest?

END

[TRANS occasionally turns to BENT and KAYLA while singing, as well]

I'm trapped inside a
Body that's not mine
This is not who I really am
If I had enough green
I'd get surgery
Because I am not a man

Rent prices are high as Snoop Dogg around here, I can't afford hardly anything!

Some have said I've lost my mind
Well, for hours at a time