masculinity is not body bound, it is not a synonym for male or maleness but a constructed category of gender that can be performed and embodied.

men don't have a monopoly on masculinity

while men don't own masculinity they are still allotted benefits for reproducing masculinity while non-male people who reproduce masculinity are not.

masculinity is learned and is a copy of a copy of a copy of a performance without origin.

butch women manage to affirm their masculinity despite multiple cases in which their masculinity is challenged, denied, threatened, and violated.

conversations surrounding hyper masculinity ignore white middle-class men, causing masculinity to become hyper visible in non-white, non-male, and non-middle class bodies.

female masculinity is not a cheap copy of authentic masculinity, because there is no authentic masculinity.
DISCLAIMER

We recognize that we have an obligation to be accountable to the statements we make in these zines. Just as every theory that informed these zines have a limited application, so do these zines. They should not be taken as absolute truths or representative of the way everyone should or has to feel about these topics. We all come from very similar social locations and there are limits to what we should say about experiences we do not have, but we do hope these zines provide some interesting perspectives. For the things we mess up, we apologize. We are but 4 humble queers living in Fredericton.
female masculinity is rebellious and complicated and subversive and awesome.

And political and IMPORTANT.

It can be hard to go against the grain, so appreciate the most non-male ppl in your community! Please consider becoming active in the rebellion and subversion of hyper masculinity in any way that you're able.

For tips on how to get ur hands on FUK BOI zines!

psykick espionage......Joanna Gruesome

that awful sound.......Jackson Scott

mad for you......................PINS

i lose.........................Girls Names

sleaford.........................Mazes

take it outside...............Shopping

tennis court.................Menace Beach

fog cutter.......................Cold Pumas

catch your cold..............Evans The Death
the ability to transgress masculinity is still largely based on location. rural settings may offer more challenges than urban settings with large populations. not all nations are flexible when it comes to female masculinity either, in areas where gender roles are very strict it can be dangerous to transgress them.

Asian women are often coded as hyper femme and struggle to be read as masculine. black women however are coded as less feminine because of racist stereotypes surrounding their blackness and are more readily interpreted as masculine.

smaller bodies also face a disadvantage when performing masculinity because they are coded as femme. because of the language surrounding masculinity and equating it to power, larger bodies are more readily accepted as masculine.

Male or female are not the only options! while discourse surrounding gender has begun to embrace and explore the fluidity of gender, our society has refused to acknowledge this. the lack of acceptance, knowledge, and understanding is most apparent in the bathroom.

Because male and female are constructed as rigid genders, when someone is non-conforming and their gender is ambiguous their presence in a space which is greatly gendered, like the bathroom, is heavily challenged and seen as "wrong."

The bathroom can become a dangerous place for someone who doesn't fit into notions of what a man or woman is. security can be called and verbal or even physical assault can take place. yet it's people who conform to constructed cis-normative gender binaries that are labeled "at risk" in bathrooms?? what the hell??
gender can be inherent but it can also be performance. Your full identity can be a combination of what you feel inside and what you like to see when you look in the mirror.

-Chloe LaRouche

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I was sure about being masculine, but knew I was born female. I felt comfortable being masculine and didn't even really question it, but friends and family had an issue with it. I also liked being feminine when I was younger but wanted to be able to decide and choose and do it when and how I wanted to.

Rajo

it is commonly queer and lesbian women who identify with female masculinity however, it is a mistake to lump anyone who is masculine and non-male into the category of lesbian.

it is important to be critical of some lesbian feminists' attempts to police representations of female masculinity within the queer community.

each queer and lesbian experience is unique as is each female masculine experience.

butch, male of center, gender fluid, long haired butch, gender queer, butch queen, non-conforming.

there is no one way to be masculine and non-male. all identities are valid.

turn stigma into strength
female masculinity is a resistance to artificial categories that are created through language.

these categories can trap people within them and make navigating life very difficult for those who don't fit.

female masculinity subverts both masculinity and femininity because it shows that these categories can exist within the same body at the same time.

female masculinity has been ignored by academia and has been belittled by womanist and feminist disciplines.

when it is recognized as an identity it is written off as internalized misogyny within femaleness.

FUCK THAT!