

I... I
THOUGHT I'D
WAKE UP EARLY
WANTING
BREAKFAST, BUT
I DIDN'T.

I'M NOT EVEN
HUNGRY.

YEAH, FOOD
WILL NOT BE A
THING FOR YOU
THIS WEEK.
GIGGLE

THEY TOLD
ME THAT, BUT...
I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT.

YOU
ALWAYS DID
HAVE TO FIND
OUT STUFF FOR
YOURSELF.
CHUCKLE

AND
LOOK AT
YOU!

YOU
LOOK SO
CUTE IN
THAT!

ARE YOU
COMFORTABLE?

I WON'T LIE, I
REALLY WANTED TO
PUT ON ONE OF
THOSE T-SHIRTS.

BUT YOU
DIDN'T, AND
I'M SO PROUD
OF YOU!

LET'S
GET A
BETTER
LOOK AT
YOU.

I DON'T
FEEL MUCH
DIFFERENT.

YOU CAN
SEE THE
CHANGES, RIGHT
ADAM?

UH,
YEAH.

YOUR FACE
LOOKS... MUCH
SOFTER THAN IT DID
YESTERDAY.

REALLY?

YOU LOOK
MORE, WELL...
FEMININE.





MORE FEMININE?

THAT'S IT?

WELL, SHE DOES.

OBVIOUSLY, BUT I KNOW THAT PHOTOGRAPHER'S EYE OF YOURS CAN SEE THE OTHER CHANGES.

OF COURSE THERE ARE OTHER CHANGES...

RIGHT?

A close-up, rear view of a woman wearing a dark blue and white checkered bikini top. She is standing in a tropical environment with palm fronds and colorful flowers. The image is overlaid with a comic-style dialogue consisting of four speech bubbles.

JUST LOOK AT
THOSE **BREASTS**
FILLING IN!
GIGGLE

ARE THEY... THAT
NOTICEABLE?

YOU TELLING
ME YOU DIDN'T
NOTICE? PLEASE.
GIGGLE

OKAY, I
NOTICED.

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue and white checkered one-piece swimsuit, stands in a tropical garden. She has her right arm raised behind her head. The background features a wooden building with a thatched roof, palm trees, and a garden with pink and yellow flowers. Five comic-style speech bubbles are overlaid on the scene, containing dialogue.

I NOTICED THEM AS SOON AS I WOKE UP.

TRUST ME, THEY'RE ONLY GOING TO BECOME MORE NOTICEABLE AS THE WEEK GOES ON.

I'M SURE.

NOW GIVE US A LOOK AT THE-

GLORY?



DO YOU
THINK YOU CAN
GIVE US A
SECOND?

OH,
RIGHT.
SORRY.

I JUST GET
NOSTALGIC.

I GET IT,
AND IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.

YEAH, BUT
I'LL GIVE YOU
TWO SOME
SPACE.

THANK
YOU.

MEET ME
IN THE GYM
WHEN YOU'RE
DONE WITH
ADAM,
OKAY?

THE
GYM?

YEAH.
CARDIO CAN
HELP THE
PROCESS
ALONG.

OH,
OKAY.

AND YOU
KNOW WHAT
I WANT YOU
TO WEAR,
RIGHT?

SOMETHING
GIRLY?

NAILED IT!
SEE YOU
LATER!
GIGGLE





SO,
UH...

MIND
CHATTING
WITH ME FOR
A LITTLE?

YEAH, OF
COURSE.

OKAY.

LET'S, UH... SIT
OVER HERE.

SO...
THIS IS
WEIRD,
RIGHT?

WHAT IS?

ADAM. I'VE
KNOWN YOU FOR
YEARS, AND I CAN
TELL YOU'RE NOT
YOURSELF.

YEAH, I
GUESS
THERE'S NO
POINT LYING,
HUH?

YOU PUT UP A
COMMENDABLE
ACT, BUT I KNOW
YOU.



YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SEE THROUGH MY BULLSHIT.

ALWAYS.

I'LL ADMIT THIS IS STRANGER THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE.

MY LITTLE BUDDY IS ALL GROWN UP... AND A WOMAN. *CHUCKLE*

WHOA, THAT SOUNDS SO WEIRD NOW... BUDDY. *GIGGLE*

THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT WE NEED TO DISCUSS.

THE NICKNAME YOU CALL ME?

NO... THE NAME *EVERYONE* CALLS YOU.

OH.

THEY WANT TO START PUBLICIZING THIS, SO THEY WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'VE SETTLED ON A NAME.



SO SOON? I THOUGHT I'D HAVE MORE TIME.

ME TOO, BUT I CANNOT RESTRAIN JEFF'S EXCITEMENT TO GET THE NEWS OUT.


A NEW NAME.

BUT I LIKE TYLER. MOM PICKED IT BECAUSE-

IT'S HER DAD'S NAME.

YEAH.





BUT
THERE'S NO
REAL FEMININE
VERSION OF
TYLER... AT
LEAST ANY I
LIKE.

TYLEE?


I KNEW A
GIRL NAMED
TYLEE, AND WE
DID NOT GET
ALONG.

OH, NOW I
REMEMBER.

BUT...
THERE IS A
NAME THAT
KEEPS COMING
TO MIND...

ESPECIALLY
SINCE I'M...
ACTUALLY A GIRL
NOW.

WHAT?



YOU
PROBABLY DON'T
REMEMBER THIS,
BUT FOR MY 12TH
BIRTHDAY, YOU
GOT ME-

THE COMPLETE
WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE.

OF COURSE, I
REMEMBER.

WOW,
THAT'S...

ANYWAY,
THAT BOOK
CHANGED MY
LIFE.

IT MADE
ME WANT
TO BE A
WRITER,
AND-




JULIET.

JULIET LAYNE.

IS THAT TOO ON THE NOSE?

DOES IT MATTER? IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

YEAH...



I JUST
THOUGHT THAT IF
I WAS GOING TO
BECOME A
WOMAN...

...WHY NOT
TAKE ON ONE
OF THE MOST
FAMOUS FEMALE
NAMES ON THE
PAGE?

AND I HOPE
TO STILL WRITE
AFTER ALL
THIS...

...BUT IF I
DON'T, THEN
SHAKESPEARE'S
STILL A PART OF
WHO I AM.

A man with a shaved head, a beard, and glasses is shown in a tropical setting. He is wearing a blue and white patterned shirt. The background features a thatched roof and lush greenery. Three speech bubbles are overlaid on the image, containing text.

I THINK
IT'S PERFECT,
BUD...

SORRY,
THAT WILL BE
A HARD HABIT
TO BREAK.

BUT
SERIOUSLY, I THINK
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL
NAME FOR A
BEAUTIFUL-

A close-up shot of a man with a shaved head, a goatee, and thin-rimmed glasses. He is wearing a blue and white patterned Hawaiian-style shirt. The background is a lush tropical setting with a thatched roof and various plants. Four speech bubbles are overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

I DIDN'T
MEAN THAT,
LIKE-

I JUST
MEANT THAT
IT'S A GOOD
NAME FOR
YOU.

JULIET
LAYNE...

YEAH, I
THINK THAT'S
IT.



SO JULIET IT IS! *GIGGLE*

YOU THINK MOM AND DAD WOULD LIKE IT?

UH... YEAH. OF COURSE THEY WOULD.

I'M SURE GLORY WILL WANT TO-

WAIT, DO YOU NEED ME FOR ANYTHING ELSE?

NO, NO... YOU'RE GOOD TO GO.

OKAY. THANKS ADAM!

TO BE CONTINUED...