

Coming Out

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INT. - DINING ROOM - EVENING

SAM stands between his sitting parents, JEFFREY and CATHY.

SAM
Mom, Dad, thanks for letting me come
over. Like I said on the phone,
there's something I need to tell you.

CATHY
We are always here for you, honey.

JEFFREY
We're allies!

SAM
Allies?

CATHY
I think what your father means to say
is, even though we're a little old
fashioned... we're more progressive
than you might think. We are always
listening, learning and googling.

SAM
Right. Well, there's something you two
should know about me, and I hope it
doesn't change anything between us,
but I need to tell you either way.

CATHY
You can tell us anything.

JEFFERY
We love you no matter what.

SAM
Ok. Mom, Dad... I'm... a Disney Adult.

What?

CATHY

JEFFREY
What?

SAM
A Disney Adult.

CATHY
Sam don't joke about things like that.

SAM
I'm not joking. I like Disney... a
lot. The movies, the theme parks- I
guess that's a given, I am an annual
(MORE)

SAM (CONT'D)
pass holder. I love it all!

JEFFREY
... You aren't gay?

SAM
What? No. I'm just a guy who loves
Disney. Anything and everything.

CATHY
You can't love everything Disney,
right? What about the lines, huh!
Those are awful, you don't love those.

SAM
Are you kidding? Lines are the perfect
time to play Heads Up!

CATHY
So it's true!

JEFFERY
No, you have to be gay. You were on
the phone the other night talking
about finding "*his*" G-spot!

SAM
Yeah? Goofy's favorite spot at the
park! I'm pretty sure it's the castle.

JEFFREY
Kind of a basic choice-

SAM
Hey it's not a choice!!

CATHY
This is all my fault. I never should
have let you hang out with those
Jackson boys! I told Judy she was
asking for trouble buying that jungle
gym with a Rapunzel tower attachment.

SAM
That wouldn't have changed anything,
Mom, I was born this way!

JEFFREY
How... long have you known?

SAM
Since I was 11. After soccer one day,
(MORE)

SAM (CONT'D)

Aj Park's little sister left the Frozen soundtrack in our minivan. I didn't know why, but it was really exciting. Later that night, I waited until everyone was asleep and went to the family computer. I turned the volume down *really* low, pressed play and by track three I knew: this is me.

JEFFREY

That sounds pretty fuckin' gay.

CATHY

You haven't told your grandmother have you? She'll have a heart attack! Do you want to shame this family and kill your grandmother?!

SAM

Grandma already knows, Mom. And unlike you guys, she's actually been really supportive. On the weekends I go over to her house and we sit together for hours watching old Disney movies.

JEFFREY

That's a perverse way to spend a Saturday!

CATHY

What about my grandkids, huh? You know I want grandkids.

SAM

You can still have them, Mom. Disney Adults have kids all the time.

JEFFERY

You're sick!

CATHY

Jeffrey, you're not helping. Sammy... are you sure this isn't just a phase? We raised you non-IP.

SAM

Does this look like a phase to you?
(his foot hits the chair: crocs)
You guys aren't getting it. It's about the culture, the community, chosen family!

CATHY

Those people are not your family, Sam.

SAM

"Those people" love me for who I am.
Not who they want me to be.

JEFFREY

You know what we want? We want a son who's GAY!! A son who keeps Fridays at 8 blocked off on his calendar for new episodes of *Rupaul's Drag Race*! Know what we don't want? A son who claps when the plane lands in Orlando!

SAM

Well the joke's on you, Dad, I clap when every plane lands!! I don't need to put up with this.

Sam whips out a pair of Lilo & Stich ears and puts them on.

JEFFREY

For fucks sake, Sam. Don't force your filthy lifestyle on us! This is still my house!

SAM

I'm going. But if you don't wanna see my "filthy lifestyle" I suggest you don't follow my new instagram:
@SamTakesTheBigD!
(He slams the door. BEAT. He cracks it open.)
But maybe consider, I need engagement.

The door closes again. BEAT.

JEFFREY

He get's it from you, you know. You cried when we watched Frozen.

CATHY

Oh like we don't both know it was your CD in the minivan!

They look away from each other, ashamed, for a moment. BEAT.

CATHY

Would you wanna, maybe, *watch* Froz-

JEFFREY

I'll get the projector.