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# Transsexuality Beauty and Love: The Beautiful Life of a Transgender Person in Love

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TRANSEXUALITY

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Kaitlin I try to find the best in everyone and have found that it is surprisingly easy! Finding an identity and a label has been a struggle for me all my life and now I know that I am just me. My goal in life is to help humans, animals, the environment and everything else live in harmony. I love the person I am becoming, I love my family and friends, I love my partner, I love life.

Hannah outgoing, nerd, trans-womanish, confident, and maybe a little punk. I am (currently) a pre-hormones transwoman bent on making the world at least a little better for as many people as I can. I am a theatre major, but outside of classes I am working on costume for an anime convention, taking up too much time with my girlfriend, debating philosophy, and playing Dungeons and Dragons. Note: transgender information in here is based on my own experiences and stories I have heard. It is not meant to speak for the entire community.

Megan Mexicana in the USA and gringa in Mexico. After dancing classical ballet for 15 years, I discovered I wasn't happy fighting tirelessly to be someone I am not. I ain't got long legs, a long neck or skinny arms. I am short, strong and curvy!! I am rediscovering who I am. I'm mending and building/finding inner harmony. I'm not no longer fighting, I be FLOWIN! I am a happy happy nerd. Peace Studies and Women's Studies are the step to my dub.

# Happiness

Welcome to our zine!

"They say that if you're bisexual, you're confused, if you're gay, it's a sin, if you're skinny you're on drugs. If you're fat, you look nasty... If you speak your mind you're a bitch... If you cry you're a drama queen. If you have male friends you're a whore...

You can't do anything without being labeled".

This zine seeks to break the cycle of labeling by talking about issues that are very important to us, breaking out of societal norms and finding equality.

We should fight every issue as a woman's issue.

"OUTRAGEOUS, AUDACIOUS, COURAGEOUS OR WILLFUL... YOU ACTING WOMANISH" - ALICE WALKER

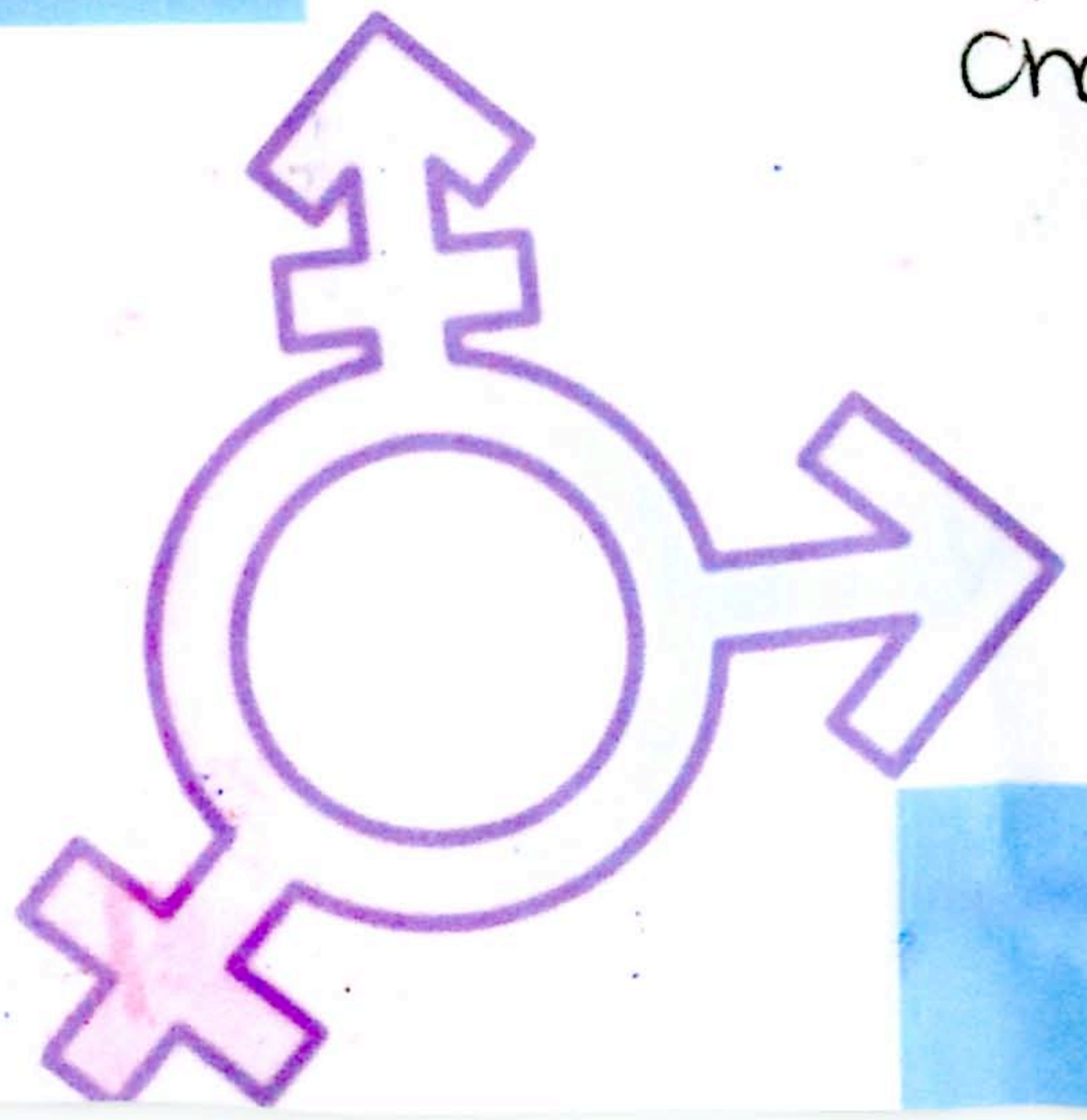
**T** I am in TRANSITION. Things are changing and I am becoming who I want to be.

**R**ADICAL. Some have said I am CRAZY FOR WANTING THIS. I KNOW I AM NOT.

**A**CEPTANCE. This is NOT a problem, THIS IS NOT an illness, IT IS WHO I AM. IT IS PART OF MY IDENTITY.

**N**ORMAL. Somewhere around 1% of the world identifies as transgender. WE ARE PEOPLE TOO.

**S**OCIETY. MUCH OF SOCIETY LOOKS DOWN ON transgender people, BUT THAT IS SLOWLY CHANGING. SOME SPACES ARE SAFE.



# Words that are **TRANSPHOBIC** and **WHY**

Transphobia: The fear or hatred of transgender people or people who are perceived as not meeting society's expectations around gender roles, identities, and presentations. Transphobia is closely linked with homophobia and biphobia.

**You're such a Tranny.**  
Whether or not someone identifies as trans, calling them a "Tranny" can be extremely offensive. This may be a term that people within the community use and reclaim for themselves, but it should not be used as a slur or without consent.

**That person doesn't really look like a man/woman.**  
What does it mean to look like a man or a woman? There are no set criteria. It also should not be assumed that all trans women strive to be masculine or that all trans men want to be feminine, or that all trans people want to look like men or women. Gender presentation is fluid and distinct from gender identity, and all forms of gender expression deserve affirmation.

**Why would you transition if you're going to be gay?**  
Gender identity and sexual orientation are two separate aspects of one's identity. This question demonstrates how heterosexuality is more valued in our society, and reinforces homophobia and heterosexism.

**What is your REAL name? I mean the one you were given at birth.**  
This implies the person's gender identity and chosen name are not "real" and perpetuates the idea of trans people as deceptive. It removes agency and any right to make decisions for themselves, and is incredibly invalidating. It perpetuates a right to intimate information, disregards privacy, and places trans lives on public display.

Calling someone "it" or "He/She" is demeaning and does not validate their identity or respect them as a person.

**Asking others about Transperson's identity, or offering information about someone.**  
Asking someone about another person's identity is inappropriate. Ask yourself why you want to know. If you are concerned about using the person's preferred pronouns, ask them directly.

**Using the wrong pronouns or making assumptions about others' gender identities.**  
Believe that we respect the names and pronouns that people prefer. It is impossible to know without asking. If you are not sure, ask "What are your preferred pronouns?"

**What are you REALLY? Have you had surgery? If not then you're not really a \_\_\_\_\_.**  
Asking anyone personal questions about their bodies and/or surgery is invasive and inappropriate. We do not ask non-trans people what is under their clothes, we shouldn't ask trans people either.

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KÄRLEK!

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Pansexual: A person who is emotionally, sexually, physically, or spiritually attracted to a person not based on any form of gender role.

LIEFDE!

AMOR!

SAYANG!

Bisexual: A person who is sexually, emotionally, physically, or spiritually attracted to both males and females.

Gay: A man who is sexually, emotionally, physically, or spiritually attracted to another man.

Bravery  
It's a hard thing to do but  
Find a reason to be brave  
  
I'll be brave when they stare  
Because I love staring into your eyes  
I'll be brave when they laugh  
Because I love your laughter  
I'll be brave when they say it's wrong  
Because I know I have it right  
I'll be brave when they judge  
Because I know you'll never judge me  
I'll be brave when I hold your hand  
When I kiss you goodnight  
When I hold you in my arms  
Because I love you, and I owe you that  
bravery  
  
I know it's hard being the couple we are  
Stepping outside of the box and out of  
line  
But our love is brave  
We are strong

LÁSKA!

Lesbian: A woman who is sexually, emotionally, physically, or spiritually attracted to another woman.

MEILÉ!

AMOUR!

DRAGOSTE!

Don't you think there is more to life than being really really

ridiculously good looking?



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Notions of BEAUTY +  
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OBSESSIONS AGING =



BEAUTY is not  
UNIVERSAL

\$33-billion-a-year diet industry  
the Maori admire a fat vulva, and  
the Padung, droopy  
breasts.

\$300-million cosmetic surgery industry



\$20-billion cosmetics industry



Self Hated +

What is  
Stigma

33 000 American WOMEN told  
researchers that they would rather

lose 10 to 15 lb than achieve  
any other goal.

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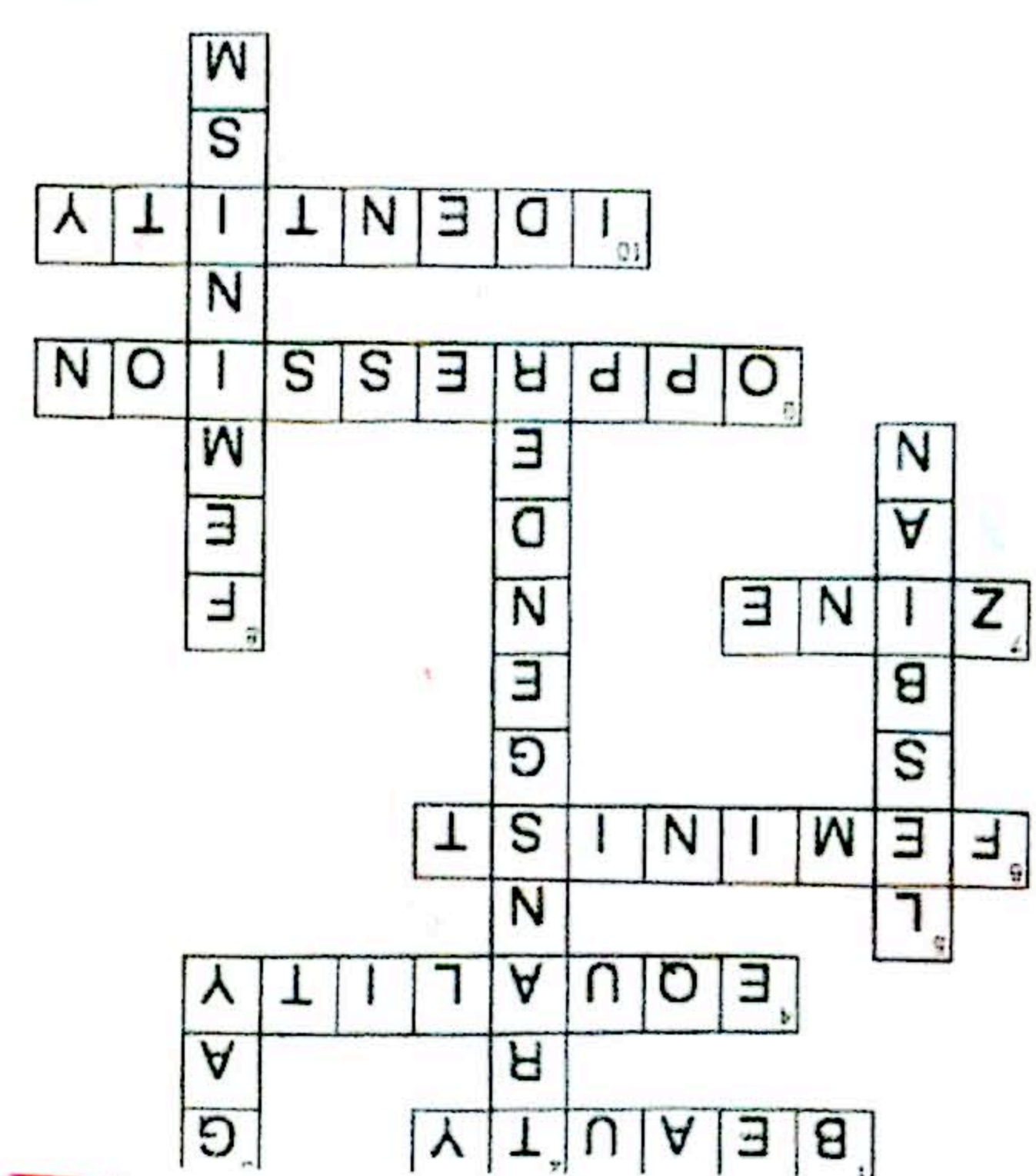
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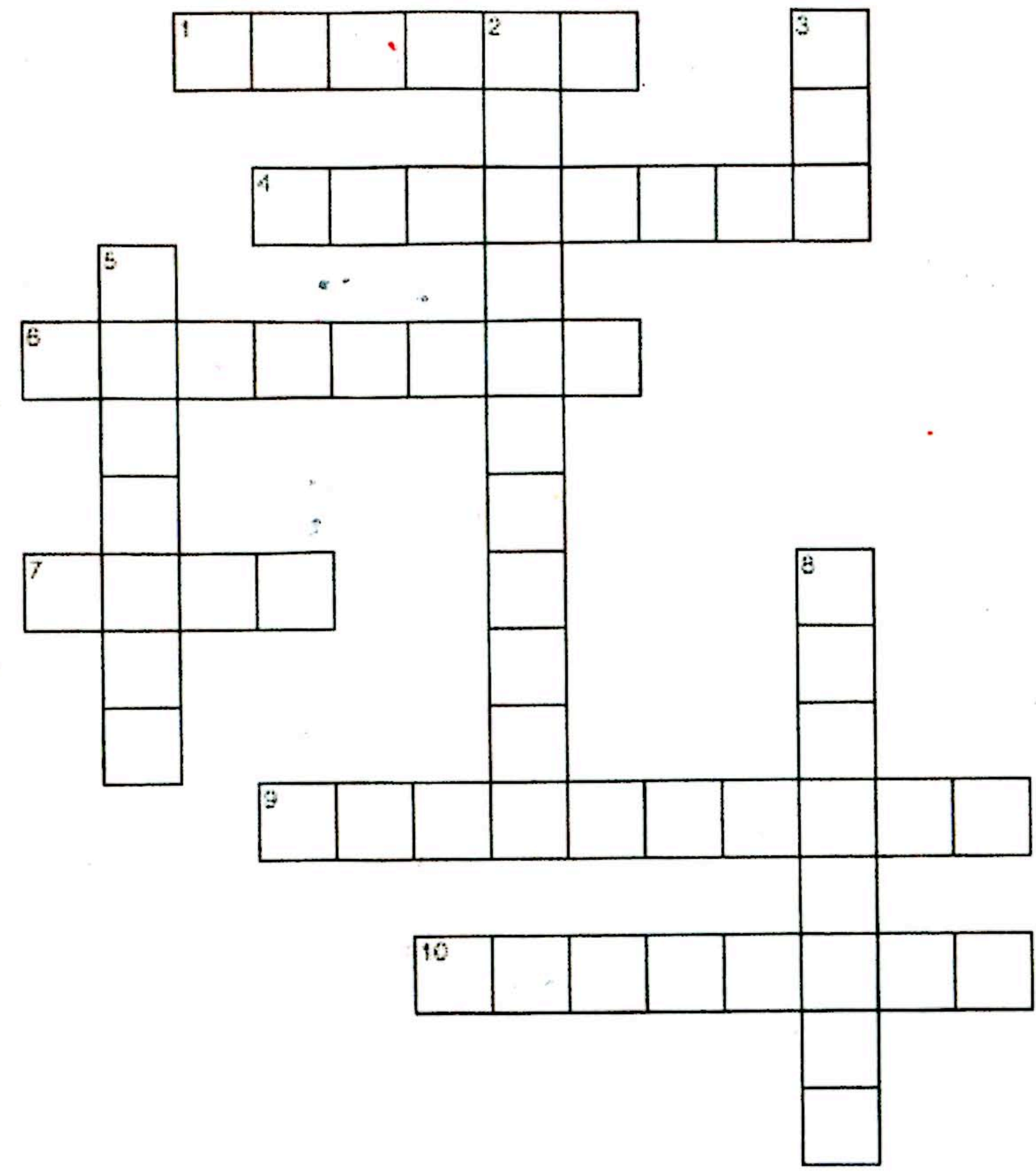


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- The way in which a person look, feels, acts, and goes about their life that should be respected and appreciated.
  - someone v
  - A man who is attracted to another man in many different aspects.
  - respect and equal treatment of all people regardless of race, class, gender, religion, or any other factor.
  - any other person of any gender, race, class, or anything else who believes in equality of all
  - a person of people.
  - A self published magazine that talks about any cruel or unjust treatment or control.
  - Prolonged
  - a person's own self, that shouldn't be judged or criticized.
  - a person's
- DOWN
- who acts outside of gender roles and societal expectations.
  - is attracted to another man in many different aspects.
  - A man who is attracted to another woman in many different aspects.
  - A woman v
  - concerned with equality and justice for all women.

# CROSSWORD



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concerned with equality

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A MOVEMENT THAT CELEBRATES WOMEN'S

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND STRUGGLE

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guarantees human dignity and equality