

DECIPHERING THE QUEER BOY PERSONALS

A PERSONAL AD, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MUST SAY SO MUCH WITH SO FEW WORDS. WITH ONE SHORT BLURD YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE VERY ESSENCE OF YOUR BEING. THE FOLLOWING IS A GUIDE TO COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES OF QUEER BOY PERSONALS. THEY HAVE BEEN DECIPHERED TO HELP CLARIFY WHAT IS REALLY TRYING TO BE SAID.

MASCULINE:

"I'VE FINALLY MANAGED TO SUPPRESS ALL OF MY FEMININE TENDENCIES."

"NO ONE CALLS ME SISSTY OR BEATS ME UP ON THE PLAYGROUND ANYMORE."

"OH HOW I WISH THAT I WERE STRAIGHT."

STRAIGHT ACTING:

"WHY GOD? WHY!? WHY DID YOU HAVE TO MAKE ME A FAG? I HATE FAGS."

SEEKS YOUNGER MAN:

"I'M A TROLL."

"I BELONG TO N.A.M.B.L.A."

ENJOYS CONVERSATION:

"I'M A MASTER OF MEANINGLESS SMALL TALK."

EDUCATED:

"I HAVEN'T OPENED A BOOK SINCE COLLEGE."

PROFESSIONAL:

"I'M BETTER THAN THE MASSES AND DON'T DATE ANYONE WHO MAKES LESS THAN ME."

DISCRETE:

"I'M SO ASHAMED OF WHO I AM."

"YOU WON'T EMBARRASS ME IN FRONT OF MY STRAIGHT FRIENDS... WILL YOU."

"I'M A CLOSET CASE."

HEALTHY:

"I'M TOO AFRAID TO GET TESTED, BUT I LOOK AND FEEL HEALTHY."

NO FATS, FEMS, OR BLACKS:

"I'M A RACIST, SEXIST, GYM FOST DIET FAG. DON'T SPEAK TO ME NO MATTER HOW PERFECT YOU THINK YOU ARE."

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