

*(Dale, Jeff A, Jeff B, Marc, sitting on stools. They have papers/stuff in their hands, maybe drinks, something. Look cool. No camping. But no butching it up either.)*

JEFF B:

We're queer.

DALE:

Yep.

*(They all look at each other and nod.)*

DALE:

All of us. Queer.

JEFF A:

Queer.

MARC:

Queer, queer, queer.

JEFF B:

Gayboys. Faggots. Pansies. Nancy-boys.

MARC:

Nancy-boys. That one always makes me laugh.

JEFF B:

That is because you are a homosexual.

MARC:

Ayup. Flaming.

DALE:

Yep. Flaming. Me too.

JEFF A:

Gay gay gay gay gay.

MARC:

Yep.

JEFF A:

Although...

DALE:

What?

JEFF A:

To be fair, I *am* gay.

DALE:

So?

JEFF B:

What's that got to do with it?

DALE:

Totally irrelevant.

MARC:

Nothing to do with the issue at hand.

DALE:

Which is...

JEFF B:

We're queer.

DALE:

Abso

MARC:

fucking

JEFF A:

lutely

ALL:

queer.

DALE:

MARC:

I draw and paint. And I write music.

I do theatre.

MARC:

JEFF B:

As do I.

Me too. Doing it right now.

DALE:

JEFF A:

It's pretty inescapable. We're queer as they come.

Theatre. Love it.

JEFF B:

DALE:

We know what you're thinking.

Same here. We all do. We're all

JEFF A:

ALL:

Yeah, we run into it all the time.

queer.

JEFF B:

DALE:

It's a "lifestyle choice."

I took ballet for five years. I love to dance.

MARC:

JEFF B:

We don't *have* to be this way.

I'm a writer. I've written novels, and right now I'm head over heels into a mammoth poem based on Native American creation mythologies.

DALE:

MARC:

We could *choose* to be...

Movies. And books. Love 'em.

MARC:

DALE:

...normal?

Oh, and I sing.

DALE:

MARC:

Yeah. Normal.

As do I. And I play several instruments.

MARC:

JEFF A:

"Normal."

I take photos.

JEFF B:

JEFF B:

But you're wrong. We didn't choose to be this way. We were born this way.

Me too. Absolutely.

JEFF A:

It's just who we are.

DALE:

I did my first play when I was six. I wrote my first play when I was eight.

MARC:

I knew very early I was different.

JEFF B:

It's not a choice.

MARC:

It's not.

JEFF A:

We have to do what we do.

DALE:

Be who we are.

MARC:

Write the music. Do the theatre. Sing the songs.

JEFF B:

Be who we are. *(Pause.)* Queer.

MARC:

Queer.

JEFF A:

Queer.

DALE:

Fucking queer.

JEFF A:

So... thanks for understanding.

JEFF B:

And enjoy the show!