

GENDER REVEAL PARTY

An autoethnographic game

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Act 1

Gender Reveal Party, take one

This is a game about *my* trans experience. My trans experience is shaped by the fact that I'm white, that I went to college, and work in a well paying union job, with decent health insurance. My trans experience is shaped by my supportive partner, by the non-discrimination laws in New York, and by my accepting friends. This isn't everyone's experience, it is not even a common experience, I am incredibly privileged. So, as you play through the game of my gender, keep that in mind.

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This is an experiment. How can a game about myself, about my experience, be academic?

How can I justify this?



Me

This is a game about my trans experience.



Me

This is Willamae.



Therapist

This is what Washington State University has to say about dissociation:

The image is a composite. On the left, a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue plaid suit, stands against a red wall, making a peace sign. A blue and purple patterned scarf is draped around his neck. On the right, a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and green shorts, stands in a room. He is holding a black and white cat. The room has a large clock on the wall and a sculpture of a rooster. Two text boxes are overlaid on the image.

did you always know you were trans?

Shift+Win

what were you like as a kid?





Me

I am 18, and I am applying to colleges. Where should I go?



Me

My journal from before I went to college stresses how much I didn't want to be in a relationship. I had this idea of complete independence, of remaking myself completely.



Me

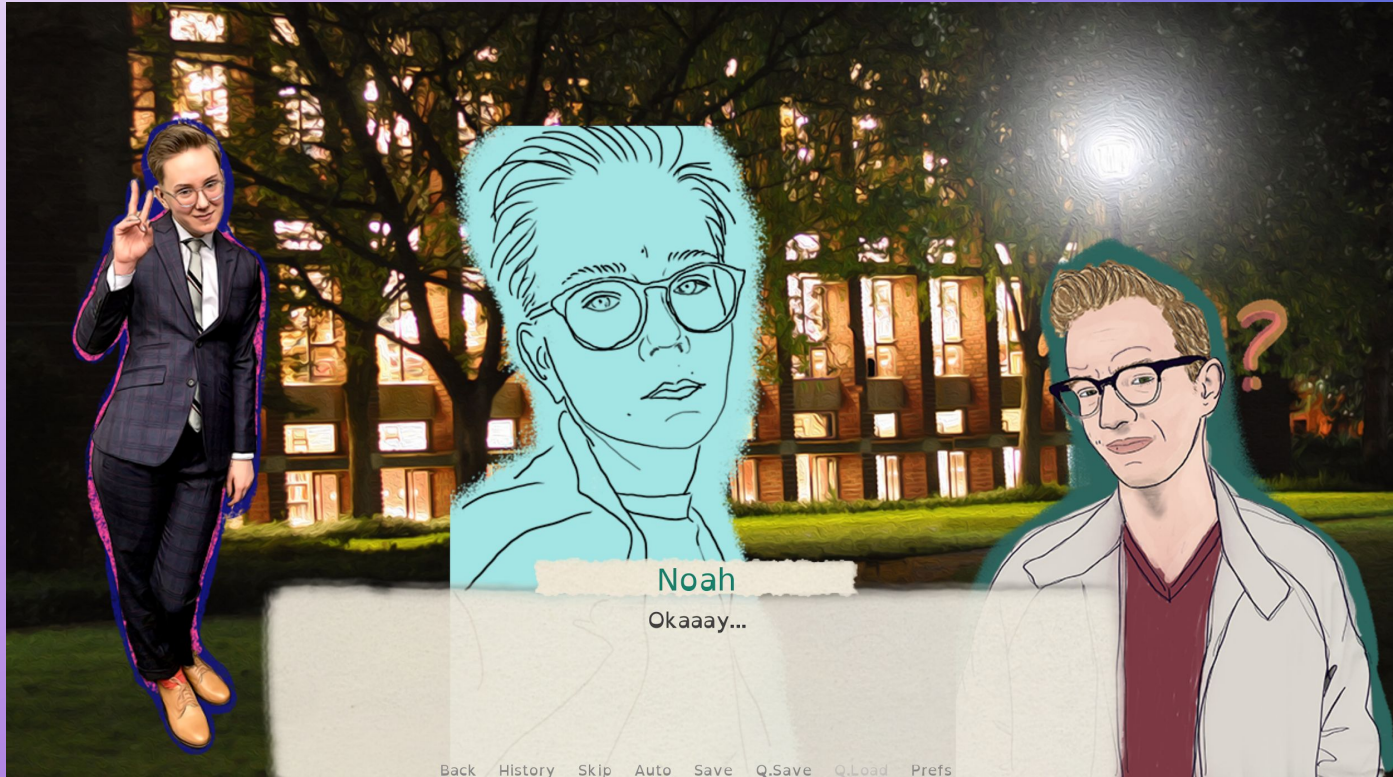
When I first started the pill, I felt high, I felt emotional, I felt like my connection to my body was severed. I felt like I was going insane.



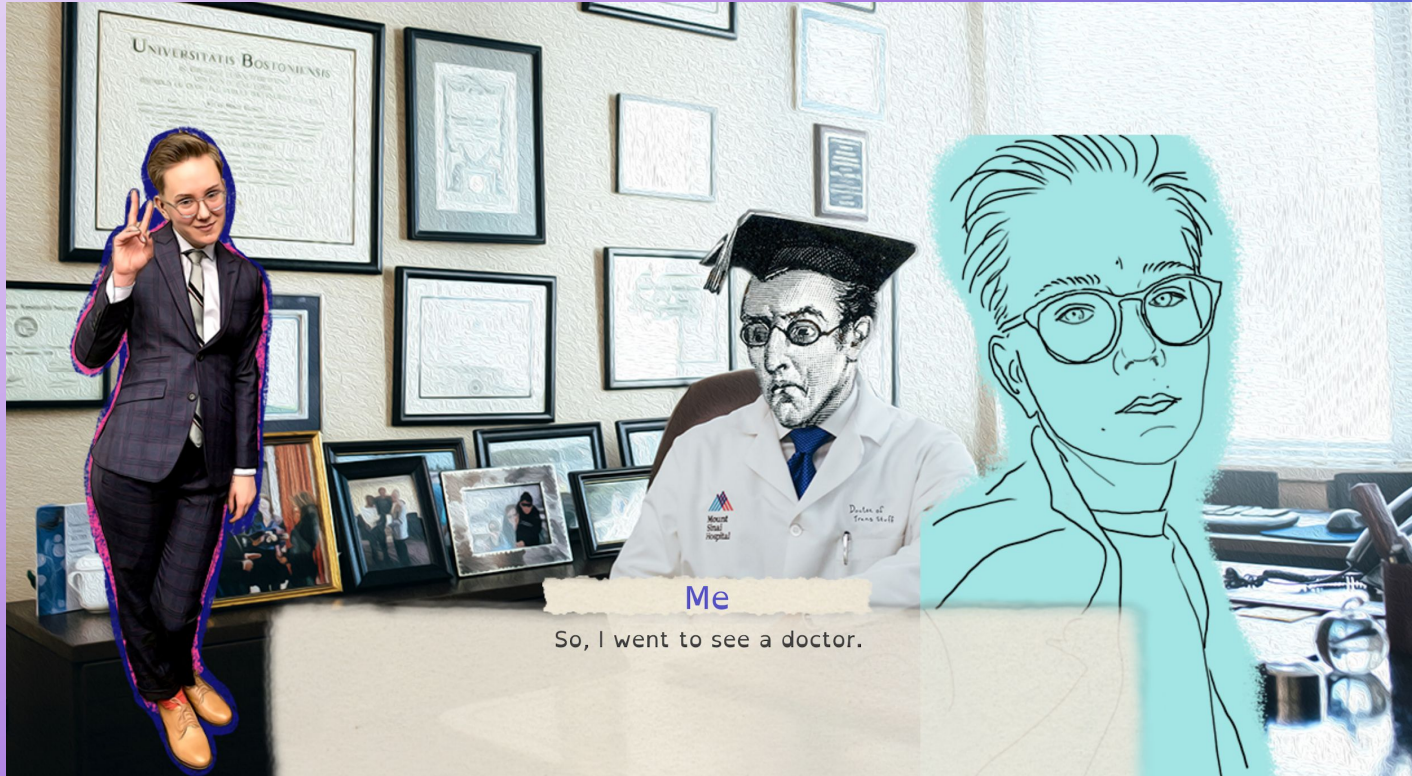
Willamie

Noah, I don't know what's wrong with me. My body feels so wrong. I hate living inside of it. It feels so wrong.









Me

So, I went to see a doctor.

If you would like to play Gender Reveal Party, take a picture of this slide and then visit my itch.io page!

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