

The One

Tommy #2
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~~TOMMY
Do you wanna grab a bite?~~

~~JEN
You free for dinner?~~

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~~INT. RESTAURANT - NIGHT~~

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~~Both are a little drunk from wine and a good meal. They sit
very close together. There's an attraction.~~

~~JEN
.... So, have you always known you
were gay?~~

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TOMMY
Yeah.... I think so. Definitely.
But I guess it took me awhile to
realize or I guess accept that I
could actually love another man,
you know the way a man loves a
woman. Not just as a sexual
partner.

JEN
Huh. So, have you ever been in
love?

TOMMY
I've been in fatuation. Many
times.

He turns away.

TOMMY (CONT'D)
In love.... Yeah... Just once.

Jen senses that it's painful. She touches his hand.

A LITTLE LATER --

Tommy who is in the midst of telling the tale of Aristophanes
from Plato's "Symposium."

TOMMY (CONT'D)
... you see the Greeks believed
that there were three sexes: the
all male, the all female, and the
"androgynous," who was half man,
half woman. The creatures tried to
scale the heights of heaven and
planned to set upon the gods.
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TOMMY (CONT'D)

Zeus thought about just blasting them to death with thunderbolts, but did not want to deprive himself of their devotions and offerings, so he decided to cripple them by chopping them in half.

Jen is enthralled.

TOMMY (CONT'D)

After chopping the people in half, Zeus turned half their faces around and pulled the skin tight and stitched it up to form the belly button. So it was believed that these new creatures, humans, are always searching for their other half. The all males searched for their male counter-part, the females the females, and the androgenous searched for the opposite.

JEN

So do you really believe that there is only one person out there for you?

Tommy shrugs.

JEN (CONT'D)

Do you believe that person you loved was your other half?

TOMMY

It's a nice story. A myth. What about you? Is Daniel your other half?

Jen nods her head.

JEN

(drunken confession) I'm just not sure if I am his.

TOMMY

He loves you.

JEN

Yeah. I know. I know he does. It's just...

TOMMY

What?

JEN

I don't know. I'm not sure I'm good enough. (beat) My father left my mother. When I was 8. Had an affair with her best friend. I have "abandonment issues."

He touches her hand. He's about to say something, but she cuts him off.

JEN (CONT'D)

Sorry. I'm babbling. I drank too much. (changing subject as well).
How's work treating you?

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EXT. MANHATTAN STREET

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Tommy and Jen walk home. They stand very close together as it's cold and they are a little drunk. Jen is under dressed, so Tommy puts his scarf around her neck. She smells the scarf as it's under her nose.

JEN

(pleased with the scent) Mmmmm.
Smells good.

Tommy smiles pleased.

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INT. DANIEL'S BEDROOM -- NIGHT

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Jen enters the bedroom. She has a drunken glow. She realizes she still has Tommy's scarf and takes it off. Daniel is in bed reading. He looks at the clock radio.

DANIEL

You were out late.

JEN

Sorry. Lost track of time.

DANIEL

Who were you out with?

She hesitates a second before answering.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Whose scarf is that?

JEN

Your friend... Tommy.

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