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'yes i
am
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bitch.'

this is something i said when i
was trying to drink myself to
death.

PRINCESS HARMING

A CHAPBOOK

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i think we've all
'done' porn before.

i think.

here was where my
genitals were
supposed to be.

i was going to put
them here

and you were going to
look at them

and pass silent
judgment

it's like OKCupid but
'artistic.'

at the end of the day
i did not because i
was scared of all
that unspoken
judgment.

it's like not at all
pornographic.

i do watch porn from
time to time.

i'm alone so often,
not necessarily
lonely.

look, dude, you
should come over and
make porn with me.

i've seen straight
pornography before
when i lived in a
fraternity in
college.

when everyone would
get to drunk and
watch it together.

and i saw some of it
once and it was okay.

i'm not afraid of it
and i never will be.

i've just never seen
people in large
groups watch porn
together.

i can't imagine being
in love with someone
over porn.

internet love
cockteases irl love
with a strangling
premonition of need.

i can be human.

we all fuck irl,
frequently or
infrequently.

but why not cyber
with someone who
isn't really cybering
with you.

there's a point when
you forget the word
cyber and you feel
great. for fucking
ever.

there is nothing to
be afraid of. i love
you.

my name is nathan k.
masserang and i am a
gay man with a shit
load of potential in
this world.

i was once a member
of gay.com.

i think i still am.

there are men and
boys on there that
didn't want to talk
to me.

well i guess that is
okay.

i don't even know if
it was a dating site
or what.

it's not OKCupid.
it's not match.com.
it's not, like, i
don't know.

i would go on there
and people would ask
me about my penis.

sext: please come
over and finish your
laundry i kind of
need the dryer 😊

i'm too bashful
to even talk about my
penis to other people
in a romantic
context.

only two men have
seen my penis in a
romantic context.

thanks to the
internet i can
attempt to show my
penis romantically to
everyone.

it's not about shame,
and it's not about
shamelessness.

everytime i go to a
gay pride rally i
remember why i don't
go to gay pride
rallies.

i made a huge deal
that i was going to
motor city pride on
facebook to make
people think that i
was getting laid that
weekend.

i wasn't planning on
it, just appeasing
those who wanted me
to fuck someone i
didn't even know.

i am Kelly Clarkson.

i actually dressed
ugly to play the
part.

my friend asked me
why i was wearing my
knit cap in the
middle of summer
there.

i said it was because
my hair was messy and
didn't feel like
doing it.

really i just look
fucking hideous in
it.

the stares i got were
awesome.

i'd rather be homely
and unfuckable than
proud and vacuous.

i am actually a
virgin lol. i say
that i'm not one to
make me appealing to
men.

there is a boy that i
tell people i slept
with and had a
'relationship' with

when really he is
just another lie made
to make myself appear
used and normal.

i've said that to men
that said they wanted
to 'hook up.'

i lie out of fear.

another summer camp
lie that might have
been true but praying
that it always has
been true.

as i've always said,
i'm princess. looking
for someone charming,
i suppose.

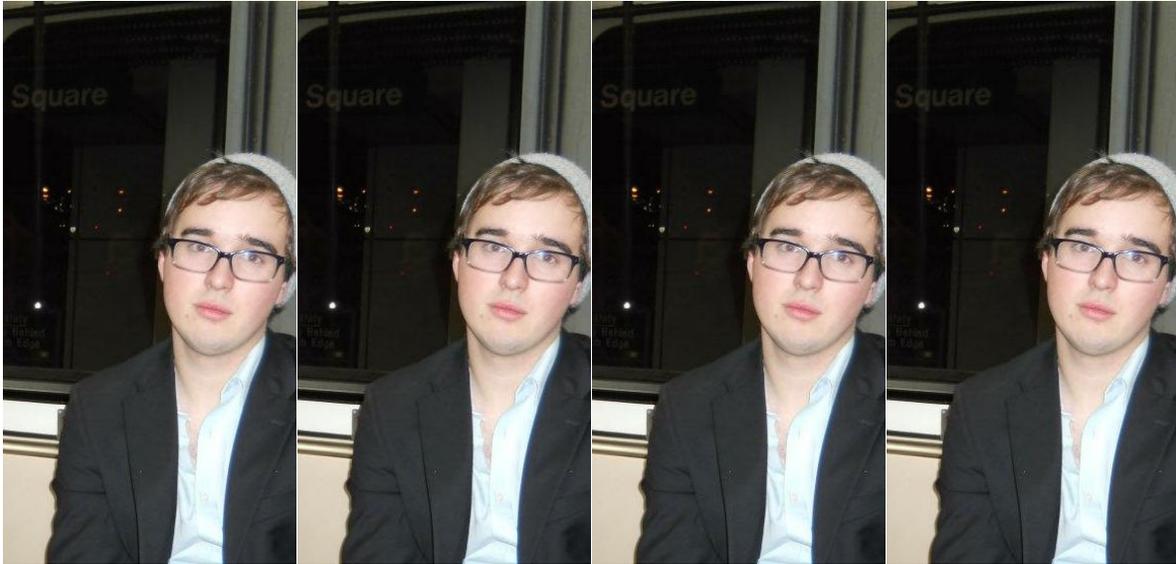
i've taken every quiz
online to tell me
which Disney princess
i am.

i get a different one
each time.

when in reality, i
would want to be all
of them.

to know that there is
something in me worth
fighting for is nice.

i am finding
appealing things in
myself and throwing
them away because i'm
scared and i think
that life is better
off without them.



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