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Personal Memoir

If you believed that no matter what you did that you were fated to die. No matter what you did or didn't do, that you would die young or miserable, what would you do? That was ultimately the choice I was faced with last year. After a whole year I was stuck in a part time cashier job after I graduated high school. The worst part was that I was stuck in my own skin because I am transgender, someone who identifies with a gender different than their birth sex. I had known and struggled accepting this for years at that point. I had recognized these feelings since high school, but my parents were less than supportive about it. So, since I was dependent on them even after I turned 18, I didn’t pursue Hormone Replacement Therapy (abbreviated as HRT). Which would mean