

## The Living Experiment

Figuring out life one educated guess at a time

### It's been a bit (+154 days since SRS)

So it's been a while... It's been over 5 months since SRS. And will be closing on 6 months here in another week or two. Wow has that time gone quick. Each day, especially that first month or two into it, felt like it was hard to just get through the day at times. But now I'm looking back and going "okay... so I said 6 months was the point I was 'healed', now I'm about there... now what?" Much of the past 6 months has been just getting through each day, week, holiday, whatever. It's been grueling and honestly kind of miserable. However after the first 3 months that really was entirely around the non-SRS stuff going on (romantic relationship stuff, roommate stuff, work, etc). And the biggest thing, is that the past 4-6 weeks have become just routine with SRS healing. I've gotten off, and while I can't get there every time I can get there. Stitches are long gone. Pain is long gone, with the exception of a random momentary pain point (which could just be hair getting pulled). I can dilate in about 30 minutes if I need to, and the small usually can slip right in to where it's only the last inch or two that take me a few minutes. From starting to depth was 15-20 minutes, now it's 5 or less usually. So now what?

Well. Dating is quickly losing my interest. This is pretty normal for me post-breakups though and getting back out there. I go "I JUST WANT TO DATE" immediately after things end, and started down that path. Went on some dates, met some people, made some new female friends which is nice. But I still have to disclose SRS stuff for the time being. And it kind of makes dating really fucking suck. Plus the people in my area aren't really my type of people. I dislike the sit around watching football, drinking beer all the time, eating crappy food, etc crap. Couple these together and it makes dating a chore. So I'll continue that, but that's more of just a "I like meeting people" thing more than "I need somebody." Although, I

really do miss having somebody to come home to and look forward to seeing after work trips.

So I think it's about time for a change. The past 2 years have been such a massive internal change for me that I don't associate at all with the person I used to be. I see pics and feel almost an emptiness there about that person. I love who and where I am with myself. But this area isn't for me. And the place I live ties me to my past. It ties me to the person I was. I can't be outdoors, or hang out with a ton of like-minded peers, or date easily, or do anything that I want to be doing here. So I think I'm nearing one of the last big parts of transition... Moving and "starting over" in many regards.

The life I had built is over. I need to rebuild a new life for myself. With people who know me only as this person, instead of having to "get used to" or "adjust" to this person. I've gotten to experience other cities, people, etc thanks to my job and honestly the people I've met post transition, who may know I'm trans or might not, interact with me in the way I want to be interacted with. I know this post is more of a post of rambling and not heavily related to SRS directly, but the thing of it is that this is very much tied to SRS.

SRS is going to enable me to start somewhere and basically be "accidental stealth". Or hell even just stealth entirely. I've wanted to move. I've wanted to leave this area. I've wanted to transition. And up until SRS I'd have left this area, moved somewhere new, be seen as a woman... but always have something that kept me from being entirely seen that way. So as I approach 6 months post-op I'm seeing an awesome future ahead.

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