

# Devyn

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This is Devyn and Alix.  
They're boyfriends.



They're also Trans.  
Trans means someone  
whose gender identity  
is different than the  
one assigned at birth.



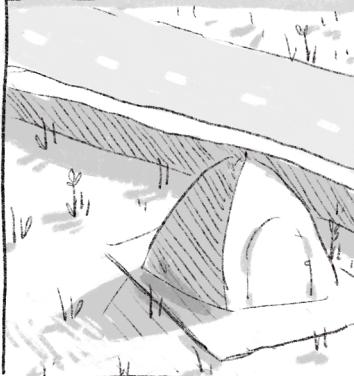
Devyn and Alix  
moved to Pittsburgh  
to get out of the Bible  
Belt, hoping to find  
a more accepting  
community.



When Devyn came  
out as trans, his dad  
kicked him out of the  
house and cut him off  
from his sisters.



But even before  
coming out, Devyn had  
been in and out of  
homelessness since  
he was fifteen.



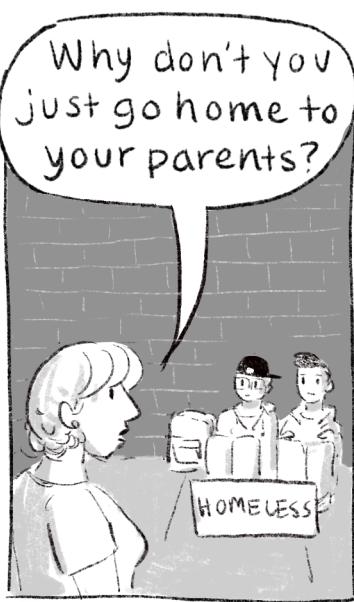
Devyn and Alix are 21  
and 20 years old.



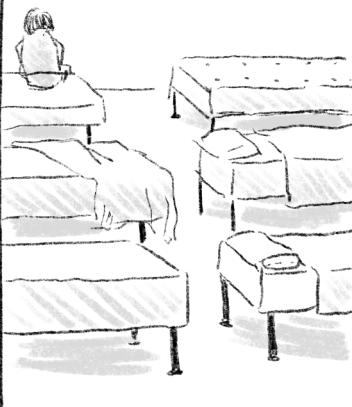
People don't want  
to believe you're  
homeless when you're  
young. They say  
things like:



Why don't you  
just go home to  
your parents?



LGBT specific shelters are rare.



Most shelters don't even have staff familiar with LGBT needs.



Finding clothes is another major challenge.



Many people think that shelters are only for women fleeing abusive spouses.



The result is that the vast majority of clothing donated to shelters is for women.



What little there is for men is often much too big.



To find clothes that fit, Devyn tried shoplifting.



He is currently waiting on a preliminary hearing for theft.



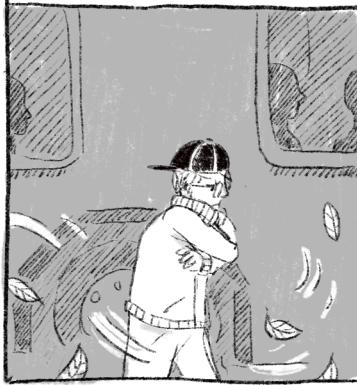
Devyn is also currently searching for a new job.



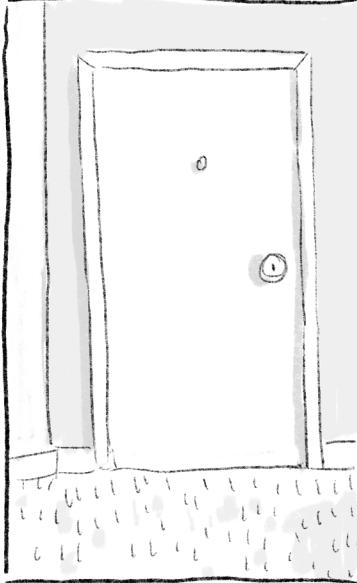
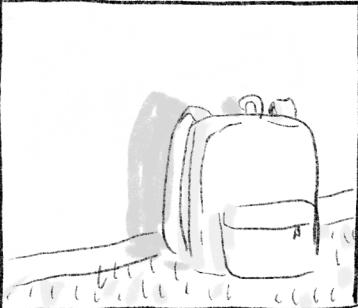
His last job fired him after he went to the emergency room following a suicide attempt.



The job search is made harder because he doesn't always have money for the bus.



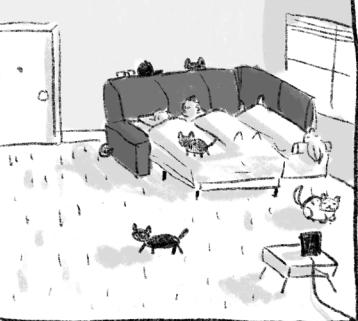
Devyn hopes for easier access to public transportation for homeless people, as well as better training for shelter staff.



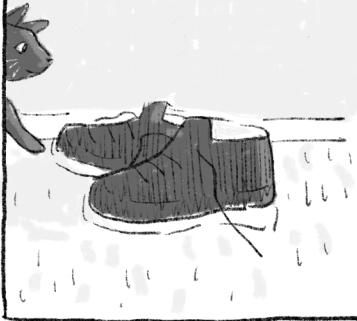
Devyn currently lives in an apartment with Alix, a roommate, and five rescued cats.



There's still a lot of things they need, but they're happy to be off of the street and out of shelters.



Together, they hope to find security, stability, and hopefully some more furniture.



Together, they're building themselves a home.

