

Wallpaper

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To all the strong and courageous women who came before me. The ones that started the movement. For all the ones who said “fuck your stereotypes”.

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B.I.T.C.H.

Bitch.

Noun.

A woman who will not appease a man just because.

I remember the first time a boy called me a bitch.

We were playing basketball and he didn't like that I was better at it than he was.

We were in the fifth grade.

Once a woman hits puberty
it seems there is a general consensus
amongst the male population, that
if she doesn't give you what you want,
she is a bitch. Even if she is 10 years old.

When I told the man harassing me at the bar
that I was 1,000% not interested in his greasy ass
he told me:

“You don't have to be such a bitch.”

When I am working on a team project
and expected my male coworkers to
actually listen to what I have to say
I know what they are thinking.

“She is such a fucking bitch.”

They would never say the words out loud,
but I can see it living in their eyes,
hanging on to the last bit of enamel on their teeth
trying to pry its way out of their mouths
and into my world hoping it will stick
like a dagger in my back.

A woman who speaks her mind
and knows what value she holds
taking no less than what she deserves.

Bitch.

A man who speaks his mind
and takes credit for other's hard work,
that is future management material.

Go ahead and call me a bitch.

Throw as many daggers at my back
as you can possibly muster.

One day I am going to take one of those daggers
and you're going to turn around to it
coming right back at you,
and I don't miss.

Curvature

The sensual curvature
of a woman's body.
From her hips to her ass
are what is most important.

We don't care about
the contents of her brain.
But how she can best serve
the men sitting at the table.

Museum

She was like a museum
hanging all her past
hurts on the walls
of her heart as exhibits
for her next visitor.

Grave

At some point,
you will have to decide
if you're going to step
into the grave as the person
you created to appease the world.
Or if you're finally going to
lay that person to rest and
show the world the real you.

Wallpaper

Treated as though
the only value you
can add to a room,
is to make it “pretty”
purely ornamental,
wallpaper.