



I am Lety

(two Spirits)

Dramedy
8x52
Part 1

What it means to be a man or a woman or something else like a two-spirit.

Two-spirit

Two-spirit: *s.* Pan-Indian term. Individuals that have both a masculine and a feminine spirit sharing one body holding a mystical power; someone who changes his/her gender sex or belongs to a third-gender.





Logline

A teenager's most important decision, changing his gender sex, causes a domino effect that will turn his family's life into a roller coaster, ups and downs.



Short Synopsis ★

Today is the day I am reborn. Today, no matter what, I'll stop pretending being someone else. Today I am not rising from my ashes, for this is no melodrama, but I do rise to overcome my fears, my insecurity and to stop caring about what other people might say about me. And... okay, there will be some drama for I don't expect to be cheered, nor padded –even if your family loves you, that doesn't mean they can understand you. There will be tears ... yes; anger ... that too; disappointment ... ugh, but it would hurt much more if I keep living a lie. My parents raised me in honor of truth: I am a woman of the XXI century, determined and brave, willing to learn about my femininity. It will be a lot of fun! And, okay, not everyone will burst out laughing as I go through and drag them down into all kind of changes and embarrassing situations. We will live some family tragedy for being a woman I have lived the first 18 years of my life trapped in a man's body. I am a two-spirit.

Synopsis

There are people who don't know who they are or who they want to be. Some of them find their path once they are old, not me. I've always known who I am, I just wanted to avoid my family's rejection, listening to them telling me, "no" -one of my mom's heritage, she is a master going along with my dad just to get away with everything! like my grandma did. Today I turn 18, and it won't matter anymore them saying, "no", to my decision. I am Lety not Martín, and this is not my story for it still has to be written. I want them to go along with me all this way, witnessing my rebirth as the woman I have always been. My family is waiting for me to celebrate my 18th birthday, my legal age. This is the first time they will see me as the woman I really am. Stockings, heels, perfect nails, waxing (ouch!), makeup, I'm a mess! Ah, but at the end I look so stylish and feminine! I am a lady just like my mom and I am ready to go. Life is like raining, it refreshes or soaks you, it leaves you soft and smooth or all wrinkled - not a fancy look.





As soon as I introduce myself, "I am Lety," they are all full of doubts and clueless of what should they do. It's scary but I am courageous. A life without risks is no life and mine is about to go through all kinds of things. For starters, I declare Martín dead-kind of for I am a two-spirit. I now must change my legal status, name and genre, and start a new life as Lety. Uffffff! Lety must work, go to the university, get new friends-women friends. Till now, Carla and my mother are the only women in my life.

I can't wait to go on date. It's all so exciting! I also need to have transgender hormone therapy male-to-female for one thing is to say some Latino women have a mustaches and another one is to have a real beard to shave daily! I am sweet-I've always been-, sensitive, attentive, a hug and kiss giver; I am a princess. I must be the real thing. Thank God I love fashion! I can bring out my beauty in a very feminine way. Oh, and I will share my achievements and novel knowledge becoming an influencer. You will end up learning something about yourself watching my videos.

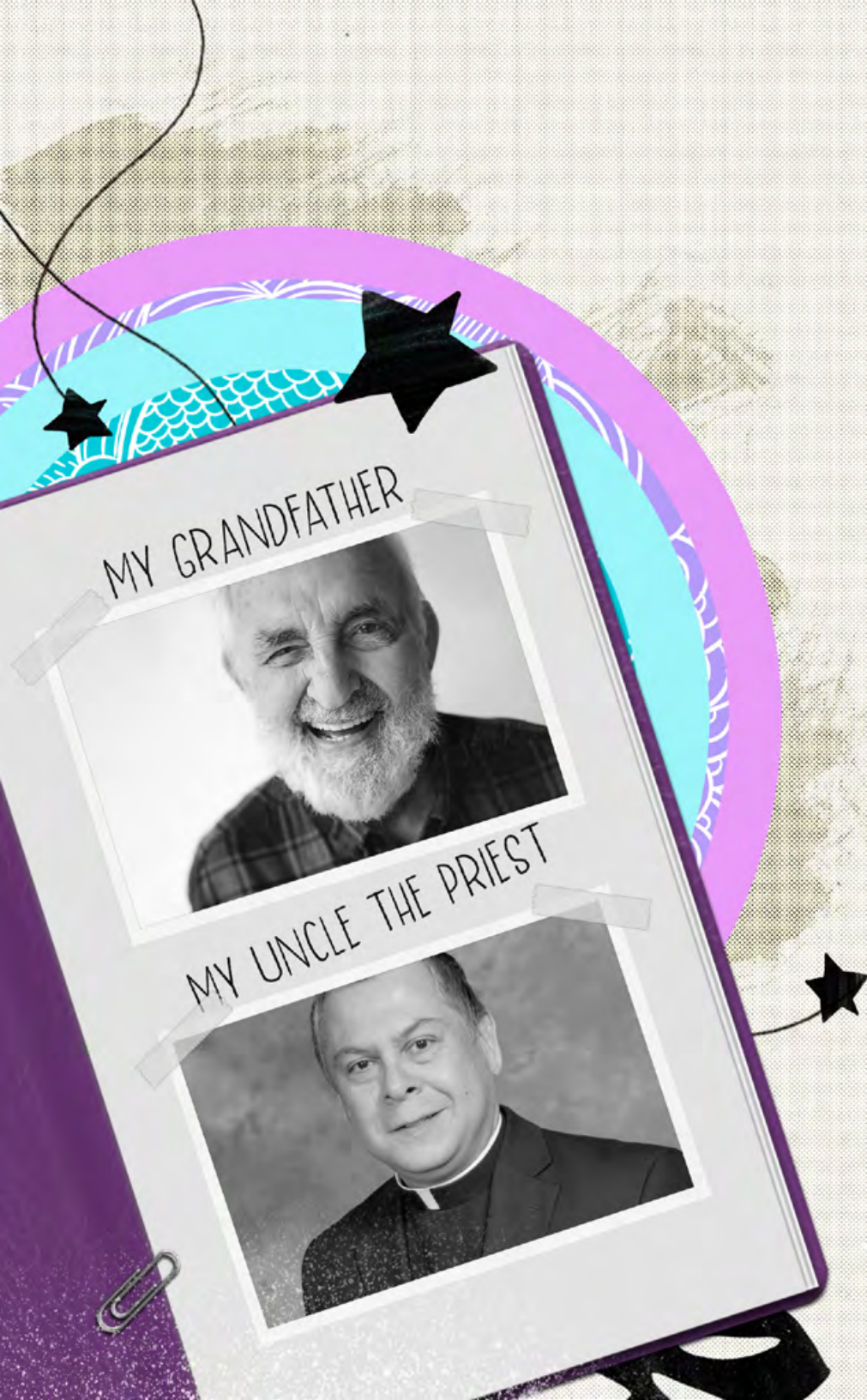
My choice will cause a domino effect, bringing questions and more questions to all of us: what makes us a family?

Who are we? Will we remain the same after this turmoil? Can they forgive? Is their love enough for them to stand by me? Will I keep my younger brother's admiration now that I am a hero with feet of clay? I love my bro but I won't be able to protect him from being bullied. And maybe it is karma for he has always been the bullier. On the other hand, what makes a man a man or a woman a woman? What defines us? Is there a third gender or more? For starters, I am a two-spirit, a man and a woman's soul living in the same body.

My father believes I am confused and that he is the one to blame. That is not true, I am not lost and he has always been by my side. He has always been very open-minded, so what's going on?! My brother is the high school star, the quarterback of the football team, the singer of his rock band, handsome, virile and... a bullier -nobody is perfect. My Millennial mother always dreamt about having a daughter. She's thrilled having me but my dad expects her to bring me to my senses. No way! We have so much fun going shopping, to the spa (the secret of her eternal youth), to the beauty parlor - she always sensed I had a feminine spirit. And what



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about my uncle? He is a priest. He needs to understand I'm not sick or a sinner - well, not on this one. I am a believer and I won't give up my life's choice. Our main matter of debate is about all human beings being equal before God. You also must meet my grandpa, a macho in the image of classic Mexican film stars like Pedro Infante, Luis Aguilar. He is an Amerindian born in Juchitán, Oaxaca, where being gay or transgender is being part of a third genre, a muxe -a word some people mistakenly use to offend others. In Juchitán, male and female roles are not defined by genre; things get done by whomever is available. What matters is to fulfill the community needs. My grandpa knows I am a two-spirit. Juchitan is not the only culture that recognizes the existence of a third genre: the Mayans did, the Chilean Machi, the indigenous natives of Brazil, the sadhin and hijras in India, the berdaches and mohave in the United States, countries like Italy, Polynesia and even Thailand and Germany! There is so much to learn about it and my grandpa will be my mentor. There is someone else I need to tell you about, Carla, my girlfriend, Martín's girlfriend.



I love her deeply, but will she be able to understand who I really am? I am having a hard time trying to figure out how I feel about her for if I love her, does that makes me, Lety, gay? I like men, I want a boyfriend. Am I bisexual? No. I want Carla to be my best friend, to stand by me. I need her to understand. There is no way I am going to lose her. Besides, I can help her find and conquer the greatest man for her. Also, as Carla wants to be a psychologist, she can shed light on so many things I need to learn and understand! It sounds great but what if she or I start dating and we are jealous? We must develop a new relationship: exciting, intimate, of mutual acceptance and respect. I believe we are soul mates - two parts of the same body, separated at birth, willing to do anything to meet and become one single person again. For sure, we fall apart from a woman's body.

Share this moment of joy when I become Lety. Go along with me on this journey. By the time I will be baptized as Lety by the native Amerindians, we will find out who really stands by me and who is saying, "No."

Characters

Lety (18):

The older of two brothers. I was born and baptized Martín, but I have always known my real name is Lety. I am attractive and maybe too slender for the Greek image of a man's body. I am physically and emotionally strong. Cheerful and funny, my optimism helps me go through all kind of situations, always with a smile; I am mischievous. I want to become an architect and I love my family deeply as well as, my... Martín's girlfriend, Carla, my soulmate. We will find a way to develop a new relationship. I am stylized and fashionable. My mentor and biggest support is Don Gobiz, my grandfather.





Santi (17):

11 months younger than Lety. He is the prototype of the handsome popular boy, manly, popular among women. He is the quarterback of the football team and plays in a rock band. He can be a bully. He always has a hard time trying to look strong against adversity. He is good hiding his feelings. He seems unable to understand and accept Martín's transformation into Lety. Martín was his hero and mentor, the one who taught him how to seduce women, to networking. What he fears the most about my revealing, is the bullying. He is going to do anything, even fistfight against me, to prevent people from finding out I, Lety, used to be Martín.

Carla (18):

She is attractive and very sexy, born the same day as Martín... Lety -that is the main reasons why we believe we are soulmates. We have been dating for a year and a half. For her, the most important thing in a relationship is being honest with each other. Once Martín introduces himself as Lety before telling her first, Carla feels betrayed. Nevertheless, she also has her share of secrets and there is one that can change everything between us. Now her main issue is what to do with all these mixed feelings she has for the one person she believed was the love of her life.





Don Gobiz (64):

My maternal grandfather. He is the son of a Zapotec man and a Native American woman. His name means "Sun" in Zapotec. He married a Spanish ethnologist interested in studying his community ethnicity. He was very young when he came to be in charge of his only child, María. Once he moved to Mexico City, he opened a dry cleaner. He is a wise man who gives very good advice. Being perceived by his family as the perfect macho, no one can understand why he can be so cool about Martín now being Lety. He always knew I was his granddaughter, a two-spirit, and he always treated me, Lety, as one. He becomes my accomplice and mentor and opens me a door to a world where transgender is not the only existing genre besides being a man or a woman.



Juan Carlos (49):

A not too open-minded dad even if he seems to be one. Family always comes first. He embraces a traditional vision of the world. He is an architect and feels quite comfortable being the family provider; neither his wife nor children have to worry about clothing, food, studying, nothing. As a liberal man, he has no problem being married to María, my mom, a successful entrepreneur who earns her own money. He defends women's rights. He married María because he really loves her and because she got pregnant. Now that I turned out being a girl, he blames himself for always having been more attentive to Santi than me. His main aim is to find out if there is anything he can do to reverse this mess? He doesn't believe in therapy and neither is he willing to talk with me as Lety -he doesn't know how. He wants mom to solve the issue for him, as she always does. In the meantime, he gets into working until his partners dish him because of "the Lety's affair." He has always pictured himself as the perfect father but now he can't accept my choice.

María del Carmen:

Her look highlights her elegance and beauty. She is a simple woman who loves fashion, a real trendy. Once she got pregnant without being married, at first, her dad kicked her out but repented after a few days and had her back. She is her father's princess, proactive, curious and eager to learn everything. She could have been a great scientist but chose to become an interior decorator to share more time with Juan Carlos -she decorates whatever Juan Carlos builds. He is the love of her life. Working is her hobby. She is really open-minded. Her priorities are her husband and her children. She always wanted to have a daughter so when I decide to become Lety she is the happiest mom in the world! The truth is she always suspected of me as a two-spirit. Now she seems to have no time to waste to enjoy sharing things with me, her daughter. She will resent seeing my dad taking distance after "the Lety's affair." Their marriage will be on the verge of crisis but she is willing to do everything to keep her family and her marriage together.





Father Emmanuel (52):

The older brother of Juan Carlos. He is a traditional and simple man but also a rebel and modern Jesuit. His maxim is, "love thy neighbor as thy love yourself." He married my parents. When I declared being Lety, he revised the Bible and other religious documents for guidance. At first, he believes therapy will cure me, but I give a fair fight: we are all equal before God. He'll work on reconciling his believes with the profound love he has for his family, for me. We constantly debate on the matter at a mezcal cantina. He'll do his best to be my dad's and my mentor while he faces his parishioners' critics and outburst once they find out his nephew is now his niece.

Silvia (18):

She is older than Santi by a few months. She is intelligent, beautiful and very friendly. She also feels insecure for she is a little over weight and Santi, her boyfriend, is the handsome guy every girl wants to date at school. She still doesn't get how she conquered Santi's heart. Her low-esteem sometimes gets the best of her and makes her a jealous controlling woman. Santi is also a controller jealous freak. Being an avid YouTuber influencer, she is fascinated by my transformation story and becomes Lety's first female friend. At first we get pretty well along until I realize she uses her friendship with a two-spirit (me) to become the center of attention at high school. Her YouTube videos are the reason why Santi starts being bullied. If she wants Santi to keep being her boyfriend, she must learn keeping secrets and realize that having likes doesn't mean she is loved or admired. On the other hand, we do love her.

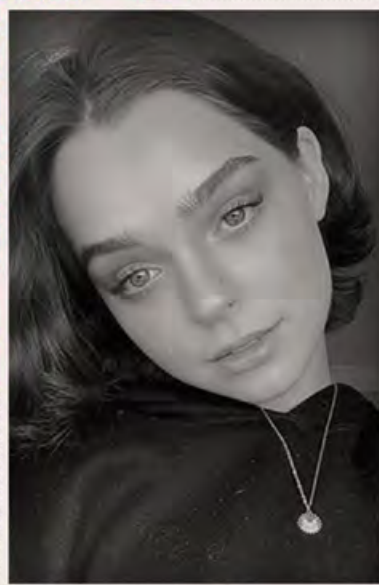


Cast Proposal

Lety - Main Character



Kunno
(Influencer)



Macarena Garcia



Macarena Achaga



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Thank you!