

Try to be a Woman
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Be a woman.

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Be a woman. Wakes up, grabs a garment, any garment, gets coffee. Drinks. Spills, carelessly wipes with hands.

Tryyy to be a woman: Wake up, remain still, think about my body, mouth, face, hair. Silently slink from the covers, creep into the bathroom, before I look, rinse mouth, face, wipe off the rest, wipe everywhere night crud could soil, brush my hair. Look. Assess. Take silken garment that reveals some curves. Elegantly make coffee. Elegantly drink coffee. No spill. No slurping sound.

Be a woman: Showers, pulls on clothes, shoes, runs out the house, takes subway, goes to work. Gets angry; high screeching voice offends all who hear it, red face, unattractive, but natural.

Try to be a woman: Bathe. Shave close. No stubble. Cream skin. Perfume skin. Powder skin. Subtle shades of makeup. I make the eyes look further apart. Outline the mouth, slightly darker than normal. Look at wardrobe, think, what did I wear last and the time before last? provide variety, style, elegance. The shoes, always high, always leather, match the outfit, always natural fiber, usually silk of some fabulous muted shade. Take a cab, don't want to arrive ruffled. When I get angry -- it always happens on the job -- I take a breath, tell myself, ``don't make that bitchy sound. Look down at the offending fool, but don't let your voice go shrill.'' I keep the color out of my voice.

Be a woman: Self assured, self involved, listens only to hear her entrance to speak, not caring about you, only caring about the her in you. To her you are no mystery, but a mere day player in the movie in which she stars.

Try to be a woman: Lost in the grandeur that is you. Hanging on your every word, listening for the meaning behind the word, the inflection, the intonation, the body language. To learn if you are content, bored, intrigue.

Be a woman: Passive, victim, supine, on her back, waiting for it.

Try to be a woman: Goes after it, touches it, tastes it, arouses it, makes it hunger for her.

Be a woman/Try to be a woman.

I try; I try.