

Variant

Check a box.
Boy? Or Girl?

You can't have both.
Just pick one or we'll
pick it for you.

Don't forget to play the
part. Dress appropriately.
Boys don't wear skirts.
Girl changes your outfits.

Cut your hair shorter you
look like a girl.

Grow your hair out, why
do you insist on looking
like a boy all the time?

Wear this. Don't wear that.
This is for boys only.
Girls need to play with dolls.

Why are you in the kitchen?
That's where women should be.
Stay out this is a man's job and
you don't belong here.

For crying out loud ladies put
some makeup on you never
take care of yourself. Boys take
that stuff off your face you
should know better it makes
you look weak.

Don't show your emotions
real men don't cry. Girls it's okay
to cry but don't do it too much
or you'll just be another stereotype.

Why are you interested in that?
Are you trying to be a boy?

Why are you always dressing up
like that? I don't understand why
you want to be a girl so badly.

You belong in the kitchen.
No stay out that's women's work.

What do you mean you can't sew?
Boy why are you doing that? Find
some woman to do it for you.

Cars are for boys, why are you here?
Just let a real man take care of this.

Shopping is for women, why do
you love going to the store so often?

Change your hair.
Change your voice.
Change your personality.
Change your clothes.
Change your interests.
Change your job.

Hide your feelings.
Hide your emotions.
Hide what you love.
Hide your interests.

Hide the voice that others say
is too weak and frail

Hide the deep tones that aren't
befitting of a woman.

Cut your hair.
Grow your hair.
Learn to cook.
No, not if you're a boy.

Learn how to fix things.
No girls I didn't mean you.

Don't watch that, what about
monsters and superhero's instead?

Sorry girls I wasn't talking
to you then either. Why can't
you be satisfied with what you
have already instead?

I don't understand?

Why are you so upset?
Forget what everyone says!
Just go out and be who you are!

No wait!

Not like that.

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