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Cazwell got off to a rough start as a queer hip-hopper in Boston.

wanna roll with gay guys. I'm not gonna show up at the Source Awards anytime soon, you know?

**TLT:** The other night I was listening to your album, *Get Into It*, and I realized I've heard "All Over Your Face" many times before on the dance floor, but I didn't know it was you. Congratulations on having a nasty, hot hit single.

**C:** Thanks! *Get Into It* is just the beginning. I want to create my own scene that I can refer to as my sound. I'm getting closer to the truth, and it's a really fun time right now, because people are just finding out about me. I'm going to do a song for my next album called "I Saw Beyoncé at Burger King" that's going to be hilarious. And it's based on a true story.

**TLT:** I like what you say about how rhymes and rapping are like spells. I like people who believe in magic, because I do, too. It seems like you have some positive mental attitude going on. Would you say that's part of the reason you're starting to have this success?

**C:** Definitely. Everything we say is attracted back to us. That's why people who talk a lot of shit tend to lead miserable lives. Amanda Lepore has been a big influence on me that way; she's really helped me become a better person. She knows how to think positive and live content. I consider her a friend first and a collaborator second.

**TLT:** How strong would you rate your libido on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being asexual and 10 being a complete nymphomaniac?

**C:** Eleven. Wait, does masturbation count? Then 13. Hey, sex rules our lives, right? Particularly for men. It's sex, food and shelter—those are the things we need. I am very sexual, but I do have standards. My songs are mostly about my personality when I'm having sex.

**TLT:** What's the best thing about being gay?

**C:** How easy it is to hook up! Guys are just on

the same level, whether you're gay or straight. I've seriously had encounters where I look at a guy and we start making out without even saying anything—it's just understood. So when you're talking about two guys, you don't have to jump through all the hoops you need to get through when you're hetero. I mean, I love women, but straight guys will swim through puke to get pussy. Gay guys don't have that stress; they don't have to play the game as much. The fact is, here in New York, even the most mediocre-looking gay sex addict can get more sex than a hot-looking straight guy.

**TLT:** What was it like coming of age in Worcester?

**C:** I've always referred to it as the armpit stain of New England. You know, it's kind of trashy; there are lots of check-cashing places, lots of heroin traffic. I went back there last month to visit, and it's starting to have this apocalyptic feel to it—all these stores boarded up, kind of like Flint, Mich. The good thing about growing up there was that it was easy to find creative people, because they stuck together.

**TLT:** For president in 2008: Hillary Clinton or Amanda Lepore?

**C:** Ha! Hillary, definitely. Amanda can't be president. If there was some sort of beauty division of the federal government, she could be president of that. Like President of Lingerie, or Queen Tranny of the Universe. Amanda wants to stay in and get her nails done, then go out to the club later, you know? She's not really the presidential type. I do think she would rock those sexy suits, though. **10**

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