

# Robyn In Soho

## Part 1: Navigating Urban Spaces

Over the duration of a normal Friday Night, I consensually followed a mutual friend around. Her name is Robyn Identifies as a transfemme nonbinary person and uses (She/Her) and (They/Them) pronouns. They proudly do not pass as a female nor is this their motive however they feel more connected to the label of Woman than Man. She was aware that I was taking photos of them throughout the night but did not know where I was or when I was taking them. Throughout the night we met up in certain places so that I could check in with them to see what their plan was for the night and what they had been doing. By the end of the night, I stayed with her to make sure they were safe and knew I was still taking photos of them.



**Friday 19/11/21 10:34PM**

Robyn catches the tube into central London to Tottenham Court Road station. They are wearing a dress that she bought from a charity shop earlier that evening. Whatever 'feminine' clothing she wears she must throw away by the end of the night so that her roommates don't find out.



**11:02PM**

Robyn heads straight for Dean Street Express, a sexual health Clinic, to pick up some free Condoms and Lube.





**11:07PM**

She then starts walking to an alleyway where she sends me a text telling me that she is catching up with an old friend.





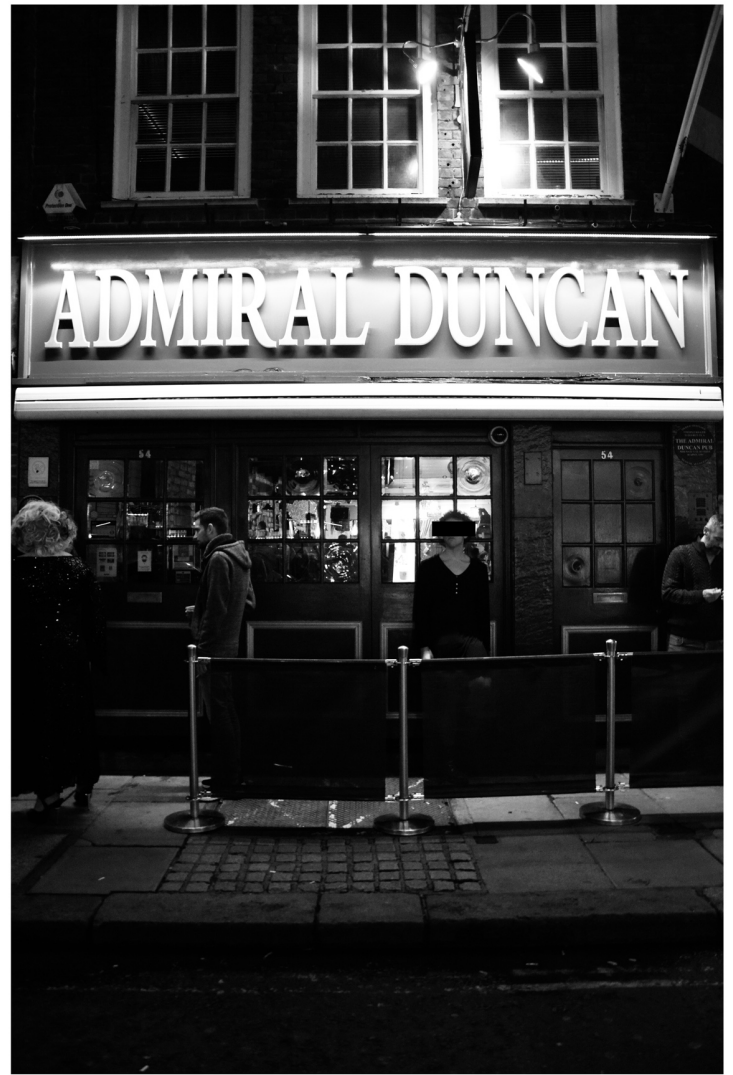
**11:10PM**

They walk into a door that I assume is a brothel, after reconvening with Robyn she tells me that her friend is a sex worker who is a transgender Woman although she does not go into any more detail.



**11:26PM**

Robyn decides to go to a couple of gay bars along Old Compton Street. As They are walking there a man shouts transphobic and sexual slurs directed at her. She turns around but continues, appearing unphased.



**11:27PM-12:15PM**

Robyn goes to two gay bars in Soho, I documented them when she was taking a break outside. She spent most of her time alone in the bar. Most men won't engage in a conversation with her even if it is in a friendly context. After meeting afterwards and talking to them she appears frustrated, she explains navigating gay spaces that she once felt safe in feels like I have been shunned by my own community. I am either disregarded or fetishized, I just to be accepted for who I am.