

KS 14/08

(she/her)

Maintaining control over her identity and declaring her own roles is very important to KS. She feels even before she was born, there were labels and expectations placed on her. When she was born and her gender was identified for her, she felt more roles and labels were placed on her and these have continued through her life. She wants to feel free. She does not want to follow strict rule structures because of the role people assume she has taken on. If people feel it is unsafe for women to walk in the dark, don't tell her not to walk in the dark. Tell her it is dangerous and leave the rest up to her to make her own decision. People tell her she is "too forward" but she is simply fighting to maintain her own autonomy and being direct with how she feels and thinks. She is strong, plays soccer, and has close friends in her circle. KS is powerful and wants to be treated for who she is, what she stands, and what she does. Don't make assumptions about who you think she should be, what she should stand for, or what she does.