

# Open Season outline

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Rural PA. LeRaysville. Someone always gets killed the first day of hunting season. It's a school holiday. This kid who's gay but doesn't even know it kills his best friend from throughout his whole life and calls it a hunting accident. His friend made a pass at him once, kissed him on the lips, and that gave our anti-hero uncomfortable feelings. He comes home distraught—his friend is dead. His mother comforts him but he just imagines the scene, remembering what his friend's brains looked like in the snow and for a last second were they thinking gay thoughts. His friend was showing him his dick, had his snowsuit unzipped, and he was shot twice, in the dick and then closer, in the head. The mothers hush hush about it. His mother refuses to hold his hand during a prayer. The cops, knowing the shot kid was gay, understand and accept what happened as a natural culling of the herd.

He meets up with the local pastor's daughter, who rumors say is gay. He asks her if she is. She says she has no idea, but that she might be bi. They go out together to a gay club and he ends up fucking this really old dude behind a dumpster in the back. The narrator, the pastor's daughter, helps him home. He says he wants her to help him serve his justice. She says go to the police. Eventually he convinces her, her with mixed feelings, to drown him in the creek, in one foot of water, to hold him down so he can pay his price. With him dead, she stands up, imagines how hostile this town has been to her, wonders if college will be as hostile, imagines herself killing herself by jumping off a parking lot because she's bi (that's the end: her standing on the bridge considering suicide).