Being a Deaf Bear ...

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How rare is it to meet someone who's Deaf, Gay, and of course a Bear? I've been around Bearidise a few times now and I'm still getting used to meeting new people. But when people realize I'm looking at their mouth, I'm actually lip reading!

That's because I'm a deaf person who's half deaf and half hearing impaired. I got rejected by deaf schools in PA and in New York State as having "too much hearing". Deaf schools back in the 1970s wanted pure deaf students. I've been gay since my first experience in sex was with hearing boys who took advantage
of me. I didn't mind it at all.

By the time I was 16 I became the first deaf student to enter the mainstream school for the deaf. I was a "test person" that blazed the way for other deaf people to function and work in a hearing school.

My interest in life has been in men and in the IT field. I've held various jobs in my life. But I still enjoy computers.

When I came to Bearidise, I realized that my personality and my body is very much bear like. Even when I say I'm "Steve Baier (BI-er)".. people say.. "Oh you are Steve BEAR". I mock a playful growl and say.. "If you don't say my name right.. you will meet my bear paw". I've tried to get into the financial work of a job to make fun of my last name. One time it worked well, but since then.. nope.

So when I experienced Bearidise a few times now, I'm learning everyone's voice patterns so I can hear them.
It doesn't always go perfect, especially in a room full of bear men. Some times I have to draw the person into a quieter place so I can hear them.

I like teaching people sign language. The "I LOVE YOU" is very easy to learn.

I'm not always up at Bearidise. Most likely I'll come for special events. I got a life of my own. I'm still looking for that caring partner. But if you see me around, talk to me. I'd like to get to know you.

Enjoy the den and the mansion and welcome to Bearidise.

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Some day I'll ask other deaf bears to come with me.

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