

Hi - We're trying an autotranscript of the finished episode - and then editing - this below is the autotranscript - and while it's close, it's not perfect. We also had some ... moments during the playback so the time stamps might jump - you've missed nothing! - Dr J

18:52:30 Welcome once again to, it is complicated the podcast where we have every first line.

18:52:51 Hi and welcome once again to, it is complicated the podcast where we answer every single question with, it is complicated, including the title of the podcast, which is, it is complicated.

18:53:01 Hello, Michelle, and Dr J, we've got a guest Jay.

18:53:06 I know it's amazing in that somebody else in the room.

18:53:09 Well, we should thank all the Patreon people for putting some money and so we can afford to do this and pay the guest for turning up. This is news to me.

18:53:19 I just wanted to talk to some cool people.

18:53:24 First time in my life have been cold call I think Dr J, you are super cool.

18:53:30 They're not just cool. They're super cool. So welcome Michelle. Hi, do you want to introduce yourself a little bit to the listener.

18:53:55 Hi, my name is Michelle Belcher I am part of the gaming industry although currently looking for work. and I am focused on

18:54:06 variety of charities through video games. But right now, I just am trying to raise money for me.

18:54:15 And I'm a new member of the trends and queer community. I came out a little over a year ago and this is all very new to me. Welcome Michelle in many ways, how come I'm trying to be as cool as Dr.

18:54:27 J over here I'm not at the super level yet, but I'm trying to get there.

18:54:32 You know, it's 16 bit yet.

18:54:36 Now, now, now a bit, maybe even Atari.

18:54:39 You talking to somebody who's got the physical movement of an eight bit character because one of the Scriptures that I give to people at work of like, you've got to accept that I walk like an eight that character the go foodways or a turn and turn and

18:54:53 go forward ways.

18:54:54 Well heading off to the side I can't do diagonals.

18:55:00 Jade you and introduce yourself.

18:55:03 Hi, I'm Dr. Jay, I got to give myself the job title harbinger of change, because I work at a software consultancy that allows somebody to do something like that.

18:55:13 I also got to give myself the agenda transgressive non binary gender queer because due to just cheer random black I was born in a country that also allows you to do that with a statutory declaration.

18:55:23 I'm a troublemaker and a hashtag queer nuisances if you couldn't tell by the previous two sentences, because branding. I also have a TEDx talk coming up which will probably be either done or online about the time that we've done this talk, please come

18:55:36 along and watch me.

18:55:38 That would be wonderful. Thank you very much.

18:55:42 Hi, my name is Justin Baird, I am a scholar activist and artist. I used to make a spectacle of myself on the stage. But now I tend to make a fool of myself by drawing pictures of queries and putting them on the internet, usually on my Instagram.

18:55:57 I'm also a lecturer on game design at the University of Uppsala, and a PhD candidate at the University of Vienna because, of course, I will not do things in a simple way.

18:56:07 I also like to think of myself as clear with the purpose. What that purpose is we do not know.

18:56:12 I like how you're a woman of mystery.

18:56:20 I like it. At the end, look, I'm, I'm up to something but what am I up to you figure it out. When I first came out, for example, I noticed that trans people often have to come out into different environments that they were not the sort of usual coming

18:56:28 out stories of like, I realized my sexuality was this and I connected with this community and then I came out, it can be quite different for trans people especially at different times of ages, and most especially right now because Michelle, if you don't

18:56:42 mind me sharing, you came out during pandemic, and therefore also lockdown. So you came out in a very unique set of circumstances.

18:56:51 What we were really discussing was how interesting it is for like certain people like myself, I grew up in the bible belt. It's very very sis normative hetero normative very anti queer are either of you all familiar with The Andy Griffith Show.

18:57:09 It's part of American television history. That was one of the most wholesome TV shows, you could find from the 1950s, it's really really famous here in America.

18:57:19 It was just kind of like gave a lot of people, a personality to go with that everyone was like this is right this is how we're supposed to be from the 50s on, and I'm from there.

18:57:34 I'm from Mount Airy because of that our town, all the way up until now even is just trying really hard to keep this wholesome, sis normative hetero normative appeal, and it's really hard to be queer, and that community.

18:57:53 It's really hard to be anything but a white man in that community.

18:57:57 For me growing up in that community I very much felt like, Oh, I can never be who I am.

18:58:04 Because that's home and it's still home for me. Even though I rarely go back.

18:58:09 But, because of finally accepting myself and finally coming out and living that life and not associating with queer people or queer culture or anything of that norm.

18:58:24 Now that I'm out and I'm here, I'm struggling a lot with just making sure that not just to, I don't want to hurt people.

18:58:32 And I have a lot of bad habits because of that, like getting past this point it's something that I continue to work on. And I think that's different for someone who just may have had a queer person in their life maybe someone to jump in and be like hey,

18:58:48 while you're five or 10 or something, maybe even in your teens go hey this is a cool, instead of like me coming out when they turned 35, which is, you know, at that point, you've, you're pretty set in a lot of habits.

18:59:03 This seems to be a lot of people coming out publicly from that same kind of viewpoint, and I'm thinking of counterpoints I'm thinking of philosophy tube, I'm thinking of people who are coming from a straightest most normative background.

18:59:21 And now, jumping to the trades is saying, rather than coming through some clear, which to me kind of says there's more ability for people who have grown up in a much more normative socialized in a more normative part of the normative culture being able

18:59:37 to think about themselves being able to be given the space to consider this stuff, and seeing themselves as something outside of that group. I know that when I grew up as a child and as a teenager, I was in a very systematic hetero normative quite homophobic

18:59:53 environment. So I can totally relate to that. And I always feel now like a look back and I'm like, I came out at 2425.

19:00:03 If I was growing up now I would be out at about 12.

19:00:07 I was that clear. It was that obvious to everyone, it's always been that obvious. It's just, people don't have the language or anything like that to say, Hey, this is what you might be or have you thought about this or hey it's cool to be this queer,

19:00:20 it's cool to be this different, and you're going to be okay you don't have to try to fit into this box. And I think there's almost a thing now if there's a lot of younger people who haven't had to bust their way out of that hit chronometer box who haven't

19:00:34 been told by where they grew up, and everything like that, that what they are is not okay you need to be something else. If you haven't had that pressure and had to grow against it.

19:00:48 You may not understand what it's like to have grown up with it. You may set expectations that are unrealistic for somebody who says, I'm trends and everyone's like, oh, you're going to be this, and you're like, actually I'm still at level, 0.1 I'm still

19:01:06 figuring out the controllers here. I haven't quite figured out how the language of platforming works or whatever it is that's exactly like. One of the things that my experience reflected.

19:01:16 I knew I was trans when I was 15 years old. As soon as I got the internet and I learned what trans people were I was like, Oh, okay.

19:01:30 That's a thing, I just just like I thought I was a girl and no one that was an impossible dream, that's where I was before that point in time. And after that, once I knew it was an option.

19:01:38 It was just like this seed that just festered and festered in, it's funny you mentioned 24 years old, that's actually when I moved away from Mount Airy North Carolina, and I moved to San Diego, California, and it was my first experience around a queer

19:01:53 community, so much so that when I came back I lived there for about eight months when I came back, I was prepared to come out, I was making like all the plans that you make in your head to come out.

19:02:07 And the only reason why I didn't, at that point, was I fell in love with someone, and I was scared of losing them. So it took me another 12 years later, but I always wanted to and that seed grows and I've been thinking about this for 20 years.

19:02:22 I've done all the research on like any possible surgery I want, but what I didn't do was I didn't put myself into the culture to learn a the history, all that stuff has been, you know, a big learning process.

19:02:38 One of the things that I'm getting really tired of reading on the internet and unfortunately I spent a great deal of time there is an old notion with a new name called rapid onset gender dysphoria, that people are using now by certain parents and certain

19:02:55 groups that you just don't want to be associated with who insists that their children are suddenly springing out as trends. That's the rapid onset bit.

19:03:05 And then the gender dysphoria because they don't want to humanize them and give them a name like trends.

19:03:10 They gave this long phrase to this notion to make it sound legitimate by the way it isn't I'm an academic, I can tell you five different ways of how it isn't.

19:03:18 But the truth is it's this notion that parents have suddenly having this experience with kids coming out sooner, with more knowledge, and with more clarity and they go, how do they have all this knowledge.

19:03:32 This, they must have gotten it from their friends, they must have had this terrible influence. And it's like, no, how could they be so sure so quickly, it must be something that they've just picked up and it must be the new fashionable thing and it's

19:03:42 like, no, what's happened is exactly what Michelle said they've been thinking about this for a really long time, so that when they come to you and say hi I'm trans I know all about it because they've been thinking about it for years, and they've probably
19:03:59 gone online and read about it, and they've probably gone and found the few resources that they had access to, which are now many many more that you can have access to the internet when I was coming up that we're anywhere near as many resources and information.

19:04:13 So I was coming out, initially an environment where the information I got about being trans came from pamphlets that you got in gay bars. I would buy a book that had trends stuff in it, tell you how to do it because the information just wasn't there.

19:04:29 And so I had to access the different ways I had to access it through different queer communities. And because it was an academic at the time, I was thinking like, I wonder how trans people access this information in this day and age, like, do they go

19:04:42 through other queer communities. And I realized that a lot of trans women I knew kind of went through the fetish and the DSM community, because that was a very accepting environment where they could experiment.

19:04:53 A lot of the trans men I knew had gone through lesbian communities and Butch communities in some ways because there they were able to experiment.

19:05:01 But that has changed quite radically over the last few years, when with more access to information, with more access to support networks, which means that it's more accessible to people from different environments.

19:05:14 And I think Jay I think your hypothesis is entirely plausible this idea that people who don't have to go through another community to get to being trans can now access that information more directly.

19:05:27 You still need to find a safe space which is really tragic that you still have to do that kids are still having to come out to non tolerant parents, and in environments where misinformation is rife sadly, but the access is better.

19:05:45 At least,

19:05:45 I think it's more than just access. There's also language like one of the things that I feel always held me back was I didn't know the words to have the thoughts, because you can have the thoughts without the vocabulary.

19:06:00 I'm totally Noam Chomsky on that one. I could have all of these thoughts that I wasn't something, but I didn't know what I was and I didn't really know that it was possible not to be that that was presented as the only option.

19:06:17 And then as I started to look at the different things. Trends never felt like me, although people would kind of assume that I was there, and some communities that I've started to come into especially early in London, there was some assumption that I was

19:06:35 at trends man who was trying to come out so people would kind of try and point me in the right directions or try and offer me advice, but having that language.

19:06:46 And I think one of the big things now is it's not just the access to resource. It's a proliferation of these ideas in this language that's allowed younger and younger children to go.

19:06:57 I am potentially this thing, and I'll present you some words, and somebody can go. Hey, yes, you might be that thing, let's talk about what you mean by those words and you can actually start to explore it, which is how I'm transgressive non binary gender

19:07:12 queer, not transmitted Guillen or non binary or I've got this whole sentence, because it's trying to describe what it feels like inside my head and words that people seem to be able to pretty much grasp enough that they go yeah I think I can kind of get

19:07:30 where you're coming from, and we can have a discussion. Whereas, when I was 24, they just wasn't that language. And when I was 14, there was definitely not that language, New Zealand was in the realms of effectively where Donner is at the moment where

19:07:47 India was a couple of years back, studying to repeal that 377 colonial law that was on our books about being an ex British colony. There's a sodomy law that's on many Commonwealth countries statute books, and it's usually 377, that's the one that it criminalizes

19:08:06 sodomy. And when you start to repeal that the discussion comes public about what sexualities are allowed or what sexualities are allowed within the society, and you then start to get a lot of language being used or maybe pejorative terms or terms used

19:08:24 in a pejorative way, but you can still see terms and go. Actually that thing that people are talking about. I kind of identify with that person, a little bit, and although I'm told that they're bad.

19:08:35 This language is helping me formulate who I might be.

19:08:39 You have to fight a lot of internal stuff to have that conversation but at least you're starting to get the language least decided to get the ideas, and the words to express those ideas, so that you can start to have that conversation with yourself or

19:08:52 with other people, you to both hit on some really great points, specifically I feel like just being all of your comments were very fixated on community and Dr J, you're talking about how the terminology has grown.

19:09:05 And that was my favorite thing about coming out.

19:09:08 When I came out a I had a community all of a sudden, very accepting very helpful. But what was the actually the most exciting thing was what Dr J is talking about.

19:09:18 I knew I was transforming. That's all I knew. I didn't know about gender fuck read gender fluid non binary all these other aspects, all these ideas all these thoughts and my favorite thing is all these younger people who are just like fuck it, let's explore

19:09:34 this let's go as far as we can and like, if one person is the gender and then that's the only person that reflects that that's still something that should be respected, whether you relate to it or not and I love that right now.

19:09:48 And as someone like myself I came out during coven. My main outlet right now with this community is Twitter.

19:09:56 And that's actually how just been and I became friends. And on top of all of that. I'm just seeing all these amazing people who are just like you know what all these boundaries and all these areas where I would never cross.

19:10:10 I'm excited to learn these new things, and finally be myself. I'm friends with a 78 year old non binary person, well they thought they were a trans man for a long long time but that's not who they are and they finally were like, no, they finally are at

19:10:26 this point where like, I'm not a woman. I'm not a tradesman I'm this, this feels right. When you see someone finally find that moment of just like clarity.

19:10:38 It's a beautiful thing, and the terminology is how you get there, the terminology means everything, and a lot of ways because if there is nothing to describe who you are.

19:10:49 You can't figure out who you are, as much as I want to not put everyone in little holes. The word makes it real.

19:10:59 And it's an amazing feeling. And that's something that I've been experiencing a lot with this past year and a lot of growth in that area. I was questioning what I came out, it was really funny.

19:11:09 I came out as a trans woman, and I was questioning, like shit, am I, and I came full circle back around oh yeah yeah yeah yeah that's right, but I definitely you know was like, Am I non binary, and my gender fluid, what is going on.

19:11:23 And I think that had more to do with the fact that I just spent 35 years playing this masculine role, and it was really hard for me to give that up, like, whether or not it was not who I wanted to be.

19:11:39 That's who I was. So, there is a giving up the past that you have to go through and there is some sorrow with that and, but it doesn't matter because I can be those things, and still be a woman.

19:11:54 I'm so impressed Michelle I've never heard about it that way it's wonderful. I'm so happy.

19:12:00 No, it's really really great and you summed up so much of what I was thinking and I'm just I'm a little. I'm.

19:12:07 Wonderful. I'm so happy for you.

19:12:15 Me too. I love you happy for me. New notion of having a word for who you are. Now that's the problem we've talked a little bit about that sometimes the word can be really positive because it gives legitimacy of some sort of notion of a I'm not the only

19:12:25 be here is a word from my experience that I cannot talk about and use to reference myself and and that's really self actualization and validating. Of course the flip side of that that I always get concerned about is that words can sometimes constrict

19:12:38 as well, that being a trans woman means you are this thing. And I wonder if you were coming up against some of that friction, because I remember when I came out, trends wasn't the word that we were using for us as a community, it didn't exist in that

19:12:51 form the words that existed were the medicalized words that were being used even by our own community. So, most often it was transsexual or transvestite transgender was just about a word that was happening at the time and became something of an umbrella

19:13:08 term, and something like non binary. It was still being defined.

19:13:13 And I found when I came out, I was like I was having a really hard time.

19:13:17 Defining is what we now call trends because I was like, I'm not a transsexual, because I'm not this narrow definition of what that means. At the time, it meant a very specific kind of experience.

19:13:28 It had a very specific story attached to it, you had to have this one experience in a medicalized setting. If I wanted to go get surgery and hormone streaming, I was gonna have to present a story that matched that word, I would have to go in and say,

19:13:42 first off I'm a heterosexual trans, sexual woman who only wants surgery and I don't want to ever have a job but I want to be at home with white picket fence and a husband who loves me and I never want to tell anybody that I was ever anything else.

19:13:56 And I was like, I'm not that person. And so weirdly the word that I found that actually fit my experience was fam.

19:14:04 It wasn't trends and I actually identified this film first, I didn't use the word trends because didn't exist, I didn't like the word transsexual because it didn't apply to me transvestite certainly didn't transgender was close but not quite right, but

19:14:17 FEM did, I was like, Ha, this re inscription of femininity in a clear way yeah that's me. And so I was like, I don't know what else I am, but I'm femme.

19:14:28 And then when trans became more of an open term to refer to more experience or it felt like it was a more open term to me I mean there were people who are advocating for this that I hadn't read yet because the internet didn't quite exist and yes I'm old.

19:14:41 But when trends.

19:15:00 Me, the truth is when trends came as a concept in a more general way. I started to think of trends as a word that can be applied in a much broader sense.

19:14:54 And then I was like it was like okay I'm a trends femme woman, and that word now made sense to me. I think one of the things with words, is that when you find the right word it's like finding the right jacket.

19:15:09 Your hat sings, you put on something and suddenly you go, yeah, this, and there's just that moment you know I have a collection of hoodies, and I put on a hoodie in there sometimes I put on the hoodie and I'm like, yeah, this is me.

19:15:21 This works.

19:15:22 I also think there's something around the notion of non binary and if he was talking to me about trying to understand what non binary meant, and talking to me about other non binary people that they know and I said, non binary, for me, isn't being in

19:15:39 between two things it's being completely divorced from that gender binary. Now that's what it means to me and that's why I use transgressive non binary gender queer.

19:15:50 The transgressive part is like there's a gender binary with men on one side and women on the other and you can move or you can sit in the middle, do what you want with it.

19:15:58 I don't care about it I don't feel part of this notion of it, but I do have a relationship with masculine and feminine or masculine femme, and I like to play around with those because I know that I quite easily slip between those but I don't see those

19:16:17 as being part of the gender binary, there are aspects that you can play with it any point in time, one of my great heroes is Clinton crisp for the notion of femininity.

19:16:31 And the way that they played with that femininity with their campus with the long hair and the purple and the lipstick and the velvety clothes and the flamboyance around whether or not they were a gay man or not a gay man and what they actually were was

19:16:49 always left as a bit more of a question and the men that I always identified with thought were always wonderfully flamboyant and wonderfully different and effeminate, in some ways, or mixed up that mask and film and interesting lies.

19:17:05 My notion of what is masculine is really not based on the straightness of masculinity was always those totally flamboyant almost new romantics. I've been listening to the wonderful insane animals both boys run race, which is a full length musical based

19:17:24 on Gilgamesh, and pointing out that there is in fact a queer love story at the heart of it. We have been around since the very first time that people started telling stories just finished about to wave a book at us, which would be wonderful, but this

19:17:40 was the first time that I'd hit it because I've been reading back and then there was another thing that came through today on a podcast I was listening to about how Roman and Greek masculinity and the way that it was perceived where sexuality was seen

19:17:59 very very differently, and gay sex or what we now call gay sex or sex between two people identifying as men was seen in an entirely different context and an entirely different way.

19:18:12 And I just found all of that, completely fascinating. They could bring up Foucault right now.

19:18:20 I'm dying to because I might have to because Foucault talks about the power of definition and specifically talks about how, for example, heterosexuality did not exist before homosexuality heterosexuality was the second definition homosexuality was defined

19:18:39 first, because you couldn't define heterosexuality without its opposite the opposite had to be defined first and that was homosexuality, used to be homosexuality if you look at history in terms of like laws when it comes to for example with little us

19:18:53 mentioned Jay, that it was about homosexual acts that were illegal, not to the identity. So if you look at the horrible Garner situation right now. The law says that you cannot have sex between two men.

19:19:05 It doesn't say it's illegal to be gay Foucault said it was about the creation of a notion of a gay identity. That was the big shift, we moved away from the notion that certain acts be couldn't be considered that way to an identity that be considered that

19:19:21 way. And actually, he was like no you can only have a notion of homosexuality first heterosexuality follows because that's your sexuality is the norm and therefore is unnamed, it's like whiteness whiteness is invisible, in our community because it's not

19:19:34 the other. That's why the other is defined always first. It's just so weird to me, how we come to those norms, where the norm is established in order to set a certain power relationship and it's always such an opposition and that's the point that's why

19:19:50 I'm so concerned about becoming, not necessarily a definition that could allow you to include yourself, but becomes the definition that allows people to exclude others.

19:20:02 I say, Okay, I know what I mean so like if you're saying that trends is this that can, and almost immediately will exclude certain experience. I find that really difficult because I don't want it to.

19:20:14 So I would like a word that is as porous as possible while still remaining useful.

19:20:20 And so, when it comes to words and terminology. It's about their practical function. But yes, in terms of like theory if you're going to look into theory of semantics and theory of language.

19:20:32 It's always the other that's defined first, because the norm is assumed to be the norm.

19:20:37 But the book I was going to wave at you is this book, which is video games have always been queer by Bloomberg, it's a fabulous book because it does what we were talking about history and applies it to recent history is in recent cultural artifacts video

19:20:51 games and says even those games that you think are super normative and sis normative. They're all super clear, actually. And if you look at them in a certain way in a certain lens.

19:21:03 You can find that video games were always queer. The example that they like to use is octo dad oxy that is a game in which you are an octopus, who is tasked with the goal of hiding in sis normative 50s esque suburbia as a dad.

19:21:22 And so you have a suit on, but you're an octopus, and you have to walk around doing dad things. So like, I will do that. I will mow the lawn, the course because you've got technicals and not arms, it becomes comically ridiculous rebirth of course makes

19:21:36 the analogy well isn't that an interesting sort of notion of gender conformity and gender troubling and transitioning and identity production and here we are video games always been clear, and it allows for the redefinition of those terms that we would

19:21:51 consider normative, and even those histories that we would consider normative there's cultural artifacts, we would consider normative. And so part of that particular kind of transgression and insidious and this that I particularly like is not just creating

19:22:06 words that include all of us, but inhabiting words that pre existed, our personal existence and changing them by our inclusion. So I call myself a woman explicitly because that category changes by my mere inclusion in it.

19:22:25 That word changes because trans woman exists within it. And that's really important to me.

19:22:30 This past weekend, my parents came to see me for the first time since I came out.

19:22:36 And I had to explain a lot of things, and trying to find the right terminology for them to understand was really hard. It was a difficult thing, and I'm very lucky to have the parents that I have my mom had some issues right at first and awkward questions

19:22:53 right at first inappropriate questions, things like that. And I don't want to go through that because I don't want to talk shit on her, but it was one of the things where I'm just like, a lot of the things they said made me really scared for coming out

19:23:08 as when I was growing up, they said some very homophobic things very transphobic things for them.

19:23:14 It was in jest, but it was not hateful to them, but it still made me scared as a child growing up I was like well I can't be that thing. That's a joke.

19:23:27 And I had to explain that to them. They never wanted to be hurtful and they loved me just the same, but it was definitely like water crying, and a lot of explaining what is really interesting is seeing how much fear that I used to have.

19:23:46 them because they've never known this fear, and now they see all the fears I've had from everything that I grew up around, and they're just like, you don't have to come here will come to you and I'm like, Oh, Okay, I get it.

19:24:04 But that's not what I was expecting and it's just so wild to see like, where I hope that if they interact with anyone in that their community which is very homophobic, transphobic that they might be like you know that's not cool.

19:24:20 And that is been probably one of my favorite things about coming out is that my parents have been just like not cool fit per se but just like accepting.

19:24:29 I can understand what it's like growing up, and being part of that community that's constantly.

19:24:38 Not had good exposure to queer not had good exposure to translate a good exposure to gay. You've always heard about it in the media and it's coming across as something that you wouldn't want someone to be, and you make jokes about it, and then somebody

19:24:52 you'd love says, actually I am this thing. And that forces people to kind of reconsider so much it's like an Earth, shaking thing, and I think some people double down and go.

19:25:08 No, I can't, I'm too afraid.

19:25:11 I'm too scared of what might happen I'm too scared of what I will go through, but they also want to protect their child from and I'm not saying that all homophobic parents are all transphobic parents are doing that solely to protect their children but

19:25:27 I think it's driven from fear driven from fear of the unknown, but also it's driven from fear of the unknown.

19:25:41 Because your parents, surely read the papers, they see the things they see the transphobia and homophobia in the world. My parents did do the double down at first, I think, like, At first, it didn't come across very well.

19:25:48 To be fair, my mom also found that while we were playing Animal Crossing together one time and she was just like who's Michelle.

19:25:55 Was it Oh shit.

19:26:00 I guess I have to explain this. It wasn't a planned coming out. When I did finally come out to them it was very just like there was a lot of just like hurtful thing said hurtful things done, and I think they realized, and this may be because could help,

19:26:18 maybe hurt. I'm not sure yet, but I withdrew from them, and our relationship because I just didn't want that hurtful feeling, which was hurtful in and of itself, but that was my protection.

19:26:34 And I think they realized that there was only one way to go for them to still have their child in their life.

19:26:42 And I'm not saying that that's the right way the wrong way, but like it deeply affected them that Oh, they're only child is now this they have to back this or now they're childless and their own heads, that's what I'm assuming they thought, and after

19:26:59 a few months of that. And the loneliness of that.

19:27:04 I think they finally were like, okay, we have to try and they did, they did try and I feel like a lot of the issues that we had were resolved.

19:27:14 And I think my mom just like even this like the last thing she said to me before she told me she loves me was just like, are you sure about I am about to get a surgery that is not very reversible.

19:27:27 And they were just like, are you sure. And I was just like, yeah, easily.

19:27:33 No hesitation so they were just like, okay, okay. And that was it. I don't think we're going to talk about it like that, again, but we needed this face to face to do that.

19:27:44 I think we've covered a really interesting topic that is probably going to require lots more discussion and to that end, we very well may have another episode with Michelle that follows this one next week.

19:27:54 So we're going to get onto recording that. But in the meantime, I get to ask my two friends, this very important question that if you weren't here last week to listener.

19:28:09 We've decided to change the question that we're asking at the end of regionals already laughing. We've decided to change the question at the end of our episode, we were feeling that the question about a certain British author has been fruitfully answered

19:28:18 by several other wonderful YouTube essayists in the form of Lindsay Ellis, and country points links have been provided. And so we've come up with a new and highly pertinent question to ask.

19:28:32 And we feel that this has a, an ongoing cultural relevance and therefore, we will ask this regularly in the podcast and we hope that this will prompt a very interesting conversation.

19:28:43 So Michelle, Dr. Jay next week when we're very likely to be talking again about another topic. Would you like that topic to be Keanu Reeves being breathtaking.

19:28:54 Absolutely, without a doubt.

19:28:57 I think that is a wonderful topic, and I would love to go down deep dive into everything counter research done will be talking about calories being breathtaking, and or something else.

19:29:14 Next week, we have the day Michelle and talk to Jay and myself, thank you for this thing, and.