

Hello everybody! Happy almost new year. It's time for the December 2024 Patreon Q&A. The very last one of the year. I can't believe it, but I can already see that there's a very long list of questions. So, this is going to be another long recording and transcript. So I'm going to get right into answering everybody's questions.

**Hi GB! I hope your December has gone well. This question has been nagging me all month, but I've been unsure if you'll be able to answer it yet. I was wondering if we'll be able to select that we see Mr. Yusuf as a father figure as early as Step Two, or if that kind of relationship will only be available in Steps Three or beyond? I totally understand if you can't answer this yet, so no worries if you don't have an answer. I hope you have a Happy New Year's.**

Thank you very much! I can answer it, and the answer is no. Step Two is a bit too early for that because he hasn't really done anything. I mean, maybe in like the ending section of Step Two, you could potentially start feeling that way, but you definitely can't choose it in the Prologue of Step Two. And I don't imagine it will come up in any of the Moments either.

**Happy holidays/Merry Christmas, team! *Thank you.* 1. What's something that the *Our Life 1* boys secretly judge people for?**

Well, it would probably depend a lot on their age. Assuming they're their Step Four versions, it'd be like, Derek would probably judge people who have that kind of hyper individualistic attitude where it's like, "I don't do anything for anyone and nobody has to do anything for me. And if they do do something for me, I don't have to be grateful for it." He wouldn't really like that. Cove would probably judge people who didn't know anything about the ocean and didn't really care about it. And he's like, "You know, it's very important. We need the ocean, and we need to take care of the ocean." And Baxter, as an adult, he probably would judge the poor choices of some of his clients. Obviously he wouldn't tell them that to his face, but if they don't seem like a couple who should be getting married, he would secretly be judging them for that. But usually, it would be in the sense that he feels like one partner is not doing a good enough job towards their other partner.

**2. It's not that serious, but do the *Our Life 1* boys have a canonical blood type?**

No, they don't.

**3. Do the *Our Life 1* boys ever gossip with their SOs about their friends' love lives, crushes, or anything juicy like that? Hope you all had a great year!**

Thank you. I feel like they would in a positive way. Like they're excited that their friend is happy and has a crush, and they would only talk about it if the friend has already made it clear to both of them that the crush was real. Or if they were hiding it from everyone, then the *Our Life* boys might discuss with their own partner, like "Do you think our friend has a crush? Maybe; we won't force them to tell us, but we can speculate among ourselves." But they wouldn't be sharing their friend's secret with their partner unless their friend was okay with that.

**Here's a silly question that popped into my head. How would Qiu/Tamarack react to someone else, like another classmate, telling them that the classmate had a crush on the MC and asking for advice on how to get the MC to like them? Would they help out, tell the classmate to figure it out themselves, and would it change if the leads were crushing themselves? Would they, for example, try to discourage or sabotage the "Competition".**

It would depend on their age and the dynamic they have with the MC. Assuming this is Step Two, I don't think either of them would actively try to sabotage the competition. The way they would act would probably be very similar to how they would act if they realized that the MC has a crush on the other lead. So, if they were jealous and also had a crush, they'd be, you know, kind of moody about it. They wouldn't be very pleased. They'd get like snippy and annoyed when it came up, and they wouldn't really want to talk about it, and they'd be dismissive to the other person and get like, defensive around them. But if they were not that type of dynamic, they'd be- they could be a lot more helpful. And it could be a lot more light hearted and fun. Maybe there'd be a little bit of teasing. But you can probably imagine how they would react by seeing again how they will respond in the game to how they react to a possible crush that another character could have. It would just be another lead instead of a random classmate.

**Hello, I hope you have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to thank you for everything you have given us this year, and wish you the best things to come for you in the next year. I will continue to support the development of your projects next year. *Thank you very much. Happy New Year to you too.* I just had a couple questions. As always, feel free to skip whatever you like. 1. What is Qiu, Tamarack, and Cove's favorite activity at Christmas time?**

It depends a lot on their age. I am imagining it's their Step One selves. Tamarack's favorite holiday is Christmas. She is very excited about everything. She wouldn't be able to pick one favorite thing. She loves too many things about Christmas. Qiu would probably like that there is a winter break from school, and getting presents, and being able to give presents to other people as well. And it seemed like a nice, happy time of year, so they would appreciate that. As for Cove, in Step One, he wouldn't really want to do anything for Christmas because he'd still be upset about having to move. He'd want to see his mom. So that would be his favorite part of Christmas, getting to call her or something. Or maybe he got to go visit her during Christmas that year, and then that would be his favorite part. And I guess when he's older, he probably would like decorating for Christmas just to make it a little festive inside, since in California it wouldn't look very Christmassy without any decorations. So that's something, I guess.

## **2. What can we expect this coming year for the future of *Our Life*?**

Just generally going to keep working on *Our Life 2*. I'll make a post about my plans for next year very soon. But you know, basically the same old, same old of trying to get it finished.

**Hello! Happy holidays to which holiday you celebrate! I am preparing a wonderful Yule this year. Thank you very much. Happy holidays to you too! I have two questions that I can remember. 1. You've mentioned in past Q&A's how you wanted Tam's and Qiu's voices to sound. How do you envision Opal's and Renee's?**

I don't really know how to explain voices. If I did say anything about the leads, I don't really know what I said because I don't know how to describe voices just with words. For Renee, it would depend a lot on her age. In the game, it mentions she's got kind of a raspy voice, so obviously I'd be looking for something like that. And Opal, I'm just gonna be looking for someone who really sells the concept of sounding like a mom. I don't know how that's going to come across, but that's the vibe I'm gonna be looking for.

**Will we be able to go a little more in depth with our MC's insecurity in Step Two in *Our Life: Now and Forever*, such as an MC who loves their heterochromia/scar/birthmark in Step One, but displays dislike for them in other Steps? Will it come up again after it's mentioned? For example, a character telling an NPC not to point it out because the MC doesn't like it?**

No, probably not. There's just so many possible things the MC could be insecure about. I don't think we'll ever give you a big list to choose all of the things you're insecure about. Like, there could be a specific Moment where something very specific is happening, and you can choose to be uncomfortable or unconfident with that situation. But I don't think you'll be able to pick out specific physical traits that you have insecurities about, unfortunately. I mean, maybe at some point the scar would come up and you could mention, "Oh, yeah, I was, you know, really insecure about that growing up", but I don't imagine the scar would come up in earlier Steps because most people would avoid trying to get the MC to talk about something like that. So, unless there's like a very specific reason for a certain quality to come up, then it's not possible to set up a situation where you can be insecure about it, and then at some point that insecurity gets referenced later on. It would unfortunately just involve too many moving parts and too many potential alterations.

**And my last question is, if you say you have a crush on, let's say Ren, in Step Two and have jealousy over the MC on, and tell the love interests, while you also have a crush on them, will they say anything? I apologize if these don't make sense. I'm not the best at wording questions.**

That's okay! So for that last one, I imagine you're saying that if you had a crush on Ren and then you told Tamarack or Qiu about that crush, and then those two also had a crush on you, would they say anything about it? Yeah, they would obviously comment on it to some degree. I can't say exactly how they would react, and I don't know if that situation will end up coming up in game. I do believe it will, but I don't know what Step it would come up in. But usually there's some point in the story where you can mention that you have a crush on someone other than the leads, and then see how people react, so it will likely come up in game. But for now, I can't really say exactly what would happen or when it would happen, or if it will happen in Step Two specifically. It might take until Step Three for a scene like that to happen.

**Dang, I almost forgot to post this month. Still on time though, so that's nice. So, because I'm still as obsessed with Baxter as usual... At this point, we basically know from their in-game reactions what *Our Life 1* MC's friends think of Baxter disappearing like he did after Step Three if him and MC were dating. But I'm curious- if the MC was basically fine (or like, missing Baxter, but totally accepting of the situation and not angry with him), did any of MC's friends or family try to**

**gently push them to date someone else between Step Three and Four? Not in a nagging way, nor insisting or anything like that, but just like suggesting they could maybe consider it? Like, to properly turn the page or something. And if such a suggestion was made by someone, and the MC answered they could never be with anyone else, would any of them actually get mad at Baxter on MC's behalf, despite MC being okay with just being alone if Baxter isn't there anymore? Thank you for taking the time to do this as usual! Take care of yourself!**

Thank you too. And I feel like the only person who might encourage the MC to go out there and try dating again would be Liz. She'd, you know, be very comfortable telling you to get over the Victorian emo man and find someone better, because there's probably a lot of people better than that guy. He wasn't that great. But I don't think most people would respond MC's situation by trying to get them to date someone else. They might not really believe the MC if they say that they're never going to date anyone again if they can't date that, you know, ridiculous guy who showed up for one summer. They'd probably try to comfort the MC, but still think that eventually they will get over it and be able to move on with their life. So, they wouldn't really push the MC until they wanted to go out and try to find someone new, and then they would be very supportive of that. But yeah, mostly, they would just try to help the MC feel better, and then hopefully come to the conclusion themselves that they don't actually need that strange man.

**I'm so glad I was born into the right period to witness and play this masterpiece being created, and that I finally get to ask questions as a Patreon member, even for a short while. Well, thank you very much! I'm glad you liked the game. Here are my questions. 1. Have you considered hiring another writer to help you, or is that a job you'd prefer to do alone for maximum control over the storyline?**

Very early on, I did consider if maybe it would be possible to have other writers help me out, like there were other writers who helped out with *Our Life 1*. But very quickly when I started writing the game, I realized that it's just not a very feasible option. The alteration system and choice systems are so overwhelming and specific and ridiculous, I can't imagine another person being able to write it, and the writing style is a lot more specific, and having someone who needs to be able to mimic that, just like I write it, is also a very tall order. And I just feel like I would have to spend so much time editing and adding things to whatever someone else wrote, that it wouldn't really save that much time. And it is just for the best that I write it all myself, because things really need to be

in a very specific way that's difficult to explain and difficult to do if you're not just me, who is the person who decides how it's all meant to be.

**2. What would the art look like if you ever made another *Our Life* game (or even two more to complete the seasons)? I can imagine the winter game's art being cold and harsh, or maybe like a warm Christmas, and the spring game's art having more bright pastel colors.**

I feel like the winter game would be more similar to *Our Life 2*, having kind of softer, more painterly lines, and things wouldn't be too saturated or vibrant or neon. The lighting would be a lot gentler, and just things like that. But it would probably have a much more blue and green color scheme than *Our Life 2* does, obviously. And then I feel like a spring game would be more in line with the first *Our Life* game, where it is very colorful and the lines are sharp and clean and everything is like super bright and shiny. But it would have obviously more spring elements. It would have like flowers, and maybe it'd be set out in like the countryside. And so, there'd be like tons of flower fields and then farm animals, and it would be really pretty and charming and lively in that way. And then, the winter game would obviously be very snowy, and there wouldn't be a lot of animals around or any plants, really, besides, like evergreen trees. And so there would be probably a lot more emphasis on architects of buildings and stuff like that.

**3. If Qiu and Tamarack had a canon job in the future, what would it be?**

Nothing! Cause there is no one singular canon job for them in the future. I am afraid I can't answer anything for what would be the official future or conclusion for the characters, because the point is that they can grow up to have many different things happen.

**4. Lastly, I can't stop thinking about snowboarding lately. Would any of *Our Life* LIs be into winter sports at all, especially snowboarding?**

I feel like Derek and Cove would definitely be up for trying it, though Cove would think it's too cold to really enjoy that much. Qiu might try snowboarding. Tamarack and Baxter, they would sit that one out, but Baxter would do something like ice skating for a winter sport. And Tamarack would do sledding. But, yeah, I guess for snowboarding, it would just be those three who would give it a try.

**Thank you for answering, and I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year!**

Thank you again!

**Wah! I am so glad I was able to write stuff down before it closes, because I have a lot of questions about the XOD characters anyways. 1. What are the jerks' favorite animals if they had to pick? Favorite can be reworded as "animal they can tolerate the most" to make it easier for those sillies.**

Everett likes dogs. Pran hates all animals. Shiloh would choose his answer based on what he thinks the other person wants or is expecting. Jeremy would probably be more interested in animals that don't have fur and don't drool and shed. I don't know, maybe like a little quiet snake. Bae likes cats. And Nate is not much of an animal person. I don't know, maybe he would also like dogs most because they're pretty trainable and they're also just kind of affectionate and nice, which he would secretly like.

**2. How would Lynn deal with his child being similar/almost the exact same as he was as a teenager?**

He'd find it ironically amusing, and he would just hope that his kid would grow out of it the same way he did. And he tried to support him through this unfortunate time of being an asshole.

**3. Do any of them have a favorite type of jam? I feel like Jeremy's would be strawberry.**

I don't think they do. None of them really care that much about jam. But Jeremy would probably enjoy some strawberry jam.

**4. How many of them actually like Christmas to some degree? Even if it's only the music, treats, gifts, etc. And would their opinion be a little nicer if they celebrated with loved ones?**

If they are their teenage selves, celebrating with their loved ones would not make any difference to their attitude. Everett loves Christmas. It's his favorite holiday. Bae thinks it's charming, and he does like to make it special for his younger siblings. Nate doesn't care about it at all. He ignores holidays for the most part, and doesn't like that they interrupt his normal schedule. Jeremy's not super thrilled about it because his parents love holidays and want to spend a bunch of time with him. Pran doesn't mind that much. He enjoys being able to avoid his own family on holidays and not spending it with them even when they would like him to. And then he just goes over to Jeremy's house and

has the holiday with them. And Shiloh, he pretends to really, really love it. Who knows what he really thinks, though?

**5. Do Jeremy and Pran celebrate Christmas together? I feel like Jeremy's parents would invite Pran even if he doesn't get gifts or refuses them.**

And yes, I just said that in the above one. Pran refuses to spend time with his own family on holidays, and instead he goes and spends the holidays with Jeremy's family.

**And *Our Life: Now & Forever*: 1. How would Qiu react to someone (a friend) suggesting they had ADHD? Since they're undiagnosed in Step One and Two.**

They'd probably just laugh it off and say, "Nothing can explain me or why I'm the way I am". And then move on with their life.

**2. Related to the first question, even if they didn't mention ADHD specifically, what about that person saying they relate and trying to give Qiu advice?**

They probably would not listen. They might like, nod and be like, "Yeah, you know, I get it. Thanks for saying so". But then they probably wouldn't make any commitment to follow whatever advice was given. And this is assuming we're talking about the Step Two self of Qiu. As a kid, they'd probably just not even really understand what you're trying to talk about, because they're totally normal and they don't have any problems.

**3. Tamarack and Qiu's reaction to a friend comparing them to a cat. Maybe they have an interest in different cat breeds and compare them to one out of love, haha.**

It would depend on their ages, but generally they wouldn't mind that they think it's kind of funny or cute. Both of them like cats quite a bit, so it wouldn't be a problem. At least as long as it was a friend who did it.

**And that was all. I absolutely love *Floret Bond* and XOD and XODD. They're all so amazing. I could ask questions night and day, haha. But I tried to keep it at a minimum. My interest in XOD might be a little special (wink wink nudge nudge) and I just love it to death. #1 favorite game. And the upcoming *Our Life: Now & Forever* has also weaseled its way into my heart. Thank you for creating such amazing games. I hope the rest of this and next year will be good years for you. Thank you very much! I'm glad you like all of those games.**

Hi! I hope you are all doing well. Merry early Christmas for those who celebrate it. If not, happy holidays. I think that's how it's said in English. I rarely use those phrases so I don't know. Also, happy early New Year! *Thank you. Happy New Year to you as well.* If I ask some questions that can't be answered, that's okay. Also, I don't know if some of those have already been asked. **1. What would the LIs for *Our Life 1* and *2* think of MC getting piercings or tattoos (we can exclude Cove for the tattoo part as he gets them depending on your choices), or if their LI gets one or both? Would they think it's attractive or dislike it?**

I can't really answer for older Tamarack and Qiu because I haven't written them yet. So, for the adult versions of the *Our Life 1* guys, all of them think piercings and tattoos are pretty cool. Like Baxter especially likes piercings, and Cove especially likes tattoos, and Derek thinks both of them can be very nice, and none of them would actively dislike it.

**Or how would they feel if they have a partner who has a goth, e-boy/e-girl, etc. style? Given I dress as a more vanilla version of both, I was curious.**

Again, they would not actively dislike it. You know, Baxter would obviously be the most interested in that kind of style, as he has a thing for very "out there" type of styles, very dramatic looks that are very dark shaded. That's his scene. Cove and Derek would definitely stand out compared to the MC, since they are much more bright and vibrant types of styles, but they would very happily support their goth partner expressing themselves the way they want to.

**2. Is there a chance you get to ice skate in *Our Life 2*? If you can't answer this, it's okay. I thought of this because they recently put up the ice skating thing in the square where I live.**

Oh well that's cool. No, I can say pretty definitively that there won't be ice skating in *Our Life 2* because there was a little scene where you went ice skating in *Our Life 1*, and I don't think I'd want to repeat that because it's so specific of an activity to go out of your way to do so. Unfortunately, almost certainly not.

**3. This is more me forgetting and being too lazy to go back and look. How many LI are in Project W, and what is their gender? Also, does it follow one specific age range for the whole game, or does it have an aging system like *Our Life 2*?**

There are three love interests for Project W, but I haven't released anything about their identities. I can say that all of them have different gender identities. It's not like *Our Life 1* where they all identify as male and use he/him pronouns. They all have their own relationship with the gender spectrum and their own sets of preferred pronouns, but I haven't announced what those are yet. And it does follow one specific age range. There's no aging system. They start out as adults, and then the game, the whole game, and all three of its arcs happen immediately after the last one. So, you have the first arc that takes place over however many weeks or whatever, and then arc two immediately happens after, and arc three happens immediately after arc two. And the entire game takes place over the course of a single season.

**4. Last question, what would the five LIs think of a partner with a hyper-fixation on FNaF, or in general, an LI with an obsession over their childhood/things that bring them comfort as they remind them of their childhood? I have this attachment to anything related to my childhood, or that brings me comfort because it reminds me of my childhood, even if it was never part of it, but close enough. So, I was curious about how they would react to an MC who has an attachment or sense of comfort towards those things, as the MC is neurodivergent. Would they give them gifts related to childhood things. Since I fall into that category, this is pretty much self-indulgent curiosity.**

Well, all of them are very attached to childhood things as well. The *Our Life* series is all about sentimentality and nostalgia, so they would be able to relate to that. They certainly would give the MC gifts if there was a particular thing they were really fixated on. I don't know anything about FNaF. I've never played those games, but I don't think any of them would have a problem with that. Most of them probably would not play those games either. They might give it a try for the MC's sake, but those kind of horror games aren't really the style for most of the *Our Life* leads, besides maybe Qiu in Step Two. But they at least would be able to understand the MC being attached to stuff that reminds them of their childhood. So, it definitely wouldn't be any kind of problem, and they would find ways to relate to the MC in that way.

**Hi! Hope y'all will enjoy the upcoming holidays. Thank you. 1. I saw the gradient hair and I'm wondering whether we'll get to see a preview for some new hairstyles as well eventually.**

Yes. I intend to put the custom hairstyles into production next year. There was a Kickstarter and people got to back for the right to request a certain hairstyle or accessory. And so those hairstyles will be done early next year, and then we'll see what the set is like. And then if I feel like certain aspects are still missing, then we'll fill that out with even more new hairstyles.

**2. For *Our Life 2*, at what Step can we begin to date the leads? For example, can we start dating them at the end of Step Two? Or will it be something only available for later Steps (3/4)?**

You will be able to express that you like them in Step Two and go out on a date like experience, but you won't be able to be officially dating during the Moments. Maybe at the end of Step Two, you can decide that you're totally officially a serious couple, even though you're only 14. But it would definitely have to wait until at least the end of Step Two.

**3. Is there a particular tradition/thing that the *Our Life 2* leads do on the New Year's?**

I don't really know for when they're older and adults. As kids, their main tradition is being able to actually stay up until midnight, and that's very cool and exciting. And they probably both like to see fireworks go off for the New Years. But I don't think in Steps One and Two, they really have particular traditions for themselves.

**And as always, thanks for answering these questions and I hope you and the team will have some great days ahead.**

Thank you very much!

Do you think any of the *Our Life* love interests would like a game like *Our Life*?

That's a tough question! I don't think Baxter would ever take an interest in these kinds of games. Not unless his partner really wanted him to try it so they can talk about it. Derek might play in *Our Life* style game when he's his Step Two self. Once he gets older, I don't think he would really be drawn to this kind of game at all. Cove, he's not too much of a video game player, even if it is mostly text based. I think he also would probably only try it if a good friend or his partner showed it to him, and they really wanted him to try it. Tamarack would only be able to do it when she was older. As a kid, it'd be way too much reading and just sitting there doing nothing, in her opinion. And in her teenage

years, she might be a little too embarrassed to play a game like this, but perhaps when she's older, Step Three and Four, she could enjoy an experience like an *Our Life* game. And Qiu is probably similar to Tamarack, in that they would only even consider trying it when they are in their Step Three or Four version.

**Hello, hello! Hope you're doing well and having a jolly month. *Thank you.* I have a question. I noticed how many OSTs have different layers that change depending on the Moment that occurs. And in the music room, we can only play the OSTs in full. Will there be a change to the music room where we can play with the layering system? I love to add or remove different layers of music and play it in loops for a wide variety of OST on my laptop while I work or vibing. Thank you! You're all amazing!**

It's possible. There is actually a secret dev only music room where I can listen to the music and swap out layers. That's something Shawna made for me when I'm implementing the music into the scenes. And perhaps that more complicated system will become available for players to use as well, but I'm not entirely sure. We'll have to see when the game is closer to completion.

**Hello! Hope you are doing well. Here are my questions for my first Q&A. Feel free to skip if the questions give away too much or would lead to spoilers. 1. Will there ever be a Moment where the two leads have to take care of the MC, as they've gotten really sick or broken a bone, and no adults were around that type of thing?**

Well, I don't know about the no adults being around thing. I do want to have some Moment where someone is sick, because I feel like that's very fitting for an autumn setting. You know, it's cold and chilly, and so I feel like it would fit to have somebody who catches a cold and is stuck in bed for the day, but I don't know exactly when it would happen or who it would happen to, and if there would be other characters around, like the adults or not. But there is certainly a chance that there will be a Moment where the leads have to take care of the MC.

*The second question is about how the leads would react to an anxious MC with a crush, and that's not really a question I can answer. I'm afraid you'll have to wait to play the game to see how things go when you have a crush on the leads, and what they do about that at.*

**3. Will there be cute romantic scenes with the LIs in any of the Steps, like before they get together?**

Yeah, I think so. I mean, there will be nice, meaningful Moments. I mean, it's up to you, I guess, to decide how romantic you think they are. But I'm intending to have scenes like that.

**4. With the jealousy meter, is it really pronounced or is it just something small to add to the drama and spice? Would it drastically change the dialogue? How would it be different if you're just friends or have crushes?**

The jealousy meter is just another dynamic setting. It changes some lines and adds different choice options to some menus, but it doesn't completely change scenes or full conversations. It just changes the general mood and how they phrase things in certain situations. And it's not that different if you're just friends or crushes. It's just if you are crushing, it can come up in some situations where it doesn't apply if you're just friends. But the way they act, if they're jealous over the MC, is pretty much the same, whether it's platonically or romantically.

Hi, I don't know if someone asked yet, but what are the *Our Life* LIs' thoughts about chocolate mint?

Cove likes it. It's not one of his number one favorites, but he likes it. Baxter, he also thinks it's pretty good. I don't think he's that into chocolate, generally, but adding some mint does make it a bit nicer. Derek, he's probably not a huge fan of that. Tamarack would really enjoy it. Qiu would really love it at some ages, and then in Step Two would really not like it.

**Hello, when you first meet Mr. Bauman, the MC describes his voice. Will we be able to do so with our MC?**

I'm afraid not. You just have to headcanon what you think your MC sounds like. The game won't ever reference what your voice sounds like, so there's no opportunity to describe it.

**Greetings to you and the team. I hope you've all been doing well! *Thank you.* My questions are related to *Our Life 1*. 1. I was wondering how the *Our Life 1* LIs would handle their child, assuming they decided to have one, going through a**

**gender crisis, similar to how Qiu struggles with their gender in Step Two, for example?**

Well, I can't describe specific scenes or conversations in these Q&A's, so all I can really say is that generally they would be very supportive and do what they could to help their child. People like Qiu would be able to really relate to what they're going through and share their own experiences. But all of them could at least be able to talk to their kid about their own situations of discovering their identities, since all of the characters are queer. So, they could relate at least in that way. And they would obviously not like to see their child struggling, but would only be able to do so much. So, it would have to let the child have these feelings and express themselves, and there wouldn't be any pressure to hide it or get over it, or even tell them things that they're not ready to tell the parents.

**2. Would the *Our Life 1* LIs be strict in parenting styles or more relaxed? How would they discipline their child if they were to do something bad? How would they reward their child if they were to do something good?**

Well, all the *Our Life 1* leads would be fairly relaxed, at least in some ways. Cove would be pretty protective and would want to talk things through with his children. He wouldn't want to be like his own dad and have a bunch of surprises or unexpected situations that make the children uncomfortable. But he would still give them a lot of freedom to enjoy just going out and being a kid the way he got to. Derek would be definitely very involved with his kids, but would want them to choose things for themselves as much as possible, and he'd want to support them as much as possible and help them have a positive relationship with their siblings if they have multiple kids. So, he wouldn't really be focused on things like discipline or having a lot of strict set rules. Baxter, he probably would have the most specific rules in terms of behavior, but wouldn't be very rigid and demanding of them. He would just try to help guide them into appropriate behavior by saying what is and isn't appropriate. I don't really know specifically how they would punish or reward their kids. It would depend a lot on what happened and exactly how old the kid is at the time and what their partner thinks as well. So, I don't think I could give any real examples for that.

**Feel free to skip any questions that may be too difficult to answer. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to answer all our questions. It means the world. I hope you and the team have a wonderful December.**

Thank you very much!

**Hi, not sure if this has been asked before, but will Tamarack and Qiu potentially have something similar to what Cove had with anklets?**

Yes and no. They both have something that they find very attractive and flusters them, but it's not a specific accessory.

**I'm Jewish and I like to make my characters Jewish too. I noticed in the demo that you could mention that you don't celebrate Christmas, which I appreciated.**

**Participation in Christian culture is usually taken for granted in most media. Do you anticipate there being more opportunities to assert that your character is part of a minority religion, either through character customization options like kippah/hijab, or similar small dialogues? Happy Hanukkah!**

Happy Hanukkah to you. We actually did try to add a kippah to the MC design doll, and it didn't really go well because the hats have to cover the whole front of the head, and it's such a flat 2D look that it can't really be shown to be like sitting on top of the back of the head like a kippah should. So, I don't think that's ever going to be possible just because of the limitations of the art style, unfortunately. As for dialogue options, it's possible. I can't say 100% sure when that would happen, so I can't really give any kind of specific example. So I guess unfortunately, we'll just have to see if an opportunity does come up at some point later in the script where you can mention that about yourself.

**Happy holidays! I hope it's been a warm and cozy winter for you and the team.**

*Thank you.* **My questions are: 1. In Step Four, Baxter's grown up to be quite patient and have a good temper, so I'd love to know what kind of behavior would annoy him or possibly make him angry? Whether it be trivial like going over to his house without wiping the dirt off your shoes maybe, or major, like disrespecting his wishes. He seems like he let a lot of things slide for the MC.**

Baxter is good at not getting annoyed once you've gotten past those issues at the start of his story, but only because you're spending limited amounts of time together. He's able to really hold it together and not let his temple get the best of him. But if you were spending a lot more time together, and especially if you were living together, I'm sure there'd be plenty of things that would annoy him and get him to be a little snippy or to snap a bit. He can get very stressed over work, and he can be in a bad mood in the morning, and that can make it even easier for him to get annoyed. So, I'm sure just lots

of normal life things would ultimately be able to make him annoyed if you're spending enough time with him that he starts letting down those walls and showing his annoyance. If Baxter is letting everything slide still, it's either because he feels unworthy to express his own negative feelings, or he's still trying really hard to curate this specific image of himself.

**2. Does the GB patch team have a Secret Santa gift event going on within the staff? It seems like it'd be fun haha. Thank you for the Q&A opportunity!**

No, we don't. I generally leave the team alone as much as possible. They do their work and they submit it when it's done, but I don't make them participate in meetings or do company events, like a Secret Santa. I don't know if that will ever change one day, but definitely right now the team isn't really expected to do anything but their own work.

**Happy holidays, everyone! I'm wishing you all the best for a new year of *Our Life* and Project W! *Thank you very much.* For my last question of the year, is there only one Moment that you and the LIs can shift into crushes and or best friends? It may be wonder that if I didn't choose to develop a crush in "Wheels", would it be possible to develop in a different Moment?**

There are multiple Moments where you can become crushes or friends or best friends. Not every situation where you can change your relationship allows you to change it to any relationship. There are some situations where you can only move to being crush if it's like a particularly romantic kind of setting, or there are situations where you can only become friends, where it would be kind of inappropriate to decide you have a crush on them at this moment. Like if it's a very hard, upsetting moment and you decide that you want to be their friend and be there for them, you wouldn't really make sense to decide, seeing them suffer is what makes you have a crush on them. So, there's definitely multiple Moments to do it for each type of relationship, but not every situation allows you to do any type of relationship change.

**In Step Two, since Mr. Yusuf is going to be around, would he have his own scene with the MC, or is MC and Opal just seeing him on different occasions? Happy early Christmas!**

You will see Mr. Yusuf around, usually when you're with other characters. I don't know if there will be scenes in Step Two where it's one on one, you and Yusuf. Maybe for a

short exchanges, but for the most part he would probably be around what other characters are also around, like Tamarack or Qiu or your mom.

**Yay, new Q&A! I only have one question this time since I couldn't think of much, but as always, feel free to not answer. As a native Virginian, I recently learned that Baxter goes/went to college in Virginia during Step Three. So, my question is, does the college he went to have a real-life counterpart like UVA or tech? Or is it just a random unnamed college? Thanks once again. These are so fun!**

It is just a random unnamed College. I chose that he went to Virginia because I lived in Virginia for a very short amount of time a couple years ago, when I was working on the Derek DLC and starting the Baxter DLC, and so I was like, "Yeah, I'll have him also go to Virginia". But I don't know enough about Virginia to say exactly what college he would have gone to.

**Will *Our Life 2* be available to play on the Steam Deck?**

Hopefully it should be. We'll have to see if there are any issues with some of the fancy screens that the game has and see if that can work with the Steam Deck, but hopefully it will. Currently right now, it hasn't been tested, so I can't say 100%.

**Hello! Happy upcoming New Year's and Christmas! I don't celebrate, but he, should wish. *Thank you very much. Happy New Year to you.* The question I wanted to ask previously is now kind of irrelevant since the fairly recent update for the game, although... my MC is transmasc, and obviously everyone, including Tama, would be supportive. So, at first Tamarack is really happy she got a girlfriend in Step One, and now that my MC came out as a boy to her, how would she feel internally? Maybe a bit upset or disappointed since her only close and first in Golden Grove girlfriend is actually a boy?**

I don't think Tamarack would be disappointed by the MC being a boy instead of a girl. Maybe she would have some nervousness about how this would change things. Or if the main character is sort of going to move on and maybe want to have more guy friends instead of a girl like her. So those might be insecurities, but she wouldn't be unhappy for herself that she doesn't have a girlfriend in the MC anymore. That kind of feeling is a bit more Vianca style. She would be unsure of what to think if one of her girlfriends was, in fact, actually a boy. That does make her kind of awkward and unsure. But Tamarack wouldn't really have that kind of response.

**Hi! Feel free to ignore if questions are too hard or you don't want to answer. 1. How would Step Two Tam and Qiu react if someone was being rude/blatantly mean to the MC?**

It would depend partially on the dynamic you have, and obviously the relationship would be very different if you were close friends or if you were neighbors. But assuming you were friends, Qiu would definitely be up for going over to the person and talking to them directly and trying to get them to back off. Tamarack might confront the person directly, depending on her dynamic, or she might try to find a way to just get the MC out of there, like come up with an excuse to leave and run away from the conflict. So it would still depend a bit, but they would certainly try to be there in some way for their friend if somebody was being mean to them.

**2. I know Tam likes to be the same as the MC, but what would Qiu think of a carbon copy of them moving into town?**

In Step One, they would think it's kind of fun and neat, but they wouldn't really see themselves as being the same, even if they really were. Qiu would still consider themselves the most confident and the best at everything, and sort of the top dog of this area. And the MC being similar in some ways, wouldn't really matter because they're just a new kid and therefore are still a follower to them. So, they wouldn't really be like Tamarack, who'd see it as a pair of people who are identical and equal. Qiu would still find a way to make themselves the boss and the MC, the person that they're helping.

**3. In the prologue, Qiu says, "Forget it, MC. You don't have to worry about this." Do they mean it in a "You have no idea what I'm going through" way, or "Don't worry about me, it's fine" way?**

I don't know exactly what line you're talking about. I would imagine it depends on your relationship. If you are friends, I assume they're saying it in a "Don't worry about it, everything's all right" kind of way. But if you are just neighbors, it probably would be kind of in a dismissive way where they're just like, "Forget it, I can't talk to you about this". So I guess it depends on whether you were friends or not when it happened.

**4. Can MC have struggles in Step Two the same way Qiu and Tam might? Can the MC have like ADHD, autism, or depression? Or is it just like gender issues?**  
**That's all. Thank you for all that you do and have a wonderful Christmas.**

Thank you very much. You are not able to be diagnosed with any kind of condition or neurodivergence or disability, simply because it would take so many alterations to express even one possible condition, and it would be unfair to only give one canon official option for some kind of neurodivergence or disability. I can't just make it so that the main character can be deaf, and then not allow people to be blind, or be in a wheelchair or some other physical disability. And I also can't make it so the MC can officially have autism, but then couldn't have ADHD or depression. And I also cannot write alterations for everything that a person could potentially be living with and to all the different degrees that it affects them. So unfortunately, I just don't include those kinds of official conditions, and people can only headcanon that their MC is living with those.

**Hi, I have no question. I just wanted to wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Well, thank you very much for the well wishes!

**In *Our Life 1*, you can already be in love with Cove without having made those feelings known, yet with the same option be available in *Our Life 2*?**

Yes, you can certainly have feelings for them without ever saying that you do.

**And on a similar note, can you be in love with both of them in Step Three, even if you don't have the option to date both of them until Step Four?**

I have not decided that. I have to see how I'm going to handle Step Three once I get there. I'm still very much at the beginning of Step Two, so I can't definitively decide if you will or won't be able to be in love with both in Step Three. There's definitely a possibility, but I'll need to consider certain things before deciding officially.

**Before I ask my questions, I wanted to give a huge thank you for all of the great work you've been putting in for these games over the years. *Thank you very much.* My question was regarding the new relationship system that was put in *Our Life 2*. Feel free to skip it if it breaches spoiler territory, or if it's not available to answer at this time; if it was already asked, I'm so sorry. I read in a previous Q&A, November 2024, that the new jealousy system will be purely based on negative emotions, hence the drama and edge that might come with it. However, if it's okay to ask, could we have more elaboration on this? How might Qiu and Tamarack show these emotions towards the MC or towards each other regarding the MC? I**

**understand there isn't anything solid down just yet, so if you can only describe what it might be like, that is perfectly okay. I'm just curious about what their negative emotions might look like. For example, in Step Two, if MC is BFFs with Qiu or crushing, what would their jealousy look like if the situation called for it? And finally, how might they go about resolving the conflict? Feel free to answer for Tamarack too. I'd love to understand their characters more, both the good and the bad!**

Unfortunately, I don't think there's anything particularly interesting I can just say about it. Generally, they just have a worse attitude. For Qiu, they'll tend to be even snippier than normal. They'll want to sort of brush people off even more. They'll be frustrated.

Tamarack can be insecure in some Moments and a bit angry in other Moments. It's just generally they have a negative attitude in situations where otherwise they would have a more neutral or pleasant attitude. It's not particularly different from other situations where they have a negative attitude. It's just that they're showing those negative feelings more often than they would without the jealousy. As for resolving it, there isn't really a way to resolve it. If you choose to make them jealous, they will be jealous the entire Step, and there will never be a Moment where they sort of come together and make up, and the jealousy dynamic goes away. So, you really got to want that extra negativity in your life to put jealousy on.

**When the idea of a guy who wears all black and white was thought of for *XOXO Droplets*, how close to complete was that early concept, and how did it change over time into Baxter?**

So, for those who don't know, long before I made *Our Life*, I made a dating sim called *XOXO Droplets*, where all the love interests are big jerks. And I had six main characters and then two minor side character love interests. And while I was working on that game, I thought of a new idea for another amusing jerk character, and he would be this loser named Baxter, who dressed all in black and white. And he was going to be like this band guy who thought he was so awesome because he was like a good singer. And I imagined some of the silly outfits he could wear and some scenes with him, I did not flush him out very well. I never actually wrote anything with this character in mind. I gave up on the idea pretty quickly, because I already knew it was going to take a long time to finish the game I already had, and I couldn't expand it even more. But I always remembered that idea of how funny it would be to have a character who just insists on only wearing black and white. And so, when making the side characters of *Our Life*, I

decided to finally go for it and bring that concept to life with Baxter Ward. And he is a much different character than I originally was imagining. He's not in a band, he just likes music. And he's kind of a jerk in some ways, but not in that very explicit way that the original plan planned Baxter would have been. But I mean, I guess in a way the original Baxter was going to be kind of this rocker guy who is totally noncommittal and you can't really trust him. So, in that way, it's kind of similar, but just for very different reasons, because he just would have been unable to get attached to people, not because of his own insecurities, but because of his own ego and need to seek out validation from new and more people. And I also imagined he would have had long hair, the original Baxter, and new Baxter does not have long hair. And original Baxter would not have ever become a wedding planner. So, the two guys are pretty different in concept. I feel like both could probably exist in the same world and be very different people, and it would just be kind of funny if they met. It wouldn't come across like they were the same guy at all. They just both have the same weird thought to only dress in black and white.

**Hello, this is my second Q&A. I hope as always, you're having fun and enjoying working on this game. 1. Is there any chance that in the future you could choose a profession and have some dialogue involving that profession? Like if you could choose to be a mechanic, could any of the adults or leads end up asking for help or opinion with a vehicle and such? Not that you would actually do anything at the time, but just mentioning the profession you chose. Would that be plausible?**

Most likely not. There might potentially be a list of different professions that you can take, but it's usually pretty vague, like just the general industry that you're in, so people can imagine a more specific role without us having to have hundreds of options available on the list. So, I don't know if people would be able to assume exactly what you do based on what you're able to choose. At least that's how it was in *Our Life 1*, so I imagine it'll be pretty similar to that in *Our Life 2*. And I can't imagine there'd be enough situations that happen where people could understandably bring up your career. And it would be a bit unfair if only like five of the options had alterations where people actually brought it up. So most likely it just won't ever come up.

**2. If the MC had a video game/arcade, whatever, which of the leads would actually be interested in it, and how often would they ask to use it?**

It would depend on their age. Qiu more into video games than Tamarack. But Tamarack does still like video games, especially when she's either younger or much older. But

both would probably want to use it. They'd think that's cool if the MC had the latest video games or like an actual arcade machine.

**3. Sorry if this sounds downcast and ruins the mood of the Q&A, but Omi and Opa will appear in the Step Four epilogue, right? Sorry if I ask something that isn't good for the Q&A, but it's still a question that can receive an answer, right? Q&A. See what I did? Anyway, I wish you health and happiness. Until next time!**

Thank you very much. And yes, Omi and Opa will survive the entire game. There are no on-screen characters who die in *Our Life*, and that's going to continue with *Our Life 2*, so you don't have to worry about them. They will be very old at the time, but the game doesn't go far enough in the future for them to have passed away. For example, currently I'm older than the leads in Step Four, and my Omi and Opa are both still alive.

**Hi! I hope your day is well. I was wondering throughout Step One there are options to harbor some kind of issue with your mother (for example, during the sleepover, you can choose to say you wish you had a different mom). My question is, will this be focused on at some point and confront her about it (something similar to Cove and his parents' divorce) in a Moment or Step One Epilogue?**

Yes, there is a Moment where you can focus a lot on your relationship with your mom and any potential negative feelings you have about her. It's not in the beta build yet, but it will be coming sometime next year.

**Hello! I hope you've been doing well, especially during the winter season. If you're the type to celebrate Christmas, I wish that you have a wonderful time.**

***Thank you very much.* As for my questions, if you don't have a definitive answer or if they cross your boundaries, feel free to skip. 1. How would Tamarack and Qiu feel about a very festive MC during the holidays? Example, they dress up daily and properly according to the month of the holiday, bring treats that match the holiday, or they ask Opal to absolutely decorate-bomb the front yard lawn.**

It would depend on the holiday. Qiu is very much into Halloween and would enjoy the MC getting really festive about it. They're not into Christmas as much, but Tamarack really loves Christmas and would be very excited to have someone else who gets really into the Christmas spirit. Qiu's not that into Valentine's Day; Tamarack is, except in Step Two, where she's a bit more shy about it. But they could definitely have a lot of fun and

join in with the MC's festivities, or they could just sort of watch in amusement, depending on their age and exactly which holiday is being celebrated.

**2. What would Tamarack and Qiu's love languages be?**

I don't know. I think it's too early to answer that, unfortunately.

**3. If Nick had a pet reptile, would Tamarack and Qiu get along with it? How would they feel about it?**

It would depend on their ages, but overall, they would like it a lot. They'd be especially excited as kids that they had a pet. They'd love to go over and see it, and they'd want take it outside and go on adventures with the reptile. And then as they were older, they'd get a little less excited about it, but would still think it's really cool.

**4. How would Renee, Tamarack, and Qiu feel about a very gift giving MC? Such as if they mentioned wanting something in MC's hearing vicinity, it's suddenly wrapped up neatly on their doorstep? Specifically during Step Two.**

Well it would depend on if you were friends or not, but assuming you were friends, they would feel very positive about that. They'd think it's very sweet and nice, and they would appreciate all of the gifts the MC made and you know, the thoughts and effort that they put into it. Renee would probably be a bit more awkward about it, though, even if you were on good terms.

**5. What would Qiu and Tamarack's reaction be to MC appearing at their window at night? Sort of like Cove in *Our Life BA*. Either way, I wish you well! Apologies if these questions are too long.**

As usual, it would depend on their age and your relationship. Assuming you're friends and it's Step Two, they would think you're pretty wild and what are you doing because their houses are not actually very good for climbing, and they're both on the second floor. So, they would think this is very dangerous. Tamarack would probably think it's less funny in Step Two, and she'd just be like, "OMG, you can't do that, you know you're going to fall and break your neck and die". And she'd hurriedly get you into the room and say, "You can't do that anymore". If she was younger, she'd be a lot less worried about that and think you were magic or something for being able to climb up there. Qiu would be a little less concerned about the danger, but still think you're absolutely

ridiculous. They'd make another joke about you being a burglar. Clearly, you're breaking into their house. But they would probably suggest you don't do that again.

**Hello! Happy holidays to you and the team. *Thank you.* I was wondering if the LIs in Project W are sexless or just genderless?**

Well, I don't want to go too much into the details because I'm going to be doing that next year with fun infographics, but they are biologically sexless beings. They don't reproduce sexually, they don't have sexual organs, they don't develop sexual characteristics as they get older. So, while some of them do have a gender identity, and that is part of the society they live in as a whole, even though they, the Lumulles, they try to keep gender as a non-entity, it is still something that exists in the world, and many of them do have gender identities when it comes to biological sexual characteristics. That is something they are not born with.

**Hello and happy holidays! These might be silly questions/something you don't exactly know, but since it's winter time: 1. What are the love interests from both games favorite Christmas songs?**

Well, I think Tamarack would really love the *Jingle Bell Rock*, and Cove might really like *Feliz Navidad*. That's something that plays a lot in California, and I really liked that growing up. Maybe when Qiu was older, they'd be into that sleigh ride song; that's really like upbeat and fun. And they'd also like *All I want for Christmas Is You*, because that's like a meme classic. And Tamarack would like that as well. I don't know if Derek or Baxter would have any particular favorite Christmas songs. I don't know if I know enough Christmas songs off the top of my head to guess what it would be.

**2. What sort of gifts do the love interests like (example, food, something homemade, etc.) and if they don't care for material gifts, how do they celebrate the holidays?**

I feel like all of them do gift exchanges around the holidays. What they would like would depend a lot on their age, but I'm sure all of them would appreciate if someone made them a homemade gift or cooked them food or something. So unfortunately, I don't think I could give any specific examples for all of them.

**Thank you so much for your time.**

Thank you, too.

**Hello, I hope you are doing well and have a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you. Feel free to skip the questions if you can't or don't want to answer, or if they have been asked before. 1. If our MC comes out as trans, how will it affect how classmates feel/react to them or the parent/grandparents? And can Yusuf be allied to talk to?**

Being trans can certainly impact how the MC feels and relates to other people, but it doesn't really change how the rest of the world reacts or treats you. They're not going to treat you worse for being trans. But they won't treat you as just genuinely different either. For the most part, you are treated as the same person, just with the correct gender. Yusuf is somebody who you could talk to and understand you. I don't know exactly at what point, whether it be a Moment in Step Two or the end of Step Two, or at some point in Step Three, but he's certainly going to be around and someone that you can talk to.

**2. Will Ren, Qiu, and Tamarack still be friends in Step Three and Four?**

Yes, they are friends for the majority of the game.

**3. If a magic realm were found out to be real, what would it take for the crew and adults to fully believe the realm exist? A D&D kind of realm.**

It would take getting to go to that realm themselves.

**Hello! It's been a while since I participated in one of these Q&A's, so forgive me if I have a lot to ask. And as always, I hope you're doing alright and have been making good progress on the game. Also, happy holidays this month if you have any plans on celebrating them. Thank you very much. Happy holidays! 1. How would Step One and two Tamarack and Qo feel towards an MC who seems to have the qualities of a child prodigy? Someone who excels in their schoolwork or has an extensive knowledge of something that their normal age group wouldn't know? Would they think it's a little weird, or would they be fascinated that they're friends with the genius?**

They would think it's pretty cool to be friends with a genius. They might be possibly insecure at some moments that they're not smart enough to talk with a genius and keep up with them and stimulate their mind intellectually because they are not geniuses. But they wouldn't think that the MC is weird or like a loser nerd. Being very smart is

something that both of them admire. And Tamarack in particular would think it's a bit nerve racking because her parents are also very smart, and now she's got a really smart friend, but she's not that smart herself. However, she'd still be very happy for her friend being so smart and would support the MC.

**2. Will there be a chance that Step Two Qiu or Tamarack, if they're set at friends, to act as our wingman if we have a crush on the other love interest? For example, would Tamarack have the ability to dare Qiu to kiss the MC if there was another sleepover? My MC is completely oblivious to their feelings, and I would find it funny if their best friend had to help them advance in their romantic relationship with the other lead.**

I can't say any specific scenes where that would happen, but there will almost certainly be some kind of lines where they encourage the MC or point out how the MC totally likes the other person. But I don't know of a scene where Tamarack could dare Qiu to kiss the MC could happen. We'll have to wait and see what kind of wingman situations might end up happening. But they do support their friend's relationship as long as they're not jealous.

**3. If the MC is completely oblivious for their feelings for Tamarack and/or Qiu, would either of them be able to tell what's going on with their relationship, whether or not they also have romantic feelings for the MC, or are just a bystander to MC's obliviousness towards the person? I have Tamarack set as a platonic best friend for my MC, and I can imagine how tired she is having to witness the back and forth between MC and Qiu.**

If you are set to crush for one of the leads, the other lead will have an inkling of those feelings and may be very confident in those feelings that you have for someone else, depending on your overall dynamic. And if they're not jealous, then they certainly would want things to go well for that relationship. I don't know if they would ever be a scene where Tamara gets tired of the back and forth between the MC and Qiu. Maybe something like that could happen. I feel like that would be something that would happen perhaps much later in the game. Like if they have been crushing since Step One or Two, and now it's Step Four, at that point, I feel like she would be very tired of it. I'm not sure if it would happen earlier in the game though.

**I was wondering why Baxter had only five Moments? Does it pertain to his character or was it easier to give him that amount?**

I'm not sure what you mean. The DLCs always add an additional five Moments. Derek had five Moments, and then his Epilogue. Baxter had five Moments and his Epilogue. If you got the Step One DLC, you got five new Moments in Step One. Five was just the amount of Moments that I thought was a good number for the DLCs to add.

**Also, I realized that Derek's epilogue was shorter than both Baxter's and Cove's. How come we couldn't potentially do both events in Derek's epilogue? If you wanted to do the dinner thing, then plan to go to the water park. If you didn't want to go to the dinner party, your MC could spend the day in Derek's apartment and play games or watch movies, etc. then do the water park another day. Was it for development reasons or something else?**

Word count wise, the Epilogues are not that different from each other, though Cove's is actually pretty short in comparison to both Derek and Baxter. But the reason you couldn't do both of those events is just because I like a level of replayability where some scenes you don't get to do everything all at once, and that you have to replay the game in order to see the other thing that happens. And I wanted that to apply to Derek's story, because I felt like some of his earlier scenes in Step Two didn't really have that kind of fun situation where you get a whole new scene when replaying. So, I decided to add it into his Epilogue.

**I can imagine an MC who has a fear of the forest that is their backyard might have nightmares relating to that. Do either Qiu or Tamarack have recurring nightmares that they may have at Step One and/or Step Two?**

In Step Two, I feel like they both could have stress dreams about school and life in general. As kids, Tamarack probably did have nightmares about monsters. Qiu might have nightmares about maybe getting lost, or like being stuck alone somewhere. And I feel like if either of them watched something particularly scary, they could possibly have nightmares inspired by whatever scary thing they saw.

And that is the whole Q&A and the last Q&A for 2024! Thank you to everybody who sent in questions this time and over the entire year. I'll be back again starting in 2025 to continue running these Patreon Q&As. Take care everybody. Happy New Year!