

Hello, everybody. Welcome to the October 2026 Patreon Q&A. This may or may not be the last Q&A I record before the launch for the Early Access comes out. We announce that that's going to be on the 27th of November. So I don't know if I'm going to have to fit in the Q&A right before or right after that happened. So it's going to be a very busy month, but for now, we're still just preparing. And part of that is keeping up with the normal things that go on every month. And so let's get into the questions that were sent in.

Hi, I'm newer to this community and very happy to be here. My question is about Shiloh, since it's his birthday month. I recently played XOXO:D, and I'm intrigued that out of all the boys, he's the only one with no canon adult version of him. I'm curious if you set out to write that kind of character from the start, or if it was a decision that evolved over time? Why? How? Thank you.

Shiloh's character is something that evolved over time. I definitely didn't imagine what his adult form would end up being when I originally started making character concepts. Originally, the jerks were not jerks, they were just normal people. And Shiloh was kind of a people pleaser, doesn't know how to say no, but still really friendly and well-liked kind of guy, everybody relied on him. And he was the hardest character to turn into a jerk when I realized I did want to make a more comedic game with these absurd, exaggerated personalities. Ultimately, I decided that he would have a similar attitude, but it would be fake and manipulative and untrustworthy. But I couldn't come up with a reason why he would be doing all of this that's really worth doing all of this for how exaggerated it was. So I just made it that there was no true explanation. You never found out truly 100% why he is like this, or what is the truth and what is him just saying what he thinks you want to hear. And I think that's a lot funnier! And so that's how he ended up being that way. And then after the game came out was when I started imagining what things might be like if they were adults. I didn't originally think I'd come up with adult versions of them. And I very quickly realized, you know, this is a problem because Shiloh has no canon answers, which means if he had an adult version, there'd have to be some kind of answer. And that's why I decided that there would just be multiple versions of Shiloh, and there is no one version that he ends up being, unlike the rest of the characters, where they just have their normal selves that they grow into. And for him, it could be almost anything, but there's only four that get shown in *Our Life 1* because we could create unlimited Shiloh's.

I hope everyone has a great day. *Thank you.* Skip the questions if they have already been answered. 1. What are the LIs favorite flowers or plants or animals in OL1 and OL2?

Well, Cove's favorite flower and plant is white poppies, and he loves all ocean creatures, he doesn't have one favorite. Tamarack really likes trees and little woodland creatures; she doesn't really have a favorite flower. Derek is a dog kind of guy; he doesn't particularly like plants or flowers or specific kind. And Qiu and Baxter don't really have a favorite kind of plant or animal. Unfortunately, that's not really something they're super into.

2. In OL2, would there be bad situations if you have crushed on both LIs? If you already prioritize one LI (where you prefer to check on them first), maybe it's better not to choose the "you liked the other LI" option, even if you really feel like it in that Moment? (Assuming you don't prefer dramatic or potential sad scenes)

It kind of depends. If you've set one or both to being jealous, then you definitely will notice some more unhappy feelings coming from one or both of the leads because you like the other lead as well. But if they're not set to jealous, then generally there's no scene that's happy if you don't like both, but then become sad because you like both, even if you're prioritizing one. Generally it's a situation that's going to be dramatic for a variety of reasons, like the circumstances have caused a lot of frustration, and in the frustrated Moment, they might bring up how, you know, one more bad thing is that you treat this other person better than me. But it's not something that comes out of nowhere or is the only thing that is going to upset them.

3. Do you need to be at least crushes or BFFs to become family later?

No, you don't have to be crushes or BFFs. You can go from being friends to being family. And family is the sort of platonic love path where you love them like a sibling, or like becoming your own family as a partner, just not in a romantic way.

I know it's been said that Qiu and Tamaracks actual birthdays have not been decided on yet, outside of them being early in the year. But I was curious, has it been decided who's actually the oldest out of the two? Or even if the MC will also have a canon birthday?

No, I don't know which one is older yet. I'm still thinking of what I want to do for their birthdays. And the MC will never have a canon birthday, I'm afraid. That's up to the players to decide.

And as a second question out of the core kids cast, given that they're growing up in what was probably the most active period of YouTube, when it came to YouTube celebrities anyway, do they have any favorite YouTubers? Step two Qiu feels like they'd be a PewDiePie fan.

No, I'm afraid I can't name any specific real world YouTuber I think they would end up liking. I don't really remember who was around during that time period, and I wouldn't know any of their content well enough to say for sure if one of the characters would have liked it or not. So I'm sorry, I can't really answer that one.

Hi GB. I hope everything is going well. Thank you. 1. How good is JB at cooking compared to the boys?

She's a good cook but not the best. Out of the seven of them, the six jerks and her, She'd probably be in the top three.

2. Besides Nate and his mom, who else knows that Everett used to have a crush on Pran?

Nobody. He only told those two people and JB can kind of infer it though ever it will deny it.

3. When JB confessed to Jeremy, did he realize that he had already fallen for her by that point? If so, how did he feel about her confession?

Yes and no. He still kind of in denial about it. And because she's the one doing all the pursuing, she's able to keep denying it to himself and others since that's not going to stop this anyways. It's only when she doesn't pursue him, and he's the one who technically initiates the confession that he has to really accept the fact that he likes her. Otherwise, she basically allows him to be in this position of acting like, "Oh, he doesn't really want to be here, or he just can't be bothered not to go along with it". But in the back of his mind, he knows that he is going along with it because he does have an interest in her, and it really isn't as terrible as he's acting.

1. Would Qiu be interested in trying different dance styles? For example, if MC wanted to learn a hip hop or K-pop dance with Qiu, would Qiu be willing to learn it?

Yes, they'd think that was fun. Well, if it was Step Two when you were neighbors, then they would say no. But otherwise, yes, they would be interested in trying another dance style with someone else.

2. Would still be into K-dramas/listen to Chinese pop music or be in the know about Asian trends? As an Asian American, I'm curious how in touch Kyo is with Asian media!

Well, Mrs. Lin watches a lot of K-dramas, so Qiu is very familiar with them for that reason. In Steps One and Two, they don't really look into the world beyond Golden Grove for the most part. But by Step Three, I imagine they would have more of an understanding of trends in China and in the rest of the US as well, where they'd be more interested in a lot of stuff outside of Golden Grove. And that would continue in Step Four as well.

3. If MC wanted to start a band, would, Renee, Tamarack, or Qiu join slash be willing to learn new instruments?

Mostly, no. Tamarack can play the cello, and if she could play the cello in the band, she'd be willing to do that. But she wouldn't start learning a new instrument. Neither would Qiu or Renee. Qiu might be willing to try being the singer, but they would not learn an instrument. And Rene doesn't want to learn an instrument either. So sadly, they would not be able to help the MC with their band very much

4. What would love do if an MC who was going to marry Derek wanted Cove to be their best man, but Derek also wanted Cove to be his best man, and the MC and Derek were kind of fighting over who gets him lol.

Cove would say sorry to Derek, but he's got two brothers who could be the best man for him and he has known the MC longer, so even though he is good friends with Derrick, he would choose the MC to be the best man of. And Derek would be understanding of that. He honestly would want his brothers or dad to be his best man.

1. What are JB's favorite season and type of weather?

She prefers spring and summer and sunny weather, though she does live in Southern California during the game, so it's often very sunny there regardless of the season.

2. In Everett's route, it's mentioned that some random person asked him for JB's contact info. So I'm curious, are there a lot of people who have a crush on JB?

Well, if we're talking people outside of the actual romanceable guys, not too many. There are some people who are drawn to JB's confidence and bluntness, but that's only a small amount of the school's overall population. Most people are aware that she's only interested in these particular guys and has no interest in anyone else, and therefore she's not that willing to put in effort for those other people she's not interested in. And you've got to be a certain type of person to still have a crush on someone who openly is not interested in you. Everett's super cool, popular crowd are the type of people who might be into someone who isn't into them. And so that's why one of Everett's friends wanted her.

3. If everyone in the j-squad except Shiloh were a girl, who would Shiloh try to impress?

It'd still be JB. He thinks it's especially good that she's the only girl that he can focus on. But even if the others were girls, their attitudes are too terrible for him to really want to focus on. And so he'd mostly just talk about how she's the one who's nicest and the one you know, who treats him the best in return. And so that's why he's focusing on her, not just because she's a girl.

Hello, I hope you're having a great day! Thank you. I hope this wasn't previously asked, but is there a Moment in Step Two where we get to choose what our body looks like and how we feel about it, like in OL1?

The body choices are just on the MC customization screen at the start of the Step, but there is a Moment where you are able to think or talk about how you feel about it in Step Two.

Hello, hello and happy October, GB and David. I hope you're both having a nice month. Thank you. I have a double question and I hope it's not too spoilery. On returning to Golden Grove post Step Four what is Baxter's general attitude toward the possibility of running into his parents? Does that attitude change at all if he were to bring a partner along later?

Baxter does not want to run into his parents, but he thinks there's very little chance of that happening. They're not the type to just be randomly strolling down Main Street, and may not even be in the area while he's visiting. He wouldn't know, but they're often out of state or even out of the country. He'd like it even less if his partner was there, because he wouldn't want his partner to have to meet his parents, and for him to have to try to explain, because they would obviously have questions about that.

Hi GB patch team! Hope you all are having a nice October. *Thank you.* 1. How would Tam and Qiu feel about an MC who is a shameless flirt? Nobody can tell if MC called them cute because they actually like them, or if it's just them being playful. Was that dirty joke supposed to be a hint? I also wonder how the jealousy dynamics would play in here, because if I remember correctly, Tamarack and Qiu aren't just jealous when it comes to each other.

I'll answer this with their Step Two versions in mind. Tamarack would be very embarrassed just hearing the MC say those sort of things, even if it wasn't directly to her. And then Qiu would find that to be amusing without really taking it that seriously themselves. And this is assuming they're not jealous. If they are jealous, then they would just be jealous and unhappy about it instead of those other things I said.

2. How would Tama and Qiu feel about an MC who is a delinquent but is somehow never caught? Like everybody knows they did it, they just have no proof that the straight-A student is selling weed in their free time and push those girls who insulted Tamarack down the stairs. Also somehow has straight A's, even though they sleep through every class. And how did they get such a suspicious amount of money? Cough. Growing cannabis. Cough. They're just built different for real.

Again, in Step Two, Tamarack would be very concerned about this and wouldn't want MC to be getting into violent situations, especially because of her. And she'd be worried that they're going to get in trouble with the school or even the police because they're doing crimes. For Qiu, they would be less concerned about rule breaking and would make more jokes about it. But sometimes even they would get worried about how far this is going and what could happen if the MC does finally get caught, and then they decide to blame all that other stuff on the MC, because it must have been them as well, if they do officially prove something at some point.

3. Again, Tam and Qiu, sorry I'm repetitive, but I love my little goobers. How would they feel about an MC who somehow knows literally everyone. Somehow they're friendly with every person to ever fucking exist. How in the hell did they manage to get on the good side of the elderly guy who yells at kids to get off his lawn?

Unfortunately, in Golden Grove, that wouldn't be super stand out because Qiu was kind of like that as a child. They were very popular with other kids and adults. There wasn't really anybody who super disliked them. So even if this wasn't Step Two, when they weren't doing that anymore, people would mainly just see MC as the new Qiu, even though a lot of them still really like Qiu. So MC is just still kind of second place.

Someone already got there first. But Tamarack at least would think it's cool that you did that.

4. Finally, another Tam and Qiu. Okay, hear me out. An MC with an absolutely absurd amount of family. It's the holidays and a car pulls up. It's like a fucking clown car of cranberryyettes (my new word for people with cranberry hair), and then even more cars pull up. It's the cranberry convention. They've come to take your soul.

Well, I think both Qiu and Tamarack would be intimidated and possibly afraid, and would probably avoid it, and just talk to the MC about how all that went later.

Hi! I'm sure there's a lot on your plate with the release of Step One and Two coming soon, so I hope you're all doing well and not getting burnt out. *Thank you.* I have three questions. Feel free not to answer if they've been asked before. 1. All of my questions refer to Step Two Tam and Qiu. It's funny how differently Tam and Qiu act around their crushes. I know Tam tends to be a bit more shy around MC when she's crushing, but is there anything she'd be strangely bold or relaxed about with her crush?

Tamarack doubts herself, and because of that, she doubts how much the MC could really like her. But in situations where she does feel confident that the MC does really care about her, then she's able to be bold again. For when it comes to stuff that they're always the same on, and always agree, she can stay relaxed with that even when crushing.

2. In a similar vein, even though still tends to be more relaxed around MC when they're crushing, is there anything that would make them strangely shy?

They tend to get shy in situations where MC is being very earnest or serious or sincere, and it's not relaxed or even flirty and fun.

3. How would Tam and Qiu react if the MC that they are crushing on, but who hasn't admitted to themselves that they have a crush on Tam and Qiu, asks to cuddle platonically with them?

Depending on the situation, Tamarack could sometimes be comfortable with that, or she could get very nervous about it. While Qiu would be very comfortable doing that pretty much in any circumstance.

Hello again (but in a spooky way) GB team! 1. I know all the motherly terms MC could use for Opal aren't really acknowledged by the characters, but realistically, in Step Two would Tam/Qiu and other side characters react to MC still calling her mommy? I know at that age it can sound childish or embarrassing to some.

Qiu and Serenity might tease MC a bit or think it is embarrassing. Vianca wouldn't really care or comment on it. Ren would think that's kind of embarrassing, but they are younger than her, so Ren wouldn't comment on it, even though she never would have done that at 14. Tamarack would think it's sweet and nice and people should just not be bothered by it.

2. Would Baxter ever consider therapy? As much as I love him, he's definitely someone who might benefit from it a little, haha.

Yes, I think at some point he would consider trying to speak to a therapist.

3. The talk with Cliff mentioned by Cove in the Step Three Patreon bonus Moment—was it as awkward and mortifying for Cove as I'm imagining it to be?

Yes it was. He would prefer not to have to think of that again, but it does return to his mind and embarrass him all over again.

Hello y'all! Happy October and I hope y'all are happy, healthy, and well. Thank you. It goes without saying, but please skip over any question you don't feel like answering. 1. I did have to delete this one because it's about a Moment from the beta, and not everybody who listens to this has played the beta, but it is asking if the game is acknowledging the Mid-Autumn Festival.

And the answer is yes, the game does acknowledge that in that Moment, and then other Moments like the Mid-Autumn Festival Moment, which is something that's been shared publicly.

2. Do y'all have any intentions of or know for sure if you will not be incorporating Día de Muertos into a Moment (assuming you haven't already)?

It's not in Step One or Two, and it's likely not going to be in Step Three, Perhaps it'll be mentioned in Step Four. I can't say 100% that it won't be, but I know for sure that it's not going to be a huge focus of the game where, you know, an entire Moment is dedicated to it like other holidays.

3. Do y'all (GB and David) have a favorite candy or Halloween treat? If so, I hope y'all get said treat this Halloween. If not, I hope y'all can snack on an apple or something. Thank you!

I tend to prefer like baked goods over candy, but I do really like dark chocolate sometimes.

Hey GB and team, hope you're all doing well. *Thank you.* First time asking something here since I don't have many ideas. So I don't know if you're a fan of it, but I'm really curious if the characters of OL2 (Qiu, Tamarack, Serenity, Vianca, Renee and Baxter) and Cove, if they knew about Pokemon, what Pokemon would be their favorites? Really random question, but as a huge fan of Pokemon and they are left games, the question has been on my mind for a while. Don't know if you know much about Pokemon, but I thought it wouldn't hurt to ask anyway.

Sadly, I don't really know much about Pokemon as it is these days. You know, growing up I really loved the first and second generations, but after that I've really lost the plot on what's going on, how many Pokemon there are now. It's also a little bit hard for me to answer questions that are about a lot of characters. It's easiest if it's limited to maybe three. So if maybe you wanted to ask like what starters would the three main leads choose out of this specific three set of Pokemon, that would probably be easy enough for me to answer, but for answering out of all Pokemon for all those characters, what would be their favorites, I'm afraid I don't know.

Hiya! Very random question that came to mind recently, but also kind of fits the season. How would Qiu and Tamarack feel about vulture culture (the collection,

processing, and preservation of animal remains like bones)? More specifically, Step Two Tama and Qiu. Would they support an MC who dabbles in that stuff? Would they ever be interested in it?

Well, Tamarack would find it more interesting than Qiu would, but both would support their friend if they liked something. Tamarack could appreciate the natural element of it and the respecting of the remains if the MC did a good job respecting the remains. Qiu would see it more as being creepy because it involves bones and such, but in kind of a cool way. So that's cool.

Hey team, hope you all had a great month. *Thank you.* 1. Why didn't Baxter change his surname when he cut ties with his family?

Because he felt like he didn't have to. If they were really famous or public figures, then he might have changed his name to fully sever that tie to them. But because they are just kind of anonymous, well off people, he felt like he could still use that name and it would just be his name. And nobody would care because they wouldn't associate it with his family. It's just his name. And that's all they know the name from.

2. Did Baxter have foreign nannies and that sort of thing growing up? Or were his parents actively involved in raising him and taking care of everything themselves?

There was staff to help with things like cooking and cleaning, but he did not have a dedicated nanny and his parents were involved in raising him.

3. How comfortable are the OL1 boys with making and being on the receiving end of adult jokes within their friend groups?

Cove is the absolute worst at making them and taking them. Derek is in the middle where he can do it, but he can also be embarrassed by it. And then Baxter would be the best at doing it and taking it, where it would be very difficult to get him to feel awkward or flustered about it.

4. What kind of uncles would the OL1 boys be to the MC's child with someone else in the friendship group?

Derek would definitely be a very fun uncle. He's good with kids and he would enjoy spending time with the kid and just having fun with them. Baxter would be the most awkward and distant, though he would try to be friendly and kind. He's not very good

with kids, and the kids would probably be able to tell that he's just one of those adults that doesn't really interact with kids. For Cove, he'd be the one in the middle, where in some ways he could be very fun, and in other ways he could be very awkward or stiff. And it would kind of depend on the situation and the age of the kids. He'd want to get along with them, but he also wouldn't want to be too much like his dad, who didn't really have any rules or adult strictness.

How would Cove react to being called CJ (Cove James)?

He'd do a double take and be very confused, and it'd take a second for him to process, "Are they talking about me and why are they talking about me?" But when he did get it, he'd think that's pretty funny or weird, depending on how old he was. Younger would think it was weirder, older would think it was funnier, but only a close friend would be allowed to call him that. And most people better not call him CJ.

Hello everybody. I stopped recording on that day and now I'm back on a different day to continue. We'll see if I can finish it in this sitting.

Not sure if this is an appropriate question, feel free to ignore it if it is, but if I remember correctly, a while ago Qiu's room for Step Two was made and it was said that the Step One room would be added later because it only showed up in one DLC Moment. I was wondering when that would be added/if it will be added before the public demo update.

Yes, it is actually created at this point, and the next beta that comes out from when I'm recording this will have the Step One version of the bedroom.

Also while talking about bedrooms, do you know about when the MC's Step Two room decor mini-game will be added? Not trying to rush progress, I'm just curious lol.

A version of it should be added before the Early Access launch on November 27th. It won't have all the backer requests, but it will have some new options, and then many of the options from Step One will still be available for you if you want to use them not as a child, but you do want to use them as a teenager.

Happy spooky month! I hope the team is in good spirits hehe. *Thank you.* 1. Since early access will be out by then, will we be able to start asking questions about Step Two's content/Moments in the next month's public Q&A?

The November public Q&A will be before the Early access launch happens, so you'd have to wait until the December public Q&A to start asking questions about that.

Though I suppose it would be fine to ask questions in the Patreon Q&A that eventually becomes public. Because by the time it does become public, that would be after the Early access release. You'd ask it early November, I'd answer it late November, and then it would become public in early December. If that's what you meant, that the Patreon Q&A that becomes public, then yes, you can. But the public only Q&A that I do on Tumblr will be earlier in November, so the EA won't have happened yet.

2. Does Golden Grove have a cemetery or a graveyard, or do they have to bury their dead the next town over?

There is a cemetery. It doesn't have a lot of room, so not everybody wants to or can be buried there, but there is a small, pretty old graveyard in town.

3. We know Tamarack is handy with first aid, so would she be willing to assist an MC she's close to with their injections (testosterone, insulin, etc.)?

It would depend on her age. When she was younger, she'd be too nervous that she was going to mess this up. This is way too serious. But when she's into her adult ages then she would be willing to help with that.

4. Asking as a heavy person myself, does Tamaracks insecurity around her weight manifests differently when the MC is also large/heavy? Because I know my perception of myself would be very different if I was the only chunky person around.

Not really. It does help to have someone she can relate to, but the same things that she goes through still generally happen, whether the MC is large or not. Just like how with Qiu, even if the MC is also non-binary, they still have to go through their own struggles with their identity.

Who of the grown ups is most likely to do donuts in the cul-de-sac?

Really, none of them. They're all a bit more strict or responsible. I guess the most carefree of the cul-de-sac adults would be Mrs. Baumann. I don't know, maybe Yusuf

could be convinced to do that. He's a little bit more willing to break rules since he's not technically the parent. But none of them are super likely to do something like that.

Hi. Long time since I last partake in these. I hope you are well. *Thank you.* My Baxter obsession self decided to replay OL1 from scratch, since I don't see enough of him for my tastes in OL2 at the moment, and I'm currently at the first meeting with Cove. The MC thinks canonically of a dear, and mine specifically thinks about how dears don't have green hair. And this got me thinking... since humans can have such unusual hair and eye colors in this universe when compared to ours. Can animals actually have very strange colorings too? Sure, we know deer can't be green specifically, but could they be red or blue? Could cats be green? Stuff like that.

I'm afraid not. The fanciful hair and eye colors only apply to humans.

Hello GB, I hope everything is going well. *Thank you.* My questions are: 1. I remember going to a relative's wedding with my parents as a child, but I never found myself dreaming of having a wedding of my own. It made me curious how Qiu, Tamarack, Renee, and Baxter feel about weddings in Step One and Two. Would they find weddings moving, or would they look forward to having one of their own?

Baxter and Renee aren't thinking about weddings in either of those Steps. Tamarack and Qiu, in Step One, can be imagining that they'd get married either because they think that's just what you do when you grow up, or because it seems like it'd be really fun and exciting. In Step Two, they might be thinking about marriage if they have a crush on MC, but otherwise they are not thinking that much about getting married in the future.

2. Would Baxter ever have moments like Qiu does in Step Two "Assistance" when Qiu just wants to be alone and runs off somewhere? If Baxter did something like that, would he want someone to come find him? Would his feelings about this change as he got older?

Not really. Baxter usually can get all the space he wants to be alone. He doesn't have super overbearing parents or tons of people who really want his attention. He kind of has to go to certain places or do certain things himself in order to be around others. And

if he doesn't want to be around others, he can do that. So he would never feel the need to dramatically go off and be by himself.

3. In OLBA, if M.C. dances with Baxter in Step two, then chooses “You certainly had. You'd never forgotten the mystery boy”, when they meet again in Step Three, why doesn't the subsequent dialogue acknowledge that MC remembers him? If you choose. “Yeah, I think I did” instead, there's another option later to explain to Cove that MC and Baxter danced together, or to mention that Baxter complimented MC's legs. However, choosing “You certainly had” doesn't seem to unlock that follow up option.

It should have that effect. And if it doesn't, that would be some kind of bug with the flagging system. So I'm sorry about that.

4. Do you think Qiu would like Xiaoyu from *Jackie Chan Adventures*? I asked because I really love the show, which first aired in 2000, the same year Qiu and Tamarack were born. Also, Qiu and Xiaoyu have a lot in common. They both have brown hair and eyes, and they're both the only Chinese kid in their community. But personality wise, Xiaoyu actually reminds me more of Tamarack. She's outspoken, and even though she struggles to fit in, she still does things her own way. I'm curious how Qiu would see a character like her!

I do think Qiu and also Tamarack would like that show if they saw reruns of it during or before their Step One age. If they only heard about it in Step Two, they probably wouldn't be as into it at that age. But at ten years old, Qiu would have definitely liked that show and would have liked Xiaoyu as well. I also liked that show as a kid. I watched it growing up.

Hi GB! Just wondering, the player is free to think about how their MC thinks or deals with their crush. So I'm just wondering how Tamarack and Qiu think about their crush on the MC in either Step One or Two? Do they know they like them for real, just think of it as a strong bond, or try to ignore it thinking the MC couldn't like them back?

Tamarack in Step One doesn't really recognize it as a crush. She just really, really likes the MC and does believe that the MC really, really likes her too. In Step Two, Tamarack is in denial about the possibility that MC could like her, and even if the MC tries giving really strong hints, she still just can't accept it very easily. For Qiu, they know what a

crush is in Step One, and they know that they have a crush on the MC and they are pretty positive the MC likes them too, and that remains the same in Step Two.

The only other question I have is does Opal's parenting style change depending on how dependent MC is on her? Or is she the type to just let the MC try to be independent? Can't wait till Step Three!

Opal's parenting style doesn't change much based on your MC, simply because that would make it even more complicated to write and program. She does say things differently based on how well behaved the MC is or not, but overall, her parenting style is the same.

What would Qiu and Tamarack's reaction be if MC gets into a fight at school?

Well, it would depend on how close you were with them. Tamarack might want to fight whoever the MC was fighting if the two of you are close. Qiu would be a lot more worried if you were close than if you were neighbors, that they would still be curious and unnerved that something like this happened, even if you were just neighbors. And Tamarack would be very shocked if her neighbor got into a fight.

Hi GB Patch! Hope you are doing all right! *Thank you.* 1. In OLN if we choose "we are certain Baxter in Rennes like us more now", does our MC ever get invited to go to Baxter's big cool house?

Well, it never happens on screen, so that's up to you to headcanon.

2. If in high school no backpack day, what would a 13 year old and a 16 year old Baxter bring to school? Haha.

He would probably just bring some other type of bag that's technically not a backpack.

3. I want to say thank you for creating the *Our Life* series. Your game is really amazing and it inspires me a lot. I love all the characters you created. It's such a lovely magic and they always pull me away from sadness and toxic environment. I wonder what you would think if someone makes a game that is also a slice of life story, where there are different chapters that follows the MC growing to an adult with other side characters? Will this be an insult? Because I always wanted to make a game, but I lack experience. I hope one day I can be like you. You are

amazing. Thank you for always answering the questions. I know sometimes my questions can be overwhelming.

Well, I really appreciate that. I'm happy that our stories inspired somebody. It's definitely fine if you want to make a game about growing from childhood to adulthood, that wouldn't be an insult at all. I like games that are like that. So whenever there is a game that is like that, I'm happy to see other people doing it.

Hello! I hope you're enjoying the autumn season and are doing well! *Thank you.* 1. If Qiu noticed that the MC was gradually becoming more distant during Step Two or Three, even while still acting cheerful and friendly, would Qiu try to confront them about it? But would they give the MC space and wait for them to come back on their own?

In Step Two, they would probably start making snippy comments about it, rather than trying to have a mature discussion about what's going on with the MC. But that's only if it seems like the MC is just ignoring them, or not wanting to prioritize them or something. If they believed that something was wrong with the MC, then they would be more concerned and ask the MC about it, focused on what's wrong with them, rather than the fact that they're not getting enough attention. And then in Step Three, Qiu would handle it in that way as well, where they would wonder if something is going on with the MC rather than getting annoyed about it.

2. If the MC used to play an instrument regularly during Step Two, but gradually stopped towards the end of Step Two and eventually no longer played in Step Three, would Tamarack notice and miss hearing them play? And if she unexpectedly heard them playing again in Step Three, how might she react?

Tamarack would miss that, especially if the two of you were close and played instruments together, like in band or something. Hearing MC play again after a long time would make her happy. She'd be glad they hadn't fully given up on it. However, she wouldn't, you know, storm in there and potentially make the MC feel awkward by being like, "Aha! You're playing again!" So the MC might not even know she heard.

3. During Step Two, did Baxter in OLNf genuinely consider Qiu and Ren close friends, or did he already view those relationships as temporary? As an adult, does he ever miss the friendship he had before leaving Golden Grove?

By Step Two, he does not consider them close friends. They've drifted apart and Baxter would be hesitant to call them friends at all. They would have to say "This is my friend Baxter", first, for him to refer to himself as their friend. However, he does definitely miss the friendships he had with those two as an adult.

4. During Step Two, if Qiu and Tamarack noticed that the MC was unhappy or struggling but trying to hide it, would either of them confide in the other about their concerns despite not considering each other friends? Thanks again for answering all these questions. Take care!

No, most likely not. They would talk to other people they were close to, like Tamarack and Serenity, and Qiu and Ren. And they might even end up talking to their parents or grandparents. But there isn't many circumstances where they'd decide to talk to each other unless something was really wrong with the MC. And then the two of them were both right there. And then they're both like, "Hey, what's going on here?" And then they're like, "I don't know what's going on here", but they wouldn't independently away from the MC go to each other to discuss it.

Hello! Hope you're recovering well. Thank you. 1/2. Would any of the LIs write fanfiction for anything? Would any of them read it?

None of the *Our Life* leads would ever write fanfiction. None of them are really writers at all for any type of thing. Maybe Tamarack or Qiu would try reading a fan fiction at some point in their life, but they wouldn't be super avid fic readers.

3. Where do each of the LIs sit on a scale of prefers fiction to prefers nonfiction?

Tamarack and Qiu are more fiction fans. Derek and Baxter like fiction and non-fiction. Cove would prefer non-fiction if he's studious or fiction if he's not studious.

4. Which LI would be the most likely to play one of your games, assuming that OL exists in the OL universe?

I guess Tamarack. None of them are super into story based indie games, but she might come across it and think it's cute if it did exist in that world, which it doesn't.

Hello! I hope you're having a wonderful day/evening. To all the people working on this in general, hello! Thank you. I have a few questions, obviously. 1. When you thought of OLNf were there any other character concepts?

Not really. I had some slightly different ideas for what Qiu and Tamarack would be like when I was initially brainstorming things, but there's never been a character I thought of that didn't get included. But I honestly am not very good at coming up with characters and really only do so when I know I need to add in more characters for some event reason, or for the story overall.

2. What do you think the pricing for merch would be (estimate)?

If you mean the *Our Life 2* hoodie, I believe it should be \$60 USD, \$59.99. I think I've seen more expensive hoodies on Makeship, but I don't believe this design would be more expensive than that. So that should be the estimate.

Hi, I'm always lurking in the shadows, hoping someone asks the questions I want to know, but they're never there, so I'm just going to ask! 1. Did you get a Zhuazhou (traditional Chinese ceremony held on a baby's first birthday, where they choose a variety of items to predict their future and personality traits)? If so, what did you pick?

I'm afraid they didn't.

2. I really wanted to know what's the family situation for the OL2 leads. Do they have lots of cousins, aunties, uncles, or close to none? Are they close to their family members, if so? like visiting and having a favorite family member.

Most of the adults are also only-children because that just makes creating the game easier when there's not more family to have in consideration. The only one who has a sibling is Qiu's mom, but they live in China, so Qiu doesn't really see them or have a super close relationship with them.

3. I'm not sure if this was ever mentioned in game, sorry if it was, but where do Tamarack's parents live? Are they in Oregon or a different state? I was wondering how far away they are and if they are city people. It'd be funny if Tamarack used to be a city girl until Golden Grove.

They do live in a different state. I haven't decided exactly which one yet, in case it does need to come up for the story for whatever reason. But they weren't living in like a huge city, but it was definitely a much bigger, more populated more developed place than Golden Grove was.

Will we ever know how Rene's DLC storyline/character would have differed had the script not been too long to accommodate her romance route? I don't imagine you can say it now, because that may contain massive spoilers for Steps 3 to 4, but I'm curious if you'd want to have that be purely scrap material in the GB Patch vaults, or if the team would reveal it eventually.

Honestly, there isn't that much to say. I take most of these specific planning one Step at a time, so I really only had vague ideas of the types of stuff that might have happened. There was nothing fully planned that I knew for sure was going to happen, and a lot of her DLC would have been based on the existing content, where it just lets you spend more time with her in the Moments that were already made. And I don't know what the Step Three Moments are even right now. So I definitely didn't all the way back then. I have shared some of the concepts I had in mind for her story, but it's all pretty early stuff, mainly Step One and Two, and not super specific, just general ideas.

Hello, I hope you're doing well. *Thank you.* First time asked. 1. Is there anything of interest from Qiu's conversation talking about the MC after meeting to their parents? Or just the typical “I met a new kid, they are cool”, and does it change if there is a crush?

Qiu definitely would have talked about the specifics of what happened. Like if the MC helped them pick up pages or if they made some kind of joke. Anything like that. And it would have changed if they had a crush. Qiu definitely would have been more excited and complimentary when talking about the MC to their parents.

2. Assuming Yi and Hong's feelings about Qiu and the neighbor's crush on each other is just “Aw, how sweet”, how do they feel about a jealous Qiu's tendency to be a little snappy to the MC? Do they ever try to step in or just feel helpless or unaware?

If Qiu was being snappy and curt with the MC while they were around, they would speak up and be like, “Hey, don't talk to your friend like that. You know, that isn't polite”, or something like that. But for the most part, they aren't aware if Qiu is acting out towards the MC because it usually happens when they're not around.

3. Similar question, you've said a jealous Qiu isn't afraid to hurt MCs feelings a bit, but what happens when Qiu is ready to move forward? Do they just come back like it never happened? Or is there some action taken to reconcile?

It depends. Sometimes they will want to apologize and admit they had done something wrong or gone too far, but other times they just get mad and go off and then eventually come back like nothing happened and will not acknowledge it.

Hello GB and David, I hope you all enjoy your October! *Thank you.* My question this month are more mechanic based, so it's entirely understandable if you're unable to answer them at this time. 1. Have you thought about a coming out scene in Step Three similar to the one in Step Two?

Yes, you will still be able to tell people that you've changed your name or your pronouns, or both at the start of the next Step.

2. Similarly, I'm curious to know if you've considered how the jealousy envy mechanics will work when you're dating one of the LIs?

the jealousy element will go away and envy will also go away if you're dating them. But jealousy will go away for both leads, even the one you're not dating. The one you're not dating can still be envious, but the one you're dating will not be jealous or envious because the alterations are not really made to work in the context of being in a relationship. And we can't make two different versions of that dynamic where you're in a relationship and when you're not.

3. I know our actions influence how the LIs look in some way, but I'm unsure how exactly does that work? Does how close we are to them in the Steps change how much that affects it?

Honestly, I don't know. I haven't decided yet. It's always a little awkward determining what choices impact the accessories that the characters have, and I have not chosen that yet, so I'm still working on it.

Hello! I hope everyone is doing well. *Thank you.* This is my first time asking something and I have a very important question. Do Tamarack and Qiu prefer waffles or pancakes? If they both absolutely had to choose.

I think Tamarack would choose pancakes and Qiu would choose waffles.

I hope you're having a great and spooky October! *Thank you.* My question is, what would be Noelani's fantasy of a perfect date? Between OL1 and 2, there are so many good moms, but Lani is my pick for the best.

Her perfect date would be a picnic on the beach on a nice sunny day, either alone with her wife, or she would think a date with her whole family is also just as perfect.

Hello, Hope this month has been well for you. I first want to thank you for making *Our Life: Beginnings & Always*. I recently played the game and I really loved it, and Cove was one of my favorite characters of all time. Thank you. I'm really glad you liked it. I wanted to ask, what were your favorite Moments in *Our Life: Beginnings & Always*?

That's too hard to pick. Maybe I could choose some top Moments for one Step, but for the whole game there's just too many.

I've always been curious about this, but I'm not sure if it's something that will ever come up in the story. In the instance that the neighbors are at crushes during Step One, is the MC Tamarack and Qiu's first crush?

Yes, the MC is their first crush. If you set the relationship to crush in Step One. There's nobody else they would have liked before.

1. So from Step Two to Step Four, if the MC accepts Derek's proposal, maintains contact, and does not pursue a relationship with Cove/Baxter or anyone, still has a crush on him. In that case, does Derek continue to harbor a secret crush on the MC for ten years and they are his first love? MC agreed to the love confession, right?

Well, he is still crushing on the MC for all that time, and the MC is his first love, but he wouldn't consider them in a relationship. He would consider himself the guy MC will get with if they can't find anyone else.

2. What kind of person and behavior from the MC makes the OL1 LI uncomfortable?

There are some ways to be rude and inconsiderate, and they won't have a very good reaction to that in the game. But for the most part, you can't really do things that super upset them or would off put them from the MC entirely. And because they were designed to work with any type of MC that someone comes up with, there's not really any kind of thing that they don't like that someone else might like. The only big things they wouldn't like are really terrible stuff, like the MC is evil in some way.

3. How would the OL1 LIs react if the MC engaged in playful actions like squeezing their breasts or padding their buttocks?

Well, you can actually do that in Step Four for some of them, and even Step Three for some of them. And they would usually react initially being surprised. And then Cove might get flustered or he might not, depending on how long you've been in a relationship. But usually they have a pretty pleased reaction to it.

4. In Step Four, once OL1 LI becomes the MC's boyfriend, how long does it take for them to move in together, get engaged, and have a child?

That's heavily based on the MC. There's no set timeline that you have to follow. The player can imagine it happens at the pace that they are comfortable with.

Hello! I'm not sure if my question falls within the scope of future storylines, so feel free to ignore it if it's awkward. I really love the OL game and playing it makes me really happy. Thank you for creating it. *Thank you. Question one is something I can't answer because I consider it spoiling later parts of the story, so I'm afraid I am skipping that one.*

2. At the same time, I'm really curious. Since MC has known Qiu and Tamarack since childhood, does that mean they're more likely to be attracted to people they've grown up with, and find it harder to start a romantic relationship with someone they just met, like Bax? Or if the MC hadn't known them since childhood and only came to town during their high school years or later, would their still be a chance for a romantic relationship with them?

The fact that they grew up together does definitely help, but it's not the only way they could get into a relationship with somebody. Theoretically, if they met the MC later in life, they could still hit it off and get together.

3. I'm curious about how Qiu and Tamarack viewed each other at different times. For example, in the first stage I thought they saw each other as friends, but in the second stage I was unsure about that. As the MC, I hoped to bring the three of us together, but I'm also curious what they were thinking and feeling back then. Thanks again to you all! I'm really looking forward to the next story!

So they were friends as kids in Step One and they are not friends in Step Two. As teenagers. In Step Three, they are friends again. I don't think that's a spoiler; they are able to get along.

1. How does the small, average, and large body type function? For example, is a large body type representative of a character being fat or does it include a character being muscular? Will the MC have a choice about how they can feel about their body size, like how Tamarack does?

It is mostly up to the player. It does have to do with weight and width, but it could be fat or it could be muscle. That is up to you, the player, to be imagining. And there are chances to be unhappy with your body or to be fine with it, or to not really think about it at all.

2. I'm not sure if this is answerable, but will we get a customizable bedroom for Step Two and Three?

Yes, you will have a customizable room for Step Two and Step Three.

3. Will there be Moments in Step Two where we can move from friend to best friend if we haven't picked a best friend yet?

Yes, there will be chances for that. Not a ton of them, but at least some.

Hi GB and team. Just a quick one and sorry if someone already asked it. Will the soundtrack/OST be on places like Spotify, YouTube music, etc. when the EA launches? I can't deny that I'd love to be able to listen to it while out or witing during this season.

That will be up to the composer. We have the rights to sell the soundtrack on storefronts like Steam and Itch, but the rights to upload it to streaming sites are with the composer. So if he decides to do it on that day or sometime later or not at all, it will be up to him.

Hi GB Patch. I hope you're still recovering well from your surgery. There's been a question on my mind for a while now, so I'm glad I'm finally able to ask it. My question is, what happened to the OL2 MC's family? In the Step One Prologue, Opal mentioned how it's only been her and the MC for a while, and that's made me wonder what happened to Opal's parents, potential siblings, and more extended family. Was there a falling out between Opal and her family, which led to

her being alone with the MC? I understand if it's left up to the imaginations of the player, or if it was left out due to the found family feeling the game had. Other than that, I hope you and everyone else working on this game have a wonderful rest of their day.

Thank you. So Opal doesn't live near her family, and that can be presumably because of work reasons, or could be because there was a falling out, or could be because her family has all died. That part is up to the player. But the fact that they are either away from family or don't have family they can rely on is because it can't come up in the game, so they're just not around. And the reason why is up to the player.

Hi. I've been following these games since like 2019. I'm obsessed. Well, thank you for following it for so long. 1. I know the intent is to play the Moments in any order, but is the suggested order how they are displayed on the Moment selection screen?

Yes, I do try to lay them out in an order that has the most dramatic, meaningful ones at the very end, and more lighthearted ones at the beginning and stuff like that. But it's also fine if you don't play it from left to right.

2. Also, I don't know if you can answer this, but why did you stop doing the monthly posts about Project W?

Because, well, two reasons. The artist got very busy in their own personal life and only had time to focus on the *Our Life 2* work they were doing. They didn't have time to also do the art for these little Project W posts. And two, around that time I was realizing that, OL2 was going to take a lot longer than I had hoped, and I decided it was best not to find a new artist for this and to wait until *Our Life 2* was much further along before I kept sharing info and promoting this game, because I don't want people to get excited about it and be waiting for it for years before there's even a single screenshot. Since for now and for next year and part of 2028, we'll be working on *Our Life 2*.

Hi, I hope you're all doing well and that your injury is healing. Thank you. I do have a few questions. 1. I know that technically the roadmap says that the ending is included in the November release, but I just wanted to check if the and then fall ended is included in the release.

Yes, that will be in the Early Access launch coming November 27th. Every scene for Step One and Two will be in there.

2. I also have to wonder if Tamarack or Qiu can confess in Step Two, or if it's like in OL1 where you would have to confess first? I'm not sure if this question has been asked before, and if the LI can confess, does it happen after the MC makes it obvious they like them? Like if the MC isn't ready to face their feelings, it won't happen?

It does work in a similar way to *Our Life 1* where in Step Two, there is one specific scene setting time that a confession can happen. Now, whether it's the MC bringing it up first or the lead bringing it up first, that can change. So it's not always the MC having to do everything, but it's not a fully separate confession situation like Step Three and Four has. However, it does only happen if there's good reason to believe that the MC will accept. If it seems like the player doesn't want this to happen, it won't happen.

2. Are there more bonding Moments with Yusuf?

Yes there are.

4. I also wonder if Opal would bond with the MC if they came out on the ace spectrum and shared their experience. I'm not sure if this is a fifth question, but if the MC is ace and romances either Tamarack or Qiu, and they came to her with their concern of feeling different and worrying that it may not work out because their ace, what advice would she give the MC?

Yeah, Opal would relate to the MC if they came out to her as ace and she would try to give advice. Her advice might be a little too practical in that sometimes sexualities aren't compatible and it may not work out, and you'll have to accept that because so much of society is expecting that kind of physical intimacy. However, she would say that Tamarack and Qiu are very nice and open minded, so maybe it wouldn't be an issue with them and MC's just going to have to try talking to them. But yeah, she kind of expects a lot of rejection or a lack of understanding for her sexuality, so she wouldn't be able to be super encouraging about how things are going to go for the MC.

OL2: Serenity's mother works as a nurse at the local hospital – and I've cut some info out because it's related to a Moment that's only in the beta – What's the size of Golden Grove's Hospital?

So it's a small hospital. It does have an ER, but there's not a separate urgent care business in town.

Are there hospital beds at Golden Grove's hospital? Whether it's for day surgeries, overnight observations, extended hospital stays?

Yes. If somebody needs to be fully hospitalized, they can stay in Golden Grove.

Hello, Happy October! I hope everything is going well with the GB Patch team. Thank you. My questions are: 1. if it isn't too hard to answer, what gave you the idea to get into creating visual novel games?

So there were two things going on at the same time, which is that I discovered the Lemma Soft Forums, which is a forum for the Ren'py visual novel engine, and I started playing English made visual novels released for free on this forum. And I just thought it was super cool and I really enjoyed it. And then I was also really into the *Harvest Moon*, now called *Story of Seasons*, games, and me and some people on a *Harvest Moon* forum were coming up with our own *Harvest Moon* characters and our own *Harvest Moon* game. Concepts like "this would be the ideal *Harvest Moon* game, it would have this type of stuff". And I decided that I could put these things together and I could make my own free visual novel with Ren'py about this *Harvest Moon* game concept and cast. And I did that I. The first visual novel I made was just a simple game where you went around an island and got to ask questions to the characters who lived there, who were the *Harvest Moon* love interests I had come up with. And that's no longer available to download because it was just on the forums. This was before you could put stuff on itch and Steam, really especially just like a free small game like that. But yeah, that's how I got into creating visual novels. I thought I would only ever make this game and share it with the people who liked my *Harvest Moon* ideas, and then I'd never do this again. But I very quickly got attached to the concept of making games more than this idea of making fan *Harvest Moon* concepts. And so even before I was done with that one, I knew I wanted to make my own original game after that. And I've continued making visual novel games ever since.

2. Is there a certain process you go through when creating a new character?

Not exactly. Sometimes I have a design in mind first. Sometimes it's a personality concept, sometimes it's a role in the story or like a certain type of job that they need to be doing. It always goes differently depending on if it's a main character, a side character, or a really minor character, and how many other characters have been made and things like that. But generally, I always try to make sure I'm not creating a character

that's too similar to a character I've already done before. So I'm always thinking, "How is this going to be different from other characters who might have been like a similar age or had a similar role in the game in the past? You know what makes this one unique?" And then, of course, I only really come up with characters if there's a specific purpose for them. So I have to know what that purpose is. And then I have to think about the best way I can have this character fulfill that purpose. Like what type of personality would be best for the kind of purpose I'm going for?

3. Do you have a personal favorite character of yours?

I definitely have favorite characters per game, and it's always the main characters. The characters who get the most time and attention are the ones that are my favorite. So you know, the *Our Life* 1 and 2 leads are big favorites of mine, but I also really like all the main jerks from *XOXO Droplets* and things like that. So I couldn't choose just 1 or 2 characters from every game that I have decided is my number one favorite, but I definitely do really love the leads the most.

4. How did Qiu realize they are non-binary? If that isn't too hard to answer. Thank you for doing this Q&A! I love all your work so much.

Mainly by realizing that they don't identify as a man, but they also don't want to be a woman either. And so they had to consider, you know, if there was something else, if those really were the only two options, if neither fit. And that's how they were eventually able to find out that they're non-binary.

Hiya GB Patch team. 1. I've been thinking about this for a while, and we know that something that makes Cove flustered are anklets. But what about Tamarack and Qiu? Do they have a specific thing/action that makes them flustered too?

Yes. And if you play the current beta, you can actually find out what it is, but I won't say that here because it could be a spoiler.

2. How would the *Our Life* love interest in both games react to an MC who was really good at fighting? Like they can beat 20 grown adults in a fight (I love the trope where a sweet or small character can beat like an army of people, it's so silly). That's all the questions I have. Sorry for the horrible grammar and have a great autumn.

Thank you. So Cove would definitely think that's really cool. And Tamarack and Qiu would also be very impressed if MC wasn't using those powers to get into a lot of trouble or for evil. Derek would be more worried about this and feel a little inadequate on why he is so far behind the MC, but would still be very proud of them for everything that they can do. Baxter would be shocked and find it difficult to believe.

Hello. I've always just looked at stuff, but I thought I'd join in this time as the early release isn't too far away. Regarding OLNF, I was wondering will there be any serious topics talked about in future Steps like Step Three? Or once Step Two is fully out? I know why the MC has no father, but I'm referring to topics like depression or tragedy. Angst, basically. I love how joyful Golden Grove is, but I would love if there was some angst to spice things up, not just between Tam and Qiu. Thank you for your hard work! This is truly THE game ever.

Thank you. And I did cut out another example of serious topics because that's only in the beta right now. But I don't really know if the stuff that happens will count enough towards tragedy and depression. There are some serious things that happen, but none of it is insurmountable. So unfortunately, it'll be up to you to play the game and judge if this is the type of serious angst or not serious enough.

It's *Twilight* season, so theoretically, even if none of the teens are *Twilight* fans, I'd think it'd be funny to know what team they are on, whether the information they know is from peers talking or what not.

I'm afraid I don't know which teens you mean. Maybe the OL2 Step Two versions of the characters. If so, yeah, most of them would not be fans of *Twilight*. I don't think any of them would strongly be for a team. Maybe Serenity would really be Team Edward, but I'm not sure anybody else would root for them seriously. Qiu might say Team Jacob, just because that's the option that isn't the canon one, and so it's being a contrarian. Tamarack would definitely not like either of them, and Vianca would hate both of them.

Hello! I am so excited for the early access release, I might die! Have a good luck with the final adjustments and the release, GB! Thank you very much. 1. Does Opal like flowers? What about being gifted them? Would it be different if MC gives flowers? Is she the type to have a favorite flower?

She's not the type to have a favorite flower, but she would be very touched if MC got her flowers, and she would be flattered if maybe her work awarded her with flowers or

anything. She'd be confused or suspicious if some individual other adults got her flowers, unless it was like one of her neighbors for her birthday or something.

2. I assume that Pam and Lani would have had a slightly easier time, or at least some knowledge, on how to raise a transgender kid, correct me if I'm wrong, but what about Opal? She isn't really associated with the community, so was it a struggle to take care of her trans child initially and facing the societal backlash? Asking before they moved to Golden Grove.

Opal is part of the community in that she is asexual, but she's not so obviously part of the community as a same sex married couple like Pam and Lani are. I imagine Opal would have fretted and worried about the best way to handle this and to encourage the MC and protect the MC. But overall, it wouldn't have been too horrible or anything super serious going wrong. So she did a pretty good job.

3. How come Qiu missed Tamarack during her first visit to Golden Grove with her parents, or didn't know about her existence?

Because when Tamarack would visit Golden Grove with her parents, it was for a short amount of time, and they just kind of went to the house and saw the grandparents. She wasn't really allowed to go off and play or interact with the neighbors or anything like that. So that's why the two never really crossed paths.

4. When will we be able to ask you publicly about the rest of Step One and Two content once it's out?

Well, once it's out, then you are allowed to do it. I talked about this earlier, you could either ask in next month's Patreon Q&A or in December's Tumblr public Q&A. That's the earliest that I can start publicly answering questions about the rest of Steps One and Two.

Hi, I hope you are having a wonderful development cycle. I hope everything goes smoothly. Thank you. 1. What would be your take on the MC OL1 (looks, personality, name, etc.)?

I don't have a specific type of MC that I prefer. I just do different things and random things in order to test out different types of MCs to look for errors in different types of MCs.

2. How would Liz react if the MC was consistently confused as the older sibling throughout the Steps?

She would be very offended and clearly clear up this misunderstanding, and she wouldn't know why anybody would think the MC was older when clearly she was older.

3. What would be both Qiu and Tamarack's favorite pastries throughout Steps One and Two? And how would they react if the MC baked it for them?

Tamarack wouldn't be able to choose a favorite in either Step. She's not the best at choosing favorites, and she loves lots of pastries. For Qiu, they really like double chocolate brownies and also moon cakes. They don't really eat pastries in Step Two, so they don't have a favorite at that time period, but the leads would really appreciate it if somebody baked them something they thought that the lead would like.

Hi, hi. This is my first time asking anything as I'm usually a lurker lol. Hope everyone's doing good! Thank you. 1. Anyway, my question is about both the OL2 LI. In both Step One & Two, what are their dream jobs? Like in Step One, did either of them have a stereotypical little kid dream of wanting to be an astronaut or something? And in Step Two, do they have a more semi-realistic idea of what they want to do? I don't mean this question in any way that relates to Step Three, as I know you haven't done much on that yet. Idk if I phrased that right.

In Step One, Tamarack wanted to be Santa Claus and Qiu wanted to be either a CEO of some company, they didn't know or care what company, or a BMX professional bike rider. In Step Two, neither of them have a dream job, and they're more dreading the idea of growing up and having to work rather than looking forward to it, or having some optimistic idea of what they could do to support themselves.

2. You've mentioned Qiu liking more alt/emo music. So hypothetically, do they have a fave MCR member?

Maybe they do. I don't know enough about the band myself to choose somebody off the cuff in a Q&A like this, but I guess they probably would have opinions on the members of that band.

3. For my final question, do Qiu, Tamarack, and Ren have canon birthdays? I love making birthday art for my faves, and I don't know if I just haven't looked hard enough, or if the oh two cast's birthdays haven't been revealed yet.

They have not. I still haven't chosen birthdays for any of them. I'm sorry about that. I really need to do that. But right now there are no dates.

What are Qiu's and Tam's love languages?

Tamarack's is gift giving and Qiu's either acts of service or words of affirmation. I can't remember if I've answered this before and if so, what my answer was, so I'm sorry if I said something else in a prior Q&A.

1. If the MC got hooked on zyns or dipping tobacco, what would seal and Tamarack's reaction be?

It would be different depending on how old the MC was at the time, but they would be concerned about how hooked the MC was and if they were going too far with how much they were using these.

2. If the MC were to get really into military equipment, weapons, aircraft (and I mean knows the public specs off the top of their head and has a very strong opinion on what equipment was better and why), how would Qiu and Tamarack handle that whenever the MC goes into an info dump?

Well, neither of them like weapons or military stuff, but they would listen to the MC if they were close to the MC. They wouldn't be able to add much to the conversation, but they wouldn't force the MC to not talk about the thing that really interests them.

3. Last question for now. When Qiu and Tamarack have to play sports for PE or school event, what sports do they prefer or tolerate more than the others?

Honestly, none of them. They really don't like sports, and they especially don't like how often sports require you to play on a team. So if there was a case where it was one on one or some kind of physical activity you could do alone, that would at least be somewhat more more preferable.

Hello, this is the first time I've asked, and it's a question I've been dreading for a long time. But did Opal conceive MC through artificial insemination, or was she with MC's father?

MC was conceived through artificial insemination. Opal was never in a relationship or she didn't have a one night stand with somebody. MC was planned for her to have a child by herself.

Hi! I wanted to ask, what would Cove be like if him and MC had kids? What he be like as a father?

He would be very nervous, especially initially, but he'd also be very affectionate, and he'd try his best to not repeat the mistakes of his father so he'd avoid surprising the MC with things that they didn't explicitly want to be surprised by. Like he would never throw a surprise birthday party unless the kid talked about wanting a surprise birthday party someday. He also would try and be as honest and open with the MC as he could, and would do what he can to listen to the MC and what they wanted. Now he thinks, you know, his dad didn't listen to him enough growing up, but who knows if Cove's kid would feel like Cove was actually listening to them and what they wanted growing up, or if Cove would be trying to listen, but it'd feel like he's not really doing what the kid needs. Because it's difficult to really know what a kid needs, and sometimes you have to do things the kid doesn't want, or there's stuff that you can't tell a kid about, etc. etc.. So it could still end up being rocky in some ways. There's no way to be a perfect parent and trying to not do what upsets you with your parents can often end up doing things that upset your kid in a different way.

And that's everything for this Q&A. Woo hoo! This is probably the last Q&A before the launch. I likely will have this come out after the launch has happened. Maybe it could be squeezed in before the launch, but either way, the launch will have either just happened or will just be about to happen. So that's very exciting. Thanks to everybody who sent in questions this month. I hope it was interesting. And I'll be back again in November to answer more questions. Take care everybody.