

## U-R Transcription

### Episode 2

#### 2 Childhood

Content warning: This episode contains mentions of the death of a parent.

#playground sounds#  
#one child voice humming#

Alien: ““cause I always thought like, I was weird.”

#two child voices humming#

(music)#I see you, I see you, do you see me too?  
I see you, I see you, open your eyes  
your gaze makes me awake your gaze makes me weak  
do you want to walk with me, get up in the morning with me, one day  
one day  
your gaze makes me awake  
your gaze makes me weak#

#page turning sound#

Rainbowdash: (in a child's voice) “Saturday, 4th August 2012  
Dear diary, today Fatimes dad gave me this diary for my birthday and I'm sooo happy, yay! My new diary is a my little pony diary with a picture of rainbow dash and it totally matches with Fatimes diary. We are the most coolest!”

#playground sounds#

Bee:”I think I had my first coming-out when I was 5. Marios big sister, she had really long red hair, curly even, and green eyes, and she was just really beautiful. And one day, when I told my best friend that I not only think boys are cute, but girls, too... At first she laughed at me, and then she said she was gonna tell Nathalia, and then they were going to laugh at me together. (Bee laughs) So I was concious of it very early on. And then in the next years, at the same age, I repeatedly had thoughts like: Yeah, if I was a boy, everything would be so much easier. I would treat the girls so much better, and it would be so easy to win their hearts. (laughs)”

#sound of page turning#

Rainbowdash: “Thursday, 4th September 2012 Dear diary, today me and Fatime won at hide and seek! We were in a cupboard! (giggles)  
But Mrs Bims was angry, because she had to look for us, because the others couldn't find us. I hope Mrs Bims doesn't tell Mum. Scary smiley face...

#sound of page turning#

Friday, 14th September 2012 Dear diary, Alice says that Lukas is in love with Fatime. But Fatime doesn't like Lukas, anyway. Because Fatime is different than Lukas and different than everyone else and I'm different too and we're different together! Here I put a photo of me and Fatime where we're holding hands, and on it it's written

with felt-tip pen: Special Best Friend Forever.”  
#playground sounds#

Urs Vanessa: (in Swiss-German) “I grew up as a boy, and only realised that I had to go to the hospital every year. When I entered school, the questions started: Why do I have to, now – why can’t I go to school today, why do I have to go to the hospital? And my parents told the doctor, without me knowing, and the doctor said: I’ll talk to him. And he got me to come to him and he talked to me, for about one and a half hours, probably. How one talks to a child, in very simple terms: That I can do anything, sports... I’m completely healthy, I don’t have to worry about anything... Uhm, that I am just a special child, but nobody would see that.”

#two child voices humming# #metal rattle beat#

(music)#I see you, you make me smile  
you are there when I cry, I can tell you  
I can tell you everything  
I want to grow old with you or stay young with you  
I want to hold your hand  
Do you want it too? (with echo) Do you want it too?  
I’m afraid of asking Do you want it too?  
(with echo) Do you want it too?#  
#humming and rattle stops#  
#sound of page turning#

Rainbowdash: “Friday, 28th September 2012 Dear diary, yesterday during break Lukas asked Fatime and Fatime said yes, and now they’re together. I hope Lukas dies, otherwise I’ll die because I can’t stand it. I bet Fatime will forget me now and won’t want to play Twilight and Rainbowdash with me anymore. Here is a drawing of Lukas and Fatime, where Lukas looks like a monster, and Fatime is very beautiful with her hair in lots of braids. Between them is a lightning and next to it it says: 0% fittingness! I hate my life. Dead! Ps: I don’t really hope Lukas dies, but it would be good if he would move away.”

#playground sounds#

Bee: “At 11 I think I had my first queer romance, and that was with Jaqueline. She was really good at playing soccer and she had the most respect on the field, just because she had such a masculine attitude and was so confident. And we got closer and closer. We never kissed or anything, but we cuddled and the romance was obviously there. (laughs) Until it got too much for me one day and I reacted annoyed, and told her that I want distance. And I think the reason why I reacted so angry to Jaqueline was that, at the same time, I saw something about being a lesbian on TV for the first time. And there, a protagonist had a lesbian experience, and her friends realized that and she was bullied a lot because of that.”

#sound of page turning#

Rainbowdash: “Thursday, 6th December 2012 Dear Diary, today Fatime told me that her cousin is a man and that he marries another man. I think if that works, then Lukas could just marry Cedric instead of Fatime, because Lukas and Cedric do a lot more together and then Fatime would be my BFF again! See you soon!”

#playground sounds#

Alien: “I was walking in the city center with my cousin. The day was the pride day in Albania, Tirana. And it was like colors, people partying and stuff, and I was like: „Huh, that’s

so cool! What is that?“ And then I saw two girls kissing. And I was like: „Wow – so cool!“ But then my cousin saw them and she was like: „Oh that’s so fucking disgusting.“ And that kind of closed me for some time. But still was cool, knowing that there are other people like me.“

#sound of page turning#

Rainbowdash: “Monday, 10th December 2012 Dear Diary, today Fatime returned from the wedding and we played in Mums bedroom. We played that we are also both men and that we are marrying! It was lots of fun and we even wore dads jackets and the mirror was the camera and made the wedding pictures. I asked Fatime if she would marry Lukas and Fatime said “no” and that she would marry me if she was a man. If I was a man I would also marry Fatime. Here I am making a comic with me and Fatime as men, marrying, with lots of hearts and glitter pen. Ps: Then Mum came and was very angry. Now I’m not allowed to go outside. So shit. Angry smiley face.“

#playground sounds#

Edwin: “That’s also something that a lot of trans people do, is that if you play a roleplaying game, and you’re playing a character that’s a different Gender than, what you think you are, until you’re like, wait: I’m trans!”

Smiley: “I was like 9 years old and I lost my mother and there’s a funeral happening around the time. That day itself, I noticed that everyone was kind to me, because you know, you lost your mother...So I think: I can be me! And then I still got, you know, like, somebody saw me, that I’m dancing with my sisters clothes, and then one of my uncles was angry, saying: “Look what is happening, you’re dancing like this...” you know? So I think from the beginning, I was just there, there was a woman in me all the time. And it’s not about crossdressing, it’s just being a woman, you know, you’re being you. You know when you think: In my future, I’ll only marry a guy like this, in my future I will be like this woman... You know that – that’s how you think, but you don’t realize actually you’re a woman or a trans or anything.“

#sound of page turning#

Rainbowdash: “Thursday, 12th February 2013 Hey Diary, today we had a big test to see who can go to the A-class next year. I was good, especially at the part with math. Fatime said she wasn’t that good, I hope we’re going to be in the same class anyway! If not, I’ll run away from home and go live with Fatimes family, and I will hide in her wardrobe and she will bring me food from the kitchen.

#sound of page turning#

Wednesday, 3rd April 2013 Dear Diary, today we got the class-list and I’m very sad because I’m not with Fatime. And I don’t know what to do, my life is destroyed! Next year everything will be horrible. Here I’m glueing in the list and it’s ripped up into 3 parts and I drew angry lightning. Good night!”

#sound of book closing#

Remo: “I think my sexual attraction really just changed, over the years. All the same I think I already had, like, some gay moments in my youth, that felt like that, anyway, but they were only small fragments that didn’t fit into my life back then.“

Bee: "I was never sure, like, in the years after, if that was really queer? Until I looked up Jaqueline on Facebook one day. (laughs) And she's the biggest butch I've ever seen: Short hair, arms full of tattoos, in a lesbian relationship... and yeah, I do think that it was seen as queer by both sides."

#two child voices humming# (music)

#I see you, I see you  
do you see me too?  
I see you, I see you  
open your eyes#

#computer typing sounds#

Rainbowdash: (not in a child's voice anymore)

"From: ponylove9@gmail.com

Subject: Hey To: FatimeTheFabulous@hotmail.com

Sent: 14th June 2016, 23:22

Hey Fatime, writing e-mails is totally out of date, but I'm doing it anyway. I don't want to break up our chat history, even though it only consists of happy-birthdays, these days. I never returned your High School Musical 3 DVD. Do you want it back? Sorry. I miss you. I remember how we used to climb onto the roof of the gym on weekends, how only you were able to plait my hair without it hurting. Remember how we showered together at summer camp and brushed each others hair?"

#one child voice humming#

Alien: "When I started to question my sexuality was when I kissed a girl. And I was 8 years old or something, and we saw two people kissing on the TV, and she was like: "Should we kiss?" And I was like: "Yeah", so we kissed and I was like: "Wow, that's nice." But I didn't feel too much about it 'cause I didn't care about gender or love or anything 'cause I was a kid."

#computer typing sounds#

Rainbowdash: "When playing hide and seek, you always showed me the best places, and we shared them. Remember that one time, when we snuck into the janitor's closet? I miss knowing you. I can remember that moment in the closet so well: Us, pressed against each other from chest to knee, your hot breath on my face. Back then, I was wishing that we'd never be found. "Why is my heart beating so fast?", I asked myself, it's just a game. I think something started moving within me, that day."

#one voice humming#

Alien: "Moving around too much, staying with a lot of people, who, I would say... not so friend, LGBT – I didn't think too much about gender, about my sexuality, I had other things to think about. And when when I thought about it, I was like – only myself, I was like: What if I, I don't know, had a girlfriend. What if I was a boy, maybe I would have a nice job, a nice body, I could do whatever the fuck I want. But I didn't feel too much about it, 'cause I was stressed and I had other things to think. But now that I'm on my new house, I ... got more comfortable. And I know way more queer people. And I got even comfortable with my own body. I won't say I really love myself, but I do love myself more than before."

#computer typing sounds#

Rainbowdash: "While trying to find out who I am, I'm always ending up with the thought of you again. It feels like I've developed around you, #leaves in wind, bird noises# like one of those trees at the park that have grown around a bench. and then someone takes the bench away and suddenly no one knows why the tree has such a weird shape anymore. Will I ever find someone made of the same wood as me again? Like you?"

#metal rattle beat#

Rainbowdash: And do you feel it too? A trail of woodchips is following me with every step,"

#do you want it too?#  
#two voices humming#

Rainbowdash: "I'm losing blood by the second, I'm afraid of asking – „

#do you want it too?#  
Rainbowdash: "Did you want it too?"  
#do you want it too?#  
Rainbowdash: "Do you want it too?"  
#all sounds stop#

Rainbowdash: Me and you. If they hadn't cut us up, would we have merged? And how far into the direction of the sun would we have gone? Maybe we could've seen it sooner, but I see it now, #leaves in wind, bird noises# the forest."

Remo: "And then there was a neighbour, she even worked at coop, at the butchery department, she had short hair and a more masculine appearance and she lived with two guys, in a three-way-relationship. Everybody knew that, and it was like that."

#computer typing sounds#

Rainbowdash: "It feels like we have something in common, me and the person with the short, grey hair and the soft face that lives at the end of the street, alone with her cat, about whom everybody says that she never had a husband. You know the one, right? Me and the boy – maybe it wasn't even a boy – the kid that had to move away at the end of fourth grade, because we all laughed at them so much, because of their long hair. Me and your cousin. It feels like we have something in common – me and you, maybe?"

#metal rattle beat#

I don't know. Do you know what I mean? We're touching roots like linking fingers. I'm done playing hide and seek."

#I'm done playing hide and seek#  
Rainbowdash:  
"Now I want everyone to see. Do you want it too?"

#Now I want everyone to see  
I want everyone to see Do you want it too?  
(with echo) Do you want it too? I'm brave enough to ask

Do you want it too? (with echo) Do you want it too?#

#two voices humming#

Rainbowdash: "Text me back, if you want to. In love, Rainbowdash"

#leafs in wind, bird noises#

Alien:"Like, whatever happens, tell me, you know I will always support you."

#leafs in wind, bird noises#