

Episode 24: June 12-18, 2000

(INTRO MUSIC)

Scene 24.1

OLIVIA

Hello everyone, I'm Olivia, and this is the Y2K podcast. So this week, the voice mails are quite short, I guess Kat and Jess had other things on their minds. Tammi and I are going to do a listener Q & A episode, aren't we Tammi?

(TAMMI says something unintelligible)

OLIVIA

(laughs) Oh, c'mon Tammi, you set up a mic for yourself, what are you doing over there?

TAMMI

(shouts from other end of room, laughing) I'm sorting out the questions! Do your intro!!

OLIVIA

(smiles) All right, all right. So first, we're going to listen to the two voice mails for this week, and then we're going to be back to answer some questions, right, Tammi? *(pause)* Tammi!?

TAMMI

(bellows) I'm busy! Play the voice mails!

OLIVIA

(laughs) All right. So last week Kat got talking with Emma and Shirin, and Jess was finally happy with Rachel. Let's see what this week brings. Welcome... to the year 2000!

Scene 24.2

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

KAT

Hey Jess, it was so nice to hear Rachel in your message - and a little less emotionally charged for both of you than last time. *(smiles)* I guess my pregnancy is a few weeks ahead of Rachel - maybe two? But won't it be amazing to have babies at the same time? We won't be in the same time zone, but that doesn't matter, we'll be awake at any hour with babies, right? And we can swap worries and woes and joys and.. it will be so cool. And I did have some morning sickness but it went away, so that's good. Are you talking about names yet? I guess probably not as it's so new for you two. We're

still stuck. I want a name that works in both Swedish and English, something a little old-fashioned but solid, you know? And he likes these long, almost French-sounding names which are really pretty, but I can't even pronounce them in English, so how would that ever work in Swedish? Well, we have time. Are you finding out if it's a boy or a girl? I don't mind either way, but Johnno wants to know, so we're going to try to find out. *(beat)* Oh! Completely forgot - Johnno and I are off to Sweden next week! We are visiting my mother, and celebrating midsummer with her. I'm really looking forward to it - I miss her - but am also a little apprehensive. We'll be staying with her, and I hope she and Johnno will get along-

(front door opens)

JOHNNO

Kat? You there sweetheart?

KAT

In here!

JOHNNO

(footsteps, kisses KAT) I got this for your mum - what do you think?

KAT

Oh... Champagne? Wow!

JOHNNO

Yeah, nothing but the best, right?

KAT

B- *(stops herself)* That's lovely. Just finishing this up for Jess, be out in a minute, OK?

JOHNNO

All right. Don't be long!

(footsteps, closes door)

KAT

OK, Jess, have to go. *(whispers)* My mother doesn't like champagne, I mean, she's Danish, she drinks beer. But no use saying that, he's so happy. *(normal voice)* Love you Jess!

(clicks)

Scene 24.3

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

JESS

Hi Kat, wow! Hope you have a great time at your Mom's, say hi from me, all right? I still remember her delicious meatballs... And colds- (*laughs*) that wonderful yoghurt-y stuff that sounds like 'coldsore'? Stop laughing at me! I know that's wrong... (*smiles*) Everything's good here, I'm off to therapy tomorrow but not sure what to talk about - I feel pretty relaxed about everything right now. For once! Bri reminded me that Sunday is Father's day in Canada, and, you know what? Dad can just go... sulk in a corner somewhere. He and Mom had many, many chances at being decent human beings, and they failed each one, so I'm not going to mope around about this, I'm going to do something fun with Bri and Rachel and just forget about that useless old man. I'm going to be a 'father' now, right? So it's my day too. (*deep breath*) Rant over. So, school is good, but busy as always, we're-

MAIA

(*yells, muffled*) Jess, help!

(JESS opens door)

JESS

Hey Maia, what's - OH!

(lots of boxes being dropped, opening, thousands of beads scattering everywhere, JESS and MAIA exclaim loudly)

MAIA

Shit!

JESS

I'll help you.

(They start crawling around on the floor, picking up beads)

MAIA

(*panting a little as she's crawling around*) I'm sorry - thanks - shouldn't have brought them all at once - never learn do I - new project for Town Hall.

JESS

(*panting a little as she's crawling around*) S'all right - so beads, huh? - that's new - do we need to sort these?

MAIA

(*still on floor*) Nah, I'll do it later - just get 'em in one of the boxes - ow! - watch out! - put my knee on one.

JESS

(*still on floor*) Ouch, yes painful - hang on (gets up, catches her breath) I'm just gonna say bye to Kat and then I'll help you pick all these up, right?

MAIA

(still on floor, breathless) Thanks! - *(yells)* Hi Kat! - Sorry!

JESS

(footsteps, back at computer, to KAT) Life with an artist is certainly never dull. *(laughs)*

MAIA

Hey! - heard that! *(starts laughing)*

JESS

So have fun in Sweden, take care of yourself, and keep your beads in their boxes!

MAIA

(still laughing) Hey!

JESS

(laughs) Love you, Kat! Oceans of hugs! *(To MAIA)* Right, to the rescue!

(MAIA laughs)

(clicks)

Scene 24.4

OLIVIA

So, we're back! And now Tammi is sat across from me at her own microphone!

TAMMI

(laughs) Yeah, hi!

OLIVIA

So how are we doing this Q and A thing?

TAMMI

Right. I have a whole bunch of questions here from our Twitter and Facebook, mainly. And also from some of our fantastic Patreon supporters, of course!

OLIVIA

I still can't believe we have those! Thank you so much!

TAMMI

Yes, **very** cool. And, we make Patreon-exclusive episodes for our wonderful patrons, you and I, don't we?

OLIVIA

We do. Or rather, you do, and I follow along.

TAMMI

(laughs) Yes, they're called 'Tammi's Takeover' 'cause I take over and I decide everything. *(cartoon-y evil laugh)* Really, it's 'cause you have enough work doing the regular show. They're fun, though, one is out already, the next one will be out in about two weeks, on July 1st, and you found something quite special to include in that one, right?

OLIVIA

Yeah. So in a different folder of my mom's laptop were some files marked 'Drama School - Shows'. In there I found some audio of Kat and Jess doing scenes from drama school, and some outtakes. We will be including one of those in the next Patreon episode.

TAMMI

Tammi's Takeover, episode 2!

OLIVIA

(laughs) Yes, should be fun! So if you want to listen to that, please go to [paper noise](https://patreon.com/y2kpod) patreon.com/y2kpod and you can support us and join in the fun!

TAMMI

And now - time for some questions.

OLIVIA

OK!

TAMMI

The first one's from Dan, one of our wonderful patrons. He asks "What do you know now, after 23 weeks of making a podcast, that you wish you knew before you started?" Mmm, that's interesting!

OLIVIA

(small laugh) So. Many. Things. Um, where do I start... I had no idea what I was doing, really. So, yeah, don't accidentally record mumblings and phone calls and post them in your episodes, I suppose.

(TAMMI laughs)

OLIVIA

(continues) And that outro we recorded, I should have done that from the start instead of reading everything out every episode. Also, I... I started this podcast for me, really. Because I wanted to find out certain things. I didn't think too much about the fact that there would be listeners, who would react and respond and have questions and opinions. I wish I had thought more about that. And, I... things would have been easier now if I had talked to my mum before starting the podcast.

TAMMI
How do you-

OLIVIA
(*interrupts*) Right. Next question.

TAMMI
Hm. All right. (*beat*) Marnie, on Twitter, asks "How did Olivia become interested in geology?"

OLIVIA
(*smiles*) I was always interested in rocks, really. Spent a lot of time outdoors growing up, and I was forever poking around on the ground, collecting rocks, sorting them, learning what they were called. Then when I was... eight maybe? We were on holiday and went to see these limestone caves with stalactites and stalagmites, and the guide explained how they were formed, and I was... hooked. Tried to learn everything I could after that.

TAMMI
Did you learn that trick to remember which are which?

OLIVIA
(*small laugh*) Yes! Stalactite has a 'c' in it, for ceiling, so you know they form from above.

TAMMI
(*smiles*) Exactly! I loved learning that. (*beat*) Ready for another question?

OLIVIA
Sure.

TAMMI
Shall we continue with a question from Casey, on Twitter?

OLIVIA
OK.

TAMMI
They want to know - "now that there are two pregnancies happening in the voice mails, can you at least confirm that *one* of the babies is you?" Ooooh. Good question!

OLIVIA
Right. Yeah. Um. No I can't. I haven't listened ahead so I don't know exactly how this goes - of course I know when I was born and who my parents are, that's not the issue, but... You'll have to listen to see what happens.

TAMMI

All right. Another question from Terri on facebook, they want to ask "what made you start a podcast".

OLIVIA

I've listened to *a lot* of podcasts. I listen when I'm out running - some people have music, I listen to words. (smiles) I started with Serial - I think a lot of people did - and then went on to a lot of true crime stuff, and then news and documentaries and current events

- there are so many great podcasts. And this spring I've been getting into audio drama podcasts as well - they're a great way to take your mind off everything that's going on. Um. One that I've been listening to recently from last year is The Deca Tapes, and it is a mystery podcast written by a guy name Lex Noteboom and it's about people who are only known as their role, for example the entertainer, or the cook. And they have a rulebook, that is only for them, and they must follow those rules all the time. And... then something happens, that shouldn't have happened. And it makes the characters behave differently than what is expected. And as each deca tape - is- released, you hear from a different member of the group, and you hear their version of the story, and how they feel about the events that transpired. What I really loved about this show was that I had so many questions, you know, going in and out of my head every time I listened to the episodes and ~~so~~ I'd immediately go straight to the next episode. And some of my questions would be answered, but you know like ten more questions would come in my head and I... may have stayed up all night one time... And then, another one that I've recently found is Civilized, it's a group of people and they are preparing to start terraforming a world before the rest of humanity comes in and colonizes it. And... it's just very silly along with dark humour, and after a couple of epsiodes I was able to talk to the creators of the show on Twitter and I was amazed when they said it was all completely improvised. They just start with a very short starting sentence and away they go. That is all the writing that happens for the show. And... I don't know if you've seen improv Tammi, I have when I've been to the student bar in fresher's week, and (whistles) improv is really difficult to do well and make your character seem believable and seamless within the world that's been created. And that is something that the people behind Civilized do excellently. Yeah - what do you listen to Tammi?

TAMMI

A lot of pop culture pods, also, I love RPG as you know, and I just discovered actual play podcasts, where they record an RPG session and some add sound effects and music sometimes, and some people get really into character. Recently I've been listening to Fate and the Fable-maidens - it's fantastic!

OLIVIA

And RPG, for those uninitiated few...?

TAMMI

TTRPG, really - Table-top Role Playing Games, of course. Like Dungeons & Dragons. Hey, we're getting off topic. Why did you *start* a podcast?

OLIVIA

Well, I'd found the audio files, and they seemed cool... (pause)

TAMMI

And...?

OLIVIA

(uncomfortable) Well. (pause, sigh) There are things going on in my family that... Things I didn't know. I thought if I turned this all into a podcast I would find out some things I... wanted to know.

TAMMI

(knows the answer but wants Olivia to tell the listeners) Like what?

OLIVIA

Like... No, that's enough. Have to keep some of my secrets. (small laugh) Suffice to say that neither of my parents listen to podcasts, I don't think they even know what a podcast *is*. (beat) Next question please!

TAMMI

All right. (beat) This is from Vincent, he says "I would like to know, what is Olivia's life like outside of the podcast?"

OLIVIA

(smiles) Well. That's a big question.

TAMMI

Yep.

OLIVIA

I feel like I talk about uni, and running, and, well, listening to other podcasts (small laugh)... I like to read. And you and I hang out quite a bit...

TAMMI

Yeah. We go on walks, or hikes, or watch Netflix, or just talk.

OLIVIA

(smiles) Lots of talking. And we're bingeing Atypical right now.

TAMMI

(smiles) It's all right. And lately we've done some online student union stuff, pub quizzes and the like. But I'm thinking maybe Vincent is wondering about your family, as well?

OLIVIA

Right. *(beat)* Well, haven't seen them since Christmas. We talk on the phone.

TAMMI

(knows the answer but wants to know what OLIVIA will say) Are you close?

OLIVIA

Yeah, I mean... We are. *(beat, clears throat)*

TAMMI

OK. So, next question?

OLIVIA

Is it a quick one?

TAMMI

Think so. Rayna on Twitter wants to know if you will continue the show once you move to New Zealand.

OLIVIA

Yes, that's quick. I will - **we** will, right Tammi? 'Cause we're both going to Auckland.

TAMMI

Yes we are. And the mics are coming with us. Possibly I can worm my way into the student radio there as well, we shall see.

OLIVIA

I think that's all the questions we have time for today. Thanks Tammi!

TAMMI

Thank **you** It was fun!

OLIVIA

OK, here's this week's trailer. Bye!

TAMMI

Bye!

(Trailer for The Lucky Die)

OLIVIA

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