

Y2K: Take 2

Episode 7: Tammi - age 19 - Paris - July 2018

CHARACTERS

TAMMI - scenes 7.1 - 7.3 (Anna)
HEATHER - scenes 7.1, 7.3 (Jackie)
MAGNUS - scenes 7.1, 7.3 (Björn)
PUCK - scene 7.2 (Pear)
LOU - scene 7.2 (Elissa)

Scene 7.0

DIRECTOR

Places, please. We'll try again everyone. Right. Whenever you're ready - Take 2.

(MUSIC "Welcome to the Year 2000" - instrumental)

NARRATOR

Episode 7. Welcome to the year 2018. Paris, France. Tammi is 19 years old.

Scene 7.1

(INT. Tammi's bedroom, she is asleep. Rushed footsteps, door opens, HEATHER enters)

HEATHER

(rushed) Rise and shine, Tammi! *(opens blind at speed)*

TAMMI

(sleepy and angry) What?

HEATHER

(cheerful) You've got mail! *(throws letters to TAMMI in bed)* You really have to decide on college this week, you're already overdue on some of the offers.

TAMMI

(mutters) S'early. Go away.

HEATHER

Not happening. We've let you have *weeks* of staying up all night and sleeping in all day, it really is time you start seeing some daylight.

TAMMI

(whines) But it hurts my eyes...

HEATHER

(laughs) You are turning into a vampire, Tammi! C'mon, get up!

TAMMI

Mooooooooom!

HEATHER

College! Now!

TAMMI

(grumpily sits up) It's called university.

HEATHER

(laughs) Whatever it's called, pick one! And let them know!

TAMMI

(pulls on sweatpants, stands up, affectionately) I hate you.

HEATHER

(on her way out, cheerful) Hate you too! I have to run - see you tonight! *(quick footsteps)*

MAGNUS

(distant, calls) Heather! You have time for pancakes before you go?

HEATHER

(distant, calls) Sorry darling, have to run!

MAGNUS

(distant, calls) OK, have a good day, love you!

HEATHER

(distant, calls) Love you! *(apartment front door opens and closes, distant steps in hallway)*

TAMMI

(sits down on bed again, groans, lies back down) Ahhhh...

(hurried steps back, front door opens, hurried steps to other room)

HEATHER

(distant, calls) Hi again darlings, it's just me, forgot my briefcase! *(in TAMMI's doorway)* Don't go back to sleep again, Tammi, OK? *(off again)*

TAMMI

(sits back up) I'm up. *(beat)* I'm up..

(quick footsteps, apartment front closes, distant steps in hallway)

TAMMI

(sighs) Ugh. (gathers up pile of letters from bed and stuffs them into her bag, mutters sleepily) Deal with these later... (groans, lies back down) Ahhhh...

MAGNUS
(distant, calls, cheerful) Tammi! Pancakes!

TAMMI
(sits back up) Ugh.

MAGNUS
(distant, calls) Tammi?

TAMMI
(slowly gets up and starts walking out of room, still tired, calls) Coming, dad!

(Fade out)

Scene 7.2

EXT. City café outdoor seating. Early evening. TAMMI, LOU and PUCK are drinking beer and talking. Murmured conversations in background (French), some traffic nearby.

TAMMI
-and then I cast Enlarge on our Paladin so *they* could fight the giant and said 'don't embarrass yourself in front of the wizards'!

(ALL laugh)

PUCK
Tammi! Why didn't I think of that?

LOU
It's genius. It's kind of like when you cast reduce on that volcano, Puck!

TAMMI
(laughs) Tiny lava so cute!

PUCK
(smiles) Ah, you flatter me Lou.

LOU
Only when you deserve it. *(sighs)* Can't believe high school is over.

PUCK
R.I.P Dragonfire Siblinghood?

TAMMI

No! We'll still play! We've got weeks left this summer, and there'll be holidays when we'll all be back here, and... Discord! People play on Discord!

LOU

That is actually a brilliant idea. *(gets out their phone, clicks)* Create new server... OK... 'Dragonfire Siblinghood'... Yes... OK... OK... There we go. Done and dusted.

PUCK

Perfect. The sun will shine on us again!

(LOU and TAMMI laugh)

TAMMI

Yay! *(sighs)*

PUCK

You OK, Tammi?

TAMMI

My mom 's on my case again.

LOU

University?

TAMMI

Oh yeah. *(sighs)* Apparently I cannot spend the rest of my life sleeping. *(sips)*

LOU

(small smile) Well that is just unreasonable.

TAMMI

That's what *I* said.

PUCK

Same for me. Part of my morning routine. Get yelled at about the future at 7 am, check. Go back to sleep at 7.15. Check.

TAMMI

(at the same time as last word) Check!

(ALL laugh a little)

TAMMI

Ugh. Wish they would stop obsessing so much about our futures.

PUCK

Yeah. Don't they get that after - what is it? - twelve years of school we are TIRED?

LOU

Longer - I started when I was five!

TAMMI

Oh, yeah, you start early in Canada. I was six, I think. So thirteen years - fourteen for you!

PUCK

(dramatically) I can't even *remember* how many years I've spent in school.

(TAMMI and LOU laugh)

PUCK

(continues, smiles) Well. No wonder we're exhausted.

LOU

Well. *(sheepishly)* I know where I'm going now.

TAMMI

(same time as PUCK) What?

PUCK

(same time as TAMMI) Where?

LOU

(sighs) My dads made me decide yesterday. I'm staying right here.
(sips)

TAMMI

(in French) Sciences Po?

LOU

Yup.

PUCK

(whistles) You really are faking this whole slacker thing you know, Lou!

LOU

(smiles) I can be multi-faceted.

PUCK

(smiles) Fair enough. *(beat)* You feel OK about it?

LOU

I suppose. *(sighs)* Oh, it'll be fascinating, and I'll learn a lot, and get a great job once I'm done et cetera, but... So much *work*.

PUCK

From that place - you could be president of France one day. You want that?

LOU

(doubtful) Maybe? Or just a diplomat in a quiet corner somewhere. Like your mom, Tammi.

TAMMI

Yeah. Not sure I'd describe Paris as a quiet corner, though! *(sips)*

LOU

That's true. *(thinks)* Ugh. We should have organized a gap year or something.

TAMMI

Yes - a gap year of DnD, drinking beer and sleeping late - you think there's a program for that?

PUCK

(laughs) There should be! That would be the best gap year ever!

LOU

(laughs) It would!

TAMMI

And the only task would be to write and run a year-long campaign.

PUCK

Yes!

LOU

And no dusty lecture halls - **this** would be our HQ!

TAMMI

Perfect! *(laughs a little, then sighs)* Instead I have to decide which of these dull universities to attend...

PUCK

It might have helped if we'd been more serious when we applied.

LOU

It all felt so distant, then. Like a hazy dream.

TAMMI

Yeah.

PUCK

And now we're here... Ugh. *(sips)*

LOU

Unfortunately. *(beat)* All right. I am going to help you two. *(takes out their phone)* Let's make a list.

TAMMI

(doubtful) A list of what?

LOU

Let's start with you, Tammi. What choices do you have left?

(TAMMI sighs)

PUCK

(sips) You said your mother threw a bunch of letters at you this morning.

TAMMI

Yeah. *(sighs, digs in her bag, brings out a stack of envelopes)* Now what?

LOU

Open them.

TAMMI

Do I have to?

LOU

How else will you find out what's in them?

PUCK

Mind meld?

TAMMI

(laughs a little) I wish...

LOU

Tammi.

TAMMI

(sighs) Very well. *(opens one, mutters)* "Reply online by June 30th to secure your place..." *(tosses aside)* Too late for that one. *(opens new letter)* "We look forward to your acknowledgement by July 5th", too late for that, too... *(tosses aside, opens another)* July 23rd, that could work... *(puts on table, opens another)* June 15th - ha! *(tosses aside, opens another)*... August - eons of time *(puts on table, opens another)* August again... *(puts on table, opens another)* June - nope *(tosses aside, opens another)* July 25th - OK *(puts on table, opens another)* and this one seems I responded to already... *(puts on table)*

PUCK

(wry smile) See? You did do *something*.

TAMMI

(slightly sarcastic) Yay me! *(sips)*

LOU

(grabs pile from table) Let's see what we have here... *(shuffles papers)* D'accord... Flinders University... in... Adelaide... Australia, that's cool.

TAMMI

I guess.

PUCK

Oh! *(grabs paper from LOU)* Canada! I've always wanted to go to Canada!

LOU

(smiles) You can come along when I visit my grandparents sometime.

PUCK

Yes please!

LOU

Deal. Where in Canada?

PUCK

(reads) University of *(slight stumble)* Saskatchewan. Mm.

LOU

Never been. Heard good things, though.

TAMMI

That's good I guess. *(sips)*

PUCK

(keeps reading, a little surprised) Archeology?

TAMMI

(sheepishly) Yeah, so... I'd been watching a lot of Discovery Channel...

LOU

Oh... *(surprised)* And the Australian one is for *(beat)* Palaeontology? *(shuffles papers again)*

PUCK

What even is that?

LOU

Dinosaurs?

TAMMI

(more sheepishly) More or less. Again. Discovery Channel. Besides.
I mean... Dinosaurs are basically dragons without wings, right?
Dragons are cool.

PUCK

They sure are. As are bowties.

(TAMMI laughs, PUCK and TAMMI clink glasses and sip)

LOU

(goes through papers, slightly distracted) Oh, absolutely. Here's
one in the UK... Birmingham... *(paper rustles)* Palaeontology and
Geology...

PUCK

Where is Birmingham, exactly?

TAMMI

England somewhere.

PUCK

Hm. That could be good.

TAMMI

I guess.

LOU

(reading, papers rustling slightly) This one has an 'International
year', whatever that means.

TAMMI

Year abroad somewhere I think. That could be fun?

PUCK

Yeah. *(shuffles papers they're holding)* I've got another one
(questioningly) University of (beat) Lund? Where's that?

TAMMI

Sweden. *(sighs)*

LOU

Back to the father tongue? *(doubtful)* Is your Swedish good enough
for that?

TAMMI

(small snort) Not sure. My dad wanted me to apply.

PUCK

Right. This one's 'Technical Geology'. Starting to see a pattern here.

TAMMI

(smiles) Yeah.

PUCK

(recites song lyric) 'let's do it like they do on the Discovery Channel'?

TAMMI

(laughs) Exactly!

LOU

(small laugh) And the final one iiiiiiiiiiis *(draws out word as they shuffle papers)* right *here*. American University Paris. Hm. 'Environmental Studies'. That's a bit of an outlier.

TAMMI

My mom wanted me to have the choice of staying here. They didn't have that many programs to choose from.

LOU

Unless you studied in French. You'd have a ton of options.

TAMMI

I know. My French is OK, but... Seems like even more work.

LOU

(admiringly) Queen of avoiding work, you are.

TAMMI

Hey! King, if I may.

LOU

Of course. *Votre majesté.*

(ALL laugh, they clink glasses)

TAMMI

Cheers. *(sips)*

PUCK

(sips, beat) OK. So to summarize: we've got rocks, ruins and dinosaurs, some of them in a combo. Any we can eliminate right away?

TAMMI

Sweden.

LOU
All right. *(puts one paper aside)*

TAMMI
And... here, I think.

(disappointed reaction from LOU)

TAMMI
(continues) Much as I'd love to stay in the same city as you, Lou, I just don't think I'd have fun at that school. Since I *have* to do this university thing I'd like to go somewhere new.

LOU
(pretend-sob, puts one paper aside, then smile) I get it. You're leaving me here *(jokingly dramatic)* all alone....

TAMMI
We haven't tackled Puck's list yet, maybe they're staying here?

PUCK
Nope. Nothing on my *huge* long list of - *(pretend-cough)* two - options are in Paris.

LOU
(sighs) So I really will be all alone. I will miss you both so much.

TAMMI
(sighs) I will miss you too. But we'll still hang out on Discord.

PUCK
We will. But... Aah. I don't even want to think about it.

LOU
(new breath) So let's not. Right. Canada, Australia or England. Pros and cons, go!

TAMMI
Um. Australia has the best weather of the three I think.

PUCK
Yeah, but also huge-ass spiders.

LOU
Ew. *(beat)* England's nearby.

TAMMI
That a pro or a con?

LOU
(small laugh) Depends I suppose.

PUCK
Canada just seems so... interesting.

LOU
Thank you?

TAMMI
Agreed! Though pretty much everything I know is from you Lou, or watching 'Frontier', and that's not exactly comprehensive.

LOU
(smiles) Also Frontier is fiction. Right. This isn't getting us anywhere. Time for some Google Fu. Puck, you do Canada-

PUCK
(enthusiastic) Yes!

LOU
-Tammi, Australia, and I'll take England.

(EVERYONE gets out their phones, and in the exchange below vary between mumbling almost to themselves as they read, and speaking louder to the others)

TAMMI
Um...

PUCK
All right... *(silently types on phone, mumbles in Dutch)* Even kijken wat moest ik hebben... University of Sas- Sas- *(in Dutch)* Hoe spel je dat?

LOU
Okidoki...

PUCK
(paper rustle as they check spelling) How do you spell that?

LOU
(types on phone) University of Birmingham...

PUCK
Ah yeah, Saskatchewan... Um-hm... Yeah... *(in Dutch)* Dit kan ik overslaan... Dat is oke...

TAMMI
Adelaide... 22 000 students...

LOU
(in French) 28 000 etudiants...

PUCK

(reads) "Join 25,700 students from 130 countries around the world."
That's nice.

LOU

Study... "challenging enquiring minds" yeah all right...

PUCK

Right. (mutters, in Dutch) *Waar moet ik zien? Zijn naam kan geen
schone zijn... Wat is de lay-out...*

LOU

Undergraduate study... (mutters, in French) *Où est-ce que c'est
ca...*

PUCK

(mutters) Undergraduate programs... Environment and Health
Sciences... Archaeology..

TAMMI

Um...

PUCK

(to TAMMI) Hm, they have Palaeobiology too - is that different
from Palaeontology?

TAMMI

(distracted) Guess I didn't see that. And, I don't know.

PUCK

There's a picture of a dinosaur skeleton here, so at a guess not
too different. Um. But that's not what I need....

LOU

Cherchez... OOOOO-kay (types) 'Geology' - can't spell the other
one...

TAMMI

...Study at Adelaide... Undergraduate... Find... (types) Palaeon-
damn, I can't spell it either! (paper rustles as she checks)

LOU

Here we go, Palaeontology and Geology...

TAMMI

-tology...

PUCK

Here... Archeology.

TAMMI

"one of the most comprehensive palaeontology curricula in the world"

PUCK

(reads) "focuses on the past peoples of western Canada and the broader Circumpolar North"...

TAMMI

Hm. Sounds like work.

LOU

(reads) "rigorous training in palaeontology"...

PUCK

"excavation of archaeological sites" Hey, this sounds pretty interesting!

LOU

Oh! "rich fossil collections" - you interested in fossils, Tammi?

TAMMI

Sure.... Oh! I remember this - very cool field trips! Kangaroo Island...

PUCK

It's in Saskatoon, which is (clicks) right in the middle of Canada, sort of.

LOU

(laughs) That's funny, 'cause Birmingham is pretty much in the middle of England.

TAMMI

Well, Adelaide is vaguely in the middle of Australia in terms of east to west - though more east - but very much on the southern coast.

PUCK

That means it's not so hot, right, more temperate?

TAMMI

I guess.

PUCK

Saskatoon is pretty small, population about 250 000.

TAMMI

Adelaide is big - population's way over a million, 1.2.

LOU

Yeah, Birmingham is around there, too. 1.1. (beat) So. Tammi. Any of this helpful?

TAMMI

Gah. Hearing all this they all seem like so much... work.

PUCK

Should have applied for something easier.

TAMMI

Like what? University seems like a depressing amount of work no matter what you study.

LOU

You have a point. And at least you are interested in these subjects.

TAMMI

(smiles) Or I was when I applied. But am sure I could be again.

PUCK

So **now** let's look up the important facts - do they have active RPG groups or clubs? What forums are there for players to find groups?

TAMMI

Ooooh, yes! Now we're talking!

LOU

OK, let's check that out too!

(Everyone is back on their phones, some phone handling, mumbling)

TAMMI

(reads) Adelaide Uni RPG Club...

PUCK

(reads) Saskatoon Game Store... Looking for RPG groups...

LOU

(reads) Role Players Guild Birmingham...

TAMMI

(reads) Adelaide Roleplaying Community...

LOU

(reads) RPG groups in Birmingham...

TAMMI

(reads) Games World South Australia...

PUCK

(reads) Saskatoon RPG Discord...

LOU
(reads) UK Games Expo Birmingham...

PUCK
(reads) Saskatoon International RPG Day...

PUCK
(same time as TAMMI and LOU) There's a lot!

LOU
(same time as TAMMI and PUCK) Very cool!

TAMMI
(same time as PUCK and LOU) This is great!

(ALL laugh)

LOU
Seems they're all pretty good.

TAMMI
Yeah.

PUCK
Hey. We are doing this all wrong. We're role players, yes?

LOU
Your point being?

PUCK
Dice!

TAMMI
Dice? (realizes) Diiiiice. Right. (laughs)

LOU
(laughs) Of course. Ready to roll, Tammi?

TAMMI
Um... Oh why not. But you cannot tell anyone. Deal?

PUCK and LOU
Deal!

TAMMI
(gets out her dice bag) What do you think? D6?

PUCK
D20. Classic. Wait, no, needs to be divisible with 3 - D12?

TAMMI
Yeah that works. (gets out die)

LOU

OK. Give me that napkin. (*TAMMI hands over napkin, LOU grabs pen, clicks it, and writes*) So, 1-4 - Adelaide, 5-8 - Birmingham and 9-12 - Saskatoon.

PUCK

May the odds be ever in your favor.

TAMMI

(*laughs*) Thank you. (*deep breath, rolls die on table*) Seven. What was-

LOU

Birmingham!

TAMMI

Birmingham. (*beat*) Yeah. OK. (*grabs die and slowly puts it back in dice bag*)

LOU

Congratulations?

TAMMI

(*slight laugh*) Thank you. (*beat, a little surprised*) Feels really good.

LOU

We can visit you and go to the UK Games Expo!

TAMMI

(*smiles*) Brilliant.

PUCK

OK, my turn.

LOU

So what **are** your choices, Puck?

PUCK

Just the two. Architecture in Amsterdam or Architecture in the US. Cornell.

TAMMI

(*surprised*) Architecture?

PUCK

Yeah. Think so. I like floorplans.

LOU

I'm more surprised about Cornell - that's a big deal, right?

PUCK

It kind of is. My parents practically threw a party when they found out. But Amsterdam's really good too.

TAMMI

Right. So either in Dutch or in English then?

PUCK

Yes.

LOU

Shall we google?

PUCK

(takes out dice bag, picks out die) Nope. I'm ready to roll.

LOU

All right. Go for it.

PUCK

D20. My lucky die. *(deep breath)* Even is Ithaca, odd is Amsterdam.

TAMMI

(grabs napkin, writes as PUCK talks) Yep. Written down.

PUCK

All right. *(rolls on table, astonished laugh)* Seven for me too.

LOU

(smiles) Lucky number seven maybe? So, Amsterdam.

PUCK

Yeah.

TAMMI

You happy with that?

PUCK

(thinks) I think so... Yes. Huh. Back to the Netherlands. Cool.

TAMMI

Good. Can we now *please* get back to planning the new campaign?

LOU

Of course.

PUCK

Cheers. To Birmingham and Amsterdam! Hey that kind of rhymes!

TAMMI and LOU

(laugh) Birmingham and Amsterdam! *(glasses clink)*

LOU
And Paris. (*jokingly dramatic*) We'll always have *Paris*.

(*TAMMI and PUCK groan*)

LOU
Well *someone* had to say it!

(*ALL laugh*)

(*Fade out*)

Scene 7.3

(*INT. Tammi's bedroom, she is asleep. Quick footsteps outside room, door opens, HEATHER enters*)

HEATHER
(*cheerful*) Rise and shine, Tammi! (*opens blind*)

TAMMI
(*sleepy and angry*) What?

HEATHER
Today's the day!

TAMMI
(*sleepy and confused*) What day?

HEATHER
(*sits down on the side of TAMMI's bed*) The day *you* send in your acceptance to university. What did you end up deciding yesterday?

TAMMI
(*very sleepy*) Um... eh... Birmingham, I think?

HEATHER
Great! (*a little stern*) Get that in today, all right?

TAMMI
(*very sleepy*) All right. (*beat*) Does this mean I can sleep in tomorrow?

HEATHER
(*smiles*) Talk to your dad - I'm flying to Tokyo in two hours. Back Thursday.

TAMMI
OK. (*beat*) Mmmm. That means he'll be stress-baking for days.

HEATHER

Yep. Make sure to hide away some cinnamon buns for me, all right?

TAMMI

Will do.

HEATHER

Thanks. Maybe invite Puck and Lou over for *(in Swedish) fika?*

TAMMI

Absolutely.

HEATHER

(quick forehead kiss) Take care, sweetheart, time for me to go. *(gets up)* See you Thursday. *(calls on her way out)* Love you! *(grabs wheeled suitcase, apartment front door opens and closes, distant footsteps fading out)*

TAMMI

(calls) Love you Mom! *(yawns, sits up, pulls on sweatpants, few steps over to desk, sits down, opens laptop)* OK... Better get this over with. *(clicks, typing, mutters)* Sign in... *(click)* Your choice... Reply to your offers... Firm choice... Continue... *(click)* Yes... Send your reply... *(click, reads)* 'You have confirmed your place at the University of Birmingham' *(deep breath)* OK. *(smiles)* Hello, Birmingham, I guess... *(smiles)* Huh. Rocks and dinosaurs. Well, why not.

MAGNUS

(calls, distant) Tammi? I've made some *brioche*, you want one now or later?

TAMMI

(laughs, calls) Now please! I'll be right there!

(Shuts laptop, gets up, walks out of room)

(Fade out)

Scene 7.4

NARRATOR

Thank you for listening to Y2K: Take 2. This episode was written, produced and directed by Karin Heimdahl. Our intro and outro music is created and recorded by Jake Haws, listen to his podcast "Making Music with Jake Haws" to hear more. This episode featured Anna Jartin as Tammi, Jackie Hedeman as Heather, Björn Heimdahl as Tammi's dad Magnus, Reguline Pear as Puck and Elissa Park as Lou.

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DIRECTOR

(claps hands) All right, thank you everyone. That's a wrap for today!

(MUSIC "Welcome to the Year 2000" - instrumental)