

IN THE WINTER 2019 AND SPRING 2020, OUR RESEARCH TEAM MET 32 DONOR-CONCEIVED TEENAGERS, IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THEY MAKE SENSE OF THEIR MODE OF CONCEPTION AND THEIR FAMILY.

WE ASKED THEM IF THEY WANTED TO MEET THEIR DONOR.

HERE IS WHAT  
THEY SAID



episode 2 - MEETING THE DONOR

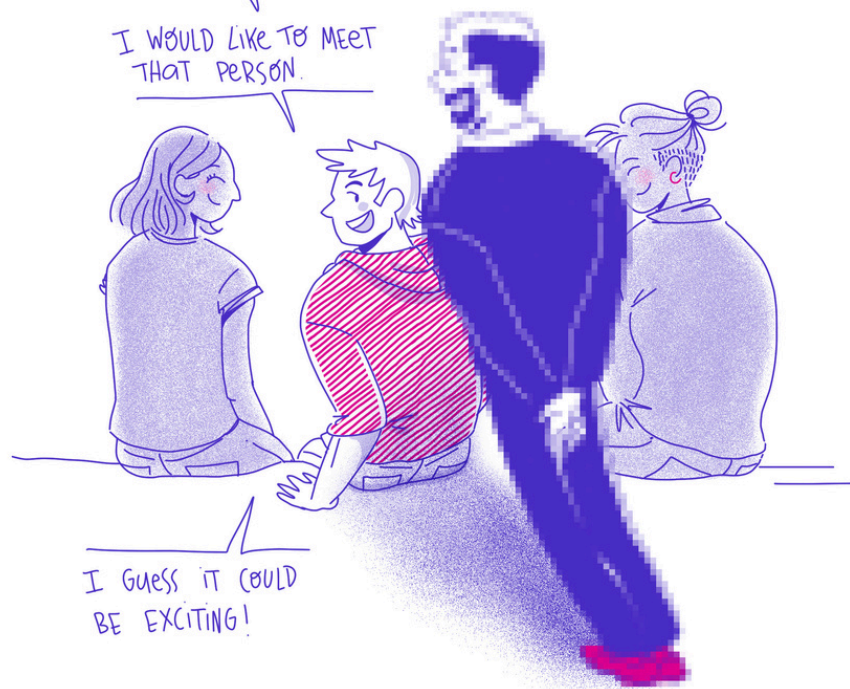
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO MY DONOR IS...

AND IF HE AGREES, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM ONE DAY.



I HAVE LIVED WITH MY 2 PARENTS ALL MY LIFE WITHOUT EVER MEETING THE PERSON WHO CREATED ME.

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET THAT PERSON.



I GUESS IT COULD BE EXCITING!

HIM ↔ ME  
ME ↔ HIM  
THERE IS SOMETHING THERE, RIGHT?



I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE, AND IF WE SHARE ANY PHYSICAL FEATURES...

I HOPE THAT HE'S A GOOD PERSON

I'M AFRAID I'LL BE DISAPPOINTED IF HE IS NOT.



IF I MET HIM...

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL,  
BECAUSE IT WAS KIND OF HIM  
TO HELP MY PARENTS START A FAMILY

BUT I WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY TO HIM... I WOULD  
BE IN SHOCK!

HERE  
I AM!



I AM NOT INTERESTED  
IN MEETING HIM.

HE DIDN'T SEE ME  
GROW UP, SO WHAT'S  
THE POINT?



IN SHORT, WHEN TEENAGERS THINK OF THE DONOR, ALL KINDS OF EMOTIONS  
CROSS THEIR MINDS: CURIOSITY, HOPE, AMBIVALENCE AND FEARS.  
BUT IN ALL CASES, THEY ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DONOR FOR HELPING  
THEIR PARENTS START A FAMILY.

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