

## APPENDIXES

Appendix: Identification Table of Astrid Jones' Homosexual Identity Development

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1	The first time I saw Dee was at one of Ellis's hockey games last year. She smiled at me, and I never forgot it. Or more accurately, I always remembered it. And I checked the hockey schedule and went to the away game at her school, too, just to see if she'd smile at me again, and she did.							Astrid shows her attraction towards Dee. She does not realize that her behavior is an early stage of her homosexual change.
2	I didn't know she worked at Maldonado's when I interviewed. Believe me, my first day of work was some sort of proof that everything happens for a reason. I'd thought about her smiles for eight months at that point. Probably every day.							Astrid starts to feel confuse about her feeling for Dee. She's been thinking about her co-worker, and she stars wondering whether she is normal or not.
3	I didn't answer, but I asked myself the question for a whole month. She must have thought I was ignoring it or just thought she was joking							Astrid is thinking about Dee. She cannot forget about her encounters with Dee and when Dee said that she is gorgeous, she is in stage

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	around. But I wasn't, and I didn't. I was considering it. Astrid Jones. Gorgeous. I'd never really thought about that.							when she is confuse about her odds feelings.
4	If I were to explain to you how she really makes me feel, I'm not sure I could. Do I love her? I don't know. Maybe. I love kissing her. I love the way she smells, and I love her lips. But Dee scares the shit out of me, too. Because she knows. And I don't know.							Astrid starts the hesitancy about her feelings towards Dee Roberts, and it leads to her sexuality change.
5	I'm thinking about Dee. About how inadequate I feel. About how her hands know what to do but mine don't. About how I always have to stop her when she wants to keep going.							Astrid finds herself always thinking about Dee, she thinks about how Dee is so experienced with being queer but she is not.
6	My brain people say: Astrid baby, it's because you're not gay. They say: You're not strong enough to be gay. They say: Mom would never forgive you if you're gay.							Astrid starts to feel conscious of other people's perception of her sexual orientation change, she is also in denial about her feelings for Dee, yet she is not ready to come out yet.
7	But now all I can think about is Dee							Astrid is in doubt about her feelings

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	and how this all started. How she told me how gorgeous I was. How flattered I felt. How exhilarating it was to be wanted. This is why I doubt. It's the loophole. It's the question no one ever wants to ask. Am I doing this out of desperation? <b>Is it some weird phase I'm going through? And why, if any of the answers are yes, does it feel so right?</b>							for Dee. She knows it is not right to like a girl, but she was not sure about it, and also she thinks it feels so right about liking Dee.
8	There is a 747 high, leaving a crisp white line through the cloudless autumn sky. <b>I ask the passengers: Am I really gay?</b>							Astrid asking herself is she really a homosexual, still unconscious about her behavior.
9	I don't know what to say. I want to tell her that she's too pushy—like everyone else in my life. I want to tell her that I'm not ready for intimacy. I want to tell her to stop looking at me with those lovesick eyes. Instead, I do what any awkward geek who wants to avoid the topic of sex at all costs would do.							Astrid feels that she is not ready yet for intimacy. She just wants to feel being loved by Dee. She is not experienced about having a girlfriend yet, but Dee is so experienced.
10	"Dude—you don't know who							Astrid is conscious about her

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	you're going out with?" She hits me nicely on my arm. "Oh, my God, Astrid! Just tell us!" "I don't know. I'm still not even sure, I don't think. I mean, how do I know?"							different behavior. She feels that she is still not sure, even questioning how does she know about her behavior
11	Kristina, don't kill me, but I'm gay. I think. I mean, I think I'm gay. I mean, I think I'm in love with a girl. I mean"! The sentence isn't quite worked out yet.							Astrid starts to accept her feelings towards Dee and trying to tell Kristina, but she has not ready yet because she is not sure about her sexuality just yet.
12	I'm wondering if any of them live in a small town like we do. If they've ever snuck out on a Saturday night. (To a gay bar.) If they've ever wondered what making love to a girl must feel like. I ask them: Is it okay to lie in order to be happy?							Astrid starts to find herself a place where she belongs. She visits a gay bay and feels so right about being in there.
13	It occurs to me, as I stand on the edge of the dance floor out of breath, that people here are nice to each other.							Astrid feels that she is being accepted by the people in Atlantis. She feels like she belongs with them. She is comfortable being with groups of "gay".
14	She leans in to kiss me good-bye, and when she does, I wish I lived on the							Astrid have stronger feeling of not belonging with heterosexuals and

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	right planet where kissing Dee Roberts wasn't a big freaking deal. Where it didn't mean I have to affix a label to my forehead so people can take turns trying to figure out what caused it or what's wrong with me. And I wish I didn't have to lie so much.							the feeling of "I probably am a homosexual" comes along.
15	"Holy shit, no. Clay? Blerg. No. Not a guy. I mean—" "Not a guy?" she says. "Not a guy." <b>She stops and looks more pained than excited.</b> "Not a guy?" "I don't know," I say. It's only hitting me now how hurt she's going to be about my keeping this a secret.							Astrid accidentally said that she is in relationship with a girl. Her friends start to aware about her sexuality meanwhile she is still questioning her sexuality.
16	I keep shaking my head, and I add a shrug, but I'd be lying if I told you that his excitement and invitation into one of them isn't making me cringe. Because I'm not in this to be a member of some club. I'm not going through this so I can lock myself in the one of them box. "So, you're questioning?" she says. "I							Astrid realizes that she is not heterosexual anymore, but also denial that she is a homosexual. She falls in between and says that she is questioning. She tries to contact other homosexual but still denial that she is a member of homosexual group.

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	guess.”							
17	When Dee kisses me, the taste of her is enough to make me die right here on the spot. I don't care if some mountain biker zooms through on the path. I don't care about anything. Not Zeno or Socrates. Not motion or truth. When Dee kisses me, I am alive. I am moving. I am the truth.							Astrid starts to realize that Dee is real, and she is not care about anything when she is with Dee. She wants Dee, and she feels alive when she is with Dee.
18	And I am pretty sure I'm gay. I mean, not just by default because I am in love with Dee, but I feel like these people are my people or something.							Astrid accepts her sexuality as lesbian wholly when she realizes that she is in love with Dee, and her friends are her “people”, that means she accepted she is in homosexual group of people.
19	“Are you saying you might not be gay? That this is all just some kind of joke or something?” “It's not a joke.” “So what is it, then?” “It's a question. And I'm answering it. But I don't know the answer yet, and I'm sorry.”							Astrid asked by her mother that she might be gay by attending a gay club but she said that she's still questioning herself before she had a tendency that she's gay
20	As we kiss—and Kim is a spectacular kisser—I begin to think							She realizes that she is wholly a lesbian, and she encourage herself

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	about what this means. This means I've kissed two girls in my life. Which is one more than the one boy I've kissed—if you don't count Jeff Garnet, who I'm not really kissing. It means I am more of a lesbian than I was only a minute ago when I was just looking at Kim and thinking about how cute she is. It means that one day I will have to tell my parents.							that she is ready to come out and tell her parent about her sexuality change. She also experiences in kissing another girl aside from Dee, and it makes her realizes that she is a lesbian.
21	I bring my hand up to my face and see if I can smell Kim on my hands. I realize how stupid I am for doing this. ME: You know what this means, right? ME: No. Not at all. ME: It means you're gay, Astrid. ME: Oh. That. ME: Yeah. That.							Astrid finally realizes that she is a lesbian because of her experience in kissing Kim.
22	Dee and I cross the street and get in line and press ourselves together. Neither of us can stop smiling. I know this sounds stupid, but it's like no one else is here. Justin's and Chad's lips are moving, and they seem to be having a conversation, but							She shows her relationship by holding Dee in front of the people. She is not afraid of people's judgment.

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	I can't hear them.							
23	After a brief rest, Dee grabs me for a slow dance, and we dance so close I think I'm losing circulation in my torso. Nothing ever felt more perfect. I think about telling Mom and Dad again. I think that it would be easy to tell them if they understood that I'm happy. All parents want their kids to be happy, right? Right when I think this is when everything changes.							Astrid feels happy after she was dancing with Dee. Dee's presence makes her realize that she's comfortable with Dee.
24	I got caught in a gay bar. Dee's mom hates me. I am about to lose my license. I will have to go before some judge and talk about this. Everyone thinks I'm gay. And I think I am gay. I think I'm gay, and my girlfriend's mom wrote stay away from my daughter.							Astrid still have doubt about her status whether she is gay or not. She felt that way because there's hatred that showed by Dee's mom to her.
25	"Are you gay?" Mom asks. I sigh. "I have no idea," I say. Frank sighs and rolls his eyes. Mom perks up. "So, we went from I'm not gay, I was just in a gay club to dance to I don't							Astrid was asked by her mom whether she's gay or not. She's still doubt herself.



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	know.” “Right,” I say.							
26	“While I appreciate your strict categorization and policies of gayness, I can’t say that I know one way or the other. So, logic tells me that if I was born gay, then I should know that I am gay, which means, by your rules, no. I am not gay. Because I don’t know.” They stare at me. I start writing a list on a piece of notepaper as I talk. “But if it’s about love and attraction to people of the same gender and a possibility of maybe being in love with a girl, then the answer could be yes. But I wouldn’t call myself gay. It just wouldn’t seem right to real gay people. Especially if they were born knowing for sure, like you say they were.”							Astrid’s parents asked about her sexual orientation. Astrid said that she’s not born gay. But if someone asked if she has attraction or in love with a girl then she may be gay. She’s still doubt her sexual orientation.
27	Okay. I have something to tell you. I love Dee Roberts, and I’d really like it if you could accept her as my girlfriend and we could just put this week behind us. I’m sorry it took me							She tells her sister, Ellis, that she has a girlfriend named Dee Roberts that she loves so dearly. She wants her family to accept Dee as the part of her life.

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	so long to talk about this, but I was scared. I love Dee Roberts, and I want you to meet her so you can love her, too. Okay, I can tell you the truth now. I love Dee Roberts, but I'm still a virgin. Look, I know you need the truth. I'm sorry it took me so long to tell you, but this isn't easy. I have a girlfriend.							
28	"Still, it's none of your business until I'm ready to tell you. Calling it a lie is wrong. And kinda hurtful. I really know what you're trying to say, but try to think about it from my side. It just sucks that you'd hold my own confusion—which tortured me for months—against me. Seriously."							Astrid is angry with Kristina because Kristina does not understand about how Astrid is feeling. Astrid is hurting because Kristina thinks that Astrid is lying to her.
29	"I don't give a FUCK about anything anyone in this town thinks anymore! I'm fucking so sick of the gossip and the bullshit and the stupid secret code of Unity Valley, where no one ever wins unless they're the same five people who always win because they lie to the most people! I'm done!"							She still feels that people in her town have a negative thinking about gay people but she just doesn't care about that anymore. She just declares herself as a gay.

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	Okay? I don't care who knows I'm gay!" I say. "I'M GAY! Okay? I'm fucking GAY!"							
30	"So I've had a girlfriend since July, and I love her." "Okay," he says. "I don't know why this is so important for me to tell you, but I'm a virgin. Seriously weird for me to be telling you that, I know, but this whole thing, it's not about sex. I just fell in love, and it happened to be with a girl."							She's telling her dad that she's in love with a girl even dated since July, she's not straight but she's virgin. She's receiving the fact that it's okay to be a gay.
31	"When I told you I didn't know if I was gay, I was telling you the truth. I just know I'm in love—with a girl. I had no idea of anything past that. It's very Socrates, you know? I'm not questioning my sexuality as much as I'm questioning the strict definitions and boxes of all sexualities and why we care so much about other people's intimate business."							She's actually accepting her sexuality as a lesbian yet she is still thinking about the strict norms about sexuality and people perception towards homosexual.
32	"So, I'm gay. Until further notice. That way, I don't have to think about it, my girlfriend doesn't have to							She's finally declares that she's a gay and she enjoys it. She wants her family to support her choice.

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	wonder about it and I can actually enjoy being in love with her because she's awesome." I have just ripped the last of the suspension notice into its tiniest parts, and I stuff the confetti into my sweatshirt pockets. "You and Mom don't have to think about it, either. You can just be the couple in town who has a gay kid right alongside Kristina's parents and whoever else. And Ellis can just figure out a way to grow up and be my sister again.							
33	"I needed time to figure it out. It takes a while, you know? You don't just wake up one day and know," I say. "Or at least I didn't. I wasn't lying. I was just figuring it out."							She already know where does she belong to. She's gay and she knows it
34	"Okay. I sent them my love because I didn't need it here," I say. "Mom never loved me, and Dad was too busy doing other stuff, and you didn't love me because Mom had turned you against me, and then when Dee came along, I knew I							She tells Ellis that she loves Dee, her feeling of anger towards heterosexual reduces in here because she knows that her parents will accept her no matter what. She also tells Ellis because she knows that Ellis can be trusted and she

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	couldn't love her even though I love her more than anything. But I knew I wouldn't be allowed. Not by Mom, not by Unity Valley. Not by you. Not by anyone."							also supportive about her sexuality change.
35	I smile shyly and put my arm around Dee's shoulder, take a deep breath and say, "Guys, I want you to meet my girlfriend, Dee."							She is ready to tell her parents and she feels proud about her coming out and tell them that she is lesbian.
36	Dee says, "What?" I try to think of what just happened, but I can't explain. All I know is that a huge, overwhelming feeling of love has just landed in my heart, and I have to keep it safe for a while. "Nothing," I say. "Don't worry about it." I'm left with this feeling, though. A lucky feeling. I squeeze Dee's hand and kiss her on the cheek. I can do that now. I can do whatever I want. I look at the plane, and I send my love. I'll keep it safe. Stay strong.							She is accepting her sexual orientation and the society is already accepting.