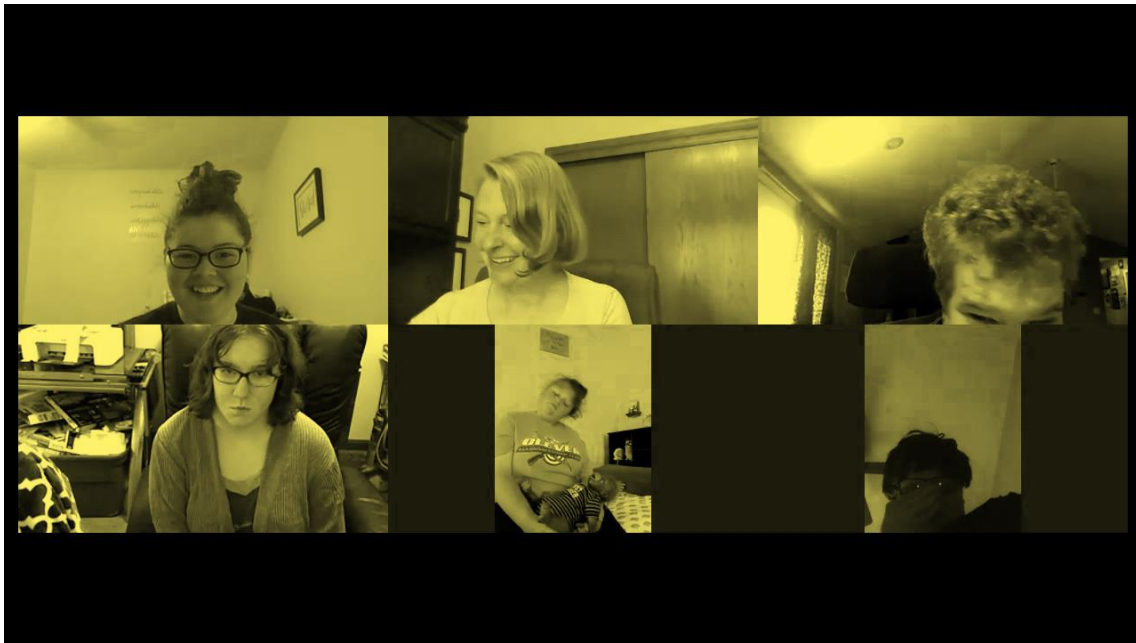


# The Quarantimes: Storyville Learning All About Our Friends

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Brendan=B  
Connor=C  
Eve=E  
Jade=J  
Bailey=Ba  
Melissa=M

## What is something you're missing?

E: I miss my friends. Me and my friends have a big long project that's a book that we've been working on for a really long time and I miss working on it with them.

M: What kind of book is it?

E: Paranormal. Like paranormal fiction.

M: Cool! I love that! Connor, what about you?

C: I'm missing drama class. Theatre.

M: Jade, what's something you're missing?

J: I just miss going out and doing something. I miss getting together with friends. Going to the park. Sometimes I'll help mom shop. I just miss doing something.

M: Brendan what about you?

B: I miss. . . I'm working on some books in my free time. I'm using software. . . I'm using [*we lose B's audio*] learning how to . . . illustrators and all that.

M: Technical difficulties. . . is it stopping for everyone? I think we lost the last little bit of that. He might need to sign out and come back in. . . oh! There he is! We lost you for a second.

B: [*lost the first part of that sentence*]--the internet.

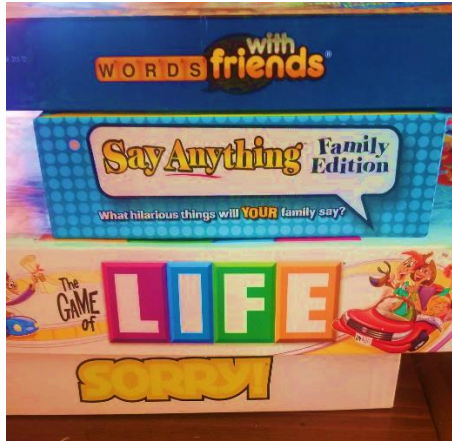
M: And that's another thing that doesn't happen when you're in the room with someone.

B: SO I was saying earlier since we're doing quarantine I got this switch and I play Animal Crossing on it.

M: That's an addicting game.

B: It is. It's a great relaxable game. It's comfortable. The villagers don't get mad or anything like that. You can build your own home. You can build mansions. Almost anything.





### Game Stack Poem by Jade

Words with friends  
Say Anything: Family Edition  
(What hilarious things will your family say?)  
The Game of Life.  
Sorry!

## What is something fun you're doing?

B: For me, is like I'm working on a song right now after this meeting and such. It's an Animal Crossing song. It's called A New Horizon. I can play with my friends and we can actually communicate on Nintendo switch.

M: Maybe if we have time we can hear a little of it this week. Eve, what's something you're enjoying doing that you can still do during quarantine?

E: I've been reading a lot and writing and watching a lot of anime.

M: What have you been reading?

E: *Artemis Fowl*.

M: What anime?

E: I found a new anime called *Tower of God* and it's really good.

M: That's good. So, you're finding some stuff and sometimes I like that stuff because you get to escape a little while into a non-quarantine world and it's like a little mind vacation and it's relaxing. Jade what are you getting to do that you still like doing?

J: I really enjoy playing with dolls. I actually have one in my lap right now.

M: I saw that you have a doll. Can you tell me about her?

J: I don't know if you guys have seen these before, but they are called Reborn Babies. They are dolls that are painted to look realistic.

M: Is it, like, the right weight for a baby and everything too?

J: It is! She is 8 pounds and she is waving hi to you guys.

M: Have you named her?

J: Her name is Raelynn.

M: Did you know that name right away when you got her or did you have to think about it a while?

J: Um, I kind of had to think about it but eventually I named her. I also—I don't have it with me right now but. . . not only do they have the babies but they have animals, too.

M: What?!

J: Yes! They have animals too and I have a Reborn Monkey and he is one of my favorites too now and his name is Freddy and I named him after Freddy Mercury. From Queen.

M: Jade. I love how much you love Queen. Will you bring the monkey tomorrow?

J: I can, yeah. Did you see she just waved hi to you guys?

M: She is adorable. That is so cool.

J: Thank you so much.

## **What is your favorite quarantine? (def: time of day during quarantine)**

B: I think it's the afternoon because when I'm not busy I really just build stuff right now in Animal Crossing and it's complicated. A lot of things are expensive. Sometimes I study Greek mythology in the afternoon.

M: You guys are so good at quarantine with your reading things and writing and naming things cool names and studying mythology. I love mythology. Eve, what is your favorite and why?

E: Probably the afternoon because I spend the morning doing school work and stuff so the afternoon is when I call friends and stuff and I take a break and watch tv and read and stuff.

M: Jade, what is your favorite time of day?

J: Well, it just depends, actually. I mostly like the daytime. When it's nice outside, I have a swing on my back porch. I like the nice weather.

M: We're lucky this is happening in the spring, right?

C: I like night-time best. I like snoring.

## What are you watching?

B: For me it would be Netflix original *Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snickett.

M: So good. Did you just get into that during the quarantine or did you like it before?

B: I liked it before. And the awesome thing is Neil Patrick Harris, he's Count Olaf in that.

M: He's great.

Ba: I need to watch that.

B: The end is good but everything else. It was horrible for *them*.

M: Eve, what about you?

E: I've been watching *Tower of God*, which I've already mentioned. But there are only three episodes out so far, so I'm trying to pace myself. And then, I've been watching *The Masked Singer* with my mom. What are other things? What else? I don't know.

M: Jade, what have you been watching?

J: I've been watching this vet show called *Dr. Pol*. He works with farm animals or dogs or cows or horses, sheep, goats. And he also does, you know, dogs and cats. There are some that are injured or just really sick. A lot of times with the cows, they have to have emergency farm calls for calving. So it's just domesticated animals he works with. He has other staff that work there, too.

M: I could get into that.

J: It's a good show. It really is. Mom and I will watch an episode pretty much every single day.

M: Is it Netflix?

J: We have Disney Plus.

B: We have that too.

J: Because I'm an animal lover. There's another vet show that has exotic animals. I'm obsessed with monkeys. I have a stuffed monkey. Of course, I have my Reborn Monkey. I'm obsessed with them.





Photo by Connor, April 2020



Drawing by Brendan, April 2020

## What are you reading?

E: I'm reading *Artemis Fowl*. It's really good. I really like the characters.

J: I'm reading the second book of *The Hunger Games*.

M: How are you liking those?

J: I like it. I get to some chapters and it's like so intense. It's hard to read. But I get through it.

M: I just ordered those for my daughter.

Ba: They are so good.

J: Has she not read them?

M: She hasn't.

J: Well, I think she'll like them. I haven't read the third book yet. So far, I've only read the first and second, but I think she'd like them.

M: Connor, are you reading anything?

C: I'm reading my watch which tells me the time.

M: Are any of you guys into comics or graphic novels?

## Haikus

My dog is running  
Always wanting a blue sky  
He whines to play ball  
--by Jade

Quarantines are hard  
You're stuck inside all day long  
Very, very bored  
--by group

E: I'm reading *Sandman*. It's Neil Gaiman comics, basically. I'm only on the first one. I got them all for Christmas and my birthday and I'm only reading them now. But they're really good. They're kind of scary, though.

M: He's dark. He's not afraid to go dark.

E: I love his writing though. I'm also reading *American Gods* which is also by him.

## What are you listening to?

M: What kind of music are you listening to?

J: I like to listen to rap music.

M: Can you name some of the artists you're listening to?

J: One of my favorite bands used to be Greenday.

B: Oh, after this Corona virus, Billie Joe, he said he's gonna host a Corona Virus after party in Winchester England.

J: I did like Queen. Freddy Mercury passed away. I was really sad.

B: He died of AIDS, yes.

M: Different kind of virus. What do you listen to, Eve?

E: I mostly listen to musical theatre. *The Book of Mormon*. Lots of swearing. I saw it in London. So good. I have a poster. I've listened to the cast recording I don't know how many times. I'm currently listening to *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812* and *Beetlejuice*.

M: What about you Brendan?

B: I like to listen to all sorts of music. I don't have a favorite but I choose every music now and then. One time I was playing Old Town Road in my sleep on the music box version. It was

horrible because the music box was high at the end. Like it squeaked a lot. The next day I was listening to John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

J: I love the Beatles.

M: Connor do you like the Beatles?

C: I normally listen to Alvin and the Chipmunks.

B: My favorite song by the Beatles is Eleanor Rigby and everyone at my house is like, why do you like that song, it's so sad. I know what the meaning behind the song is. It's like one of the artists' grandma passed away.

M: I like that song too. Eve, do you like the Beatles?

E: Yeah, I watched The Beatles Yellow Submarine movie. The animated one. That used to be my favorite movie when I was younger.

C: I have never watched that one before.

B: I watch the Ed Sullivan show everyday. Don't know if that's a trend anymore.

M: Any other music anyone wants to share?

E: Lemon Demon! It's really good. The lyrics are interesting and –I can't describe it, I don't know. It's just good songs and music and I love Touch Tone Telephone.





## Who is on your Quaranteam?

M: Who is on your quaranteam?

J: What do you mean?

M: Like if you were on a spaceship and your house was the spaceship, who is on your team that's keeping your spaceship going?

J: I would maybe say my friends. One of my friends, her name is Sidney. I actually call her every single day so she would definitely be on my team.

M: And this is a good time, if you want to show us? If there's anyone else on your team you want to show us, anything you want to share?

J: Are you talking about the surprise? I mean, it's up to you. You guys ready?

M: I'm ready if you're ready.

J: You can look now.

C: Wow.

M: Jade, tell us a little bit about that.

J: Okay, this is a Reborn Monkey. If you guys have seen an orangutan? He's an orangutan.

Ba: He's so cute.

J: He's actually a newborn. He is two weeks old. He's a sweet little guy. He really is.

M: Brendan is here too now. Remember yesterday, she was telling us about her Reborn Monkey, Freddy? How much does he weigh?

J: Two pounds, eight ounces. He's tiny.

M: So he's the right size.

J: Yeah. There are some monkeys that are smaller than him. If you've seen a picture of monkeys, they're supposed to be tiny, like, all their life.

M: So he's exactly the right size he should be.



J: Well, in real life orangutans are apes and they get so big. Like an adult male weighs up to 300 pounds. But a lot of people call them monkeys. They call chimpanzees and gorillas and even orangutans monkeys, so I just call him a monkey. Can I show you one more thing that is really cute that he does?

M: Oh my gosh, can he suck his thumb?

J: YES!

M: That is pretty cool, I love his onesie.

J: Thank you.



Jade and Freddy, April 2020

M: So Brendan, who would you say is on your team in your household?

B: Well, it's basically my family, but if I were in like a fictional universe, I would say mostly like the Avengers and the people from different universes and all that.

M: Who is in your household right now?

B: We've got Mom, Kimberly. She and Dad they're both 40. We got a young sister, Olivia. Younger brother which, on this month, on the 11 was his birthday. He's fifteen right now. And what I'm worried about is the way he's going to drive. I'm afraid he's going to drive like really bad.

M: Like not be a responsible driver?

B: Yeah.

M: Maybe he'll be really careful. Because you're worried. Maybe? So that's everyone in your household.

B: We've got Baby Boy, French Bulldog and his name is Napoleon.

M: Jade, I saw you had a dog who's part of your team. Who's that?

J: His name is Toblerone. We named him after a chocolate bar because he's brown.

M: That's a great name!

J: He is a pit bull / great dane mix. As you can tell from his size, he's mostly pit bull. We have a great dane and if he was mostly great dane he would be the exact same size as our great dane. His name is Duke. He's getting old. I was just about to say that I know that Freddy's not real, but I do consider him my pet. I do.

M: He's part of your team. He's keeping you happy. Things like that can provide a lot of comfort and joy.

J: He's small, too. He's a lot lighter too. So you can carry him around.

M: He's super portable. So Connor, who is on your team?

C: Devon. Two of them are on my quarantine team. Brittany. Over here.

M: So they're keeping you healthy?

C: They're my team when we go out these days. During the day and at night.

B: We lost our black lab this year. Her name was Daisy. We had to put her to rest because she couldn't go to the bathroom anymore.

M: It's always hard to say goodbye to a pet.

J: We've lost dogs before. It's hard.

C: We had a dog who died. Who's dead right now. I'm talking about the old dog who passed away (*to staff*).



Photo by Connor Earnhart, April 2020

## What are you eating?

J: I'm just going to pick my favorite one. I don't know what my favorite during quarantine is, but I'm going to say biscuits and gravy. I love biscuits and gravy. I remember one we had during quarantine! Potato Soup. But this one was different. This was Polish potato soup and had smoked sausage in it.

M: That sounds really good.

J: If you know the country Poland. It was Polish potato soup. It was really good. But I wasn't a huge fan of it because I'm used to having Potato Soup with bacon in it.

M: I have some family from Poland and the food is good. Connor what have you been eating during quarantine that's tasty?

C: Burrito and we put sour cream on it.

M: Yes!

J: Oooh. That sounds good.

B: For me it's mostly like the curbside foods. Like, take for example, Taco Bell or Wendy's. So curbside fast food.

## What are you doing later?

M: What are you going to be doing later today? After this?

J: I'm not going to be doing much. I'm going to be on my phone. I like to watch a lot of youtube.

M: What are you going to watch?

J: I do watch Reborn videos. People make videos of Reborns and there is this channel I watch right now and she has a Reborn gorilla.

C: I think I'm going to watch a movie.

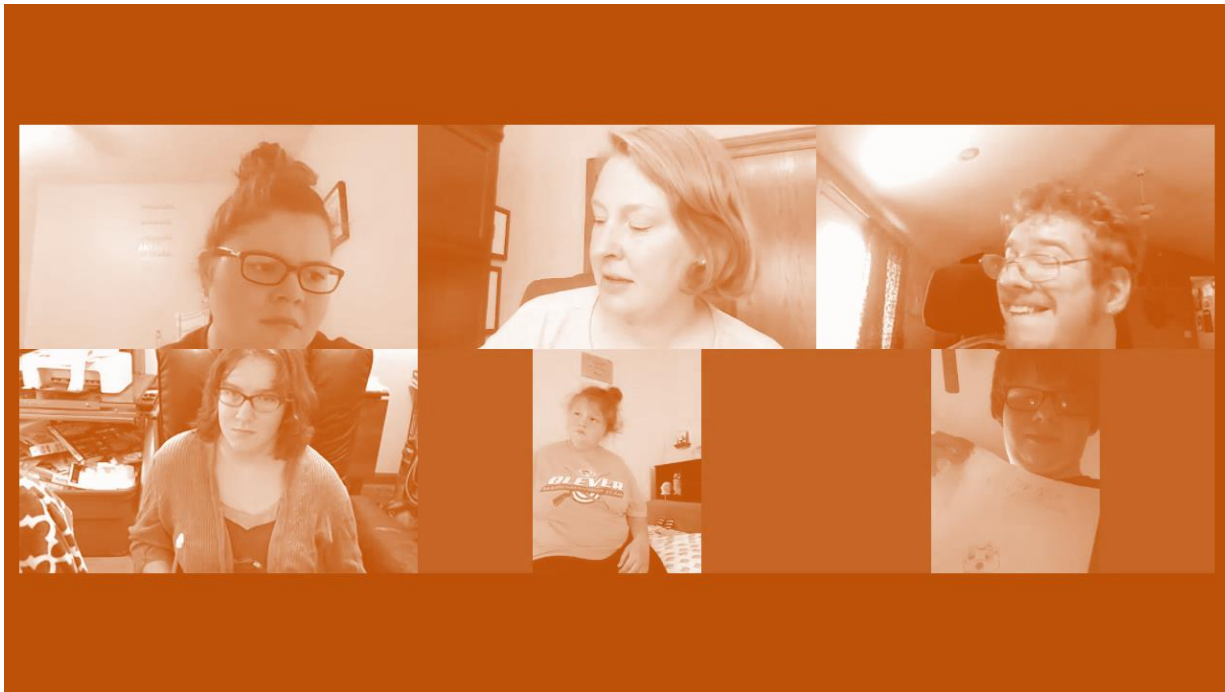
M: What movie?

C: Beauty and the Beast?

M: The live action or the animated one?

C: I think I'm going to watch the animated thing.

B: If I'm not busy, I normally help mod some content every day. I'm going to be looking at drawing lessons.



## How are you feeling?

M: What's your check in word for today?

C: I'm doing good.

Ba: I'm feeling really good today. I feel like this is getting a little more normal and I'm getting a better schedule now.

J: I just feel hopeful. I'm excited for next month. We'll stay safe but hopefully we'll be able to do something.

M: So we're all feeling good and hopeful. Eve, how about you?

E: I don't know. I feel kind of anxious because I still have a lot of school work to do.

M: When is school done for you?

E: I think two weeks. Three weeks? Pretty soon.

M: Okay. So it's crunch time and you're feeling like you have to get everything done.

E: Yeah. Pretty overwhelmed.

M: What do you do when you're feeling overwhelmed?

E: I try to calm myself down. I have two weighted blankets, so sometimes I get under the weighted blankets.

M: Jade what do you do?

J: Well, I just have to get in bed. I'm having a lot of anxiety and stress. Today my anxiety is really bad.

M: Connor what do you do when you're stressed out?

C: I talk to my therapist. My physical therapist.

## What advice would you give pre-quarantine you?



M: If you could go back to early March, what would you tell yourself? Like, buy toilet paper in bulk.

J: Okay, so my thing is. . . um, I'm not going to make this a long story. But when I was in middle school, I had an aide who was really judgmental. She would just kind of be negative about me. So what I say is, if you go through trauma, try to let it go. I know it's hard.

You're going through trauma. But try not to live in the past. Think of the good times.

M: I think that's really good advice. I gotta tell you, Miss Bailey has this face and I joke with her about it a lot. She is one of those people where you can tell exactly what she's thinking by the expression on her face. And when you said that you had an aide that wasn't nice to you, she got her 'I don't know what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna have to go find this aide and have a talk with her' face.

J: *(laughing)* There's no way you can. She got fired.

M: Bailey, you can calm down. Your day cleared up.

J: I don't think you could do that.

M: She'd find a way.

Ba: I would.

J: It's a long story. Maybe sometime I'll take the time and explain it to you.

M: Eve, what advice would you give yourself or anyone about quarantine?

E: Buy a subscription to funimation because it will be worth it.

M: What is this?

E: An anime subscription service. So invest in anime. Oh, and hug all your friends. Right now.

M: Connor, what about you?

C: Be careful. You have to be careful that you're not going out or getting close and stuff.

M: Brendan, do you have advice for younger Brendan?

B: When you're super bored as heck, game, donate, stream, obviously do a whole lot of work. We're in this together. Do NOT give up.

J: I'm with Connor. It's really hard because if you're sick, you can't see your friends. It would be great if people would stay home. Some people go out anyway. Just, come on! Stay home and you won't get anyone else sick or spread around here.

C: I cried yesterday because of my dog.

M: Connor, I'm giving you a virtual hug because I can't give you a real hug. That's really hard.

## So Much Depends. . .

The Red Wheel Barrow  
By William Carlos Williams

so much depends  
upon  
a red wheel  
barrow  
glazed with rain  
water  
beside the white  
chickens

### Our Poems

By Brendan  
so much depends  
upon  
learning new languages  
like a tour  
of different places  
beside the borders of the world

By Jade  
so much depends  
upon  
a cozy bed  
cuddling baby  
and warmth  
under the blanket

By Eve  
so much depends  
upon  
the internet  
being fast and working  
all day  
for everything

By Connor  
so much depends  
upon  
my coffee and my magic vitamin  
my Nordic berries  
take them in the morning  
help me move my feet