

JUNE 2023

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DAY 1: 16 JULY 1960 (EDMONTON, ALBERTA)

That is this place, Lindsay?
I think I have just been born.

Why is it so dark in here? It's the middle of a sunny July day.

I'm freezing.

Goosebumps are littering my arms.

I'm alone.

Hey, where is everyone?

Where's my fucking mother?

You are already swearing, Linds?

I'm fucking alone in a freezing room; I don't even think they have cut the umbilical cord; wouldn't you swear?

HEY. SOMEBODY. ANYBODY. It's fucking quiet in here. I hope I don't develop trust and insecurity issues later in life.

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Lindsay Wincherauk

HEY. ANYBODY. I'm ZERO. I don't think I can take care of myself yet, or maybe ever; how the fuck would I know?

This room stinks. Do I stink? Why am I alone?

Linds?

Yes, Sparkly.

This is intense; you are scaring Us.

Awe, Sparkly, and Us, thanks; you guys make me feel better.

And Sparkly, I'm zero; how do you think I feel?

Breathe.

Who said that?

I think it was inside your head, Lindsay.

Little did I know, fifty-six years later, I'd be meeting my mother for the first time as my mother, at the side of her deathbed.

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8 OCTOBER 2016 (CALGARY, ALBERTA)



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here is nothing in life that could prepare you for the absurdity of saying hello to your mother for the first time, alongside her deathbed.

But here I am.

