

INTERTWINED FINAL

SFX [Ambient clattering noises, papers being moved in and out of folders, people whispering, typewriter noises]

SFX [Phone rings when guest steps into room]

“Hello, and welcome to the Archives. In this space, we collect oral histories from our community, by asking deeply personal questions and documenting the responses. With these, individuals are encouraged to crystalize thoughts and experiences, leading to a better understanding of themselves. These responses become stories in our phonebook, allowing others to listen and to make connections with the documented stories. The dial on the phone in front of you should allow you to access it. As an example, here is a recording for the question...”

A. Tell me about a family member that you feel the closest to and what sets them apart from the rest of your family.

B. Tell me about someone who changed the course of your life, whether it's a mentor or a friend.

“Dial 143 to access it. Please dial 143 now.”

[Audio recording plays.]

A. *FAMILY RESPONSE*: “Thank you. This story was shared by a member of our community. The time she spends with her mom is very important to her and I hope that she spends more time with her in the future.”

B. *RELATIONSHIPS RESPONSE*: “Thank you. This story was shared by a member of our community. His life was changed by his mentor, going on paths that he never expected to take. Though, regardless of the change in direction, I hope that he is making the most of it.”

“We have a range of archived stories, such as the one you played, in our ever-expanding library and are always looking for new perspectives. Would you be interested in participating? If not, you can still explore and listen to the recordings in our phone book. Would you like to answer some questions?”

[Guest Response: Yes or No]

[NO:]

NO) “I understand, no worries. It can be hard to open yourself up to someone you don't know. If you want to explore more responses, I have opened the phone book to you. When you're done exploring, hang up the phone. I must take my leave now. If

you'd ever like to answer some questions, feel free to return." [PHONE BOOK OPENS, MAIN EXPERIENCE ENDS]

[YES:]

YES) "Excellent. I have several questions prepared in front of me. You can choose to archive them or not. Once it's archived, future guests will be able to listen to your response. Please note that you may skip by pressing '1' to any of the questions. Do you want your response to stay in the archive?"

[Guest Response: Yes or No]

YES) "Thank you. Right, your responses will be recorded for future use, unless you choose to skip the question. Alright..."

NO) "Thank you. Right, your responses will not be recorded for future use. Alright..."

A. Tell me about a family member that you feel the closest to and what sets them apart from the rest of your family.

B. Tell me about someone who changed the course of your life, whether it's a mentor or a friend.

"Feel free to take your time. Press pound whenever you're ready to begin speaking and press pound again when you're done."

[Guest Response: Answer the Question]

A. "Sometimes sharing personal things can indicate how close you are with someone, but not necessarily."

B. "The people around us can send us on paths that we never expected... for better or for worse."

C. **IF GUEST SKIPS:** "No worries. There will be two more questions. Remember that if you're uncomfortable, you can skip the question."

"Alright, next question. Press pound whenever you're ready to begin speaking and press pound again when you're done."

A. Tell me about a secret you've kept from your family.

B. Tell me about someone who you miss and why you miss them.

[Guest Response: Answer the Question]

A. "Every person needs privacy. Even from those they consider close."

B. "Sometimes/ what we miss is not the person/ but rather the dynamic/ of the relationship."

C. IF GUEST SKIPS: “No worries. You don’t have to share if you aren’t comfortable. You can continue to pass questions if you wish.”

“Finally, there’s one last question for you.”

A. Tell me about a trait within your parents you wish you could impart onto your children, your students, or your mentees.

B. How do you want to be remembered?

[Guest Response: Answer the Question]

A. “We want the best parts of ourselves to be passed down to those we care about.”

B. “Hopefully those around us will continue to love us even when we’re gone.”

C. IF GUEST SKIPS: “Okay. If you ever want to go back and record your responses, I’ll be here for you.”

“Right then. I believe that is all the responses I need for now. Thank you for sharing your thoughts. Now if you would like, we could also continue—”

SFX [There is a shout from the back, the sound of papers being collected, and something being typed up quickly, all while the character is muttering something.]

“Oh— I can’t talk anymore. These are hard questions, and it takes courage to answer them, so I thank you. I appreciate the time you spent with me today.”

“Feel free to browse the archives at your leisure. Dial in the number of the question you’d like to hear and a response in our database will be pulled up. When you’re done exploring, please hang up the phone. Alright, I really must leave. If you’d ever like to come back and talk, I’ll be here.”

Edge Cases:

“Sorry, that number does not exist in our phonebook. Please enter a valid number.”

“It seems that you have misdialed the number.”

“Please, only enter the number 143.”

“Please dial 143.”

“Please do not dial anything at this time.”

“Please do not touch the keypad right now.”

“You will be prompted when it is time to input a phone number.”

“That was a wrong number. Please try again.”