

## FAM TREE

In a living room, a HUMAN MOTHER, HUMAN CHILD, and HUMAN FATHER are seated on a couch. In front of them on a big board is a diagram of a family tree.

MAY

Okay Scotty, so, last weekend, at Easter, some people were upset that you didn't know how you and them were related.

SCOTTY *ashamed:*

Yeah...

MAY

But, we never taught you how you and them were related, did we?

SCOTTY *shakes his head.*

Uh-uh.

MAY

So you couldn't have known, huh?

SCOTTY

Yeah...

MAY

So, we're going to teach you today. We have our family tree here. This is OUR family tree, woowow, see that? Do you see where we are? Look, this is you, riiight here! And there's us, that's me, "May," your mom, and there's dad, look, there's "Cliff," your dad. Do you see how we follow along with the lines on this chart?

SCOTTY

Uh-huh we learned about family trees in school.

MAY

So, who do you think this is?

SCOTTY *amused*:

I can see her picture that's grandma.

MAY

But how do you know it's grandma from the chart?

SCOTTY

Because the line is connected. It goes up one from me to dad and then up one from dad to grandma.

MAY

Wonderful! From the picture, do you see who this is?

SCOTTY

Um. Uncle Jeff but is he actually COUSIN Jeff?

CLIFF *proud*:

See! He told ya he knows how to read a family tree!

MAY

That's right, so, if we follow along, your dad Cliff and Jeff's dad Rosco both have the same mom, Grandma Vivian, or Viv as a lot of people call her. But, Rosco is dad's OLDER brother, and so, he and his wife had Jeff years and years and years before we had you. So Jeff is older than you, and he seems like your uncle, but actually, he's your cousin.

SCOTTY

Mhm that makes sense I didn't know but I understand.

Cliff pats Scotty.

MAY

Now. Over here, with Aunt Lisa, this is something that we probably didn't tell you about before. Aunt Lisa divorced her first husband, and Uncle Mike is actually her second husband.

SCOTTY

Oh.

MAY

It's okay. SO, her first husband's name was Clint, and she had one daughter with Clint, and then they got divorced, and then she got married to Mike, and had another daughter with Mike.

**20 YEARS LATER.**

In a living room, SCOTTY and his two girlfriends SHREDDER and ANNA-MARIE are sitting on a couch, with MAY and CLIFF also on the couch to either side of the throuple. In front of them on a big board is a diagram of... a family tree?

SCOTTY

Okay, so. Mom and Dad. My girlfriends and I were talking, and, we felt that you maybe weren't 100% on the whole 'queer' 'gay' scene kinda vibe that me and my girlfriends are all part of, and we wanted to OFFER to catch you up on the whole comprehensive web.

MAY

We understand. You're gay and single but you have a lot of friends who are girls who are lesbians, and you're very supportive of them, and we admire that of you, you're a very good friend to people in need.

SCOTTY

That's. Not correct.

CLIFF

I thought he put it in animals.

SCOTTY

THAT'S, ALSO, oh my god. No that WAS true, and then she DIED of rabies, and so now that was, a long time ago.

MAY

He IS gay now, dear, and just friends with lots of other gay kids.

SCOTTY

Please do not say it like that, that's, for a lot of reasons that's not true.

MAY

No it's true honey, you're a very good friend to all of these people.

CLIFF

We're impressed with your selflessness. You've really put so much into helping those worse off than you for nothing in return.

SCOTTY

Okay well, no, no this is... Oh boy. Okay. Um. Mom, Dad, on this diagram here, we have, me, and Shredder, who is right here, you've met her, and Anna-Marie, right here, you've met her as well.

MAY *100% confidence:*

Two pretty girlies sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-

SCOTTY

MOM.

SHREDDER

Wait that rules, May you rule actually?

SCOTTY

Okay so YES, Mom, Shredder and Anna-Marie do have a line between them, they are girlfriends with each other, but you see, there's also, a line, between each of them and me, it's a triangle. So?

MAY

Friends.

SCOTTY

No, that's, it's, more than friends, actually. The lines are people who are having sex with each other.

May gasps, looking around at the whole board.

Cliff seems deep in thought.

SCOTTY

So, Shredder, IS my girlfriend, okay, MY, girlfriend. AND, Anna-Marie is my girlfriend, also.

MAY *dumbfounded, looking at Shredder and Anna-Marie,*

I didn't know you two were boys- OH I'm sorry, not to say-

SHREDDER

Is your mom single?

SCOTTY *amused*:

Okay no no no no, Mom, they ARE girls.

MAY

Well I know they “ARE” girls,

SCOTTY

Yes, but, also, they are cisgender girls, they were born and raised as girls.

MAY

Well I know they “were” “born and raised” “as girls,”

ANNA-MARIE *to Scotty*:

I’m trying dude, I’m trying to come up with the key words that would explain it, but.

SCOTTY

Yeah. Ha. No it’s uh. Okay. So. Mom. Shredder and Anna-Marie are not trans.

MAY

OH, okay.

Scotty, Shredder, and Anna-Marie glance around amongst themselves to see if they agree that May actually gets it. Yes it seems like she does. Anna-Marie starts idly running her fingertips along Scotty.

SCOTTY

Okay, so, Mom. Me, Shredder, Anna-Marie, all together, makes sense?

MAY

Sure.

SCOTTY

Awesome.

MAY

So yyyou're a girl now, okay.

SCOTTY

NOPE.

SHREDDER

No let's not move on too hastily, hang on.

SCOTTY

I am happy to date women AND men. I AM gay, but, I am also straight, and I am still a male, okay?

MAY

You can be honest.

SHREDDER

You can be honest Julia.

SCOTTY *amused:*

NOT helping. Evil.

Shredder gives a tubular hand sign.

Cliff gestures to the chart.

CLIFF

How many of these people are dogs?

SCOTTY

We're getting there.

CLIFF

I mean ballpark, 0 percent, 100 percent.

SCOTTY

Kind of 10 percent but kind of 80 percent.

CLIFF

Is it because of furries?

SCOTTY

It, honestly, I mean, yeah, close enough.

CLIFF

Alrighty.

MAY

So, does Anna-Marie have a wife? I had assumed that was another friend of yours named Anna-Marie who had a wife, but now I'm wondering again.

SCOTTY *excited:*

Yes! So! Anna-Marie here does have a wife, who she is married to. The wife's name is Autumn.

CLIFF

Anna-Marie and Autumn don't have a line together on this chart.

SCOTTY

No they do not.

CLIFF

You have a line between yourself and Anna-Marie and yourself and Autumn.

SCOTTY

Yes.

CLIFF *lowkey impressed:*

Wow no okay.

SCOTTY

So, a lot of these people identify as a lot of different species, or genders. I've written the quick bullet points under everyone, but, you can also see all of their photos and make of them what you will. Oh, I've also written their real names, AND their fursonas' names, and all of the other aliases, that I'm aware of, although if they're trans I've left out the deadname because we never use those.

MAY

So HERE, LUKE, is the man you're having sex with right now.

SCOTTY

Yyyyyyes.

MAY

So HE'S your new real partner.

SCOTTY

Wait what?

ANNA-MARIE *to Scotty*:

No this really makes sense through not-you-vision trust me.

SCOTTY

Sweetie what?

ANNA-MARIE

Oh it's not RIGHT it's just that I would assume the same thing.

SCOTTY

Really?

SHREDDER

100%.

SCOTTY

Well YOU would.

SHREDDER

100%.

CLIFF

How many of these people are having internet sex?

SCOTTY

EVERYONE on this chart is having internet sex with EVERYONE else on this chart.

CLIFF

Okay I understand now.

MAY

So you're all cheating on Autumn?

SCOTTY

No what.

SHREDDER

Kinda.

SCOTTY

Not even kind of!

SHREDDER

She calls us cheating harlots EVERY day.

ANNA-MARIE

She just calls everyone that, she calls people that in traffic.

CLIFF

When do any of you have time to go to work.

SHREDDER

God, right?

MAY

So Scotty, you ARE dating again, wow. Back in the running.

SCOTTY

Not exactly?

MAY

Oh what is it now?

SCOTTY

Well, in the running for WHAT, is what I'm not sure of in that.

CLIFF

Marriage and children, son.

SCOTTY

No, zero interest.

MAY

So you are homosexual.

SCOTTY

I am pansexual, polyamorous,

SHREDDER

Oh also everyone on this chart is a zoophile or a furry. Or an animal.

SCOTTY

That is true yeah- well no, Mark is just, a guy.

SHREDDER

IS he? Shit bro I thought he was so freaky I didn't even wanna ask.

SCOTTY

I THINK he's like, just a normal guy?

ANNA-MARIE

Is Mark not they/them?

SCOTTY

No Mark is he/him.

ANNA-MARIE

Oh he is so they/them coded.

Shredder types on her phone for 1 second.

SHREDDER

I sent him a message, 'Hey are you like ultra freaky secretly or are you mostly super vanilla? What's the weirdest interests you're into? Here's my own favs for a sense of what I'm into if you're interested in comparing lmao, I think you already know most of these but to be clear these are ones I legitimately am hardcore into,' and then a list of my favs.

CLIFF

Well kids,

SCOTTY

Not kids.

SHREDDER

Mark says he identifies as a little kid I fucking knew it.

ANNA-MARIE

That's not freaky! By itself? That's cute!

SHREDDER

He's still typing.

ANNA-MARIE

Oh pfff, okay, well, we'll see.

SHREDDER

I think it's a LITTLE freaky even just by itself.

ANNA-MARIE

Oh it is not.

SHREDDER

I support him being a freak hardcore I'm just saying he is one.

CLIFF

Who makes the costumes?

SHREDDER

What?

MAY

Oh what he's saying is, you're all attracted to animals, who makes the costumes, for when you're having sex with each other?

ANNA-MARIE

I do.

SCOTTY

What?

Shredder puts Scotty in a headlock and covers his mouth with her hand.

CLIFF

So, Scotty is a girl now and you all wear animal costumes and have orgies, is that what you wanted us to know?

SHREDDER

Yup thanks.

Scotty is frantically trying to keep talking but it is completely muffled by Shredder's restraints on him.

ANNA-MARIE

Well Mrs May and Mr Cliff, thank you for having this sit-down with us, I think we clarified a lot.

Scotty is really-really trying to talk, Shredder is not letting him go. Everyone is getting up from the couch to leave.

MAY

Well it's all quite a bit different from how WE used to do it, but, I understand.

SHREDDER

Thank you so much for your understanding.

CLIFF

So let me ask, with the actual dogs, do you have to drug them or do they just take it?

ANNA-MARIE

Oh we sometimes drug them but mostly we just train them to put up with taking it.

Scotty is frantically shouting under Shredder's hand but his corrections cannot be heard.

CLIFF

Ohhhhhh, huh. I never thought of that.

SHREDDER

You learn something new every day.

ANNA-MARIE

See you two at the Blink concert I gotta sell Erin some smack.

SHREDDER

Kay, make that money babe.

Anna-Marie kisses Shredder who kisses her back, and then

kisses Scotty on the forehead while Scotty is still trying to talk under Shredder's hand. Anna-Marie then leaves.

Shredder glances at May and Cliff, and then at Scotty.

SHREDDER

I uh. Have to go take her to get her. Gynecologist meeting. Scheduled. She hasn't had her special snip-snip but she likes to go there and pretend.

CLIFF

Well don't let us keep ya, thank you for stopping by.

MAY

Love you Scotty, love you Shredder.

SHREDDER

Take care homies.

Shredder drags Scotty away kicking and (muffled-ly) screaming.