

63-My Immortal

Emily Einolander 00:21

Welcome to the Hybrid Pub Scout podcast with Emily Einolander. We're mapping the frontier between traditional and indie publishing. And today, I have a very special guest, my spouse and partner in life and crime. JT,

JT 00:34

I don't actually do crime. Yeah, sure, I am completely legal in all aspects of my life. And we're actually mapping the frontier between sexy and vaguely funny.

Emily Einolander 00:50

Whatever you say, darling, I agree with my husband. JT is going to be helping set the tone or keep the tone going rather, during our fan fiction series. When we talk about fan fiction in the way it interacts with book publishing, and for that reason, JT will be taking us back to the early 2000s and adding his voice to the ranks of those who have performed dramatic readings of one of the most infamous fan fics of all time. JT had you heard about and or read the fanfic My Immortal in the internet before times in the internet Long, long ago.

JT 01:31

unfortunately, someone who was almost terminally online between the years of say 2007 Until Oh, I don't know now. Yes, I unfortunately AM familiar with this, this particular piece of work, though, I can say honestly that I have never read it through as far as you are going to make me.

Emily Einolander 01:59

Um, I mean, we'll see how much that we can comfortably get through. I'm not making any promises. And

JT 02:05

I was looking at Google Doc. And that's, that's, that's a lot.

Emily Einolander 02:09

I mean, it's not even. It's not even half but you know, like, if you if you ask me nicely to stop this, I'm not going to deny you I'm not I was just

JT 02:18

reading it. And I was having flashbacks to kind of like when I was in engineering school. And there would be a proof of mathematical proof or some long set of equations that it would say, you do this, you do this and the rest is left to the reader as an exercise. So perhaps it can leave. Oh, yeah, they were you did you

Emily Einolander 02:38

the rest is left to the reader as an exercise. Yeah. Is like a line in the problem. I don't do engineering. I

JT 02:44

mean, well, I mean, isn't mathematics textbook?

Emily Einolander 02:46

I didn't do mathematics and economics, but that doesn't count. That's fake.

JT 02:52

Yeah, I mean, it is fake. As we all know, in everything is fake. As as the last two years have pointed out, Oh, we found out COVID isn't fake though. Because we fucking god. Yeah, we

Emily Einolander 03:07

got it. So if we if you hear us coughing in the background, that's, that's why

JT 03:12

we cleared our throats using bourbon prior to the prior to recording. And we do have book related book related beer. I went and purchased where the mild things are a British style mild Ale from x Novo brewing, specifically because you know where the wild things are the book where the mild things are, you know, because it's a mild beer. I'm so proud of you bid. Yeah, I just wanted to make sure that I explained the joke.

Emily Einolander 03:43

Well, speaking of explaining the joke, I'm going to explain to all the youngest listening right now. What My Immortal is. My Immortal was published on fanfiction dotnet in 2006 and 2007 by user x x x bloody wrists spelled with an AR 666 x x x and under the pen name Tara Gillespie, sometimes Gillespie it's widely regarded as one of the worst fanfics ever written. Although I'd say there are plenty of other clunkers out there that are just less entertaining. For any for any youngsters listening the title is also the title of an evanescent song because when you write fanfiction, you have to use song lyrics unless you're an asshole like me. There are too many emo references to count in the actual story itself. And I don't think we're going to explain every single one of them because we might not get all of them because I wasn't Gothic.

JT 04:41

I wasn't goth. I wasn't emo. I was not. I was not a scene kid. I did not own eyeliner, nor any form of makeup.

Emily Einolander 04:50

I did become a scene kid as I got older, but when this came out, I just wore black a lot and no jewelry. So I don't think you're allowed to be goth unless you weren't Jewelry.

JT 05:01

I mean, I don't know what the rules are. But that sounds about right.

Emily Einolander 05:04

We're all all US millennials who were more conservative as teenagers are going through our, like, old goth phase right now, which is embarrassing because none of us were Goths when we were young, we were just, you know, nerds. And I don't mean the cool kind of nerd either. I mean, the like, Why did you wear that? And why is your hair always like that sort of nerd. Okay, I don't have trauma.

JT 05:26

Remember, remember that, like two week period, right in the middle of like, all the COVID stuff, like probably, probably a year ago, where all I would listen to for like, hours on end was sugar. We're going down? Yeah, yeah. That's cool.

Emily Einolander 05:42

Okay, so you had you had that too.

JT 05:44

I had it. I just had a boy isn't goth though. I mean, Emo. Yeah, but it's more anyway. A scene. It's a no. Yeah, it's a it's a clap, clap reference. Yeah, exactly.

Emily Einolander 05:58

Anyway, so for a long time, nobody knew who wrote it, or whether it was written as a joke probably was. And we're still not really sure, but we'll go into that. At the end. There were theories that it was a goth teenager living in Dubai. Or there was a fanfiction. dotnet user going by the handle the Batman and I don't know if you know, you could get that screen name today. He wrote a long confession, saying he'd written it as a prank. Below. Lot of people like to say that they wrote it. It's very, I'm Spartacus. And yeah, there was a very big drama A couple years ago, that ties into the world of book publishing quite nicely. And one of those afternoons I wasted at work staring at book Twitter that was going out of its mind. So we'll talk about that once you have done some lovely reading. In the meantime, let's dive into that chaos.

JT 06:59

Before we dive in, I mean, have you you know, voice wise, I'm trying to figure out really where the where it is. My heart says team girl squad with this. I mean, if we're gonna go if we're gonna go mid 2000s I just don't know if I can do vocal fry for that long.

Emily Einolander 07:21

One. I'm not sure if that counts as vocal fry and two. I don't think you can do it for that long.

JT 07:28

Sounds like a bet to me.

Emily Einolander 07:30

I don't know what you would. But

JT 07:34

just Agha wooden's cough drops. I'm just Just kidding. We have lots of those on the COVID COVID.

Emily Einolander 07:41

Um, I mean, I'm mostly just worried for my levels here. I'm worried for your waveform.

07:50

Ah, my wave fun. Actually. That's

Emily Einolander 07:53

great. Beautiful. Well, why don't you start see what you can do. Chapter 1am

JT 07:58

special fangs you get it cuz I'm golf back to my new GF you not in that way. Raven bloody tears 666 for helping me with does story and spelling. You rock Justin You're the love of my depressing life you rock MCR rocks.

Emily Einolander 08:28

X X X X X X X X

JT 08:30

there's a line x x x x I don't know how many x's but several capital X es. Thank you. Thank you for that very elucidating Hi, my name is...

Emily Einolander 08:41

Oh no you're gonna do teen girl squad like commit to the bit

JT 08:45

I was considered ...what I really wanted to do but I wasn't able to rehearse this is I wanted to go very late era Orson Welles that's where I really feel that the narration should be I feel that that is where the spirit of this particular piece lies. And then I was going to go into character voice during the actual if dialogue portion

Emily Einolander 09:14

if we had taken two shots instead of one would you have just done that without all the preamble?

JT 09:20

Possibly but you're the show's you've really tighten things up and it's very scripted and it's not as okay Don is chaotic and I want to respect that but also I need some artistically

Emily Einolander 09:34

I don't bring you on to not be chaotic. That's this is what the people look to you for. The sentence in a preposition I'm sorry I'm

JT 09:46

editing Wow, wow.

Emily Einolander 09:48

Do the do the Orson Welles try it just try.

JT 09:51

Hi, my name is Ebony Darkness Dementia Raven Way. I have long black hair. That's how I got

Emily Einolander 09:59

ebony black hair. Thank you.

JT 10:02

Are you are you trying to direct me this stinks of direction

Emily Einolander 10:10

it's just important to the entire story if you get

JT 10:15

Jewels of cod gathered by the Norwegian fjords,

Emily Einolander 10:19

and I have

JT 10:23

and I have long ebony black hair. That's how I got my name with purple streaks and red tips that reaches my mid back and icy blue eyes like limited tears and a lot of people tell me that I look like Amy Lee. And if you don't know who she is, get the hell out of here.

Emily Einolander 10:43

By the way, "a n" means author's note to oh gosh, it's a n not an. See the thing I had to look it up Don't worry.

JT 10:51

There is sort of a chav. patois isn't the right word but like

Emily Einolander 10:58

Cadence — My name is Ebony darkness Demento Raven way I have long ebony black air. That's our my name. I mean, I've been watching you don't know who she is. Get the hell outta here.

JT 11:15

I've been watching season two of the All creatures great and small on PBS and so like this could be Yorkshire very easily.

Emily Einolander 11:24

Oh, I can't do that. I can only do a fake cockney accent that doesn't really sound like one at all.

JT 11:29

I mean, I want to try doing Yorkshire but like I don't. I lacked confidence today for Yorkshire.

Emily Einolander 11:36

Damn it. I should have raised your confidence somehow. Ah, I wish I had said that.

JT 11:50

I'm not related to Gerard Way but I wish I was because he's a major fucking hottie. I'm a vampire, but my teeth are straight and white. I have a pale white skin. I'm also a witch and I go to a magic school called Hogwarts in England where I'm in the seventh year. I'm 17 I'm a golf in case you couldn't tell and I wear mostly black. I love Hot Topic and I buy all of my clothes from there.

Emily Einolander 12:19

Someone in my Discord said that there's no Hot Topic in England. So important information from an actual British person.

JT 12:29

What do you call it when it's in an anachronism but not for time but just for place? An error an error, an unforced error? No, it's a forced error definitely. So I love hot topic and I buy all of my clothes from there. For example, today I was wearing a black corset with matching lace around it and a black leather miniskirt. Pink fishnets and black combat boots. I was wearing black lipstick white foundation, black eyeliner and red eyeshadow. I was walking outside Hogwarts. It was snowing and raining and there was no sun which I was very happy about. Sure This isn't at read a lot of preps stared at me I put my middle finger up at them

Emily Einolander 13:19

Am I supposed to do this part?

JT 13:21

Are is is a partner reader. Am I doing?

Emily Einolander 13:24

Do you want me to help or do you want to do the voice? I'll do the voice because I feel like right here it should be.

JT 13:29

I feel like it should be Daniel plain Oh should be Bubs from Bubs concession stand. Hi everybody. Oh no from what's the name of that character?

Emily Einolander 13:42

I don't know. The man with points.

JT 13:46

Hi Ebony shouted a voice. I looked up it was Draco Malfoy boy Jeff J cow. I asked. Nothing he said shyly. But then I heard my friends call to me and I had to go away xx xx xxxxx I'm pretty sure I'm pretty sure you don't need to read her. Or this person's page breaks

Emily Einolander 14:15

Now you're directing me. Sorry this is my fucking show. I will do whatever the hell I want.

JT 14:24

No everything cuz I everything is permitted

Emily Einolander 14:27

Because I'm Gothic. Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.

JT 14:33

Lord. author's note is it good? Pools tell me fangs.

Emily Einolander 14:38

Thanks. Chapter two

JT 14:41

Authors note fangs to bloody tear 666 for helping me with Dutch chapter. BTW prep stop flaming my story. Okay,

Emily Einolander 14:56

x axis this is like 666 x x x is 660 See, that's why I had to do it.

JT 15:02

The next day I woke up in my bedroom was snowing and raining again. I opened the door of my coffin and I drank some blood from a bottle I had that was a bottle of polymer some blood will serve no blood before its time. My coffin was black ebony and inside it was Hot Pink Velvet with black lace on the ends. I got out of my coffin and took of my giant MCR t shirt which I used for pajamas. I suppose it's took off what's her face? Let me scroll up here. bloody tears 666 did not do a particularly good job on

Emily Einolander 15:46

I don't know if chuck here I don't know if bloody tears 666 was like a beta reader. I think it was more of a like, please tell me what to do sort of situation...

JT 15:56

An Omega reader for sure. If I may continue, you may I got out of my coffin and took off of my giant MCR t shirt which I used for pajamas instead I put on a black leather dress pentagram necklace I one of those combat boots and black fish nets on I've got one of those to me too. I put on four pairs of earrings in my peers years and put my hair in a kind of messy bun. My friend Willow. author's note Raven deceives you

Emily Einolander 16:32

Hey, hi Raven. I can't swim I

JT 16:39

just had to throw in a vine roof. My friend Willow woke up then and grinned at me. She flipped her long waist length Raven black hair with pink streaks and open her forest green eyes. She put on her Marilyn Manson t shirt with a black mini fishnets and pointy high heeled boots. We put on our makeup black lipstick white foundation and black eyeliner

Emily Einolander 17:03

and red eyeshadow if I recall correctly,

JT 17:06

boy show not tell. Keep going work. You're doing amazing sweet look.

17:13

LMFT I saw you talking to Draco Malfoy. Yes. Yay. She said excitedly. Yeah,

JT 17:20

so I said blushing. Do you like Draco? She asked his we went out of the slither and common room and into the great hall.

17:32

No, I still fucking doubt.

JT 17:34

I shouted. Yeah, right. She exclaimed. Just then Draco walked up to me. Hi. He said. Hey, I replied, flirty. Lee. Guess what? He said? I asked. Well, good. No, I went strong bad. Oh no. We're good. Charlotte are having a concert that hugs me. Well, good. Charlotte are having a concert in Hogsmeade he told me Air Max taking gad. I screamed. I love Good Charlotte. They are my favorite band. Besides my chemical it said.

Emily Einolander 18:18

Oh, okay. You're you're not doing the acronyms like she did then.

JT 18:24

Um, this is my artistic license.

Emily Einolander 18:28

Oh, I'm sorry.

18:30

Well, do you want to go with me? He asked. I gasped

Emily Einolander 18:37

that's a good cliffhanger.

JT 18:38

It's amazing. author's note stop Fleming the story perhaps Okay. Otherwise, thanks to the Gothic people for the good reviews. fangs again Raven. Oh yeah, btw I own I don't own this or do lyrics for good. Schrott. I appreciate that. Like Charlotte is intentionally misspelled. Wonderful.

Emily Einolander 19:07

That's the question now is it intentionally misspelled is it

JT 19:12

I'm guessing it's conjecture on my part to be sure

Emily Einolander 19:16

all right. All right. You're you're coming out you're coming in hot with the theories that's cool.

JT 19:21

I'm I may be jumping the gun a little bit there but I feel that it is my prerogative is as as the person who has to fucking read this as the artist. On the night of the concert I put my black lace up boots with high heels. But on my black lace up boots with high heels underneath them were ripped red, I'm not Orson Welles, I can maybe kind of affect Orson Welles but I'm not going to be able to cold read like a man who was on the radio for like six hours a day

Emily Einolander 19:50

Darsh I'm so mad You're not Orson Welles.

JT 19:55

Sweetheart, give it time. We'll get there eventually underneath them. More ripped red fish nets. Then I put on a black leather mini dress with all this corset stuff on the back and front. I put on matching fishnet on my arms. I straighten my hair and made it look all spiky. I felt a little depressed then so I slit one of my Oh, C W self harm. Jesus Christ.

Emily Einolander 20:26

I don't know like, I'll put it in the show notes. I'm sorry. There's there's self harm and homophobia. I end and AIDS. flippantly used

JT 20:39

Wow. But that's that's all

Emily Einolander 20:41

I remember. I

JT 20:42

felt a little depressed then. So I redacted one of my wrists. I read a depressing book while I waited for it to stop bleeding and I listened to some good Charlotte.

Emily Einolander 20:54

What book do you think it was?

JT 20:56

It was definitely it was definitely Comeau. Okay, and she wasn't actually reading she was doing the thing Grimes was doing with the Communist Manifesto. Oh, right. Wherever I had to evoke anesthetic getting

Emily Einolander 21:10

pictures for Instagram. Oh, our Live Journal. Did you put pictures on Live Journal?

JT 21:17

I never had a Live Journal. So I couldn't tell you.

Emily Einolander 21:23

I had one and I did like one entry and then I was like, I have too many websites which is the story of my life. I mean I I'm the hero with 1000 faces can we do Wow. What can we do?

JT 21:45

Can we can we go read Joseph Campbell's Live Journal after this. Absolutely.

Emily Einolander 21:51

Never again,

JT 21:53

Dear diary, today, I couldn't figure out what important boy from history I wanted to be. I painted my nails black and I put on tons of black eyeliner. I then put on some black lipstick. I didn't put on foundation because I was pale anyway. I drank some human blood so that I was ready to go to the concert. I went

outside Draco was waiting there in front of his flying car. I'm actually kind of morphing from wells more into a matt berry sort of.

Emily Einolander 22:23

No that has to be more nasal. I painted my nails and put on

JT 22:30

Draco was waiting there in front of his car. He was wearing a simple plain t shirt. They would play at the show too. Baggy black skater pants black nail polish and a little eyeliner. author's note a lot of cool boys wear it okay.

Emily Einolander 22:48

A lot fo cool boys wear it. Okay.

JT 22:52

Yeah, that's exactly what it says. Exactly what it says. had me go. I said an oppressed voice. Hi. Ebony. Said back. We walked into his flying black Mercedes Benz license plate said 666 and flew to the place with the concert. Would you like to fly with me? Come fly. Come fly away to the place. With the concert we're only we know. On the way we listened excitedly to Good Charlotte and Marilyn Manson. We both smoked cigarettes and drugs. When we got there, we both hopped out of the car. We went to the mosh pit at the front of the stage and jumped up and down as we listened to Good Charlotte.

Emily Einolander 23:43

It's called pogoing

JT 23:44

actually I don't know a thing about marching I probably would have been great in a pit back in the day

Emily Einolander 23:48

you would have knocked all these people over Oh yeah.

JT 23:51

Yeah, it would have been a mess. It just would have been

Emily Einolander 23:55

just been like pamper everybody I'd be on the ground.

JT 23:59

I mean the the frequency with which people want to fight me for no discernible reason at concerts now. Back then it just would have been it would have been a mess.

Emily Einolander 24:10

Why do you think I married you?

JT 24:12

It's because I'm physically threatening to other people

Emily Einolander 24:14

No because I just want to fight you for no discernible reason

JT 24:22

so glad we have a love hate relationship. He

Emily Einolander 24:25

continue

JT 24:29

okay, I don't know.

Emily Einolander 24:30

You come in called you're covered in blood. They're also happy you've arrived the doctor cuts recordings and saying she said to you free in this life saying Joel.

JT 24:38

I don't own the lyrics to that song. I'm Joel.

24:43

Joe is so fucking hot. Yes,

JT 24:45

I said to Draco pointing to him as he song, filling the club with his amazing voice. Suddenly Draco looked sad. Why it's wrong. I asked as we marched to the music, then I call

25:01

Hey, it's okay. I don't like him better than you. I said, Really?

JT 25:09

Asked Draco sensitively. Actually, let me take that again. Really Draco sensitively and he put his arm around me all protective.

25:22

Really? I said, he said, I don't even know Joe and he's going out with Hillary fucking guff. I fucking hate that.

JT 25:33

I said disgustedly, thinking of her ugly blonde face. Yes, people's faces which are which are famously blonde. I

Emily Einolander 25:42

bet they don't need foundation though.

JT 25:45

The night went on really well and I had a great time. So to Draco after the concert we drank some beer and asked Benji and Joel for their autographs and photos with them. We got good Charlotte concert tees. Draco and I crawled back into the Mercedes Benz but Draco didn't go back to Hogwarts. Instead, he drove the car into the Forbidden Forest. Sex is coming. Chapter Four. author's note. I said stop flaming. Okay. Ebony's name is N OB? Not Mary Sue Okay.

Emily Einolander 26:28

As you may remember from our discussion on our last episode, a Mary Sue is a character with no discernible personality that is self insert for the reader.

JT 26:37

Thank you for them. splaining Draco is so in love with her that he is acting different. They know each other before Okay. XX XX

26:50

soup soup soon in here. X. Trigger Whoa. I shouted with the fact do you think you are doing

JT 27:03

Draco didn't answer but he stopped the flying car and he walked out of it. I walked out of it to curiously like the fucking head. I asked angrily ebene he asked what I snapped. Draco leaned in extra close and I looked into his Gothic red eyes. He was wearing colored contacts, which revealed so much depressing sorrow and evilness. And then I suddenly didn't feel mad anymore. And then, extremely long ellipsis it's like what five ellipses? Sudden suddenly just as I Draco kissed me passionately. Draco climbed on top of me and we started to make out keenly against the tree. Okay, you

Emily Einolander 27:55

should have done it British.

JT 27:59

Draco climbed on top of me and then we started makeout keenly again stretched a

Emily Einolander 28:04

little cheeky tree makeout

JT 28:07

he took off my top, my top of his clothes. I even took off my bra. Then he put his thingy into my unit. We did it for the first time I screamed. I was beginning to get an orgasm. We started to kiss everywhere and my pale body became all warm and then

28:34

what the hell

JT 28:38

all right. What the hell are you doing your mother fuckers? It was Doom blade Dory

Emily Einolander 28:47

Doom blade or a chapter five.

JT 28:49

author's note stop flaming if you flam it men's you are a prep or poser don't only resin Dumble Dior swore his cause he had a headache Okay, and on top of that he was mad at them for having sex. Yeah. PS I'm not updating them till I get five good reveal.

Emily Einolander 29:17

Oh my god, the holding the fake hostage And all God's people said x x x 6x x x.

JT 29:27

X. That was great. I love you. Perfect. Dumbledore made and Draco. And I follow him. He kept shouting at us angrily. You ludicrous wars.

Emily Einolander 29:43

See it was a good decision.

JT 29:45

It was. He shouted. I started to cry tears of blood down my pallid face. Draco comforted me. When we went back to the castle, Dumbledore took us to Professor Snape and Professor McGonagall who were both looking very angry. They were having sexual intercourse in the Forbidden Forest yelled and a furious voice.

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Why did you do so? No,

Emily Einolander 30:11

it's Professor mechanical. Oh, who is that that Maggie Smith in the movie? So this is my rose.

JT 30:24

Why did you do such a thing? You mediocre dancer? asked Professor McGonigal oh we need a Snape who's Snape

Emily Einolander 30:34

back can be strong sad.

30:36

How dare you?

JT 30:39

demanded Professor Snape and then Draco shriek because I

30:45

love her.

JT 30:48

Everyone was quiet Dumbledore and Professor McGonagall looked mad. But Professor Snape said

30:57

wait was fine very well. You may go up to your rooms.

Emily Einolander 31:03

Something about that just really like shrivels my balls I don't know it just makes me want to COD's

JT 31:15

in a frog. Yeah. Just absolutely jumbles your

Emily Einolander 31:20

Dumble Doray

JT 31:22

Wow. Drake going I went upstairs while the teachers glared at us. Are you okay? Buddy? Drako asked me gently. Yeah, I guess I lied. I went to the girl's dorm and brushed my teeth and hair with changed and changed into a low cut back. bloke cut black floor length dress with red lace all around it in black high heels. When I came out ellipsis Drako was standing in front of the bathroom and he started to sing I just want to live like Good Charlotte. I'm so flattered even though he wasn't supposed to be there. We hugged and kissed after that. We said goodnight. And he reluctantly went back to his room.

Emily Einolander 32:09

I feel like if a guy sang to me out like when I walked out of the bathroom, I would never ever talk to them again ever. Like I the vicarious embarrassment I am getting right now. Like even though the rest even though this is like a joke.

JT 32:27

I don't know why it's a lot. It's a lot to deal with.

Emily Einolander 32:30

Yeah, like you walk out of the bathroom and some guy like sings you a whole emo song? Like bloody wrists 666 men.

JT 32:41

And then I Haven't you people ever heard of flushing the goddamn can.

32:46

Oh, the loo.

JT 32:50

Flushing the gold

Emily Einolander 32:52

hanging out in the you bend it's an Harry Potter.

JT 33:02

Oh, God. I'm so glad that I mean, I read like the first three chapters in the first book at my sister's insistence. And oh boy,

Emily Einolander 33:15

we're not gonna talk about Harry Potter. Like I know we're I know we're reading a Harry Potter fanfic but like it's its own entity. It's his own into D. And I do not want to ever talk about the author nor the phenomenon because I will only say very very bad things about that. transphobic talentless hack, so let's keep going. Mm hmm.

JT 33:38

Cool. Yeah, I mean, we were not gonna say anything that Ursula Le Guin didn't already say

Emily Einolander 33:44

yeah, I'm in a much more classy manner than I just did chapter six

JT 33:48

author's note shit up preps okay. Yes, I won't update up till you give me good revolves

Emily Einolander 33:57

xx xx is because like 666 XX XX

JT 34:01

XX. The next day I woke up in my coffin I put on a black mini skirt that was ripped all around the end and a matching top with Red Skulls all over it and high heeled boots that were black. I put on two pairs

of skull earrings and two crosses in my ears. I spray painted my hair with purple. Sure. In the Great Hall I ate some count chocolate cereal with blood instead of No, that's my favorite. Count shark

Emily Einolander 34:34

that's how you know it's a joke. That's how you know it's a joke count.

JT 34:36

Chocula is the most golf counter. The most golf actually. What is the I would say that blueberries are probably more golf than

Emily Einolander 34:47

that's what a hipster would say.

JT 34:50

The most goth serial is of course Special K. Ketamine, it's a drug reference

Emily Einolander 35:00

Oh cuz gods do a lot of ketamine I'm Where did you get that idea

JT 35:04

talks about dude smoking she was talking about smoking drugs

Emily Einolander 35:09

you don't smoke ketamine

35:11

I know this do you

JT 35:15

ever done ketamine

Emily Einolander 35:17

anyway you put on some skull earrings and grasses in your ears and ate that Count Chocula cereal with blood instead of milk

JT 35:24

and a glass of red blood it's like saying red blood is like saying white milk it's just like it's so and that is

Emily Einolander 35:33

your that is your critique of that is your literal literary critique of this is Oh, you shouldn't say red blood you should say head turn

JT 35:41

on Track Changes and just document my little developmental edit notes here. Suddenly, someone bumped into me all of the blood spilled all over my tummy, cute.

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Bastard.

JT 35:53

I shouted angrily. I regretted saying it when I looked up because I was looking into the pale white face. A Gothic boy spiky hair, red streaks in it. He was wearing so much eyeliner then refusing to have sexual intercourse. He was wearing so much eyeliner that I was going down his face and he was wearing black lipstick. He was wearing so much eyeliner that I was going down his face and he was wearing black. Stop trying to make sense of it. Just keep going. I just want to make sure that I'm reading this accurately. Um, yes, you did the source. Yes, you did. It's fine. He didn't have glasses anymore. Now he was wearing red contact lenses just like Draco's. And there was no scar on his forehead anymore because scars are icky manly stubble on his chin. He had a sexy English accent.

Emily Einolander 36:54

I'm like all of the other British people at Hogwarts.

JT 37:00

You looked exactly like Joe mad is that he's he wrote the younger brother to John Madden.

Emily Einolander 37:08

I don't know you'd have to ask the emo kid he was so sexy

JT 37:11

that my body went all hot when I saw him kind of like an erection only I'm a girl so I don't get one. You sicko.

Emily Einolander 37:18

That's just how it feels.

JT 37:21

I'm so sorry. He said. That's right.

Emily Einolander 37:27

Yeah, you're Hugh Grant.

JT 37:29

That's my Yeah. You want to talk about mid 2000s I guess it's late 90s

Emily Einolander 37:33

Yeah, it's late. 90s Yeah, to read.

JT 37:35

What's your name? I questioned. My name is Harry Potter. And all the most people call me vampire these days. He grumbled where? I exclaimed because I'd love the days of human blood. He giggled when the vampire I confessed, really? He whimpered.

Emily Einolander 38:01

How do you whimper Really?

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Really? Really? Yeah, I roared like some stuff off my

JT 38:16

we sat down to talk for a while then Draco came up behind me and told me he had a surprise for me so I went away with him. Cousteau chapter seven Bring me to life. author's note well okay, you guys I'm only writing this cuz I got five God reviews. BTW I won't write the next chapter till I get 10 Good. Vons. This is good marketing still flaming or all report to Evany isn't a Marie Sue Okay, she's perfect. She's a sadness. She has problems She's depressed for God's sake.

Emily Einolander 38:56

x xx This is because this is a 6x 6x axis is the x axis.

JT 39:01

Nice throne is either for a little Draco and I held our pale white hands with black nail polishes. We went upstairs. I was wearing red satanist sings on my nails in red nail polish author's note see does that sound like a Mary Sue to you? My Rusu my Rusu I wave to vampire

Emily Einolander 39:27

vampire is

JT 39:29

your grant. Dark misery was in his depressed eyes. I guess he was jealous of me that I was going out with Draco. Anyway, I went upstairs excitedly with Draco. We went to his room and locked on the door then. I love your ellipses. It's it's old school radio. It's supporting the wells.

Emily Einolander 39:51

It's folly. It's live fully.

JT 39:53

We started frenching passively and we took off each other's clothes enthusiastically. He felt me up before I took off my top and then I took off my black leather bra and he took off his pants. We went on the bed and started making out naked and then he put his boys thing in mind and we had sex. See his dad stupid. Drink Draco Draco. I screamed while getting an orgasm when all of a sudden I saw it too I

had never seen before on Draco's arm. It was a black heart with an arrow through it. On it bloody Gothic writing where the words empire. I was so angry. You bastard. I shouted angrily jumping out of the bed. No, no, you don't understand. Draco pleaded. But I knew too much. Yeah, he

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fucking idiot.

JT 40:51

I shouted. You probably have aged anyway. I put on my clothes all huffily and then stomped out. Draco ran out even though he was naked. He did a really big you know what, but I was too mad to care. Oh,

Emily Einolander 41:06

he had a really big you know what? Oh,

JT 41:09

he had a really big you know what, but I was too mad to carry. Peanut. He had a really big Ernest Hemingway. Hmm. I stomped out and did so until I was in vampires classroom where he was having a lesson with Professor Snape and some other people.

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Vampire Potter, you mother fucker. yelled,

Emily Einolander 41:36

see, you made it all the way through everything I picked out for you. That's all I'm going to subject you to Okay.

JT 41:44

Um, this, of course, begs the question. Wow. And who and why? And just so many questions. And I, I assume that this is the portion of the show now where you will attempt attempt to elucidate us on the particular surrounding this particular piece of

Emily Einolander 42:06

the particular surrounding this particular Yes, yes. By the way, if you're on pins and needles about how the story resolves, I don't remember if it actually finishes or not, but who cares? We'll drop the link in the show notes. And by we I mean me. A couple of years ago, there was this period of time where publishers and fans were fairly certain they know who did it. But then there was extra intrigue there as well. That is sown doubts, and we still don't really know. But here's what happened. This kerfuffle that took up an entire afternoon at work where I should have been working but I don't really care was when a woman named Lonnie serums book a handbook for mortals suddenly shot to the top of the New York Times bestseller list. Knocking down Angie Thomas's the hate you give, which had been on there for a really really really long up there for quite a while it was so long. I don't I didn't look up how many weeks but it was the sort of thing where, oh, there's this random book that nobody's ever heard of that knocks like one of the most popular YA books ever written off the top of the New York Times bestseller

list. Nobody in the white community had heard any buzz about the book whatsoever before it went to the top and Sarah Minar publishers were accused of buying books in bulk to game the system. Like every Fox News pundit who ever published a book one author on Twitter suggested that Sarah was the author of my immortal which prompted a post on the website fiction press.com which had supposedly been Tara Gillespie's account.

JT 43:43

I registered for fan fiction dotnet on February 28 2006. Yes, I know the profile says March 1, the profile was wrong. It was February 28 Because my best friend had just turned 15 documents. I'm not likely to forget her birthday for anyone wondering my immortal was uploaded on March 3. I registered for fiction press on March 31. They never uploaded anything on fiction press which is probably why hackers never got around to hijacking it. They didn't know it existed. Unfortunately, I forgot it existed to I only remember this site a few weeks ago when I was talking with my agent and my editor about my immortals weird internet legacy my agent and my editor continue. I signed into fiction press so after so long for three reasons. The first is obvious that my fanfiction dot fanfiction profile is no longer accessible. It was hacked almost a decade ago. I knew the girls who hacked us the first time there were two girls from the Philippines with whom Raven and I were constantly fighting on the forums and they were just trying to mess with us. But I don't know who did it the final time although I have my suspicions. fanfiction. dotnet seems to be a body without a head right now because staff doesn't answer any of my emails. The second reason for logging into this dusty old account. I wanted to leave a thank you note from my immortals. My immortals readers. Yay really That's it because I really am I'm grateful that you've kept alive for so long, even without me. And the third reason I updated and possibly the silliest Ugh, Lanny saram I'm a massive fan of the hate you give which I consider incredibly important literary work, sir I'm trying to scam it out of the top spot on the New York Times Literary list left me feeling sick to my stomach when I received a couple of messages here asking if I was sent them even though they were probably ingest, I felt a knee jerk reaction to shoot them down. Authors work really freaking hard to get their stories told CRN breezing through the process wasn't just an insult to Angie Thomas and the political climate that necessitated her work. It was an insult to the kind of women that I'm privileged to work with. So that's it. It doesn't seem like there's anything more I can say on the topic. Not right now. Love one another and help one another. We can't navigate this world without each other. PS Undine is my wife Hahahahahahaha. Suck At haters. Yeah, beautiful.

Emily Einolander 45:55

So soon after that post, there was a tweet from an editorial assistant at St. Martin's Press. That said, we have a book with girl who wrote my immortal definitely not the same person as this nut. So the girl that wrote my immortal that Tiffany was talking about was named Rose Cristo, I assume still is and her book under the same stars was written about her quest to find her brother who was separated from her when they were put into foster care. She said she wanted to shed light on the challenges and issues that children in foster care, especially Native American children face. Her heritage, she claimed, was a member of the Lennar P and create tribes. The book was supposed to come out in 2018. The blurb for the book said in the early 2000s Rose Krista was separated from her five year old brother and shuttled between foster homes in Brooklyn to the Bronx and back again. Desperate to be reunited with her sibling, she traveled the five boroughs unable to find any trace of him as New York State's childcare

agencies failed to help her time and again. Then, with the help of one beloved foster sister rose created an infamous piece of Harry Potter fanfiction titled my immortal, posting it online under the pseudonym xx xx bloody risk 666 XX s. The 44 chapters and 22,000 words of hysterical typing laid in hyperbole went viral as the most notoriously terrible fanfic ever read by the community. For years fans, writers and editors research debated and contested the story's origin and its mysterious author was this grammatically challenged rant actually written by a suicidal teenager named Tara Gillespie, living in Dubai. Or was this a hoax perpetrated by a group of professional authors making fun of fanfiction. The truth is a gripping, compelling and surprisingly funny story of how a young girl infiltrated and use the fanfiction community to search for her brother by baiting their attention with a deliberately badly written tale creating a 10 year mystery that garnered pop culture media attention and remained unsolved. Until now. Christo claimed Macmillan publishers hired a lawyer to vet her over the course of three days. And she provided proof as to her connection to my immortal as well as other events included in the upcoming memoir. Proofs I was able to provide included the original email address, which I signed up for fanfiction dotnet and a flash drive from 2006 with the first 11 chapters of my immortal on it. So BuzzFeed and Vox articles came out and a lot of people were pretty sure since there was going to be a book by a real publisher, and all that they'd found the person who was responsible for the fic however,

JT 48:44

however,

Emily Einolander 48:46

after the announcement, there was a lot of the kind of drama that can only be found on the internet. Somebody claiming to be Christos brother got on a forum and started picking apart Tumblr posts. And of course, it led to a pile on and then there were a lot of tweets from rose claiming that she wasn't lying. And it was like, a whole a whole thing. You know, like you've seen the things, basically just like digging into our past saying this child abuse thing is wrong, and this is wrong, and you're lying about being Native American. You know, armchair detective type stuff. So that would be one thing that would be you know, the kind of thing that happens to a lot of people who do actually get published, but then the book was cancelled. Oh, geez. Yeah. So due to the fact that Macmillan found out she forged documents. Oh, yeah. Nothing to do with my immortal it was all just like, because the story was about her brother and looking for her brother. She forged families identities and names. So this document

JT 49:54

was pulled this off.

Emily Einolander 49:56

Yeah, yeah. So while Yeah, so the So the statement that she said she had a whole tumblr post about it, there's, you know, way back machines, links that you can look at that all post. She said I did something pretty stupid during the publication process. I didn't want my family's real names getting out largely because some of the things that happened during childhood were embarrassing. I wanted my brother, my grandparents and even my parents to have privacy. So when it came to providing documentation, I altered the photocopies to disguise their names. To be clear, I still own the original unaltered documents and can provide them on request, but I've already been branded a liar, so it's too late for that. I know.

So who knows she could have been the person who wrote it. But that little cherry on top of the mystery and the fact that the book got cancelled, just makes it all the more complex and mysterious. So what do you think?

JT 50:57

I think that if I had it to do over again, I would do Draco Malfoy as Marlon Brando I think I think that's okay. Okay,

Emily Einolander 51:09

so say because I love her, because I love is that is that what the exclamation point sounds like? Yes. Well, thank you for donating your vocal talents.

JT 51:24

I'm really pleased it's been a real pleasure to build this.

Emily Einolander 51:28

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