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I: Interviewer

R: Jasmine

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I: Right if I just leave that there it should just pick up, is it alright if I just put that on..

R: Yeah.

I: Silent or

R: It’s fine.

I: Cool I’ll do it right now. So you were saying that you’ve found, you thought of a old.

R: Yeah.

I: Thing from the past so what, what’s that?

R: Umm when I was younger I had like this unicorn.

I: Okay.

R: Like a, a stuffed like unicorn.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: And I had like, it’s best friend was like see Ernie from what’s it?

I: Sesame Street?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: I had him and the little unicorn thing.

I: Ahhhh.

R: But then the unicorn started going off colour but then I still kept it.

I: So what colour was it initially?

R: It was like a pearly white kind of colour and it just started going loads of different colours.

I: Like grubby?

R: Yeah, I had it since I was like 3.

I: Do you know where you got it from, did someone give it to you?

R: My mum. My mum got it for me, and my mum got Ernie for me as well.

I: Ahhh. As a birthday present or you don’t know?

R: I don’t remember, but I liked them.

I: And what did you used to do with them, can you remember?

R: They just used to sit next on, on my pillow with me.

I: Mmmmm.

R: Yeah they’re my favourite.

I: So did you play with them do you remember, or did you just sort of sleep with them at night or?

R: I just sleep with them I don’t play with them, no.

I: And cuddle them?

R: Yeah.

I: Ahhhh. And so why do you think they were important to you?

R: I think it’s ‘cause my mum got them for me.

I: Mmmmm.

R: Yeah, I think it’s ‘cause my mum got them.

I: So did you have other things as well? Other -

R: Umm not really. Those are like my main things.

I: Mmmm and so where’s the unicorn now?

R: At my old house which is in [place name 1] ‘cause umm I couldn’t find it for like over a year.

I: Mmm.

R: And like I just kind of gave up like ‘oh I can’t find it’.

I: Mmm.

R: And then my mum like came upstairs with it I was like “oh my gosh” I think I was still like 13.

I: Mmmm.

R: Ha, I was so happy!

I: Ahh so is that your, so whose house is that in [place name 1], was that?

R: My mum’s.

I: Your mum’s house.

R: But she doesn’t even live there any more so she’s taken all the stuff so my mum most probably has it.

I: Ahh okay, where’s she taken it to?

R: She lives with my nan.

I: Okay.

R: Out of [city name], so yeah.

I: So have you got any of your stuff here from when you, from like when you were younger, have you got any old stuff?

R: I’ve literally just got paintings and pictures that I’ve made Jess when I was younger.

I: Okay ahhh.

R: ‘Cause when I come home I used to like paint her pictures.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: And draw her pictures and stuff.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: That’s literally the only thing from when I was younger that’s here.

I: And would you like to have like the stuff that your mum’s got, like your unicorn?

R: Yeah.

I: Would you like to have it with you?

R: Yeah. Definitely.

I: And why is that important, why not just sort of pile?

R: ‘Cause I didn’t really have a lot when I was younger.

I: Mmmm.

R: So I was really happy with that.

I: Yeah.

R: Yeah and I managed to keep it for a long time.

I: Yeah. Has Rhea got more stuff than you have?

R: Yeah, ha she does.

I: Mmm.

R: More clothes, she’s got like loads of rabbits ha ha, and she’s got like 2 little cats.

I: Mmmm.

R: She’s got quite a lot actually.

I: So why has she got more than you do you think?

R: Because I decided to go over the top.

I: Haha.

R: I had the baby shower ha ha. Umm I think it’s because I like, I just want her to have a lot.

I: Mmmm.

R: I reckon. Yeah I want her to have loads.

I: Mmmm.

R: ‘Cause when like when you don’t have a lot and then you get something it’s really nice but, but if you already know what it’s like to get something then you’re just used to it so I want her to be used to it.

I: Mmmm.

R: As well.

I: Do you think having stuff is more important if you have less?

R: No. What if you had less?

I: If you had less, yeah do you think you value things more?

R: Yeah you do a huh.

I: Yeah. So what would you do if you had the unicorn here, where would you put it?

R: Huh, in her moses basket.

I: Mmm.

R: They’re not meant to, really meant to like sleep with toys but I still put it in there.

I: Yeah. Do you know why your mum chose a unicorn?

R: I don’t know. I don’t know, it’s my favourite though.

I: Ahhh. And so what about, and do you have any like memories of doing stuff with it?

R: I’d literally just always have it in my bed.

I: Yeah.

R: All the time.

I: Yeah.

R: Constantly.

I: You didn’t take it out with you then?

R: No.

I: No, just stayed in your bed?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah.

R: I remember my sis, my sister Eve, when she was younger she literally just had like this silky blanket called silky.

I: Yeah.

R: And she like wouldn’t let go of it and then umm I remember my, my mum and my dad telling me the story that umm they tried to wash it and it shrunk.

I: Oh.

R: And they bought a new one but my sister knew it wasn’t the same one.

I: Eeek.

R: So my sister basically had like a freak out about it, she she must’ve been really little ‘cause that’s when I had my unicorn so she was most probably like 5 I reckon.

I: Mmmm.

R: It’s quite funny though.

I: So did you all have one thing do you think?

R: I think we all did have one thing.

I: Mmmm.

R: I’m too young to remember all my brother’s and sister’s stuff.

I: Yeah.

R: But I remember Eve’s ‘cause she’s only a year older than me.

I: Yeah.

R: Yeah.

I: Mmm. And so what about, do you have a kind of favourite thing for now?

R: My favourite thing for now, an object?

I: Yeah the most important thing would you say?

R: Personal wise obviously Rhea.

I: Yeah.

R: But umm object wise what do I always, most people would like say their phone but mine isn’t even my phone.

I: Why not, ‘cause you’re right a lot of people would say that wouldn’t they?

R: When, when I had my Blackberry-I: Mmmm.

R: And it broke I didn’t get a new phone for over 3 months.

I: A huh.

R: And life was so great without a phone.

I: Really?

R: It was so good, like there was no drama, like you didn’t have arguments with people, people wouldn’t always be able to contact you so you would like, people would have to like come like and see you face to face to speak to you.

I: Mmmm.

R: It’s so much better.

I: Why was.

R: Life is actually stressful with a mobile phone.

I: So why was it, what, what made it better?

R: I don’t know but it, it was nice.

I: And what’s umm, so what’s the drama, what kind of drama happens then?

R: Like everything like when people start arguing and they, like they’re like, they try and get you involved and they like call your phone or they text you and they’re like “isn’t it this?” and you’re like “I don’t wanna get involved” sort of thing whereas if you’re face to face it’ll be easier to like just deal with ‘cause you can go on forever on your phone.

I: Mmmm. Is that mainly on BBM or?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah.

R: Definitely.

I: On group chat?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah, yeah. So what makes it easier face to face, why if there was a group of people compared to a group chat, why would it be easier to sort out face to face then?

R: ‘Cause when you speak face to face you know what like, you know how people are talking, like their tone, their facial expressions.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: ‘Cause sometimes you can like miscommunicate.

I: Yeah.

R: When you’re texting each other, that’s happened a lot.

I: Yeah, yeah. So then why did you get another phone, why not just go ‘oh this is better no phone’?

R: Because I keep getting like all my sisters and they’re just “I need to contact you.”

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: Like because I don’t see them a lot.

I: Yeah.

R: It’s like slow down okay I’ll get a phone.

I: Yeah and is, and is it, was it back to the dramas when you?

R: No. I literally cut off so many people.

I: Really?

R: Yeah, a lot of people. I literally have like 10 contacts on my BBM now.

I: Really.

R: I haven’t got time for everyone’s dramas.

I: Yeah. So what kind of things, can you give me an example of one of the dramas?

R: Like if someone came to me and said something about that person.

I: A huh.

R: They try to make out like I’ve said something about them as well.

I: A huh. A huh.

R: And I haven’t.

I: A huh.

R: And then, this person will start messaging me and then that person will start messaging, messaging me.

I: Mmm.

R: Then I start messaging them and it goes on and on and on and on.

I: Would that, and would they be people you were at school with?

R: Yeah.

I: Yeah and then would it cross over like so if you’re having all that drama on BBM say then the next day at school -

R: Yeah.

I: Would you talk, talk about it or would what, what’s said on BBM stay on BBM?

R: Umm it’s different, sometimes it stays there but sometimes it comes into school.

I: Yeah.

R: So you never know really.

I: Yeah. So what do you use your phone for now?

R: I literally speak to my step sister.

I: A huh.

R: My older sister and my sister Eve, umm when I’m at school I talk a lot to Jess.

I: A huh.

R: And I speak to like 2 of my only friends, I literally speak to 2 people that’s about it.

I: So you mainly use it for calling and answering calls?

R: Yeah.

I: More than messaging or?

R: Yeah.

I: And do you use WhatsApp much?

R: Yeah I use it to speak to Jess.

I: A huh.

R: Because umm Jess doesn’t like people texting or messaging her, she, she’s a call person.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: So if you need her call her.

I: Yeah.

R: But I always message her.

I: Haha yeah.

R: ‘Cause when I’m at school I can’t like just start ringing her.

I: Yeah.

R: Like I can say to my tutor “is it alright if I quickly message my sister?” but like that’s fine.

I: Mmmm.

R: If I can just message her.

I: Mmm.

R: Sometimes like if it’s on a break then I’ll call her but if I’m like in a lesson and I just need to get through to her quickly I’ll just message her.

I: Yeah. How many times a day do you reckon you message her if you’re at school?

R: When I’m at school?

I: Yeah.

R: Umm I think it’s whenever I can.

I: Mmm.

R: Whenever she’s like not at work or something, or if I’ve forgotten to order my lunch so then I need money for food.

I: Yeah.

R: But then I remember I already have money in my pocket.

I: Haha.

R: But yeah.

I: And did you message her as much when you didn’t live with her, like do you message her?

R: No.

I: No.

R: Not, no not as much but Jess always makes an effort to try and like get in contact with all of us.

I: Yeah.

R: But it’s like I never used to come round here a lot.

I: Mmm.

R: Umm but Eve was always round here and then I dunno, but me and Jess get on quite well ‘cause we’re alike.

I: Yeah.

R: In certain ways, but.

I: And so do you message your other sisters or is that more calls?

R: Umm I try to get through to Eve as much as possible ‘cause we’re like best friends.

I: Mmm.

R: Like we talk about everything and with my sister Donna sometimes I don’t bother ‘cause she never answers her messages or her phone.

I: Mmmm.

R: So it’s like I don’t know why she even has a phone.

I: Ha.

R: Ha, so but sometimes I do and then I get a reply like 3 hours later.

I: 3 hours later yeah.

R: But it’s still nice I guess.

I: Yeah and do you send photos and stuff on WhatsApp or?

R: Ummm.

I: Messaging?

R: I sometimes send a pic, like pictures of Rhea to my friend Jasmine ‘cause Rhea pulls such funny faces and I just, I just make jokes out of her yeah ‘cause she’s so chubby as well it’s just so funny.

I: And do you use WhatsApp for that?

R: I use BBM for that.

I: BBM.

R: Umm if I’m like at, at school and Rhea’s doing something and I took a picture I’d send it to Jess through WhatsApp.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: Or if I’d done something in art and I take a picture and then I send it to Jess.

I: Oh nice. So do you use your phone, yeah is that what you take, you take pictures with your phone?

R: Yeah.

I: And do you keep them on there, is that where you store them or?

R: Yeah I do.

I: And do you use it for other stuff like music or internet or apps?

R: Umm sometimes I, I usually listen to music quite a lot but I would either just go on the iPad or.

I: Mmm.

R: Use Jess’s iPod or something because my phone I store music in a folder where I can’t even find it so now I don’t know where any of the songs are but that’s okay.

I: Yeah.

R: ‘Cause I could just use Jess’s stuff for music ‘cause Jess has so much music.

I: Mmm.

R: So I can just use her stuff and at school we can just go on YouTube.

I: Yeah, yeah.

R: And listen to my music.

I: Yeah. Do you think you’d miss it if you didn’t have your phone now?

R: Mmm, I think it’s just nice being able to like take pictures and record stuff.

I: Yeah.

R: And yeah but I don’t think I’d miss it.

I: Mmm.

R: I managed a very long time without one anyway so.

I: Yeah, yeah. It’s definitely not your favourite thing?

R: No.

I: All this sort of thing, so what do you think it, what do you think it is?

R: Umm, what’s my favourite thing? I’m trying to think of something that I like pick up on a daily routine.

I: Mmm.

R: Umm I’m trying to look around. Umm, I’ve got something new actually that I got the other day and I’m like in love with it now.

I: Oh yeah what’s that?

R: My friend’s mum ordered me this new lipstick.

I: Okay.

R: And like I never used to wear lipstick but it’s like so nice ha, and it’s like it’s really, oh I love it so much ha ha.

I: What do you love about it?

R: Like I dunno, I like the colour.

I: Mmm.

R: It’s a nice colour, it’s like this sort of colour.

I: Your nails.

R: But a bit more reddish.

I: Yeah.

R: And it’s, it’s quite nice actually and I really like it.

I: Mmm.

R: And these earrings Jess magiced them up somewhere.

I: Oh lovely.

R: And umm I’ve just been wearing them since, very nice.

I: So where did she magic them up from?

R: I don’t know I’ve never seen them but Jess has jewellery but she doesn’t really wear a lot of it.

I: Mmm.

R: And then I saw these I was like “oh my God” and then I’ve just been wearing them (TELEPHONE RINGING), that might be Jess.

I: Do you want me to go or?

R: No.

I: You’re alright.

R: Let me get the … Hello. Oh yes I could hear her on the phone.

I: Yeah. Shall I just pause this?