## Get Ready With Me

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(they settle for a bit, getting products out, looking at the stream to see who joins)

Hi hi

Heyyy everybody

thanks for joining

i just washed my face

(looking at stream) hey bobabrett... "what time is it" here? it's (looking) 3:02pm

and i'm uh i'm gonna record some POVs later so i figured i'd do a Get Ready With Me live so y'all could see how i get ready for some of these and so we could just

you know

hang out

I don't really have too much planned so

yeah we can just chat!

i'm gonna play the supportive, out queer friend character for these POVs so i'm not gonna do anything too too bold, really just gonna get ready the way i would normally if i was you know

like casually going anywhere anymore

(pause, sits in that thought a moment)

so I'm gonna start with this \_\_\_\_\_ (foundation/powder/primer)

because

well we all want to be poreless

(maybe they do the nose scrunch here - this TikTok facial expression)

just erase the pores

(putting on makeup, reading from the stream:)

"what are some of your fave POVs?"

ohhh i love

uh i've been watching

Your Korean Dad a lot

(does a motion like they're patting someone's head - would be great if this happened directly over the camera shot to make it look like whoever is watching is getting a head pat, continue getting ready)

he's just so sweet and

you know i actually found his TikTok

i found him because someone did a duet with him

it was one of the ones where he goes grocery shopping

and I think makes you dinner

so sweet right

and the person who did the duet their video was just them in bed watching him get groceries and they were just

they just cried the whole time

and then uh

then i started crying watching them cry?

and i thought maybe i should make a duet with them crying of me crying

but i didn't because then i

i started laughing

because

it's weird right

like i don't really cry in front of anyone .Periodt.

i mean

i don't have a therapist or whatever

there was a student counseling center at my school but

i dunno... i just don't...

i didn't feel comfortable going there

like none of my friends go

i don't know anyone who used it

none of my friends go to therapy

and then you know

with the pandemic i'm stuck at my mom's house

and maybe? i would try it at home?

but my mom isn't... she's at work right now...

she's not supportive of me being queer

like i love her a lot

but she'd have to pay for it

and she's really unsupportive

and i'd be scared of her overhearing or like

asking me about it

and

like i definitely don't cry in front of my mom

but sharing it on TikTok seemed...I dunno... fine

not weird

which is weird I guess

(looking at stream)

aw, thanks for the gift, candibee

thank you so much

everyone make sure to check out candibee

so I just did my brows with \_\_\_\_\_

and now I'm gonna add a bit of mascara

(continues getting ready, looking at stream)

uh

"my mom?"

## she's like an essential worker

so yeah

the pandemic has been really hard for her

and scary

like maybe I'm worried for myself a bit - like this virus is scary -

but my mom is out in it all the time and i guess it's part of why i love her? like maybe she can't fully accept me but she loves people really hard you know i mean people don't think about it like that or at least no one did before the pandemic but she's out there taking care of people and people are the worst right now especially in Texas people just refuse to wear masks so many people think it's fake like someone yelled at her about it the other day - like she personally came up with the virus or something? when she told me about it I thought I actually thought she was about to cry I mean she didn't but yeah and she's just always talking about how worried she is about getting COVID but like specifically getting it and passing it on to me how worried she is for me she doesn't even think about herself it's always worrying about work and worrying about me i mean the only work i have to worry about is... i dunno online classes? (pause, sitting in that thought) uhm finally i'm just gonna add some texture to my hair with \_\_\_\_\_ (styling hair a bit, looks at stream) oh thanks for the gifts! rixpley and mackattack thanks so much, everyone make sure to check them out! uh... "has school been hard?" oh yeah god online classes are ugh i don't know how everyone else is handling it but... i am just... not and i like online! i am very online! obviously but it's different

i feel like i learn more from history TikTok than from my Zoom classes

i have so much trouble paying attention

i failed three out of four exams pretty badly

that got me questioning my

major

my entire life

and i feel like

like most of my professors have given more work than i would have in person!

some of them have to do with participation

just proving that you actually

watch the lecture

take notes for class

it's all compressed

on top of everything else

and everything's really messed up how i sleep?

like i stayed up late when i was actually at school but i did study

i did!

a lot of those nights

and here

i stay up so late just scrolling TikTok or watching streamers

or YouTube

or Netflix

but then i'll wake up really early

or sometimes i'll pass out early but wake up really late

it's just weird

and like honestly I don't know if my mom'll even let me go back to school if it's in person next semester

which is... I mean that's it's own kinda worrying

i get why she's so scared

but... I haven't seen my friends in a couple months and it already feels too hard

like it's just me and my mom here

i don't have anyone queer to hang out with now

outside of you beautiful beautiful freaks!!!

but you know

DMs and texts and FaceTime aren't... it's not the same

I just... I wish I had someone to...

I don't know

i guess...

i mean... i've started wondering...

like

what's my life gonna be like in five years? how much time have i Actually lost during this?

i just wish i knew how to handle all of it

## like how do people uh you know how

(pause, they hear something and immediately start pulling out makeup removing wipes, or starting to undo all the Getting Ready work they've just done somehow) aw crap uh my mom must be home early i'll catch up with everyone later hopefully i'll still be able to record those new POVs and get them up soon thanks for joining everyone and thanks for the gifts! i uh it means a lot to have people to talk to

byeeeee