

SIDE 13

ALISON

~~What if I had to care~~
~~I would have~~
~~attended to justice~~
~~And then what, is there a man?~~
~~Yes, it's simply just the right here.~~
~~That's how the~~
~~that he was here and made his~~
~~so beautiful, so fine~~
~~He has traveled continents to get here~~
~~And crossed an ocean of time~~
~~And seen~~
~~I can't abide romantic notions of some name "long ago"~~
~~I want to know what's true~~
~~the dark into white~~
~~and what suddenly~~
~~until~~

ALISON. Did you ever imagine I'd hang on to your stuff, Dad? Me neither. But I guess I always knew that someday I was going to draw you. In cartoons. Yes, Dad, I know you think cartoons are silly, but I draw cartoons. And I need real things to draw from because I don't trust memory.

~~the~~
~~her box~~

~~But God, this thing is guilty!~~
~~Your~~
~~No~~
~~In Mrs. Gibbons' house~~
~~It will come back, it will come back, it will come back~~
~~That's your~~
~~And there's no~~
~~But you're the~~
~~and~~
~~I~~
~~Just like you~~
~~Am I just like you?~~

ALISON [REDACTED] BRUCE [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] *A sign that he was here*
I can't abide romantic notions of
some vague "long ago" [REDACTED] and made his work

ALISON & BRUCE
 [REDACTED] *want to know what's true, dig deep into who*
 [REDACTED] *and what and why and where,*
 [REDACTED] *and how gods way to know*
 [REDACTED] *All the characters who will make up this story*
 [REDACTED] *(i.e. Alison's memories) sweep in and assemble*
 [REDACTED] *the Bechdel house while singing various "La la's"*
 [REDACTED] *Alison, Small Alison, and Bruce sing:*

SMALL ALISON [REDACTED] BRUCE [REDACTED] ALISON [REDACTED]
 Daddy, hey daddy [REDACTED] What is true [REDACTED] What is true
 come here, hey? I [REDACTED] Oh
 read now. What are you [REDACTED] This has
 doing? I said come here [REDACTED] traveled to
 I want a play [REDACTED] airplane
 airplane [REDACTED] So boring [REDACTED] I want to play
 I want to play [REDACTED] airplane
 airplane [REDACTED]
 I want a play [REDACTED] airplane
 airplane [REDACTED] I want a play
 [REDACTED] airplane
 what is true [REDACTED] What is true

Bruce lies on the ground and pushes Small Alison
up into a game of airplane. Overjoyed, she laughs
as she flies

ALISON, Caption: My dad and I were exactly alike,

SMALL ALISON. I see everything! **VOILED OFF**

ALISON, Caption: My dad and I were *nothing* alike,

SMALL ALISON. I'm Superman! **VOILED OFF**

ALISON. My dad and I... My dad and I...

Bruce's attention shifts and he unceremoniously
dumps Small Alison back down to the floor and
exits.

SMALL ALISON. Daddy come back! *YOLLED OFF*

ALISON. Caption: Sometimes my father appeared to enjoy having children, but the real object of his affection was his house.

~~JOHN and CHRISTIAN are playing with blocks and blocks. HELEN is practicing piano. Bruce and Winnie are playing.~~

~~Just got a call from Eleanor Bochner! Allegheny Historical Society! She was calling about the house.~~

~~Oh, that's wonderful. (Suddenly panicked) She's on her way over right now. I'm not sure what to do. This place is turned upside down. I'm not dressed...~~

~~(Telling the situation in rapid.) Go take a shower. Take a shower, get yourself ready.~~

~~Yield. As in... is on her way over here to see the house. Listen... please... This is one of those times you have to do it very quickly and without any shenanigans.~~

~~It wants the Hobblerhda... back to the porch. Move the GI Joe.~~

~~It can't be on the floor. It wants the... in the backyard.~~

~~A climb on top of the porch door.~~

~~Get the lemon. Pledge and... These should face the... with.~~

~~It wants... in the morning.~~

~~It wants... in the door.~~

~~It wants...~~

~~It wants...~~

~~It wants...~~

FAMILY (cont.)

~~By hand with a
family job~~

BRUCE (cont.)

You have ~~the eye of the~~
I found yesterday at the
dump. [I] Actually I believe
Pence Revival.

ALISON (singing with family)

~~It all comes back~~

(Re: ~~request to~~
~~picture~~)

Absolutely. Would you like
one with the family?

FAMILY

~~He wants-~~
~~He wants-~~
~~He wants-~~

Kids! Mrs. Bochner wants to
take a photo.
(Bruce and the
family ~~take a~~
photo)

~~BOY at the house. He's young, handsome,
and dressed for a good time~~

~~BOY As he says~~

~~He's ~~the~~ ~~young~~ ~~man~~, ~~capturing~~ ~~the~~ ~~moment~~
with his family and giving at the young man~~

ALISON (Taking in her father's gaze)

~~He~~

Caption: My Dad and I both grew up in the same small
Pennsylvania town
And he was gay.
And I was gay.
And he killed himself.
And I...became a lesbian cartoonist.

~~STEP 1 to MEDIUM ALISON in her room, ~~pointing~~~~

MEDIUM ALISON (Do her drawing)

~~Not too bad, if I say so myself~~
~~This outlines the first one I drew~~

(Sudden burst of ~~laughter~~)

~~I don't know which way's up~~
~~I don't know what I'm supposed to do~~