



SABINE (46)

You closed the door behind the last guest with a sigh of relief. The end of an endless day. You gathered the last of your strength to walk over to the kitchen and found Anna standing there, holding a cup of steaming coffee. "Here you go. I did the dishes. Denise is sleeping. Sit down, you need it," she said with a smile and gave you the coffee with. Anna, your guardian angel. "Thank you, I wouldn't have made it without you today." You both sat down and

sipped the coffee in silence. You almost felt good. Almost. If it weren't for the photo in the black frame on the table, it might have been a nice night with a friend. Now it was just the end of the worst day of your life. Of the day you had to bury your wife. Thank heavens Anna was with you.

Sabine is a successful, ambitious woman. **She actively participates in politics**, she is a fighter for gay and lesbian rights and **she is a publisher of a magazine called Another World** which deals with these issues. She is also a mother and a partner and she is proud that after all the hardships her personal and family life is back on track. **She is happy with Veronica and her daughter Denise is growing up to be a gifted young woman**, though she has her stubborn adolescent moments; hopefully that's something she'll outgrow soon. All in all, everything is as it should be.

Fragments from her life

Sabine met Lea, the love of her life, twenty years ago. From the very beginning, Sabine knew Lea was the one and so, after a year, they got married and started planning a family. Sabine was the first to become a mother. **She and Lea planned to have another child after Denise** but it didn't work out that way. One of the assisted reproduction examinations revealed that **Lea had cancer**, and so, instead of looking forward to a new baby, they started the fight for Lea's life. Despite their efforts, Lea lost the fight eight years ago.

The only thing that kept Sabine going during that time was her **friendship with Anna**. Sabine got to know Anna about a year before Lea's death. They met by a vending machine at the hospital – Sabine was there to accompany **her wife Lea** to chemotherapy and Anna was waiting to have her cast removed from her arm. They started talking and soon realized they had so much to talk about that just one coffee wouldn't do. Anna soon became a shoulder to cry on for Sabine and helped her take care of the increasingly sick Lea. She was with her when it became clear that Lea would not get better, she went to the funeral with her and she helped Sabine get through the worst months after Lea's death. And not only Sabine. Anna got along perfectly with Denise and there was a time when she was a better mom for her than Sabine.

Her relationship with Anna never crossed the boundaries of friendship. Maybe if they had met at another time, things would have been different. Maybe if there had been more time after Sabine got over Lea's death. If... But nothing like that happened. Instead, Anna got an interesting job offer that would take her hundreds of miles away and Sabine encouraged her not to let this chance slip through her fingers. Anna left and the **"ifs" never got a chance to happen.**

Four years ago, Sabine met Veronica and fell in love again. They would have started living together much sooner but **Denise** was going through a sensitive phase and **had problems getting used to her mom's new partner.** Eventually, Denise accepted Sabine's new relationship and Sabine and Veronica got married two years ago. Veronica and Denise's relationship is not perfect, but Veronica is doing everything she can and Sabine is sure that, within a year or two, everything is going to be alright.

Recent events

After some turbulent years, Sabine has decided to take the next step in her career. She has been thinking about it for a long time and **she's finally decided the time is right to run in the local elections.** She's exhausted her options as a political activist and now she'd like to get into a position where she finally has a chance to make a difference. Her colleagues supported her decision. Her campaign is going to be based not

only on LGBT rights, but also on **family issues**. It's time to show the world that a traditional family isn't just for heterosexual couples.

Two weeks ago, Anna contacted her. She's coming into town for a business trip and she's bringing her current partner with her. Sabine immediately suggested that they meet up and Anna happily agreed. After all, Veronica hasn't met Anna yet and Sabine would really like to meet Anna's partner. Not to mention Denise, who still sings Anna's praises. As luck would have it, Veronica's cousin Daniel is also going to be in town and so Sabine and Veronica decided to bring everyone together and have a pleasant evening with their friends.

Questions for the night

"So what's up, Anna? Are you planning a family?" – Sabine knows very well that Anna has always wanted a child and, truth be told, she can't put the decision off much longer. Sabine would like to know if Anna is happy.

"Daniel, how about you? Is there an lucky girl in your future?"

"Clara, what do you do?"

Who to talk to

Anna – You haven't seen each other for a long time, it would certainly be good to talk about your lives.

Denise – If you think something's not alright with Denise, try asking her about it.

Relationships

Veronica (35)

Sabine loves Veronica and is very happy with her. She thinks it's a small miracle that she got a second chance in her life. Veronica supports Sabine in her political career and tries to be a good mom for Denny. Sabine knows that Veronica is a recovering alcoholic but that Veronica has been sober for as long as they've known each other. Although Veronica never drinks alcohol, they normally serve it to their guests.

Anna (37)

After Anna left, Sabine kept in touch with her through long distance phonecalls and occasional visits over the many years. They are still close friends, though they only see each other rarely. Anna never stopped being important for Sabine and Sabine misses her a lot – it's a shame she's living so far away.

Denise (17)

After Lea's death, Denise became very attached to Anna and she wasn't happy at all when Anna left. She made it very apparent to Sabine and Sabine even started to wonder if she hadn't made a mistake by encouraging Anna to take the job offer. In the end, everything got better. When Denise finally started to accept Veronica, Sabine felt the burden fall away and stopped worrying. Denny (familiar nickname for Denise) is getting by alright at school, has only the usual teenage problems and even her most frustrating phases are bearable.

Characters not present in the game

Petra is co-owner of the Another World magazine and helps Sabine with her political campaign. They've been working together for a long time and Sabine has never had a reason not to trust Petra.