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>> My mother didn't know she was having twins until she was eight months pregnant.

>> We were born about 30 seconds apart and after we were born, the doctor told my mom that we were fraternal twins.

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>> Growing up we were inseparable. Our hands looked similar, creepily similar. It made it a little difficult to distinguish between the two of us when we were young.

>> This is Mommy's [inaudible].

>> Oh yeah.

>> Hi Mommy.

>> Our mom focused on helping us grow as individuals. We didn't have the same classrooms and we had our own friends. Just kind of let us express ourselves. And we wore really radically different stuff.

>> As a teenager, yeah I had a mohawk and was punk rock.

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>> Do you need some help? I can put in a braid, right?

>> Erica and I are different in some pretty big and obvious ways. She lives on a farm, she's very focused on her family.

>> You see a fish? Where?

>> Raising her children. I live here in the city. I'm very focused on my career. You know Erica and her husband share this life together and I share my life with my girlfriend.

>> Kristen and I are mirror images of each other.

>> When we were nineteen we got matching tattoos. Mine is on my left arm and hers' is on her right arm.

>> It's really weird, we lost our first tooth within a few hours of each other.

>> I've always smiled to the right and Kristy smiles to the left.

>> From the moment we were born, the doctor made a very confident statement. Basically there was no possible way we could be identical because we each had separate amniotic sacks. But I had always suspected that we were identical.

>> I heard about twenty-three and me through my mom and that was mostly to encourage Erica and I to do it.

>> Part of my identity is wrapped up this.

>> I had some reluctance; I was worried that if we found out we were fraternal that it would have some kind of negative impact on our friendship and our relationship as sisters.

>> I was really anxious about getting our results. I couldn't, I really couldn't wait.

>> I was at work. I had just sat down. I opened up my laptop and checked it. I saw the results, saw the word identical and I was just like, wow, this is—

>> You just like want to scream it from the rooftops. You want to like tell everybody about it.

>> I stood up from my desk and was like, I'm identical!

>> My heart swelled. I was speechless. Finding out that we were identical definitely changed our relationship in a positive way.

>> I don't have another relationship in my life that's anything like this.

>> Whatever your genetic makeup is, your life's going to end up being a whole variety of different things.

>> You know to see another person with your blueprint, with your genetics, taking a completely different path.

>> And here we are, with happy, different lives and have found success in our own ways that are just utterly different from each other.

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