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A Three Part Documentary Series

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ADOPTION

Vb.

- To bring (a person) into a specific relationship, esp. to take (another's child) as one's own child.
- To choose and follow (a plan, technique, etc).
- To take over (an idea etc) as if it were one's own.
- To take on; assume: to adopt a title.
- To accept (a report, etc).

INTER RACIAL

1. Of, involving or for members of different races.

DEDICATION

For my niece, whom I have never seen and may never know, but will always love.
You will have questions and I have the answers.
You will feel lost and misunderstood, but I understand you.
You will want to know who you are and I can help you.
You will want to know if you were wanted...you were. I wanted you.
You will be angry- I am angry too.
You will want to know why. I want to know why too.
Your parents were not ready for you, but I was ready for you.
I have been where you are and I would have done anything I could have done,
to save you from a lifetime of questions, but we were not given that chance.
I am writing this for you. And for me. And for all of the you's and me's out there.
I hope that one day we can find each other, but if not in person, than in spirit.
Your mere presence in this world has changed me, irrevocably, forever.
I hope somehow this finds you and finds you well.

Love,

Your Aunt Rana

"I have no racial identity,
in a world that defines itself by racial identity"



FORWARD

I am adopted.
My husband is adopted.
I have friends that are adopted.
Never until now, however, did I feel
compelled to write a book about it.
It took me years to bring pen to paper.
It's funny that I had trouble trying to write
it, because for all of my life, nobody else
has had a problem being forward with me.
If it's not the first question I get asked
when I meet new people, it's the second.
"What Are You?"



As time has moved on and we, as a people have gotten more sophisticated
& politically correct, the phrasing has changed, but not the question.

“Where are you from?”

Nobody is asking about Geography.

“What’s your background?”

“What’s your ethnicity?”

“Where are your parents from?”

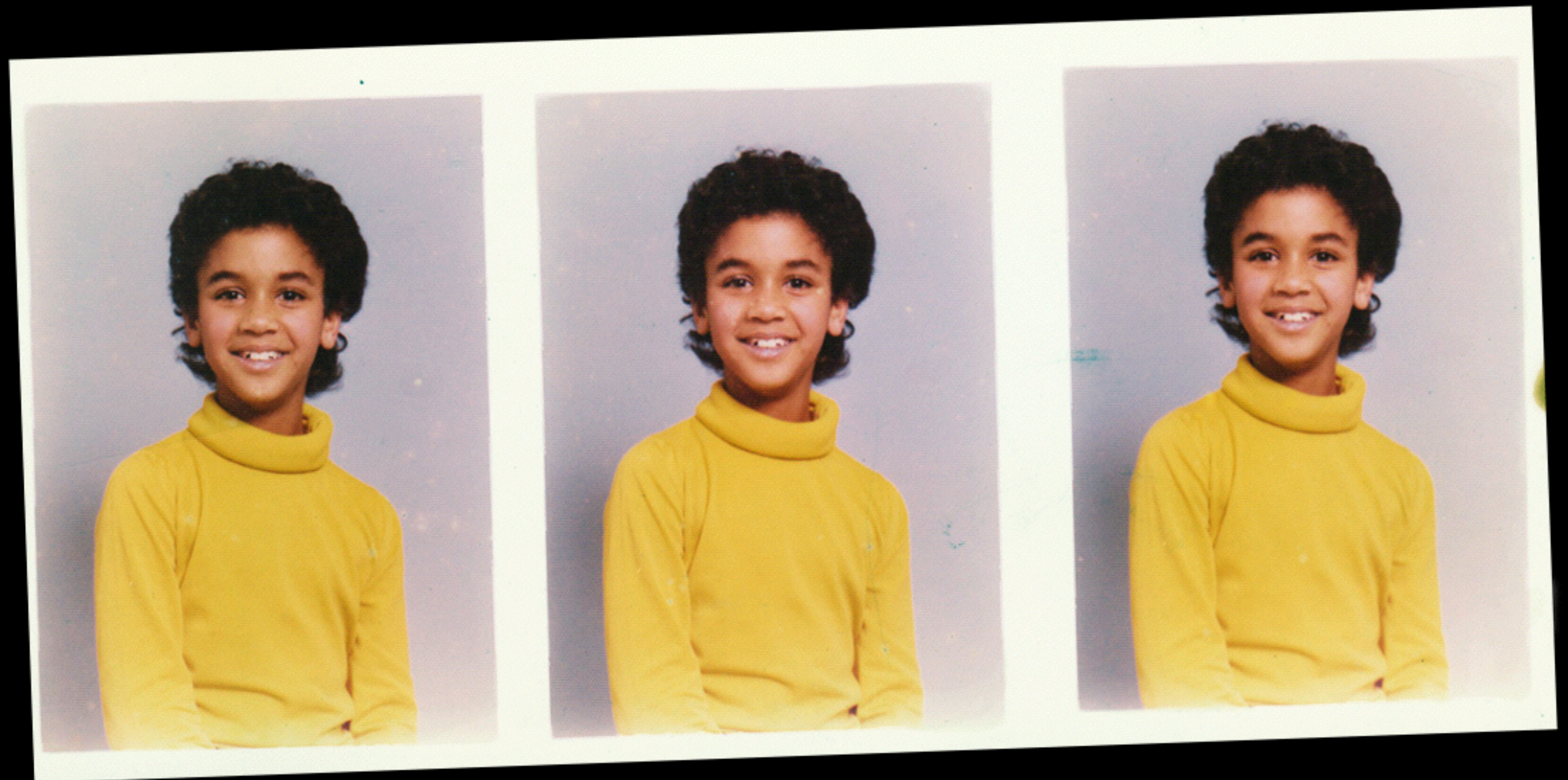
It took on many shapes, but at the end of the day it was always,

“What Are You?”



The honest answer, which I almost never gave, is...
I don't know.

Though I may, someday, find peace with that...I rest assured the world will not.
It has become my life's theme, so I write this now.
I choose to break these chains of silence that have bound me for forty years.





I simply want to talk about it.

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PART 1

Who Am I Anyway?

A conversation with adoptees, birth parents and integrated families about the emotional life of adoption, from every angle.



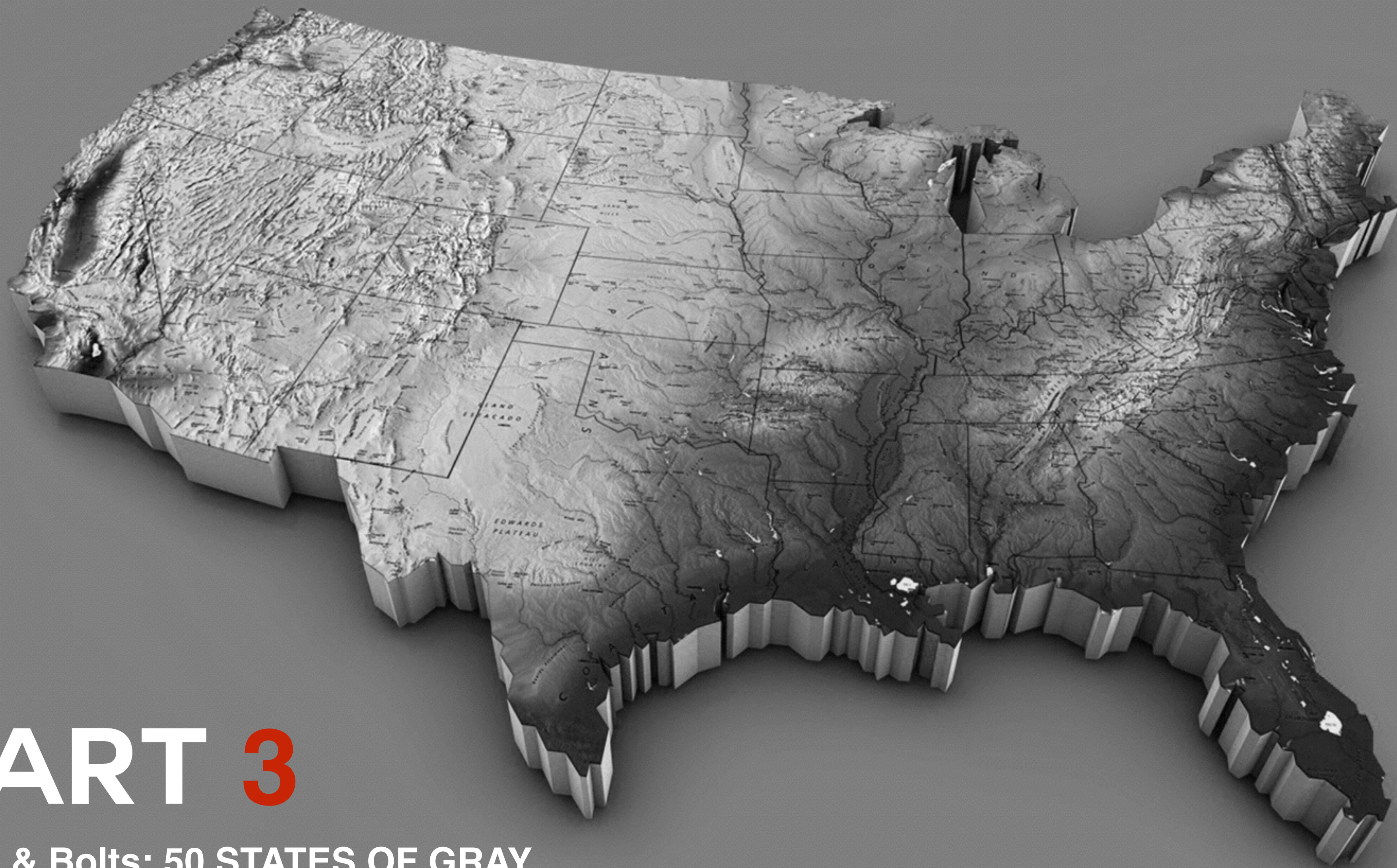
PART 2

MIXOLOGY

With “designer adoptions” becoming all the rage and having been a part of a blended family myself, I want to explore the intricacies of bringing different races together into a family setting. What are the pros, the cons; the realities that face inter racial families.

The race wars are back in full swing these days and there is an entire community of people that are being affected in ways that are never discussed on the news.





PART 3

Nuts & Bolts: 50 STATES OF GRAY

Every State in this country has different laws and regulations regarding the adoption process, procedures and rights of privacy. It is my intention to travel to all 50 States and have conversations with people on the ground, to compare how these differences affect all parties. An in depth view of Adoption Law, the Foster Care System.



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