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I didn't have the best start in my academic life that's for sure. I never got to go to year 6 although I did year 4 twice due to being moved abroad in the middle of my schooling, through secondary school I grew up on a council estate with just my mother and siblings.

On the other hand I was gifted with a strong body and mind, and truth be told I wouldn't change it for the world.

As a child I had a good knack for languages, at the age of 10 I was able to pick up Spanish by immersion alone and I ended up translating for my entire family. I've largely forgotten it now, use it or lose it I suppose.

I spent most of my early life drifting between different jobs, after reconnecting with my Father we even worked together for a time and it's something I remember fondly.

I ran a restaurant for a while and it was the most stressful job I have ever done, you'd think working with thousands of pounds and people's homes in the construction industry would be worse but that is not the case. I still maintain that the entire restaurant industry is a lot of fuss for a bit of dinner.

At the time of donation I'm working as a caretaker while I retrain, it is peaceful work but I am mindful that I must seek out something more challenging. It's all too easy to get stuck in one place and become stagnant.

To describe my values I would have to say I can be a little disconnected at times. I take no interest in politics or modern culture and art, as far as I am concerned anything worth reading has survived at least a few hundred years.

Some people think they can change the world, how kind of the world to wait for them to come along. For me there is nothing new under the sun; your family, your job, the simple pleasures in life, and helping who you can along the way. Speaking of people I got hung up on somebody early on who just didn't feel the same way, I've since learnt that nothing in the world is meant to be. Take outcomes as they are, don't compare them to some idealised versions of events. I will have a family of my own some day, but you need a stable source of capital and a decent home to do it right. I've seen it done wrong first hand.

My existing family can be very emotional, you can bet if there's ten of us in a room 5 of us are arguing about something. I'm considered the most diplomatic but people outside my family consider me impulsive and even erratic at times. Working to control your emotions is a difficult journey, but you have to control your emotions so they don't control you.

Regarding lineage don't come looking for prestige because you won't find any. There's not a single famous individual in my family history, essentially in a strictly historical sense we are a bunch of poachers who wandered out of the woods a few hundred years ago and most of us live in the same county today. I myself will return there when I get older, I'm only out now to try and make some money. I've been to many places but always end up back there, home is home I guess.

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Here's a few of things I wish I'd known:

Whatever you do you better do something, nothing is more difficult than starting from scratch [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Learn a good trade early on, it's easier to switch with a good job to fall back on. I turned down an electrical apprenticeship, worst decision I ever made.

One against many is done, many are too many for one. Nobody is an island, you need friends and family if you're gonna make it through.

The mind and the body are dependent on each other, without a strong body you will not have a strong mind.

Don't accept that life has to be this way. If you're struggling it's always possible to start again, if the first thing you feel when you wake up is dread about going to work then you must work to change it.

Learn to drive early (If they don't drive themselves at that point)

Some good dating advice, there is no good dating advice.

You have to build a rod for your own back in this world, to become self motivating is a skill few ever master.

Don't be quick to judge, you may find yourself in the same position quicker than you think. Egg on your face means the yolks on you.

You are of course welcome to seek me out, otherwise I wish you all the best. Good luck.