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Pen Sketch:

Here, I'm 'supposed to' describe myself to (I suppose) give you a sense of which traits you may have inherited from me.

The most relevant ones may be abstract.

All the things you may have felt in yourself that didn't quite seem to come from those who raised you, may very well have come from me.

Two things that have always been most important to me are also somewhat conflicting - Caring and Objectivity (caring can encroach on objectivity). The reconciliation between those two things is "caring about getting things right."

Because of this, my biggest passion in my youth was politics. Actually, I probably 'hated' politics itself. What I loved was the art of crafting good public policy, or meticulously analyzing public policy, and I was willing to endure politics because those things go together.

Of course, when I was very young - ages 6 to 13 - my main passion was probably math - I suppose nothing is more objective than math, but I then moved on to find social sciences to be a lot more meaningful.

I would say I was an amazing self-educator. I loved the extra-curricular activities in school - things like the debate team, and working on the school newspaper - but I could hardly stand the formal education parts of school.

When I was 15, I passed a difficult exam that gave me a high school diploma right away (They may not call it "high school" here. It's essentially ages 14-17/18. I grew up in America, but there's a good chance I'm living in Britain at the time you're reading this, as I really loved Britain and felt determined to ultimately settle here at the time that I wrote this). I tried college when I was 17, but I didn't stay too long (a few semesters). I wouldn't encourage the same for you - because it was an eccentric thing to do - but not going to school enabled me to teach myself an enormous amount, very efficiently and I developed a mastery of several fields, I found highly valuable - Business and Finance, Statistics, Politics and Public Policy, Journalism, and Software (particularly database administration).

I could probably write 200,000 words to define myself, but I think those 2, cover it nearly as well - caring and objective.

There are other things, of course. Perhaps a strange thing for a man to say outright, but I probably have a bottomless heart - I seem to be able to endlessly love and care about an unlimited number of people and (generally abstract) things.

I would say I have an innate intellect which has served me well.

I'm deeply analytical (I really hope you didn't get sucked into chess, as I fear you might have found yourself slightly tormented by the fact that it simply cannot be played 'perfectly', no matter how smart you are. I fell into this fate in my pre-teens, but I realized I needed to quit, since it was both non-productive and impossible to master with perfection. If you have gotten sucked into it, it wouldn't surprise me if you were the best in Britain, or even the world, but I'd probably still suggest you give it up - it is a trap for geniuses to waste their talents).

I'm generally pretty ambitious and zealous when it comes to anything I care about.

I've never had an aversion to public speaking; if I have a commanding knowledge about something, I can speak to an audience about it for as long as they wish to listen (typically without notes, and (hopefully) without being boring).

I've had a few guilty pleasures. I was practically addicted to driving and road trips when I was 18. America is probably better-suited for that, though. As of yet, I haven't really driven in Britain (except for one day), because the public transport is fascinatingly good compared to America - I so much prefer to read or work on trains and buses (however, at the time you're reading this, those Google cars, which drive themselves (or something similar), may very well have saturated

transportation, allowing people to completely multitask during commutes, while maintaining the autonomy of being in their own vehicle).

I may have liked vehicles in general, as I found jet skiing and boating very enjoyable (but, I suppose, who doesn't?).

I don't really play sports as an adult. However, I do run and jog for exercise - I usually make it practical, though, like abstaining from using a bus for a 2 mile trip several times a week. As a kid, I loved skiing, and the American sports of baseball and basketball.

I would also describe myself as altruistic. I've had many good times, but I've never lived to have good times. I try to do as much good as I can with my life and I seem to stumble into more than my fair share of good times along the way.

I think it turns out that when you do good, you do well - but that correlation is not what motivates me to try to do good.

Beyond these things, perhaps those things you see in yourself, that you haven't found very-explainable, are things that came from me. Hopefully one day we can meet and you can explore that further. You could ask me all the questions you want.