

Donor Pen Sketch and Goodwill Message

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As I write this message [REDACTED] I was born in [REDACTED] England. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The town I grew up in was quite run down at the time so I couldn't wait to leave [REDACTED] and move [REDACTED] to follow my dreams of becoming an Actor.

As a child I was probably quite exhausting to look after, I was so curious about other people, places and things that I would often go missing for hours and would eventually be returned home by a neighbour or occasionally someone more official who had to report how and where they found me.

My parents both worked very hard to support me and my younger Brother, my mother worked in the retail industry for most of her life and my father was in the fire brigade as I was growing up, although he was in the Royal Navy when I was born, working on submarines.

All through school I excelled in the more creative classes but could never really sit down long enough to enjoy Maths, English or History, although sometimes a good teacher would see that I needed a bit of encouragement, and I would suddenly flourish in that subject. I always wanted to feel engaged in the learning rather than just copying text or memorising facts.

[REDACTED] me and a friend started a band, and we did quite well in the local music scene until we both got other interests and I moved [REDACTED]. Those were some of my best memories though. I played bass guitar and we would dress up in theatrical clothes and play loud music in some very strange but brilliant venues [REDACTED]. I still play acoustic guitar at home for fun and sometimes imagine what my life would have been like as an international rock star.

I think my mother noticed I needed something to do after school to release the excess energy after school hours and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she found a youth drama class for me once a week in a nearby town, which quickly became my second home. Having that place to be so silly and free, with people actually laughing and enjoying it with me was life changing. Before that I was always copying other people with voices and walks but had no idea that it might be a job someday.

After studying Performing Arts for 3 years, I went to a Drama School [REDACTED] and studied classical acting [REDACTED]. I got myself an acting agent once I graduated and have been working on stage and on screen since then.

Now that I have been an actor [REDACTED] and now teach acting, I find the most joy in working with other actors and helping people discover things about themselves. I am a lot more considerate now than I was when I was younger. I really enjoy the simple pleasures of a good joke, a well-made film or great song to dance/listen to.

My most recent hobby is woodwork, which has been an amazing meditation for me. I play tennis and golf, and I enjoy yoga and travelling. While travelling I enjoy listening to interviews and podcasts, especially where two people spend a long-time respectfully discussing things they initially disagree on. The videos I tend to watch online are usually survival and bushcraft related - maybe I have spent too long in a big city.

Through the many philosophies and religious beliefs that I have researched and experienced over the years, the one thing that has stuck from sacred texts and traditional chants is a kind of feeling that seems so simple when its written down but finding a gratitude for things (breathing, senses, people) you have in your life is a lovely thing to remember when life seems tough.

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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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Hello,

It's wonderful to write this message to you, I hope you are happy and healthy as you read this.

When I thought about the process of donating to help someone start a family, it felt like a profound thing to be a part of. However bizarre it might be to think of a person who I share genetics with and won't have seen grow up, there have been some really positive and rewarding realisations about the possibility of allowing people to become parents.

If you already have a sense of what you want to do with your many years of life left, my wish for you is that it is something you truly enjoy and are deeply passionate about.

Try everything that feels good and right at least once and surround yourself with people who believe in you and make you feel better when around them.
Be that person for other people.

I love a fun quote so here are a couple:

"Smile, it makes people wonder what you're up to!"

"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything" - Mark Twain

Be kind and be lucky.