

Donor Pen Sketch and Goodwill Message

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I was born in the big city.

But was raised north of it, in a small almost village town. It was extremely dull and boring during the winters, but in summer the population basically doubled with tourists. It was a cottage type country full of lakes and cabins. I grew up with an older sister kind of tormenting my life until I finally got big enough that she couldn't physically dominate me anymore. Once I stuck up for myself our relationship changed and we became friends and allies throughout high school and into university.

My parents are still together after getting married nearly 50 years ago. They met working together as teachers. My sister actually became a teacher too. I'm the only one in the family that hasn't done it as a profession. But I have taught a lot in my personal life through my day and night jobs and at community events or groups. I am a pretty good teacher and in retrospect wish I went overseas to go teach English after Uni instead of hustling to try and get a job stateside.

I left my home and small town when I went away to university to study political science. In elementary school and highschool I had been popular, not-popular, one of the freaks, neutral, popular with only women platonically, friends with everyone in that order. But Uni was still an opportunity to come out of my shell, pursue love, and party. I mostly did 1 and 3 and missed out on 2 consistently. But it was great to establish myself as an adult outside of the shadow of my family in a city that was hugely different from my youth. I liked the city so much I stayed after Uni. Tbf it was to try and get a job surrounding poli sci and my parents home town etc had nothing to offer. I ended up staying there for [redacted] years and truly became a real human on those streets and canals.

I worked at a video rental place in highschool but then in kitchens in Uni and after graduating. I tried door to door sales for 6 months on 100% commission - and I was dogshit at it. I eventually got headhunted into a call centre. After a few horrible months on the phone trying to get surveys I became a supervisor and then eventually a Research Analyst. I've stayed in that field and [redacted] now I'm an Associate Manager in Operations.

I probably would have been happier/just as happy if I had went to trade school for something like plumbing like my grandfather did. I'm good with my hands and fixing things, but felt pressure to stick to an academic pipeline. I likely wouldn't have stayed at my dayjob so long (they pay very badly) had I not started doing standup comedy and other different night jobs. I've worked at a brewery doing events and occasional, worked at a comedy club as security, worked at a woodshop helping at events and craft shows. But generally my life has revolved around comedy outside my 9-5.

I wasn't the funniest kid in school at any level, but I've always tried to get laughs - in a non-annoying way I swear. I've gotten to travel around multiple countries for comedy and done some fringes and festivals and opened for a couple famous people.

I'd love to do it full time, but as you can tell from this "sketch" I'd rather be a writer professionally around comedy. Anyway, I'm funny and don't look me up on YouTube.

Besides comedy, I've always been sporty but also battling weight gain. I've curled, baseballed, softballed, hockeyed, basketballed, badmintoned, golfed, swum, and hiked. In my free free time (which I don't ever have) I like woodworking, reading, listening to podcasts or music, or traveling. Traveling has been amazing and I've been to almost all the continents. As I said I've done it for comedy, but also work and pleasure. I cannot recommend enough to take on credit to go see stuff in life. I waited way too long in life, money isn't real, experiences are.

I am happy, or at least distractedly busy in life. But have dealt with depression and anxiety over the years. A lot of it developed around my weight and then my place in social situations/groups. But I know whom I am and I'm really cool. I'm smart in like I have a good memory and try to stay up on news and issues. I'm average tall? Like just under 6ft tall with no shoes on. Cat like reflexes too and a good cook after those years in the industry.

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I think it's important to be kind and polite to people, care for the environment (what's left of it), and to advocate for yourself. Your gut feelings shouldn't be ignored. But also doing years of therapy helps recognize a reactive impulse versus a true guiding feeling. We're all in this together, corporations aren't people, and remember as you move through life and this world you change things slightly, you leave marks behind, however small. And in return life and travel leaves marks on you, most of the time those marks on your body and heart are beautiful - often though they hurt.

Anyway this is way too long but I hope I've explained somewhat of who I am to whomever is reading this.

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Donor Goodwill Message to Offspring

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Hello and yo:

Happy birthday or happy being curious about life and being the correct age to access this.

I became a donor because I'm getting older and don't know if I see children being in my future personally. But I like the idea of my genetic dna passing through another generation.

I come from a great (at times) family and am proud of my and their legacy. But it's not about me it's hopefully about you. I hope you can be kind in the harshest of worlds humans have made. Patience with yourself and others really is a virtue. And practice unfortunately does make perfect in really all aspects of life.

If you're still in your teens know that you both have so much time ahead of you for living life that you do not have to rush or be frantic or go at anything besides your speed. But also know that tomorrow is never promised and today is the only day we have. Sign up for experiences and travels and things outside of your comfort zone. But also enjoy the process because sometimes life isn't the destination it's the journey. Be open to new people and places and foods. But always leave room for pizza. Pizza is one of the greatest inventions humans have ever made. You should leave how to make it every step of the way and the history of all the ingredients. It's shows how interconnected we truly are.

Try not to stress about money in life. It's comes and goes and things tend to always even out if you work hard and pay your debts. If you owe people for their work/labour pay them as soon as you can even if they're friends. But here's hoping you live in a post-money utopian non-capitalist society. Capitalism is greatest worst thing humans have ever invented. Make stuff - with your hands and/or your mind. We leave marks on the world as we move through it, so take ownership that the things you leave behind are good for you or others.

I hope you're happy. But I also hope you're sad. Life is duality and a rollercoaster. Enjoy the ups and know when you're down that just means you're about to go up.

Whatever you're doing isn't so important that you cannot stop and pet that cat/dog. Take the time to look at a flower up close, or smell the fresh cut grass, or feel the sand between your toes.

If you've guessed that certain sad songs and certain angry songs and certain happy songs were written exactly for you - you're right! Let the music tell you its story, and let it be the soundtrack to your life.

Most importantly say I love you. To anyone you do, even to those you aspire to love, but especially to yourself. You're the only you that the world has and we love you for it.