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Hey there! I'm a guy who's seen quite a bit of the world. Grew up in Botswana, had my teenage years in Dubai. Back then, I was all about games. I remember spending hours and hours playing Pokémon on my old dot-matrix Nintendo Game Boy powered by AA batteries (which never lasted long enough!!). I loved playing strategy video games like Age of Empires 2 and Warcraft 3, and I even got into making mods for them. I also enjoyed making my own board and card games.

I'm Catholic, but honestly, I'm more about believing in God and a spiritual vibe than following religious rules. Music's a big part of my life—I am a bassist, but I can also play guitar, saxophone and some piano. Metal is my jam, with Iron Maiden, Judas Priest, Motörhead, and Metallica topping my playlist.

School was a mix of strengths and struggles. Good at math and science, but English literature? Not my thing. Almost everyone in my family works in engineering or medicine. So it's no surprise that I ended up doing undergrad & postgrad in Computer Science and fulfilled my long-life dream of becoming a video game programmer. Now, I'm working as a Software Engineer in finance.

I like picking up languages. I'm fluent in English, French, and Spanish. Currently trying to wrap my head around Dutch and Portuguese. In the future, I'd also like to start learning German, Italian, and Arabic.

Animals are cool. I currently live with my girlfriend with 2 small dogs and a bunny. We frequently get cats and foxes in our garden whom we're very fond of. I'm a bit of an introvert but know my way around people. Patient, generous, and empathetic—that's me. Used to have hip-length dreadlocks (my mother hated those!), but I've gone for a simpler look now—bald is beautiful, right?

Life's a journey, and mine's filled with a mix of passion and a love for music & games.

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Hmm... 16 is an unusual age. When I was 16, I thought that I knew everything and that nobody understood me. But looking back now I see that I actually didn't know anything nor how to express myself correctly! Haha!

The best advice that I can offer is never write an email when you're angry (emails still exist in the future, right?!). That's because I've learned that emotions and rationality often interfere with each other. Being angry or nervous will make you say things that you don't mean. I also wish that I had learned how to be sceptic and assertive at a younger age because oftentimes I felt that was too gullible and too easily persuaded. So these are useful skills that I recommend focusing on.

My grandma always told me to smile and stay positive even in difficult times. Therefore, it seems also fair that I wish you and your parent(s) fruitful lives filled with love and joy.