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**Donor # 4003
Interview Notes**

Donor 4003 makes an arresting but calm initial impression- which is hard to pull off, yet he manages with aplomb. It is immediately apparent that he is grounded and at ease wherever he is. (It does not follow that he is an extroverted personality, however. He is confident yet casual in demeanor). I get the feeling that it would take quite a while to get to know him, but it would be worth the wait.

He has piercing blue eyes and his premature gray does not have an aging affect, but instead makes him all the more striking. His accomplishments are impressive; however, it is the ways that he talks about them, without bragging at all that make him positively charming. He speaks three languages fluently and was casual about his efforts to become fluent in three more. He says that this is easy for him and bemoaned his inability to read music, even though he can pick up an instrument and teach himself how to play. Based on his desire for self-improvement he seems to have very high standards for himself.

Donor 4003 started building motorcycles in college. He taught himself to fix them with a beat up one that he bought himself. He is still rarely seen without his motorcycle helmet by his side and has turned that project into a lifelong passion.

I was struck by how well Donor 4003 takes care of himself. He drinks infrequently, practices the martial art Capoeira weekly, watches his diet and generally seems extremely committed to his own health. He is a favorite among the lab staff and makes the people he comes in contact with feel good by the time he leaves.

Interviewer: Alex Holding

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