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Donor # 4072
Interview Notes

Donor 4072 welcomed me by name when I entered the room for his interview, surprising me since we had only met once previously. He struck me as poised and confident. Instead of being falsely warm, he is calm and his manner is unobtrusive. It is apparent that it would take time to genuinely know him. Once close, I get the feeling he would be a friend one could count on without fail.

He lamented not being closer to his family, but discussed plans to live with his older brother in the future. He is proud of his family, methodically describing his father's atrial heart defect in a way that displayed a comprehensive understanding of anatomy and health care that the donor attributed to his dad's experience as a physician. His style of communication was both informative and patient, I imagine that donor 4072 would have a great bedside manner, were he to go into healthcare. He was clearly proud that his mother has worked as a trauma nurse for so many years; we discussed how much strength and stamina that would take. The donor's grandparents ran a mortuary together and he said that although this sounds like a grim joint-venture, he always found them to be very happy together.

At this point, donor 4072 works in sustainable development, and his eyes lit up when I brought it up. He was eager to talk about food policy and the ways in which sustainable development models can be beneficial in many contexts. This is clearly a field he feels comfortable in and he seems to shine within it.

Donor 4072 is mature and grounded without coming across as stodgy or rigidly stuck in his ways. He manages to balance his sizable amount of energy with a sense of purpose, and seems very confident in his place in the world and sense-of-self. This is clear in the way he has handled the recent changes in his life plan. Donor 4072 is very athletic, and has spent much of his life as an extremely successful triathlete, something he only recently gave up. Although he expressed regret at letting go of the Olympic ambitions he worked towards for most of his life, he seems at peace with the path his life has taken. Donor 4072's clean-cut look suggests that he is both put-together and comfortable in his own skin.

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