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Greetings to all, and welcome to a unique interview where we get to know a new buddy a bit better. We have the amazing chance to have an open and thoughtful Q&A with Celine, an incredible individual I met in Biology 101, last semester. We'll explore a variety of aspects of Celine's life, experiences, and viewpoints in an effort to promote connection and friendship. This interview seeks to highlight the distinctive characteristics that make Celine the unique person they are, from life beliefs to personal interests. So take a seat, settle in, and join us as we set out on our quest to learn more about Celine and the tales that influence their universe. Now let's get started with our Q&A session.

"Like a rose releasing its petals, let go of what no longer serves you and allow space for new beginnings." - Celine

Q: Who has had a big impact on your life?

A: I think it is a cliché answer but I believe my mother has the biggest impact on my life. Especially as a single mother, I received most of my traits and habits from my mother. Since I study psychology I acknowledge the same-sex relationship dynamic and how essential it is to development. As mother-daughter, the main connection we share is through communication. There is a significant difference between mother-son relations versus mother-daughter relations. My mother and I hold a stronger emotional bond which leads me on the mental path along with the emotional pathway I am currently walking on.

Q: What was the worst advice you have ever received?

A: The worst advice I have gotten was “Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.” For religious reasoning I do not believe in revenge or intentionally hurting others. When I encountered mean girls or people that were not fond of me I would create space and purposeful distance. I think it is better for my mental capacity to not engage in negative energy or behavior.

Q: When you weren't prepared for something (presentation, meeting, etc.). What did you do?

A: A time when I was underprepared for something was when I had a biology presentation within my lab section. I did not understand the experiment thoroughly enough to give a presentation on it thus I rushed and pulled some information out from the lab manual. I ended up asking my TA (teacher's assistant) for a resubmission and went to office hours to explain my circumstances. The lab I had to present on had almost 60 steps and I needed to communicate that I had fallen behind on the understanding of what we were testing in each step.

Q: Where are you from?

A: My parents are immigrants of the West Indies. Many people do not know that my ethnicity exists. My ethnicity is a mix of Indian and Caribbean hence I am labeled as an Indo-Caribbean. My mother was born and raised in the capital San Juan, of Trinidad & Tobago. My father was born in one of the only English speaking countries in South America, Guyana. Guyana is considered part of the Caribbean since it was owned by the British likewise the rest of the Caribbean. Both my parents have ancestry originating from India. My ancestors came from India and have indentured servants and then reproduced in the West Indies.

Q: Why do you plan to stay in NY or move out of NY?

A: Personally, I do not enjoy “city life.” I prefer suburban/residential life. I have lived in New York City since I was born. I love all the experiences that enriched my life but there are also many downsides to this big city. I do not like the inflation prices, I do not enjoy the cramped and congested living areas and I do not enjoy public transportation.

Q: How would your past self view your current self?

A: My past self would be very proud of the progress I have made to become my current self. I have grown in multiple ways including emotional, mental, spiritual, and of course physically

As we conclude our interview with Celine I want to sincerely thank you for allowing us to have a glimpse into her life and thoughts as I come to a conclusion of this enjoyable Q&A session. Examining the tales, encounters, and viewpoints that contribute to Celine's unique personality has been a joy. In addition to learning more about Celine's goals, values, and hobbies during this conversation, we also found common ground that deepens our newfound connection. It serves as a gentle reminder of the value of forming relationships with people and appreciating the variety of human experiences. I sincerely hope that our audience has enjoyed this conversation as much as we have. Never forget that shared moments, understanding, and

appreciation are the foundation of a friendship. We're excited to talk, laugh, and share more experiences with Celine. I appreciate you, Celine, for being honest and sincere and for adding value to our community through your presence.