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Speaker 1 0:14

Johnson, I'm Anthony. And thank you for agreeing to do interviews for our class project. This conversation should last between 30 minutes to an hour. Record this interview and take notes as we talk. The recorded interview will be archived as part of the Georgia Historical Society's Community Archives Initiative. At the end of this interview, I will ask you to fill out a deed of gift that indicates you are willingly donating your story to the Georgia Historical Society for Preservation. We do not have a sheet for you to fill out. I don't know who's supposed to give us that. So we're going to ask, like, do we have permission to record this interview?

Speaker 2 1:00

And we're going to ask, do we have permissions to take photos of any artifacts that you may have brought, or anything like that? And that'll be, and then we might get you to like sending your signature on a blank piece of paper if she wants like a signature for anything. Okay, so y'all ready?

Speaker 3 1:19

Yeah, I was

Speaker 1 1:20

Okay. Um. All right. So, what

Speaker 4 1:24

is

Speaker 1 1:25

your full name, and if you would spell it out for

Speaker 5 1:27

us? Okay.

Speaker 1 1:39

Okay. Is there anything that you'd like to go by,

Speaker 6 1:41

my preferred background.

Speaker 1 1:43

Toby, okay. So, Kobe, do I have permission to record this interview?

Speaker 5 1:48

Sure. All

Speaker 1 1:49

right. Do I have permission to take photos and/or scan any primary source artifacts that she may bring?

Speaker 5 1:55

Yep.

Speaker 1 1:56

Okay. All right. So we're going to start off with some easy questions. Who are you? So, like, how would you classify yourself? Describe yourself to someone if you were to do that.

Speaker 5 2:09

I like myself. I don't like to just because I'm feeling I like to eat. I like to grow, and I like to game on our kitchens.

Speaker 1 2:24

Any particular games or foods that you like to give?

Speaker 6 2:26

For foods, it's mostly Nigerian foods like black, like white rice, chickens to be specifically. And for games, it's mostly first-person treaters catching.

Speaker 1 2:42

All right. Um. So, what do you do? Do you are you like a full time student, or do you have like a part time job at the moment?

Speaker 6 2:49

Um. At this moment, I have a full time student. I still do have a part time job, which you can have a desk business, third floor, housing. Other companies. Yeah.

Speaker 5 3:00

Okay. Where is

Speaker 7 3:00

that?

Speaker 5 3:01

Reading with me.

Speaker 1 3:06

right. So, um, where were you born, and like what year?

Speaker 6 3:11

Okay, I was born in 2005 in Nigeria, specifically in Delta states. I know there's a local one in the area that I'm talking about, but I don't remember because it's in a different. Okay.

Speaker 1 3:23

Is there anything like that you remember from there, or what? Yeah. How old

Speaker 5 3:27

were

Speaker 6 3:28

you? We left the second after I was born. It was kind of like we're traveling to Stockholm because my mom is from the

Speaker 8 3:41

right,

Speaker 6 3:41

so that's just basically what happened.

Speaker 1 3:43

Right, so you weren't like living there, but that's where you were born.

Speaker 5 3:46

Yeah, I currently I current River State in Portland.

Speaker 7 3:53

Oh, okay. Oh, what is that?

Speaker 6 3:55

It's like two hours away from Delta State restaurant.

Speaker 2 4:00

Oh, so y'all were on the way there, and you had to stop. How long were you there before you like came to the U.S.

Speaker 5 4:07

Um, I've been basically I've visited U.S. like to go to Disneyland, but um, I've been there basically at all times until like about two years ago. That

Speaker 9 4:18

college, yeah. I don't think this college is the reason that you came, and your family still all over there?

Speaker 6 4:23

Yeah, everyone's still over there. My sister's probably a lot to go to school, but yeah.

Speaker 1 4:29

Okay, so um, what would you say it was like growing up there? Like, are there any like specifics that you feel you need

Speaker 6 4:37

to? Would say for me personally, I thought they're entertained because of random stuff that was happening everywhere, like a random argument, fights, or like just people yapping about random things to just always be happening, and it was always fun to me.

Speaker 7 4:56

Yeah, I can see that. How many civil.

Speaker 3 5:02

And she's doing college too right now.

Speaker 6 5:04

She's younger than me, but she's also graduated. I started doing college.

Speaker 8 5:09

Okay,

Speaker 1 5:09

and she lives with you there.

Speaker 6 5:11

Yeah, she's

Speaker 9 5:12

a senior.

Speaker 6 5:15

You know, only got one thing. We don't ask about things as senior, junior, and stuff. We kind of use the letters for if you're in middle school. It was like we had secondary school, which was basically the entire high school and every school combined together, and there was GS one, GS, GS three, SS one, SS three, SS three. That's how we classified everything. So she's in SS three. So I would say that's the scale, right? So that's just like part three of school. That's like the final. Yeah. So yeah.

Speaker 1 5:47

I never started the time. Okay. Um. Um. So was there a reason? So your reason for leaving was to come to college.

Speaker 6 5:58

Primary for school and please get internship. That's about

Speaker 1 6:04

it. Okay. Did you initially come to Georgia Southern, or was like there another school that you went to first?

Speaker 6 6:09

No, I initially came to Georgia Southern because I wanted to come to a school where she meets people, right? And a few Nigerians come in that switching with just rather. Right.

Speaker 1 6:20

So how do you like

Speaker 10 6:21

it? Um, so far it's been pretty nice, honestly. Um, apart from like a few like random character issues, it's been mostly fine. Okay, so major.

Speaker 4 6:34

My kind of character. That's very nice.

Speaker 1 6:38

Um, so you said you moved here two years ago, so that would make it 2024 when

Speaker 5 6:44

you. Yeah.

Speaker 1 6:45

Okay. Um. So when you first moved here, did you like just move into a dorm, or did y'all

Speaker 4 6:54

were you okay once? Yeah. What's right? There was some

Speaker 3 7:01

for the first year. You still in there?

Speaker 5 7:04

No, I apologize.

Speaker 1 7:07

Is there anything like specific you remember about like that time from moving from there to here? Any big dramatic?

Speaker 6 7:17

My sister got sick because like they all wanted to cut off, so my sister got sick also being here, and it was really bad. We had to take an indirect flight to Turkey, so in Turkey she got really sick and she couldn't like thoroughly, so they had to basically evacuate her on a stretcher. But she was mostly fine. I don't really get what happened, but she genuinely just couldn't move her. They had to go to a hospital to make sure she was a kid in church.

Speaker 10 7:49

Yeah.

Speaker 8 7:49

How was that?

Speaker 6 7:50

It was confusing. I don't understand anything.

Speaker 8 7:54

Yeah. What language is

Speaker 2 7:56

that?

Speaker 3 7:59

Well, fair. Yeah. What about that? Like, how is it like? Whenever you're traveling, you start to talk when you don't know their language.

Speaker 6 8:10

It's overstimulating because as well as I don't know their language, when they speak English, I just know that I start to understand their accents. Yeah. So it gets confusing at times, so I kind of and I feel bad after saying, "Could you repeat yourself like two times? Yeah,

Speaker 7 8:28

you don't want to just ask me. That's definitely

Speaker 3 8:30

like smile.

Speaker 5 8:30

Yeah, totally. Yeah.

Speaker 1 8:36

Okay. So, was there has there been any other places that you've lived besides Georgia now and

Speaker 6 8:44

then two three. Just like I've stayed at my client's place, which is another part of Nigeria, and it's my labors. And then I stayed at one of my mom's friend's places who lived here. So it was like for a visit, it was basically a holiday. Right, but that was basically

Speaker 1 9:00

so nothing like long term. Okay. Um. So who did you grow up with? Like who was in the home that?

Speaker 5 9:13

Sister. Dad. Said that's just a lot of.

Speaker 1 9:16

Okay. So how would you describe like y'all's um upbringing? Like was there anything like particular that y'all liked to do when you were growing up?

Speaker 6 9:24

Mostly, I would me personally. I my mom would try to get me out of the house a lot, but I didn't particularly like in the house. I go stand in the sun for multiple hours, and then they're playing their game, and so I would just stick into her office like three minutes.

Speaker 7 9:46

Does she like want you to do sports? Do y'all sports?

Speaker 6 9:48

She wanted me to do every possible, every possible.

Speaker 7 9:55

Is that what do y'all like? Do y'all have like the same sports as us here?

Speaker 4 9:58

Uh.

Speaker 6 10:00

Mainly the sport thing was soccer. Soccer. That's mainly the sport for us and occasionally a smaller minority basketball.

Speaker 1 10:09

Okay, so did you play soccer, or was there any hobbies that like did stick that you like?

Speaker 6 10:14

I played soccer for most um most um my entire school year until I reached college, it was mostly I was nurse, mostly goalkeeper, and that was about it. I if we're talking about clubs that did it, was like a robotics club that I did. It

Speaker 11 10:35

was nice, it was fun, but half of the time it kind of felt like a talk about time. Right,

Speaker 1 10:42

it

Speaker 5 10:42

was. actually reading from structure as they were talking to us.

Speaker 9 10:46

Like they were supposed to say certain things that they were saying. Yeah. Yeah. I can say that, especially if you felt like they knew more than they say anymore. Yeah. There

Speaker 6 10:55

were times I asked them questions. I had to tell between weeks so they could. I didn't know that people could.

Speaker 1 11:07

Okay, so where you grew up, what was the place like? Like, what was the like anything you would like to describe about where you grew up?

Speaker 6 11:17

Okay, so where I grew up was kind of like I don't know how to describe it other than overstimulating because it was just kind of like too much shit was happening at the same

Speaker 8 11:32

time. True too.

Speaker 6 11:34

Too much stuff was happening at the same time, and it was kind of like every single second there was something always happening, or there was some problem that people were arguing about, or some debate that he wanted to argue about. It was just kind of water every morning. Yeah, yeah, it was just about that.

Speaker 2 11:54

Yeah, yeah. Come in here. Do you have like roommates?

Speaker 11 11:58

Uh, yeah. At the moment, I have roommates, and I really like that. They're all really chill.

Speaker 7 12:03

Is it? You said you lived like Hopper Beach. Was that like apartment or?

Speaker 11 12:07

It's a townhouse.

Speaker 3 12:10

Oh, that's awesome. That's a lot better than Kennedy. Yeah. Is it not? Is it not? Why? What's wrong

Speaker 6 12:20

with it? What? is really the best way I can put it?

Speaker 7 12:25

So like something will be wrong, and you like try to get fixed when they don't do

Speaker 6 12:28

it. I had a a mess of bed phase for like a good year plus before I finally just swapped it out.

Speaker 7 12:37

Yourself?

Speaker 12 12:37

Yeah, I just had to swap it out for to get it From

Speaker 6 12:44

they, I was rumored to it every freshman year, and I removed one of their because they moved out. So I removed one of their bed frames and just swapped it out. So now I feel bad because I like my new roommates, and one of them has the messed up bed frame. But I

Speaker 3 13:00

don't know, don't hurt them.

Speaker 1 13:02

Yeah, as long as they're in the door.

Speaker 3 13:05

Yeah.

Speaker 10 13:05

All right.

Speaker 7 13:08
How many roommates is it?

Speaker 6 13:09
It's current.

Speaker 1 13:15
Uh, you're good. Um, so um, where you grew up? Um, have you been like over there recently to see like if any if there's been any changes since you left?

Speaker 6 13:27
I haven't been able to go back there since I got here.

Speaker 2 13:32
Have you like been in communication with your sister or your mom about it?

Speaker 6 13:36
I've been in communication with my mom. My sister is a big antisocial way. He's like over. was kind of just saying what's up and checking for a live, and that's about it.

Speaker 4 13:47
Yeah, how

Speaker 3 13:48
long does that flight? Like I know it's probably Moscow, but

Speaker 6 13:51
if it's from here to, I think it's like 15 hours. But you took indirect, so it was basically like a day or two. We're traveling. Right.

Speaker 1 14:05
See, I've never even been on a plane. Really, like I've never flown. So, is

Speaker 5 14:12
there like you scared of heights, or you just never had to?

Speaker 1 14:15
Well, I've never had to, but I'm not scared of heights. My mom's scared of heights, and most of the traveling we do is like as a family, so it's like she won't do it, so we can't do it. So, but it's just working.

Speaker 6 14:30
I would say long flights are really nice. They're really relaxing.

Speaker 7 14:34

I disagree. I hate them.

Speaker 6 14:36

I kind of just like having a movie bag and just watch for the. How

Speaker 3 14:40

long was the longest one from Nigeria?

Speaker 6 14:43

That was, I think, I've never taken it direct. Like, yeah, I was taking it direct to say direct. I think it was from here to because I had to go from Turkey to Lagos to Lagos to Turkey. From Lagos to Turkey is like. A good, no actually no. Turkey to New York was way longer. Turkey to New York was like a good 11 hour flight. If I'm wrong, I've been

Speaker 9 15:09

on a 12 hour flight before, and can't even like stand up or anything. Like yeah,

Speaker 10 15:15

I played.

Speaker 7 15:16

Yeah, you can still stand up, but like just like sitting like see,

Speaker 1 15:19

I've been like on a nine hour bus ride, and that was so. I was I was at a bus. Well, it was a school trip, and it was like a full school bus. So it wasn't even like nice seating. It was just like the little bench seating. So that was.

Speaker 6 15:41

I I just don't need to go see me at this any time. Yeah, I would rather stand for concerns. The only thing I really dislike about me was if I get sat next to oh. Oh yeah, no, I agree. Yeah, yeah, and when I was coming here, I got seven. So women did not like she got on the flight, passed the L out, and her child seemed more infatuated with what I was doing than your brother. Yeah,

Speaker 1 16:14

and that was the was that the 11

Speaker 5 16:16

hours? No. Of course, it would be 11 hours. Of course,

Speaker 1 16:20

it couldn't have been shorter. All right, let's see. So, what places about Nigeria and in comparison, the United States, or where you've been in the United States, like stand out most to

Speaker 6 16:39

you? For Nigeria, the specific thing that stands out to me, this specific place that stands out to me is this place called Old Bumi Castle Ranch, which is basically like a mountain resort, and it's really nice. It's not particularly old. I think it's open up during only one part of the year, but like it's really nice. The only issue is you have to walk to everywhere, and it's kind of an entire mountain range, so it's exhausting. But yeah, it's also pretty cold. It's pretty high up, but it's really nice for the most part.

Speaker 10 17:14

Is it like something that you like?

Speaker 11 17:19

You can drive, and you can also hike. My mom wanted to hike. You

Speaker 4 17:24

want

Speaker 5 17:25

to hike? No, I

Speaker 1 17:31

stay. I mean, y'all got to see the same stuff.

Speaker 5 17:32

Yes, for the most part, yeah.

Speaker 1 17:36

Um, so what about uh the United States or Georgia or any part of the United States that you've been to. Is there anything that stands out or that was like very different? Yeah.

Speaker 6 17:49

For the United States, when I came into Disneyland, that was like genuinely that was the thing that specifically stood out to me, right? Because it was kind of a lot going on at the same time. It was pretty fun. There was food I hadn't tried before. Never seen a squirrel before because I'm pretty sure squirrels going to Nigeria. Really?

Speaker 7 18:11

What kind of animals do I have?

Speaker 6 18:13

Um, mostly kind of like you see the occasional children on the road, yeah, a dog, a cat. That's about it. There wasn't really any farm. Yeah, just farm like me. You wouldn't really see any like wrapped up animal stuff. Just be existing there, right?

And see in Georgia, like they're on the place. I'm sure you've had a few encounters with squirrels. There's not very many deer. Down here, yeah.

Speaker 1 18:45
As we go a little

Speaker 9 18:45
bit around, you

Speaker 8 18:47
have to like

Speaker 10 18:48
if

Speaker 9 18:48
it's nighttime, you have to like drive slow, or if you're gonna hit a

Speaker 2 18:51
deer, they're everything.

Speaker 7 18:54
But anyways, continue back business. Sorry. Um, but um, for the most part, business

Speaker 6 19:00
was just all over the place. I got to feed a bunch of animals, even though I'm definitely afraid of animals by like watching them. For that's about it.

Speaker 7 19:09
Just not was it like a petting

Speaker 6 19:11
clue? No, it was like we were at Sea World and we're supposed to feed like stim rays, and I had seen soon. They were like, I think they weren't poisonous, but like I was still like also scared. Like yeah, if you could still do something. I don't.

Speaker 1 19:26
You're like this is not working.

Speaker 5 19:28
Yes.

Speaker 1 19:29
Yeah, I can see. I can see all that. Um, are there any types of um local gatherings or events that y'all have in Nigeria that y'all participated in? Um. Okay.

Speaker 6 19:42

So for the most part, yes, because of Nigeria is generally a very religious country. There is what

Speaker 7 19:51

religion?

Speaker 6 19:52

It's a mix of either it's either of Catholic Christianity or Islam. Those are the main three religions, minus the people who are like with cults, but there are some. They're like a communal. They're like religious cults.

Speaker 7 20:11

What are they believing?

Speaker 6 20:15

Mostly these Nigerian gods, either that or the decrease.

Speaker 3 20:24

Did I do that?

Speaker 10 20:27

Not as

Speaker 4 20:27

much anymore. Yeah, definitely.

Speaker 7 20:32

Were you guys religious, like your family? Uh,

Speaker 6 20:34

yeah, we're understanding that votes haven't have any increase in understanding. Yeah,

Speaker 2 20:41

that's awesome. All

Speaker 1 20:43

right, just to go back on that question, the gatherings and events. Oh

Speaker 6 20:47

yeah, the main gathering, but we'll see religious gatherings. After every Sunday, we would eat together to like basically do like an extra meet up. It's kind of like a potluck with less food, or and more talking. That's basically it. And then like we don't celebrate Halloween because it's a double holiday. But for most of the gatherings, it's mostly just Christmas, the entirety of December, New Year's, Good Friday,

Resurrection Sunday. I think that's under like Sundays on occasion when we have to, you know, that's about it. That's about the gathering.

Speaker 1 21:36

Well, have you have you been in Georgia during like Christmas and all these different gatherings. Is there anything like different that y'all do in Nigeria that like we wouldn't do, or that we do here that y'all wouldn't

Speaker 6 21:48

do? Okay, for specifically, for actually for most of them, it's kind of different because in Nigeria, people are like they're they're either going to be incredibly like quiet or incredibly loud to encounter it. Right. There is no in between. So like the difference is like here you can have like a mix of people.

Speaker 4 22:12

Right. Like

Speaker 6 22:13

a mix of people, and for the most part, it's not really religious. Some of the time it's just kind of just gatherings for like holidays and stuff. But Nigeria, it's like mainly religious, and it's kind of either or. Everyone has to be quiet, so everyone has to talk and teach each other. Right,

Speaker 7 22:28

Christmas like Christmas, I believe. Even if people aren't Christian, they're still gonna celebrate Christmas. Yeah, like

Speaker 1 22:34

Santa Claus, Christmas movies, all all that stuff. But there, it's like mainly.

Speaker 6 22:39

It's mainly just religious people normally people aren't Asian nature. I don't even think they celebrate Christmas because they name polite Christmas is actually just

Speaker 7 22:51

polite. Here we just like celebrated anyways. Right,

Speaker 1 22:57

they kind of do like the commercial celebration of Christmas. Yeah. See. Do you have any stories or memories that come to mind from growing up in Nigeria that you'd like to share? Um,

Speaker 10 23:14

like divine story.

Speaker 1 23:17

Oh, like you know, like something that happened when you were like younger. That's just like

Speaker 3 23:23

tell us about. I want to know about school. I want to know about like those school boards.

Speaker 6 23:27

Okay, so depending what which kind of school do you want to know about how like primary school they should basically like younger than middle school, or do you want to know about after how

Speaker 7 23:38

like how did y'all do it? Did y'all like have class like the same way we did.

Speaker 6 23:41

So the way you did it was essentially you had class from okay. So if you're in primary school, which is like younger years, you have class from eight a.m. to about like 2p.m. You had like two breaks, and that was a and you had really long periods in between.

Speaker 7 24:03

Was it like teaching Swifts, like from class to class, or was it just like

Speaker 5 24:06

was one class or that was how

Speaker 7 24:11

many kids were young with? Like how many? Uh, it

Speaker 6 24:12

was around 30 to 40 ish per class. It could get congested depending because if you went to a public school, you could have like 100 plus. Wow, it it was kind of very congested. But if you went to a private school, it was mostly just 30 to 40 students. Right,

Speaker 4 24:34

there's a little private

Speaker 6 24:35

school. Yeah, there was funnily enough a primary school that lived there that was like on the same street where I lived, so it was just an easy walk there for the most part. For secondary school, my mom decided to go with the boarding school approach, which I don't like. But basically, I had to go to a boarding school that was like seven. A seven-hour drive away from where I was, and the place that the police was at Bolster didn't have an airport, so I had to pack to drive there, and it was a

very uncomfortable drive because there was like a very packed van, a very small packed van that gladly was on the verge of breaking gas. Wait,

Speaker 7 25:20

so it wasn't your mom that would like come and get you? It was like a school van.

Speaker 4 25:24

She didn't want to deal with it. Yeah, no,

Speaker 7 25:30

just you had to deal with

Speaker 6 25:32

it. Then for secondary school, the only difference I would see between here and there is mainly the like there is a heavily religious separatory schools, and they allowed it to students. Oh, oh, yes.

Speaker 11 25:48

Like there are like specific teachers that allowed.

Speaker 7 25:52

Is it like a like a punch or like a

Speaker 6 25:53

no? Like they would do it. There was a specific type of branch. No, it wasn't. It was like a cane, basically. Right. There was a specific cane made to hurt like a big house, and that was what was shown.

Speaker 9 26:11

Did that ever happen to you? Did you ever like get in trouble?

Speaker 6 26:14

I I didn't particularly get in trouble, but if but there was this annoying thing they would do where like if like okay, let's say they were doing like a class, like everyone was doing an exam. There was a specific teacher I did in passion. He wanted everyone to like get the class average in mathematics of like eight. The class average was 60. I got an 85, but he said everyone in the class today they asked for that

Speaker 3 26:42

change, so that happened to you, but like not.

Speaker 6 26:45

Yeah, a lot of the time I would just get caught in the first round for some making, right?

Speaker 8 26:51
Punish my brother. It

Speaker 5 26:52
was like wow. Yeah.

Speaker 1 26:57
Well, let's see. Well, that was our required question. So now, any of these, if you feel uncomfortable with any of them, you can just skip it. But they're mostly surface level stuff. So, all right. Did you choose to come to this country, or was it kind of like chosen for you? I know you said that your mom thought that it would be good for you to come here Specifically, but it

Speaker 6 27:22
kind of was because I didn't want to go to Canada instead. Uh

Speaker 1 27:28
huh.

Speaker 6 27:29
But my mom kind of said that she didn't really know anyone from Canada, so like she would have rather she preferred here. Yeah.

Speaker 1 27:37
Was there a specific like a specific school in Canada you

Speaker 6 27:41
were? It was I think, or the University of Manaus. There were one, but that was just the main school. Right.

Speaker 1 27:54
Okay. Um. Uh. That was actually a question. What was the most difficult part of leaving, or was there, or was there a difficult part? The

Speaker 10 28:07
most difficult part was specifically I do like the food a lot in Nigeria.

Speaker 8 28:14
Yeah,

Speaker 6 28:14
and I also don't like cold the cold, so the weather here, especially when it's like just the

Speaker 7 28:24
old. Yeah, because isn't it like hot like year round? Like for winter, it's still as hot.

Speaker 6 28:29

Uh, yeah. Basically, we only have like basically two seasons, which is raining or trice. Just the entire season when it basically rains almost every day, and it gets hot as hell, but um,

Speaker 1 28:43

but it's humid.

Speaker 6 28:44

Yeah, then the dry season-it's just hot as hell all the time. Doesn't rain, basically doesn't rain throughout the entire day of that season. That's about it. So

Speaker 1 28:54

coming here is kind of

Speaker 7 28:55

the yeah, like during

Speaker 1 28:56

the day, especially when we have like a big rain spell where it's just like

Speaker 4 29:04

senior state. Yeah, it's just rockets.

Speaker 8 29:07

Fairly bad, especially in

Speaker 9 29:09

Georgia. Especially Georgia is like bipolar weather.

Speaker 2 29:12

Yeah, I think I think our state is like the most bipolar out of all the states, especially when it comes to weather. It's definitely

Speaker 4 29:19

because it says it's not going to get a rain. And

Speaker 1 29:25

say the past two years you've been here is snow during winter, and say like that's not normal. Normally doesn't do that.

Speaker 9 29:34

Also, whenever it is winter, like during the day, it'll be like 80 degrees, and then like in the evening, it'll be like 40, you know, like Friday. Like

Speaker 1 29:42

it'll snow that afternoon into the night, and then by like lunchtime, it's all about.

Speaker 9 29:47

It's sunny and like, yeah. So,

Speaker 1 29:54

um, are there any present possessions that you brought with you on? If you did, why were they important or anything?

Speaker 9 30:05

Just from like just from like Nigeria, like to here, like like is there anything that's like specific? Not like here today. Like is there anything you brought with

Speaker 6 30:16

you? I didn't really parody end keepsakes. It was mostly just clothes, and I think a phone. I think that would technically be my keepsake, a Nigerian phone I had, but it stopped working. So all of my photos and stuff like Staff Santa got on. The

Speaker 3 30:36

difference.

Speaker 6 30:41

Most Nigerian phones, the average Nitro testicle get outdated, and you can tell that like they kinda didn't try the phone.

Speaker 8 30:54

Right.

Speaker 10 30:55

So

Speaker 7 30:55

is it like still like a screen, or is it like buttons?

Speaker 6 30:58

Uh, you can get the button one, but mostly most people nowadays take the screen,

Speaker 7 31:04

right?

Speaker 10 31:04

And that's mostly apart from the fact that you should never take care of them to an individual technician because they will they will fix it and then spoil something else when you guys are back. Yeah.

Speaker 4 31:18

Oh, sure. Something else. Yes. Yes. Great.

Speaker 1 31:22

Um. you feel comfortable, like taking a picture, can always take a picture and then send it to something, and he can, we can include it on something. But it's it's fine. Actually, what languages do y'all speak there, or what languages do you speak? If there's any other than English,

Speaker 6 31:45

and the primary language is English, but the general language that Patric sends me using is either broken English, the base Asian English, or Yoruba Hausa. That's just mainly the three languages or tribes that nature is split into, and then there are a bunch of sublanguages. Not really sublanguage, just a bunch of smaller languages. I, my mom, and me are part of a smaller language called Uruguay, and that's just basically kind of it. The languages, the tribes to know, like all

Speaker 3 32:25

year long.

Speaker 6 32:27

Yeah, there are kind of like stereotypes about like bully or about person. It's stingy that people person likes to spend money, but it's selfish. It's kind of just every. Yes. Yes. There was a point where, like, I'm pretty sure Nigeria was gonna legally split into three countries because the tribes couldn't get on each other.

Speaker 7 32:52

And what? Yeah, for real. What's the like? Where do the tribes live at? Like,

Speaker 6 32:57

the Eurobar people live on the left side of Nigeria, that people who live on the right and the houses live mostly off north. The south side is where most of other languages just live because they don't want to deal with the rest of the country. That's about it.

Speaker 1 33:14

So they just tend to stay separated, and when they're not, they fight.

Speaker 5 33:18

Yeah.

Speaker 7 33:18

From here, whenever I think you drive, I think like Indians. Like, is it like that? Is it like like what do they live in?

Speaker 6 33:25

They live mostly in houses. There are a few like smaller villages that are like that, but like for the most part, everyone just lives like that. You just still keep their tribe thing, right? It's

Speaker 1 33:38

not like oh yeah, it's not like old timey, but it's they still maintain that. Like I was thinking

Speaker 3 33:43

of like 10 feet mentality. Like

Speaker 1 33:45

yeah, it's just the mentality of it. Um, what stories do you have about like uh parents or wait? I actually had one more

Speaker 9 33:56

question about the other question. What's broken English? Uh,

Speaker 6 33:59

it's essentially very shortened. Not really shortened. It's just kind of like they change certain words because they some people don't really get like actual English, so they just do broken English because it's easier. For instance, if somebody saying what is happening, they say it's the app instead. Okay, that's cool. So yeah, that's first. Basically, it's just basically English to help people who don't really understand English. So

Speaker 1 34:26

like a simplified.

Speaker 6 34:27

Yeah. So most that version of English in Nigeria. Okay. Are

Speaker 1 34:33

there any stories that have been passed down from your parents or grandparents that are like heritage of things?

Speaker 6 34:42

Ah, I don't know about heritage, but I do have one story that my mom passed down, which was like my grandma. She's passed away, but like my grandma, she was very she was a very scary feeling because like why. The one story, minus the fact that I met her and I can't verify that she's scared, but the one time I heard a story from her, it was basically my mom telling me about this one time that somebody tried to steal from her house, and in response, my grandma grabbed a machete and cut off the person's, I think, either finger or the entire hand, and she has, and she kept said and brought it to the hospital to give it to the person. The person didn't want to back

out of fear, and that she has that hand in her house. It's still there. I've seen them.
What is

Speaker 9 35:45

it? What does she just keep it in like a tupper layer? Who wouldn't keep? Is it

Speaker 12 35:49

like blank? Jars. Is

Speaker 5 35:50

she standing? Yeah, it looks. It's just there at this point. Yeah.

Speaker 9 36:00

Sounds like a badass.

Speaker 12 36:07

What's the weirdest thing, or something you find weird about being there instead of right here? I feel like you that that was cute.

Speaker 1 36:25

It's like

Speaker 5 36:25

everything,

Speaker 10 36:26

specifically how you fry everything.

Speaker 9 36:32

Yeah, I think we're definitely the best.

Speaker 6 36:35

I think when I went to a fair with him, I think we went. Oh, is this a fair?

Speaker 6 36:41

I think so, and there was deep fried Oreos, and I was like, "No. I tried it; they're good, but I didn't even think of that.

Speaker 1 36:52

I mean, it's it's weird, but it's but it's new.

Speaker 12 36:57

But I'm okay.

Speaker 5 37:00

So made. I think so. I don't think about it. You

Speaker 1 37:05

think about it. That's weird. It's just like deep fried like pancake. It's so liquidy pancake mix, and then you deep fry it. But it's like it's just good. Then you put powdered sugar on it. It's really unhealthy, but it's good.

Speaker 5 37:23

Isn't pancor already fried? Or no, it's

Speaker 1 37:28

it's it's not fried because it's not in court. It

Speaker 5 37:32

says so.

Speaker 1 37:33

It's like sea.

Speaker 12 37:34

Pancakes like pan fry. So

Speaker 6 37:36

pan fry it, then you dip it in your deep fryer. Yeah,

Speaker 12 37:39

you snip. Yeah, you skip the pan. Okay, you just

Speaker 2 37:42

you just put

Speaker 12 37:43

it like a pancake.

Speaker 7 37:44

You fry like on a pan, but like a funnel cake in the pan.

Speaker 5 37:52

Oh yeah,

Speaker 13 37:54

I guess so.

Speaker 1 37:56

I can't think of something we have.

Speaker 7 38:01

That's why. That's why everybody gets so fat. That's why.

Speaker 9 38:07

So, what about like okay, everybody that I know that like isn't from here, they'll say like our portion size. It's like what's the difference between like portion size? It's like in Nigeria.

Speaker 6 38:18

I would say halfly the portion size. Really? on average? Because if you've ever seen, I don't know how to explain this, but Nigerians love oil. He can attest to this, but he said because Nigerians love oil and the sheer amount of food that we have. Like, if you saw like, for instance, the amounts of food I normally eat, I could eat like this plate and then another plate of like straight either micro yards.

Speaker 4 38:54

Fair, me too.

Speaker 8 38:56

I love you. Um, she asked you.

Speaker 7 39:03

Opera

Speaker 12 39:07

still on the table. The

Speaker 3 39:09

offer's still on the table.

Speaker 10 39:11

That's um.

Speaker 5 39:14

What would you cook?

Speaker 4 39:18

Everything. Are you sure about that? No, she

Speaker 1 39:24

definitely picked. But I would try. I can't promise I like everything, but I try everything.

Speaker 6 39:32

Uh, I could. There was this one thing. There was um. I think I made a decision for Carson. I think she liked it. She she said she liked it, so I might make it out. It is made out of I don't know how to describe it. It's kind of like it's made out primarily

crushed melons mixed with something else mixed mixed in the water and then fry it in palm oil.

Speaker 10 40:01

Okay. It's interesting, but it works, and it tastes good if you do it right. It tastes hard. Yeah.

Speaker 7 40:10

There's like rarely anything that I don't like. I eat anything.

Speaker 6 40:15

That's exactly my same thing, except for seafood. You don't like seafood? No, I can eat seafood. I like the taste of seafood. I just don't like how it looks.

Speaker 9 40:23

Oh, that's fair. It doesn't look good, but it does taste good. Like crab

Speaker 6 40:28

legs. Yeah, they all look creepy.

Speaker 1 40:32

So do you not like like well, you don't like the look of like crab legs or?

Speaker 6 40:38

I don't like the how they look in general, and then I don't like thinking about the fact that they were alive like five minutes ago.

Speaker 1 40:46

Right.

Speaker 10 40:47

Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 1 40:49

See, like they were like my favorite, and I just just forget about the fact that they were just boiled.

Speaker 4 40:57

I was still orange strips. No, don't either. No, no.

Speaker 12 41:01

Like I like like I still have. Yes, I

Speaker 6 41:06

feel like I will try it once, but it just looks.

Speaker 7 41:10

Most people will say that they like the taste of it, but they don't like the texture of it. Like that's the biggest thing. I

Speaker 1 41:16

don't like people. I think

Speaker 7 41:18

they taste good. It's just if you can get past like how it like feels in your mouth.

Speaker 6 41:25

Looks like the texture is gonna be

Speaker 1 41:28

like how it tastes.

Speaker 9 41:30

No, don't believe her. Don't believe it.

Speaker 12 41:34

It's not.

Speaker 1 41:37

Um, let's see. Are there any like kinds of entertainment that's different over there? Like, I know y'all had like had TV, but like, were there any like different?

Speaker 6 41:51

Uh, mostly we love having basically sports events, specifically soccer. A lot of soccer, kind of. It's kind of like a soccer crazy thing, right? Like there, like there were a lot of events. All schools would always do like inter sports where they would play against another school and against in soccer. There was like a whole. It was um. Then apart from soccer, we had occasional random events that were thrown by either concert and like famous people in Nigeria, or just generally random rich people that just want people to come dance, like so that they can show off or whatever. Right. Yeah. Yeah. That's basically that's basically most of what the gatherings are about from like random bars? That's about it.

Speaker 1 42:44

Um, did y'all have like movie theaters in Nigeria?

Speaker 6 42:48

Yep. Although they they used to be packed as hell. Although after COVID, a lot less people still like basically nobody goes to any more. Right. Unless, like, they want the absolute name wants to see a braz. It's funny at all. Right. Yeah.

Speaker 1 43:06

Um. Have you been to a movie theater here?

Speaker 5 43:12

No. Okay. I

Speaker 1 43:13

was gonna ask if there was a. This is Nigerian versions, but

Speaker 6 43:17

like movies that aren't here. You can't boast. You got boobs. most, if not all, of the movies you all got here, and then we get Nigeria. Additional stuff, yeah. They're entertaining. That's the best way to put it. Entertaining and funny, even though they are not trying to define these times as serious, but it's just like because a lot of the time Nigerians are dramatic. I'm dramatic as well, and they get you can see that they overexaggerate. Like

Speaker 1 43:57

you can see the acting like that. It's like if you're dramatic already, and you're trying to be dramatic. Yes, then it's like it's like overload. It's

Speaker 11 44:06

like overload. Like sometimes the acting is good, and sometimes they get shot in a bullet in their leg and they're holding their chest. Yeah,

Speaker 8 44:14

I see what you mean. Like it's funny. Like some movies are just like so off the wall that is safe. I did that.

Speaker 7 44:26

Yes, I saw that one, and actually, it was hilarious. But they weren't trying to be.

Speaker 1 44:32

Um. Oh, advice. These are going to be our last two questions, so we're kind of like wrapping it up a little bit. If someone you knew was planning on coming to this country or this community in particular, what would you tell them to expect?

Speaker 6 44:49

I would say bring a lot of clothes. Probably bring the if you don't if you didn't like insurance. A lot of that, and lastly, get ready to socialize. Yeah, yeah, get ready to talk a little bit about it. Yeah, they kind

Speaker 1 45:10

of break you from being in your midst.

Speaker 5 45:12

Yes.

Speaker 1 45:13

Um. So you mentioned the winter closed. So like right now, like this temperature, would you say that this is like still hot or just fine? This is nice. I like I like sitting outside and hot.

Speaker 4 45:28

Okay,

Speaker 1 45:29

so like when we saw that

Speaker 7 45:31

this is like

Speaker 2 45:33

this. I'm

Speaker 9 45:33

going inside. So

Speaker 1 45:34

like 70s, you'd be cold.

Speaker 6 45:38

I wouldn't say like cold. I would want it would be like an uncomfortable version of warm when it's like not warm enough, but it's not cold. That's not your spam, right? Yeah. Okay.

Speaker 1 45:50

So you like absolutely hate it when it's below 60.

Speaker 6 45:54

Here's the thing. That's the weird thing. I like it when it's cold in my house, not outside. Not outside. Yes. That's fair.

Speaker 7 46:00

Because so you can get on a blanket and like feel cozy,

Speaker 4 46:03

and it comes with like the weather too. But the weather is different when it's cold. Cold. Yeah, it's it gets way cold, obviously, about my house. But it's just like it gets to a point. Why is it still cold? I don't like doing this, and I still walk too fast.

Speaker 7 46:22

Especially when like the wind blows, you're like nobody talks to me. Like

Speaker 9 46:28
no talking weather, like

Speaker 6 46:30
as fast as possible. So

Speaker 1 46:34
see, that's me in the heat. I'm just like, I'm ready for the temperature to drop just a little bit. So, what advice would you give to that person? Speaking of the last question, if someone was planning on coming, what advice would you give to them about whether or not they should come?

Speaker 6 46:55
I would say they should come for the experience because it will force them to like get out of their comfort zone because I feel like a lot of ventures are kind of stubborn. I think refuse to get out of their comfort zone unless you basically force them. I was exactly I'm still exactly saying, but um, basically you kind of have to if you go out to kind of have to correct outside violence about it.

Speaker 1 47:22
But you'll be social. You just have to be forced to do it.

Speaker 10 47:26
Depends on me.

Speaker 7 47:29
But like you, I feel like you like talked about like you told a conversation.

Speaker 11 47:33
I can't. It's just I. No, it's not like I said. I don't want. I don't want to explain it. It's just like sometimes naturally, it's like

Speaker 12 47:42
it's sore of it. That's the hard part. Yes, that's the next part. Yeah,

Speaker 1 47:46
I understand. Exactly.

Speaker 7 47:50
Or like you're not gonna start it. Like you're not gonna, like somebody starts it with you, then start it. Yeah,

Speaker 6 47:55
yeah. They expect me to start it. We're gonna sit

Speaker 4 47:59
here and stop. Yeah,

Speaker 1 48:00
I feel the exact same way. I do not like starting a conversation. It's not at all. But I think we did good. Is there any additional things that you or comments that you have, questions you have for us or anything? All right. Um, we have. I don't have the time or the date yet, but we have when we're going to be presenting like this. We're supposed to make a poster and everything with it. If you want to come, you can. It's not mandatory, but we just had to invite. We just have to invite you as

Speaker 7 48:40
part of the

Speaker 1 48:41
set,

Speaker 10 48:44
but.