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Oh

Marlon L. & Louis C.  
Can you say hello to like, hello? Testing one two

Jamel J  
What's your name?

Luis Canul.  
Louis

Jamel J.  
where and when were you born?

Luis Canul.  
I was born in Pasadena California in 1980.

Jamel J.  
How would you describe your culture?

Luis Canul  
Can you be a little bit more specific?

Jamel J.  
Like What how would you describe your athletic like

Luis Canul.  
Mexican Mexican?

Jamel J.  
When and how did you or your family come to South Central?

Luis Canul.  
We just moved over here to to find cheaper apartments. At that time, yeah.

We've been kind of investment into this. Yeah.

Marlon L.  
How would you describe the environment? Here? In South Central? Um,

Luis C.  
it was a lot more turbulent, I guess. Yeah. Like, there was more like, gang presence. I guess.

Speaker 2

It was a phone call. Or like, we're, haha southcentral. already knew we're here. And how would you say that matches up with

Luis C.

my mom and dad. It's more a medical more of a peaceful vibe. I get more of a peaceful world compared to back then. A little bit. Not that not that much safer. But you do feel a little bit safer going out at night around here?

Jamel J.

How would you describe why?

Speaker 1

You don't go out at night? Yeah, you want to go out? And?

Speaker 2

Yeah. Now I know. Back then, what do you feel like? Are South Central's memory streets?

Luis C.

The people, the people that sort of

Jamel J.

how would you describe their weaknesses? It wasn't

Luis C.

like, it's a weakness and a strength, I think but that they think they're worried about the own things, right. That's how they they're able to survive. But when they're only worried about their themselves, they don't think about their their neighbors. So there's no sense of community.

Jamel J

How would you describe your life in Los Angeles? Um, and then the project was

Luis C.

a little troublesome. But overall, well, blessed as less likely less did you

Jamel J.

go to high school in LA? I did. You how'd you describe your basketball. What was the experience? Such as?

Luis C.

It was? It was fun. It was fun. Yeah. I think it wasn't really academic wise. It wasn't that challenging. People that was fun. I had a good time.

Marlon L.

So when you say I didn't even know that they were all like, school system. It was easier.

Luis C.

Yeah. Yeah. Cuz I don't know if it's like that now. But teachers, if you just talk next to the teachers, they'll be like, Okay, you're getting a, you know.

Jamel J.

When you were when you were young, did you find a job in South Central?

Luis C.

It wasn't in south central but I had a job. Yes.

Jamel J.

During that time. So can you tell us what you used to do?

Luis C.

I worked for the LAPD Los Angeles Public Library. So I worked at a my school my my brand where I worked at was in front of Los Angeles. Hi. So right across the street from their Memorial Park. In reality, it

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was fast happening like

taking into like housing and like utility like those and stuff. They're totally legit better. The riots on the night?

Luis C.

Yeah, but it was the main the main issue with with that was about almost the whole paycheck would go towards housing. And that's not the way it should be. If you pay any more than 30% but just found out more than 30% of your paycheck goes to housing then that's insecurity housing insecurity not supposed to pay that much

Speaker 1

All right. That's it. Yeah, sure. You guys, when was the first time that you get that from thing else. Okay, the other guy you get one question each whenever you get a whole paycheck. And I was like all scared like,

Marlon L.

how did we save for you? I saw him it was easy to find a job or free polo like

Luis C.

I don't want no, definitely not. No, not at all. And it's only because I did a summer program where I work during the summer, and I was able to get into the library to work there because

they liked me there. So that's the only reason but not at that time. So you got to jump because you knew that people Yeah, because of the summer program that I took advantage over.

Jewel W. & Luis C.

At that time, I liked it in Pasadena better. I felt sad when I moved over here. But then because it was hard in here, it was hard. So we couldn't sit like this at a table, you know, black and brown. We couldn't sit like this because we had we were retarded. We fight amongst each other. You know, it was like, like a certain type of, like, mindful being agains each other. Yeah, definitely. And It was so dumb. There's no reason, you know, so so. So that's what I didn't like, over there. It was more more white people. So they were more like, a little bit less intimidated our guests. We didn't feel like they had a fight with us. Because they had the upper hand, you know, but right here we're fighting against each other for no reason. So yeah.

Jamel J.

When he was in high school, I was teachers.

Luis C.

No, not at all. Not at all. Yeah, network and like, like I said, they if you talk to the teacher, you'll get an A in the past you there is no you don't have to break record, you don't have to do nothing. There is nothing there is no homework. If you did the homework, they didn't care, nothing, which was bad. And my looking back, it was bad. Because I would have grown up a lot better having a sense of duty having a sense of self, you know, but But you know, it is what it is?

Marlon L.

Do you went to college? If so, where did you go and go manager, okay, so I've taken college courses.

Luis C.

I went to Los Angeles Trade Tech, radar, Washington was familiar with them. And then a bill that was just recently when I made it up to 11th grade in high school. And then for my 12th grade, because I was ditching all the time, I didn't think I thought I was gonna have to repeat the 11th grade. And I didn't so I joined the Navy. And then when I went into the Navy when I was 17. And that's what I did. Then I got out. And when I came back, that's when I went to college. But no one in high school told me that I could go to college. No one told me that. As a matter of fact, I had a girlfriend who wanted to go to college, and then I told my counselor, and she was surprised Oh, you want to go to college? I didn't know that, like her job to know that it's her job to push us to college. And and I feel that it was because I was Latino. Because I haven't been that they didn't push that. So yeah, that's I'm disappointed with that. I hope that your counselors and your teachers are pushing you guys to go to college because whatever they say even to go to community college, it's free. And they say it's too expensive. It's free. It's free. So to go you're going along with this fall my nephew just got accepted he's going in Fall Yeah, let me show you a picture of him so that we you know who I'm talking about. Oh, you both are going Oh nice.

Luis C.  
What about you man?

Marlon L.  
LATTC

Luis C.  
All right, cool. Yeah, Tech is good man. Are you trying to do what's your major right now?

Marlon L.  
I want to get into the motorcycle?

Luis L.  
Oh, okay. You know you have to do automotive first and then motorcycle it's like it's like a offshoot of that but but yeah that's that's good. Especially with the the new electrical stuff that's coming out that's gonna be that's gonna be cool.

Marlon L.  
Yeah, I was thinking jump into electrical after.

Luis C.  
okay. Yeah, that's good. Let me see, My bad I'm trying to...

Luis C.  
what about you guys? What are you guys doing?

Jewel W.  
Kinesiology?

Luis C.  
All right, all right, and you?

Jamel J.  
I'm going to school to become an EMT.

Luis C.  
Oh, okay. That's good. That's good. Why EMT though?

Jamel J.  
Later so I can become a paramedic.

Luis C.

that's what I was gonna say. Just shoot for paramedic. Go go away because it's just a few more weeks as a lot and physical, physical therapy that's always good because people are always trying to get into shape and all that. And then there's always a need for medical stuff and I was an EMT and I did that's what I didn't maybe I worked in hospitals so it's really good and the adrenaline rush though it's it's it's like it's amazing I don't know. Yeah it's good and you're saving people's lives there's no there's nothing else more rewarding than that cuz you're getting you're not doing stuff for you. It's for somebody else and that that's its own reward. I know that sounds lame it sounds like a cliché but that's its own its that's its own reward right there

Oh, my nephew right there. So he's going I know he looks old as hell but he took one year he took one a year off or whatever when you guys Yeah, gap year. Yeah. And now he's you got accepted to the to Long Beach. So Jamel Zhu and Hola. Hola. Hola Marlon. All right. Nice to meet you guys.

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