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Ms. Ria Prithiraj Ramdas. Sister. Aged 15.

1. What would you change, if anything, about our experience growing up?

I don't know how I could change it, but maybe start talking earlier.

2. What do you admire most about Mom and/or Dad?

Their love for each other is quite cute. Okay so I love their love, but also the drive they have. They are a power couple and that's cute.

3. In what ways did Mom or Dad let you down?

Its small, but whenever I want fast food they don't give me. No its when we go shopping and I want things, but when we get home and I look in the bags they aren't there.

4. What is something you wish you could have told me when we were kids? Why didn't you tell me then?

Ooo. Um. Be less demanding, because that put your ego really high.

5. How could I have been a better sibling to you when we were growing up?

Don't instruct me to do stuff.

6. What is your favourite childhood memory of us?

I like us dancing all the time, and being creative. I really liked it I was like free and doing my own thing.

7. What is the worst fight we've ever had?

I remember I poured juice over your head and you got really mad at me. I know it was jungle vibes and really sticky. I don't know what the fight was about. I think it was the soccer vs. cricket argument and I couldn't use my words.

8. Who was the first person to break your heart?

To break my heart. I don't know. I was probably you when you used to play with other people.

9. Were you ever bullied? Did you ever bully anyone?

I was always the bully. Um. So apparently I bullied Maka (childhood friend) because I didn't like her. She was just mean. Oh no but the first person I've ever bullied was Shae. Actually you were the first person to bully me.

10. What is my most annoying habit or quality?

You doubt yourself, quite a lot. I keep telling you to stop but you never listen because you don't believe in yourself. I get really annoyed.

11. What memory of us still makes you laugh?

Of us. We have weird memories. I think our whole childhood was just laughs and giggles together. Um. I don't recall it, but the story of me pulling my hair makes me laugh, and the story of me falling down the stairs in Durban.

12. Do you think our parents had a favourite kid? If so, who and why?

Yes. You are dads favourite and I'm mums favourite. I'm moms because I'm loud and extra and you are dads because you're calm.

13. What was your biggest insecurity as a teenager?

Uh my skin. I have acne. It makes me feel like a moon with craters, still shining but with holes.

14. How did you lose your virginity?

I haven't.

15. What is your love language?

Um. Touch, food and gifts. When I eat I feel loved. Um. When I had my tenth birthday and we had the spit braai, that was the bomb.

16. If you had a Saturday with no plans, how would you spend it?

Qualifying, spa stuff, and braai.

17. What event in your life has had the most significant impact on you?

Dude I can't just name this stuff. I don't know. I would say the prayers, the prayers we have as a family. Like a khata and jhunda, or the kasi prayers by ajie.

18. What is your biggest worry these days and why?

My biggest worry. Um. Failing school. You guys put pressure on me.

19. Where is a place you wish you could live for a few months?

A place for a few months. Uh. Thailand. No I'm lying. Its Singapore. The track there, it's a very challenging circuit, and the views are astronomical. Its very intense. The race is two and a half hours. The vibe and food is really nice. I haven't been on a plane and I miss it too I guess.

20. Do you consider yourself successful?

Yes. I am strong and independent and confident and happy. To me that is what makes you successful.

21. What is your hidden talent?

Probably the cool tricks I can do with my ears. They're really flexible. Yeah.

22. What is one healthy thing you do to manage stress? And one unhealthy thing?

I dance like whenever I get a chance. I like to dance and it opens my body. I also like to knit, it distracts my mind and it keeps my mind busy. I also like to bake and cook because I put all my energy in that one dish.

Unhealthy. I procrastinate.

23. Do you believe in God or a higher power?

Oh yeah. I'm a Hindu, so I believe in all the Hindu gods. But I don't believe there is only Hindu gods so I love, pray and respect all gods.

24. What is something you wish more people knew about you?

Um. People know a lot. I don't think they need to know more. I think people need to stop talking about themselves, so we can learn more. I get your feelings matter but there's global warming that we can solve. Everything else is useless.

25. What is the social or political cause you're most passionate about?

Everything. I love politics. Like I just love war. Okay I don't love war, but I love that history is happening right now. I don't think I have something I am really passionate about, its the overall thing for me. its mental health, Russian scandals, but international politics – I'm thriving for the threat of war and its almost like were in the nuclear age, but the race for vaccines. Its like we need vaccines. Its cool.

26. Who would you want to give the eulogy at your funeral?

Everyone must talk about me. There will be main speakers, but if anyone wants to talk they are welcome. Um, okay, so you (Sri) and my husband will deal with it. So I want like a cool entrance. There must be photos with me and everyone for the people to cry. I want white flowers, only white flowers. Yeah. I want everyone I know to be there. People who made an impact must be there. That's it. The basic funeral. I want a cremation. I want you (Sri) to take my ashes and put half in the ocean and half in a diamond.

For the ashes, just keep it in a cute box, with an eternal flame or I will haunt you. Yes.

27. What is a mean comment someone made about you that's stuck with you to this day?

I'm vain. Its true but its not nice.

28. What is the most rebellious thing you've ever done?

Rebellious. I'm a good kid. The time I kissed Kiash (ex-boyfriend) and got caught. So, it was um parents day or something at school. Mom came in and then the HOD came in and blurted everything to her. Mom just went home and swore me.

29. When do you feel the most confident?

In the mirror. Its just I love it. I mean like how can you not. I do a lot of stuff in the mirror. I dance and put makeup. Yeah.

30. How would you describe your relationship with money?

Um. I love it. Its sets goals. I like money. But I don't. I don't like it when people fight about it. People die. That sucks.

31. What song or movie scene makes you cry without fail?

Uh. Fast and furious seven, the ending. Brian and Dom split. It makes me feel sad.

32. If salary and experience didn't matter, what job would you most want to have?

A doctor. No. a cardiologist. Or a gynaecologist. Either one.

33. If we could go on a dream trip together, where would we go and what would we do there?

As sisters, um. It would be cool for us to go to Cuba. Its like a very fun and happening place for sisters. We would party and learn the culture and stuff.

34. How do you feel about getting older?

I love it. People are taking me more seriously.

35. What is something that scares you now that you hope you do before you die?

Well. I want to say, um, its between getting the virus and having a baby. I don't want to die a virgin. No but one of my biggest fears is dying naked in a shower from a head injury and the whole world sees me naked.

36. What is your most prized childhood possession?

Um. This unicorn doll, I said that only when I die I will open it, but then I had chicken poxs – so I opened it. Yah. It lost its value but yah.

37. What did you do as a little kid that was super embarrassing?

Nothing. I was cool and sassy.

38. What sports did you play growing up?

I played netball and soccer and chess. I like soccer, it was easy. I liked it because nobody was as good as me.

39. What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be, well firstly I don't dream of labour. I wish to be sipping wine with a beautiful view, with four kids, in a massive garage and enjoying life.

40. What kind of treats do you want on your birthday?

Gifts more. Food is my form of love.

41. What was your favourite book as a kid?

Judy B Jones. I read the entire collection.

42. What do I do that still drives you totally crazy?

When you drive in town, you get this road rage and I tell you not to take the road, but you do.

43. What is something that completely changed about you as you got older?

Me being a girly girl. It changed because I don't like girly girls who think the world is perfect.

44. What was the one thing that everyone else commented on when you were young?

My black butt. My ears. Everyone thought I had large ears. I have a birthmark on my butt so it makes my butt look black and people think its ridiculous. It was bad because I was really fair but my butt was black.

45. Where do you want to study?

Anywhere as long as it's a nice place.

46. Who was the person you thought you were going to end up with in high school?

The first person. In high school. Dad. But as a baby. Because he was the first guy I knew and he was perfect. He used to cuddle and feed me, I loved him.

47. Who do you plan on taking to farewell?

I don't mind going by myself. I don't know though. I guess if the relationship works it will be Viall (current boyfriend), but I don't know. But if I take a partner, I'm doing my photos alone in case it doesn't work.

48. What is one of your go-to comfort foods?

Uh. Cous-cous. Its so easy to make and it fills you. It makes you feel so good.

49. What is the best place you've ever travelled to?

Anywhere outside South Africa. I believe every country is beautiful. I can compare.

50. What outfit did you wear all the time as a kid that your parents still talk about?

My shopping outfits. They were the best. Everything I wore was unique. It was always upside down and mismatched, but I was very confident. But Sri wasn't happy to walk by me.

51. Which one of your friends had a crush on you?

Lets see. Before Shaheel knew we were related, he liked me. We're friends now though. Shaheel is dating one of my closest friends.

52. What is your favourite season?

Spring. Its so beautiful. Its new life and green and beautiful. Its also not cold, I don't like the cold.

53. What do you fight with mom and dad about?

Money. Particularly dad. Dad says money is route of all happiness, but I think self-actualization is happiness.

54. What were you actually like in high school? Stoner? Goody two-shoes? Athlete?

Goody two-shoes. I was LRC for three years. I was the teachers pet, who stayed in at break and spoke to them.

55. What is one present you'll always be happy to receive?

Its food.

56. What is your dream job now?

I do not wish of labour.

57. Do you want to get married?

Probably. I would like to get engaged by twenty. I would like to get married after I'm twenty-one. I want to be married at twenty-two.

58. Do you want kids, or a family?

Four kids, three boys and one girl. The girl will be Amira which is Arabic for princess. I want powerful names for my children.

59. Do you want to live in the same city as me one day?

Yes. My parents and my kids need relatives.

60. What was your worst fear as a kid? Has it changed?

I don't know. I feel like its just stupid stuff. I hate clowns, they're horrifying. I still don't like clowns and I hate the circus.

61. Do you have an athletic goal? (Like hiking the Appalachian trail or running a marathon?)

No. psht. But I have other goals like cooking, baking, flexibility, education, I have a lot but just not athletic.

62. What are your weaknesses?

Food. But its also my strength, because without energy I feel weak but when I also eat it I feel fat. But also competition because I start judging others and lose focus.

63. What is your go-to activity when we spend time together?

Skin care. Gotta love it.