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Hi Martin, I greet you.

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Martin: Hi Peter

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Petr: I am very happy to see you again and I am glad that we have the opportunity to see ourselves in this way, even though we cannot in person. The first question would be, if he could tell us a little about his person, about where he once grew up, what his childhood, school, school years were like.

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Martin: Yeah, sure. Otherwise, I'm very happy for the invitation. I'm honored that I can be a role model for someone at all or that I can somehow inspire someone to do something, so this is a matter of course for me and I'm really happy to be here, so my name is Martin Dudy. I grew up in Písek in the Czech Republic, I am 26 years old, I work as a youth coach in the basketball club Tigers in České Budějovice.

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My childhood, I didn't talk about it for a long time, so I'll try to describe it as simply as possible, but I just grew up normally in a Roma family.

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I was born to my mother when she was 17 years old, who moved to the Czech Republic at the age of 14. From an early age, we actually only spoke Romani at home when I was born, so it was in 1994, actually a year after the Czech Republic became independent and all laws were formed and everything was being formed, so the first problem was that my parents were not yet mine, so I didn't even have an insurance card, for example, and my mother had to go to the doctor with me for my cousin's card. Another problem came when I was supposed to start kindergarten, so I didn't really know a word of Czech, they actually told us in that kindergarten that we have to go to speech therapy, we have to learn Czech first and after about two months I went back and I was able to somehow communicate with children and those educators, but otherwise in childhood, at school, in elementary school, I never had any problems as study or disciplinary. Then I actually went to high school in the ninth grade, when it was decided where we would go next, like a lot of teachers, and my classmates thought I would want to go somewhere to a bricklayer or some similar school, and I never for a second. did not hesitate, I said as you thought, I want to go to business academy. I want to have a high school diploma and I want to go to college. This was the first moment when, like everyone else, they began to realize that they were probably wrong, but they knew very well that I hadn't talked about it, nowhere for a bricklayer, or that I didn't want to continue my studies. For me, it never seemed like a thought in my life, not even for a second, so I joined the Business Academy. I'm done here. Basically, you can also say

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Then I started at the University, I studied Economics and Management, for two years, which I did not finish, because during that study I started to feel that it is not exactly according to my ideas. I didn't see myself that much, I didn't enjoy it and it didn't motivate me. So I decided to finish my studies. I found a new field. The field of philosophy and religion at the Faculty of Theology in České Budějovice. There, I think that I got hit or I'm convinced that I got hit, because the field motivated me incredibly.

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I learned a lot of new things and found a way in which I would like to pursue and develop professionally.

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Peter: I also wanted to ask, actually about your work, so you mentioned a little bit what you do, you could also talk about your work.

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Martin: So I work as a youth coach, which means that here in České Budějovice I am in charge of running a basketball club. We have U10 to U15 teams here. Basically, we also have U19 girls and men in the second league. I am responsible for the training of the youngest children in the first and second grade, I lead the U13 team. I led the U17 team until covid closed it for us and from next season I will also lead the team in the second men's league. The job of a basketball coach was my life dream.

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For me, basketball is something that is simply a drug for me, without which I cannot imagine living. I always submit everything I did, just basketball and I saw that basketball is what I want to do for the rest of my life. In fact, basketball has had a very significant impact on my studies, because just when I was deciding whether to spend more time at school or basketball two years ago, I decided to, because now I'm going to reduce school a bit and focus on basketball, because I felt great a chance that I can move on, that I have a chance to win a good position in a national tournament with a very talented team, so basketball is in me or is for me what determines and gives me the meaning of life.

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Peter: That's nice and even an old saying goes, find a job you enjoy and you don't have to work all your life.

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Martin: And it's just that I never say I'm going to work, but I'm saying I'm going to practice, I'm going to basketball and then everyone thinks that he doesn't really work, that I'm just having fun there.

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Petr: But I will ask where you see yourself in some 5-10 years. Some people seem superstitious.

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Martin: Surely this is the time to think about it. I was just starting the first wave of the pandemic, so I thought, I will never have as much free time as I have now, and I decided to really dedicate it mainly to myself, my family, my girlfriend, but mainly to myself in the form of personal growth. . I was thinking about my plans, so I thought that the first plan was to finish school. Just one hundred percent, so I want to finish my bachelor's degree and then immediately apply for a master's degree, probably in social sciences and geography at the Faculty of Education, because I want to be a teacher, then continue on the path of a coach. Today, a teacher and a coach are one of the best combinations that simply allows both professions at the same time, so I see myself as a teacher and as a coach. In fact, I can't imagine doing anything else.

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For me, this is just what fills me and I don't want to waste time on something that I don't enjoy and that I don't like.

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Petr: That makes sense. Thank you and you mentioned that you are from a Roma family, that you are a Roma. What it means for you to be Roma.

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Martin: That's a very difficult question, because for me it means everything. Being Roma means a great honor to me, first of all, because how I grew up, what my parents gave me, is not enough for everyone, so I'm very grateful to them for that, but it means to me that I know where I'm from. . I know what my native language is, I know what our traditions are and I know how to behave with us, how to behave in public and at home. It means to me that I am not lost, so I would define it.

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Petr: Great. Thank you very much and one last question, final message. What would you recommend to young people who would listen to this video, in which direction would you point them.

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Martin: I would like to tell everyone, never to look back on what people who don't know them think about them. Focus only on yourself and stop solving the opinions of others. If you have a dream, subdue everything and do everything you think is right to achieve it. Never be discouraged by anyone. That is my message.

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Petr: Thanks a lot Martin, it was very nice. Thank you. I respect you terribly, you are a great role model for me too, because it's actually how intelligent you are, how you perform and everything just radiates such a strong aura from you, so I respect Martin very much, thank you again for your time and I will look forward to a personal meeting.

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I also. Thank you so much.

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