

I think

It would be fair to say that

my upbringing has not been the most typical.

Without getting in to too much detail

I I have had A few hills to overcome.

Some have been of my own making

and some I have just been unlucky.

My biological father was in prison

and my mum who was 18 years old when I was born,

she was often away when I was young

and grew up with my Grandparents.

I left school with no qualifications

and flunked out of college which is no surprise

as I had gone through most of my school years with undiagnosed dyslexia .

By the time I was 17

I was depressed

and had nothing,

I had moved out of my home

and was living with 'friends'.

If you had asked me then

what my life would look like in another 17 years' time

it would be nothing how it looks now.

I got a job as a Chef,

I worked the 100 hours a weeks

that are required in the industry,

to this day I don't know why

but no matter what was going on in my life

I found that I could concentrate on work

and the more I worked

the less I drank.

After a couple of years',
I tried my best at computing,
it is the one natural gift that I have been blessed with.
I found I was quite good at it,
my work ethic carried over from being a chef
and I consumed more overtime
than is legally allowable in the UK.
By this point
the less I drank
the more my depression lifted,
this was all noticed by my employer
and I was picked for some extra projects,
these projects allowed me to go for better jobs.
This went on for the next couple of years
until I find myself in the position I am in now.
In my current organization
I met my partner
who helped me realize
it was OK to be a little selfish sometimes
and that I can be happy.
Once I met her,
I started finding other reasons to be happy
and the happier I became
the more confident I grew.
I now have an amazing partner
who was able to see past all my issues,
two amazing kids whom I love,
Quite simply the best most loving dog in the world
and some amazing friends.
I drive now

and finally Today

I was promoted for the third time in 4 years,

I now earn just over three times the average salary in the UK.

I am debt free for the first time in my adult life

and we are looking to extend the house.

I know

there are a lot of things going on in the world

and I probably should be more worried

but at the moment

I just cannot be sad.

I have more than I could ever have dreamed of

and more than I deserve.

我想

自己可以以中肯的态度说

小时我被教养的方式有些与众不同

再次我不想赘述太多细节

我曾经经历过几次坎坷

其中一些是我自己造成的

有一些则是因为我运气不佳

我的父亲在监狱里

母亲生我的时候才 18 岁

我小的时候她常常不在我身边

我是与爷爷奶奶一起长大的

离开高中的时候我没有考取任何资格证书

毫无悬念的因为考试不及格被大学退学

因为在学校里的这些年中，我一直患有读写障碍症，却没有得到诊断

到 17 岁的时候

我开始抑郁

并且一无所有

我从家里搬了出来

与“朋友们”住在一起
如果你那时问我
再过一个 17 年，我的生活会是什么样子
我的回答一定会与此刻的现状大相径庭
我找到了一份厨师的工作
每周我工作 100 个小时
这是餐饮行业所要求的
直到如今我也不知为何
但无论自己的生活中会发生什么
我发现自己都可以专心致志的工作
我工作的越多
喝酒的次数就越少
多年之后
我尽全力学习电脑技术
这是我与生俱来的天赋之一
我发现自己很在行
我的工作态度从厨师的岗位上一脉相承
我加班是时间更长了
甚至超过了英国法律规定的时长
到了现在
我喝的酒越少
自己的抑郁症也跟着缓和了许多
这些都被我的老板看在眼里
于是我被选中去做一些额外的项目
这些项目让我可以有机会争取更好的工作
这种生活在接下来的几年里持续下去
直到我发现，自己竟已经到了如今的位置
在我现在的公司里
我遇到了自己的终生伴侣
是她让我意识到

有时人可以有一点点小自私
我也有权快乐
遇到她之后
我有了更多的理由去让自己快乐
我越是快乐
就变得越发自信
现在，我有一个非常好的妻子
她能包容我所有的问题，看到我的闪光点
两个很棒的孩子，我爱他们
我还有一条狗，它是这个世界上感情最热烈的狗
我还有一群很棒的朋友
现在我已经学会了驾驶汽车
而且，就在今天，终于
4 年以来我已经第三次升职了
现在我的工资比英国的平均工资水平高出两倍多
成年以来我第一次偿清了所有的债务
我们计划着把房屋扩建一番
我知道
世界上每天都有很多事发生
人无远虑必有近忧
但此时此刻
我实在无法让自己冷静下来
我拥有的是自己连做梦也绝不敢想到的
超过了我理应得到的