

Pieces of me

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1 I found this small stone face in a market amongst some beads and other jewellery when I was 15. My favourite thing about it is its ability to perpetually look both surprised and bored at the same time.

2 For as long as I can remember, this has been my greatest nemesis. It is also guilty of nothing more than trying to get me up on time each day, but that hasn't stopped years of malice and the occasional bit of violence.

3 Music tends to help me creatively, and I love to discover new, weird and wonderful types. At loud, loud, volumes. Since other people are not always interested in my latest find, which is usually in the small hours of the morning, headphones are essential.

4 When I lived in Kenya growing up, one of my favourite experiences was the Masai Mara, a large nature reserve. This soapstone statue of an abstract figure is typical of the style of art made by the local people. They usually feature a woman and child, but this one reminded me of 'The Thinker'.

5 When I lived in Sweden, Christmas time was always one of my favourite times. One of the things I remember was the fabulous array of different chocolates we would eat. I always particularly loved these and their packaging, so I always keep some around now.

6 I've always liked dinosaurs. And toys. Combining the two seemed natural. I've had this figurine ever since I can remember, and he has always occupied the same prominent spot on my bedside table. His arms also happen to be in the perfect position to hold my keys.

7 My favourite place to go on holiday since I was young is the coast of Kenya. It is wonderfully relaxing with sunny weather and beautiful beaches. I acquired this amazing shell on the beach there.

8 Stuffed toys come and go, but this particular one is the only one that I've managed to keep with me and not lose. He is losing hair on one side in his old age.

9 These little Viking dolls are a common trinket in Sweden and growing up they adorned my house all sorts of forms, from fridge magnets to pencil caps. They are a nice reminder to keep around.

10 I once bought something uninteresting from a craft fair, but it was quite unexciting and I can't remember what it was. The box it came in however, was much more interesting and had this plaque on the cover. I pried it off and have kept it with me since.

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My name is Christopher Anyango. I was born in Nairobi, Kenya, the second of three children. Growing up, I lived between Nairobi and Stockholm, before eventually moving to New York and then London. I am currently studying

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