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I have chosen to interview my best friend for almost 8 years, John Jeremiah Silva "JJ". He and I met when we were both 13 years old, but we didn't get close until we were around 15. Our friendship has lasted almost a decade and our relationship is something we both hold dear to our hearts. In high school, we were like coffee and cream. We always went hand in hand together, tackled many challenges together and even traveled together. Despite our differences, we have always found a common ground that kept us close. Unfortunately, our friendship has become a long distance one for almost 4 years. After high school, he moved back to the States. He visits sometimes, and those are the only times I get to see him. However no matter the distance, we always find a way to communicate with each other and when we do it's as if time never moved.

The interview that was conducted online tackled the friendship that JJ and I share. During the interview, JJ and I were very comfortable with each other. Seeing as I see and love him like a brother, it was quite strange to shift from best friend to interviewer mode. Firstly, we discussed the state of our friendship in recent years. We discussed that because of COVID-19, we were forced to delay our visits and interactions. We talked about the challenges that our friendship would face such as; different time zones, delayed responses, and lack of face to face hangouts. This ultimately would affect the quality of our friendship. But we do check on each other from time to time and have video calls that could last for hours. Whenever one needs someone to cry on, we are always there for each other. We also play online video games which sometimes last for hours. Even my brothers join in from time to time to play with us. Despite these setbacks, we mutually agreed that our friendship is still healthy.

In the interview, we also discussed the challenges that we faced in regards to our differences. To the public, we don't seem like we'd be close. I am quite loud, outgoing and I have been described as the life of the party. JJ is more calm, happy-go-lucky, and is more reserved than me. But during our youth, we bonded over comic books and pop culture. We loved dissecting the details and

hidden meanings behind certain easter eggs in movies. We also enjoyed our activities growing up. We discussed the things we used to do as kids. We often strayed away from doing the basic activities. We loved doing outdoor activities or activities that involved physical exercise. We enjoyed hiking, paintball, trampolining, watersports and so much more. We also had sleepovers almost every week. We reminisced about the youth we had and the growth we had endured.

I am very grateful to consider JJ as my best friend. I am very lucky to have someone like him in my life. He has never judged me, he is loyal and he is really the definition of a best friend. I don't think I am as good a friend as he is. But regardless, I am glad to call him my best friend.





We initially started the call on Discord but changed to FaceTime because he had an early shift.