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[00:00:00] KF: Ok, we're just going to start talking now

KF: First of all I'd like to start off. Can I ask you your name?

KF: Could you spell that for me?

RP: R-U-D-I P-A-double T-S-O-N

KF: Was that your name at birth?

RP: My name at birth was Rudolph. As far as I can remember but it's not a name I ever used. I don't think it's even on my passport. It's something I just end up being called Rudi, which I quite like actually.

KF: Have you always been called Rudi?

RP: Yeah

KF: Who gave you that name? Can you remember?

RP: No I just always been called Rudi

KF: So could you tell me a little about where you grew up?

RP: Um well I was born in St. Thomas, in Jamaica and I grew up half the time in a place called Duckenfield and the rest of the time in Kingston. 13a Slypen (?) Road.

KF: And what do you remember about Duckenfield?

RP: Oh everything, fabulous time. Yeah. Lots of rum, of course. I mean not that I was drinking, it but there were many rum shops in Duckenfield. In fact I think they're still there. So-yeah. My childhood was great fun, me and my brother and my sisters had a good time I think-yeah.

KF: How many brothers and sisters-?

RP: Well my brother-I had one half-brother, one half-sister and I then have a full-sister who passed away this year in New York and then my brother in Jamaica who passed away as well. And those were all full brothers and sisters so in fact there's three of us really, one mother, one father. There's three of us, the others are as you know... Jamaican men... strays [laughs]. Yeah.

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KF: Can you tell me about your parents?

RP: My parents - my mum was lovely, my dad was a saxophone player and a barber - had a wonderful - I don't know my dad, my dad died when I was a baby but he had a wonderful barbershop which I've seen anyway and my mum was just wonderful. She did nothing, my mum really as far as I know. What do you call? House... she does housework um yeah that's it-

KF: Can you remember what they looked like?

RP: What my parents?

KF: Yeah

RP: Well I can't remember what my dad looked like cos I've never seen him, I don't even see a photograph of him but my mum yes I can remember, very very um very glamorous lady. Loved clothes, you know and loved giving away the clothes as well as soon as she wear them, just in case she wears them again. She's that type. She loved going to weddings but she never stays, I always remember this, she never stays at the wedding for the reception and the cake is going to be sent round until much later and that's how she enjoys her reception-yeah-cos they all sit there waiting, when is it coming and if only mum had stayed she would have eaten it long ago but she didn't stay-yeah-oh my mum was fun-great fun really

KF: What was her name?

RP: We call her Liza but her name was Eliza. Yeah, but most people call her Miss Lize but her name was Eliza yeah

KF: What year were you born?

RP: The 29<sup>th</sup> of the Ninth, Nineteen Thirty-Three

KF: And where were you born?

RP: I was born in Duckenfield in St. Thomas yeah