

HUMAN NURTURE by Ryan Calais Cameron

RUNAKU - Self Tape Sides

HARRY

Journey long?

RUNAKU

Just under 2 hours

HARRY

Shit! Surprised your uncle let you come this far, no curfew today no?

RUNAKU

It's not a curfew, he just wants to know where I am and stuff..

HARRY

It's weird man. I bet he's doing your head in.

RUNAKU

I mean I think he's convinced that I got a whole Computer Science AS just to help him with his iPhone, and he has a lot more rules than Rita's home, and everyone is.. I mean we're all Ugandan innit, so there's a whole language and culture I've been trying to learn

HARRY

You don't have to you know. You can just be you, don't have to change for no one, just do what I do and get used to showing people your middle finger a lot more

RUNAKU laughs

HARRY

And if that don't work, just come back up and live with me

RUNAKU

Life in the independent unit yea?! AKA The promised land!!!

HARRY

The Promised land! No supervisors or weird uncles telling me nothing! I'm telling you, the peace you get from living alone is unmatched!

RUNAKU

Yea I bet. It might sound mad, but I actually like being there and don't mind getting back at a decent hour, it makes me feel like someone actually cares, and I'm fascinated by the culture and the food and the music man. It even feels deeper than that, like a sense of belonging that I've been longing for... but yea I don't know man it's just hard to articulate...

HARRY doesn't know how to respond so just nods his head deep in thought. This isn't how he expected RUNAKU to respond

RUNAKU

You gonna show me around or..?

HARRY

My bad. Toilet. Living space/bedroom. Living space/Kitchen.

RUNAKU laughs

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You need to be opening windows and stuff though, smells like sweaty socks, sewage and hot balls in here man!

HARRY

Do you usually go around to people's houses uninvited then start cussing the shit out of it, or is this a new thing you're trying?

RUNAKU

Look I'm only uninvited because you've failed to invite me

HARRY

What you on about, I invited you over for my house warming, said I was having Jono and a few mates over, then didn't hear nothing back for almost a week/

RUNAKU stops in his tracks something has triggered him so he takes a moment to compose himself and change subject

RUNAKU

Hashtag team Colin

HARRY

What?

RUNAKU

Caterpillar cake man, stay focused