

Yunki on Yeeka

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My brother is a better writer than me, and being that this is my last column from home before I return to start work, I thought; why not try something different. Here is my brother Yunki and his take on me:

Hi there, you don't know me, but my name is Yunki. I'm Yeeka's twin brother who lives in Sydney, Australia and this week, I've been enlisted by my brother to help him come up with a piece for his column. So I thought, what would be better than letting all his faithful readers (hi mom and dad) in on what they are all dying to know?

The million-dollar question behind the man with the homely advice and weekly life lessons:

What's Yeeka really like?

Well, I'm happy to report, that by all accounts, he is a fairly normal human being, with a tendency to eat, breathe and sleep. During his summers here in Sydney, he usually picks up a temporary job. Two summers ago it was at a sheet metal factory. Last year, he was a sales clerk at a GPS vendor.

This time round, he's only here for three weeks, and with too little time to do temp work, he spends his days helping my dad repair the house and reading lots of books; books by people such as Nido Qubein, Ralph Nader and Barack Obama.

Often he will stop by my room and play *NBA Live 06* on Xbox. Yes, you read that right - *06*. I know, the concept of playing a three-year-old video game is laughable and how he manages to be entertained by the ancient graphics dancing on my TV screen is beyond me, but alas, it is true. He's a simple man with simple tastes.

I've missed my brother dearly while he's been away for college so far from home, but when we are together; we enjoy playing basketball, boxing and talking about life. During dinnertimes, he enthralls us with far-reaching stories from fist fighting factory hands to the inauguration of the United States' first African American president.

Yeeka likes to cook for the family and I've never had food poisoning after one of his meals, but that is neither here nor there. I think the most important aspect I can reveal to you about my brother, is that, the anecdotes which he so fancifully tells each week are not just some pieces of family-friendly fodder, but principles he truly believes in and tries to live by.

Peace and Love,

Yunki