

at Yinka's forms, one feels a certain peace: "They are things that give people who inhabit my spaces a sense of belonging and a sense of ownership, which I think for me was quite key," he says. Engaging with them, it's a peace that sinks even more deeply. Yinka fondly describes his parents dressing up to go out, no matter the task: "I watched them apply color on a day-to-day basis, whether it was to the corner shop, or to buy rice, every time they went out in a public space, it was an occasion." These moments with his parents are gone, but they can be summoned when he needs them still. The phantasm of childhood is in his every work, and the liveliness of his efforts allows him to draw from the Nigerian diaspora in a way that feels alive. The sweet-and-salty knowledge of Nigerian proverbs delivers truth like a tonic. The forms of Yinka Ilori, are, then, rather like a form of good health. "I think you travel to search and you come back home to find yourself there," Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie wrote. Yinka finds himself in color. We are lucky to join him there.

1. What does the word "taste" mean to you?

For me, I relate taste to food, which I associate with community and family. So, togetherness!

2. Do you have a motto that you live by?

Don't always try to fix mistakes.

3. What was the last thing that made you laugh?

A meme I saw on Instagram. It was of a young black man, who in light of the recent controversy caused by the Sainsbury's advert over its lack of diversity, videoed himself diddy boppin' into Sainsbury's.

4. What are your favorite qualities in a human being?

Honesty.

5. Who is your hero?

My mum and dad. They have achieved so much, and I respect how selfless they had to be when they moved to London.

6. What is your biggest flaw?

I have high standards. I am a perfectionist. Well, I try to be!

7. What is your best quality?

I believe in people, even when they don't always believe in themselves.

8. What would your last meal on earth be?

Pounded yam, which is a traditional Nigerian cuisine, with spinach and goat meat. I would have it with a bottle of imported Nigerian Guinness.

9. What does success mean to you?

Being able to celebrate with your loved ones and keeping the people you grew up with close to you.

10. If you had the power to change anything in the world, what would you change?

I would make it a rule that the exterior of every household in the world was colorful.

