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That's a little bit mind-boggling but I think I understand. So if Raspbian is a version of Debian, is there 'pure' Debian on Raspberry Pi?

Yes there is. In fact, there was Debian for Raspberry Pi before there was Raspbian. It was the version specifically designed for the CPU that the Raspberry Pi uses, as not every Linux distro has a version that will run on Raspberry Pi.

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