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1. If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why? *

If my imaginations are real, then I would be a professional basketball player right now. Having to play my favorite sport as a job is like not having to work at all. I'll be paid to literally play what I love. It's not that I am really good at basketball, it's just that whenever I play the sport, I feel so relaxed. It helps me temporarily forget all the negativity surrounding me, I can be just myself, someone who likes to enjoy things, enjoy life, enjoy every second of it, someone who doesn't accept any kind of negativity, and if things don't go my way, I'll just get a good laugh out of it and make sure not to commit the same mistake. I feel like playing basketball refreshes not just my physical body, but also my soul. Another thing that I like about it is that it connects me to different kinds of people and helps me make more friends.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past work place (college if fresh grad), what was it and how did you overcome it? *

Of course, I believed every person has had their own stressful experiences. Mine maybe when I was still in college. I knew from the start that I have the capability to pass all of my subjects. I was doing great with my major subjects, may it be math or computer-related, but I was really frustrated since I couldn't push myself to take my minor subjects seriously. I was always dropping out of my minor subjects and because of that, I couldn't move forward with my course or proceed with my majors. I was really frustrated and disappointed with myself during those times because I know, it was really me, and not the subjects themselves nor the teachers, that was the problem. Not that I have overcome it since I was not able to finish my studies until now, but those times really helped me to realize a lot of things, and It has also given me the chance to know who I really am, and what I really want. Also, looking back at that situation that I was in gave me a hunger that whenever I get the chance to finish my course, I would take it and be proud of myself because of that.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? *

Before turning in my application to this company, I focused on helping my father in managing and running the small businesses that he has. We grew up in a very strict

household since my father is a retired police officer. He was very meticulous when we were younger and he always notices things that we have done wrong. You can rarely get his attention through the things you have done right. He always focuses on correcting us. So, for me, the task that I found most challenging was to really get his attention by doing great in managing the businesses that he has. I really find it difficult to gain his trust in making my own business decisions since he is the type that would always question my decision-making. But of course, I am really grateful that we grew up having parents that would really push us to be the very best version of ourselves every day. It motivates us to improve on a daily basis.

4. In your previous position, what task did you enjoy most and why? *

One of my father's businesses is a small computer shop. Since I have knowledge about computers, I do most of the management of the business, maintaining the computer units, doing minor repairs, purchasing parts needed or whenever we need to upgrade the unit. It's an exhausting job since I do it all by myself, and also do not get paid for it. But I like being around computers and repairing stuff really challenges me. It frustrates me from time to time but whenever I was able to repair something successfully, it genuinely gives me joy because I know, I did not only help my father save money for the repair cost, it also gives me additional knowledge and experience that I know I can use in the future. Those small things give me joy knowing that I was able to help my family in my own little way, especially my father since he is the one providing for our expenses.

5. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you? *

If I had a previous manager/coworker, I believe they would describe me as someone who just really listens to discussions and loves to learn new things or skills. Someone who learns really well by observing and does not tend to rush things and prefers to know and master the processes first. Someone who is really passionate about whatever he chooses to do and very eager to finish any task that is given to him. Someone who is very curious and very much willing to broaden his knowledge about a lot of things. Someone who is really teachable and loves being coached, one who appreciates corrections and is always willing to accept constructive criticisms and feedback. They may also describe me as someone who can pick up things or processes quickly, especially if I was able to see how others, especially those with a lot of experience with the matter, do it. Always eager to improve and do things more and more efficiently. Always motivated to do better than how I did on the previous tasks that were given.

6. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of? *

The most recent personal accomplishment I had that I am most proud of is probably finishing the desk that I was building for my room. Maybe it's a little shallow but what made

me really proud of that desk is the fact that I was able to finish it by hand and without the supervision of my father. My father is really into woodcraft. It's his own way of relieving stress especially before when he was still serving as a police officer. When he is not in his office, you would often see him in our garage working on something. He likes to build things, from small wooden boxes to chairs, tables, cabinets, and beds. Most of our wooden fixtures at home were handmade by him. And since I was a child, he would always train me and teach me things about woodcraft. In fact, during my high school, I was not allowed to go somewhere or hang out with my friends during the weekends since he would always ask me to give him a hand whenever he is doing something. However, back then, I was really not into woodcraft so it would always disappoint him seeing me not that enthusiastic whenever we are doing something. So when I was still building that desk, I really challenged myself to incorporate most, if not all of the techniques he taught me when I was a child. It was my own little way of showing my father that all of his works and efforts teaching me those things didn't go to waste at all.