

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

If there's an opportunity and I will be given the chance to choose what kind of job, I wanted to have to be a romance writer. Back when in high school I'm fond of reading Filipino romance novels. From then on, I always imagined what would be my love story. What would my life be if all of the thoughts that run through my mind came true? I wanted to highlight the pain and agony of my experiences through the novels I'll be writing. I believe that life doesn't only evolve in happiness but also in the pain, tears, and agony we have gone through. I also wanted other people to understand why some people became what or who they are. People who have hatred, doubts and low esteem have their own reasons, that's why I wanted to write those kinds of stories because I have also experienced those feelings while growing up. I know that some people would say that writing won't pay me that much. But it isn't fulfilling working and also being happy with your choice. Aside from I knew some writers have also their side jobs just like some of my Filipino romance writer friends in Facebook. Adding to the inspiration to write a romance novel is being a Korean drama fan. After finishing my education and starting to work that's also the time that Korean drama became a hit in the country. If ever I felt depressed or sad, I watched Korean drama and felt inspired that someday I can also find my own happiness, reach my own dreams and would find the peace of mind I longed for. Maybe this is what they called hopeless romantic. I just wanted to work and achieve my own dreams at the same time. Maybe not now but soon.

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

Yes, I have experienced lots of stressful situations in my workplace. It was when I'm still working in the microfinance industry. After the Nationwide Enhance Community Quarantine, I have to make sure that all my staff under my supervision will be working while half of them were on work from home. Since most of our tasks are field-related, it is absolutely necessary to check on their clients on the given schedule. I have staff that were cooperative but some were really a headache because it seems like they're not taking my instruction seriously. I started having doubts about my managerial skills and got irritated at times my staff did not show interest in the task I assigned to them. In order for me to overcome that stress, I started focusing on the strategies on how to make our tasks consistent and updated. I started gathering information from other branches and compared their strategies to mine. After thorough analysis, I segregated the task to my staff and monitored the result every afternoon. I made sure also that we do one on one and group coaching every day so that everyone is well informed of the current situation of our staff and also to make them feel also that they're valued by the company.

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

The task I find more challenging is people management. Since my job also relies on the job and performance of my staff, I find it difficult to manage all of them. There were staff that were cooperative and there were not. Some might question my ability as their manager, some might compliment me for doing a good job. What I enjoyed most from my previous job is the chance to travel to other places for free. I was given the opportunity to travel to different provinces here in the Visayas and also part of Southern Luzon also. I have also met different people that contributed to my development as an employee and also to my personal life. Some of my first-time experiences happened while on my job, one of these was my first-time riding on an airplane, visiting Boracay countless times, riding an ATV and the most unforgettable was experiencing a Signal Number 5 storm signal when Typhoon Rolly hits the Bicol Region last November 01, 2020.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

My previous managers and coworkers describe me as a serious type of person and dedicated one when it comes to my work. I take my job with pride, that's why I made sure also that whatever tasks or positions I am assigned to it will be done professionally. Some of my coworkers would also tell me that I am competitive because maybe I don't want to hear that I failed in some areas of my job concerns. Deep inside me, I wanted to be the best in everything that I am into, that's why I'll do whatever it takes to do my job very satisfactorily. My coworkers would tell me sometimes that I'm a bit snobbish and aloof kind of person because most of the time I am a transactional kind of person. I won't talk to other people unless it's work.

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

I am most proud of it is that I achieved 10 years of service in my previous job. Actually, my previous job was also my first job, that is why I am very proud of myself because not all can stay in a job for that long knowing the kind of job that we have. It took me lots of hardships to stay in the company for that long. And given also the opportunity to be promoted to a much higher position than my previous position was also rewarding to me. But since I believed that I needed to be much more experienced with my position before aiming higher I declined the offer and focused on how to become an effective Branch Head. I don't regret declining the offer and leaving the company because I believe that there's more to that life can offer me. This accomplishment became my personal and professional pride.