



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

Ever since I was just a little kid, I've always been into art-related hobbies but most especially drawing. Growing up, having it as a hobby really made me think that my skills in it have improved. During my primary years of education, I've gotten exposed to cartoons and animations and have been immediately fascinated by the clothes that they wear so I started to imitate them in my drawings. It was such a great way to express my creativity and vision. A few more years and it had engraved in my mind that I wanted to be a fashion designer. It's a dream that is so out of my reach given that one, it is expensive, and two, there are not many schools that offer programs in that field or industry in the country. Having said all that, developing a basic skill in sewing somehow makes me feel like I'm still living my younger self's dream.

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?

Having a degree and multiple experiences in the Food and Beverage Industry sure did contribute to the way I handle and manage stress. It is a field where physical and mental games are played by everyone in the workplace. I had to be very independent in getting the tasks that were given to me done while being mindful of everyone around me as well. I had once an experience when it was my first time as a new intern during the summer break of my first year in college. I was given a task that I had completed ahead of time. Immediately, I took my lunch break right after not knowing that a colleague needed a helping hand in completing his. When I got right back to the kitchen, my attention was called for the concern to be raised. I'll be lying if I say it wasn't humiliating. However, it made me realize how important communication is, especially in the workplace. I overcame that by practicing how to not be shy all the time and to speak my mind up if necessary.



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

As a shy and timid person, working as a Customer Service Representative in the BPO industry felt like walking into the pits of hell every time I put the headphones on and heard the ringing of a call that I was paid to answer. Phone calls and I don't just go together. It is very ironic of me to say that to be honest, everything as a Customer Service Representative is the most challenging part of my previous position. However, I enjoy and take pride in successfully assisting customers, especially if they personally tell me how I've made their days better. Also, it was a fashion retail account so the products that customers are calling for are clothes, shoes, and accessories. I liked it very much when asked about recommendations and just scrolling through the entire website and seeing all the products that they sell. I think there's just something about helping or assisting others that makes me feel better.

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

I have asked one of my previous colleagues about how they would describe me before. I was surprised but I kind of expected what she would tell me. She said I am a happy-go-lucky person. I have a warm aura that easily made her feel comfortable around me. I am not very friendly in the sense that I never was someone who initiates conversations, and I don't feel comfortable smiling at people whom I don't know in the workplace. I look intimidating and not that easy to approach but, once I got comfortable around her, I was one of the friends she trusted so dearly. She thinks I'm reliable and passionate about whatever I put my mind to no matter if I truly like what that is or not. I'm guessing if I were to ask my previous manager how she would describe me, I think a fitting word would be reserved.



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

Getting into one of the workplaces I've always wanted to work in during college was a professional achievement that I'm most proud of. Right after graduation, a friend from school and I decided that we should try our luck in Manila, Philippines. We traveled without any concrete plans in mind. All we knew was that we needed to get a job as soon as we got there. We spent a day sending out application forms and resumes to various establishments. When we were called for an interview, there were about 10 of us applicants and most of them have Internship experiences abroad which obviously gave them a step further ahead of us. However, only the 2 of us were called back for training. We found out that those who weren't there for the training were those whose applications were turned down. A personal accomplishment that I'm most proud of is just getting up every day. It might not sound much to everyone but to me, getting up to face another day is an accomplishment. I grew up as someone with a lot of intrapersonal skills which contributed to the changes in how I view and value life.