



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be to become a travel journalist who covers anything and everything around the world. One of the things I enjoy the most is exploring places and discovering new things for myself. As a travel journalist, I could get to work in different cities or countries around the world and meet new people along the way. I can see the world from an entirely different perspective each time I'm in a different place. I would be well versed in a variety of information from "international politics and economics" to "where to go for the best food in the city".

When I was a little kid, I wanted to be a lot of things. The first time I told my mom what I wanted to be was to be a cashier because cashiers always have a lot of money on hand. When I started college, I wanted to work inside a corporate office like the ones in Cebu Business Park. But now, as a thirty-year-old, I have not been to a lot of places and things always do not go my way whenever I try to travel outside of the country. So, at the top of my head right now I can say my dream job is to travel as a journalist.

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?

My first official job after high school was working for my grandfather's business. One might think that working for a family business is easy. But working for my grandfather was the hardest experience I have ever had. He taught me most of the things I needed for my position but after teaching me the basics he immediately told me that whenever I was in the office, I was not a family member but an employee. Whenever I made a mistake, he would reprimand me regardless of whoever was in the room. He had a bad temper so would throw at me whatever he could get his hands on. My sister was there and saw everything my grandfather did. She was a high school student then, so she was not involved with the family business. After every shift, my sister would comfort me and remind me what I was doing this for. That was when I thought that everything I was going through was to prepare me for when I would start working outside of the family business.



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

In my previous job working as a bookkeeper for a frozen food production company, the task I found to be very challenging was sorting through all the invoices and documents that were not filed or organized yet. This is because they had a backlog of almost two years, and I had to create a system to go through all of it. It took me a long time to catch up and eventually, with the help of a family friend who was experienced in dealing with BIR, I got the company records up to date and filed the proper documents. That task was also what I enjoyed the most. Though I did not enjoy the months of backlog I had to catch up on, one of my favorite tasks was sorting and organizing through those files. It always gives me a sense of satisfaction whenever I file them in their right folders and entries.

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

I think my previous managers would describe me as someone who loves to sit down at the office table the entire day. This is because they always had to remind me to take a break or have lunch. Most of the time then, I was so focused on what I was doing that I kept forgetting the time. Time always flew by whenever I was doing my work, especially when I was enjoying the task at hand. As a coworker, my coworkers would describe me as someone easy to work with. I may not be too well versed in office chit-chat, but I always paid attention whenever they had something to tell me regarding work or gossip. I also went with them whenever there were outings that they organized or even just a simple lunch out. I tried to avoid having conflicts with my them because I knew it would only result in a toxic workplace which would then eventually affect my work.

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



A personal accomplishment I am most proud of is being able to create my own business and becoming financially independent from my family, especially from my mom. It is quite normal for people to receive allowances from their parents, especially when growing up and going to school or even going to work as a fresh graduate. But I always felt guilty receiving allowances from my mom. I knew she was struggling to make ends meet after she separated from my dad, and she never asked for financial assistance from my grandparents because she wanted to prove to herself that she could raise us on her own. She never failed to provide me and my sister with whatever we needed. Now that I own my own business, I try to provide for her this time. Whenever her business is in trouble, me and my sister are always there ready to help her.