



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

If only I had the means and support from my family, I would love to be a singer-songwriter – how beautiful it is to tour around the world and inspire a lot of people with my powerful lyrics and sonically beautiful melodies.

Music has always been a huge part of all the phases in my life so far. I have a playlist of songs I listen to when I'm on cloud nine or down in the dumps, and they have essentially helped me navigate through these emotions. Sentimentally, I use music to remember specific moments in my life, such as "Blow Your Mind" for the first ever flight I took; "Kill This Love" for my first ever solo travel; and a lot more. I put on any of these songs if I want to take a stroll down memory lane and feel it over again.

Safe to say, I would like to have a positive impact on people's lives the way these singers have impacted mine.

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?

There are too many to mention, but the one that stands out was bullying in our workplace.

At first, my coworkers and I had a good platonic relationship which helped us work together effectively. However, sometimes employees also forget to uphold professional boundaries which often results in conflicts. After having been promoted, which gave me the power to straighten things out, I approached the situation accordingly and took the necessary steps – I discussed professionalism once again during our monthly meeting and had a private session with the people involved.

Well, I'm an advocate for anti-bullying, and I disapprove of people who go out of their way to inflict pain on innocent ones.

My intervention brought about the desired outcome. Ultimately, work boundaries had been set and agreed upon by my members, and the bullying ceased to perpetuate because they knew that I would never condone such awful and desperate action moving forward.

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 found most challenging and exhausting was dealing with some East-Asian managers who did not speak English fluently.



Ambiguity and misunderstanding were prevalent during my time. There were countless moments where Filipino managers had to apologize for mistakes that was caused by misleading instructions. We observed that despite the increasing hype of ChatGPT, they tend to still rely on their challenging communication styles that were prone to misinterpretation and dispute.

Moreover, they also tend to change operational policies abruptly or retract concessions whenever they find it convenient, often resulting in confusion in the local management and disappointment among other employees.

But they were just two instances out of the countless we had to endure on a daily basis.

On the other hand, what I enjoyed most from that whole leadership and management experience was welcoming new employees, making them feel at home, and taking them all under my wing.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

Most of my fellow managers see me as a strong, courageous, and highly communicative leader. I am very protective of my members, and I stand up for what is right and just. I would even go out of my way to defend those who are not under my care.

However, the ones I worked closely with might see me as a laidback and carefree manager. I was not very strict with house rules and not fond of micromanaging either, hence a light working environment during my time. They might also say I was always very helpful and generous because I am not the type who gatekeeps what I know. Some might also mention how big a winner I was, especially when things did not make sense to me.

One thing I am sure of, my coworkers would appreciate how I always showed up at work when there were so many reasons not to.

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

First, I am proud of how dedicated I was as a student and presently as an employee. One manifestation is always showing up. I do not know why I do it, but I feel compelled to always be present. Always showing up has created learning opportunities for me, and that made me finish my basic and tertiary education with flying colors.

Professionally, I was never a pain in the neck to my former leaders because of my exemplary attendance, and I brought pride to our team for my awards and recognitions.

Most of all, I am most proud of choosing to step out of my comfort zone and embrace the harsh realities of life twelve years ago. As a fresh graduate from the country, working away from home was a scary first step into adulthood, but I did it anyway. I was able to deal with my personal problems and work challenges successfully and learned valuable lessons from those trying times, which are very helpful as I continue to grow and discover life.