



Women Were The Reason Why My Very First Job Out Of College Was Amazing

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After four rigorous years of living and breathing political science and months of vigorous job-hunting, I was ecstatic to get an interview for what ended up being my first job out of college — which just so happened to be in marketing. At a software company.



Since I didn't have a background in tech, I could really only go on what I read about technology companies and heard from STEM friends. Knowing what I did — that is, how women in these industries are not as well-compensated as their male counterparts, are given fewer chances to grow within the company, and are generally treated badly — I actually got a bit worried before my position was set to begin.

Thanks to the aforementioned women in those leadership roles, though, it actually turned out to be awesome.



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The atmosphere of the company was so open. I felt like I could talk to my manager — a woman — about anything without fear of being taken too seriously. I always felt encouraged to express my ideas and contribute as much as I could in meetings and on projects.

The Vice President of Marketing — also a woman — was easily accessible to everyone on the team. She made time for everyone. Having personal meetings and getting guidance from her— something I never thought I would do with a *VP of Marketing* — was incredible.



empowering.

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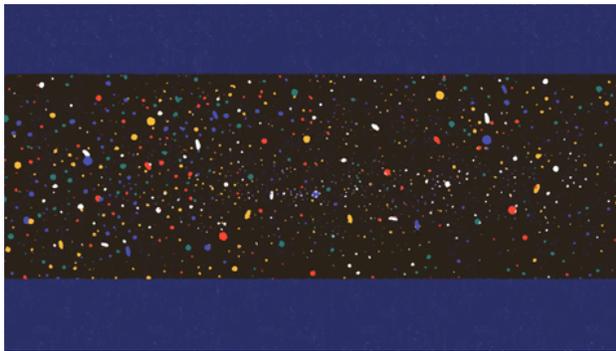


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1. What is the ruling planet of Pisces?

Mars

Neptune

There are so many reasons why my first professional experience out of college was amazing, all of which boil down to the fact that I got to work with powerful women in tech.





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