

BEWARE!

INTERVIEW NIGHTMARES!

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WE ASKED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS TO SUBMIT THEIR INTERVIEW HORROR STORIES. HERE ARE A FEW THAT MADE US CRINGE. TAKE NOTE & BE PREPARED FOR ANY SITUATION!

KEEPING IT CLEAN

I went to an interview for a food safety position at a produce farm. I arrived in a nice top, cream pants, and my riding boots. After the interview the hiring manager asked if I wanted to tour their facilities. I said I would love to. She looked me up and down and asked if I was aware that I might get my white pants dirty. I told her I was wearing my boots and would be fine. She made comments the entire time about me being careful about getting dirty. It was really uncomfortable and I think she thought I had no idea what dirt was.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

In the middle of a job interview, during lunch with one of the owners of the company and the HR manager, the owner realized he had met me before through my ex-boyfriend. In the middle of lunch he called my ex and said that I had put him down as a reference for the job, which was not true. He asked my ex what he had to say about me. Luckily, the ex said positive things, but I was mortified and happy when I was later told I wasn't what they were looking for.

STUCK IN THE MUD

I had planned the perfect outfit for my interview: black slacks, black boots, a tweed black and white blazer with a white shirt and pearls, simple but professional. It had misted enough that morning that my rickety front steps were slick. I usually take my extreme incoordination as comic relief, but that day I did not have time to laugh: I hit the first step and crashed into the following two steps. My black slacks had gained a tinge of mud, so I cleaned myself up and made it to the interview. Afterwards, I got lunch with my boyfriend who kindly pointed out that my back pant legs were still covered in splattered mud.

COMMITMENT ISSUES

I once interviewed someone who was trying to make a big impression to get the job. I asked if he was sure he wanted the job, as the work was very strenuous. He said, 'Look, I want this job and I am willing to give you 150%.' Then he paused and said 'No wait, let me change that, 110%!' You can't really commit more than 100% to any job, but it's never a good idea to reduce your commitment in an interview.

THE TELL-TALE TIME ZONE

Time zones should not be a struggle for me. Having lived between Pacific Standard Time and as the locals call it "Boise Time" (Mountain Standard Time) for most of my life, I should be a pro at determining time zones. Communication led me to believe that I had scheduled an early afternoon interview. To be exact, I "penciled" 1:00 p.m. into my phone...1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. That was really 11:00 a.m. Pacific. When my phone reminder went off at 11:00 a.m. I thought it was a mistake, there was no way. I made a call to an understanding HR director who laughed at me, and told me to be in Pendleton by 1:00 p.m., Pacific. My mom drove me a little over an hour to my destination. We had plenty of time to spare, but I was sweating like I had run the past 65 miles. Lesson learned: make sure you always check the time zone setting in your phone. Always.

