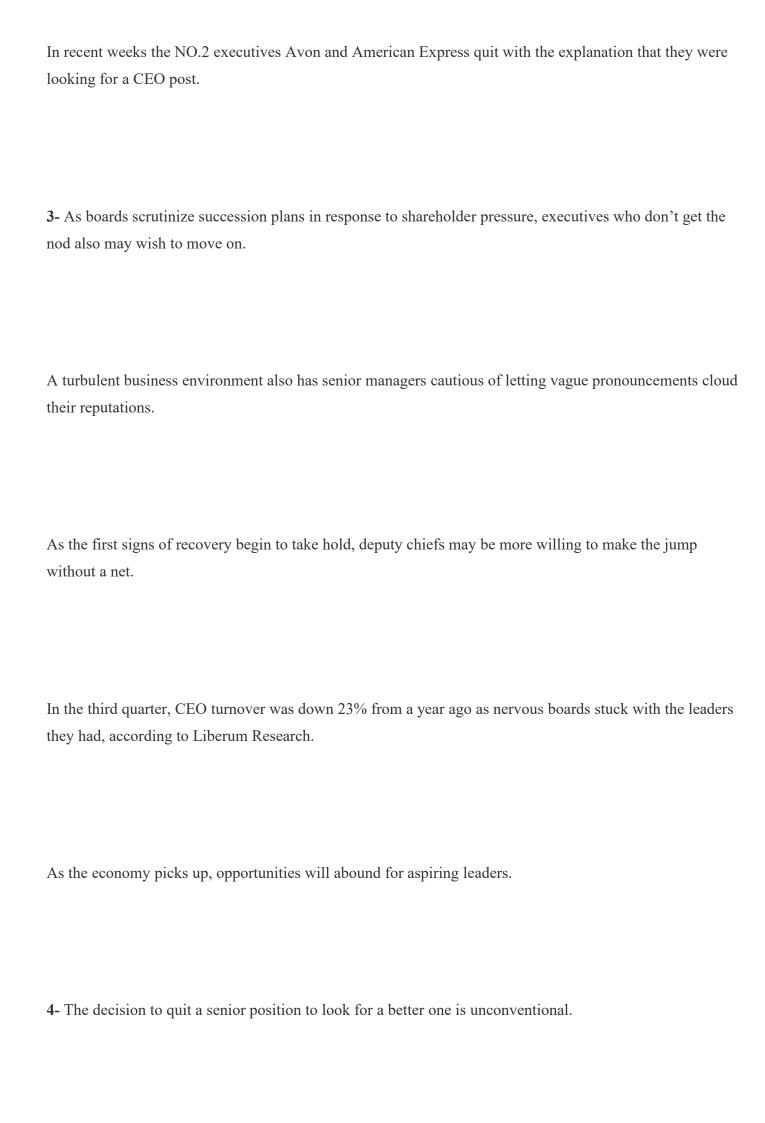
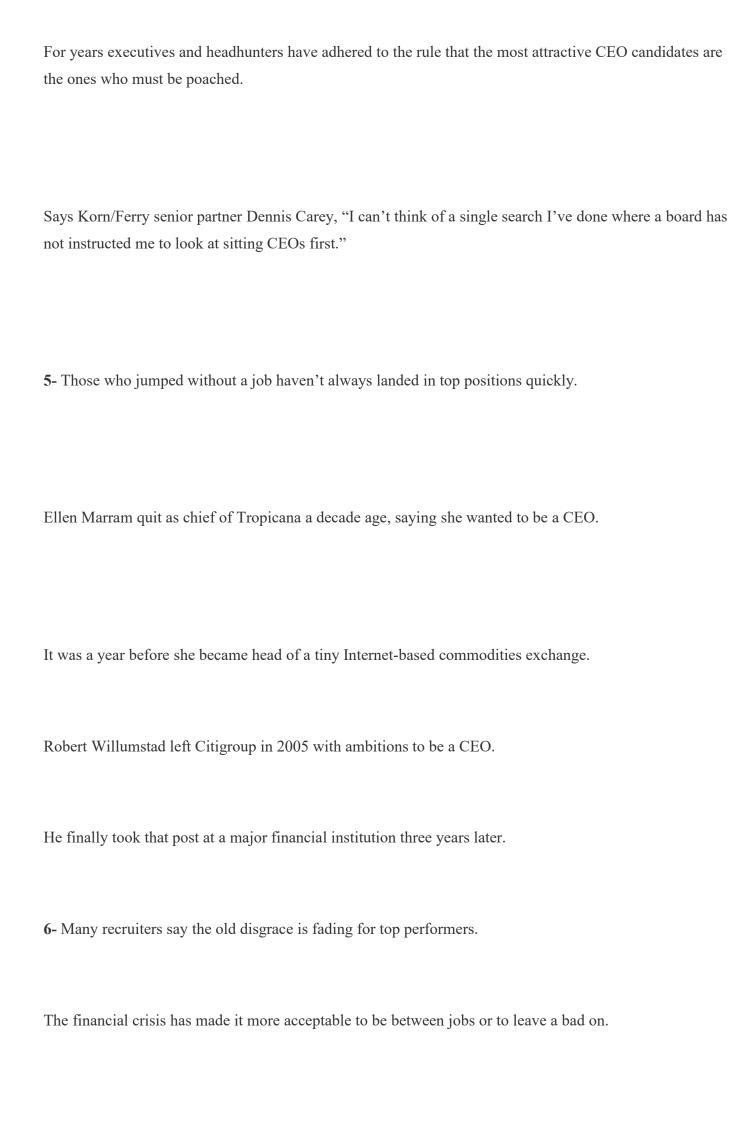
2011-1 Text 2

| 1- When Liam McGee departed as president of Bank of America in August, his explanation was surprisingly straight up. |
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| Rather than cloaking his exit in the usual vague excuses, he came right out and said he was leaving to pursue my goal of running a company." |
| Broadcasting his ambition "was very much my decision," McGee says. |
| Within two weeks, he was talking for the first time with the board of Hartford Financial Services Group, which named him CEO and chairman on September 29. |
| 2- McGee says leaving without a position lined up gave him time to reflect on what kind of company he wanted to run. |
| It also sent a clear message to the outside world about his aspirations. |
| And McGee isn't alone. |





| "The traditional rule was it's safer to stay where you are, bu that's been fundamentally inverted," says one headhunter. |
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| "The people who've been hurt the worst are those who've stayed too long." |
| The people who we seen that the worst are those who we stayed too long. |
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| 26. When McGee announced his departure, his manner can best be described as being |
| [A] Arrogant |
| [B] frank |
| [C] self-centered |
| [D] impulsive |
| 27. According to Paragraph 2, senior executives quitting may be spurred by |
| [A] their expectation of better financial status |
| [B] their need to reflect on their private life |
| [C] their strained relations with the boards |
| [D] their pursuit of new career goals |
| 28. The word "poached" (Line3, Paragraph 4) most probably means |
| [A] approved of |
| [B] attended to |
| [C] hunted for |
| [D] guarded against |

[A] top performers used to cling to their posts [B] loyalty of top performers is getting out-dated [C] top performers care more about reputations [D] it's safer to stick to the traditional rules. 30. Which of the following is the best title for the text? [A] CEOs: where to GO? [B] CEOs: All the Way Up? [C] Top managers Jump without a Net

[D] The Only way out for Top Performers