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1995 was the year that my father bought our first computer. We had one computer before the school got it. So once we got on in school I found out that there were two games on it, the bomb game and solitary.

Between our first computer and my last computer, I wrecked them all. I come from the generation that downloaded movies and movies (hope I don’t get fined for this), that made our own profiles on Playahead and that was chatting on msn until late hours with our classmates.

My stepfather has been the reason why I until recently often called my family technological retards. He always came home with the newest technological devices for us to try out. He didn’t, but he had hopes that we would take interest in them.

In 2003 I had to choose high school. I wanted to go to an English school since that was my plan since my first interaction with snow when I was 7 years old.

Fortunately there were only two schools that could offer was I was searching for. One of them was a school called “International IT College of Sweden”.

Wow how I didn’t wanted to go there. I just didn’t have any interest in tech, programing what so ever, but since I was only a kid… I didn’t have much to say.

I graduated from school and have grades in programing A, Datacomunication, Web-design and some more that I cannot remember.

From that on, I’ve think I’ve done it all, work with, events, travel agency, sales, real estate, many of my jobs where in male-dominated areas. Some workplaces better than the others, of course.

My latest job was with my husband as a real estate developer in Spain. Even though I really loved it in the beginning, with time I just realized that working with real estate can be so old school and I just felt and feel that I want to be a part of something in the leading edge.

So by a chance, Technigos “Tjejer som kodar” came up on my facebook feed and I started to read about them, then they started to pop up everywhere on my social media. I went to their event when I was pregnant with my youngest son and fortunately for me they were gonna start with a half pace study program in the fall of the same year. My gut feeling was that I had to do this course.

But with pregnancies comes babies after a while and my dreams became more distant.

Until I got a mail from Technigo that the half pace program had been so popular that they were gonna do it again for the spring. And here I am already through the first sprint and wow so many emotions. But it actually feels great, and what actually makes me feel great is the amazing that after all these years doing others things is that I’m on the path my father always wanted for me.

I keep thinking what if I had continued back them… imagine where I would be now 14 years later. But at the same time doing this course, Im seeing that to work with this I had to go through it all. I had to learn how to struggle with my companies to overcome my fears, I had to learn about social skills when working within sales, I had to learn about costumer experience when working with events. I had to learn about all those things to finally understand what Im doing and why! So instead of thinking that I lost so much time doing other things these 14 years, I’ve come to the conclusion that I had to learn everything else before I could be on this path again.

My latest job was with my husband as a real estate developer in Spain, before that I worked as a real estate agent in Sthlm and with time I’ve realized that working with real estate can be so old school, even in Sweden that is a high tech country, real estate don’t follow the same pace as many other fields. And even though I’m grateful for the path that I took, I feel that I want to be a part of something new, something in the leading edge. I want to be able to get inspired with the work I’m doing.

then almost a year later I went to one of their event in Stockholm.

In that day, in that room, with all the amazing inspiring people was the day that I knew that my life was about to take a different course.

In my family we always say, try to enter rooms where you will know the least, that’s where you will learn the most. I’ve always said it, but I’ve never really been the one with all the stupid question, but I thought to myself “that’s a cool motto to live by”

So entering this course I actually never thought that I would be the one with all the stupid questions. My family always calls me for tech-related questions so when I said that I would start to study programing, everybody said “you’re gifted!, you’re so smart! This won’t be so hard!”. I went to an IT College, 14 years ago so I actually thought to myself “they’re probably right.

Wow where we wrong. I’ve jokefully always called my brother-in-law a technological cave man, just to realize that it’s not much that differs him and I.

Then I keep thinking what if I had continued back them… imagine where I would be now 14 years later. This bootcamp have been so intensive and I really have time to reflect that much but this is my conclusion:

* I had to learn how to struggle with my companies to overcome my fears. I had to learn about losing, over and over again. Dust myself of and try again and not to take losses personally.
* I had to learn about social skills, I worked within sales for many years and I had to learn about people, I had to train my people skills, I had to learn how to fully listen!
* I also had to learn about costumer experience. For two years I had a business of doing company events in Brazil during the world cup 2014 and the Olympic games 2016. That’s when I learned that people don’t always remember what you say, but they always remember how you make them feel.
* I finally I’ve come to the conclusion that I had to become a mother to fully understand and appreciate time and what I do with it.

All these lessons over the last 14 years have been so helpful for me. So when I go through this emotional rollercoster I know how to handle it, myself with grace. I know that hard times come and that if I just keep on trying I will finally get it. To be completely honest its hard for my ego not being one of the best in room. I struggle weekly with just surviving most of the time.

LATEST VERSION

For the past two years I’ve been a mother and with motherhood comes hormones, babies and sleep deprivation. With that also comes existential philosophies, like; who am I? What have I done in my life so far? What will be of me in the future? Etc.

I’ve worked in so many different fields and the common thread at the more successful work and projects I’ve done so far is met on how much fun I had, the love for my co-workers and opportunities for growth. And just like in a romance, you start to see that maybe that person or in this case, that work wasn’t the love of my life.

The party ends, the environment shifts and like a romance, me and my work at the time broke up, amicably, every single time!

So now that my sons are growing, even though they are still very small, I feel that they have given me a tremendous energy to conquer the world. I feel so energized and motivated by them, and what differs now from when it was only me, is that I have limited time during the day to chase my dreams and then at pick-up-at-daycare-o’clock I need to be a fulltime mom and a household project leader until bedtime. So those precious hours when they are at day-care are worth to me more than can be described in words.

Therefore, going back to a job that I had before them wasn’t in the cards for me.

I just feel that the hours away from my sons must be meaningful, fun and developing.

These hours must be spent on something greater than just chasing paper. I wanted to be part of something greater than the everyday treadmill, it has to be magic and something in the leading edge.

So in one of my many sleepless nights I remember reading about some cool girl-gang that was doing something revolutionary, they were giving out a short free programing courses to incentivize women to a male dominated business, in coding. I was so inspired by that so I started to stalk them on social media and soon I got to learn that I had another friend that is doing an amazing project in blockchain development to women in Sweden, Finland and Africa , bringing diversity to the field.

The butterflies these women has given me is almost like what I felt when my fiancé proposed to me.

So atm I’m doing an intensive 24 week bootcamp with the inspiring women I’d read about a year ago from Technigo.

This is my 5th week and even though I’m a bit overwhelmed, I’m slowly learning and appreciate every high and every low of it.

The funny thing is actually that my father forced me when I was a teenager to go to an IT college. I didn’t care that much for it back then, to now realize that this field is for me like a boy-next-door kind of love. It’s been there all along and now I’ve seen how much it has blossom and I think that this is it, I can feel it in my gut. This sky-is-the-limit-growing-field is my never ending destination and what I can do from here is far greater good then I’ve ever done before.

Watch me!