*Everyone belongs to many different communities and/or groups defined by (among other things) shared geography, religion, ethnicity, income, cuisine, interest, race, ideology, or intellectual heritage. Choose one of the communities to which you belong, and describe that community and your place within it. \* Min: 100 / Max: 300*

Lucas was welding the chassis, Albert was building a quick-shift powertrain, and I was porting the cylinder head. These were the things the mechanics from Engine+ - an auto-repair shop - and I were doing on weekends, building and fixing cars.

Despite their rough exterior, they were actually friendly. At our first meeting, my twelve-year-old self was intimidated when my dad brought me here to learn about cars. To ensure I felt comfortable, they cracked jokes, taught me the engine’s basics, and showed me how engine components worked firsthand. I ended up frequently visiting Engine+ as a result of my hunger for knowledge.

Last year I finally became their apprentice and joined their race car team for the annual ISSOM event. The team had six divisions, and I was in the engine division. With a limited budget, the development was challenging, but we made things work and we custom-made everything ourselves.

Seven weeks in, Lucas’s division didn’t make the chassis stiff enough; failing to maintain precise control over the suspension geometry, leading to a big argument. As the youngest, I felt that it was not my place to butt into the argument. My parents taught me to keep a cool head when there was a disagreement with someone. Thus, despite panicking, I kept my cool and found ways to make the chassis stiffer without adding much weight. Seeing this, Lucas and Albert set aside their arguments and the tension quickly loosened as the team focused on my solution.

In a team, each member has their own role. At Engine+, I finally discovered what my role was in collaborative settings. I always keep my calm, so my role is the peacemaker. I will always hold this revelation with me, and will continue to nurture this quality for my future endeavors.

Notes:

Great stuff! There’s a clear narrative at hand here, and your role as a peacemaker feels truly established within this context and at large. I’ve just edited some grammatical/syntax errors, nothing serious, but otherwise this seems good to me!