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My ORSEM theme was Lipad. We flew up the hill, to a vantage point that gave us a view of our surroundings and the people around us. We learned, empathized and grew from all that we saw. Sadly, my flight up the hill was filled with delays and turbulence. As my friends flew off the hill and into the mountains, I patched up my wings and refueled. During the grounded time, I finally found myself both in the industry and in who I want to be. Two years late but here I am, found and finally taking off.

"With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy." (Max Ehrmann, Desiderata)