1. Tell us your name

*{l}:* No

*{me}:* Ok fine, I already know it so I don’t why I asked

*{l}:* Me either

1. Your dog seems very friendly, what is the dogs name?

*{l}:* \*\*\*ripper

*{me}:* Um…you seriously named your dog that?

*{l}:* No

*{me}:* …it looks like her collar says Shelby, is her name Shelby?

*{l}:* No (dogs ears perk up)

1. What kind of dog she? She reminds me of one of the “dags” from Snatch.

*{l}:* Dunno, rescue just said she was a terrier mix. I think she’s part pit but they don’t tell you that at the shelter. They are afraid people won’t adopt them if they say they’re pits. \*has affectionate exchange with Shelby\*

*{me}:* She doesn’t seem aggressive in any way.

*{l}:* She’s not, I have never heard her bark. Do you want to give her a treat?

*{me}:* Yeah, I’ll give her a treat \*gives dog treat, tail wags\*

1. I see your shirt says [company name redacted], do you work there?

*{l}:* yessir, I am a material engineer

*{me}:* so like…metal and stuff

*{l}:* basically, I figure out what things need to be made of, and make sure they are being made to spec.

*{me}:* so like, quality assurance?

*{l}:* not really

5. How did you get into that field?

*{l}:* joined the army, went to school on the GI bill after I got out

*{me}:* you are a veteran?

*{l}:* yessir, a *real* veteran, combat

*{me}:* wow, sounds intense.

*{l}:* it was

*{me}:* at least they paid for college?

*{l}:* yep, the army gets its pound of flesh though.

6. What inspired you to join the army?

*{l}:* I was broke, and free college sounded good

*{me}:* can you expand on that a little bit?

*{l}:* no

7. I can’t help but notice it’s January and you have some beautiful looking tomatoes on your counter, where did you get them?

*{l}:* I grew them

*{me}:* seriously?

*{l}:* yep, I built a greenhouse in my basement

*{me}:* that’s pretty sweet, can I check it out?

*{l}:* sure

\* The basement indeed has an artificial greenhouse. Inside a tent, plants are growing, lights are providing artificial sunlight and heat. Outside the tent, jugs of various liquids line shelves on the wall. \*

*{l}:* It’s mostly lettuce and tomatoes during the winter, in the spring I do potatoes and onions in my garden.

*{me}:* this is friggin awesome man…

8. What motivates you to do this?

*{l}:* I don’t like relying on the store for my produce.

*{me}:* I guess not, this seems like a lot of work, and expensive

*{l}:* it is, but it’s cool to see the stuff grow

9. How do you keep track of all the tent conditions?

*{l}:* I use an app that monitors temperature and humidity, the lights and heat even go down at night to simulate natural conditions.

*{me}:* that is seriously cool

*{l}:* I know

10. Well, this interview has to be 10 questions, and this is number 10. My assignment requirements don’t say who has to *ask* the questions, so for the last one, do you want to ask me a question?

*{l}:* not really

*{me}:*  oh come on, there has got to be a question you have for me

*{l}:* Have you told your mom you love her today?

*{me}:* wow man, really? I guess, no…

*{l}:* well you should