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**I run a company of 5,000 people.**

**I have conducted over 500 interviews in my life.**

**If I had to give you a cheat code for cracking interviews, here is it:**

You need to be prepared for the top 5 commonly asked interview questions.

These are the questions, that outside of your technical skills, your hiring manager finally decides if they have to hire you or not

1. Tell me about yourself

- Share your journey
- That leads to this role
- And how your journey is going to help you ace in this role

2. What are your strengths?

Share the strengths that are general, however, they must also overlap to the role you are applying for.

For ex - if your strength is writing well but they are looking for a visual artist, it would ultimately be a barrier for both you and the company.

3. What are your weaknesses?

It pains me to see how people overexaggerate this response to make them look cool:

"I am a perfectionist."
"I don't have any weakness."

The hiring manager does not want to see how boastful you are.
They want to see how aware and honest you are!

4. Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

You don't know!
I don't know!

But you do know a blueprint of what you want your life to look like. Share that answer, and let your honest responses take on the conversation.

5. Why should we hire you?

Share what value would you bring to the table.
Share what you did in your previous job.
And make it irresistible for the interviewer to hire you!

I am such a fan of interviews, that I want you to ace every single one you take.

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Ask me anything you would want to know about cracking the interview questions, and I'd love to answer them for you.