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■ Learnings from #Year2020

1. ■■■■ There are no bad questions, only bad answers. So ask away, be brave. Because if you never ask, you will never know. It's better to ask and be stupid for 5 minutes that stay quiet and be stupid forever.

On being the dumbest in the room

Shame always shrivels when you share it out loud. — Marie Forelo



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2. ═■ Being Simple Is Hard, but being simplistic is just..being Supandi. The trick is to be relevant. There is a time to channel your Wordsworth and there's a time to be a #Spartan. I am still learning the economy of words.

3. ■ You are hired for your strengths at the cost of your weaknesses. That job description that gives your jitters — is just an ideal scenario. Don't work for filling those gaps. Rather cement your strengths to overshadow your not-so-great qualities :)

4. ■ In a world where you can choose to be anything, be also — kind. So help that new colleague get to know the team better, ask if someone drowning in work has had their lunch, bring some sweets back from your fancy trip to Europe. No one ever forgets how you make them feel.

5. ■■✍■ Good leaders ensure that you are never scared of feedback — good or bad. Any critical feedback that I receive is not feedback on me personally but on the work itself. We are all on the same side, we are all trying to solve the same

problem.

6. ■ Before you get on the horse and race away, check the landscape first. My mentor explained this to me while referring to #SpaceX #Falcon landing. It is crucial for us to visualise the success of the finished state before we go enter the cave & zone out.

7. ■ Question everything & find answers. Then question those answers again. However, I have learned to be patient with the iterations & feedback loops. There's no shortcut to success. Designing good experiences is a journey.

8. ■ Know when & who to ask for help. As we go higher up the ladder in our careers we will be responsible for more impact and more people. It is all the more crucial that we realise how to save time and where to invest it.

9. ■ You are not your tools. Learn the fundamentals, think from the first principles. If you master this, any tool can be your wand. We switched from #Sketch to #figma when work from home became the mandate. If we had not, we'd risk cross-team collaboration.

10. ■ Your experiences make you unique. Your roots, then, are your pillars for your growth. Use #ikigai, meditate — do your jazz to find out your WHY. This is how we can be ourselves, have a unique voice in our work and eventually leave footprints on the sands of time ■