

My **Secret**
Career Superpower

I have
a **Superpower**



I didn't spend 5 years marooned on an island in the North China Sea



I wasn't hit by a lightning in the mist of a dark matter explosion



I didn't get the power of the Gods as a gift from a strange old man



And I wasn't born on another planet

But I do have
a **Superpower**

#workinprogress

Easy to learn
Hard to master

But it's made my career

It's just
three words

Be curious, **first**

Be curious,
before you **react**

The curiosity has to be genuine for this to work

If your code does
something **odd**

Be curious about why.

Choose to learn something new.

If someone **disrespects** you

Be curious about why they're disrespectful.

Are they tired? Hungry? Misinformed? A Jerk?

Choose how you respond.

If someone
asks for **help**

Be curious about what their problem might be and why they asked you

What will they have done already? What assumptions might they be making?

Choose how you respond.

If you have **difficulty**
setting up your dev machine

What made it hard? Why are you having problems the last person didn't?

How can you make it easier for the next person?

If someone can't
use your software

Why did they have problems?

What information are they lacking?

How can you engineer their success?

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Creating space
for your **next action**

Bonus Tip

#secondform

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First to
learn **new tech**

First to
offer **help**

First to
greet **someone new**

You look **smart**
if you know answers

Or if you know where to look to find it

It doesn't matter whether
you've known the answer
for 10 years or for **10 seconds**

As long as you're genuine

Be curious, **first**

Thanks!

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