

March 25, 2009

Dear Robert,

Great news -- I got an offer!

When Bear Stearns rescinded my offer last spring, no one was hiring. I spent the entire summer following up with introductions you made and reaching out to firms that made me offers the previous fall. Finally, after six very long months of unemployment since graduation, I got my break that September: I was granted an opportunity at a boutique in Boston. It was a 3-month internship that would pay \$1,000/month. I was told that if I performed well there would be an offer at the end of the period. I am finally in, I thought.

Three months turned into four and before I knew it I was there for seven months. Meanwhile, I received very positive reviews but the drop in deal flow precluded the partners from pulling the trigger on any Analyst offers. I was, however, repeatedly encouraged to stay on board with the possibility of an offer. I continued to follow-up with contacts you offered and grew more confident as I met with these senior folks. However, I also grew more anxious under an ever-increasing workload as colleagues were let go.

By now I was running out of money and I began preparing a story -- very similar to the one you are reading -- to reach out with to sponsors for small loans to sustain myself until I could land on my feet. I was struggling to keep alive the hope that I would eventually get on Wall Street in a market-facing role.

That all changed when I received a call from HR at a major bank a few days ago. The voice recalled a role for which I had interviewed many months prior in NY. She made me an offer.

I am moving to NY this weekend and will be starting my new job as an Analyst at Goldman Sachs as soon as I clear background. An introduction you made last spring got the process started and I cannot overstate the importance of your role as a mentor throughout my ordeal. Your advice to remain focused and motivated kept me going. I look forward to continuing the tradition by helping other young and motivated students achieve their goals. Thank you.

Omar