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### Getting Ahead

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#### Become the internal consultant your company needs

Seek to occupy the role of internal consultant for your company during crises, including staying calm and developing plans of action, Lisa Quast writes. "Consultants are paid to carefully analyze situations from every angle and determine all the potential options before presenting their recommended solution," she writes. [Forbes](#) (3/2)

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#### Stop waiting for direction from the boss

When starting a new job, resist the impulse to stay attached to your supervisor's hip, David Reese writes. For instance, schedule one-on-ones with co-workers to learn where you can make the biggest impact. "That, at the end of the day, is what's going to truly impress your boss -- your ability to be self-sufficient," Reese writes. [Fortune](#) (3/1)

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