Work on the edge:
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OUR JOURNEY INTO CONSULTING: AN INTRODUCTION

"Oh really?" was the question that rang in my ears as I listened to the voice of the person on the phone. "I can't believe it, it's just another day in the life."

Contrary to the "hello" keynote which

would make me feel,

I didn't expect to hear this tone. My mind was racing, trying to figure out what could have caused this sudden change in mood. "What happened?"

"Well, I've been thinking about my next move. I'm considering a career change."

"Really? That's great! What's your plan?"

"I'm not sure yet. I'm just exploring my options."

"Have you considered consulting? It can be a great way to apply your knowledge and skills."

"Consulting? I never thought of that."

"It's definitely worth considering. What do you think?"

"I'm interested. What's involved?"

"Consulting involves working with organizations to help them solve problems or develop new strategies. It can be challenging, but it's also rewarding."

"That sounds interesting. How do I get started?"

"You can start by networking with other consultants and attending industry events. You can also look into consulting firms and see what they offer."

"I'll definitely look into that. Thanks for the advice."

"No problem. Good luck!"

In retrospect, several years later and after the end of consulting, I was not regretful of the decision I made. I was still learning and growing, and I was grateful for the opportunities that came my way. Consulting allowed me to apply my skills in a new context and to explore different areas of work. I enjoyed the challenge and the opportunity to make a difference. It was a valuable experience that shaped my career path.
OH REALLY,

PLEASE TELL ME MORE
The Work Life of a Strange Hybrid

The unmistakable academic ears

The defining consulting tail
My Clients and Partners

- Local, state, federal government agencies
- NGOs
- Foundations
- Other academics
- Other consulting firms
- Professional societies and science policy-makers
My Work Foci

Adaptation

- Communication & Engagement
- Science-Policy/Practice Interactions
Examples of What I Do

- Use-Inspired Research
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- Education/Advocacy
- Enabling Action
- Review/Evaluation
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