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A great thing that can happen to you as you ascend up your career ladder is to work for a good boss. A good boss prepares you to take his or her place so that when they get promoted or retire, the door opens for you to get promoted, perhaps to replace them.

Of course not every boss is a good one, but always keep your radar turning to detect the locations of good bosses. Ask other people, read professional journals, pay attention to others--notice who treats people with respect, who properly trains people, who cares about their subordinates, who has integrity, who's moving up in the world with class and dignity. When you find someone who's a good boss, find a way to meet

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them. Find a way to be noticed by them. Soon enough, they or someone like them, will hire you (if you're really worth what you think you're worth).

If you're lucky enough to get hired by a good boss, do your best to not let them make a mistake that could hurt their opportunities for advancement because that, in turn, can directly hinder your chance to advance as well. Don't let them make a mistake that could hurt the company or organization because the potential negative fallout of such a mistake may reduce the effectiveness and success of operations and/or services, resulting in damage to profitability or the bottom line.

If your boss needs more facts to make a decision, do their homework. If your boss is ill prepared for a meeting,

give them a heads-up briefing. If your boss has a weak presentation, beef it up.

Don't ever link a potential mistake with your boss personally. For instance, don't say, “*You* are making a mistake,” or “There is an error in *your* report.” Rather, handle the mistake avoidance like this: “Boss, there may be a problem in *this* budget. It looks like *the* cost numbers are understated. We can fix it by making an adjustment in the hourly rates.”

If you take care of your boss, they will take care of you. When they excel, you excel. When they get promoted, you get promoted. When they retire, you step in! Good bosses cherish good employees like you! Never let a good boss make a mistake.

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