Behind the Scenes: Keeping Things Clean

I love cleaning!

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What prejudices do cleaners have to deal with?

Unfortunately, that’s not always the case in our line of work. Frequently, people think cleaners are not well-educated. In some places, cleaners are not respected and we are often not paid enough. On the other hand, I have noticed that some people find it difficult to clean their own offices. It’s a strange feeling. But then some work slowly but surely comes in, and everyone is happy. And then there are the cleaning days when the rooms are completely empty and the employees are working from home. It was almost like a vacation to clean the offices! But what a lot of people don’t seem to have is the understanding that cleaners are very important.

What do you like about your job?

There are many things I like about my job. First of all, it’s very rewarding to see how the offices are transformed from cluttered, untidy places into clean, organized spaces. It’s also a great daily routine to get to know the employees better and interact with them.

What do you dislike about your job?

When it’s dirty and untidy, it’s really annoying. And sometimes, when the employees don’t take care of their space, it can feel like a never-ending battle to keep things clean.

What do you see as the biggest challenge in cleaning?

The biggest challenge is probably keeping up with the demand. With the increasing number of employees and the frequency of cleaning, it can be difficult to keep up with expectations. However, we always aim to provide the best possible service and ensure that the offices are clean and tidy.

What is the most useful tool you use?

Cleaning cloths! They’re essential for getting those tough stains out and ensuring a flawless finish. They’re also lightweight and easy to use, making them a great addition to any cleaning kit.

Do hitchhikers feel at home?

No, they don’t! They’re always on the move and don’t have much time to settle in. However, they do appreciate the extra space we give them to store their belongings.

What do hitchhikers tell you about themselves?

Many hitchhikers are on a mission to explore new places and meet new people. They’re often very open-minded and happy to share stories from their travels.

What do people dislike about hitchhiking?

Some people find hitchhiking to be an uncomfortable experience. They may feel exposed or unsafe, and worry about the safety of their belongings.

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