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The curveball in life are changes which take place while being unnoticeable. Mcmillan argues that such changes take place too silently and always for a reason (Ball, 2004). He suggests that in order to avoid the curveball collision in life, one needs to be careful in making minor decisions in life. The curveball experience, I witnessed was related to my friend who was to be promoted to the managerial position, but remained unsuccessful in getting that position. He worked for that company for more than eight years. After the retirement of his boss, when he was most likely to get that position, his company hired a new person from outside.

 I have known that friend from around ten years. He had been a very hard working and diligent person. At first instance, it appeared difficult to analyze what could be the reasons for such happening. However, later on, I remembered two or three events which I believe were the causes of his failure in getting that position. Mcmillan suggests that being extra caring for personal possession could be a cause for the happening of a curveball event (Ball, 2004). I have observed him being extra caring for his job. He always wished for a gradual improvement in his professional career, which I think was not right. He must have been an enthusiast while being caring for his job. I believe this is how he could have qualified for that position.

Similar to Mcmillan, D. Frum argues that there are reasons which gradually develop a cohort. The cohort in someone's personal case is actually the broad base of life events. Such life events are interconnected and become reasons for the future happenings of the events (Frum, 2008). I believe the cohort in his case was a lengthy phase of unemployment in his life. This phase of unemployment, in this case, was the decisive factor (Frum, 2008). Frum argues that the cohort of life events are not always interconnected, but just a single phase in life could be the reason for a curveball in life (Frum, 2008).

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