

# FALL INTO CEO CONFIDENCE: WHY Q4 IS THE TIME TO INTERVIEW LIKE A BOSS



#### THE FALL RESET FOR AMBITIOUS PROFESSIONALS

October isn't just about pumpkins, cinnamon lattes, and cozy sweaters—it's also a major turning point in the year.

The final quarter is here, and if you're still stuck in an unfulfilling job (or no job at all), it's time to ask yourself:

**Am I interviewing like a CEO or just hoping for a callback?** This season offers you more than just falling leaves and cute boots—it's a window of opportunity to elevate your mindset, strengthen your voice, and transform your job search into a strategic mission.

Companies are hiring now to wrap up open headcount before the new year. That means urgency is in your favor, if you know how to own your seat at the table. Let's talk about what it really means to fall into CEO confidence—and how you can end 2025 with the job, salary, and power you deserve.

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## 1. Fall Is the Season of Change—So Why Are You Playing Small?

Nature is shedding the old to make space for the new. Why aren't you? Q4 is often overlooked by job seekers who believe "everyone slows down before the holidays."

"But that's not entirely true. Recruiters and hiring managers are under pressure to fill roles before budgets reset. There are interviews happening every day. Offers being made every week. And yet... you're watching others get hired while you hesitate. Let's be honest: you're not being ignored because you're not talented.

You're being overlooked because you're not positioned like a leader. Interviewing isn't about listing experience—it's about making them believe you're the only person who can lead the vision. Fall is the season to get real about what you want—and become bold enough to go get it.

CEOs don't wait for perfect timing. They move like they belong. It's time to shift into that energy.

**The real edge?** Knowing your brand. Leading the dialogue. Closing the room. If you're not showing them what it looks like to work with you—you're making it harder for them to choose you.

Most job seekers prepare for questions. CEOs prepare for outcomes.

### 2. Most Interviews Fail Because People Don't Lead the Conversation

Let's get into it. You're out here memorizing STAR answers, Googling "top 10 interview questions," and overthinking how you'll describe your weaknesses—but you're not preparing to lead the conversation. That's the problem.

When you "Interview Like a CEO," you're walking into that Zoom room (or conference room) with clarity, confidence, and control. You're not hoping they ask the right questions—you're guiding them toward the value you bring. You're not reciting bullet points—you're narrating your career story like a strategist who understands the bigger picture.

You're not wondering if they liked you—you're closing the conversation with intention, and walking away knowing you gave them the vision of what hiring you looks like.

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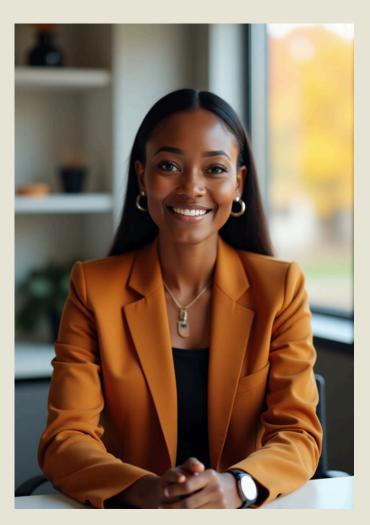
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# 3. October Is the Time to Build YourInterview ConfidenceBefore Holiday Slowdowns Hit

Let's talk strategy.

The last quarter of the year can feel slow from the outside, but internally, companies are trying to get their final hires secured. They don't want to lose their budget. They want people ready to hit the ground running in January. October is your runway.



You have enough time to: - Polish your brand and messaging - Practice CEO-level interview skills - Get visible on LinkedIn - Book interviews before Thanksgiving. This is your window to build the kind of interview confidence that doesn't waver when asked tough questions.

The kind of energy that makes people say, "She's different. She's ready." And yes —you can absolutely shift into this energy in a few weeks if you commit to preparing like a leader.

Because the truth is, most people don't fail in interviews because they're unqualified—they fail because they weren't ready to lead.

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# 4. Introducing ILACEO — The Interview Confidence Builder You Didn't Know You Needed

This is why I created Interview Like a CEO (ILACEO) — a 3-session premium experience designed to help ambitious professionals ditch the doubt and walk into interviews like they already belong in the boardroom.

Whether you're returning to the workforce, pivoting into tech, or finally going after that 6-figure title — ILACEO will help you: Position your value like a leader (not a job beggar) Rehearse your signature intro and power stories Practice executive closing techniques that leave a lasting impression.

This isn't surface-level coaching. This is transformation. You'll walk away with: Confidence to speak your worth - A
framework to answer any question like a strategist - Tools to turn interviews into offers. If you're tired of being overlooked, it's time to lead.

#### Book a Power Hour Take the Quiz

Want to know if you're interview-ready?

Take the "<u>Do You Interview Like a CEO?</u>" Quiz Now and get your custom score + tips to upgrade your next interview.

## 5. Final Note: The New Season Deserves a New You

You weren't born to shrink yourself to fit job descriptions. You were born to command rooms, lead with integrity, and get paid what you're worth.

If the old version of you has led to rejections, ghosting, and second-guessing—it's time to shed that skin like the leaves outside. This Fall, don't just refresh your wardrobe. Refresh your strategy. Upgrade your presence. Interview like the CEO you are.



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