

AUDIO TRANSCRIPT

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Being a native New Yorker, I had never been to the World Trade Center. I pretty much alienated myself to the Bronx. So, when I got there, I was like amazed at the actual height of the building having seen it firsthand. And I was proud just to work in the World Trade Center—put a smile on my face like I was like, ooh, now I'm doing something really important, you know, in a really important place. I had been holding on to that blazer for years. It was in the back of my closet; I knew it was there, but I felt like, you know what, these guards died doing the same thing that 9/11 responders—first responders—do: helping people. I might as well try to get something in here, you know, so they can be remembered.