Tim: Finding purpose in protecting assets

My name is Tim and I work on the Detection and Response team at Google.
You can think of us as the smoke detectors and the fire departments at Google.
So what our job is, is to detect harmful activity that may affect Google and its users.
The stakes here are very, very high.
So imagine what you have on Google, whether it's docs, it's pictures, your financial information, some of your secrets.
Some things that you don't want anybody to know.
Those are the things that we're protecting.
Cybersecurity professionals are there to protect the most valuable assets of the company.
You'll be there to protect that, and that direct line from what you're doing to what the company feels is most important, most valuable, and protecting that, I think provides a lot of purpose for folks.
And provides a lot of motivation and provides the basis and the foundation for a very, very satisfying career.
Cybersecurity is a profoundly rewarding career.
It is a function that is critical at many, many companies and it is a career that is in high demand, and there is an absolute shortage of talented labor out there.
So from that aspect, if you're looking for a path to a viable, long term, rewarding career, this is as straight a path to that as you can imagine.

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