

Career Coaching for Word Nerds “I’m Resigning, Dammit” Letter

Hey there (guys / Supreme Overlords / Givers of Extreme Wisdom / The Person Who Signs My Checks) –

I’m e-mailing to announce my resignation from [Insert Company Name] — both as (lead blogger / high priestess / overworked editor / underappreciated freelancer / marketing associate / OTHER) and as a (blogger / glorified slave / errand boy) in general — effective [INSERT DATE HERE]. This wasn’t an easy decision to make. I’ve loved [Insert Company Name] for as long as it’s existed, and it’s been a dream to (create content / toil away / achieve profitability / be awesome) for you these past (two / 10 / 97 / OTHER) years.

(Awesome Person Number One): You’ve been such an excellent manager and colleague, and I appreciate your hard work (keeping the lines of communication open between staffers and bloggers / hugging me when I was sad / talking me down from the proverbial ledge / being my virtual BFF / OTHER). (Awesome Person Number Two): I haven’t really gotten the chance to get to know you, but I’m still excited to see what direction you take [Insert Company Name] and its content in.

Still, I’ve felt that (Insert Project Name Here) has been suffering an identity crisis, and it’s been frustrating for me to helm such a project without direction. And I’m also not so sure I’m the young, hip, happenin’ chick you need for the job (excitement for me equals watching a new episode of *House* on the TV).

I’d like to thank you for all the opportunities you’ve given me. I heart — and will always heart — (Insert Company Name).

If I may, I’d like to suggest (A Totally Different Awesome Person Who Is Almost As Cool As Me But Not Quite) for the role of (My Previous Role [see above]). She’s always on-the-ball and amazingly gung-ho, and I’m a huge fan of her (writing / hoop dancing abilities / photojournalistic style / Nutella Pound Cake / OTHER). And when it comes to cool, she’s it.

Thanks guys – (YOUR NAME / The Awesomest Awesome Person Ever / Your freelancer / That chick you never see because she works remotely)