

X – for “at the X (cross)roads”

“Beautiful is what we see. More Beautiful is what we know, most Beautiful by far is what we don't” - Nicolas Steno (was a Danish scientist, who won world fame as a pioneer in both geologist and anatomist)



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終於，就在前路還未明之際，我鼓起了勇氣，毅然辭退那份消磨心靈的工作。

是自殺式的冒險？還是事在必行？

不難想像，特別是從你周邊的，都大可能會跟你說：這是個不理智的決定、愚昧的錯誤、輸不起的一念之差。甚至，會擔心你淪為天橋底下的遊民(嗚嗚)！

但實際上，不管別人的觀點如何，祇是，當你今天再無法在工作上獲得任何啟發和發揮的空間，並且處於「職場拉扯」的負面情緒下，日復一日的惡性循環裡，甚或影響你對工作的表現。相信，在這種情況，實已沒有什麼是「完美時間點」了。

而這次「去與留」的取捨，我並非是一時衝動，反倒感覺是一場迫在眉睫的葫蘆風暴，再撐不下來，不得不去正視它。那麼，是否還有更好的選擇呢？或許，到這地步，也只可硬著頭皮，殺出去。



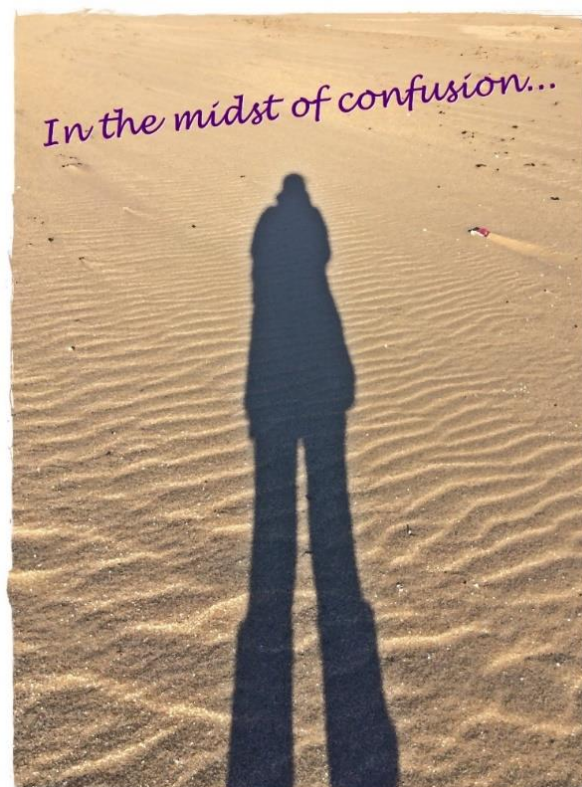
Despite without another job lined up, finally I plucked up the courage, took the leap and ditched my discontented job.

Risky? Maybe.

As impulsive, irrational as it seems for some, particular those around you. They may tell you that, in their opinion, you are making a foolish mistake and you can't afford this!

Well, if you're in a rut and you're not happy where you are and you strongly believe that regardless of what the others say... There is no such thing as perfect timing. Waiting for 'THE' job to come along before quitting an 'out of tone' job isn't really my thing. Or should I say, a 'Just-do-it' philosophy was talking hold of me!

I have indeed thought it through fully. Deciding at that point that I felt like my life was going to fall apart around me if I didn't do something about it! What choice did I have? Perhaps, you just have to go for it, no matter how it turns out sometimes.



"We have to get used to the idea that at the most important crossroads in our life there are no signs" ~ Ernest Hemingway 海明威

在過去的幾年間，因極力想擺脫與自己交涉了好久的窘境，以致不時使我心裏煩躁、焦急，坐立不安，感到像隻熱鍋上的螞蟻、輪子上的倉鼠，一圈又一圈無意義的繞著原地奔跑。

而跨出這一步，也許未必是我一生最聰明的決定。但卻滿懷好意，用心邁進向前。更旨在再次尋回「真我」。甚至，期待去開拓一個革新的世界。

再者，又係嗰句諺語：

每一個新的開始，都是個突破，都能帶給我們新的轉機。畢竟，你真不會知道你的能力可以有多大，直至你真的去試！

無疑，此刻我最渴望的就是能夠勇敢地，做過去自己不敢嘗試的事情，涉足從前不敢踏進的領域，及擺脫對將來不明確的恐懼！並且繼續不懈地索求蛻變、激發對生命的想像力、培養對未知的好奇心。



For years, while I felt trapped in a menial darkness, I was growing restless by my seemingly immobilized circumstances and it often made me feel like a ‘sorry’ hamster trapped on a wheel, spinning in circles.

Taking this drastic step, probably wasn't the smartest thing I've ever done. Still, it is with good intention to move forward and aim to find my true self again or even a new world beyond.

And yet, we always hear smart people say: Every new chapter in your life presents an opportunity for re-invention, for growth and expand. Truly, you have no idea what you're capable of until you push yourself to try it!

With certainty, what I really want more than anything else is to get out there ~ be brave, be curious and not be put off by fear of the unknown! Turns out, thank God for that, it was a '*Right*' move and unexpectedly landed me into my next cool gig!!



話說回來，無奈，像許多現實中的事情一樣，絕不可只是紙上談兵、天馬行空。別忘了事前準備永遠是成功與否的重要關鍵。如至少短期來的生活所需開銷、餵飽肚子的「現實問題」，就要百分之二百在跳槽前慎重計劃好喔！同樣，每當處於一個新的階段，也要有心理準備，會遇上各種各樣的阻礙、欄架；甚至，需要作出不同層面上的犧牲。

說到這裡，不意地，我的新旅程亦算是進行得頗順暢。

雖則，偶爾會感未能活出預期中的熱衷，但我想，當你選擇走在一條完全陌生的路時，這實是可以理解。而明白到凡事都有它的代價，那麼，投注心力、鞭策自己走下去，卻成了我眼前唯一的動力！

從零到開端，此不同的轉接，想必然會有一個過渡、適應期。事情仍在轉型、進行中。重要的是，只要知道這犧牲是值得的，這樣，迷茫的感覺很快就會徐徐地消失。



But the bottom line is, like many things, preparation is key. Be sure to take measured risks and put a good plan in place ahead such as things call 'Bills' aka REALITY! Likewise, anytime (at least in the beginning) we invite change into our lives, bear in mind you may face obstacles and sacrifices may have to be made.

To my surprise, my new journey has worked out just fine so far.

Although, there were times, when I didn't light up with enthusiasm and pleasure as much as I should have in my newly found environment! Trust me, it will happen when we set foot on an unfamiliar journey. Then again, you learn to cope if you understand everything in life has its price.

It's important to remember that things are still in transition, in progress. The wavering feeling will soon evaporate as long as you know the sacrifice is worth it, luckily it always is.



Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up. ~ Stephen Hawking 史蒂芬·霍金

再說，我的「夢想」尚未能跟我目前的「現實」配合及實踐得上，
，還需要逐步執行。而今天這一步，對我來說，就是絕對不可少的專注項目了。

要是這樣的話，我就務要洗出我拼命三郎的本色，奮力把「牌」打好，願夢想會早日水到渠成！

捫心再問，回頭看我次離職的這個決定，無疑是值得的啊！

嘻！為我這次新一頁響炮吧！



Beside, realising 'my dream' is just too big to fit into my reality right now and in fact it's my present dilemma admittedly. Thus, taking this advantageous step forward is the only step that matters at the moment and is necessary.

If that's so, I ought to continuously commit myself for better or worse. Be excited, be confidence. After all, it's part of the charm, ah!

Well, has it all been worth it? If I have to ask myself: Hmmm... totally!

I'm on a mission into a better life. Whoo-hoo!!

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