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FREEDOM!

DEAR DIARY, I've just walked out of my part-time job at Governor's Consultancy Services in Knightsbridge. I signed up with an Agency on Monday and have been given an assignment which starts on Sunday night! My parents think I'm crazy becoming a temp because getting work isn't guaranteed and my life's already fraught with difficulties but it's time I took risks again and start flying by the seat of my pants and see where it takes me.

I walked out of my job last week. I've had enough of Emma the manager's PA and her shenanigans. You know when someone at work dislikes you and they can't hide it. I haven't a clue why Emma took an instant dislike to me. I had been there a year and a half before she was employed. We're not in the same role so there should have been no jealousies there. In fact she's in a higher position to me so if anything I should have found her to be a threat to me! It would be too obvious to call the race card. I find it difficult to believe that my colour would be causing her to be so obviously rude, but I could feel it in my stomach when she started working with us that she would be trouble and so said, so done. She was rude, bossy, condescending, accusatory and sneaky and the day that I didn't punch her to the ground is the day I will always regret.

Anyway, that's all behind me now. I think this is God's way of telling me that changes need to be made in my life right now. I wasn't even afraid of walking out of my job, in fact it felt liberating. It felt right. I was not put on this earth for people with ugly ways to interfere with my good vibrations.

My new temping assignment is at ING Barings Investment Bank. I've got an ongoing assignment in their Desktop Publishing Department where I'll be doing shift work; my hours are 11pm to 6am! The hourly rate is excellent; I get a free meal, petrol allowance and free use of the gym. So new life here I come.

I can hardly wait!

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