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it just had
to happen

I was looking at the 4th incarnation of the masthead I had created... a. I didn't like it as much b. it interfered with the pencil graphic. I ditched it.

Then I was making an update to the website, I noticed a few details that got missed on the last edit I made. I created a template line, and turned it into an HTML comment. That means I'm blond-proofing the website. So yes, it had to be done, I sometimes sleep between edits.

I got discouraged on the day job. A day on the calendar that I had been looking forward to got pushed back by two years. <smirk> I cannot tell you how happy that makes me </smirk> I just want to say, SHRIMP! and CARP!

Time to kick the creativity up a notch. Well, today, I have to create with a headache. Will the headache help or hinder me? One way to find out. (future me: the headache was minor and was almost not worth mentioning)

I noticed a hyphenations in this newsletter that I didn't want. I didn't want to tighten up the spacing on the lines, so after two seconds, I remembered that I could create a paragraph style that would keep that one word together, because the hyphen would lose the effect of how it needed to read. It's amazing how many small fixes a user can find that does not visually impact the document in a negative way. Given a choice, I would get rid of hyphenation in all my documents, however, there is a time and a place to get picky, and a newsletter isn't one of them, unless I take the time to re-word everything to avoid it.

One of the many cousins has a birthday today. I will have to call can sing to her. I did call and sing, it made her day.

The last couple of weeks have been slow. It seems difficult to throw out words for the newsletter. I had to check, there is one newsletter for February, and it looks like I over achieved in January.

It's now Friday, and half way though the month. "Happy Friday," and I hope all your Fridays are good.

I did find out this last week, there are other members of

the team, with a specific tool at the ready, that I don't have access to. I felt gut kicked. I know, I shouldn't let it bother me. It's a tool that can be extremely helpful on a time sensitive project. Otherwise, I have to ask someone else to do it. And I have discovered, if I don't ask the right person, it won't get done. Then I look like I'm letting the team down, by not performing to the standards required to do the job. I want out. I want more than out, I want a creative job. Some type of design production job would be absolutely, over the moon, gob-smacking, fabulous. I'm not kidding.

However, due to the push back on my official retirement date, in order to receive full benefits, a design production job might not be an option. Therefore, I will continue to create videos, greeting card art, low content books, and anything else I can think of to boost my self esteem. All this, while I struggle through the day to day tasks of just scanning paper, transcribing script writing to typed words, and anything else they ask me to do. It's not the worst day job I can have, there are just no opportunities to get something that I could find more enjoyable to do on the job. But is creativity necessary? It seems on some days, that I might be in the best position I can be until I retire. Why, I'm at risk for going blind, it may be possible to scan paper for a longer period of time than to get into a design production job. Or not, as long as I take care of my eyes, in a manner to delay the onset of macular degeneration, art and design work should not be an issue.

February is almost over, and I have not been overly active with writing newsletters. March may be a different story. Some of the inactivity involves family issues. Other issues are undefined. What does that mean? Sometimes I come home from work and don't feel like doing anything. Other times, I'm not inspired.

I'm am going to close here. I hope you're having a great day. I'm having creative thoughts, so my day can't be that bad. Let's face it, creative thoughts? I'm off to a good start.

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