

JOB DESCRIPTION

A two-minute monologue

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Valerie, 50+, answers a question from a curious man at a party.

What do I do? Whatever I damned-well like!

Laughs.

It's such a stupid question. Like asking, 'What box should I put you in? The big important one or the tiny insignificant one?'

If I told you the truth, you freak. So, I won't.

I used to say I worked in a bank. But bank fees – and profits – went up and everyone hated banks, so I then I said I was a teacher. And everyone started telling me that kids today were illiterate.

Till last month, when I saw this post of Facebook – the 10 most difficult jobs in the world! And would you believe it, the top most difficult job in the world was Alaskan crab fisherman, coz they have to wade through freezing water for like three hours.

So now I say, 'Alaskan Crab Fisherwoman'.

See, you're impressed!

Yes! I get to go to Alaska. No! I didn't have to go to uni.

How much does it pay? Around two mil – depending on the season.

I won't tell you the truth – that I'm a mom and a grandmother, working part-time at Walmart.

I won't tell you that there are four more people in the world making it a better place because of me. And that I waded through blood, sweat and tears to birth them and raise them.

And that the pay was breakfast in bed on the second Sunday in May.

That would really blow your mind.

239 spoken words

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