

I DO NOT CHOOSE TO BE A COMMONER, IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE UNCOMMON. I SEEK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP WHATEVER TALENTS GOD GAVE ME. I SEEK NOT FOR SECURITY. I DO NOT WISH TO BE A KEPT CITIZEN, HUMBLING AND DULLED BY THE STATE THAT LOOKS AFTER ME. I WANT TO TAKE THE CALCULATED RISK; TO DREAM AND BUILD, TO FAIL AND TO SUCCEED. I REFUSE TO BARTER INCENTIVE FOR A DOLE; I PREFER THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE TO THE GUARANTEED EXISTENCE; THE THRILL OF FULFILLMENT TO THE STALE CALM OF UTOPIA. I WILL NOT TRADE FREEDOM FOR BONDAGE NOR MY DIGNITY FOR A HANDOUT. I WILL NOT COWER BEFORE ANY EARTHLY MASTER NOR BEND TO ANY THREAT. IT IS MY HERITAGE TO STAND ERECT, PROUD AND UNAFRAID; TO THINK AND ACT FOR MYSELF, TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MY CREATIONS, AND TO FACE THE WORLD BOLDLY AND SAY: "THIS, WITH GOD'S HELP, I HAVE DONE!" ALL THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN

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