# Five Scripta to say hello

... AND SPARK NEW FRIENDSHIPS, CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS + OTHER HAPPY PAIRINGS

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# Why I made this script pack ... and how to use it best.

This digital script pack was born — like pretty much everything I create — out of a spontaneous conversation with people I adore + respect.

I was teaching one of my WRITE YOURSELF INTO MOTION workshops, and we had a little extra time towards the end of the first afternoon.

I asked the gang, "What would you like to learn how to write?"

They replied, with almost unanimous enthusiasm, "Pitch letters!"

**Me:** "OK. So, like, an email where you introduce yourself to someone you think is smart + cool, to see how you might work together?"

Them: "Yeah! Those!"

**Me:** "OK. So, I'm guessing you want less of a traditional pitch letter, and more of a gracious, classy way to say 'hello!' to someone you don't know, and get on their radar. Without sounding pushy + weird. Right?"

Them: "Yeah! That!"

Me: "OK. Let's do this ..."

We spent the rest of the afternoon rolling through different scenarios, communication techniques, scripts, templates — and success stories.

As the day came to a close, we all came to the same happy conclusion:

If you want to captivate someone's attention + make a genuine connection, it's less about **what** you say, and more about **how** + **when** you say it.

> Flip the page for a truth-smack + a few universal reminders ...

#### **Truth-smack:**

Most of the fabulous + fancy people you want to reach are very, very busy.

### Like, scary-busy.

And most of the emails, voicemails, requests + invitations they receive are bland + boring (at best) and energy-sucky + demanding (at worst).

So your job, as you promenade into their field of view with a cheery "hello!" ... is to POP out from the pile.

How? Simple:

#### Be exquisitely different.

Really. That's it.

If everyone else is emailing ... don't email. Record a video.

If everyone else is cold-calling ... don't call. Write a hand-written note.

If everyone else is pushing ... don't make a request. Send a gift.

If everyone else is doing purple this season ... bring back neon green.

Bottom line?

**Invert** expectations — and you'll be golden.

# How to use these scripts to Get What You Want

Copy + paste them into an email, or scribble them into a hand-written note.

Meld them into your own words by adding your personal colloquialisms, quirks and signature expressions.

Tone them down. Dress them up. Make them your own.

Most of all — use them.

Reach out to the heroes, mentors, icons + partners you're aching to meet.

You have nothing to lose, and a world of possibility to gain.

So! This script pack includes five bundles of language, each with a particular purpose.

#### You'll find scripts designed to:

:: Say hello + capture a very, very busy person's attention

:: Say hello + get a face-to-face meeting

:: Say hello + score a free spot at an event

:: Say hello + invite 'em to collaborate with you

:: Say hello + position yourself as The One They Need

And while you're playing with these scripts, I highly recommend scoping out this free post, to get your wheels spinning in the right direction.

Have fun saying "hello" to the universe.

You've got this.



### Designed to ::

#### Say hello + capture a very, very busy person's attention

Subject: You're fabulous. And here's why...

Hey there, <name>,

There's an old expression, "If you love someone, set them free."

I prefer the expression, "If you love someone, send them a charming email and tell them that they're fabulous."

So, here goes:

You're fabulous.

Why? Because you <describe one thing they're amazing at>.

I've been tracking your work for a while, and your recent <post / piece / art project / album / book> on <describe specific topic here> completely enthralled me. After seeing that, I had to reach out. So ...

I did a little sleuthing, and <noticed your mailing address, posted on your site / reached out to your assistant, to grab your snail mail address / noticed on Twitter that you teach classes every week at such-and-such university>. I believe in the power of handwritten praise, so I've sent a little note and a gift to that address.

I hope it arrives safely. I hope you like it. I hope it reminds you of your fabulosity. I also hope (and this is a BIG hope) that someday, we might find a mutually-wondrous way to work + play, together. (But more on that later...)

With love + respect,

# Designed to ::

#### Say hello + get a face-to-face meeting

Subject: Allow me to shower you with praise, cash, adoration, etc ...

Hello <name>,

Paulo Coelho once said, "When a person really desires something, all the universe conspires to help that person to realize his dream."

I'm really hoping Mr. Coelho was right. Because I've got a serious desire ... to meet you. Like, in real life. Or at least, through the magic of Skype.

I think you're an incredible <writer / poet / teacher / speaker / business leader> and you've already inspired me to <describe something this person has inspired you to do>.

You've also inspired me to step up my game, and connect with people who are working + playing + creating at my level — and higher.

It doesn't look like you're currently offering 1-on-1 consultations — or believe me, I'd have purchased one already. ;)

So, here's my (rather presumptuous, but hopefully charming) proposition:

- 1. I send you a PayPal payment, for whatever amount feels appropriate for you. (Because I value your time. Big-time.)
- 2. You tell me when I can pick your brain, and for how long, and where.
- 3. We connect, chat, have a blast, and both leave with fresh ideas + smiles.

If you're open to that, hoooooray! And if not, well ... I'm sure the universe has even better plans, for both of us. ;)

With excitement,

# Designed to ::

#### Say hello + score a free spot at an event

**Subject:** Allow me to be your willing apprentice ...

Hey <name>!

I'll keep this ridiculously short + sweet, because you've got <workshops to teach / keynotes to deliver / audiences to delight / students to dazzle>.

I noticed that you've got an upcoming <event / workshop / performance / talk / book signing> in <city>.

And I know that when it comes to carrying out an event like that, you can never have too much loving support. ;)

You probably already have a stellar support team in place, but just in case you need one more brain (and pair of hands) on deck ... I'd love to offer myself up as your <apprentice / assistant / volunteer / right-hand gal / guy> for the event.

I'd love to <describe a few of the useful + wonderful things you're willing to do>. For free. In exchange for attending the event, and just, y'know, basking in the glow of you + your people.

If that sounds hot + helpful, let me know. You can reply to this note, or ring me at <phone number>.

Happily awaiting my marching orders, cap'n.

XO.

# Designed to ::

#### Say hello + invite 'em to collaborate with you

**Subject:** Your brain + my audience = a one-way ticket to AwesomeTown.

Hey there <name>,

I adore your work. In an ever-so-slightly-creepy, pin-you-to-my-vision-board kind of way.

I know that your cup runneth over with awesomeness, so I'll keep this brief:

I'm producing <a new blog series / an e-book / a TEDx event / a conference / an online magazine / a think-tank experience / a summit>. And I want your brain in it.

The theme? <describe theme here>.

The request? <a quick soundbite / a 100-word article / a 15-minute phone interview / a keynote presentation> on <insert topic here>, sometime between now + <sane, respectful deadline>.

**Why you?** Because when it comes to <topic>, you're the best in the business. (And because, secretly, I was looking for a decent excuse to connect with you.;)

What's in it for you? <a chance to promote your latest project + reach a slew of potential customers / high-quality video footage that you can use on your own site / a cash payment for your time / insert gracious reward here>.

... and my undying appreciation, poured into a handwritten thank you note.

There's more to tell you. But not much. And I don't want to saturate your inbox any further. For today: just shoot me a note to say "I'm in!" or "Not this time."

And we'll rock + roll from there.

XO.

# Designed to ::

#### Say hello + position yourself as The One They Need

Subject: Peanut butter + jelly. Gin + tonic. You + me. :)

Hey there <name>,

I'm not sure who first coined the phrase "1 + 1 = 3."

But whoever said it, I couldn't agree more. Which is why I'm writing today. :)

I've spent oodles of time on your website, and you've done an amazing job of articulating what you do + why you do it (clarity! brevity! so refreshing!)

It's clear to me that you're in the business of <representing up 'n coming historical fiction writers / showcasing undiscovered indie rock talent / featuring speakers with expertise on psychology + spirituality / insert genre here>.

And at the risk of sounding completely presumptuous, after checking out some of the other people in your <catalog of authors / summer concert line-up / conference program>, I feel like I'm a natural addition to the mix.

How come? Well, just like the other folks in your line-up, I <describe what makes you similar + relevant>. But unlike the other folks in your arsenal, I also bring <describe something that makes you pop + stand out>.

If you're open to adding one more <writer / musician / speaker / artist / ambitious up 'n comer> to your roster of awesomeness, I'd love to chat about you + me + how our version of 1 + 1 might equal 3.

You can learn more about me <right here: link to your website>. And if you feel inspired to call me up (how retro!) you can ring me at <phone number>.

Thank you. Deeply.

<your signature>

P.S. I suspect you get buckets of eager, shiny "hey, look at me!" emails like this, every day ... which is why I've also recorded a quick video message, just for you.

<u>Click here</u> to watch it. It's less than one minute long. (You'll need the following password: topsecret). Annund there's a surprise, at the end. Enjoy. ;)

# About the Author

# Alexandra Franzen



I want to live in a world where emails are short, love letters are brave, and 'thank you' notes are scribbled by hand.

I write about how to be a better writer. Which really means I write about being understood. Which really means I write about LOVE.

#### The fancy-dancy low-down:

I've been spotlighted on 50+ blogs and radio programs on writing, communication, creativity and entrepreneurship, including BlogCastFM, MindBodyGreen, The Daily Love and The Huffington Post — and in a handful of books, including *Grow Your Handmade* 

Business, When Talent Isn't Enough and The Declaration of You!

My first print book — 50 Ways To Say You're AWESOME — will be released in September 2013. (Mark your calendar. It's gonna be MEGA.)

#### Last but not least ...

You can find me online at AlexandraFranzen.com and on Twitter at @Alex\_Franzen. (I'm allergic to Facebook, but I still want to be your friend.)

XO.



# Want more? I got you covered ...

If you LOVED the material in this script pack, there's plenty more where that came from.

#### Three things you can do next ...

- 1. Hop over to my website + explore all of my laser-lucid lessons on writing, communication, creativity and entrepreneurship. (You might want to start with these 15 posts. They're awfully popular.)
- 2. Register for a WRITE YOURSELF INTO MOTION workshop. It's a weekend of wordsmithery with me + 20 new friends. (My 2013 tour is soooold out, so drop your name on the just-in-case waiting list to get first dibs on new cities + dates.)
- 3. Prance over to my SHOP and treat yourself to another script pack or wee-book. They're pretty, practical + delightfully playful.

#### AND!

If this script pack — or any of my digital scribblings — made your day, made your week, triggered an epiphany, or helped catapult you forward, tell me about it.

No one on earth can do what you do, in precisely the way that YOU do it.

XO + thank you for being in my orbit.



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