

Well Dressed and Confused

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Dear Reason,

I had this conversation with my boss. What the hell does it mean?

me (dressed up in button up shirt and skirt)

him: you look nice today

me: erm thank you!

him: any reason in particular?...

me: oh um no?

him:interview?

me: oh. no.

him: are you looking?

me: no? [pause].....should i be??

him: mm no?

me: [thinks some more]errrrwould you like me to tell you if i was?

him: sure? I'll be as honest with you as you are with me.

me: kk. when the time comes i'll remember to stab you in the front rather than the back then.

him: hahaha ok.

Should I be looking for another job?

- Well Dressed and Confused Darling WDC, Let me begin by saying WHAT THE HELL??? Your boss is a total and complete whack job who has absolutely ZERO freaking concept of what's appropriate. Ok. Now that I've gotten THAT little rant out of my system; The answer to your question is that you should be looking for another job if you want to look for another job but do NOT let that reDONKulous little interaction make you paranoid. If you're really concerned about the whole thing, then talk to Mr. Nut Job about it. Let him know that the whole thing was a little odd to you since you're very happy and learning a lot with him. Tell him that you just wanted to check in and make sure that he's equally as happy with the work that you've been doing. Hear what he has to say and then trust it. And sweetie, regardless of the pact you made, do NOT under ANY circumstances WHATSOEVER let him know when you're looking for another job. You always want to have the upper hand in that situation. Once you've let someone know that you've started to look, their immediate concern will be taking care of themselves. It's possible that they will decide that they need to cover their ass and you could end up out on yours! This is not always the case, but you don't want to be pushed out before you're ready to leave. Do yourself a favor and wait until it's time to let the boss man know that you've found someone a lot brighter than he is to work for. (Sorry – I couldn't resist!) Lastly dear WDC, there IS an exception to my aforementioned rule. There may come a time at your present company when you realize that there's nowhere else for you to go. It's time for you to be promoted and while your boss likes you (at least he's smart about one thing!), there's just nothing open. At this point, it's appropriate for you to start looking and to ask for your boss's help in the process. He should be willing to make phone calls for you and make his list of contacts available to you in order to get you to the next level. After all, he can't be paranoid about you leaving him for the rest of his life; he'll have to pass that on to someone else at some point! The Voice of Reason Send your questions to ReasonHollywood@gmail.com