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Acquisitions Editor,

In response to your ad on Craigslist for a travel writer and specifically in response to your question: Why I am the best person (in all the known universe) to write [about Hawaii]?

- 1) I live in on the Big Island of Hawaii; but,
- 2) I'm a relative newcomer having only been here for two years; and so, I still see Hawaii through the eyes of an innocent.
- 3) I love writing. In 2007, I put nearly a million well organized and carefully edited words onto paper. There is no doubt in my mind that I can get the job done.
- 4) My writing style (if I may be so bold as to say) is personable, yet informative -- flamboyantly irreverent, yet highly organized.
- 5) And finally, anybody who would be willing to put forth that they are "the best person" for anything is by definition arrogant. I am nothing if not arrogant -- to the point (I am told) of being insufferable.

Of course, with that being said, it is only proper to go on and to demonstrate my humble humanity by explaining why I am (quite possibly) the very worst person for this job:

- 1) I have never been published.
- 2) My primary writing focus is science fiction and fantasy (and farces, at that). And,
- 3) I've never been to Maui, Kauai, or any of the other outlying islands; and short of receiving significant advance money, I have no intent of visiting them anytime soon.

Finally, if I may be so bold as to suggest, you shouldn't base your decision on this cover letter alone; but rather, on my writing. To that end, attached please find:

- 1) A standard vanilla resume for a 9-5 job, which lists my mundane experiences.
- 2) A query letter for my completed manuscript Minataur Tails, which explains more fully what my writing is all about (or what it would be all about in the absence of financial constraints).
- 3) A stand-alone restaurant review I wrote for a local restaurant [---- -----].
- 4) A short blurb on Akaka Falls written specifically in response to your ad. And,
- 5) Another for Rainbow Falls, both of which show my natural writing style as it relates to the travel industry.

If you read nothing else, please read the short blips on the two waterfalls. They are the best sales pitch I can make; because if ultimately aren't thrilled by my writing, what's the point?

Thank you,

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