

What is "Glicken"? It's a Yiddish word referring to the icing on the cake. That extra reward on top of the regular benefits you get as a Barefoot Writer. Every month, we'll showcase a Barefoot Writer we know who's enjoying a little Glicken. Have a Glicken story of your own? Send it to: MyStory@thebarefootwriter.com.



Fast-Tracked Residency for Writers:

The Glicken of a Second Passport

By Beau Thompson

My wife Kory and I walk through Stanley Park ... Arguably the most beautiful place in Vancouver. It's hard not to find beauty in a place with rocky ocean views and snowcapped mountains. Plus, Vancouver is by far the cleanest and friendliest big city I know. The people are happy and welcoming.

"We have to move here," Kory says.

We always say these things on the last day of vacation. The rush of a new place. A cubicle nowhere in sight. Time is your own ... if only for a few days.

But Vancouver is different. We fell in love with the people-centric design of the city. Pedestrians and bikes have all the best views. The seawall runs for an uninterrupted 22 kilometers, passing

brand-new condo towers, parks, museums, marinas, yachts, and the Olympic village. It is truly a city of steel and glass.

The type of place I would love to call home.

Now, I got into copywriting for the freedom and flexibility. Above-average income helps. And traveling to exotic locations is nice ...

But, the biggest part of my *writer's life* vision is living in another country.

So, where's the Glicken?

That night back at the condo, I make dinner while Kory researches Canadian visas. It turns out the Canadian government targets certain skill groups for immigration. These groups are highly valued. They are fast-tracked for permanent residency. In some cases, in a few months.



Beau by a totem (story) pole on the grounds at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

Guess which skill group is on that list ... copywriting!

For neophytes, permanent residency allows the holder access to most services and privileges of a full citizen, except voting and holding public office. It is a stepping stone to a second passport.

Now, I study the market for second passports and residency. This is unheard of. Fast-tracked residency programs typically involve six-figure “donations” to the government ... or seven-figure real estate purchases.

For the monetarily challenged, the path to permanent residency can take three years minimum, with visas and temporary residencies. During that time, if the rules change, you’re out of luck. It’s not uncommon.

But Canada recognizes the benefit of the creative field. Writers and other artists contribute significantly to the cultural and economic life of a society. A wonderful, clean, and friendly place knows this.

I joined AWAI for the freedom to work on my terms. But now it is helping me achieve other visions of my *writer’s life* as well.

Kory and I are starting the application process. By this time next year, my Glicken will be a reality. ■

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