

Regulation

“Why do we have this regulation?” I asked her.

“Does it make any sense to you?”

“No, but what does that matter?”

she responded. “It’s a regulation.

There is a particular imperative for us
to follow all of the regulations.”

“We have this regulation,” I continued,

“because there is someone, somewhere,
with a job that would not exist
if she or he were not writing
and enforcing regulations.”

“Probably right,” she replied.

“And that’s what makes it particularly
imperative for us to follow, because
I want to keep my job too.”

It was an interesting dream.

I don’t meet so many intelligent people,

not even in my dreams. So

when I woke up, first thing,

(even before making a cup of tea)

I had to write it down

to be sure I would never forget her.

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