

Bad Coffee, Bad Grades & Japanese Monster Movies

by Nobody you know

Scene one: living room with a couch and several chairs. A television is beaming that numbing glow it's so well known for and as usual, the people are only giving it half their attention. It's still more than it warrants. Many beers are flowing freely and by the time I arrive on those sit-com set copious amounts of alcohol have no doubt been consumed. Only a non-gender specific deity knows how many free-with-your-paid-subscription to Sports Illustrated hockey, football and baseball highlights and blooper videocassettes had been viewed prior to my arrival. As I am encouraged to sit and participate,

I begin to understand the most basic of human interaction. The blooper tape is replaced by TSN. Tennis is on unfortunately, but even so general armchair athletes begin to speak...

Drunk guy #1 - "Those tennis guys sure sweat a lot, don't they?"

Drunk guy #2 - "Yup" (drinks beer)

DG #1 - "Why are they those hats? I've never seen people wear hats during a tennis game before."

DG #2 - "Well, they're in Australia, eh? It's mega-hot there. Remember that tennis game we watched last summer?" (opens a new beer). "The ball boys were dropping like flies and that was in Australia so it must be hot there now. It was hot then so it must be hot now too."

DG #1 - "Yup." (drinks beer)

DG #2 - "You'd have to drink a lot if you sweat that much on the court."

DG #1 - "Yeah man, I sweat like a pig when I play 1 period of hockey."

DG #2 - "Can you imagine how bad you'd have to piss after drinking that much?"

DG #1 - "No, you wouldn't have to piss 'cause you'd sweat it all off."

DG #2 - "Yeah, you'd come off the court and go to the can and it would be like ... (makes gesture to hold his Johnson) FFFFFFFF... nothing would come out!" (Laughs hysterically at this thought.)

DG #1 - (Laughing too) Yeah, or maybe... (now becomes angry) No! You wouldn't have to piss at all if you sweat it all off! You

wouldn't feel like you needed to go!"

DG #2 - "Yeah, maybe." (Drinks beer)

This deep example of highly cerebral communication seemed to go on for hours. This was the living room where time stands still (as is the basic standard on super-toilet bowl weekend) the suggestion was made that if they planned to go the bars downtown, perhaps avoiding the line-up in -20°C weather would be a good idea. A drunk guy offers the counter suggestion that perhaps it's too cold and they should stay where they were. Of course, lower brain functions prevail and unsuitable winter jackets are donned.

I proceed to eat pizza as they begin their preparations to enter the vast brainless wasteland known as the Fredericton Night Club Scene. This would seem about as intelligent a move as kissing a flagpole at -20°C. Frankly I was far more mentally stimulated for the three hours I lip locked with City Hall than

in any bar in Fredericton for a long time. On the flipside, it's kind of like kissing that Aunt in your family that no one talks about; it seems like an eternity and you want to squirm because it is so uncomfortable.

As a result I leave with two pieces of advice and my favourite quote: Don't kiss a flagpole in winter.

If you want to keep drunk guys away from your pizza, order it with no meat (they hate that).

Boys, we're gonna be right some wasted tonight boys. Last time I help anyone move on a Saturday night. Same bat time, same bat channel next week.



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