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## THE LANVAL STORY

So I had to read some Arthurian romances for some class—shoutout to Porcheddu’s early brit lit, yeehaw! But these things are hilarious. Take *Lanval*, for instance, this entire thing reads like a bunch of middle-school drama, but with knights, and honestly its iconic.

So here’s how it goes down:



Guinevere gets UNO reverse carded, and she does not like it one bit.

So Lanval is chilling with his homie z’s in Carduel, and Arthur is like “happy Pentecost everybody, come get some free presents”, but surprise, surprise, good ole Lanval gets absolutely nothing.

So Lanval decides that he is going to go pout in a field, where, for some reason some insanely hot empress who also is really into him is just chilling. And she is all like, “yo, I wanna be your lover”, and Lanval being the horny teen he is agrees. So this mystery lady is like, “beans, it’s all good, I’ll be with you wherever you are (but invisible so no one else can see me) you’ll be the richest person ever, blah, blah, blah, but—and there is one but—you can never tell anyone about me”.

Now this goes on for a while and Lanval becomes pretty famous. In fact, all the Knights of the Round Table decide to start hanging out with him instead of this Arthur loser—classic revenge fantasy this. Guinevere, who is the belle of the whole kingdom (and also dating Arthur, the Captain of the Football Team) decides to get in on the action (gasp!).

Lanval, who is an honorable man, reject’s Guinevere’s advances, to which Guinevere says, and I quote “ur gay”—classic middle-school comeback that. Lanval goes and pulls the good ole Uno reverse card, and is all like “shut up, I have a girlfriend and she’s hotter than you, she just goes to another school.” Whelp, looks like Lanval just got filed for breach of contract because mystery lady completely ghosts him.



Lanval’s girlfriend who “goes to another school”

And that’s just the beginning, cuz Guinevere snitches to Arty, who tries Lanval for insulting the queen. And the jury is all like “pics or it didn’t happen, Lanny, my boy. If you can prove that this mystery lady is real and just ‘goes to another school’ not ‘never existed in the first place’, then you can go free”. Now Lanval is in a bit of a predicament, since mystery lady completely ghosted him, so he does the only logical thing and goes and cries in his room.



Psych! She’s real, and she’s... Dr. Weinberg of the Denison Weinbergs, the prettiest princess of them all??

The day of the execution finally arrives—for the sake of the analogy let’s call it Prom—and Lanval is marching to the scaffold when all of a sudden, two mysterious ladies show up, driving their cars right up to the gates of Prom-elot. Now all the knights of the round table, are like “yo, Lanny, is that your ‘girlfriend’” to which Lanval is just like “nope, she’s even hotter”. So Arthur is all like “well guess we gotta kill him”, but the thing is all the members of the court are extremely hormonal young lads and are “distracted”. This happens one more time, with two completely different ladies, until finally, a freaking gem-encrusted stretch limo pulls up in front of good ole Prom-elot and who steps out but, Lanval’s totally real girlfriend who really did just go to another school.

So then Lanval is all “thanks for nothing Arty, guess I’m just gonna go peace out then and live with my hot girlfriend for the rest of, I don’t know, Forever, you loser.” So he rides off to Avalon and just parties it up for the rest of eternity.

Now, I’m not saying that Disney should hire me for their Disney+ reboot of classic made-for-Tv film, Avalon High, but I’ve got ideas, and I also need a job. Please Disney, give me a job. You know how to find me.

-William Kellsey, Staff Newbie, Early British Literature Nerd

## I SAW THE HARLEY QUINN MOVIE

Everyone should go see it. It was so, so good. I say this after most movies that I see (cough, cough, Frozen 2, cough) but this one was actually amazing. Not only do we learn so much about Harley Quinn as a character, but we also get to see her fight crime with a badass group of other women. Wow! For real, *Birds of Prey (Or the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn)* is a very, very good movie and Margot Robbie is stunning.

-Sophia Menconi, Senior Editor

IN RESPONSE TO WILLIAM KELLSEY’S “TOO MANY WILLS”

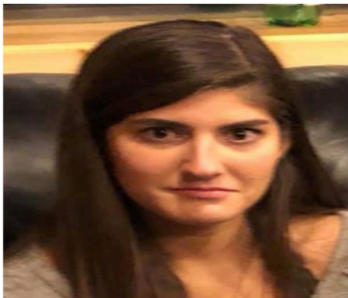
Ok, here’s the deal kiddo. Sure, it has to be confusing to be stuck with a name as bland as William in a world filled with hundreds of thousands of other people with the same name. But seriously, you shouldn’t be complaining too much if your biggest issue is that there’s too many of you named William, you should honestly take that as a compliment to your parents naming ability if multiple people are willing to name their kids with the same name. Millions of people throughout time have decided that William was a good name to give that name to their child, so the fact that there are so many of you that have been in existence over time. And don’t you realize how many names you could go by if you wanted to? Let me list them real quick before I get back to my main point.

- 1. William (for those of you unwilling to accept change in your life)
- 2. Will (For those who want to make life more convenient for everyone else by shortening a syllable off their name)
- 3. Willy (This is the most fun nickname variation of Will, if people call you Willy and you’re cool with it, you’re a fun guy)
- 4. Bill (Ok this one is pushing it, it is the weirdest cross between too professional and friendly and it makes me uncomfortable. That’s why I only liked Bill Clinton once people called him “Slick Willy” because that was pretty funny)
- 5. Billy (You’re not as cool as Willy but at least you don’t go by Bill)
- 6. WILSON (Castaway is a great movie. Also, I just found out that Tim Allen’s neighbor in the show “Home Improvement” was named Wilson W. Wilson and that really hurt any Wilson’s chance at being a decent variation of the name William)
- 7. Guillermo (I don’t personally know anyone named Guillermo so I can’t judge it that well, but I’m sure if I did it would be pretty cool.)
- 8. Liam (If you’re named Liam you’re either a total shit head or a very nice guy so don’t let your children go by Liam unless you want to gamble on the quality of your child)
- 9. Wally (For fans of the original Vacation movie)
- 10. Willem (This one can only be used by Willem Dafoe for the rest of time so please never go by this variation of Will)

So William (this goes for all of you) quit complaining about there being too many “Wills” when there are all these different names you could go by but you CHOSE not to. Just imagine if you had a name like Blythe Dahlem, there are so many negatives to it. First of all, I can’t choose to go by any other name, I’m stuck with the one my parents gave me... oh and my middle name is also unusable, so just look it up if you’re really curious (thanks Mom and Dad love you guys). Second, whenever I order something in a restaurant I have to repeat my name at least 3-4 times before I eventually spell it out (but recently I’ve decided to use aliases whenever I’m in these situations to make it easier on the people working and so I can feel like a spy). Although the name is technically gender neutral, people generally assume I’m female. I am in fact not a female and if anyone doubts that you’re just gonna have to take my word for it because I’m not going to bother proving it to you. Lastly, people have always thought my first name was a last name and they just thought people called me by my last name until they figured out my last name. So I just want you people with a “generic” name to know that I envy you and the illusion of choice that comes with your name and how easily people pronounce it. Just remember it could always be worse, for you and me... because we all could have easily been named Chad.

-Blythe Dalhem, Staff Newbie

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