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"GRANVILLE'S MOST BURPEE PUBLICATION"

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TOP FIVE REASONS TO GET MARRIED

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After reading a recent Bullsheet article, you may find yourself feeling pretty down-in-the-dumps. "I did find that eel pit in the basement a couple days ago," you might be thinking to yourself. Does this mean that it's all over? Four years down the drain just like that? I'm here to tell you that is absolutely not the case. Sure, discovering a partner's secret obsession with long fish can be a bit intimidating, but you've gotten through worse. Remember that time you fell in love with a "living statue" in Vegas, only to discover that it was a real statue the whole time? That was pretty embarrassing. But you didn't break up then, and you won't break up now. In fact, perhaps this is just a sign to take that oh-so-important next step in your relationship. So, with Valentine's Day just around the corner, here are our top 5 reasons to get married:

1. Y'all are sharing a toothbrush.

This is more of a rule than a reason, but we'll include it anyway. If you are sharing tooth-brushes, you're basically married already, and you may as well get a ring to make it official. This is the most intimate (and grossest) thing that two people can do. It's a lot like kissing if kissing involved less lip touching and more tooth-to-tooth contact for two minutes straight. As a matter of fact, if you are doing this and aren't married already, I will personally come to your home and officiate your wedding free of charge.

2. They're not a murderer.

Of course, everyone knows that you shouldn't marry someone who is a murderer. That's an obvious statement. But let's take that a step further. My (very sound) logic tells me that, if it is true that you SHOULDN'T marry ANYONE who IS a murderer, then you SHOULD marry EVERYONE who ISN'T a murderer. It makes perfect sense.

3. They bring you a really nice rock.

Some say that the stomach is the best route to the heart, but we all know that the corvid-brain is a far better bet. Any partner with scavenging instincts to bring home cool rocks, shiny pieces of metal, or tiny bones is definitely marriage material.

4. They do an elaborate mating dance.

In a similar vein, there is no better way to indicate your deep-seated adoration for your partner than performing a silly little jig. If someone is willing to create a whole choreographed performance for you, especially if they have colorful, flashy plumage and a nice nest as well, just imagine how well they'll treat you for the rest of your lives. Dancing is also a good sign that your partner is a real person and not made of bronze, which, for you, seems to be an otherwise difficult distinction to make.

5. They don't know what honorificabilitudinitatibus means.

This, of course, is a test of honesty in a relationship. If you show them this word and they make a very confused squeak and perhaps some light retching sounds, you've got a keeper. Conversely, anyone who claims to be able to say this word (let alone define it) is a liar and not to be trusted.

BEST BURPEES SKETCHES

Griffin Conley, Burpee Extraordinaire

1. Traffic Altercation

Caroline Concannon was SO expressive with her hands! I love the way that she really conveyed that Mikey Day cut her off on the highway. Her gestures were nothing short of somewhere we've all been after dealing with some jackass on the road. Her sublime acting brought me to the point of considering pausing the YouTube video.

2. Homeland

Lilah Landsman's faithful re-interpretation of Carrie from the hit Showtime show was life changing! The show's intentional depiction of alcoholism made it's way into the sketch and was truly brought to life by Landsman's near perfect mannerisms. Plus, Bill Hader really sealed the deal on this sketch!

3. Grocery Store AD

Jess Cohen and Selena Mendez navigated the struggles of COVID and comedy beautifully. Pushing past the boundaries that distant required of comedians in 2021 was nothing short of an Olympic sized feat. But they did it! Cohen and Mendez made the grocery store come alive and had me wondering what pantry necessity I needed in my life, all while filming from different locations!

4. Tenement Museum

The Burpee's decision to rehash early 20th century inter-European social dynamics was not a direction I expected, but it was an impressive moment in Denison comedy history. Mick Smith's period accurate Polish accent shocked, but ultimately won over me and other viewers. As the sketch progressed I did come around to his and Kate McKinnon's impressions of early American history.

5. Cut for Time: Cast List

Seeing the whole group come together to sell the tense band of high school drama kids impressed me. The world-building rivaled George Lucas. Hearing Mick Smith's rendition of "Belle" from Beauty and the Beast made me root for him to get the lead. However, as Will Ferrell intended to sow division, I could see the comedic strengths of the Burpees as they played against each other. Wish it made it into the episode!

6. New Paint

While this might be number six, it's number one in my heart! This is the sketch that inspired my bedroom makeover. Hearing Phoebe Martin describe the complexity that goes into Farrow & Ball colours was the epiphany I needed to improve my taste in wall colours. Lulworth Blue and Ammonite are gifts from the Burpees in my heart. And Kristen Stewart...va-va-voom! Good labour of love from Kyle Mooney.

7. Deep Quote Game Night

It is hard to outshine Daniel Craig, but Tatum Thomas managed to. This simple concept for a sketch blossomed into a beautiful expression that is niche humor coming to life. As a committed LetterBoxd user, nothing brought me greater joy than hearing an unnecessary appreciation of film! Tbh, needed more Kyle Mooney.



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