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TALES ABOUT ABROAD #10

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Dear Travel Diary,

My previously mentioned trip to Oxford resparked my love for travel. With that in mind, I suggested to my wife that we try traveling. You know, to fix the sorely lacking spark between us. My wife suggested we go to France, and I argued for London. So we settled on going to Wales. Cardiff to be exact.

The train ride to Cardiff was an interesting one. My wife insisted on facing the direction the train was moving towards. Some quack motion sickness remedy. But get this, the train kept switching directions. So mid-journey she'd have to get up, move her bag, suitcase, and purse, then set it all back down, only for the train to switch directions after the very next stop! It was quite the silly scene, something straight out of a slapstick. I would have been laughing along, but unfortunately I was moving with her every single time. Other than that wrinkle, the train ride went smoothly.

What I didn't realize is that Wales is a country full of nerds. Within the first few minutes of being in Cardiff, I spotted two board game cafes, a comic shop, a Warhammer shop, and two stores full of miscellaneous nerdy memorabilia. Even the Cardiff gift shops are considerably more dorky than your average run-of-the-mill tourist trap. Cardiff gift shops have shelves full of dragon miniatures and actual chalices. Wales is truly a dream if you're a lame dork named Carter and a nightmare if you're married to such a man. My wife and I spent hours in these stores, excluding the Warhammer store because even I have my limits. I ended up buying three X-Statix comics (issues 21, 22, and 18, in case you were wondering.)

Cardiff is also home to a magnificent castle. My wife interrupted my important analysis of X-Statix's leading man Guy Smith to ask if we could get tickets to tour the inside of the castle.

"We have castles at home," I said.

"Where in America do we have castles?" my wife asked with a growing annoyance.

"Disney World."

Fortunately, this shut down any argument over buying tickets. Unfortunately, I fear I now owe my wife a trip to Disney World. Maybe my Denison connections to Michael Eisner can get me a discount? Regardless, we moved southwest from the castle, entering a beautiful walking trail. I feel like this was my first time being fully immersed in nature since leaving Ohio. We saw a collection of cherry blossoms, camellias, and narcissuses. It was nice. The scene might have even been romantic if it were any two other people. I tried saving the mood by telling her this little joke, but if you can believe it, she did not appreciate the humor in my observation.

Our exit from Cardiff was swift but awkward. Our train was filled with Welsh rugby fans, who all looked as defeated as me and my wife. When the train switched directions, my wife got up to move seats, and I stayed put.

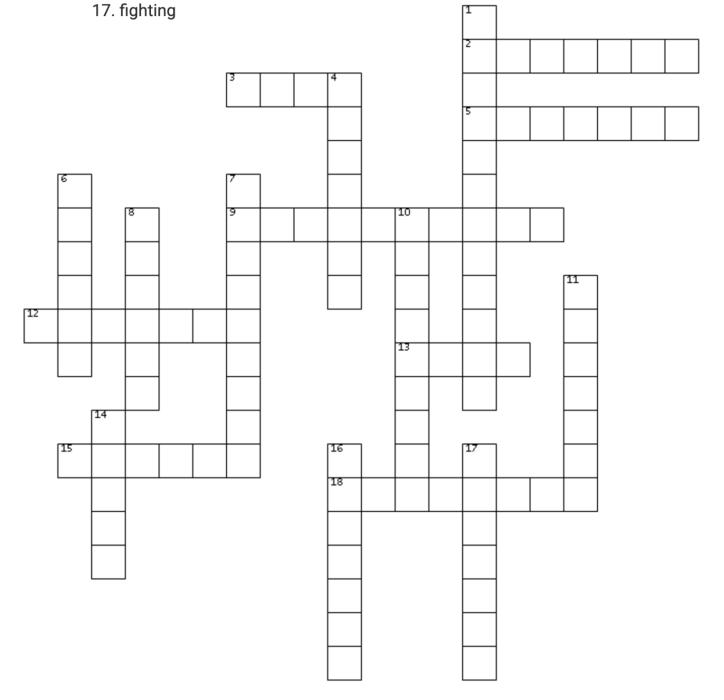
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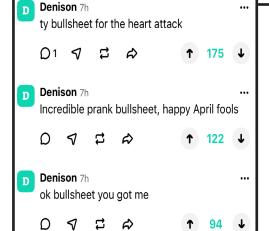
DOWN

- 1. merry-go-round
- 4. ironing
- 6. fighting (professionally)
- 7. spinach
- 8. thank you
- 10. microwave
- 11. idiot
- 14. emotionally significant hug
- 16. squash

ACROSS

- 2. longing or homesickness
- 3. telling tales
- 5. horrible
- 9. nodding off
- 12. doing the deed
- 13. now
- 15. awesome
- 18. clip around the ear





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