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Just got home and found all the doors & windows are wide open and everything's gone...

What kind of person would do this to my Advent calendar?





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MY VERSION OF FLIRTING IS TEXTING MY HUSBAND, "THE TRASH IS FULL." I don't meant to brag or anything but I can forget whose present I'm wrapping by the time I'm done wrapping it.

Nervous Flyer

During a trip from California to Indiana, it didn't help that my connecting flight from Denver was delayed twice because of mechanical problems. Then, after we were aloft, I noticed the lights began flickering. I mentioned this to a flight attendant. "I'll take care of it," she said.

Moments later the lights went out. Clearly she had solved the problem by turning off all the lights. A passenger across the aisle who had been watching me leaned over and said, "Whatever you do, please don't ask about the engines."

My Grandpa got bitten by a spider and he was really upset. So I went to get some cream. But before I could leave the room, I heard him say, "At this age I can't handle the responsibility of being a spiderman."



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Technically if you don't cut the cake and just eat the whole thing with a fork, you still only had one piece.

Ultra-Modern

The junior executive had been complaining to his wife of aches and pains.

Neither one could account for his trouble. Arriving home from work one night, he informed her.

"I finally discovered why I've been feeling so miserable. We got some ultra-modern office furniture two weeks ago, and I just learned today that I've been sitting in the wastebasket.

I'm like Christmas lights...
Complicated and an absolute
mess but once you've figured me
out I'm festive and quite pleasant.

Crowded Elevator

As the crowded elevator descended, Mrs. Wilson became increasingly furious with her husband, who was delighted to be pressed against a pretty blonde.

As the elevator stopped at the main floor, the blonde suddenly whirled, slapped Mr. Wilson, and said, "That will teach you to pinch!"

Bewildered, Mr. Wilson was halfway to the parking lot with his wife when he choked, "I... I... didn't pinch that girl."

"Of course you didn't," said his wife, consolingly.
"I did."

I love board games, especially the ones where you arrange cheese, meat, crackers, and grapes, and then eat it.
I'm really good at that one.

As a Mom of teenagers, My Christmas wish list is pretty simple.

I'd love for them to clean their rooms just a little. Get along for a few hours and enjoy each others company. Return all my cups and spoons back in my cabinets and drawers.

- Or WORLD PEACE might be easier and that would be nice, too.













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FAMILY HAS
BEEN GIVING
EACH OTHER THE
SAME EIGHT GIFT
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1979.





I pledge allegiance to the cup that holds my caffeinated beverage and to the drink for which it contains, one container, full of coffee, indispensible, with energy and caffeine for me.

The Bus Driver

One fine day, a bus driver went to the bus garage, started his bus, and drove off along the route. No problems for the first few stops, a few people got on, a few got off, and things went generally well.

At the next stop, however, a big hulk of a guy got on. Six foot eight, built like a wrestler, arms hanging down to the ground. He glared at the driver and said, "Big John doesn't pay!" and sat down at the back. Did I mention that the driver was five feet three, thin, and basically meek? Well, he was. Naturally, he didn't argue with Big John, but he wasn't happy about it.

The next day the same thing happened-Big John got on again, made a show of refusing to pay, and sat down. And the next day, and the one after that, and so forth. This grated on the bus driver, who started losing sleep over the way Big John was taking advantage of him. Finally he could stand it no longer. He signed up for body building courses, karate, judo, and all that good stuff. By the end of the summer, he had become quite strong; what's more, he felt really good about himself.

So on the next Monday, when Big John once again got on the bus and said, "Big John doesn't pay!," the driver stood up, glared back at the passenger, and screamed, "And why not?"

With a surprised look on his face, Big John replied, "Big John has a bus pass."

Why did the cookie have to leave the baking class?

It kept Crumbling under the pressure.

Mortality

I began thinking about my own mortality after I became a widow. One day my daughter called home from college, and I announced to her, "I think it's time for us to talk about where I would like to be buried."

"It's way too soon to even think of anything like that," she snapped indignantly. Then there was a brief silence.

"Wait a minute, did you say married or buried?" When I repeated buried, she said, "Oh, okay, sure."

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The Bus Trip

The little old lady seated herself right behind the bus driver. Every ten minutes or so she'd pipe up, "Have we reached Oriskany Falls yet, sonny?"

"No, lady, not yet. I'll let you know," he replied, time after time.

The hours passed, the old woman kept asking for Oriskany Falls, and finally the little town came into view. Sighing with relief, the driver slammed on the brakes, pulled over and called out, "This is where you get out, lady."

"Is this Oriskany Falls?"

"YES!" he bellowed. "Get out!"

"Oh, I'm going all the way to Albany, sonny," she explained sweetly. "It's just that my daughter told me that when we got this far, I should take my blood pressure pill."

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT Y'ALL BUT I HAVEN'T GOT ANY MORE PASSWORDS LEFT IN ME.

Bank Robber

Said the FBI agent to the bank teller after the bank was robbed for the third time by the same bandit: "Did you notice anything special about the man?"

"Yes, he seemed better dressed each time!"

Churchill Downs

Vacationing in Kentucky, a friend and I spent the night at a small motel outside of Louisville. In the morning, I asked the woman at the desk for directions to Churchill Downs. Not able to tell us, she called her husband from the back room.

"Churchill Downs?" he asked. "That's the race-track, isn't it?" We nodded. He hesitated and then said, "I'm pretty sure it's somewhere south of the university. I'm sorry, but I don't think I can be much help."

At that point his wife left the room. The husband looked over his shoulder to make sure she had disappeared. Then he winked at us, leaned over the counter and whispered, "Take Third Street through town, go past the university and turn right on Central Avenue. After that, just look for the twin spires. You can't miss 'em!"

That awkward time between Christmas and the New Year when you're stuffing your face with Chocolate while planning your diet.











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Why don't snowmen ever argue?

- They just let things melt away.

Are You A Christian?

Little Rodney, 4 years old, walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes." she replied.

"Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes."

"Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes."

With that he asked his final question, "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"

We can only blame ourselves for all the crime and violence today.

We removed all the phone booths and now Superman has nowhere to change.

Nothing says Christmas with teenagers like a 17-year-old linebacker with a 5 o'clock shadow pretending he doesn't care about the Elf on the Shelf...then getting up every morning and casually checking to see if he moved overnight.









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Assistance?

On the examination paper the Professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The Professor carefully studied the answer script and then said, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

I told my family I'd make the Christmas dinner this year.

SPOILER ALERT: It's going to be takeout!

Even though she was grown, she believed in elves & Santa Claus & flying reindeer & sacks with an endless capacity for toys. Furthermore, she believed that believing in these things was the chief reason that she had more fun in life than others.

Watching a Movie

A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in a theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient.

"Sir," the usher said, "if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly.

"All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the man moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?" the cop asked.

"The balcony."

Me yelling at a squirrel to get out of the road so its not squished by a car is probably the same feeling my guardian angel has watching me live my life.

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Are You Prepared?

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests."

"I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean,

are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

Stalking Flies

I stopped at a friends shop the other day and found him stalking around with a fly swatter.

When I asked if he was getting any flies, he answered, "Yeah, 3 males and 2 females".

Curious, I inquired as to how he could tell the difference.

He answered, "Easy, 3 were on a beer can and 2 were on the phone"

Wake up every morning with the thought that something Wonderful is going to happen

Car Problems

Sandra was out driving her car and while stopped at a red light, the car just died. It was a busy intersection, and the traffic behind her starting growing.

The guy in the car directly behind her started honking his horn continuously as Sandra continued to try getting the car to start up again. Finally Sandra gets out of her car and approaches the guy in the car behind her

"I can't seem to get my car started," Sandra said, smiling. "Would you be a sweetheart and go and see if you can get it started for me. I'll stay here in your car and lean on your horn for you."

I run every day for 15 minutes.

If I miss a day I add 15 minutes to the next day. This has truly been a game changer. Tomorrow I'm supposed to run for 3 months.

I just opened a can of worms and they're just sitting there. It's hardly the chaos that's been advertised.









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I'm at the place in my life where errands count as "GOING OUT"



Opee Gazette says: Let's Play!

Who Wants To Be A ZILLIONAIRE?

\$705,000 Question...

Who released the 2011 album Under the Mistletoe?

A. Bruno Mars

B. Justin Bieber

C. Katy Perry

D. Ariana Grande

\$706,000 Ouestion...

What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?

A. Sleep in the stable B. Eat any carrots

C. Guide Santa's sleigh D. Join in any reindeer games

\$707,000 Question...

In the traditional Xmas song '12 days of Christmas', how many maids are milking?

A. 8 C. 5 B. 6 D. 10

\$708,000 Question...

'One More Sleep' is a song recorded by which British singer?

A. Pixie Lott

B. Leona Lewis

C. Dua Lipa

D. Adele

\$709,000 Question...

How many 'las' are after the 'fa' in 'Deck the Halls'?

A. 5

B. 6

C. 9

\$710,000 Question...

According to the popular song, what colour Christmas did Elvis sing about having?

A. Red

B. White

C. Green

D. Blue

\$711,000 Question...

What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?

A. All is bright

B. All is calm

D. Holy Night

D. So tender and mild

\$\text{\$\delta\$ - B! \$\text{\$\delta\$ - D! \$\text{\$\delta\$ - D! \$\text{\$\delta\$ - D!}\$ Answers: \$705 - B \$706 - D; \$707 - A;

The Plea

Working for a Judge in a common pleas court, I saw many criminal defendants. One man facing drug charges proved unusually helpful.

To determine the exact quantity of the illegal substance allegedly sold, the judge asked the prosecutor how many grams there are in an ounce.

As both attorneys checked their notes, the defendant, who had not yet entered his plea, proudly announced, "There are 28.3 grams in an ounce, your honor."

His attorney advised him to plead guilty.

Sometimes I feel like throwing in the towel. But then I realize that means more laundry.

Tattoo

When my brother-in-law was on leave from the service, he brought home a heavily tattooed friend. We all sat down to Sunday lunch, and my four-yearold nephew couldn't take his eyes off the man's colorful arms. Curiosity finally got the better of him. Politely, he asked the visitor, "Didn't your mother give you any paper to write on?"

LET'S BE CLEAR: If you spend the time baking a cake, you can eat as many slices as you want and the calories don't count. You made those calories. You're the boss of them.

Friendly reminder:

If your birth year starts with "19XX," wrap your gifts on a table, not the floor

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New Mechanic

A man applies for a job as mechanic. The boss says, "Can you roll your hard hat down your arm and pop it back on your head?"

The mechanic shakes his head, confused.

"Can you play light saber with your wrench and another man's screwdriver?"

"no," says the mechanic.

"Can you bounce your screwdriver off the cement, grab it, whirl it around and put it in your belt like a gun?"

"Sir, I've never tried!" says the wanna-be mechanic.

"Well in that case, I can use you. You are hired! I have 12 men doing that other stuff already!" says the boss.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house... ran a wave of pure panic -THF WINF HAD RUN OUT!!

Young Love

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, "When we were first married, you took the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller. You don't love me any more..."

"Nonsense, darling," replied the husband, "you just cook better now."

If I ever say "NO" to coffee, Call the Police... My identity has been stolen.

English 101

An English professor announced to the class; "There are two words I don't allow in my class. One is gross and the other is cool."

From the back of the room a voice called out, "So, what are the words?"

3 out of 4 voices in my head want to sleep. The other wants to know if penguins have knees.

All I want is peace, LOVE,

understanding...

and a chocolate bar BIGGER than my head.



Why do Reindeer wear Bells? Their Horns Don't Work





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I just
realized
a lot of
people
don't like
holding
hands in
public.
Especially
if they
don't
KNOW
YOU.



NOW HIRING:

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Clarifying Memo

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"Starting immediately, your 15-minute breaks are being cut from a half-hour to 20 minutes."

deck the HALLS and not your FAMILY fa la la la

Cubs Fan

A first grade teacher explains to her class that she's a Cubs fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they're Cubs fans, too. Not really knowing what a Cubs fan is but wanting to be just like their teacher, the students launch their hands into the air like fleshy fireworks. There is, however, one exception: A girl named Lucy doesn't go along with the crowd.

The teacher asks her why she's decided to be different. "Because I'm not a Cubs fan," Lucy says.

"Then what are you?" asks the teacher.

"Why, I'm proud to be a Sox fan," boasts the little girl. The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks Lucy why she's a Sox fan. "Well, my mom and dad are Sox fans, so I'm a Sox fan, too."

The teacher is now very angry. "That's no reason!" she says loudly. "What if your mom was a moron, and your dad was a moron. What would you be then?" Lucy pauses, then smiles. "Why, then," Lucy says, "I'd be a Cubs fan."

When I was younger, I always thought adults were being dramatic when they said, "If it's not one thing, it's another."

Now as an adult, I can confirm without hesitation that if it's not one thing, it's another.

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Hesitant Driver

A hesitant driver, waiting for a traffic jam to clear, came to a complete stop on the freeway on-ramp.

The traffic thinned, but the driver still waited. Finally a furious voice from the vehicle behind him cried, "Hey, fellow! The sign says 'Yield,' not 'surrender!"

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house no creatures were stirring - well except for mom. Who was busting her butt to make everything perfect for EVERYONE.

Football Confession

Our assistant pastor, an avid football fan, had to hear confessions on Saturday during an important Nebraska/Notre Dame game. When one man had finished his confession, the priest asked him, "Are you by any chance going to be around the church for awhile?"

"Yes, Father," answered the man, "I'm painting the church, and I'll be here all afternoon."

"Would you mind, then," the priest asked, "coming back in now and then and keeping me posted on the game?"

"Sure thing."

Later, the priest slid open the confessional grille and heard, "Father my last confession was fifteen minutes ago. Since then I ain't done nothing and neither has Notre Dame."

DO NOT DRINK AND WRAP PRESENTS!

Also, if anyone gets a remote control for Christmas, I'm gonna need that back.

The Young Witness

A boy, who was a witness in court, was asked by a lawyer: "Did anyone tell you what to say in court?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought so! Who was it?"

"My father, sir."

"And what did he tell you?"

"He said the lawyers would try to get me all tangled up, but if I stuck to the truth, I would be all right."







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Things to Ponder

- 1. What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- 2. If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or less poisonous?
- 3. Which letter is silent in the word scent, the S or the C?
- 4. Every time you clean something, you make some thing else dirty.
- 5. The word swims upside down is still swims.
- 6. Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- 7. Is your future self watching you right now through memories?
- 8. If you replace W with T in What, Where and When, you get the anser to each of them.
- 9. How many animals need glasses and no one knows it.

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Water Softener

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, I was shoving twelve cookies straight into my mouth

I don't call them new year's resolutons.

I prefer the term: casual promises to myself that I am under no legal obligation to fulfill.



Three Wise Women would have asked directions, Arrived on time, Helped deliver the baby, **Brought practical gifts** Cleaned the stable, Made a casserole and there would be Peace on Earth!





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