The Many Adventures of Elementary Classical Analysis

The misadventures of every math major's favorite book and his inanimate object friends!

by Tommaso Sciortino
The Further Adventures of Elementary Classical Analysis
Today's Adventure: About me

Being a math I've always been rather bad at social situations.

You know, I don't eat meat. Ho-hum.

I'm a horrible speller and I have trouble maintaining a normal conversation.

I was always the last to be picked for team sports.

You choose... clock, pencil, cup, pencil, toilet roll, me. Of course you choose pencil. Yippy!

My favorite movie is Kenneth Branagh's 'Hamlet' (1996).

Sometimes, when it rains, I like to make conversation with the raindrops.

I find you very beautiful.

I try not to talk about math too much. I know twenty words that rhyme with 'asymptote'.

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Today's Adventure: What I want to be

I've always thought that music was my real calling. From a very young age I have always been fascinated by rhythm and sound.

Liebnez is my nigga, yo.
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Today’s Adventure: Philosophy with Mr. Potatohead

A lot of people think of me as a simple children’s toy. I’m much more complex than that.

Playing with me, a young child learns learning concepts which are essential to leading productive, happy lives. When a child, or grown up constructs yet another permutation of my face, vital neuron pathways are reinforced.

Some people think I’m pink but really, I’m lavender.

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Sometimes, people ask me where I came from. I really don't know. My cover says I was written by Jarrold E. Marsden and Michael J. Hoffman.

Jarrold E. Marsden

Michael J. Hoffman

Hoffman comes before Marsden alphabetically, so why did Marsden get his name on top?

Boo-yea!

Marsden, you are the paper-rock-scissors Master!

Or maybe Marsden just made up Hoffman.

Mike

I want jello!

I guess it doesn't really matter who made me. It doesn't affect my self-worth ($86.95).

me (close up)

I like to amuse myself by putting the phrase "in bed" at the end of people's sentences.

TARY

So I slept all day.

giggle

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today's Adventure: How to draw me

Price tag

Binding

authors

Full Front

Full Mexican Revolutionary

Side View

Cowboy hat

me

Does this angle make me look fat?

No

1970's Coffee Pot

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Today's Adventure: Big Night Out

Hey, Are you doing anything Friday?

Are you dreaming? In real life you wouldn't have the self-confidence to ask me out.

Yeah... I'm pretty sure I'm not dreaming.

Are you sure you're sure?
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Today's Adventure: Hanging Out

Recently, Tom has borrowed me back from Jason and I'm hanging out at Tom's.

There's always something to do with the guys.

Have you ever watched "Charmed" and then someone goes, "Hey! You're watching 'Charmed', that's a bad show!" and you're like, "Well yeah!" and they're all, "So yeah!" and they sit down and start watching it too!

Hey! Do you want to see me Taylor expand e^x again?

No, not really.

Sometimes we play "I spy". It's lots of fun.

Wrong! I was thinking of an orange!

Is it a mouse?

No, a computer mouse!

poop!

Sombrereno tells us about Mexico now and then.

¿Qué?

Sometimes, things don't go smoothly, but it works out.

You are so gay.

No, you are so gay.

C'mon guys... you're both gay
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today's Adventure: The Just Friends!

They fight for justice,
They're friends,
They're...

The Just Friends!

Captain Fairness

Impartiality Girl

But can even they stop...

Rogaine

For Men

The Dark Menace

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20 Kilometers to Berkely
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Today's Adventure: About Love

Why don't you love me?

Well, that's kind of an unfair question. Love is necessarily unquantifiable. It wouldn't be as magic otherwise.

It can be inferred that asking "Why" betrays a deeper fundamental misconception of what love is.

So you're saying it's 'cause I'm fat?

No, I can appreciate a fuller figure.

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vs.

The unfathomable darkness of a lonely, empty existence.

Hi

me

unfathomable darkness of a lonely, empty existence.

Hello

Hi

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Elementary Classical Analysis

VS.

The unfathomable darkness of a lonely empty existence

you know what my favorite show is? Matlock. I always miss it. Though.

unfathomable darkness of a lonely empty existence

You should check out the TV Guide. It's right through the hall and down the stairs. You can't miss it.
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VS.

The unfathomable darkness
of a lonely empty existence

what are you going to do to me?

me -

unfathomable darkness of a lonely empty existence

I will smother you with inky depression and negate all ambition. You will find yourself unable to muster the effort to effect your world. You will be physically alive, but as good as dead!

I don't want to die.

yeah well, I didn't want them to cancel "Golden Girls" but I had to deal with it.

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Today’s Adventure: I like Math

A lot of people ask me, “Hey, Elementary Classical Analysis! How do you feel about the state of Math in our world?” Well, I don’t think people appreciate how useful Math can be, especially the media.

I wish I had an axiomatic definition of $e^x$.

Kurosawa film: respectful of Math

You cannot approximate victory with any member of the set of finite polynomials!

— T.V.

Some people act like Math doesn’t exist.

So we drove like, 3 hours at 60 mph to get there.

How far away was it?

How should I know? Does my shirt say ‘Math Genius’ on it?

Actually, it does.

[Image of two characters: one labeled ‘Math Genius’, the other labeled ‘Cheese’]

Shut up.

* 180 miles

I get so mad sometimes I go down to the kitchen and pig out on graham crackers.

Me

[Image of books on a shelf]

O.K. I can’t really eat.

One of my greatest fears is of being attacked by Mayflies.

If you’re going to read “Time”, you might as well read a jar of pickles.

Pickles

Bookshelf

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today's Adventures: the 70's

Sometimes, I wonder what life would be like if I were made in the 70's.

- Afro
- Disco Ball
- Lava Lamp
- Me
- Nothing

Social interactions were groovy in the 70's.

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Today's Adventure: Running Circles

I think that if you like someone, you should just tell them.

Oh no, you should just let things happen naturally. Play hard to get.

me - Compass

I don't like the idea of playing games. It doesn't seem very respectful.

How cute, "Respect". Books are so cute when they're still naive.

Cute enough to make-out with?

No, cute enough to flirt with to temporarily raise my poorly founded self-esteem.

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Today's Adventure: TI-92

My new best friend is TI-92. He's the biggest, fastest, multi-function calculator I've ever met. TI-92!

I know what you're wondering: Did he perform six iterations, or only five? Why don't you ask yourself this: Do I feel lucky today?

His biggest dream is to hitch-hike across the U.S.

You feel that? That's the wind of freedom, yo!

Yes, indeed I feel it!

We'd hitch rides and make friends from coast to coast!

All my exes and I live in Texas...

We might get picked on, but we could handle ourselves.

It's 'cause I'm black, ain't it?

Bam!

Pow!

Good night, 92.

Good night, E-dawg.

I'm glad I have such a good friend.

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CRUNCHY.
cheesy.

Oh, I love you,
but you are a handy snack,
Smack,
CRACK.

Handy snack,
You call out to me,
wistfully.
full of wist.

but you don't like my Integrals,
and I don't like your Sodium.
Yum.

Crunchy, Cheesy, Handy;
Nothing's Perfect (ly Boring)
Not you
Not me
Not Jimmy Carter.
Nor his foreign policy.

BUT
if imperfection can be
Chompy wings,
let us fly
You and I
A Morsel and a Tome,
Together and all
alone.

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today's Adventure: This End Up

I hate people. People are jerks.

I don't think you are being totally fair. People are very complicated and you shouldn't judge them all at once.

Inanimate objects are wishy-washy and too wordy.

It's funny, you know; you don't look like a bastard, and yet you are.

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