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YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DAY WHEN

ZEBRAS

ZOOS

ZZZEEE LAST JOKES

'I thought today
I'd start by singing
one of Irving
Berlin's songs. But
then I thought why
should I? He never
sings any of mine.'

Spike Milligan

ACCIDENTS

* A doctor examines a cowboy with back problems and asks if he's had any recent accidents. 'Nope,' replies the cowboy. 'That's odd,' says the doctor, 'I thought a cowboy's job was pretty dangerous.' 'It sure is,' replies the cowboy. 'Last week I was kicked by a mule, thrown by a mustang, and bit by a snake.' 'And you don't call those accidents?' asks the doctor. 'No, sir,' replies the cowboy, 'those varmints done it on purpose.'

* A man goes into a pub and admires the stuffed lion's head mounted above the bar. 'What a great trophy,' says the man to the barman. 'I wouldn't call it great,' replies the barman. 'That damn lion killed my wife.' 'My God,' says the man, 'were you on safari?' 'No,' replies the barman. 'It fell on her head.'

* A man is laying carpet in an old lady's home. When he's finished he looks around for his pack of cigarettes but as he does so he notices a lump in the middle of the carpet. 'Damn it,' he says to himself. 'I must have dropped my cigarettes on the floor and carpeted over them. I know, I'll whack the pack with my hammer and flatten it out.' So he gets out his hammer and beats the bump flat. Just at that moment the old lady walks in with his cigarettes in her hand. 'Here,' she says. 'You must have left these in the kitchen. Now if only I could find my pet gerbil...'

* A man walked into a bar and went 'Aaaagh!' It was an iron bar.

* A young man is trying out his new sports car on a quiet country lane. There's no traffic about so he risks taking it up to 70 mph, then 80, and then 90. He turns a corner and sees two farmers standing in the middle of the road chatting. The man wrenches the wheel sideways, the car shoots up an embankment, flies into the air, and crashes in the middle of an adjacent field. One of the farmers turns to the other and says, 'That was lucky. I reckon we got out of that field in the nick o' time.'

* An Essex girl is involved in a bad traffic accident. A paramedic rushes to her aid. 'Whereabouts are you bleeding from?' he asks. 'Well,' says the girl, 'since you ask, bleeding Romford.'

* Did you hear about the guy who lost his left arm and left leg in a car accident? He's all right now.

* Did you hear about the man who fell into the lens-grinding machine? He made a spectacle of himself.

* Harry heard that most accidents happen within two miles of home, so he moved.

* I lost my left hand in an accident a few years ago. It drives my girlfriend mad. She's a palm reader and wants to know what happens next.

* Ten per cent of all accidents on the road are caused by people who have been drinking. So ninety per cent of accidents are due to people who are stone cold sober.

* Most accidents happen at home - and most men have to eat them.

* Yesterday I saw a car parked outside a hospital with a boot dangling off the front bumper. 'Has there been a wedding?' I asked a doctor. 'No,' he replied. 'There's been some dangerous driving.'

AGE: MIDDLE

* 'Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle.' *Bob Hope*

* 'She said she was approaching forty - I couldn't help wondering from what direction.' *Bob Hope*

* After forty-five your 'get up and go' gets up and goes.

* Maybe it's true that life begins at forty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

* The good news about being middle-aged is that the glass is still half-full. The bad news is that pretty soon your teeth will be floating in it.

* Harry has invented a bra for middle-aged women. He calls it the 'sheep dog' because it rounds them up and points them in the right direction.

* She's not pushing forty - she's clinging on to it for dear life.

* The thing about being a middle-aged woman is that when you go for a mammogram, you realise it's the only time someone's ever going to ask you to appear topless in a film.

* Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

* Middle age is when you choose a cereal because of its fibre content, not the free toy.

* Thirty is a nice age for a woman, especially if she happens to be forty.

AGE: OLD

* 'Everything that goes up must come down. But there comes a time when not everything that's down can come up.' *George Burns*

* 'How young can you die of old age?' *Steven Wright*

* 'If you live to the age of a hundred you have it made because very few people die past the age of a hundred.' *George Burns*

* 'I'm so old they've cancelled my blood type.' *Bob Hope*

* 'In my lifetime I saw the Berlin Wall come and I saw it go. George Burns can say the same thing about the Ice Age.' *Bob Hope*

* 'I've got to watch myself these days. It's too exciting watching anyone else.' *Bob Hope*

* Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

'Middle age is when you go to bed at night and hope you feel better in the morning. Old age is when you go to bed at night and hope you wake up in the morning.' *Groucho Marx*

* 'Three things happen when you get to my age. First your memory starts to go and I've forgotten the other two.' *Denis*

Healey

* A doctor in an old people's home is discussing an elderly resident with one of the orderlies. 'I'm worried about Mister Jones,' says the doctor. 'He claims that when he goes to the bathroom God switches on the light for him, then switches it off again when he's finished. Do you think he's going senile?' 'Nah,' says the orderly. 'He's just been peeing in the fridge again.'

* A group of OAPs is on a bus trip to the seaside when one of the old ladies comes up to the driver and complains she's been molested. The driver thinks she must be senile and tells her to sit down. Ten minutes later a second old woman totters to the front and makes the same complaint. He tells her to sit down too. Ten minutes later a third old lady screams she's been molested. The driver decides to investigate. He stops and walks to the back of the bus where he finds an old man on his hands and knees. 'What are you doing down there?' asks the driver. 'Looking for my toupee,' says the old man. 'Three times I thought I'd found it, but when I grabbed it, it ran away.'

* A husband and wife wake up one morning. The husband leans over to kiss his wife on the cheek but she says, 'Don't touch me! I'm dead!' 'What on earth are you talking about?' says the husband. 'We're both lying here talking.' The wife replies, 'I know. But I'm definitely dead.' 'You can't be dead,' replies her husband. 'What in the world makes you think you're dead?' His wife replies, 'I must be dead. I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!'

* A man in his nineties is watching a group of teenage girls. He turns to his friend and says, 'I wish I was 20 years older.' 'Don't you mean 20 years younger?' 'No, 20 years older. That way I wouldn't give a damn one way or another.'

* Even though I'm old, I've definitely still got it. Trouble is, nobody wants it.

* An ageing playboy visits his doctor after a lifetime of wine, women and song. 'Well,' says the doctor. 'The good news is you don't have to give up singing.'

* A widower and a widow have been friends for years and one day the widower decides it's time to pop the question. He takes the widow to dinner and finally gathers up the courage to say, 'Will you marry me?' The widow answers, 'Yes. Yes, I will.' The meal ends and they go to their respective homes. Next morning, the widower has a problem, he knew he asked the question but did she say yes, or no? With trepidation he calls her on the phone. 'This is kind of embarrassing,' he says. 'But when I asked if you would marry me, what did you say?' The widow answers, 'Why, I said, "Yes, yes I will" and I meant it with all my heart.' She continues, 'I'm so glad you called, because I couldn't remember who'd asked me.'

* An elderly couple are in a romantic mood. While sitting on their loveseat the old lady says, 'I remember when you used to kiss me every chance you had.' The old man leans over and gives her a peck on the cheek. Then she says, 'I remember when you used to hold my hand all the time.' The old man reaches over and places his hand on hers. The old lady continues, 'I can also remember when you used to nibble on my neck.' The old man sighs, stands up, and starts to shuffle out of the room. 'Where are you going?' asks the old lady. 'To find my teeth,' says the old man.

* An estate agent is trying to sell a very old man a new home. 'It would be a marvellous investment,' says the agent. 'You've got to be joking,' says the old man. 'At my age I don't even buy green bananas.'

* An old couple regularly attend church and the pastor is impressed by how harmonious they seem. One day after church, the pastor approaches them to express his admiration. 'I find it so inspirational to see how deeply in love you are,' he says. 'Even after all these years you still hold hands all through the service.' The old woman replies, 'That's not love, Pastor, I'm just keeping him from cracking his damn knuckles.'

* Cliff Richard goes to an old peoples' home to host a sing-a-long but is surprised to discover that none of the residents recognise him. Puzzled, he takes an old lady aside and says, 'Excuse me, but do you have any idea who I am?' 'Sorry dear,' says the old lady. 'But you ask one of the nurses, they'll tell you.'

* An old man hobbles up to an ice-cream van and orders a cornet. 'Crushed nuts, granddad?' asks the salesman. 'No,' replies the old man. 'Rheumatism.'

* Remember that age and treachery will always triumph over youth and ability.

* The older you get, the longer it takes you to get over a good time.

* The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is because they have a common enemy.

* Three old ladies are discussing the problems of old age. One says, 'Sometimes I find myself with a loaf of bread in my hand and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich.' The second lady says, 'Sometimes I find myself on the stair landing and can't remember whether I was going up or down.' The third one says, 'Well, my memory is perfect - knock on wood.' She raps her knuckles on the wooden table, then says, 'Just wait till I answer the door.'

* Two elderly people who have been courting for years finally decide to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding plans and go into a drugstore. The old man goes up to the sales assistant and says, 'Do you sell heart medication?' 'Of course we do,' says the assistant. 'How about medicine for the circulation?' asks the old man. The assistant replies, 'All kinds.' The old man continues, 'How about medicine for rheumatism?' 'We have that too,' says the assistant. 'How about Viagra?' asks the old man. 'We do stock that,' replies the assistant. 'Got any medicine for the memory?' says the old man. The assistant replies, 'Yes, we have a large selection of drugs to improve your mental faculties.' 'Okay,' says the old man. 'So what about vitamins and sleeping pills?' 'Got lots,' replies the assistant. 'Perfect!' says the old man. 'In that case we'd like to register here for our wedding gifts.'

* Two old ladies are playing a game of cards. One lady looks up at the other and says, 'We've known each other for so many years, but for the life of me, I just can't bring your name to mind. What was it again, dear?' There's silence for a few seconds, then the other lady replies, 'How soon do you need to know?'

* 'A man is only as old as the woman he feels.' *Groucho Marx*

* Two old men are sitting in an old people's home when one of the female residents runs past completely naked. 'What was that she was wearing?' asks the first. 'Don't know,' replies the second. 'But it sure needed ironing.'

* Growing old is mandatory. Growing up is optional.

* Three old soldiers are bragging about their ancestors. 'My great-grandfather was a drummer boy at Shiloh,' declares one. 'My great-grandfather went down with Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn,' says another. 'Well, I'm the only soldier in my family,' confesses the third. 'But if my great-grandfather was living today he'd be the most famous man in the world.' 'What'd he do?' ask his friends. 'Nothing,' replies the old timer. 'But today he'd be a hundred and sixty-five years old.'

* He's so old, he lived at the Gettysburg address.

* He's so old, his birthday expired.

* He's so old, I told him to act his age and he dropped dead.

* She's so old, she has an autographed copy of the Bible.

* She's so old, she swam in the Dead Sea when it was still alive.

amish

What do you call an Amish man with his hand up a horse's backside? A mechanic.

What goes, 'Clip-clop-clip-clop-Bang!-clip-clop-clip-clop...? An Amish drive-by shooting.

APPEARANCE

* 'How would you like to feel the way she looks?' *Groucho Marx*

* 'Is it fat, bald, and Scouse in here? Or is it just me?' *Alexei Sayle*

* A man at the bar gave me a nasty look, I said, 'Thanks, but I've got one already.'

* A woman says to her husband, 'Our neighbour says I've got the skin of an eighteen-year-old girl.' 'Yeah?' says the husband. 'Well give it back. You're getting it all wrinkled.'

* Boy, to friend, 'What do you first notice in a girl?' Friend, 'It depends which way she's facing.'

* Christine has such beautiful eyes, the trouble is they're so lovely they spend all their time looking at each other.

* Girl, to boyfriend, 'Do you think I'm vain?'

Boyfriend, 'No. Why do you ask?'

Girl, 'Because girls as good-looking as me usually are.'

* Is that your nose, or are you eating a banana?

* She was a nice girl but her legs were very thin. In fact the last time I saw a pair of legs like hers someone had tied a message to one of them.

* The invisible man married an invisible woman. Their kids were nothing to look at.

* Time is a great healer, but a lousy beautician.

* Why do more women pay attention to their appearance than to improving their minds? Most men are stupid but few are blind.

* A boy runs up to his mother and says, 'Mummy, the boys at school say I've got a big head.' 'Never mind them,' replies his mother. 'Now go to the shops and get me three cabbages, six turnips, and five pounds of potatoes.' 'Where's the shopping bag?' asks the boy. Mother replies, 'I don't know. Just stick them in your balaclava.'

* A man is waking up after surgery, his wife sitting by his side. His eyes flutter open and he says, 'You're beautiful,' before falling asleep again. A few minutes later his eyes flutter open again and he says, 'You're cute!' His wife is slightly taken aback and says, 'Cute? So what happened to beautiful?' The man replies, 'The drugs are wearing off.'

* Fred, 'I love the mole on her chin. I love the mole on her chin. I love the mole on her chin...' Harry, 'All right, you don't have to keep repeating it.' Fred, 'Yes, I do, she's got three chins.'

* Your teeth are like stars - they come out at night.

* You're dark and handsome. When it's dark, you're handsome.

* Harry is always going out on benders - he's not a drunk, just bow-legged.

ARGUMENTS

* 'I am not arguing with you - I am telling you.' *James McNeill Whistler*

* A woman has the last word in any argument - anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

* For my anniversary my wife let me do something I'd always dreamed of doing. She let me win an argument.

* Never argue with an idiot - they drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.

* Ray has just reached his 110th birthday. A reporter comes to his birthday party and says, 'Excuse me, sir, but how did you come to be so old?' Ray replies, 'It's easy. The secret is never to argue with anyone.' The reporter is not impressed. 'That's insane!' he says. 'It has to be something else - diet, meditation, or "something". Just not arguing won't keep you alive for 110 years!' Ray looks at the reporter and says, 'Y'know. Maybe you're right.'

* She decided to bury the hatchet - between his shoulder blades.

ART AND LITERATURE

* 'From the moment I picked up your book until I laid it down, I was convulsed with laughter - someday I intend reading it.' *Groucho Marx*

* 'Hitler! There was a painter! He could paint an entire apartment in one afternoon. Two coats!' *Mel Brooks (The Producers)*

* 'I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done, so now I just have to fill in the rest.' *Steven Wright*

* A chicken runs into a library, goes to the main desk and says, 'Book, bok, bok, boook.' The librarian hands the chicken a book and it tucks it under its wing and runs out. A while later, the chicken runs back in, throws the book on the desk and says, 'Book, bok, bok, bok, boook.' Again the librarian gives it a book, and the chicken runs out with it. A few minutes later the chicken is back, and returns the book saying, 'Boook, book, bok, bok, boook.' The librarian gives the chicken a third book, but this time follows it as it runs out. The chicken runs down the street, through a park and down to the river where a frog is sitting on the bank. The chicken holds up the book to the frog, saying, 'Book, bok, bok, boook'. The frog replies, 'Read-it, read-it, read-it...'

* A man finds an old violin and an oil painting in his attic and takes them to be valued. 'You know what you've got here,' says the antiques dealer. 'A Stradivarius and a Rembrandt.' 'Wow!' says the man. 'So they must be worth millions.' 'Unfortunately not,' replies the dealer. 'Rembrandt made the violin and Stradivarius painted the picture.'