

The updated life of Mr. D

I have now closed comments on the one post that was getting a bunch of spam. I'm not sure what I would do if one of those spambots latched onto a more recent post. I'll cross that bridge when I get to it I suppose. Moving on now...

Musical: Going well. I went from using two canes as per script to just one. A couple weeks ago I brought up the point of cane usage to the choreographer and almost got taken out of Facade for it as it would change how I move. The only dance number I'm in. As for the other big one at the start of act II, let's just say there is a good reason I am not in it except for a short scene. Tonight is a full run-through of act I, and given the rehearsal is four hours we will probably run through it more than once. We're supposed to be off book, but I think it will be reasonable to use my music for any off-stage singing, such as the background vocals in Alive. I'll soon find out if they feel the same.

Work: The one I have been training is now out of training, so time to move on to other things. What? Another trainee? *Two* trainees?? Sigh. Just throw my quality control manager title out the window as it has been weeks since I have done any of that and seemingly weeks more before I can. Well, as long as the company doesn't mind then neither do I. At least some pressure has been removed with the one former trainee taking over three stores I was training him at- no more trips to Naperville or St. Charles! Well, after tomorrow at any rate when I just have to watch over him at one of the stores in case of problems. I still have the huge Elgin store for the time being and I can finally give it better attention, but then there are the new trainees. Well, I'll see how it goes.

Church: Still working away serving two services for 4th and 5th grades. A couple that started this year have sort of unofficially taken over one of the services with their ideas

they are implementing. While they don't see themselves as the volunteer heads of the 4th/5th grade ministry, I am trying to take it in stride by thinking of them as such as the one we last had went and got himself married and so he has, shall we say, a new focus. Interestingly enough, the one before him went and did the same thing, but it wasn't his reason for moving on- he was graduating from Moody and got a (paid) position elsewhere if I recall correctly.

Books: After reading a the [Wheel of Time](#) series for about five months straight, I am now on break from it for a short time. I was all set to check out the next book which showed as one copy available last night only to be on the hold shelf this afternoon. It's just as well since rehearsal really picks up for the next few weeks so I won't have enough time to read it anyway- I can hardly finish one of these 700-page tomes in a month as it is. I am not even a third of the way through the series, and not yet where I left off way back when. Mr. Jordan, you certainly wrote a good series. I certainly hope you accepted Christ in your life so I can meet you one day on the other side. Hopefully Brandon Sanderson completes the epic in a way that would please Robert Jordan.

Gaming: Nothing really to say at this time. For a future post.

Sorry...

Regular program to be continued soon... One thing about no longer subbing is that I no longer have a lot of time to pass reading books as I did during specials (elementary) or free periods (middle school). I typically don't even take a lunch break- I just eat while driving to the next dealer. For the

last couple of weeks I have been heavily reading the tome from Robert Jordan known as book one of the Wheel of Time. Yep, many more will follow, but I will take a break between books.

So besides skipping out on reading my friends' blogs which I will remedy soon, I have missed out on some topics to blog about, like first week of May holiday crunch with three celebrated days in a row. We all know about cinco de mayo, but bookending May 5 are Star Wars Day (May the 4th... be with you) and the National Day of Prayer which a liberal judge recently decided was "unconstitutional," but in his graciousness set aside his Judgment while appeals are made. How nice. Yeah right it's unconstitutional- as if asking people to pray is advocating one religion over another. How many religions pray now? Of course I personally advocate only one and believe only prayers to our one God are heard and answered but that's beside the point of this day set aside for our nation.

Dandelions- all over the place. This menace to lawns everywhere is really bad, at least in this area. One of the guys in my small group runs a landscaping business and has personally testified to this Spring 2010 epidemic. Mow 'em over, they are back in less than two days, spewing their poison as little white puffs in the wind. Pick 'em, and the next day they are back with a vengeance. I would readily believe after this week that the Greek myth about the Hydra started with these small yellow creatures- cut off one head and two take its place.

So what does the future of posting hold? Well, I still have a couple of yearbook posts in me and I haven't started on any retrogaming posts. Those will be starters. And I am hoping

Saturday the 15th will bring a post, when we try again to do a small group outing for our young 4th-grade boys. And there is yet another holiday approaching this Sunday. Well, time to pick up the pizza- gotta go!

PS. For certain OH readers, it looks like I am good to visit Memorial Day weekend- I am 95% sure I can stay through Monday. I have cleared it with my boss, but I still have to mention it to the two dealers I serve that day. I'm sure they will be happy to not have me come on Memorial Day though.