

How To Have Fun

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INT. KITCHEN- DAY

FATHER and SON(age 8) are sitting at opposite ends of the kitchen table. The FATHER is reading his newspaper and the SON is eating his cornflakes.

FATHER

...for decades Keynesians and classical economists split in to autonomous areas, the former studying macroeconomics and the latter studying microeconomics. In the 1970s new classical macroeconomics...

We see a shot of the SON eating his cornflakes while trying to look interested in what his FATHER is saying, with the muffled sound of BLA BLA BLA coming from the FATHER. The SON interupts

SON

macro..eco....nomics?

FATHER

Yes. They challenged Keynesians to ground their macro..eco..nomics theory in microeconomics...

Again, shot of SON eating his corflakes with a muffled SOUND of Bla Bla Bla coming from the FATHER in the background.

INT. LIVING ROOM- DAY

The SON is watching his favourite program on tv while his FATHER recites Robert Browning poetry to him

FATHER

"It tore the elm tops down for spite

And did its worse to vex the lake

I listened with heart fit to break

When glided in Porphyria; straight"

The SON tries his best to concentrate on his favourite program, but finds it hard to do with his FATHER lecturing on like this

INT. DINING ROOM- DAY

Father and SON are sitting at opposite ends of the dining room table. The FATHER is blabbering on like always while the SON is sitting with his knees on the chair, with his elbows on the table and his hands and index fingers pressed together resting on his chin. The SON is trying his best to make sense of what his FATHER is saying

FATHER

...Augustus also created nine special cohorts, ostensibly to maintain the peace in Italy, keeping at least three of them stationed in Rome. These cohorts became known as the Praetorian gaurd. In 27 BC, octavian transferred control..

The SON is now looking at his father intently, and interupts him

SON

Can we play catch?

FATHER

Play what?

SON

Catch. you know, you throw the ball to me and I throw it back.

FATHER

But dont you want to hear about Augustus and is Praetorian Gaurd?

SON

No.

FATHER

Well yes i suppose we could. Do you have a ball?

SON

Ya.

The SON runs to his room while his father waits. The SON returns excitedly with a tennis ball.

SON

Here it is!

FATHER

Did you know, son, that in the early years of tennis, the balls were often made of leather stuffed with either hair or wool? And that tennis as the modern sport can be traced back to two seperate roots?

SON

Stop that.

FATHER

Stop what?

SON

Your ramblings!

FATHER

But I don't know how to son!(beat)
Teach me how to be fun!

Montage of shots with music:

The son stands behind his father, guiding his arm, showing him how to throw the tennis ball. The father tries on his own then jumps with joy. (exaggerrate)

Father and son play video games, laughing hysterically, give eachother high fives.

The son shows his father how rub his hair then punch him in the shoulder. (playfully like father and son roughhousing or horseplay). The father does it right, son gives him thumbs up.

Father and son play cowboys and indians. The father shoots his son (cap gun obviously) but the son runs away.

FATHER (ANGRY SHOUTING)

I got you! I got you! No! Billy!
This is not fair! I'm not playing anymore!

The son comes out from his hiding place and obligingly clutches at his "wounds" and falls to the floor.

Father and son are roughhousing(horseplay) and laughing. End of montage, music fades.

FATHER

You have taught me so much today
Billy! Can we play hopscotch
tomorrow??

SON

One step at a time Dad. One step at
a time.

FADE OUT: