

# DADDY ISSUES

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## ***SCHOOL'S OUT FOR...***

- SAD RON SUMMER!
- DARRYL'S SECRET FOR THE ULTIMATE BBQ
- PLUS! HENRY'S 5W337 H4X FOR GAMERS!



# REC ME, DADDY

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DADDY MASTER

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DADDY MASTER

First off: yeah, I'm doing *Rec Me Daddy* for the monthly Daddy Issues. If you don't like it, then... I guess post in the Discord that you'd rather me talk about something else. That seems fair.

### THE GENIUS

Secondly: here's what you need to do.

Go to YouTube. Search for "golden balls weirdest split or steal" (It's fine. I know what it looks like. It's fine.)

(It's fine.)

Then watch that video. Once you're done, come back here.

Okay. Did you like it? Were you like, "holy shit, that's so clever?" Did you get dopamine out of watching someone be incredibly, criminally intelligent at another human being?

Then you need to watch a Korean TV show called *The Genius*.

It's a reality/game show where a bunch of infuriatingly attractive Korean celebrities compete against one another in social games, lateral thinking puzzles, and overall smart person stuff.

It's basically that YouTube video you just watched, over and over, for twelve straight episodes.

It's one of the best shows ever made.

### OPERATION: TANGO

It's a co-op videogame where one player is a hacker and another player is a spy, and you've gotta complete (somehow, family-friendly) missions by relying on each other.

If you've ever played *Spaceteam* or *Keep Talking And Nobody Explodes*, this feels like the natural evolution of that kind of high chaos, communication-heavy cooperative play. As spy, you'll shout technobabble at your hacker friend, who will grunt "Got it" or "I'm in" as a locked door magically opens in front of you. As a hacker, you'll direct the spy around killer drones and say shit like, "Okay: on my mark, you're gonna run down the hall and turn hard right... three.. two... one... go."

It's twenty bucks, and only one person needs a copy to play with a second person. Shit's great.

### SLIPWAYS

Okay, imagine a 4X game like *Civilization* or *Endless Legend* or whatever.

Now get rid of enemy empires.

Now get rid of combat.

Now make every run last an hour or less.

That's Slipways, and it's ludicrously fun. With so much of the 4X chaff and spreadsheeting taken away, Slipways highlights the best parts of those games—exploring, growing, and making

difficult decisions with limited resources— while getting rid of the other stuff. It's simple but deep, and you'll happily spend twenty minutes looking at your empire trying to figure out how to best get a shipment of microchips from one end of the galaxy to another.

### GRIFTLANDS

It's a roguelike AND a deckbuilder AND an RPG with story choices AND a turn based tactical brawler.

Somehow, it is good at all of these. Somehow, the systems all feed into one another in interesting and meaningful ways.

There are two types of combat: negotiation (where you play cards to convince someone of something) and battle (where you play cards to stab someone with something). Your choices in one influence the other. If you win a negotiation, you might get an ally on your side for the next battle; if you kill a bunch of people during a battle instead of letting them surrender, you'll get a negotiation card that makes it easier to threaten people.

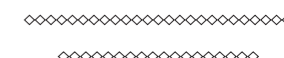
It's fuckin' great.

### MY CAT, BAGHEERA

She is perfect.

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Anyway, that's all I've got for this month. I'm also running out of shit to talk about in these Daddy Issues columns, so if there's something in particular you'd like to hear me ramble about, say so in the Discord.





# RON'S REEL REVIEWS



MORE **FILM REVIEWS** FROM **RON STAMPLER**

## SAD RON SUMMER EDITION

### DEAD POETS SOCIETY (1989)

DIR. PETER WEIR

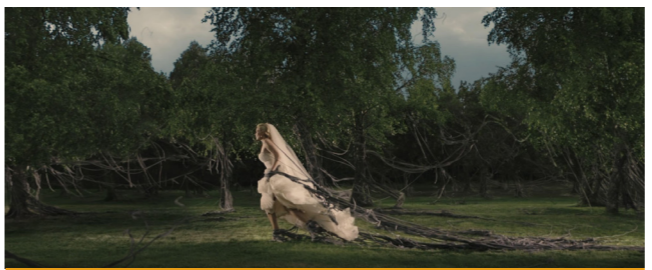
This movie is sad because it has the word "dead" in the title, and so you know that somebody dies. Another way you know it's sad is that there is poetry in it, and most poetry is either sad or boring, which is also sad if you have to read it. This movie is set at an all-men school, which is great because I too am a manly man. In this movie there are students who learn to find their voice via a good teacher and that's nice. I thought about making my review for this movie rhyme because it's about poetry but then I decided that was too much work.

3.5/5 STARS ★★☆☆

### MELANCHOLIA (2011)

DIR. LARS VON TRIER

This movie is sad because the title is similar to "melancholy" which means "sad." It's also similar to melon collie, which isn't sad because it has something to do with a dog eating cantaloupe hehehehe. There is no cantaloupe in this movie though. There is a wedding and a star or asteroid or something (apocalypse), and Kirsten Dunst (who is in this movie) is very very sad. This movie is mostly in slow motion and looks cool because there are pretty shots. It all goes to show that even sad things can be pretty.



3.5/5 STARS OR ASTEROIDS ★★☆☆

### PAN'S LABYRINTH (2006)

DIR. GUILLERMO DEL TORO

There was a problem with my television settings for this movie and it was all in Spanish. Luckily I still figured out that this movie is sad because it has sad music and is set during a war.

3.5/5 ESTRELLAS ★★☆☆

### THE GREEN MILE (1999)

DIR. FRANK DARABONT

This movie is sad because it is about death. A mile is a very long distance to run, and thinking about that also made me sad. In this movie there is a prison guard who is nice, which is how you know it is fiction. Even though this movie is make believe, it made me feel real feelings, which were sad because I loved the characters and wished that good things would happen to them, but bad things happened to them. If it were called The Green Yard I would have less things to be sad about.



3.5/5 STARS ★★☆☆

### ATONEMENT (2007)

DIR. JOE WRIGHT

This movie is sad because it has sad music and is set during a war. It is also about two people who love each other but can't be together due to a simple misunderstanding, which makes me feel bad because there have been many misunderstandings in my life and I wouldn't want to lose my wife Samantha because of them. There is a girl who tells a lie in this movie and it's basically all her fault but at the end she feels sad too. By the end everyone is sad or dead.



3.5/5 STARS ★★☆☆



# GAMER ZONE

## HELPFUL HINTS FROM "HARDCORE HENRY"

### WHAT'S UP, GAMERS!

When I'm not fathering my two beautiful boys, appreciating my lovely wife, reading, hiking, studying geology, meditating, doing yoga, or enjoying a nice herbal tea, I'm what you might call a "hardcore gamer." *Myst*, *Riven*, *Gabriel Knight*— let's just say I know my way around a mousepad. But I was a "nooby" once too. And I know first hand just how overwhelming it can be to get into this exciting cyber-hobby.

So if you're a "Level 1" gamer who doesn't know a "JRPG" from an "FFVII," don't "glitch out!" Henry "Haxxor" Oak is here to help you "download" some "pro tips" you need to "1080 snowboard" your way into the wonderful world of video games!

### TRY TO LIMIT YOUR GAMING TO THIRTY MINUTES A DAY

I know it can be tough to put down that Wii-mote when you're in "the zone," but don't forget that there's more to life than high scores and uncovering the secrets of the D'Ni.

Real Gamers know the best graphics are the ones made by Mother Earth— aka, the ultimate Open World Adventure Game. And there's no multiplayer mode quite like Spending Time With The People You Love— it's rated E for Everyone!

### THOSE TV GAMES ABOUT THE RUDE HEDGEHOG AREN'T VERY GOOD

I mostly play games on the computer, but there's a whole bunch of games for your TV called "nintendos" and some of them are pretty darn good! For example, Mercedes likes to blow off steam after work by playing

"Overwatch," an online nintendo about teamwork.

However, BE CAREFUL: if you're into TV nintendo games there are a whole bunch of games about a rude blue hedgehog that in my gamer opinion just aren't very good. They seem really fun because you can go quite fast and the goal is to save your animal friends (love that!!) but honestly? These games promote unhealthy values.

For one, the hedgehog dies if he gets hurt when he doesn't have any gold rings, which strikes me as very materialist. Also if you stop moving to enjoy the scenery or just listen to the music, he glares at you and taps his foot. Hey, hedgehog! Ever heard of stopping to smell the roses?

### IF YOU'RE STUCK ON THE UNDERGROUND MAZE PUZZLE IN MYST, HERE'S HOW TO BEAT IT

It's happened to every gamer: you boot up Broderbund's classic 1993 adventure game *Myst*, you absolutely blast your way through the Mechanical, Stoneship, and Channelwood Ages, and then wham! You get to the Selenitic Age and that GOSH DARN DING DANG FRICKIN' FLIPPIN UNDERGROUND MAZE!

The Mazerunner puzzle is one of the most frustrating parts of the entire *Myst* franchise— and that includes *Riven*'s notorious marble puzzle! But don't give up. If you're going around in circles, here's a hint: pay close attention to the noises that play every time your cart arrives at a new directional node in the maze. Maybe those sounds are trying to tell you something about which way to go to get out of the maze???

Still stuck? Okay, here's the way through the maze if you REALLY want to skip through it:

N-W-N-E-E-S-S-W-SW-W-  
NW-NE-N-SE.

Surprisingly simple, huh?

### LEARN THAT GAMER LINGO

Part of the fun of being a gamer is learning all the neat slang and fun terminology that comes with the territory. I'm still learning a bunch of it, which is why I'm so happy to have two plugged-in kiddos to tell me what everything means. According to Lark and Sparrow, here's some phrases that'll have you making gamer friends in no time!

### GTFO: "Great Teamwork, Friend-O's!"

Always make sure to say this after a good online match. Sportsmanship is always appreciated!

### STFU: "Say, That's Funny, Uncle!"

According to the boys, "Uncle" is gamer slang for a really funny gamer. Probably because so many people have funny Uncles!

### WTF: "Wednesday, Thursday, Friday!"

This is the gamer version of "24/7" and indicates that you're a gamer who plays even on some weekdays. Pretty hardcore!

That's all for now— I've GTG (Got To Game!) But I hope this gaming guide has been as helpful as *Zelda*'s Tinkerbelle, Navi. Good luck with all your gaming adventures— don't forget to drink lots of water between levels and save an extra life for me!

Urz Trul33t,

- H3NRY 0@K!







# DARRYL'S SUMMER BBQ SPECTACULAR



**HEY THERE FOLKS**, it's Mr. Wilson. Or if you're an adult, you can just call me Darryl. But Mr. Wilson if you're a kid. I know some of the cooler parents are having kids use their first names, but I don't know. It feels like it's good to put a little bit of separation between kids and adults. It's not so much about respect, and I mean, who am I to really need a kid's respect. It's just...

You know what, maybe it's fine to call adults by their first name.

So whatever your age is, HI! This is Darryl Wilson. And do you know what time it is?

MOTHER FUCKIN'  
BARB-EEEEEE-KWUEEEEE SEASON!

BBQ. Barbeque. Cookout. Meat feast. Steak Out. Doesn't matter what you call it. 'Cause it's not about what's coming out of your mouth, just what's going in it.

So whether you are a pit master or neighbor looking for a nice meal, I'm here to tell you what makes a great Barbeque.

The answer is simple.

It's BBQ.

That's right. BBQ. Did I just blow your mind?

**Buds. Brews. Quality BBQ.**

**BBQ.**

## **BUDS**

The only thing that truly matters with any communal feast is the community itself. This is a place to gather. Variations of the BBQ have been enjoyed by people all over the world all throughout history. Wherever you are from, your ancestors at some point wanted to share stories, be close together, and enjoy a fine meal around a fire.

So invite your friends. Your family. And you know what? Invite some neighbors or even some of those PTA parents that aren't your

friends. Yet. Aren't your friends YET. 'Cause nothing forges a new friendship like the fires of a brazier cooking up some meat.

## **BREWS**

You may or may not know that Darryl here makes some fine brews. But it doesn't have to be beer. It just needs to be any special drink to help wash down the delicious food. Just don't serve bland, canned soda. None of that 25-cents-a-can-sugar-water. If you aren't drinking alcohol, grab some solid tasty gourmet sodas. Or whip up some homemade horchata or fruit punch. The drinks should be as special as the friends whose thirst they're quenching.

## **QUALITY BBQ**

Delicious food. This is what the friends are here for. This is what the drinks are complementing. This is what matters. This is where your BBQ becomes a thing of legend, or just another failure that the parents can snicker about as you wander the halls of the school looking for the PTA meeting, 'cause they moved it to a new room, but no one informed you. Or they did send an email, but dammit, email is confusing. Why don't people just send letters anymore? If they had sent it in a letter than maybe I would have known the PTA meeting was in the science lab.

Also, take care of your vegetarian neighbors. Grilled peaches are amazing. Grilled vegetables are perfection. And a large portobello mushroom may not be as good as a burger, but your green-eating friends will thank you for it.

Have a great summer, everyone!

- Mr. Wilson





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