

Eternal War

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*The people who have lived in the past
Would probably be aghast
If they saw the world they fought for
And what had happened after the war*

*For they will see our technology
And our unprejudiced democracy
They will see the good things on our lands
And understand they've left it in good hands*

*They will see our differences and how we treat the poor
And they would learn that we know more
We know how to express ourselves
And to take care of our own health
We know that we had complications
But now we are but one nation*

*But what if we repeat the past?
And move away from what we had?
What if we started another war
One we weren't prepared for
One that begins in our hearts
Separating us, part by part*

*But this war is worse; for it is everywhere
From our toes, imbedded under our hair
It's in our brains, in our core
A never-ending mental war.*

Appreciate Singleness!

Anonymous

Every year, couples get together on Valentine's day. They watch movies, go shopping and do many other romantic things.

In high school, more and more people start dating and some people may feel left out. If this sounds like you, you have no reason to feel this way. As much as dating is good, being single has its benefits as well (no intention in offending people that are in a relationship).

To start off, being single means more freedom. You don't always have to be thinking about when to pick up your girlfriend/boyfriend and what to say to him/her. You aren't stressed about making him/her mad or feeling awkward. You can do whatever you want whenever you want!

Moreover, since you are two different people, you will have some differences of opinion. Often times, people make the sacrifice of compromise in order to maintain a healthy relationship. Although compromise is good, it can be inconvenient and difficult to maintain.

Most of all, you can save yourself from unnecessary heartbreaks. You don't have to be constantly worrying about whether or not you're being cheated on or when your partner will suddenly have a fight with you.

Heartbreaks cause not only emotional stress, but also physical stress. Heartbreak can increase your blood pressure, make your stomach hurt, reduce your appetite, weaken your immune system, and even affect your hair!

You can also be yourself without any hesitation. You don't have to pretend to laugh at jokes that aren't funny or smile and nod at the most boring stories. You can express your opinion openly and not have *any* reasons to hesitate!

Lastly, time can be saved when you are single. You don't have to go to any dinner dates or movie nights with your partner. You can use this time to strengthen your friendship with your friends, finish some homework, or do something else that you enjoy.

Don't worry, you are most definitely NOT the only one who is single out there. Have fun and be yourself!
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As any fan would expect, Deadpool's habit of breaking the fourth wall and his wildly inappropriate sense of humour shines through. Jokes come a mile a minute, and though in many cases they might feel like oversaturation, it works great here. Chances are, if there is a joke you don't like, there are another ten jokes coming your way that are bound to make you laugh. This movie really manages to show how great Reynolds can be when he's not put in animated green spandex.

Of course, the best jokes are made when Deadpool is directly referencing the audience. In the comics, Deadpool is fully aware that he is a fictional character in a comic book, and this is no different in the movie. Deadpool is not only aware that he is a comic book character, but also that he is a comic book character who is now in a movie based on said comic book. He often turns to the camera to address the audience, or he will make remarks that make no sense to someone like the straight man of the film, Colossus, who bounces well off of Deadpool and all of his bizarre antics. Even throughout the opening and end credits, the fourth wall doesn't just break; it's obliterated.

That being said, the end of the movie does leave a little to be desired. Without spoiling too much, the final action-filled climax revolves around Deadpool going after Vanessa, who has been captured by Ajax. I was expecting this to lead to a clever retort by Deadpool about how overdone the damsel in distress trope is.

Unfortunately, no such thing happens. It also takes place in the same spot where any low budget villain likes to hang out: the junkyard. Considering how many jokes there are revolving around the film studio, one in particular that is worth mentioning is the lower than average budget of the film. Overall, the movie is still entertaining, though. Seeing Negasonic Teenage Warhead get into some action is great since she only ever made a brief appearance in the *New X-Men* comic series before being abruptly killed, and seeing Colossus finally get some real love in these X-Men films is awesome as well. Despite everything

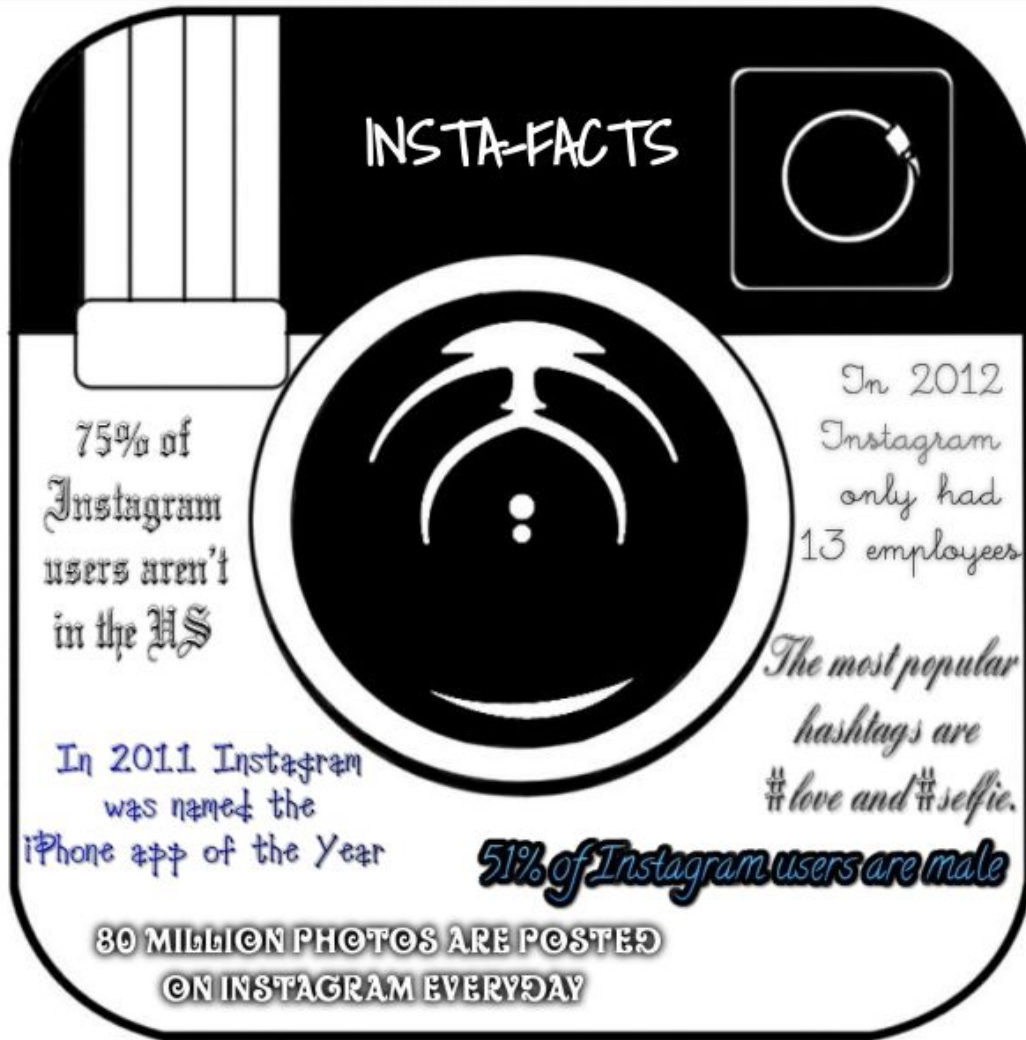
above, the film still rocks thanks to everything else.

Deadpool is everything a fan could have ever wanted, and still manages to be a fun time for those who don't know the character. It's R-rated, but the film would not be the same had it not been able to show us the true raunch and crudeness that Deadpool possesses. From every fourth wall break, to the fast-paced action, to the charming story revolving around Wade and Vanessa's obscure romance, *Deadpool* is a complete thrill ride from start to finish. It is a good time for fans who likes to just sit back and acknowledge that they are watching yet another superhero movie.



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