

The blessings of a foodie buddy



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If you find your bond with your bestie strengthening with every delicious foodgasm and find yourselves lying back together releasing greasy burps, you'll definitely relate to this article.

In the words of the wise chef Julia Child, "People who love to eat are always the best people." You will definitely find the integrity of this quote in your foodie best friend. See, if you've stuck around long enough, you'll notice that your foodie buddy is invariably hungry. Hence, they don't judge you for your incessant hunger. Instead, they almost certainly offer food. These best friends don't count your calories or drag you for a run at a crack of dawn -- they drag you to the new restaurant opening. And what better glue to hold that special bond than a cheesy delight or some whipped cream goodies.

Another complementary perk that comes with a foodie buddy is their unlimited cache of snacks they carry around everywhere. They may forget to pack essentials such as their phone charger or ID cards, but they'll never forget to load their backpacks with chips, chocolates or granola bars. Scratch that, food is the essential they care about. Hungry? Grab a snack from their bag and you're good to go.

If you've got a foodie best friend, you've seen some weird, questionable combinations of food, some of which may even make you gag. Your food loving best friend loves experimenting with flavours and the outcome doesn't necessarily always come out delectable. Unfortunately you being their best friend are the lab rat to all their culinary trials. And by

now you've probably tasted it all, from deep fried pineapple to strawberry ice cream with chili flakes. I'm guessing you've a grown a pretty strong stomach by now, too.

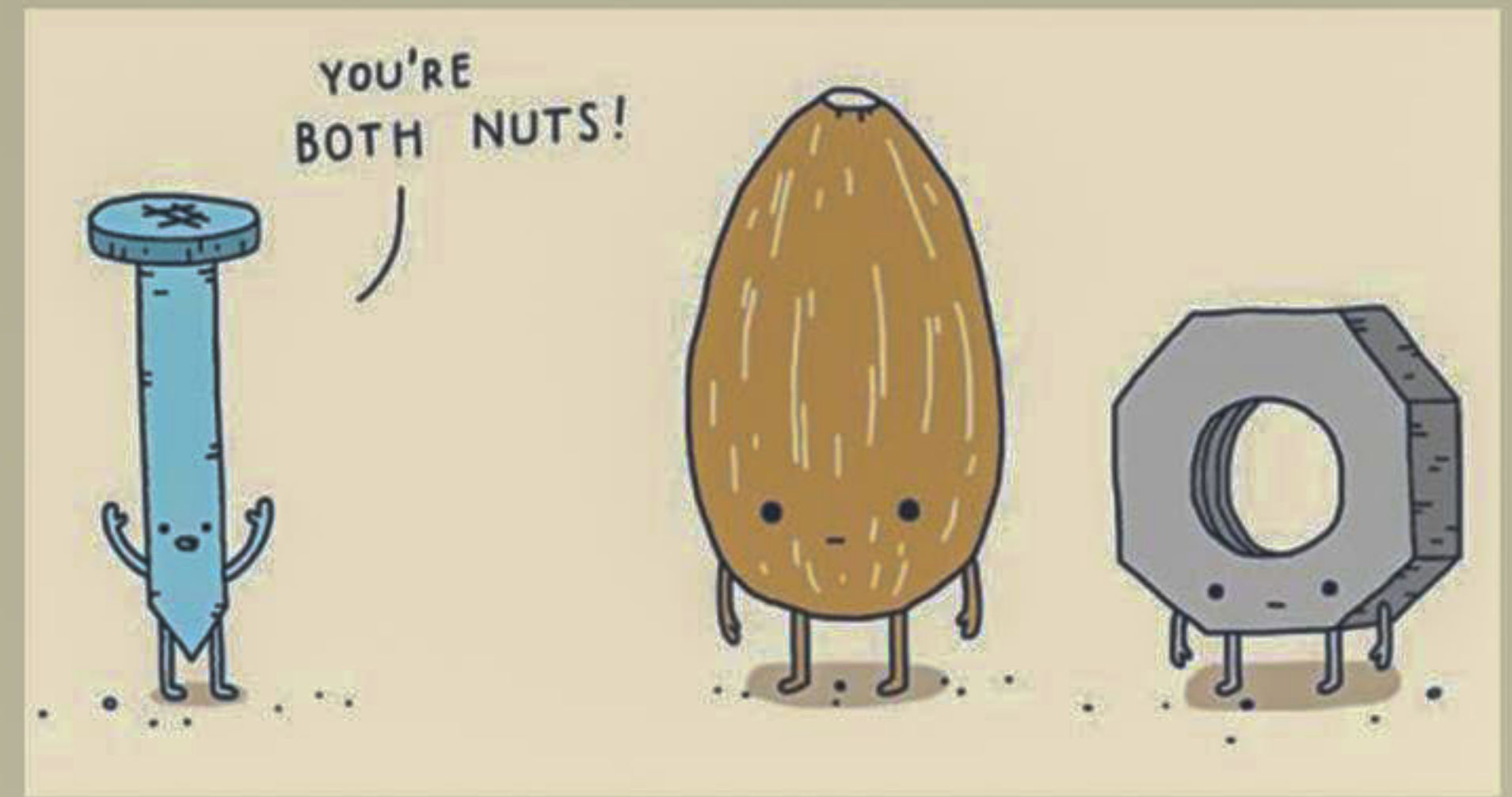
Having a foodie best friend is pretty handy. You've got your personal, free-of-cost, food critique. Whenever you're confused about what to eat, just ask them. They've surely scavenged enough restaurants and tasted plenty chicken jhaal frezy to decide who delivers the absolute best.

And the best part about your friend is of course the laughter and joy you receive from endless tags in food related memes. They give you that daily dose of happiness from three of the best things in the world -- food, memes, and best friend (in no particular order of course). What else can one ask for?

However, foodie best friends do sometimes tend to get annoying with their eyes glued to food sites, posting reviews while you're in the middle of brunch talking about your crush. And don't even get me started with the endless Snapchat and Instagram posts. You know you won't be able to take a bite of that Tiramisu until your friend gets the perfect shot of it.

At the end of the day, you may find yourself wondering whether your best friends love for food overpowers their love for you. Of course moments later that doubt will be dominated by the taste of the apple pie dipped in tomato sauce they just stuffed in your mouth.

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THE EVOLUTION OF JOKES

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Jokes have existed ever since civilisation began running its course. It has developed at its own pace and has taken various forms over the years alongside our own evolution. To shed further light on this phenomenon, this article focuses on its various types and origins, which have come to existence over the course of time.

KNOCK KNOCK JOKES

This oldie can be traced back to centuries with its oldest known form being "Do you know?" jokes. These however morphed into "nifties" and returned as its most popular form "knock knock" jokes in the mid-1930s. More popular among kids, there still prevails the ongoing feud of whether these jokes are actually funny or not.

BAR JOKES

A guy walks into a bar. What do you do? Take him to the hospital. Ba-dum-tsss.

These have been wildly popularised in publications such as Readers' Digest and other magazines, some even with special bar joke columns. With the first bar joke being published in the 50s, it has taken many forms over the years.

STEREOTYPING JOKES

Usually the results of people finding comfort in being able to associate certain characteristics with certain people, stereotyping has left a mark on jokes worldwide. No matter how bad this culture may be, it has created chances for many jokes such as the dumb blonde jokes, Asian jokes and even our country's beloved Noakhali er manush jokes to exist.

PARODIES

These date back to ancient Greece; the first ever English parody publication occurring in the 1500s. Often considered to be a literary art form as well, some of the most famous modern parodies are movies like The Scary Movie, music made by The Chipmunks and popular late night shows such as Saturday Night Live.

PUNS

The early pun-makers, referred to as pundits, date back to the 1600s. Since then its popularity has climbed to such extents that actual "pun-off" championships have been organised and greatly anticipated. With its ever growing traction, it has become widely loved with the exception of periodic cringe fests whenever someone uses the phrase "pun intended" at the end of such a joke.

MEMES

Memes, although first mentioned in the 1940s, have gained excessive popularity in the form of internet memes ever since social media became a worldwide phenomenon. Now, internet memes have taken countless variant forms and are literally everywhere.

As a whole, although jokes have evolved and taken up different forms over the years, the purpose of it has remained constant -- to make people laugh. As this ever growing phenomenon continues to flourish, one form after another, we should sit back and enjoy their existence because for all we know, what is this world without a sense of humour?