

HUMOUR

Convincing people to join a fandom

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Urban Dictionary defines fandom as "a cult that will destroy your life". If you think about it hard enough, fandoms truly are cults only with more drama and fan fictions than actual purpose. That being said, these communities are everywhere and for almost everything, either related to pop culture or just plain nonsense. Now the question is, how would people try to convince you into joining a certain fandom if you are a complete stranger to its existence?

JOIN THE 'FAMILY'

Fandoms are all about communities. When you join a fandom, you will immediately find yourself in a community full of people having similar interests. This is how your peers will often try to lure you into fandoms. The idea of being part of a group that preaches interests same as yours is a wonderful thought to many. You will often find people who do not interact with others in real life but are quite active on the internet when they are communicating within the fandoms and other related groups. Such acceptance from others often work the charm on



many individuals and hence, they end up becoming a part of it.

EXPOSURE TO THE CONTENT

This here is the real deal. No false descriptions or hope. Tell your friends to experience the content for themselves and then allow them to judge. This is a more civilised way to get people into your fandom. You take a bit of their time and

make them listen to some K-pop or sit down with them and watch an anime series. If they get hooked and start losing their sanity, you will know that you have a new member for your fandom. If not, they will make sure that you know about it.

SHOWING LOGIC

This technique is usually followed by conspiracy theorists all over the globe as

they try to manipulate innocent minds into falling for their beliefs. Logic plays a vital role in their method of persuasion. The more logic there is behind a subject, the more possibility that people will put their faith into it. Makes you think about the beautiful minds that people of the 'Flat Earth Society' have.

TRENDS

Where would our generation be without trends? From fashion to pop culture, everything has a particular trend always in motion. There are a lot of fandoms who end up growing at an astounding rate at certain times because they are trending on social or mainstream media. This is how shows like Game of Thrones and Rick and Morty became so popular and full of diehard fans. If you want someone to join a fandom, letting them know that it is one of the most trending things happening out there is perhaps the easiest way to convince them; that is if they belong to the type who tend to go with the flow.

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SATIRE

How to be a woman in a rom-com

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At one point or another, we have all envied the rom-com protagonists who seem to have it all; the luxurious house, the convenient job, the perfect wardrobe, and the dreamy guy. Now you can have all that as well with just these few easy steps.

1. JOIN A FASHION MAGAZINE

This is the most crucial step because your job is what's holding you back. Sure, you might face a strict and demanding boss who'll give you impossible tasks but these experiences will make you realise who you are and who you want to be in the future and you will have your perfect rom-com epiphany.

2. OPEN YOUR MESSAGE REQUESTS

The reason you haven't found the perfect guy yet is because he has been in your DMs all this time and you just haven't accepted his message request yet. Do you see rom-com protagonists running away from strangers? Do you see them running away from blind dates? They embrace the weird guy who sends them heartfelt messages. So, be open to loving confessions even if they go along the line of "Bby tomi ato cte kano".

3. GET A PLANE TICKET

Do you want that grand romantic gesture which usually happens towards the end of the movie after the guy realises his mistakes and screams your name in the middle of the airport? Then, every time your relationship faces small misunderstandings, you have to run out of the house and catch a plane to a

country far, far away. Don't wait to talk everything out like rational human beings. The farther you run, the grander the ultimate romantic gesture will be.

4. MASTER THE ART OF FALLING

But, how do you meet that perfect dreamy guy, you ask? How do you catch their attention? Easy, be clumsy. Fall down from 10 flights of stairs in hopes that the perfect guy will be waiting to catch you. Trip and fall in front of the

whole office. That dream guy you want is attracted to females with horrible coordination.

5. LOOK THE PART OF THE 'MANIC PIXIE GIRL'

Now that you have it all, how do you look the part? You look in the mirror and realise you don't look anything like Zooey Deschanel or Jennifer Aniston. This means it's time for you to visit your neighbourhood optometrist and get

those lenses. Once you lose your glasses and those tight pony tails and flip your hair in the wind a few times, no one will be able to differentiate between you and the average rom-com heroine.

At this point, you're all ready to go out there and live that cheesy life.

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