

THE FAN: An MM Mad Lib

Response by: _____

_____ (1) went to a café to try to get some work done on his next novel. Another customer approached him and said, “Hi, I’m _____ (2). I’m sorry to bother you, but are you _____ (1)?”

“Uh, yeah. Guilty.”

“Holy _____ (3) in a three-way! I thought so! I am your biggest fan! Wait until I tell my friends. Would you mind signing my _____ (4) for me?”

“Sure,” _____ (1) said. “Have you got a pen?”

“No, but I’ve got a permanent marker, which is totally fine. I’m never washing my _____ (4) again!”

After _____ (1) signed _____ (2)’s _____ (4), _____ (2) asked him, “Are you working on a new book?”

“Yeah, actually.”

“How’s it going?”

“Um... terrible, to be honest. I probably shouldn’t admit this to my biggest fan, but I’m kind of stuck.”

_____ (2) pulled out the extra chair and sat down. “No way. Everything you write is great. If you want, though, you can tell me what you’ve got so far, and I’ll see if I can help.”

“Uh, okay, but I warned you.” _____ (1) grimaced at his notes, embarrassed to share such drivel with one of his readers, but _____ (2) seemed so enthusiastic, the least he could do was oblige. “Well, it’s about a guy named _____ (5) who travels to a planet called _____ (6) and accidentally defeats a beast that looks like a cross between a _____ (7) and a _____ (8) that was tormenting the inhabitants. Every time it breathed on a person, it gave them _____ (9). So, the populace celebrated him by making him the king and declaring the first of the month National _____ (10) Day in his honor.” _____ (1) glanced up to see _____ (2)’s reaction who looked like he was still anticipating more. “Um... that’s all I’ve got.”

“How can you think that’s terrible? It’s the most epic story I’ve ever heard!”

“Really? I feel like it’s missing something.”

“Hm. Maybe. Do the inhabitants get cured of the _____ (9) they got from the beast?”

“Shit. I didn’t even think of that.” _____ (1) sighed in exasperation.

_____ (2) slapped his hand on the table and shouted, “I’ve got it! What if he finds his true love and together, they go on a quest to find a cure since they don’t have a cure on _____?”

“Oh, my God. Yeah!” _____ (1) exclaimed. “And they find the cure, and _____ (5) cures his true love, and then he finally gets to take his space helmet off and kiss him for the first time!”

“Yessss!” _____ (2) fist pumped the air. “Perfect!”

“Wow, _____ (2). You really saved my book. I’m so glad you came over and introduced yourself. How can I repay you?”

_____ (2) smiled proudly and shrugged. “Well, I’m working on a story of my own. Would you mind reading it when I’m finished and giving me your thoughts?”

“Absolutely! It’s the least I can do.”

“Thanks. I’m sure it won’t be a bestseller or anything, but I just want to give it a shot.”

“No way. With advice like you just gave me, I’ll be asking you to sign *my* _____ (4) in no time.”