

Paradise Lost

CAST

DARLA – 18 year old female college student

CLOONEY – 19 year male college student

STONER – 45 year old college student (male or female)

FATHER – The father of Clooney and Darla

Scene – A quiet college campus quadrangle with a few table and benches

DARLA: Wasn't it wonderful that our father was able to enroll us in the Garden of College.

CLOONEY: We should really do well here. Especially since he gave us dominion over all of the computers they have here.

DARLA: Well that's not quite correct. He did tell us never to partake of the Apple computers. I don't understand why.

CLOONEY: It really doesn't matter. He's given us all of the software we would ever need for both XP and Windows 7. We can do everything we need to do.

DARLA: You're right Clooney. Life is truly wonderful and I also look forward to our daily evening meeting with him over SKYPE.

CLOONEY: Darla? Who is that horrid looking creature setting over there by himself and using some strange looking computer device.

DARLA: I think everyone calls him "The Stoner" and I'm not quite sure what that is that he's using. I've been watching him for some time and I can't quite figure it out.

CLOONEY: It seems like no one comes around him or even tries to make friends with him. It's like they are all afraid of him because he is too cool.

Darla keeps staring at him

STONER: Hi babe. Is there something I can help you with?

DARLA: (Surprised by the question). Oh, no. I just wasn't sure what you were using there.

STONER: Well before I answer that question, I have one for you.

DARLA: What is that?

STONER: I heard through the grapevine that your father has forbidden you and your brother to partake of the Apple on campus?

DARLA: I have XP and my brother has Windows 7, and I'm going to get a Windows 8 soon, but as for the Apple on Campus, Father has said, "You shall not own it, nor shall you touch it, lest you find yourself downgraded".

STONER: You shall not surely downgrade. For your father knows that on the day that you use Apple, your eyes will be opened and your blindness will depart and you shall be as Steve Jobs, knowing only good and not knowing malware.

Come on over here for a minute and let me show you a few things.

Darla sets down by Stoner and he starts demonstrating some of the things he can do.

DARLA: Why that is terrific. I can make screensavers that are pleasant to my eyes and toolbars that make my work easy. Clooney, come and look at all of the things I can do.

CLOONEY: Can you stream video?

DARLA: Certainly, you do it like this.

CLOONEY: Can you draw pictures?

DARLA: Yes, by simply doing this.

CLOONEY: What about recording your voice.

DARLA: No problem. You select this and then click on that and we are recording what we say.

CLOONEY: That seems much easier than we could do it on our PC's.

DARLA: And we can even surf the web easier. Let's go get our own iPads.

CLOONEY: One other thing, I noticed when you were using the iPad, you didn't pickup and viruses or malware.

DARLA: I noticed that too. Do you remember when we attempted to patch together Norton Anti-virus to cover and protect our software. We don't have to do that anymore. My eyes have been open!!

CLOONEY: The Apple has opened my eyes also.

Darla and Clooney run off stage and reenter with iPads and partook of their pleasures.

DARLA: Now we have our own iPads and we can both partake of the pleasures of the Apple.

STONER: Darla, Clooney here are a few programs that you will find very useful. However, you will have to pay for them.

CLOONEY: Hey that Apple software is expensive. If we have to buy this software we won't have enough money left to buy our coffee at Starbucks.

STONER: Sure you will. All of us Apple users have found other ways to cut back so we can afford our software, our doobies and Starbucks too. For example I very seldom buy new clothes. I often crash at my friends houses or some of my Apple user friends sleep at their offices.

Learning to cutback will also help you afford to have your Apple fixed. Your hardware geek friends won't know how to fix your Apple, so when it breaks you will have to take it to the Apple Hell Store and have them fix it. And of course the Apple Demons who work there will "help" you find more software and hardware to add to your Apple. And don't worry if they talk to you like you are a moron, they are just trying to help you. They think humiliation will help you learn faster.

DARLA: That makes sense. And I'll probably look really cool dressed the way you are. I could also cut back on having my hair done and other grooming and health things. I'll just look cooler and cooler. Thanks Stoner for turning me on to this artsy-fartsy life style. We will definitely be too cool for school (*pause*) man. Wow, I'm already talking cooler.

STONER: You and Clooney are going to really like all of the graphics interface stuff you can add to your Apple.

CLOONEY: I've already found some graphics things I want to install. It doesn't really do anything, but it sure looks pretty neat.

STONER: (*To him self*) Man, this is better than when I convinced the car makers that lots of chrome and tail fins would make their cars look faster. What a bunch of schmucks!

DARLA: Clooney, Clooney! I think Father is calling us on Skype.

CLOONEY: Oh, You're right Darla. Is that you Father?

FATHER: Where have you been?

CLOONEY: I thought I heard your voice on the e-chat, but I was afraid that I might have a virus.

FATHER: Who told you that you might have a virus? Have you partaken of the Apple which I commanded you that you should not?

DARLA: We met an older student that everyone calls Stoner and he started showing us all of the things the Apple could do (pause) Man.

FATHER: Man? Man? Did you just call me man.

DARLA: I was just trying to show you how cool I have become (pause) Dude?.

FATHER: (*to Stoner*) Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all students,

And more than every beast of the field;

On your Prius you shall go,

And you shall eat soy and tofu and gluten free everything, all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the music world, and you shall eat poppyseed cakes.

And everyone that you meet will want to crush your head.

DARLA: Oh Father, we are so sorry. We did not know that Stoner was a liar and deceiver. I will never call you Man or Dude again.

FATHER: Darla, I am terribly disappointed. I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your paper-writings.

You shall never again create Word documents, or spread sheets

Your desire shall be for your PC, but it shall never be yours again.

And Steve Jobs shall rule over you and you may call him Man or Dude..

CLOONEY: Forgive me father for I know not what I have done.

FATHER: (to *Clooney*) Cursed is the software for your sake. In toil you shall work on your software all the days of your life.

And you shall be denied working with dot NET technology or ASP.
Till you return to the Windows operating system,

Although the rest of the business and professional world uses it for any job they do, never shall it grace your projects.

Although for PC you are, to PC you shall never return.

DARLA: Please do not drive us from the Garden of College! We are sore ashamed.... Ma—er ah Du—er ah Oh. I'm so sorry, ... Father!
(almost saying "Man" then "Dude")

CLOONEY: We have learned our lesson. Although the Apple may seem beautiful to our eyes, we now understand it has no substance and is based on lies from people like the Apple Store Demons and people like Stoner. We now know it must be scourged from the earth.

FATHER: I am sorry my children, you now have the taint of the APPLE Devil on you. I have to avert my eyes from you because you have become hideous and I cannot let you infect the others. So, be gone immediately.

CLOONEY: Oh Darla!! We are doomed!!

Wait, what was that sound on my iPad.

O my God Darla, my iPad has become infected by a virus. What are we going to do? There is no virus protection available for Apple. Stoner was truly a liar and deceiver.

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