

# A Meme I Liked

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Tina Kulesa tagged me with Seven Sevens, and I liked the meme, so I'm participating

Here is the meme:

## **Seven Things to Do Before I Die:**

- 1) Finish a delicate, complex, gorgeous sweater made of breathtaking, slender, heartbreakingly-beautiful yarn knit on painfully tiny needles knit from a pattern that I have only discovered (now that it is too late) was written by the Devil himself, and that will, before I am done, either expand my vocabulary for profanity beyond all previous human accomplishments, or render me mute;
- 2) Ride a horse again;
- 3) Walk along the banks of Beaver Creek and see how the trees have grown;
- 4) Go back to Gnadenhutten;
- 5) Visit Great Britain, Ireland, and Australia, and take the kid to Japan;
- 6) Have grandkids and great-grandkids;
- 7) Live in the mountains.

## **Seven Things I Cannot Do:**

- 1) Math more complicated than algebra;
- 2) **Any** math, if the results are required to be consistently right (ie., We will not be sending anybody to the Moon based on my calculations, unless we really, really don't like him);

- 3) Accurately define "offside" in hockey;
- 4) Get the Rangers to put a man in front of the net during a power play by sheer force of my will alone (and God knows, I have tried), because Matt hates it when I yell at them;
- 5) Explain why I like getting up at 6 AM to the people who love me;
- 6) Read books that I have been told will be good for me;
- 7) Fly, or even float a few inches off the ground (c'mon, don't tell me you've never tried to will yourself off the bed by the power of your mind).

**Seven Things that Attract Me To My Husband (or significant other):**

- 1) His beautiful, entirely-too-rare smile;
- 2) His intelligence, insight, and perceptiveness;
- 3) His utterly wicked sense of humor, which makes me laugh so hard embarrassing things happen;
- 4) His exuberance, which astonishes me and inspires me;
- 5) His willingness to share what he knows and loves (he was my introduction to hockey, and to all the reasons to love hockey that even most hockey fans don't know);
- 6) Various stuff I can't tell you;
- 7) And more stuff like that.

**Seven Things I Say Most Often:**

- 1) Don't ask for things you see on television.
- 2) No.
- 3) Don't even try to tell me the cats did that.

- 4) Duuuuuude ....
- 5) If you want it, work for it.
- 6) I already told you No.
- 7) I love you.

### **Seven Books (or Series) I Love:**

I chose books I've read at least a dozen times, and that I still love to reread. For that reason, Tolkien no longer makes the cut. Can't read him anymore.

- 1) **Life on the Mississippi**, Mark Twain;
- 2) **The Art of War**, Sun Tzu
- 3) **Man's Search for Meaning**, Victor Frankl  
("What man actually needs is not a tensionless state but rather the striving and struggling for some goal worthy of him. What he needs is not the discharge of tension at any cost, but the call of a potential meaning waiting to be fulfilled by him.")
- 4) **Innocents Abroad**, Mark Twain
- 5) **Godbody**, Ted Sturgeon
- 6) **The Tao of Pooh**, Benjamin Hoff
- 7) **The Martian Chronicles**, Ray Bradbury
- 7.5) **Meditations**, Marcus Aurelius

### **Seven Movies I Would Watch Over and Over Again:**

- 1) The Man With One Red Shoe
- 2) Don't Tell Her It's Me
- 3) Lord of the Rings Trilogy

4) American Dreamer

5) When Harry Met Sally

6) Amelie

7) Monsters, Inc.

I make no apologies for my movie choices. I know they are not deep, but I love them, and they are mine.

**Seven People I Want To Join In, Too:**

If you are to answer the sevens, post your name and then do. And we'll trot over and look.

I was in the middle of answering these when I got the news on Frank, and I wasn't going to post them today. But they're here, and done. And the thing about life, which is both heartbreaking and wonderful, is that it goes on.

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