

Eddie, The Twenty Five Reunion

A Problematic Pipe Organ

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Braden explains, “okay, so one Friday afternoon, about 3:00 p.m., a professor brings his class into the auditorium, and shows them how something is supposed to be played on the pipe organ. Then, the students get their chance to play it.” The rest of the guys are seriously wondering where Braden is going with this, for one would think a group of students playing music on a pipe organ is a pretty much harmless activity, and not exactly high on the list of activities that would be suggestive of breaking the law.

Braden continues, “so, the professor tells me that, about twenty minutes into the class, he yelled out, ‘who in here is smoking pot?’ No one ‘fesses up, so the professor looks around. There was only like eight students in that class, and it was obvious to him that none of them were smoking pot. The professor tells me that he then told a few of the students to search the auditorium as he continues with his class. The students didn’t find anyone smoking pot, so, the professor calls the campus police.” Eddie kind of suspects he knows exactly how this story is going to end, but he remains quiet.

Braden continues, “so, I arrive at the scene because I didn’t want the officer on patrol to waste his time with this shit since the Friday night frat parties were about to begin. After I searched the place, I didn’t see anyone smoking pot in the auditorium, but you could really smell it. So, I’m walking around, back where the organ pipes are, thinking the pot heads were hiding out back there somewhere. And, you ain’t gonna believe this shit! The pot smell was coming out of the organ pipes!” Eddie and

Mark laugh, now knowing the end of Braden's story. But, the others are still in the dark.

Braden concludes, "now, get this. In the basement of that building, there's a room with a bunch of squirrel cage blowers that pump the air up to the pipe organ. The blowers are only running when someone turns on the organ. So, about a dozen students snuck into the basement, and were having a pot party right outside the room where the blowers are! And, when the professor cranked up that organ, those squirrel cage fans sucked up all that smoke and pumped it right out the organ pipes!" Mitchell, Johnson, and Bobby B. join in laughing with Eddie and Mark, who figured it out a little earlier.

Braden continues, "so, I call the officer on patrol, and we put all of their asses in the tank over the weekend. And, once they came back to Earth, I told them that their asses are gonna spend the rest of the year cleaning out the organ pipes with giant pipe cleaners! Those guys were so stupid, they thought I was serious." Eddie laughs, and replies, "seriously! If you clean the inside of the pipes, you have to re-tune the organ." Mark asks, "what did they end up doing about it?" Braden replies, "the organ company said just leave it since it was still in tune, and that it probably didn't do any damage."