

You're Not Funny Steve
a parody

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Principal characters:

Forrest Grump - Tom Hanks
Steve Martin - Steve Martin
Lieutenant Dan - Gary Sinise
Bill - Stephen Root
Noam Pikelny - Noam Pikelny

Fade in:

INT. STEVE'S MARTINS MOTORHOME - DAY

Steve and Noam are riding in the motorhome.

STEVE

So, what is this event we're headed to?

NOAM

I talked to the organizer. It's a small invitation only Banjo Camp. They expect about one-hundred people. It's been going on for twenty-five years and each year it's held in a different location.

STEVE

And the guys are fine with one-thousand dollars to play at the event?

NOAM

I gathered the best players I could get for one-thousand dollars. With you and me, there will be six of us all together.

Steve rubs his chin and shakes his head yes.

EXT. STEVE'S MOTORHOME - DAY

Steve and Noam come walking out of the motorhome.

Noam points.

NOAM

There's Bill the organizer. Come on, I'll introduce you.

Steve and Noam walk towards Bill. As they walk you can hear banjo music coming from the stream edge. Steve looks down towards the stream a few times as they walk.

Bill sees them coming as Steve and Noam walk up to Bill.

NOAM

Bill, I would like you to meet Steve Martin.

Bill puts out his hand and Steve shakes it.

BILL

It's a pleasure having you here Mr. Martin.

STEVE

It's my pleasure.

BILL

We're really looking forward to you and the others playing this evening. This is going to make a 25th anniversary the best event we've ever had.

Steve again looks down towards the stream.

STEVE

Who is that playing down by the stream?

Bill looks down towards the stream.

BILL

That's Forrest, Forrest Gump. We had the first event at his Momma's house. Him and his girlfriend Jenny have attended every year. You may have heard of him. A few years ago, he ran from coast to coast three or four times nonstop. He was a household name.

STEVE

I've never heard of him, but that banjo. That banjo sounds incredible.

BILL

It's one of a kind. It's a Stelling-Gump banjo.

STEVE

A what?

BILL

Stelling-Gump. When Forrest stopped running, he was in Afton Virginia. He heard Geoff Stelling playing and went to listen. Geoff liked Forrest so much he invited him to dinner. Forrest lived with Geoff for six months and they built that one-of-a-kind banjo together.

NOAM

He sure plays it well.

BILL

Ya, Geoff taught him a little then he took lessons from a player down in Shelby North Carolina. You may know him, Earl Scruggs.

STEVE

Wait, you're telling me Earl Scruggs gave him banjo lessons?

BILL

Sure did. Right after Forrest got home with his new banjo, Earl was down in Alabama, and someone took Earl to a jam session at Forrest's Momma's house. Earl and Forrest hit it off, and Earl invited Forrest to his place for some lessons. He stayed at Earl's house for six months.

STEVE (AGITATED)

You have got to be kidding me.

BILL

No. He's sort of an idiot savant banjo player. At last year's camp, he played

your entire album "The Crow" from start to finish.

NOAM

Wait, I saw a short video of him playing one of your songs on Youtube.

BILL

You did, hun, Dan won't allow anyone to record him or take video of him.

NOAM

The video wasn't very good and right before it cut out you can hear someone say "turn off that phone".

BILL

That would have been Dan.

NOAM

All I know is there were a dozen comments saying he played the song better than you.

STEVE (MORE AGITATED)

Better than me? It's my song, how can anyone play it better than me?

NOAM

I'm just telling you what the comments said.

BILL

Well, I have to go. See you at tonight's show.

Bill walks away leaving Steve and Noam standing there watching Forrest play the banjo.

STEVE (SARCASTIC)

Better than me.

NOAM

Let's go back to the motorhome and get ready.

As Noam and Steve walk away, Steve looks back at Forrest playing.

EXT. CAMP STAGE - NIGHT

Lieutenant Dan and Forrest walk up to where everyone is sitting down. Forrest is carrying his banjo.

FORREST

What's going on Lieutenant Dan?

LIEUTENANT DAN

It's the twenty-fifth anniversary so they brought in some banjo players to put on a show.

FORREST

I don't like this. I want to play the banjo with my friends.

Bill walks up.

BILL

Forrest, Dan, we have seats up front for you. Follow me.

Lieutenant Dan and Forrest follow Bill.

EXT. CAMP STAGE - NIGHT

Bill is on stage announcing.

BILL

Being our twenty-fifth anniversary, we've invited some very special banjo plays to play. The first one you will all know. Steve Martin has played banjo most of his life and has several awards.

EXT. BACK STAGE - NIGHT

Steve is standing next to Noam waiting to come out.

STEVE (SARCASTICLY)

Invited, I'm being paid to be here.

EXT. CAMP STAGE - NIGHT

BILL

Please welcome Steve Martin.

Steve steps through the curtain and everyone claps. Steve steps to the mike.

STEVE

Thank you, it's a pleasure to be here.

Steve looks down and sees Forrest sitting there holding his banjo.

STEVE

For my first song I would like to do an original number I wrote.

Steve begins to play.

EXT. BACK STAGE - NIGHT

Noam is standing next to one of the other players.

NOAM

Boy, Steve is sure playing hard like he's trying to impress someone. Look he's even sweating.

EXT. FORREST'S CAMP - NIGHT

Lieutenant Dan and Forrest walk into camp and sit down. Forrest is not happy.

LIEUTENANT DAN

What's wrong?

FORREST

I didn't have any fun tonight. All we did was sit there and watch other people play the banjo.

LIEUTENANT DAN

Well, it is the twenty-fifth anniversary camp. They wanted to do something special.

FORREST

But I didn't get to play the banjo with my friends.

LIEUTENANT DAN

Sorry Forrest.

EXT. CAMP - DAY

Bill and one of the campers are standing talking when they see Steve Martin and Noam walking through a field.

MAN

How did you ever get Steve Martin to come here and play?

BILL

It was easy, I called his agent and the agent told me Steve would come, but it would cost one-million dollars. I called Forrest and told him it would cost a million dollars for this year's camp and the next day I had a check.

EXT. OPEN FIELD - DAY

Steve and Noam are walking through the field when Forrest comes the other way.

NOAM

That's Forrest, the guy we heard playing down by the stream. I was talking to one of the campers. He really is some type of idiot savant. They said he can play any banjo song ever written, including all of yours.

STEVE

All of mine Aaaa.

Noam, Steve and Forrest meet in the field. Steve holds out his hand.

STEVE

Hello, Steve Martin.

FORREST

Hello Mister Steve, I've seen you on the television. I'm Forrest, Forrest Gump.

STEVE

How are you and Jenny enjoying the event?

FORREST

Just fine thank you. Do you know Jenny?

Steve gestures towards the stream.

STEVE

I just met her down by the stream. She was going tubing butt naked. I was going to join her, but I did not bring my birthday suit.

FORREST

You saw Jenny going tubing butt naked?

STEVE

Sure did, she just headed down stream. If you run, you can catch her.

FORREST

Thanks Mister Steve.

Forrest runs off.

STEVE

Run Forrest, Run.

Steve and Noam watch as Forrest runs down to the stream, pulls off his clothes, grabs a tub, jumps into the stream and paddles away.

STEVE

Let's see how well he plays after getting out of that freezing cold stream.

EXT. FORREST'S CAMP SIGHT - DAY

Lieutenant Dan is sitting in a chair reading the paper when Forrest comes walking up naked wearing a tube.

LIEUTENANT DAN
Forrest, what happened.

FORREST
That Mister Steve told me he saw Jenny tubing butt naked. So, I ran down, took my clothes off, and jumped into a tub. When I got down steam there were two canoes and Jenny wasn't in either.

LIEUTENANT DAN
What did you do?

FORREST
I floated by butt naked, and they laughed at me.

LIEUTENANT DAN
That wasn't very nice of him. You look like you're freezing.

FORREST
I'm going to put on some warm clothes.

EXT. FOOD LINE - NIGHT

Noam and a few others are standing in line waiting on BBQ. Lieutenant Dan is standing behind them.

NOAM
Did you hear what Steve did to Forrest?

MAN 1
No.

NOAM
He told Forrest that he saw his girl friend tubing butt naked. Forrest ran down to the stream, took off his clothes, jumped into a tube and started paddling.

MAN 2
Was she tubing butt naked?

NOAM

No.

The group begins to laugh.

Lieutenant Dan shakes his head.

LIEUTENANT DAN

Steve should not have done that.

Noam and the group turn around and look at Lieutenant Dan.

NOAM

Why not?

LIEUTENANT DAN

Forrest is pissed. He said at tonight's show he's going to walk up to Steve and say "You're Not Funny Steve" and punch him in the nose.

NOAM

He won't hit him. Steve would sue him.

LIEUTENANT DAN

Doesn't matter to Forrest. He beat the hell out of a guy in college for kissing his girl friend. Besides, he has more money than Davy Crockett.

NOAM

What's that mean?

LIEUTENANT DAN

Forrest has millions.

The group turns back around, and Noam gets a nervous look on his face.

Lieutenant Dan smiles.

EXT. CAMP GROUNDS - DAY

Noam and the group of banjo players that came with Steve are talking to Bill.

NOAM

Ya, Steve hurt his hand and can't play,
so he's leaving.

BILL

What a shame.

Steve's motorhome pulls up and stops. The door opens and Steve leans out.

STEVE

Bill, I'm returning the appearance
money, here's a personal check.

Steve hands Bill a check. Bill looks at the check.

BILL

But this check is for the full million
dollars.

STEVE

Yes, I'm not staying the full week, so
I am in breach of contract.

NOAM

Hey, wait a minute, you told us we were
getting a thousand dollars each.

The group starts moving towards the motorhome.

Steve gets a surprised look on his face.

Steve leans in and looks at the motorhome driver.

STEVE (EXCITED)

Close the door and drive, NOW!

The door slams shut, and the motorhome drives away quickly.

Everyone watches the motorhome speeds away.

Bill turns to the group.

BILL

Are you boys staying?

NOAM

We can stay, but Steve was going to pay us.

BILL

No problem.

Bill hands the check to Noam.

BILL

I guess you boys will have to split the money.

The group gets a surprised look on their faces as Bill walks away.

EXT. CAMP GROUNDS - DAY

It's evening. Lieutenant Dan and Forrest are walking through the camps grounds, Forrest with his banjo. As they walk, they notice that each camp site has a fire going and people are playing banjos.

EXT. STAGE AREA - DAY

It's evening. Bill is standing near the stage when Lieutenant Dan and Forrest walk up. The stage is dark and there is no one sitting in chairs.

LIEUTENANT DAN

Hi Bill, no show tonight?

BILL

It seems that Steve Martin hurt his hand and cannot play. So, he left.

LIEUTENANT DAN

What about the other players?

BILL

Oh, they're happy to stay, but rather than play on stage for thirty minutes each night they're going to walk around to all the camps sites and give them all a mini concert.

LIEUTENANT DAN
That's awful nice of them?

BILL
Oh, they're being paid.

LIEUTENANT DAN
Well Forrest, I guess you can now go
play banjo with your friends.

FORREST
I like that.

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