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Friends of developers suggest testing is bad as a career

A group of friends got together at a small pub in the city to get some beers. One of them, named John Swift, mentioned that he works for the last 6 months as a tester in an e-commerce based company. After a short period of silence, he suddenly got bombarded with remarks and advices that testing is not a reliable job. Most of the knowledge came from their other friends, who work as developers. Even Matthew, who worked in a call center in night-shifts, had pity for John's shitty job. Matthew by the way lost hearing in his left year because of his activity in the place he earns his living.

Great anger was in John's pub buddies when he said that his salary is relatively in the same range as a developer with similar experience and qualification. This caused a disturbance second only to the news that end of world is coming.

Software Company looking to duplicate current valuable employee by outsourcing

SWCompanyX, based in Silicon Valley decided to move part of its R&D center in Beijing. This was after observing the extraordinary work of their employee Yiang Jiang Tao. They knew of course that if are not from US, but from the same geographical area , people are completely identical. Also using the information from Yiang Jiang about income, the decision was taken pretty fast. Compared to other

employees who always complain and didn't have a good productivity, Yiang Jiang looked even more as an ideal prototype to duplicate.

"Just try and see if it works" motto of a testing team

The manager of a small company in Eastern Europe decided to put a motto to a team of cheap people hired to test some product from a company in UK. The daily quote become the team's motto: "Just try and see if it works"

Some guru says there is something as best methodology in testing

A new guru has emerged on the software testing market. The testing experience he has is only for 3 years but prior to that he had experience 10 years as a developer and another 10 years as manager.

Even that he didn't have too much respect for testing prior to become a testing guru, he realizes not that "testing its important now, my colleagues told me".

After finding out that testing is important too, he wrote quickly three books.

Small company decides there is no benefit in testing

A small company decided that testing is done in the development team so no need to hire other people to lose time there, that don't know how to code.

Testers forced to follow unfeasible procedures get comfort in browsing the web

Michael Smith, who works as a Software Design Engineer in Test, is seen often by his coworkers browsing flashy websites, news, and blogs. Michael has all the day the task of filling Test Cases and creating automated scripts. He gets so angry some days that he openly states he commented out some assertions for “those annoying tests to pass”.

Developer frustrated as being downgraded to tester

Some dev guy in a medium company started to complain to close colleagues also friends that he has “to do tests now”, something that made him feel ashamed. He is currently considering changing job.

Tester tries to get respect from dev by writing few lines of code

Some tester feeling uncomfortable in the position is sending occasionally some code he wrote in Perl to his dev colleagues to get some respect. He is also posting articles about different programming languages and blog posts related to it. He reported to some close friends that he will want to be himself a developer in the next months.

Some non-interesting article on a blog presented over and over

News of the day: Some blog posts contains the same non-interesting, non-original content that is to be found in other testing related blogs.

A group of testers agree on a new popular methodology

A group of testers agree 100% on a new testing methodology and had this week a discussion about it. Some of them plan to write a couple of related articles. They also plan a competition where they will use only quotes from testing gurus. Who is able to create complete non-original phrases will be the monthly winner.

CEO decides to make visits in the remote branches

CEO of a company decided to make a visit to his company remote branches to “see the monkeys that I pay every month”. Although some things were not as expected, like name of the city didn’t match the country he thought it should, he learned some people have personality in his company.

Developer regains his self-esteem after passing near the testing team location

A dev guy for some year had a terrible day till he passed near the part of the floor where testers were located. “At least I am not a tester” he said in his mind.

Calm guy becomes arrogant when hears the word "tester"

Andrew Johnson is a respectable member of the team and a devoted husband and father. But whenever he hears the word “tester” an electric spark is igniting his temper. This is caused probably by the legends told about testers.

Developer who waste time thinks he is still better than a tester

Michael Gerard recently asked to have the double of the salary that his tester colleague has, even that his code is poor and he hardly done any relevant work lately. He wrote 10 code lines in the last 2 months, because “I don’t have tasks now”.

Young tester tells his friends he will become Test Team Leader

Steve Jung, who has been recently hired as a tester in a small company believes he will be promoted soon because “There is nothing seriously to be done and the rest look stupid”.

Talkative guy that calls everyone idiot promoted as Team Leader

The annoying arrogant guy finally promoted as Team Leader. The other members accepted this only because they thought he would shut up.

Big boss hires incompetent friend as QA Manager

Some big manager in a company found a good opportunity to hire his friend as QA manager. His buddy was affected hard by the economic crises and even that he had small experience as a tester he was found suitable for the position. “Its OK man, the monkeys will work by themselves. Make sure there is some structure in the team” or “Don’t worry, testing doesn’t require any responsibility, you won’t get in trouble.” were some of the encouragements to him.