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Movie night at Grad^{TUBS}: The PhD Movie*

You are a PhD student? You spend days and nights pondering about sophisticated questions? You are familiar with phrases like "In academia, we never use the word *problem*. We talk about *challenges*!"? Well - then it is time, to join us on our first Grad^{TUBS} movie night!

The PhD Movie is a comedy based on the webcomic "Piled Higher and Deeper". Its author and illustrator Jorge Cham was right in the middle of his own PhD, when he came up with the idea. The comic was an instant success — especially amongst his fellow researchers - and has since become a "classic" in its genre.

The PhD Movie deals with the issues of life in graduate school and makes fun of the challenges that young and aspiring researchers are confronted with: Procrastination, complex student—supervisor relationships, multi-tasking... you name it.

"Well, Professor, I was hoping, I could talk to you about your research." "What for? It is all on my webpage!" "Well, sir, ... I was hoping, I could do a PhD in your research area..." "And you want me, to fund you and be your thesis advisor? Listen. Let me tell you, how this works. Being a PhD student, working with a professor, is a lot like a marriage. The whole thing typically lasts five to seven years; 50% end in a bitter divorce and it all culminates in a big ceremony, where you walk down the isle, wearing a fancy gown."

Wanna know more?

The film will be shown by Grad^{TUBS} on 2 May 2023. Afterwards, we will move to McMurphy's for a social gathering and a chat over a pint.

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