

I knew I had finals, but...

# She was the Swan,

and I couldn't miss that.

It was her first real ballet, on the stage with the lights and the orchestra.

She had been working so hard, and I had been there with her through most of it. I wasn't about to miss the opening curtain.

True, I had a final I had to get done if I was going to keep my goals and fit that extra class in before the semester ended and I had to pay again. That was important too, but this was important to her, and I was going to be there.

WGU? Well they make it easy. I decide when I take my tests, when I attend class, and even how many classes I take. That's why I picked them for my degree. I'm in control.

I could do the final any time, tonight, it was about the swan.

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# What did school have to do with being Chased by a grizzly?

You're gonna like this story...

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There I was up in that tree with Mark and Dave and the pack dogs all trying to chase the bear away and I was thinking...I wouldn't even be here if I had been in school somewhere else.

See, when Mark called and said he had another item I could cross off my list, you know "50 things to do before I die", I couldn't resist. All it took was him saying "we have a spare ticket, and an extra room in the cabin".

I cashed in a few vacation days, threw some clothes in the old backpack, and I was off to the Yukon to see the Northern Lights.

I didn't even have to worry about school, WGU lets me pick how I schedule my classes. I pay one price and can take all the classes I can finish in a semester...and take a few days off without any worries.

Nope, wasn't worried about a thing...well, there was the bear.

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You don't have to tell me  
**I have no class,**  
but we both called dibs at the same time...

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OK, don't tell Becky this, but Sean and I sort of have this agreement. Whichever one of us gets our IT certs done first, gets dibs.

This Superbowl party is going to be my "secret weapon".

See, I'm going to WGU and they give me credit for all of those years I have been on the job, Sean doesn't...sucker! I'm already half-way there while he is just getting started. My certs are in the bag.

He doesn't know this, obviously, and is too busy trying to keep ahead of me to make it to the party today. The party that I just happen to have invited a few "close" friends to...including Becky.

Sean is so owned!

And Becky? Well, she will be mine.

Um...but you can't tell her I said any of this.

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