

Dr. Null

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Dear readers: I intended to address questions about academic concerns, but have received few, except a highly challenging one from a mathematics faculty member, obviously looking for a new theorem so he can pad his curriculum vitae for his tenure review, and another asking why there are no questions for Dr. Null. As my background and experience is in interdisciplinary overlapping studies and research, I found the following note of broader interest. You will note that although the topic does not appear to be formally academic in the classical sense, it is a cross-cutting interdisciplinary issue.

Dear Dr. Null: Look, my blender is for sale—ARE YOU GOING TO BUY IT OR NOT??? Email me or even call me—[phone number deleted]. I am desperate to sell this blender, I have two and don't know what to do with this one... Suggestions please.

—Craig [not his realfirstname]

Dear Craig: I must say I'm quite disappointed to hear that you have not yet dealt with this unpleasant blender situation, and I've remained silent long enough. I was tempted to forward your note to that other "advice" column, but it seems to have vanished, and there is no telling what you would hear from Ms. Sims.

Have you and your blender really tried to work this out? Whatever happened to commitment? A blender is a long-term responsibility, and you can't just throw it over like an old rag when a flashier one comes along. Are you considering marriage, at which time you will receive at least three more blenders? Do you have plans for how to care for them? Think that over the next time you have a little fling at Spag's, buckaroo—those blenders are very appealing when small, but you really do have to consider their best long-term interests, and how you can provide for them.

If you really have tried, and sought counseling, and still need to find a home for the blender, I'm sure everyone would like to know more details. Would such a purchase break up a family of blenders? Are your two blenders not getting along well? Is the unwanted one UL approved? Has anyone been chewing on the cord, or is this a cordless, portable blender? I want one of those. What are the blender's vital statistics (e.g. wattage, clock speed, torque, throughput, input, output, gigabytes and benchmark performance levels). Is it still under warranty? How do we know

this is not stolen property?

While we wait for this information, a few options for you and your blender come to mind:

- Extract chlorophyll from spinach (equal parts ether and acetone work well, and explode nicely).
- Use it as a miniature aquarium. Fish love to exercise.
- Download the small one into the large one, and puree.
- Use the unwanted one as a peripheral SCSI device.
- Drag it to the trash (command-delete with OS 8.1, or throw it out your Windows).
- Debabelize it.
- Anti-alias it.
- Upload it.

And don't forget to wear your safety glasses.

Got a problem with this? Send it to Dr. Null! Remember, as any good pedagogue (that's what smart people who teach, like me, like to call ourselves) would say: "there's no such thing as a stupid question."

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