

Nothing's worse than bad hair

It's funny when you stop to think about how a haircut can change your whole outlook on life. It's amazing the amount of trust we put in our local barbers and hair stylists, isn't it?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not in anyway slamming our fine professionals and their hair-cutting abilities, I'm merely stating a point. They literally have our heads in their hands. Sure, we tell them what we want to have done with our soft, scruffy, freshly-washed hair. But in the end, who's holding the scissors? Let's face facts. Hair cutters can do pretty much what they want to do with us.

I think I speak on behalf of a lot of people when I say, haircuts are more than what the word 'haircut' states. It's not just cutting the hair on our heads. It's shaping our whole entire life. When it comes time to sit back wearing those annoying white bibs — which in my opinion do absolutely nothing — and watch them attack our scalps with combs, shavers and scissors, we're basically puppets on a string.

I went for a haircut recently. I told them what I wanted. I left with the Hindenburg disaster on the top of my head, or so I thought. Everyone who saw it afterward said it looked great. I saw it just a touch differently. I saw a bald head. I saw it too short here, and extremely too short there. I saw my head take on a different shape. Most importantly, I saw myself living indoors for a week in hopes my hair would grow back ASAP.

With invitations to go out, I declined. Me leave the house with my hair like this? Get real. Though no one would even probably bother to look at me, I felt as if I would be centre stage no matter where I went, my ears burning with the sneers and snickers of everyone as I walked past. Then I thought to myself of all the great things in life I may have missed while I sat sulking in front of the TV.

Though some may not admit it, a person's hair is their second or third most important feature, if not their first.

We groom it, wash it and style it. Some spend more time grooming their hair than the time it takes to shower and get a haircut combined.

I think it's also safe to say, we're absolutely numb when we sit in barber chairs. What is it about the barber chair and the whole haircutting experience that prevents us from having any volume in our voice? Have you ever sat in the chair and watched them cut your hair? Many a time I have watched them cutting and snipping, saying in my head, "Dear lord, what are you doing?" Though for some reason there's this fear that I have, that some may have as well, when saying anything during the procedure.



The real deal

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As my hair falls in front of my face and the vision of what I want done ceases to exist, I'm utterly speechless. I watch the disaster happen. I sit and let it happen until

I get home and start with the woes.

Haircutting is taken far too lightly in my opinion. Other than our skin and hair, everything else that could ever go wrong in life can pretty well be hidden. But your hair is out there for the whole world to see. Get a bad haircut and life is over for a day or two. The world stops spinning for a day or two. Then in a week, with a few millimetres of growth, life goes on.

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