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a ford & harrison blog about the popular television series “the office”

Time to Say Goodbye

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Litigation Value: Michael asking Angela if she had thought they would have sex and Gabe accosting Erin in the women’s room = additional fodder for sexually hostile work environment claims; finding out Phyllis regularly buys erotic cakes = thousands of dollars in therapy for the party planning committee to forget that disturbing mental image; Michael finally getting his World’s Best Boss trophy = priceless.

It’s time to say goodbye to Michael Scott, everyone’s favorite foot grilling, ladies suit wearing, paintball playing boss. While it is sad to see him go, we can’t help but be happy that he’s finally getting his fairytale ending with Holly. Last night’s episode had Michael coming to terms with his move to Colorado (including the reality that his improv class credits may not transfer) and trying to have a special moment with each of his Dunder Mifflin family members before he leaves. Now that he has taken off the microphone and boarded the plane to the land of bears, let’s look back on some of the best Michael Scott moments over the last seven seasons.

1. Michael proposing to Holly as the office sprinkler system soaks both of them along with the hundreds of candles Michael placed around Holly’s cubicle (including inside the filing cabinets). I’m sure OSHA would be thrilled to see that.

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2. Michael running over Meredith with his car. Who else would hit an employee and later take credit for saving her life when doctors discover she is suffering from rabies? Talk about an interesting workers' compensation claim.
3. Michael presenting a check to "Science" (represented by a stripper in a nurse costume) in hopes of finding a cure for rabies or "the foaming, barking killer."
4. Michael grilling his foot on the George Foreman next to his bed, because he loves the smell of bacon in the morning so much that he can't be bothered to walk to the kitchen for it. Who knew bubble wrap and Country Crock were good for burns?
5. Michael kissing Oscar after outing him to the entire office and trying to order "gaydar" online. This unscripted scene simply must go down in Office history.
6. Michael ripping pages out of textbooks and pelting Ryan's business school classmates with candy before storming out. Michael does redeem himself later on in the episode by showing up to Pam's art show and buying her watercolor painting of Dunder Mifflin.
7. Michael learning new phrases from Darryl to help with his future interracial conversations. "Dinkin flicka."
8. The slap heard 'round the world. After doing an insulting impression of an Indian convenience store owner in front of Kelly, Michael earned a well deserved smack to the face. Kelly clearly did not appreciate his "googi googi." This is exactly how NOT to conduct diversity training.
9. Michael accidentally emailing the entire office and warehouse a photo of a topless Jan soaking up the rays at Sandals. If you haven't seen it, I'm sure Kevin still has the poster-size version of this photo somewhere.
10. Michael almost "killing himself pretending to kill himself." Thankfully, Michael did not end up jumping off the roof and onto that bouncy castle for his safety seminar on the cold hard facts of depression.

As we bid a fond farewell to Michael and look forward to learning who his permanent replacement will be, share with us your favorite Michael Scott moments over the years.

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