



Lasagna Laziness

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Monday hating, Odie bashing and lasagna loving, Garfield is the original grumpy cat. He took time out from his nap to talk food, fame, more food and how to beat the start of the week blues.

Let's start with your favourite topic – food! You were born in an Italian restaurant, which clearly spawned your love of lasagna, do you think you'd be a curry fiend if you were born in an Indian restaurant?

G: Your first question made my head explode. I had to lie down and ponder that question for some time. Following your reasoning, I would have loved coq au vin had it been a French restaurant, enchiladas had it been Mexican, dim sum had it been Chinese, bangers and mash had it been a pub. You see why I had to lie down and take this in?

You have collaborated with several cool fashion brands, how do you feel about being a fashion icon?

G: It was only a matter of time. You can't go wrong wearing basic black and orange.

Has it changed your attitude to dieting and do you feel the pressure to watch your lasagna intake?

G: I'm the perfect shape for my size. Besides, I can't diet for medical reasons: it makes me hungry.

Would you ever consider a juice cleanse?

G: Say what? Get a grip!

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We recently saw Minions grace the cover of Vogue magazine, do you feel you should be a cover model and if so, for who?

G: People Magazine's sexiest cat in the world issue.

How do you feel about other celebrity cats like Grumpy Cat?

G: You've heard the old adage: 'Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery'. I don't go hatin' on other cats – it's not my style. We cats have to stick together, something humans might want to consider.

You are also a movie star, do you like acting or is eating still your favourite activity?

G: I like acting because it keeps me in touch with my inner egomaniac, but I live to eat and I mean that from the bottom of my stomach.

Many cats like yoga, are you a fan?

G: I prefer to eat a pretzel, not twist myself into one. That said, I think I've perfected some yoga poses – 'the sleeping locust' and the 'fallen tree'.

Do you think you are a bit of an anti-hero?

G: I've been told I'm an anti-hero because I don't bow down to the Man. Because I say and do whatever I please. It's not a conscious decision, I just don't give a hoot.

Are you genuinely grumpy or is it just an act?

G: I'm not grumpy. I'm just misunderstood. As are all the greats.



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What's a typical day like for you? Do you have a morning ritual?

G: I avoid mornings, I'd like them better if they started later. In fact, I like to get up at the crack of noon. I eat between naps, watch television, pester Odie. Every day, it's work, work, work.

Why do you hate Mondays so much? Any tips to make them more bearable?

G: It's true, I never do anything, but I never get a day off either. Monday is the 'repeat' reminder. There's only one way to beat the Monday curse – go to bed early on Sunday and set my alarm for Tuesday!



By Michael Mills, courtesy of Lazy Oaf