

An Evening with Cary Grant II

Fans can't get enough of Cary Grant

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From my mail bag, fans of Cary Grant want to know if I recall other questions from the audience and Cary's answers from my Evening with Cary Grant at the Celebrity Forum in Cupertino, California. Here goes:

Cary told us about calling up the hotel desk and asking for room service. When he opened the door, the young man, in a hotel uniform, looked at Cary and gasped, "Jesus Christ." Without missing a beat, Cary answered: "No. Cary Grant."

Then, Mr. Grant said something that seemed to be out of character. He complained: "You know, the young man never turned in the bill that I signed. Apparently, he wanted my

autograph. He probably wanted to sell it. It's a racket."

Why is it a racket? If fans care about you so much, they want some evidence that they met you, even for a brief moment, you are indeed blessed. And, so what if they sell your signature?

Another young woman in the audience asked, "Mr Grant, you look so fit. Do you work out?"

Cary responded: "No. No, I don't. The only exercise is walking uphill with my wife's hand on my back pushing me along."

A man with a plaid jacket and thinning hair in his early 40's is asking, "Mr. Grant, what do you think of the stories in those tabloid magazines in racks at the checkout of the supermarket?"

Cary sighed and said, "I don't read them. It seems to me if they cannot find any scandal about a celebrity, they make up

a story that the person is either homosexual or extremely frugal. It sells magazines."

"Mr. Grant," a woman with black hair in her late 30's is at the microphone, "Now that you are retired, what do you do all day?"

Cary responded, "I find things to occupy my time. For example, I like to expand my vocabulary, but at this stage of my life, I wonder whether it is worth the effort."

Still another question: "Is there a movie role you were offered that you regret refusing?"

Cary replied: "Yes. The role that William Holden played in The Bridge on the River Kwai."

An invitation

An invitation to people who had the good fortune to attend An Evening with Cary Grant at different locations: Please e-mail me with your recollection of the Q and A with Cary Grant and I will share your experience with others.

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