

EXT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Three scholars step out onto the patio from within the library. Each produces a pack of cigarettes and lights up, taking drags with much satisfaction.

SCHOLAR 1

Beautiful night. It seems a shame to be cooped up inside.

SCHOLAR 2

Until I get my thesis done, I'm afraid I won't have much time to enjoy nights such as this.

Scholars 1 and 3 agree; all three are in the same boat.

SCHOLAR 3

What are you studying?

SCHOLAR 1

I'm studying ... (some extremely complex subject).

SCHOLAR 3

But haven't you found that ... (some extremely cerebral objection).

SCHOLAR 1

Actually, no. What my studies seem to indicate is that ... (some equally cerebral new discovery).

SCHOLAR 2

Fascinating.

SCHOLAR 1

Thank you. But didn't I hear that you were studying something interesting?

SCHOLAR 2

I don't know if you'd call it interesting. I'm studying ... (some extremely complex subject).

SCHOLAR 1

But haven't you found that ... (some extremely cerebral objection).

SCHOLAR 2

Actually, no. What my studies seem to indicate is that ... (some equally cerebral new discovery).

SCHOLAR 3

Fascinating.

SCHOLAR 2

We'll see. I thought I saw you over by the (complex subject) stacks. Is that part of your thesis?

SCHOLAR 3

Only peripherally. The core of my work centers around ... (some extremely complex subject).

SCHOLAR 1

But haven't you found that ... (some extremely cerebral objection).

SCHOLAR 2

Actually, no. What my studies seem to indicate is that ... (some equally cerebral new discovery).

SCHOLAR 1

Fascinating.

They all sit back, enjoying a feeling of camaraderie. Just then, a library worker comes out onto the patio.

WORKER

Hey! Can't you guys read the sign? There's no smoking out here. What are you, stupid?

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