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My Modest Proposal

Are you 15? If so, come on down! We are doing the next battle in a couple of hours!

These battles are done every week on a Monday and it gives teens the opportunity to go for their driver's license. The only little thing that you have to do before you can apply is battle it out.

This consists of teens the age of 15 to battle and kill each other and the last one left will be able to get their license. No draws are allowed. If everybody dies, oh well, one less not fit person on the road. We will have fewer people on the road, more mature people, and fewer accidents on the road each year. It is important to stop these things and let me tell you why.

With fewer people being on the road there will be fewer accidents, especially if there are fewer young people on the road. Teens simply do not understand the severity of how dangerous it is if they are not paying attention. If you are strong enough to withstand 20-50 teenagers coming at you then you will be able to drive your car every day safely and efficiently. 3,070 people from the ages of 15-19 died in 2019 as a result of texting and being distracted while driving. As more and more younger people get on the road, this makes this number get higher. 11 teens every day die from texting while driving. I understand what you might think though. You might be thinking, well what if they don't die in battle but then drive on the road and die? It's easy. Simply really, they were not meant to be there. If they die driving on the roads, then good, they were not meant to be on it! It's like putting a donkey in a litter box. Doesn't work out in the

end. Altogether, there will be fewer crashes on the road because of the age group and maturity of people that are driving.

If you can withstand a battle and physically have to kill another live human being, then you are mature enough to drive and not look at your phone while doing so. We all need to arrive alive to our destinations but we can't do so if we text while driving because of immaturity.

Another thing you might say is why don't we leave our phones at home and not take them with us. Why don't you leave your phone at home? It's because you need it so what stops the person next to you from not needing it? Nothing. We need so that is not an option. "Texting while driving is the #1 driving distraction reported by teen drivers" By all of these statistics, do you believe that teens are more accident prone when it comes to texting and driving? Altogether, if teenagers are not able to win in a battle, they should not be able to drive.

If we have teenagers battle out before going for a road test, there will be fewer people on the road, more mature people, and fewer accidents on the road each year. With adults that have been driving for 10+ years, they know how to swerve or avoid collisions. They also know not to pick up their phones. This will stop so many crashes each year. If you can see a little bit of blood and dead bodies, then you can withstand driving and not picking up your phone to look at it. All it takes is one text or call to go off the road. If we all come together to push this idea out to the world then there will for sure not be nearly as many crashes. Put your phone down, look twice, and arrive alive!

