

## BYOB with King Kong in Venice on Date Night

### Description

It's a little known fact that King Kong happened to be in Venice at the same time Claude Monet was visiting. Yep, apparently as Monet was painting the famous *Sunset in Venice* while looking out from his room in the Hotel Britannia, the Italian Armed Forces were closing in on the giant ape.



It was at this time, Monet was losing his eyesight from gray cataracts, so it's hard to tell in his original painting. Maybe King Kong was on the other side of the church at the time. Who knows for sure? So there's your history lesson for the day; you're welcome.

Just like our last painting date, [BYOB with Jellyfish on Date Night](#), my lovely wife and I went to [Texas U Can Paint](#) to recreate Monet's Venice masterpiece while enjoying a few drinks. And, just like before, I chose scotch with [Zevia](#) for my drink of choice and Kelley had red wine.



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We also had G-Ma watching Avery both times too. Thank you, G-Ma! It was only a couple hours, but man was it nice to be out and away with just my wife. You never realized how much you miss your spouse until you get some alone time with them.



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Parenting is awesome, donâ€™t get me wrong, but we need to make sure we make time for each other more often too. Itâ€™s vital for a healthy, happy relationship! Plus, I donâ€™t make enough time to appreciate my beautiful wife who obviously deserves so much more than I give sometimes.



Seriously, she make me smile!..a lot!

Our painting subject seemed simple enough, but like most artsy things go (for me at least), looks can be deceiving. Alcohol doesn't help. We started off okay making brush strokes along with the instructor as we took sips of our drinks in between.

The sips caught up to us fast, and both of our paintings started to stray from the instructor's as we took to filling in the city and its shadows on the river. But no worries, this is when I remembered King Kong was being tracked down in Venice and was actually hanging on the church across the water from Monet's hotel room.

Poor Monet, losing his eyesight at such an exciting time is real shame. Working against the instructor's guidance, I decided to help bring to life what Monet had missed on that beautiful evening; King Kong going face to face with a tank.



Kelley gives it one thumb up. Iâ€™™ll take it! I think my King Kong looks a little like a black Homer Simpson though, donâ€™™t you?



Painting aside, Kelley and I enjoyed our short time alone (with a big group of people), and both agree it needs to happen more often. Luckily, I was the winner of a gift card to come back for another paint class, so looks we need to plan another creative night together soon!



Maybe next time Iâ€™™ll recreate that time Pablo Picasso was inspired by Godzillaâ€™™s destruction in one of his many cubist artworks. Not sure, but weâ€™™ll see.

It was short, but time with my wife is priceless. Thank you, G-Ma for watching our little hellion girl for our date night! And thank you, wife, for being you and all that you do to make our lifestyle work!

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