

☀ Examples of spontaneous narratives

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[...]

Brianne: du genre ... des modèles nus et ce genre de choses. Et c'était vraiment bizarre, parce qu'après, genre, juste la semaine dernière, on est allé en ville un soir pour voir un film, on était assis au McDo, au centre ville, en train d'attendre notre film, et on l'a vue dans le McDo, et on était là: "c'est notre modèle" (rire) habillée.



Addie: (rire) Oh mon dieu.

Brianne: on était là: "oh wow." C'était vraiment bizarre. Mais c'était bien elle. (rire)

Addie: Oh non! Ça fait drôle.

Brianne: Je veux dire, ça fait bizarre quand tu tombes sur quelqu'un à Chicago.

Addie: ouais.

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First job

[...]

April: and uh we had about a week of training and I remember the most embarrassing moment of my life happened then. [laughs]

Ellen: [laughing] what does that mean? [laughing].

April: [laughing] um no this is just- I can't believe I did this but- um. I was really nerv- well it was my first job, and I was nervous and there's so much to learn. I mean y'know there's so many things at Burger King you have to make and uh-

[...]

April: and um we were learning the drive-through and just the thought of speaking on- into that microphone and y'know into outside-

Ellen: yes.

April: and you have to pretend to take orders and, and I was so embarrassed.

and the first time I had to do it I said "Welcome to McDonald's may I take your order?"

Ellen: oh no! [laughing].

April: and everybody just laughed at me [laughing].

Ellen: [laughing] did you try and pull it off like a joke like you meant to say that?

April: no. [laughing]

Ellen: no. [laughing] good job.

April: yeah, that was my very first job.



(Norrick 2000)

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Jacob: we've kept everything pretty much under control though this year.

Mark: that's right, you can't wrestle around or bad things will happen.

Jacob: yeah, Roger got his nose

Mark: you know what happened to my one of my aunt's friends out in Iowa? like when- when she was younger, she had a headgear from braces, and these two girls were wrestling around just playing around, wrestling. And one girl pulled her headgear off her mouth and let it snap back. And it slid up her face and stuck in her eyes and blinded her.

Jacob: wow.

Mark: isn't that horrid? That's horrid.

From (Norrick 2000)

Jacob: when my-

Mark: blinded her for life. Isn't that horrid. That's just- mean just from goofing around, just from screwing- a little bit of screwing around. And if- and another thing, it- it- it's terrible the things that can happen. That's why I don't like people screwing around with swords and trying to throw people in the showers and stuff like that, and everything like that.

Jacob: you know what happened to my aunt Florence when she was a little girl?

Mark: ooh what happened.

Jacob: she was like screwing around like around Christmas time? And like she, I-I guess this was like when they had candles on trees? She lit her hair on fire.

Mark: oh wow.

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Coincidences

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Israel lottery draws same numbers twice in a month

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For the second time in a month, [Israel's](#) biweekly national lottery produced the same winning combination:

13, 14, 26, 32, 33 and 36.

The results of Saturday night's draw were identical to those of Sept. 21.

Chairman of Israel's National Lottery Authority, Saul Sutnik, called the outcome a "rare probability" and said the results were checked several times to verify them.

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