

Conversation with 13 year old white male, West Virginia (Transcription)

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FW: Do you ever camp out all night?

INF: Yeah!

FW: Tell us about it.

INF: Well one time I camped out and well there's these whole lot of guys I camp out with, these high school guys, kinda like, they're about in the eighth or ninth grade, there's David and Chucky and Skipper and Timmy. Well we camped out up there and David Rutledge, well, and Russell Rutledge was with us. Well David Rutledge took off out there and Russell Rutledge went with him and they went out there and they started hunting around for stuff that grown (under) the brush and all. And there was this possum that jumped out on them. It was hanging on a tree and couldn't hang on any longer and it fell down on David and it scratched his face plum up. And they looked at it and they was

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INF(contd.): going to shoot it with a BB gun, it looked like it was already dead. Well we get it and put it in the truck next morning and when we looked in it we didn't, well we thought it was dead and we was going to cook it the next day. Well we put it in there and then a little

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later on the frost was there and we didn't see nothing but little bitty footprints all over that truck. And we went out hunting for it and we got out our bloodhound and he went hunting for it and guess where we found it? We found it plum up there on Hunnington Road. And man, that was the longest camping trip I ever went on and we was about to go home the next morning.

FW: Virgil, do you remember of ever playing a trick on someone or having someone ever play a trick on you?

INF: Oh lordy yes. There's this guy and he forgot, well he got me mad one time because he started pushing my brother around. Well that was just too much for me cause' he was smaller than him. Well I got up there in these woods, me and my brother, and he was riding his Honda bike motorcycle, Honda 75, and we'd get a string and we'd tie it across the road and we'd let it down and when he started coming we jerked it up. And man, it knocked him plum off that bike. It didn't do nothing to the bike but he got messed up kinda bad. But he never found out who it was and I'm not going to tell him either.

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FW: Can you think of another trick that you might have played on somebody?

INF: Yeah. There's this guy, this man really, this colored man, and he come by and say, "Look at the Whitey," and I'd say, "Look at the Chocolate Man!" And he come back and he says, "What did you say?" And I got "Chocolate Man, Chocolate Man." And he says, "What are you doing calling me a Chocolate Man?" And I go, "You call me a Whitey!" And I go, "Really I ought to call you a Blackie." And he goes, "Can you outrace me?" And I go, "I believe I can." And I started to take off, and boy did I. I tied his shoes together. I untied

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his shoes and he says, "Tie that shoe back." And I tied his two shoes together and he started to take off and he fell flat on his face. And I beat him alright. I took off and I headed for my car. That was over there in Princeton.

FW: Do you remember ever playing any other trickts on somebody?

INF: Yeah.

FW: What was that?

INF: The pocketbook trick.

FW: How do you play that pocketbook trick?

INF: Well I'd get beside the road there and I'd get a pocketbook and sit there and I'd get some ah, fake money and let it kinda stick out. And I wouldn't let the one's, the number ones and all that show, but I'd just let the green show. And there's this person that'd come by and I'd get

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INF(contd.): across this pit with a fishing rod hooked to the pocketbook. Each time he started to grab for it, I'd pull it on in some more. Well, I kept on pulling until he started to come across the pit. Well I covered it up and finally the pocketbook case across it and he tried to reach for it and he took another step and man, he wound up right inside that pit. There's was mud and water and everything there.

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FW: What are some of the Tv programs that you like to watch Virgil?

INF: Hercules and Queen Bess, those old timey colonial,time movies.

FW: Can you tell one, any one, that you saw recently?, any program?

INF: Yeah, Hello Down There. There's this kinda man, and he was going to, ah he's a engineer man. He makes houses and all. And he works for this very rich man and he started going down there, under the sea, about three miles up and about forty feet deep. Well, he made this waterproof, everything proof down there house. And his wife, she was terriffied of water, and TR, his boss that rich man I was telling you about, well he has a bet against that man's job if his wife will stay down there thirty days and he even gets to keep the house and plus a whole lot of raises. Well, he started staying down there first night and these, this seal, there's this special alarm there that even a drop of water got on the carpet, it'd go RIIING! And this seal come up out of the water into the house cause this little water pool in their house that(came)from the sea, the bottom of the

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INF(contd.): sea. Well the air at the top pushed the water down so it wouldn't come up in the house. Well the seal come up thru the water into the house onto the carpet and on into the shower and turned on the water. Well it overflowed of course and went into the carpet and set off the alarm. Well everybody got into that little-bitty submarine and as soon as everybody started to get in it, they looked out and they, saw this seal. Well, they was so mad that they was about to go home and that man was about to loose his job. Well for that man's sake, they stayed there. And there's this kind of sharks down there and blood attracts them and there's this compactor thing and you have to push a button before you

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can push the compressor button. And she pushed the compressor button first by accident and it attracted sharks all around the house and they'd punch a well, hole in it if they got mad enough and ran into it. Well, she, the sharks did arrive and her husband had to go out there in a skindiving suit and get a whole lot of blood and scatter it out towards away from the house. Well the sharks went away but they come back for more. Well there's these dolphins, play dolphins that that man made friends with while he was building the house. Well, they started chasing off those sharks and then the sharks never case back anymore. Well a

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INF(contd.): war was going on, WW III, no, that was WW VII and there's this Navy ship coming by and they started picking up these sound signals from that house, cause that man's family likes to play rock music. I mean rock music, not on tapes but on guitars and stuff. Well they started playing and they started picking up signals on that radar and they thought it was a new kind of a bomb or something against the U.S. Well it went so far that it went to the Pentagon and man, they just sent scuba divers and everything down there. They, man, they was ready. They aimed every bomb they had at that place there. Then here comes those scuba divers inside the house and all. And man, they was so astonished! Woo! Man they was so, well all I can say that they was just mad cause they made a fool of theirselves by even sending it all the way to the pentagon.