

Humor 2-2024

Behold! Intentionally bad first lines to nonexistent novels, from the annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest:

1.As Lewiston Creol plummeted down the sheer icy cliff, he pondered on the word plummet, but his pondering was interrupted by the surface of the water, at which point he ceased to plummet and began to plunge.

(Jason Chandler)

2.Baking under the blazing New Mexico sun as he stood in the dusty street outside the saloon, Old West certified public account Arthur W. Fetterman Jr. hovered his sweaty hand over the butt of his borrowed six-gun, advanced another reluctant step toward famed gunfighter John Wesley Hardin, and wondered for the hundredth time what had possessed him to correct the man's use of "supposably" during their poker game.

(Bill White)

3.She was the most desired object in the room, not unlike the last deviled egg at an Easter Day potluck.

(Christine Hamilton)

4.Sven, who rode his unicycle while training for the biathlon, thought the triceratops was the most regal of dinosaurs, exercised in the quad of his apartment complex down the street from the Pentagon, sang in a sextet, had a deviated septum, fought for fun in the octagon, seemed to have nine lives, and spent a decade living with the Aborigines, was the kind of man you could count on. (Jeff Green)

Spotted in a variety of public places, these notices leave just one question: What happened?

1.Because of the incident on November 14, Cheeze-Its are no longer allowed in the cafeteria!

2.In light of recent events, no Oreos will be allowed in the library.

3.Ouija boards and seances are not allowed to be performed in this shop!

4.NO: Yo-Yos, bullwhips rollerblade shoes, spurs, candy.

Two Hollywood stars ran into each other at the door of their psychiatrist's office.

"Hello, there," said one. "Are you coming or going?"

"If I knew that," said the other, "I wouldn't be here."

Q: What did you hear they arrested the devil?

A: Yeah, they got him on possession.

Q: What did one DNA say to the other DNA?

A: "Do these genes make me look fat?"

Q: My IQ test results came back.

A: They were negative.

Q: What do you get when you cross a polar bear with a seal?

A: A polar bear.

According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left?
4. Send it in.

At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake.

Doesn't it embarrass you?"

"Why should it?" answered her spouse.

"I keep telling them it's for you."

A newspaper in a small Southern town enjoys wide readership despite the fact that its folksy, chatty type of reporting is often referred to by journalism schools as an example of how not to write news stories. One story based strictly on rumors reported that the town's largest industry was planning an expansion.

A company official chided the editor: "Sam, I thought newspapers were supposed to print the facts."

Undaunted, the editor drawled, "Well, it's a fact that there are lots of rumors going around."

Q: Why can't you trust an atom?

A: Because they make up literally everything.

Q: Why was six afraid of seven?

A: Because seven eight nine.

Q: What's the difference between an outlaw and an in-law?

A: Outlaws are wanted.

You can't believe everything you hear—but you can repeat it.

A man went to pick up some film he had left the day before at a photo-processing store.

The clerk told the man it wasn't ready.

The man asked the clerk why not, and pointed to a prominent sign: "24-Hour Service."

"Oh, that's true," the clerk said.

"But that means three eight-hour days."

A man while visiting his uncle's farm, watched his uncle and the hired hand put up a fence.

Suddenly, the uncle dropped a post into a large puddle, splattering himself and his helper with muddy water.

Although the uncle expressed dismay, the act appeared to be deliberate, and the man asked his uncle about it later.

"Yes," he replied, I kinda hated to do that.

But Henry was wearing a brand-new pair of overalls and he was thinking more about keeping them clean than about getting the fence put up.

Did you notice how much faster the work went after the baptism."

Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black was considered a great storyteller.

One of his best was about a sharecropper who was charged with stealing his landlord's mule.

Rich and domineering, the landlord had few friends among the common people, but the evidence against the defendant was overwhelming.

When the jury retired to consider the verdict, they were out only five minutes.

"Have you reached a verdict, Mr. Foreman?" asked the judge.

"We have, Your Honor," the foreman said, and handed a paper to the clerk.

The clerk read: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty, provided that he returns the mule."

The judge brought the gavel down sharply, saying, "There is no such verdict in the law. The defendant is either guilty or not guilty."

He told the jury to retire and come back with a lawful verdict.

They returned in five minutes.

The clerk unfolded the paper, cleared his throat, and read: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty.

He can keep the mule."

Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with a slow Internet connection to see who they really are.

Advice to husbands: Try praising your wife now and then, even if it does startle her at first.

A pair of cows were talking in the field.

One says, "Have you heard about the mad cow disease that's going around?"

"Yeah," the other cow says. "Makes me glad I'm a penguin."

Why don't pirates take a shower before they walk the plank?
They just wash up on shore.

Surprised by the manner of an especially polite Akron cab driver, a rider asked if he had always been so kindly and helpful.

"Naw," was the answer.

"And I can't wait for business to pick up again so I can be my usual lousy self."

The doctor's six-year-old daughter answered the door.

"Is the doctor home?" the caller asked.

"No, ma'am," said the child.

"He is out performing an appendectomy."

The visitor remarked, "My that's a big word for such a little girl.

Do you know what it means?"

The little girl nodded, and replied, "Yes, ma'am.

It means \$350, and that doesn't include the anesthetist."

We have discovered that the best way to get medicine into the family dog is to talk to him on a variety of dull subjects, then drop a pill down his throat when he yawns.

A man stopped to watch a Little League baseball game and asked one of the youngsters what the score was.

“We’re behind, 18-0” was the reply.

“Well,” said the man, “I must say you don’t look discouraged.”

“Discouraged?” the boy said, puzzled.

“Why should we be discouraged?

We haven’t come to bat yet.”

A Hollywood hostess, giving instructions to a new maid just before a party, cautioned: “Now remember, Marie, when you serve my guests, don’t wear any jewelry.”

“I haven’t anything valuable, madam,” answered the maid. “But thanks for the warning just the same.”

A teenager takes her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They’re appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings.

Later, the girl’s mom says, “Dear, he doesn’t seem to be a very nice boy.”

“Oh, please, Mom!” says the daughter. “If he wasn’t nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?”

A gawky lad from New England went to New York with his girl, and took her to nearby Playland Amusement Park. They had heard a lot about the Tunnel of Love and were especially anxious to try it out. But when they got home, the kids expressed disappointment.

“Shucks,” the boy said, “it was dark and damp and uncomfortable.

Besides, we got soaking wet.”

“How come?” asked a friend. “Did the boat leak?”

The kid looked amazed. “There’s a boat?”

On a Miami to Chicago flight was a lively youngster who nearly drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the flight attendant started serving coffee. He ran smack into her, knocking a cup of coffee out of her hand and onto the floor.

As he stood by watching her clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, “Look, why don’t you go and play outside?”



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