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Ghost Car in the Rain

While this story sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale or an episode of the Twilight Zone, it's reported to be true. You be the judge.

An Ohio businessman on a sales trip, Saul Rubins, had his car break down on Louisiana Hiway 57, just outside of Dulac, a little town in the bayou country of Louisiana. The night was pitch dark in the middle of a raging thunderstorm. Saul abandoned his disabled vehicle on the side of the road and attempted to hitchhike.

Time passed slowly and no cars went by. It was raining so hard he could hardly see his hand in front of his face.

Suddenly, through the sheets of rain, he saw a car moving

slowly down the road toward him, its dim headlights appearing ghostlike in the rain. It slowly and silently crept toward him and stopped.

Desperately needing a ride, Saul jumped in the back



seat of the car and closed the door. Only then did he realize that there was no one behind the wheel and no sound of an engine to be heard over the rain. The driver's side window was open and rain was pouring in.

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Ole & Lena's TEN COMMANDMENTS

- Ders only one God, ya know.
- Don't make that stuffed walleye on your mantle an idol.
- 3. Cussín' aín't níce.
- 4. Go to church even when you're up nort.
- 5. Honor your folks.
- 6. Don't kill.
 Catch and release.
- 7. There's only one Lena for every Ole.

 No cheatin'.
- 8. If it ain't your lutefisk, don't take it.
- 9. Don't be braggin 'bout how much snow ya shoveled.
- 10. Keep your mind off your neighbor's hot dish.





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When you move away and take a piece of my heart with you, I'm still your Momma.

And I will still love you as much as the first day I held you in my arms.

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The car continued to creep silently forward and Saul was terrified, too scared to think of jumping out and running. He saw that the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he started to pray and beg for his life. He was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into the bayou and he would drown!

But just before the curve, a shadowy hand appeared at the driver's window, reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend. Then, just as silently, the hand disappeared through the window and Saul was alone again.

Paralyzed with fear, Saul watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve.

Finally, scared nearly to death, Saul had all he could take, jumped out of the car, and ran into town.

Soaking wet and in shock, he found his way into a roadside pub.

Voice quavering, he ordered two cups of coffee, black, and then told everybody within earshot about his supernatural experience.

The room became silent and everybody got goosebumps when they realized Saul was telling the

truth and not just some drunk off the street.

About 30 minutes later, Claude and Gerardo, dripping wet, walked into the pub. Claude says, "Look, Gerardo, there's that idiot what rode in our car when we was pushin' it in the rain."





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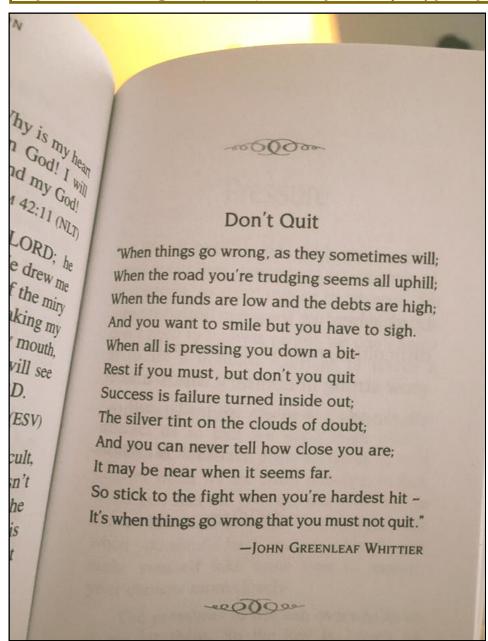


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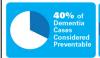
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MY RANCHER FRIEND COULDN'T AFFORD TO HOOK UP TO CITY WATER SO I GOT HIM A GET WELL SOON CARD.

MY WIFE DENIED SPILLING
GLUE ON MY RIFLE
BUT I'M STICKING
TO MY GUNS

DO RACE HORSES SLOW DOWN WHEN THEY SEE POLICE HORSES?

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I STARTED WEARING MEMORY FOAM INSOLES TO REMEMBER WHY I WALKED INTO THE ROOM

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OLD-TIMERS QUIZ

1. Who or what was Sparkle Plenty?

a. The second engagement ring Richard Burton gave Liz Taylor

b. A character in the Dick Tracy comic strip

c. A constellation in the Milky Way discovered in 1849 by Dr. A. J. Plenty

2. What are Curb Whiskers?

a. A cat's way of curbing bad habits

b. Springy projections mounted on a car to let a driver know she's getting close to the curb

c. In the '30s, "gates" that had to be removed from injection -molded curbs

3. What comic used to say, "I'm a BAAAAAD boy!"

a. Lou Costello to Abbot, after a lecture by Bud Abbot, telling Lou how he screwed up

b. The Lone Ranger to Tonto every time the masked man gave away a phony silver bullet

c. Fibber McGee to Molly when she would open their closet door and 50 tons of junk came tumbling out

4. What was Walt Disney's first animated feature film?

- a. Toot. Toot
- b. Pinocchio
- c. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

5. We collected them. We licked them. We got free merchandise with them.

- a. Popsicle sticks
- b. S & H Green Stamps
- c. War Bond Saving Stamps

I. b) **2.** b) **3.** s) **4.** c) **2.** b)

At 20 we worry about what others think of us; at 40 we don't care about what others think of us; at 60 we discover they haven't been thinking about us at all.



Those who love deeply never grow old;
They may die of old age, but they die young.

~ Benjamin Franklin



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One day, he mislaid it. His daughter picked it up, played it on the piano, and won a scholarship to a conservatory of music.

What Do Teachers Make?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest: "You're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied,

- "You want to know what I make?
- I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.
- I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence.

You want to know what I make?

- I make kids wonder.
- I make them question I make them criticize.
- I make them apologize and mean it.
- I make them write.
- I make them read, read, read.
- I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English.

I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn."

Susan paused and then continued.

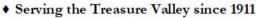
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That's a Good Question

My nine-year-old grandson came by after school one day.

"Grandpa, I have a question for you."

Always being willing to answer any of my grandchildren's questions, I said, "Go ahead, shoot."

"OK," he said. "You're driving down the street and you turn a corner. Suddenly there in the crosswalk right in front of you is a little old lady using a walker, a young boy on his way to school, and a mother carrying a baby."

"There is no way to go around them. You have to make a quick decision. Which are you going to hit?"

I paused for a moment. "Well, if I had to make a choice, I guess I would hit the little old lady. She lived a long life and the young boy has a lot of life ahead of him, and the mother and child need each other. So, yeah, I'd hit the little old lady. How about you?"

My grandson smiled at me and said, "Not me. I'd hit the brakes!"

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Marriage Reboot

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

The query:

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate



The response:

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck, Tech Support



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The word QUEUE is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

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Fifteen facts I'll bet you didn't know

- 1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
- 2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years.
- 3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
- 4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
- 5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
- 6. If a part of your body "falls asleep", You can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.
- 7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing food, attractive people and danger.
- 8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
- 9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
- 10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
- 11. There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one every day, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
- 12. You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
- 13. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
- 14. Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.
- 15. A human brain has a capacity to store 5 times as much information as Wikipedia.



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- "Reach out and touch someone..."
- "Meow, meow, meow, meow..."
- "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz..."
- "See the USA..."
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