

# Morning Breaks

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Halfway through a romantic dinner out, my husband smiled and said, "You look so beautiful under these lights."

I was falling in love all over again when he added, "We gotta get some of these lights."

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Now THAT'S a Hole-In-One.

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A man is being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turns yellow, just in front of him. He does the honest thing and stops at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hits the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she misses her chance to get through the intersection with him.

As she's still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer orders her to exit her car with her hands up. He takes her to the police station where she is searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer is waiting with her personal effects.

He says, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk."

"Naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

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A women's lib speaker was addressing a large group and said, "Where would man be today if it were not for woman?"

She paused a moment and looked around the room.

"I repeat, where would man be today if it were not for woman?"

From the back of the room came a voice, "He'd be in the Garden of Eden eating strawberries."

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On his first visit to the zoo, a little boy stared at the caged stork for a long time. He waved, jumped up and down, and stared at the stork a while longer.

Finally, turning to his father, he exclaimed, "Gee, Dad, he doesn't recognize me."

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A daughter broke-up with her boyfriend. She asked for her Mother's advice about returning the gifts he'd given her.

Without a pause, her Mother replied, "Send back the stuffed animals and letters, but keep the jewelry for sentimental reasons."

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***Sometimes the vow not to cut my hair really causes some problems.***

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Late one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy grumpy voice I said, "Hello."

The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech:

"Mom, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theater. Please don't be mad, okay?"

Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had dialed my number by mistake.

"I'm sorry dear," I replied, "but you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan."

"Wow, Mom," the young woman's voice replied, "I didn't think you'd be this mad!"

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An old man went to the local bar, approached a very pretty, very young woman and asked, "Where have you been all my life?"

She gave him a raised eyebrow of disapproval and replied, "For most of it, I wasn't born yet."

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A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time just like I am."

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A young boy stopped by the corner grocery store and read his list to the clerk: "10 pounds of sugar at \$1.25 a pound; 4 pounds of coffee at \$1.50 a pound; 2 pounds of butter at \$1.10 a pound and 2 bars of soap at 83 cents each. How much does that come to?"

"Twenty-two dollars and thirty-six cents," replied the clerk.

"If I gave you three ten dollar bills, how much change would I get?"

"Seven dollars and sixty-four cents."

"Thanks! That's my arithmetic homework for tomorrow."

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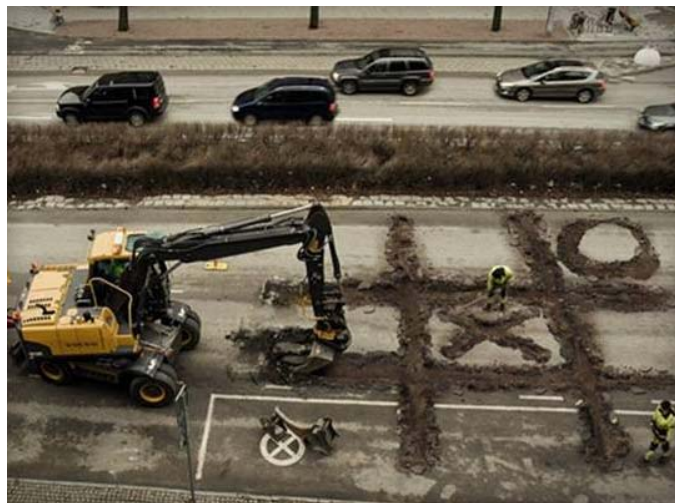
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A civil servant is badly hurt, after falling down the stairs at city hall. He is taken to the hospital where he remains in a coma for several days.

Finally, an eye opens and his doctor tells him, "My friend, I have bad news and I have good news. First of all, you'll never be able to work again."

"Okay," muttered the injured bureaucrat. "What's the bad news?"



**Road work.**

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A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon Little Johnny trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle," said little Johnny.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?"

Little Johnny said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower and tried to start it. He pulled and pulled on the rope until he was dripping with sweat but the mower refuse to start. The preacher called little Johnny over and said, "I can't get this mower to start."

Little Johnny said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started."

The preacher said, "I'm a man of the church and I can't cuss. It's been so long since I've been saved that I don't even remember how to cuss."

Little Johnny looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to ya!"

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Manny was almost 29 years old. Most of his friends had already gotten married, and Manny just bounced from one relationship to the next.

Finally a friend asked him, "What's the matter, are you looking for the perfect woman? Are you THAT particular? Can't you find anyone who suits you?"

"No," Manny replied. "I meet a lot of nice girls, but as soon as I bring them home to meet my parents, my mother doesn't like them. So I keep on looking."

"Listen," his friend suggested, "why don't you find a girl who's just like your dear ol' Mother?"

Many weeks past before Manny and his friend got together again.

"So, Manny, did you find the perfect girl yet - one that's just like your Mother?"

Manny shrugged his shoulders, "Yes, I found one just like Mom. My mother loved her, they became great friends."

"Excellent! So ... are you and this girl engaged yet?"

"I'm afraid not. My father can't stand her!"



Once when the power went off at the elementary school, the cook couldn't serve a hot meal in the cafeteria. She had to feed the children something, so at the last minute, she whipped up great stacks of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

As one little boy filled his plate, he said, "It's about time! At last ... a home cooked meal!"

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*That dang cat!*

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After the boy's birthday, a parent decreed that she was no longer going to remind her teenage son of their thank-you note duties. As a result their grandmother never received acknowledgments of the generous check she had given.

The next year things were different, however. "My grandson came over in person to thank me," the grandparent told a friend triumphantly.

"How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused his change in behavior?"

"Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. "This year I didn't sign the check."

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My husband, Ray, was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovered the chosen area was too small. He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space.

The next day Ray put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the ground was too hard to keep the

patio level. He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again he stacked the 100 blocks against the house.

Observing all this, our next-door neighbor asked, "Ray, are you going to put your patio away every night?"

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A few years ago the battery in my beat-up Volkswagen Beetle had died because I left the lights on overnight. I was in a hurry to get to work on time so I ran into the house to get my wife to give me a hand to start the car.

I told her to get into our second car, a prehistoric oversized gas guzzler, and use it to push my car fast enough to start it. I pointed out to her that because the Volkswagen had an automatic transmission, it needed to be pushed at least 20 MPH for it to start.

She said, "Fine," hopped into her car and drove off.

I sat there fuming wondering what she could be doing.

A minute passed by and when I saw her in the rear-view mirror coming at me at about 30 MPH, I realized I should have been a bit clearer with my instructions.

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A property manager of single-family residence was showing a unit to prospective tenants and asking the usual questions.

"Professionally employed?" he asked.

"We're a military family," the wife answered.

"Children?"

"Oh, yes, ages nine and twelve," she answered proudly.

"Animals?"

"Oh, no," she said earnestly. "They're very well behaved."

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(This is dedicated to my great friend, Don Findlay, Piano Tuner)

The doorbell rang and the lady of the house discovered a workman, complete with tool chest, on the front porch.

"Madam," he announced, "I'm the piano tuner."

The lady exclaimed, "Why, I didn't send for a piano tuner."

The man replied, "I know you didn't, but your neighbors did."

cold water, not hot, for swelling." He tried switching to cold water and the swelling rapidly subsided.

On Sunday afternoon he called his doctor again to complain. "Say, what kind of a doctor are you anyway? You told me to soak my leg in hot water and it got worse. My maid told me to use cold water and it got better."

"Really?" answered the doctor, "I don't understand it; my maid said to use hot water."



*"Going Out Of Business" Sale?*

Employed by the Human Resources Department of a corporation in the Midwest, my friend trains employees in proper dress codes and etiquette.

One day as she was stepping onto the elevator, a man casually dressed in jeans and a golf shirt got on with her. Thinking of her responsibilities, she scolded, "Dressed a little casually today, aren't we?"

The man replied, "That's one benefit of owning the company."

A young girl who had gotten into big trouble for misbehaving all day was advised by her mother to ask the Lord to help her be a good girl.

The next day she came to her mother, looking downcast. "You heard me last night when I asked God to help me be good today, didn't you?" she asked.

"Yes, dear, I did," said mother.

The girl lowered her voice and said, "Then why do you suppose He didn't do it?"

A business executive injured his leg skiing one weekend. By the time he got home on Saturday, the leg was very swollen and he was having difficulty walking, so he called his physician at his home.

The doctor told him to soak it in hot water.

He tried soaking it in hot water but the leg became more swollen and painful.

His maid saw him limping and said, "I don't know, I'm only a maid, but I always thought it was better to use

Nancy was sometimes a very naughty seven year-old.

On one of those occasions, her mother tried to have a 'teachable moment' with her when she said, "Don't you know that if you keep being so naughty, your children will be naughty too?"

Nancy started to giggle, louder and louder.

"And what is so funny, young lady?" the mother asked.

"So what did YOU do?!?"

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***Okay, I admit it! I've lost CONTROL.***

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My husband and I had just finished tucking our five young ones into bed one evening when we heard sobbing coming from three-year-old Billy's room.

Rushing to his side, we found him crying hysterically. He had accidentally swallowed a penny and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind.

Desperate to calm him, my husband palmed a penny that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to pull it from Billy's ear.

Billy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from my husband's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully, "Do it again, Dad!"

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This young woman brought her child into Children's Hospital for a routine checkup. On the records, the nurse saw that the child's first name was Urine (pronounced Urin-ie). Not wanting to be rude, but wanting to know why this woman would name her child this, the nurse asked her how Urine got her name.

The woman explained, "Well, my baby was born premature and had to stay in the special nursery. She

was real sick and they didn't know if she would make it. I couldn't decide what to name her, but the nurses said they would pray for her. One day I came in and the nurses had already named her. There was this paper on her incubator that said 'Please save Urine,' so I knew that they had named my baby."

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The Old Professor asked his college class a question:

"If Philadelphia is 100 miles from New York and Chicago is 1000 miles from Philadelphia and Los Angeles is 2000 miles from Chicago and the Moon is 239,000 miles from Earth, how old am I?"

Pauly in the back of the class raised his hand and when called upon said, "Professor you're 60."

The Professor said, "You're absolutely correct, but tell me, how did you arrive at the answer so quickly?"

Pauly replied, "You see, I have a brother; he's 30, and he's half nuts."

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At the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, there is a full size mockup of an F/A-18 fighter. A ramp allows visitors to climb into the cockpit and get a sense of what the pilot sees and feels. A guide at the top of the ramp points out the various controls and gauges in the cockpit and gives information about the aircraft's capabilities to each visitor who gets in. When my five-year-old son sat down in the plane, he seemed fascinated by all he saw and heard.

Then, he looked out at us and said, "Grandma, could I have a quarter?"

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A woman answered her front door and saw a little boy holding a list. "Ma'am," he explained, "I'm on a scavenger hunt, and I still need three grains of wheat, a pork-chop bone and a piece of used carbon paper so I can earn a dollar."

"Wow," the woman replied. "Who sent you on such a challenging hunt?"

"My babysitter's boyfriend."

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I want less work and more money for not doing it!



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An attorney was sitting in his office late one night, when Satan appeared before him. The Devil told the lawyer, "I have a proposition for you. You can win every case you try, for the rest of your life. Your clients will adore you, your colleagues will stand in awe of you, and you will make embarrassing sums of money. All I want in exchange is your soul, your wife's soul, your children's souls, the souls of your parents, grandparents, and parents in law, and the souls of all your friends and law partners."

The lawyer thought about this for a moment, then asked, "So, what's the catch?"

Nancy's mother was very skeptical until Nancy said, "It's true, Mom. Think of something to ask it."

As I sat with fingers poised over the keyboard, Nancy's mother thought a minute, then responded, "How is Aunt Helen feeling?"

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Over dinner one evening, a wife says to her husband, "I ran into this horrible, rude man downtown this morning. Right away I knew he was a troublemaker. He started to insult me, he used really bad language, why he even threatened me!"

"How did you meet this fellow?" asked her husband.

"It was by accident," she replied, "I kinda hit him with the car."

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Four-year-old Little Johnny asked, "Mommy, where do babies come from?"

"The stork, Dear," replied Johnny's Mom.

"Mommy, who keeps bad people from robbing our house?" asked Little Johnny.

Johnny's mother answer, "The police, Dear."

"Mommy, if our house was on fire, who would save us?"

"The fire department, Dear."

"Mommy, where does food come from?"

"Farmers, Dear."

"Mommy?"

"Yes, Dear?"

"What do we need Daddy for?"



***Emergency Use Only***

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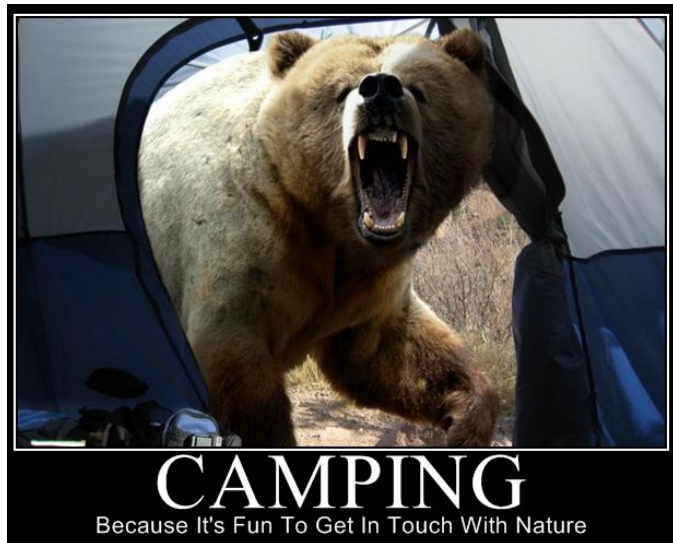
My 50-something friend Nancy and I decided to introduce her mother to the magic of the Internet. Our first move was to access the popular "Ask Jeeves" site, and we told her it could answer any question she had.

A teacher sees a lad entering the classroom ... his hands were very dirty.

She stopped him and said, "John, please wash your hands. My goodness, what would you say if I came into the room with hands like that?"

Smiling the boy replied, "I think I'd be too polite to mention it."

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Suffering from a bad case of the flu, a man phoned his doctor to make an appointment.

When he was told the scheduled date of the appointment, he became outraged and bellowed, "Three weeks? The doctor can't see me for three weeks? I could be dead by then!"

Calmly, the receptionist replied, "If so, would you have your wife call to cancel the appointment?"

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Just as she was celebrating her 80th birthday, our friend received a Jury Duty notice. She called to remind the people at the clerk's office that she was exempt because of her age.

"You need to come in and fill out the exemption forms," they said.

"I've already done that," she replied. "I did it last year."

"You have to do it every year," she was told.

"Why?" came the response, "do you think I'm going to get younger?"

A drunk goes to the doctor complaining of tiredness and headaches. "I feel tired all the time, my head hurts, and I'm not sleeping. What is it, Doc?"

The doctor examines him thoroughly and says, "I can't find anything wrong. It must be the drinking."

"Fair enough," replied the lush. "I'll come back when you sober up."

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The children begged for a hamster, and after the usual fervent vows that they alone would care for it, they got one. They named it 'Danny'.

Two months later, when Mom found herself responsible for cleaning and feeding the creature, she located a prospective new home for it.

The children took the news of Danny's imminent departure quite well, though one of them remarked, "He's been around here a long time - we'll miss him."

"Yes," Mom replied, "but he's too much work for one person, and since I'm that one person, I say he goes."

Another child offered, "Well, maybe if he wouldn't eat so much and wouldn't be so messy, we could keep him."

But Mom was firm. "It's time to take Danny to his new home now," she insisted. "Go and get his cage."

With one voice and in tearful outrage the children shouted, "Danny? We thought you said 'Daddy!'"

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"Darn!" the man said to his friend while weighing himself at the local drug store scale.

"I started on a new diet but the scale says I'm heavier than I was before."

Turning to his friend, he said, "Here, hold my jacket."

The scale still indicated that he had not lost any weight.

"OK," he said to his friend. "Hold my Twinkies."

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After playing 18 holes of golf, our foursome was sitting around the clubhouse settling our bets when another golfer stormed in.

Fuming after a lousy round, he slammed down his scorecard and announced, "If I wasn't married, I'd give this stupid game up!"



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Q: How do you drive an engineer completely insane?

A: Tie him to a chair, stand in front of him, and fold up a road map the wrong way.



Two friends went out to play golf and were about to tee off, when one fellow noticed that his partner had but one golf ball.

"Don't you have at least one other golf ball?" he asked. The other guy replied that no, he only needed the one.

"Are you sure?" the friend persisted. "What happens if you lose that ball?"

The other guy replied, "This is a very special golf ball. I won't lose it so I don't need another one."

Well," the friend asked, "what happens if you miss your shot and the ball goes in the lake?"

"That's okay," he replied, "this special golf ball floats. I'll be able to retrieve it."

"Well what happens if you hit it into the trees and it gets lost among the bushes and shrubs?"

The other guy replied, "That's okay too. You see, this special golf ball has a homing beacon. I'll be able to get it back -- no problem."

Exasperated, the friend asks, "Okay. Let's say our game goes late, the sun goes down, and you hit your ball into a sand trap. What are you going to do then?"

"No problem," says the other guy, "you see this ball is fluorescent. I'll be able to see it in the dark."

Finally satisfied that he needs only the one golf ball the friend asks, "Hey, where did you get a golf ball like that anyway?"

The other guy replies, "I found it."

A Pennsylvania State Trooper pulled a car over on I-81 about 2 miles north of the Pa/Md state line. When the Trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver answered that he was a magician and a juggler and he was on his way to Harrisburg to do a show that night at the Zembo Shrine Circus and didn't want to be late.

The Trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling, and if the driver would do a little juggling for him that he wouldn't give him a ticket.

The driver told the Trooper that he had sent all of his equipment on ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The Trooper told him that he had some flares in the trunk of his patrol car and asked if he could juggle them.

The juggler stated that he could, so the Trooper got three flares, lit them and handed them to the juggler. While the man was doing his juggling act, a car pulled in behind the patrol car. A drunk got out and watched the performance briefly. He then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in.

The Trooper observed him doing this and went over to the patrol car, opened the door and asked the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take me to jail, cause there's no way I can pass that test!"

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***I wouldn't sit on that bench if I was you!***

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A couple were discussing their wallpaper, which had just been hung.

Debbie was annoyed at Dave's indifference to what he felt was a poor job. "The problem is that I'm a perfectionist and you're not," she finally said to him.

"Exactly!" he replied. "That's why you married me and I married you!"

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The family had spent the day moving from their farmhouse into a new apartment house in town. Very early the next morning, the 3 1/2-year-old ran into their bedroom to wake them up. Mom dressed him and told him to play in the yard and let them rest for a while longer.

About 20 minutes later, he came running back. "Mommy, Mommy," he exclaimed, "everybody has doorbells ... and they all work!"

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There was this tiger that woke up one morning and just felt great. He felt so good, he went out and cornered a small monkey and roared at him, "WHO IS THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL THE JUNGLE ANIMALS?"

And the poor quaking little monkey replied, "You are of course, no one is mightier than you."

A little while later the tiger confronted a deer, and bellowed out, "WHO IS THE GREATEST AND STRONGEST OF ALL THE JUNGLE ANIMALS?"

The deer shook so hard it could barely speak, but managed to stammer, "Oh great tiger, you are by far the mightiest animal in the jungle."

The tiger, being on a roll, swaggered up to an elephant who was quietly munching on some weeds, and roared at the top of his voice: "WHO IS THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE JUNGLE?"

Well, the elephant grabbed the tiger with his trunk, picked him up, slammed him down; picked him up again, and shook him until the tiger was just a blur of orange and black and finally threw him violently into a nearby tree.

The tiger staggered to his feet and looked at the elephant and said, "Man, just because you don't know the answer, you don't have to get so mad."

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I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

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A couple just started their Lamaze class and they were given an activity requiring the husband to wear a bag of sand to give him an idea of what it feels like to be pregnant. The husband stood up and shrugged saying, "This doesn't feel so bad."

The instructor then dropped a pen and asked the husband to pick it up.

"You want me to pick up the pen as if I were pregnant, the way my wife would do it?" the husband asked.

"Exactly," replied the instructor.

To the delight of the other husbands, he turned to his wife and said, "Honey, pick up that pen for me."

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You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you've made up your mind that you just aren't doing anything productive for the rest of the day.