Fall 11-27-2017

Chuck Norris and Cyanide

Brad Melville
bradley@melville.ws

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/student_folklore_all

Recommended Citation
https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/student_folklore_all/143
Chuck Norris & Cyanide
Joke

Informant: Clayton Watts and I have been friends for four years, and he was my roommate up until he got married. He was born in 1995 and grew up in Eagle, Idaho, just outside of Boise. He is a student at Utah State University studying biology with hopes to become a pediatrician. Clay enjoys science a lot. He has two brothers that he is close with and shares jokes with them often.

Context: While walking home from campus towards our respective apartments, Clay and I made jokes with one another, which we have done since we met. We have a lot of inside jokes with one another, and much of our friendship is founded on our similar senses of humor. When he and his brother were younger, they collected a series of Chuck Norris jokes from the internet, and this was one of few that Clay remembered. This joke was one of the first jokes of the conversation.

Text: Chuck Norris’s initials are the same as the chemical compound cyanide, which is a deadly poison. This is not a coincidence.

Texture: When Clay told me the joke, he spoke it very monotone, trying to make himself sound smart and intellectual. He accented the importance of the words “deadly poison,” highlighting the danger of cyanide and, by association, the danger of Chuck Norris. He laughed after telling the joke, saying how he had forgot about the joke until just recently.
Special Collections & Archives  
3000 Old Main Hill  
Logan UT 84322-3000  
Telephone: (435) 797-2663 * FAX (435) 797-2880

I, Clayton Watts (informant) contribute my interview or folklore item(s) with Bradley Meville (collector) to Utah State University Library’s Special Collections & Archives (hereinafter “SCA”). We (informant and collector) understand that the materials that SCA acquires are preserved and made available for scholarly and educational purposes and may be duplicated by/for SCA or affiliates (USU students & faculty, researchers, community members). We understand that SCA plans to retain the product of my participation as part of its permanent collection and that the materials may be used for exhibition, publication, promotion, and presentation on the World Wide Web (internet) or successor technology.

I (informant) grant to SCA ownership of the physical property of my participation (cassette tape(s), CD, transcript, wave file, MP3 format, photograph(s), video, etc.) delivered to SCA and the right to use the property that is the product of my participation (for example, my interview, performance, photographs, and written materials) as stated above. By giving permission, I understand that I do not give up any copyright or performance rights that I hold.

I also grant to SCA my consent for the use of my name, any photograph(s) or video, performances, sound effects, and voice reproduction provided by me or taken of me in the course of my participation in the interview to be used, published, and copied by SCA and its affiliates, unless noted, without further approval on my part.

We (informant and collector) release SCA, and its affiliates, from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of such recordings, documents, and artifacts, including but not limited to, any claims for defamation, invasion of privacy, or right of privacy.

ACCEPTED and AGREED

(Note: Whether you electronically type your name in the signature space below or print this form and sign by hand, you are appending your signature to this document and agreeing to the above conditions.)

Participant Signature  

Date 1/24/17  

Printed Name of Participant  Clayton Watts  

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is a minor)  

Date  

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian  

Interviewer Signature  Bradley Meville  

Date 1/24/17  

Printed Name of Interviewer  Bradley Meville  

Participant Address  843 E 1225 N  

City Logan  State UT  Postal Code 84341  

Participant Telephone  (208) 440-4916  E-mail Clayton Watts@CenturyLink.net  

Restrictions: