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The Chuck Norris-saurus 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. 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 brothers were younger, they received a poster with different “Chuck Norris Facts,” and this was one of few that Clay remembered. This joke was the second or third joke of the conversation.

Text: The dinosaurs went extinct because of the Chuck Norris-saurus.

Texture: When Clay told this joke, he said it very quickly, as if it were a joke he had told many times before and had easily memorized years earlier. He smiled as he said it, which further showed his interest and pleasure he found in the joke. He slowed down when saying “Chuck Norris-saurus,” allowing me to have enough time to gather that it was a species of dinosaur.

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