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# Reverse Knock-Knock Joke

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Zach Hamp  
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Reverse Knock-Knock Joke  
Joke, Prank

Informant: Zach Hamp is a 22-year-old student at Utah State University from Hyde Park, Utah. We went to Sky View High School together and attended the same congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He enjoys movies, certain video games, and having fun with friends.

Context: Zach and I were talking in my living room in Hyde Park when I recorded this conversation. My parents were in the other room so there was quite a bit of background conversation, but Zach knows my family, so he was comfortable. We have been friends for at least nine years and so during the whole talk we were laughing and reminiscing about funny high school stories.

Zach said that he really likes this joke because of an experience in a class that he shared with our friend Paul and a kid named Rylee. Zach and Paul liked to tease Rylee because he was a kid that got super annoyed when he was disrupted, but would be easily distracted. So Zach and Paul would tell him stupid jokes to confuse and distract him, normally to success. In this particular story, Zach had told Rylee another anti-joke, which made Rylee get a bit annoyed, so Zach responded with this joke.

Text: How about one more joke? It's a knock-knock joke.

- [Mimicking Rylee] Ok, fine.

Ok, you start.

- [Mimicking Rylee] Knock-knock

Who's there?

[describing the situation] And then he's like, 'Hey!'

Texture: When Zach told this joke we both laughed pretty hard, not necessarily at the joke itself but at the situation and Zach's attempt to mimic Rylee's reaction.

This joke is more intended as a sort of "anti-joke" – a joke that is usually funnier to the teller than the listener because the teller gets to see the confused reaction of the listener trying to understand the ridiculousness of the somewhat anticlimactic punch line. It's a simple joke more used to tease the listener or to make other jokes sound better.

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