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Myself
Logan, Utah
October 2018

“Pasta Joke”

Joke

Informant:

My name is Terin Crane. I am an undergraduate student at Utah State University pursuing a degree in English Teaching. I was born and raised in Mayfield, Utah, and then moved to Axtell, Utah when I was sixteen years old, where I currently live. I have had the privilege of traveling to New York City, Washington D.C., and San Francisco. I was Co-Valedictorian with my best friend when I graduated high school. I love reading and analyzing literature, as well as sharing funny things with my friends. I have always loved jokes, but have struggled to find one that I find funny enough to share with people.

Context:

I told this joke to my roommates one night because one of them was sharing their favorite joke. There were four of us present. This happened while the four of us were sitting on our couches in the living room of our apartment in Logan. Her favorite joke inspired me to share the one that I found exceptionally funny. Normally I tell this joke with people who are near my age, so in their 20s, my close friends, and my siblings that have an inappropriate sense of humor like I do. However, I would never share this joke with my parents because they would not find it funny and I would get a really long lecture about how I shouldn't tell sexually toned jokes.

Text:

“What do you call someone who sells their body for spaghetti? A *pasta-tute*!”

Texture:

My recollection of this joke was accompanied by shock that I would share a joke like that and then laughter from my roommates, my friends, and my family. Many were shocked because of the sexual nature of the joke and how it directly plays off of the word prostitute. My family and friends all come from an LDS (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) background where we are taught not to make jokes about sexual instances. This joke is normally well received by my roommates and friends due to our age similarities. The majority of my siblings found it humorous as well. Part of me loves the joke because it is cross to that line that I'm not supposed to cross in regard to what is appropriate to joke about and what is not, and I also love Italy so pasta jokes are hilarious to me. Every time I tell this joke, I start laughing before I can even share it.

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