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Children’s Folklore

Informant:
Cali is a student at Utah State University. She’s from Texas, served an LDS mission in Montana, and she’s engaged!

Context:
We were just hanging out in our apartment and in her room when I was having another interviewee sign their release form when she overheard what we were talking about and mentioned that she used to speak Dwarfish in high school so I asked her more about it and it was casual.

Text:
Dwarfish is like what… Dwarfs…. Speak.

Me: like in Lord of the Rings too?

Yeah, my friend knew it and would write notes to me in it.

Me: Cool! How would you know what it said? Could you speak it too?

She would like write me.. a key. And I would just decipher it. [laughs]

Me: What grade were you in?

[laughs] um…. Senior year of high school. [laughs more]

Texture:
She was happy and just enjoying the conversation.