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Kelsea Peay

Logan, Utah

November 30, 2018

Title: The Australian Skydiver

Genre: Material Culture

Informant: Kelsea is a student at Utah State University studying Occupational Therapy. She recently found an internship for next year and is excited. I've known Kelsea for about 6 months, but it feels like I've known her for years. She is extremely caring and although is a little spacy at times, really knows how to have a good time and to party.

Context: Kelsea is recovering from a cold she received early this morning. She went to sleep at 3 this morning studying for her final exams, and then woke up at 4 with a soar throat. She says that she probably failed her final exams, and she doesn't care. She sat down at the kitchen table ready to make a paper airplane, coughing and with a sad sounding voice.

Text: Kelsea used a piece of 11 x 8.5 piece of graph paper with holes and plastic reinforcements on one side.



Texture: Kelsea started this interview coughing and disclaiming that she has no voice. But she very willingly agreed to make a paper airplane. She said the following while folding the airplane in the most basic way imaginable: "Once upon a time, I went skydiving in Australia, and when I landed I looked up at the plane because It was just standing above us, and then I looked to the..." and at this point Allison, my roommate, starts screaming "Ewww eewwww ewwww!! Yah NASTY!!" Turns out she was watching a TV show where two people kissed that really shouldn't have. After at lest 3 minutes of laughter Kelsea continued: "What's in my mouth" which made us all laugh even harder. A few minutes prior she had put some medicine in her mouth that tasted like candy. But she had sucked off all the good stuff and only the gross inside remained. After even more minutes of laughter she continued: "Anyway, so I looked at the tandem guy and I was like 'You know, I wish I could get a souvenir' and he said 'you know, I can show you how to make a paper airplane' and I was like 'sweet' so he made me an airplane out of a leaf. And that's how I learned how to make a paper airplane." Then she finished folding her paper, which was folded in half, corners met at the middle, and then the wings were folded down. She threw it one and it went a few feet. Then she picked it up laughing and folded it again. This time it went a little farther. She looked at me with a "are you kidding me" look and sat back down. Watching TV.

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