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ran into: to unexpectedly see someone

Joe: Hey, I **ran into** my friend Jackie today downtown.

Kristin: Hey, you used to work with her right?

Joe: Yeah, yeah, I don't think you've met her yet, but, uh...

Kristin: Yeah, I can't believe I haven't met her actually, but...

Joe: Yeah, y'know I, well, I don't see her that often. I guess...

Kristin: Oh.

Joe: ...one of the reasons I don't see her that often is because she's been really busy, uh, because she's in a new relationship she said.

Kristin: Oh!

bursting at the seams: very happy

Joe: Yeah, you should have seen her. It was like, uh, it was so cute to see her. She was like **bursting at the seams** she was so happy.

Kristin: [laugh]

Joe: Because I guess the relationship is going really well, so...

Kristin: Oh, that's good.

looking for someone: trying to find someone to date

Joe: Yeah, I'm really happy to see it too because I know that she's been really **looking for someone**. And, uh, y'know she'd been doing the online dating thing for, I don't know, over a year. And, I mean it seemed like she was having, uh, she wasn't having a lot of luck with it, so...

Kristin: Oh really.

Joe: Yeah.

Kristin: Well, it's good she's finally found someone that she's compatible with.

total loser: someone who is unsuccessful

Joe: Yeah. I remember when she first started out she told me about this one guy she met and he was a **total loser**. I mean, one thing that I remember she said was that he asked her to go out to this nice restaurant. And, y'know, she wasn't planning



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on, uh, having him pay for the date. Y'know, she was like, okay, well, y'know, I have money just in case. And, uh, he made her pay for the whole date.

Kristin: [laugh] Oh my god!

Joe: I know! What the...[laugh].... So that was really, y'know, that was really a bad introduction...

Kristin: [laugh]

Joe: ...to the, to that guy and to the online dating world.

Kristin: Yeah, I would say so.

Joe: Because that was the first person she **went out with**.

Kristin: [laugh] Well, speaking of **blind dates**, coz online dating is pretty much blind dates...

Joe: Yeah.

Kristin: ...or **blind dating**, I should say, um.... There's, I have a friend that I am no longer **in touch with** and before we **lost touch** I can remember her telling me a story about going out on a blind date. And this guy, he was such a total loser, he showed up. He was already **two sheets to the wind**. That was her first impression of him. This guy was just **trashed**.

Joe: And he stunk of alcohol?

Kristin: Yeah!

Joe: Oh great.

Kristin: Yeah, exactly. Yeah, needless to say, that, that date was a disaster. She didn't want to see him again.

Joe: Yeah.

Kristin: But, yeah, I mean she had a horrible time with, um, dating. I mean she went on a lot of blind dates and, just.... They were all pretty disastrous actually. But I will

went out with / go out with: to go on a date with

blind date / blind dating: to go out on a date with someone you have never met

in touch (with): to be in contact (with)

lost touch: no longer in contact with

two sheets to the wind: very drunk; drank too much alcohol

trashed: very drunk



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head and shoulders above the rest: much better than other things

say before we lost touch she finally met someone that was h-, **head and shoulders above the rest.**

Joe: Oh, that's great. Yeah.

Kristin: Yeah.

funny spin on things: funny way of looking at things

Joe: You know, ah, it's funny to hear Bill speaking about, uh, all the times he's gone out on, y'know, blind dates through y'know that, people he met over the internet. Because he's been doing it for a couple of years. And he, he just always has a **funny spin on things** when he tells a story. I don't even know where he comes up with some of this stuff. It's so funny.

cracks me up: makes me laugh

Kristin: Oh, that guy **cracks me up.**

Joe: Yeah, yeah, I know. But, uh, he actually, I think one of his problems is.... The guy's like 35 and he's trying to date 20 year olds, so, you know...

Kristin: Oh no.

Joe: ...of course there's going to be like a big difference in, uh, interests and, uh, usually maturity also.

a recipe for disaster: something that is likely to end badly
a good bit: a lot

Kristin: Yeah! That's just, that seems like it would be **a recipe for disaster.**

Joe: Yeah, yeah, I know what you're saying, so...

a good bit: a lot

back in the day: a long time ago

a different story: not the same as

Kristin: Well, I think, um, dating has really changed **a good bit**, y'know, **back in the day**, when my...our parents were dating. It was just so different.

Joe: Oh, it was totally **a different story** then.

Kristin: I mean for one thing, well, moving even beyond dating. Like once people got serious, they didn't live together before they got married.

Joe: No, no.

Kristin: You know? And I...

Joe: That was like, viewed as a sin...



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Kristin: Yeah!

Joe: ...because the world, y'know, here in these.... Here it was a lot more, uh, it was a much more religious time.

Kristin: Right. But I'd even be willing to bet that they didn't have sex before marriage.

Joe: Oh, c-, I think that they were saying they didn't have sex before marriage but I'm sure it was happening...

Kristin: You think?

Joe: ...**behind closed doors**. Oh definitely! Come on, y'know!

Kristin: Well, where would they do it? Go park a car?

Joe: Well that is one, that is one, yeah, I think they did actually. Because back then people would live at home until they got married.

Kristin: Right.

Joe: So they would, I think they would have to go.... I mean it was kind of rare for someone to move out of the house before they got married. So, y'know, they probably didn't have their own apartment. So...

Kristin: Right.

Joe: Yeah, and y'know...

Kristin: Well, speaki-...

Joe: ...another...

Kristin: ...I'm sorry. Go ahead...

Joe: ...thing that was really weird, if you think about it also, is people just didn't get divorced back then.

*behind closed doors:
done in private; not
happening where people
can see it*



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Kristin: Right, right.

Joe: Like now, I, I heard something and I, I think this is pretty accurate. 50 percent of all marriages here in the United States end in divorce.

Kristin: Oh my god.

Joe: I mean, it's crazy to, y'know, that you and I, uh, we're both like, y'know, uh, have parents who are still together. It's kind of...

Kristin: Uh-huh.

Joe: ...it's, uh, it's uncommon, I guess...

Kristin: It is.

Joe: ...is the word I'm looking for. Because when you look at our friends, um, most of them have parents that are divorced, who are divorced, excuse me.

Kristin: Yep. Yeah, we're definitely not **the norm**, or our families aren't. But, you know, it made me think, um, speaking of living together. My mom, I was talking about it with her the other day and she actually called it **shacking up**.

Joe: Oh, that's funny. That's like a term that's no longer used.

Kristin: Yeah.

the norm: common

shacking up: when an unmarried man and an unmarried woman live together; when a man and a woman who are dating live together but are not married