



## Lookout Mountain Conversation

**Kristin:** I just wanted to give you a call and ask how your Chattanooga trip was.

*more fun than a barrel of monkeys: a lot of fun*

**Susan:** Oh, it was great. It was great. It was *more fun than a barrel of monkeys*.

**Kristin:** [laugh].

**Susan:** [laugh] You know, we took Ethan and be-, his being only eight, it was fun to watch him at different places and see him, y'know, enjoying the activities.

**Kristin:** Well, what all did you do?

**Susan:** Well, we decided to bypass the aquarium this time because he had just been to the Atlanta aquarium.

**Kristin:** Uh-huh.

*drew straws: a way to decide something*

**Susan:** So we kind of, uh, picked and chose and *drew straws* and decided that we would go, first of all, to Rock City. He loved that. And I'll send you some pictures of that.

**Kristin:** Okay.

**Susan:** And, now there was one place in Rock City that I didn't particularly enjoy.

**Kristin:** What was that?

**Susan:** It's called Fat Man's Squeeze.

**Kristin:** Yeah.

*slid right through: to go through easily*

**Susan:** And when I was there when I was ten years old, I thought that was a silly name because I *slid right through*.

**Kristin:** [laugh]

**Susan:** Now at age 64 and a few pounds heavier, I think somebody moved the mountain...

**Kristin:** [laugh]



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**Susan:** ...and made the hole thinner. Anyway, then Dad and Ethan went on the incline railway, straight up...Lookout Mountain...

**Kristin:** Oh, did he like that?

**Susan:** ...overlooking Chattanooga. Y'know, he didn't like it as well as Rock City.

**Kristin:** Huh.

**Susan:** He didn't seem nearly as enthused about it, but Dad enjoyed it. Um, then, what did we do? We went somewhere else. We ate at Ryan's.

**Kristin:** Mm-hm. He likes Ryan's doesn't he?

**Susan:** That was...oh yes. Loves it. And, he picked it. Because that, uh, Irish place, Dirty Nellie's, was closed. They said it **got busted** several years ago for **selling to minors** or something. So, anyway, then we went to the motel, seems like we did something else.

**got busted:** got in trouble (with the police)

**selling to minors:** selling alcohol to young people

**Kristin:** Did you go to any museums?

**Susan:** Um, no...oh, we went to a sculpture garden overlooking the river. That was fun. And Ethan really enjoyed that. Beautiful views and, oh, I almost forgot. What I thought was the most fun thing... We went on a noon cruise down the river, and...

**Kristin:** Oh.

**Susan:** ...beautiful views and a good captain narrating, telling us what different things were and that was really fun.

**Kristin:** Yeah, I bet.

**Susan:** And, yeah. Then we went back to the motel that night and swam.

**Kristin:** Uh-huh.

**Susan:** And the next morning we got up, we met a guy from India in the little breakfast area. And he was really nice and...I doubt...

**Kristin:** Was he livin' in Chattanooga?



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**Susan:** No, he was there studying as a student.

**Kristin:** Oh.

*getting his eyes full: to see everything*

**Susan:** And **getting his eyes full** of the [laugh] American culture.

**Kristin:** Uh-huh.

**Susan:** He, uh, he was really funny. And, and he wanted to exchange e-mails. Now I haven't heard from him. And I've lost his. But hopefully I'll hear from him if he didn't lose mine. And then we went to the Children's Museum and Ethan enjoyed that. It's a **hands on**, kids...

*hands on: experiential; action-touching focused*

**Kristin:** Oh, like an exploratory...

**Susan:** Right, kids type of...

**Kristin:** Yeah.

**Susan:** ...well it's called the Children's Museum. And, uh, he really enjoyed that. And he got to do a lot of things. Squirting water at people... And making things... And breaking things... And building things... And climbing things... And...[laugh]

**Kristin:** [laugh]

**Susan:** Yeah, he, he had a lot of fun there. And then we came home.

**Kristin:** Oh, it was, it was a really a short trip, huh?

**Susan:** It was a good trip. Oh yeah, just overnight. It was long enough for Dad and me.

**Kristin:** Yeah.

*tails were starting to drag: we were getting tired*

**Susan:** We were starting to... Our **tails were starting to drag**.

**Kristin:** [laugh]

**Susan:** [laugh]



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**Kristin:** Well how was the weather?

**Susan:** Oh the weather was good. They said it was the most beautiful day all summer, the day we took the cruise. So we were very fortunate.

**Kristin:** Yeah.

**Susan:** Just right, not too hot, not too cool.

**Kristin:** Oh, that's good.

**Susan:** Yes, yes it was wonderful. We were really lucky.

**Kristin:** Well, what was your favorite thing that you did?

**Susan:** Well, my favorite thing was the cruise.

**Kristin:** Oh, I guess you said...

**Susan:** I think Dad's...

**Kristin:** ...okay.

**Susan:** Yeah, I think Dad's, maybe was the sculpture garden or the incline railway. And I think Ethan's was probably the, uh, Rock City.

**Kristin:** Yeah, I can remember really likin' Rock City when I was little and we went there.

**Susan:** Right. They had a, um, bird sanctuary there. They take birds that have been sick or hurt. And I'll **get on my soapbox** for a minute... I think more places need to do that and take care of animals that need taking care of.

**Kristin:** Yeah, I agree.

**Susan:** But it was a great trip.

**Kristin:** Yeah, I'm glad you guys had a good time.

**get on my soapbox:** to try to talk someone into something



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**Susan:** Yeah, I am too.

**Kristin:** Well, I've got some work I need to get done, so...

**Susan:** Oh...well it was nice talking to you.

**Kristin:** Yeah, nice talkin' to you. I'll give you a call back, um, later in the week.

**Susan:** Soon?

**Kristin:** Yeah.

**Susan:** Okay. Hope to hear from you soon.

**Kristin:** Alright, tell Dad I said hi, I just wanted to check...

**Susan:** I will.

**Kristin:** ...on you guys getting back from your trip.

**Susan:** Okay. Thank you.

**Kristin:** Alright.

**Susan:** Love you.

**Kristin:** Love you. Bye.

**Susan:** Bye bye.