

Sound Effects are double underlined

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COAL SCRIPT

Dave Boles

Rick Jones

(construction sounds)

coal

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DAVE : This is Dave Boles - interviewer, turned ^{coal} miner. I am here in Kentucky, which is the largest coal mine in the United States - 130 million tons a year. I'm here to find out what a coal miners life is like. I have gone 263 ft. underneath the surface of the earth to find out. (PAUSE)

Sir, Sir... could you come here, I'd like to interview you!!

COAL MINER : (off stage) me? Yea, sure, I'll be there in a minute, I just need to dump this bucket of coal.

(SOUND OF COAL BEING DUMPED)

DAVE : Boy, what a cloud of black, dirty, coal dust!!

COAL MINER : If you think that's bad, try breathing that stuff into your lungs; for 5 days a week, 200 times a day.

DAVE : If the coal dust is so bad, why do you keep this job? You seem a person of average intelligence!

COAL MINER : Well, in my family, ever since my Great Great Grandfather moved here to mine coal, we have been mining in this mine. Our whole family has worked this way. I remember when I was a boy I'd come to the mines with my father and watch him work - I'll probably do the same with my son. (VOICE OFFSTAGE - "Jones, get back to work") Hey, I've got to get back to work, Later!!

DAVE : Well, thanks for your time!! Hmmm, lets see, who else I can interview? AH-HAAA - Sir, could you spare me a moment of your time? (VOICE OFFSTAGE "Yea, sure.")

(footsteps) Sir could you please tell me what some of the advantages, and dis advantages of the "new, modern equipment that your using?"



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COALMINERESS: Okay, but first lets get one thing straight! I'm not a "Sir" but a "madam". I'm a woman coal miner.

DAVE: A woman? I'm sorry I didn't realize....

COALMINERESS: Oh, thats O.K., most people don't think of women as miners, but were down here shoveling coal, just like the men.

DAVE: what kind of equipment do you use?

COALMINERESS: Well, let me think; - hydraulic cranes, coalmining machines, and lots of other different ones. So you'd think that the new technology in machines makes our lives easier, well it helps in digging and in transportation, but there are dangerous fumes emmited, such as Carbon Monoxide, so we still lose.

DAVE: Well, good luck, I'd better let you get back to work.
Adios!

COALMINERESS: Asta la Vista!!

(PAUSE)

DAVE: This is Dave Boles and were ready to take off in this newly invented time machine. We are going back to the 1890's, to interview coal miners of that period.

(Sound Effects of Time Machine taking off)

O.S.
=old
style

We have arrived at the same coal mine in Kentucky except that its March 5, 1890 instead of 1979. (PAUSE)

Sir, could you please let me interview you.

O.S. COALMINER: I'm sorry!! But you'll have to talk to my breman, I get paid by the amount of coal I shovel. Sorry!!

DAVE: Yes, well could you please tell me where he is?

O.S. COALMINER: He's the one in the blue dungarees.

DAVE: But there are at least 20 men in blue dungarees!!!

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OS. COALMINER : Oh-yeah, well he's the one with the coal dust all over his face.

DAVE : But everyone has coal du.....

(Foreman comes up and is kind of boisterous.)

FOREMAN: What's going on here!?!

DAVE : Uhhhh.... I just wanted to interview some mine workers.

FOREMAN: Oh, well you can interview me, O.K.? ~~Let~~ my men get back to work!!

DAVE : Okay. What prevents the mines from caving in?

FOREMAN: Well, we have logs to support the ceiling.

DAVE : But couldn't these crack and kill any one at any one time?

FOREMAN: Well yes.

DAVE : How much did your miners make between June ^{and} May of last year?

FOREMAN: Well, lets see, (PAUSE) I believe that between (PAUSE) June and May was it?

DAVE : Yes Sir.

FOREMAN: \$368.72

DAVE : FOR 11 months work? Let me do some fast calculus here.....
hmmmmmm. That would come to \$33.52 per month.

FOREMAN: Did you subtract the money that he owes for his debts and equipment.

DAVE : Oh rats!! Well let me see - oh, with that subtracted it would come to..... \$3.52 a month profit.

FOREMAN: well, thats about right.

DAVE : Do you employ women.

FOREMAN: most certainly not!!! Women belong in the Kitchen! Not working in coal mines.

DAVE : Thanks for your time, Sir.

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FOREMAN: Your welcome, Son.

DAVE: Well its time to get back to our time!

(Sound of time machine taking off)

DAVE: We are having some technical difficulty with our newly developed time machine. We are ~~back~~ back in our year, but were spinning in a mixture of scarlet and darkness.

(Sound effects disperse, and screams start.)

We have arrived at a place very hot and very red, the screams are unnerving. (IMPORTANT: SATAN'S VOICE IS ROUGH AND MEAN)

SATAN: Hello there, are you new recruits.

DAVE: NO! (PAUSE) Where are we?!

SATAN: Don't you know where you are? *slow*

DAVE: No.

SATAN: (laughing hideously) *slow* My dearest friends, you have found your way into my *dominion* home (PAUSE) HELL!!

DAVE: Hell?

SATAN: HELL. (a statment)

DAVE: then what are you - the Devil? (laughing uneasily)

SATAN: *slow* OF course, I prefer Satan.

DAVE: Do you mind if I interview you?

SATAN: *slow* of course not.

DAVE: OKAY! Guys, hows the sound? Testing 1-2, testing 1-2.

(VOICE OFFSTAGE: OKAY DAVE, TAPES ROLLING)

Thanks, this is Dave Bobs, interviewer turned miner. I'm here interviewing the Devil, ah, Satan, Mr. Mean, or whatever you'd like to call him (PAUSE) were here interviewing him. Tell us sir, what keeps this place so hot?

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SATAN: Well let me ^{tell you} ~~see~~. Ever since I can remember, we have used coal to heat this place. We get mostly miners down here because of their hazardous jobs.

DAVE: Really, what is it.

SATAN: Well, there is this terrible disease that affects their lungs; its called Black Lung disease. Black Lung ~~is a~~ ^{is a} disease caused by inhalation of coal dust which contains crystalline-free-silica; this silica causes bumps similar to goose bumps in the lungs, resulting in the airsacks to either stay open or stay closed, thus making the goose bumps. Also, when the caves, collapse they get crushed down into here,

effect,
it is usually
fatal

DAVE: Just because of Black Lung disease?

SATAN: Of course not, you see theres this kind of code that heaven goes by, before you can be let in you must be clean But most miners have dirty lungs and soiled clothes and faces, I give them a good deal, I let them mine coal down here.

DAVE: what kind of coal do you.... (interrupted by lunch whistle)

voices: lunch

SATAN: Sorry its lunchtime, lets go eat at the Devils Diner.

DAVE: well we brought sack lunches.

SATAN: Well, lets go over to Purgatory Park.

DAVE: Hey, Good idea. (walks over, comments - nice red gras, ect.)

SATAN: So what do you have for lunch?

DAVE: oh, lets see, peanutbutter and jelly sandwiches
(chimes) why here some Angel Food Cake for dessert!!

SATAN: what did you say??!!

DAVE: peanutbutter and jelly san.....

SATAN: No After that you Fool!

DAVE: uhh-let me see- Angel food cake.

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SATAN: Ahhhh! (S.x. of Satan zapping cake)

Dave: what did you do to my cake??!!

Satan: I changed it from Angel Food to Devils Food

Dave: oh what do you have for lunch ~~Mr~~ Mr. Devil Sir?

Satan: oh lets see. Heres some Develed eggs!, Heres a DEVELED ham sandwich! and a Satan soda to wash it all down

Dave: whats your favorite movie (show)?

Satan: Satan knows best, Satan the Next Generation, WKRP in Satanati what are some of yours

Dave: Oh, Gosh, Charlies Angels, Heaven Can wait
oh God (interrupted by Satan)

Satan: Oh I've believe I've heard enough.

Dave: oh I'm quite sorry. (Sx phone ringing) (G.P.F.M.B.)

Satan: Excuse me

Dave: Sure, no problem

Satan: (Satan picking up phone) Yes, really, a whole new group huh, I'll be right there.

DAVE: Who was that

Satan: Oh, that was just my brother Evil, he says that business is piling up at the front desk.

DAVE: May luck be with you.

SATAN: Same to... A-A-Achooooo!!!

DAVE: GOD BLESS YOU!!

SATAN: Fo He (censor sound) with you buddy!

DAVE: Well, this has been a Helluva day!!