

## Winter-Time Wedding

### A movie script?

#### Adverbial Subordinate Clauses

1. Dibacco was concerned [because this winter-time wedding was a bore].

2. [After the ceremony had run its tedious course], family and friends had slogged across a snowy parking lot to the party room at the Horsehead's Best Western.

3. [Although Dibacco and his friends Cueball and Robo had waited patiently for fifty-three minutes], no meal preparations looked underway. {looked = lv}

4. Thus Dibacco worried [even though the bride and groom had guaranteed a splendid, raucous reception].

### **Subordinate Clauses acting as Nouns**

5. Hearing a commotion in the kitchen, Robo thought [that some great snafu had occurred].

6. Cueball wondered about [whether the bills had been paid].

{note this as object of the preposition about – the entire phrase is adverbial, telling how; but take away that ‘about’ and you have a direct object, right? DO seems the better construction}

7. [That the situation would not worsen] was taken for granted.

The belief was [that a greater embarrassment could never occur].

## **Both**

8. [When spaghetti appeared in huge aluminum bowls sans sauce], a greater embarrassment, indeed, seemed imminent.

8.5 Apparently, the suggestion was [that guests, like beasts, needed feeding troughs].

9. Suddenly the bride howled [as if she had gone quite terribly mad].

10. [Whether she was sane or not {sane}] was unclear.

11. Then [while the guests stood aghast], the groom grabbed a fistful of steaming, rubbery spaghetti and heaved it toward his mate.

12. At that moment Dibacco decided, [even if a matrimonial implosion was under way], [that he would join the fun].

### **Adjectival Relative Clauses**

13. He mashed his arm deep into a nearby bowl, [which quivered in response].

14. Cueball, [who was always ready for fun], snatched a handful, too.

15. At the same instant they wheeled on Robo [whose expression displayed bemused ignorance].

16. Suddenly he was on the receiving end of that [for which he had not planned].

17. Robo, [whom everyone liked], ducked [when he saw the spaghetti fly].

18. Everyone [he stood near] was running for the pasta tubs.

### **Relative Clauses acting as Nouns**

19. Cueball knew [what he needed to do].

20. [Whoever stationed himself near a tub] would command the high ground.

21. His proximity to pounds of spaghetti was just [what he wanted].

22. He wondered about [whom he should target next].

### **Relative Adverbs**

23. Meanwhile, Robo's great bellowing laugh, [when it could be heard over shouts and shrieks], was an inducement to further gaiety.

24. Dibacco aimed a two-handed shovel load toward the corner [where the bride's mother cowered and wailed].

25. No one asked the reason [why this melee had erupted]; they simply joined the fun [where they could find it].

26. Suddenly, as though by magic, all fighting stopped at the precise moment [when the wedding cake was wheeled onto the spaghetti strewn floor].

## **Impacted Relative Clauses**

27. With a dainty motion, the bride sliced the cake and then selected a sizeable piece [which she decided needed a glaze of mashed spaghetti].

28. The groom [whatever he thought the marriage would bring] believed [this should be his moment].

29. He therefore twined their arms lovingly and squashed the cake onto the pursed and waiting lips of his bride [who people saw had a grin on her face].

30. Laughing at [whatever he thought the couple had meant], Dibacco sat, reflecting [Jack and Jill were married].

## **Adjectival Subordinate Clauses**

31. The thought [that it might not be a happy marriage] never occurred to him.

32. Robo and Cueball both saw the possibility [that connubial bliss would be short lived].

## **Adverbial Relative Clauses**

33. The three friends stepped out to get some fresh air, which seemed a prudent decision.

34. The fun had begun to drain from the party room, which they hoped to circumvent.



## All

35. As they walked through a nearby hallway, Dibacco lit a cigar, [that he had saved for a special occasion], [which was made from Cuban tobacco].

36. He spoke, “[Even though Jack and Jill are now husband and wife], [until we have evidence to the contrary], I think [we can safely guess [they will not live a normal, suburban lifestyle]].”

37. [Just as Dibacco finished this sentence], a smoke alarm began to bellow and clang [*so that* the hotel guests would know to evacuate].

38. Exiting by an emergency exit, and watching as the motel emptied of guests, Dibacco smiled and tossed his cigar into a nearby snow bank. It wasn't such a bad winter-time wedding.

{such. 1 of the type previously mentioned: [ as determiner ] : I have  
been involved in many such courses | [ as predeterminer ] : I  
longed to find a kindred spirit, and in him I thought I had found  
such a person | [ as pronoun ] : we were second-class citizens and  
they treated us as such .}