

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.

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.

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.

9. Apparently, the suggestion was that guests, like beasts, needed feeding troughs.

10. Suddenly the bride howled as if she had gone quite terribly mad.

11. Whether she was sane or not sane was unclear.

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

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

Adjectival Relative Clauses

14. He mashed his arm deep into a nearby bowl, which quivered in response.

15. Cueball, who was always ready for fun, snatched a handful, too.

16. At the same instant they wheeled on Robo whose expression displayed bemused ignorance.

17. Suddenly he was on the receiving end of that for which he had not planned.

18. Robo, whom everyone liked, ducked when he saw the spaghetti fly.

19. Everyone he stood near was running for the pasta tubs.

Relative Clauses acting as Nouns

20. Cueball knew what he needed to do.

21. Whoever stationed himself near a tub would command the high ground.

22. His proximity to pounds of spaghetti was just what he wanted.

23. He wondered about whom he should target next.

Relative Adverbs

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

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

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

27. 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

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

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

30. 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.

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

Adjectival Subordinate Clauses

32. The thought that it might not be a happy marriage never occurred to him.

33. Robo and Cueball both saw the possibility that connubial bliss would be short lived.

Adverbial Relative Clauses

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

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

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36. 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.

37. 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.”

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

39. 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.