

Spontaneous

Introduction

Occasionally, spontaneity does not serve us well as we discover when ROBIN tries to explain to PAT what happened when he finally got to meet the girl of his dreams.

- 1 ROBIN: Thanks Pat. Thanks for bailing me out of jail, pal. I
2 appreciate it. Sorry.
- 3 PAT: OK, Robin, let's see if I've got this straight. You went
4 to Neiman Marcus to meet Heidi Crawford? This woman
5 you practically worship, whose pictures hang on every
6 wall in our apartment? *That Heidi Crawford?*
- 7 ROBIN: *(Small)* Yeah.
- 8 PAT: And when you got there, you waited in line for *three*
9 *hours?* To meet this woman you adore?
- 10 ROBIN: *(Smaller)* Uh-huh.
- 11 PAT: And *then*, when you finally got up to meet her, instead
12 of just shaking her hand, like any civilized person would
13 do, you hauled off and *slugged her in the face?!*
- 14 ROBIN: *(Lets out a cry of despair.)* Ooooh, the travesty of it all
15 What have I done? What have I done? I am such a loser!
- 16 PAT: Dude, your bedroom's a virtual shrine to her! *What*
17 *happened?*
- 18 ROBIN: I know, I know, I knooooow. *(Sighs, exasperated.)* No,
19 I don't know. It was all just kinda ... spontaneous. I
20 remember standing in line for the longest time and
21 trying to think what I should say to her. I mean, over and
22 over and over, but you know, after a while the thought
23 struck me, "What in the world does a mere mortal like
24 me have to say to this ... this *goddess of beauty?*" I
25 mean, I'm just a dumb schmuck! And then suddenly,

- 1 there she was, and there I was, and she looked at me,
2 and our eyes met and she was so ... oh, so ... so
3 breathtakingly beautiful, and then she smiled at me and
4 then — then — I don't remember anything after that.
- 5 PAT: They showed me the videotape at the jail. You're
6 pretty lucky security got you out when they did.
- 7 ROBIN: I know. I know. *(A beat)* Did I hurt her bad?
- 8 PAT: Loosened her two front teeth.
- 9 ROBIN: Ooooh, I am so doomed! Victoria's Secret's gonna
10 hunt me down and kill me! They're going to put me in
11 jail and throw away the key!
- 12 PAT: Don't feel too bad, dude. Look on the bright side: I bet
13 you made her dentist real happy!