

" A guy is looking for the Black Banana Inn where he's supposed to meet some friends. He got on the road he was told to get on but he's been driving for a while. He sees a car by the side of the road and decides to stop and ask for directions to the Black Banana Inn. He looks in the car but he doesn't see anyone, but he hears noise so he looks under the car where he sees a black man and woman making it. He says 'How far is the Black Banana Inn?', and the black guy gets out and punches him in the mouth."

Lloyd said that this was a joke he remembered from many years ago. He said that jokes like these were very popular when he was in his early teens. Jokes that were not perverted but sexually related. It seems that nearly everywhere, children or young teenagers are fascinated by jokes or stories that naively refer to sex in some way even though sometimes the children do not even understand them. They feel that because this is an item that is not supposed to be talked about that these items are funny.

This item would be classified as a joke, probably an ethnic joke because of the reference to blacks and because of the stereotype that blacks are more liberal sexually by being under a car and having sex.

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Q: What's the difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral?

A: One less drunk.

The person who told me this joke is from Irish ancestry, and he finds it amusing although I find it slightly insulting.

This joke seems to fit into the esoteric-exoteric discussion.

Not only do others hold the stereotype that Irish are drunk and

do nothing but drink, the Irish also know of this stereotype about

them. They accept and joke among themselves about how others

see them as drunks. Probably the main function of this ethnic

joke is for people to have a laugh because the punch line exploits

the commonly known stereotype.

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- a. No restrictions ✓
- b. Pseudonym for performers/informants will be used

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