

Older – SL interview (6:00)

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Older the Elder (sitting in chair)

Brash tabloid reporter (enters – with pencil and not pad if convenient, otherwise with laptop at waist.)

BTR

'Scuse me for interrupting, sir, but I am a reporter for the Daily Tabloid. I am here to get interviews about Second Life.

O

No problem. You bein' a reporter ain't gonna interrupt me one bit. You just go on an' be a reporter all you want.

BTR

I – I need to ask you some questions.

O

Sure. Questions don't bother me. You go right ahead.

BTR

I understand that your name is Older the Elder. Is that right?

O

(Silence)

BTR (Louder, clearer)

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O

(Silence)

BTR (Loudest, effort to enunciate clearly)

Can you hear me Mister Elder?

O

Sure. Everbody in the sim can hear you.

BTR

Well, why don't you answer my question?

O

You just said you needed to ask some questions. Didn't say anything about needing answers.

BTR

Well, of course I need answers. How else will I get the news?

O
Thought you just made it up.
But anyways, my name is Older the Elder.
If you think that's news, you must be real hard up.

BTR
My editor insists that I cite my sources. How long have you been in Second Life?

O
Moved in about two years ago, sonny.

BTR
What led you to come into Second Life?

O
At my age, sonny, a second life sounds real good.

BTR
What are you doing in Second Life?

O
Giving interviews, it looks like.

BTR
I mean what have you been doing since you came into Second Life?

O
I'm a comedian.

BTR
What led you to become a comedian in Second Life?

O
I already had a start.

Everybody said I looked funny.

BTR
What do you do as a comedian?

O
I just sit here and people come up and ask me dumb questions.

BTR
All it takes to be a comedian is dumb questions?

O
Nah. If that was all it took, every reporter would be a comedian.

Also takes smart-ass answers.

BTR
Does it pay well to be a comedian?

O
Nah. Too much competition from the news.

BTR
What is an old man like you doing in a computer game?

O
Not a computer game.

BTR
Well that's what people call it.

O
Not the people I know. You better check with your source on that.

BTR
Well, the general public thinks it's a computer game.

O
That's the trouble with you news people. You go around telling people what they already think. Then you wonder why they don't bother listening.

BTR (agitated)
We don't just tell 'em what they already think! Sometimes we tell 'em what they should be thinking.

O
Oh, yeah. But they don't need you. They've got friends to do that for 'em.

BTR
OK. Let's get back to you. Aren't you too old to be in a place that is mainly for teens and young people?

O
It's a head thing, sonny. Lotta people here look old, but they're young in the head.

BTR
Young in the head? How does it feel to be young in the head?

O
Sonny, if you gotta ask, you're too old to figure it out.

BTR
OK. Enough about you. Let's get to sex.

O
Don't think you're my type, sonny. But if you need a whipping, I'd take on that job.

BTR
I mean let's talk about sex

O
OK. At my age, that's about all I can do. But you're still not my type.

BTR
No, no. Tell me about all the sordid sex that is going on in Second Life.

O (incredulous)
All of it? How long you got?

BTR
Well, just give me the hottest stories you know.

O
Well, there's the Riverwalk.

BTR (writing rapidly)
Ah! People go there and walk stark naked?. Couple up in triples and foursomes.

O
Never seen 'em do that. Don't think you can couple up in triples, anyway.

BTR (continues writing)
But that kind on wild sex could happen in Second Life, couldn't it?

O
Oh sure. You might even throw in a pig.

BTR (eagerly with more writing)
Pig! A greased pig, maybe?

O
Could be.

BTR
And whips and chains?

O
Pretty hard to put a chain on a greased pig.

BTR
I mean whips and chains for people. S and M. I hear that's popular here.

O
I heard of some places where you could try it out if that's your thing.

BTR
No, I'm just doing a story about sex in Second Life. I understand that Second Life is full of people preoccupied with sex.

O

Well, that reminds me of this shrink I used to have.

One day, he was giving a Rorschach Test to a guy. He showed the guy an ink blot and asked the guy what it made him think of.

The guy looked at the card and said, "A cunt."

So the shrink showed him another card and the guy said, "A couple fucking."

They went on through the other cards in the set and the guy kept saying things like, "a hard dick," "a dildo," "a matched pair in sixty-nine."

So when the test was over, the shrink looked up from his notebook and said, "You seem to have a fascination with sex."

"I have a fascination with sex?" the guy said. "You're the one showing me all those dirty pictures."

(Older exits)

BTR

(sigh) God! My editor is never going to pay for this.