

## Chat Room Log: Reality and Identity Group 7

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

10:58 AM: **erica** has entered the room.

10:58 AM: **J** has entered the room.

10:58 AM: **spooky** has entered the room.

10:58 AM: **J**: hi!

10:59 AM: **erica**: hey'

10:59 AM: **marissa** has entered the room.

10:59 AM: **J**: happy halloween!

10:59 AM: **erica**: u2

11:00 AM: **marissa**: yay happy halloween!

11:00 AM: **spooky**: hello

11:00 AM: **J**: so we should read first?

11:00 AM: **erica**: sure

11:00 AM: **marissa**: i guess so, this is really strange

11:00 AM: **spooky**: im hungry

11:00 AM: **J**: me too

11:01 AM: **J**: anyone has anything to share?

11:01 AM: **boo** has entered the room.

11:01 AM: **marissa**: i'm good, got my breakfast right next to me :)

11:01 AM: **J**: wow~~

11:01 AM: **marissa**: haha yep i'm just that smart

11:01 AM: **marissa**: so who wants to start this chat?

11:02 AM: **spooky**: whats this chat about again??

11:02 AM: **erica**: the quotes

11:02 AM: **J**: the quotations

11:03 AM: **J**: read and discuss

11:03 AM: **marissa**: oook so, lonelygirl...lame

11:03 AM: **marissa**: how did people get addicted to that anyway?

11:03 AM: **erica**: idk it was really boring to me

11:04 AM: **marissa**: yea me too, i have enough problems of my own, i dont want to hear hers too

11:04 AM: **J**: i may watch some youtube videos sometimes, but never too serious

11:04 AM: **erica**: yea i just watch them for fun

11:05 AM: **marissa**: me too, when i need a good laugh

11:05 AM: **spooky**: cannot get into that stuff

11:05 AM: **marissa**: or someone sends me something ridiculous

11:05 AM: **spooky**: second life sounds cool

11:06 AM: **marissa**: i dunno, it kinda freaks me out

11:06 AM: **J**: yeah, i tried sort of 2nd life several years ago

11:06 AM: **marissa**: i feel like the people who have that get too into it

11:06 AM: **spooky**: it would be interesting to recreate yourself

11:06 AM: **J**: but it was boring i think

11:06 AM: **marissa**: hahaha

11:06 AM: **J**: you have to spend a crazy lot of time in it

11:07 AM: **spooky**: people have no lives

11:07 AM: **marissa**: that's when people start to get crazy, they get too obsessed with their second life and become antisocial with real people in their real lives

11:07 AM: **J**: right!

11:07 AM: **erica**: thats true

11:08 AM: **marissa**: then they never leave the house and its just a downward spiral from there

11:08 AM: **J**: Sometimes i hear kids talking about stuff like that, and they look so excited, i just don't get it

11:08 AM: **marissa**: i think i would go blind from staring at the computer for so long

11:08 AM: **erica**: yea i don't get it either

11:08 AM: **erica**: its just weird

11:09 AM: **J**: maybe we are really dinasours

11:09 AM: **marissa**: uh oh he's typing in our box

11:09 AM: **marissa**: haha

11:09 AM: **J**: oh, really

11:10 AM: **marissa**: yea it was on the screen

11:10 AM: **boo**: how can we see the lonelygirl phenomenon as a question of authority, not in terms of what people are watching, but in terms of what it represents as a new media format?

11:10 AM: **spooky**: throw a good question our way

11:10 AM: **J**: i agree, good topic

11:11 AM: **J**: i like the idea of it being a new media format

11:11 AM: **marissa**: it represents people being able to be their own producers  
11:11 AM: **J**: right!  
11:11 AM: **spooky**: I dont think it was good media at least not for me  
11:11 AM: **marissa**: and distributing it to the world pretty much  
11:11 AM: **J**: we can change the story  
11:11 AM: **erica**: exactly and being able to create whatever they want  
11:12 AM: **marissa**: a lot of people did/do watch it so they have to be doing something right  
11:12 AM: **spooky**: but many people isolated themselves in their rooms and watched this girl each day  
11:12 AM: **J**: that's bad  
11:12 AM: **J**: bad, sorry, and sad  
11:12 AM: **erica**: a lot of people will watch anything if they have nothing else better to do  
11:12 AM: **spooky**: where is she now  
11:13 AM: **J**: holleywood?  
11:13 AM: **marissa**: i think they are still doing the show  
11:13 AM: **marissa**: well the youtube show  
11:13 AM: **spooky**: I think it represent a new format that people like  
11:13 AM: **marissa**: true  
11:13 AM: **erica**: yea i agree  
11:13 AM: **spooky**: people like to follow other peoples lives  
11:14 AM: **marissa**: although i think people are going to have a lot of health problems from stitting at their computers for so long  
11:14 AM: **J**: right, so i killed a lot of trees  
11:14 AM: **spooky**: and the computer is where most people spend their days  
11:14 AM: **J**: cause i have to type all the reading out  
11:14 AM: **spooky**: will start watching the computer instead of tv??  
11:14 AM: **marissa**: i doubt it  
11:14 AM: **marissa**: people will always watch tv  
11:15 AM: **erica**: i dont think so but its possible  
11:15 AM: **J**: i don't watch tv, by the way  
11:15 AM: **marissa**: at all?  
11:15 AM: **marissa**: ever?  
11:15 AM: **spooky**: good for you  
11:15 AM: **J**: i hate commercials, and waiting  
11:15 AM: **spooky**: i wish i could stop  
11:15 AM: **spooky**: me too  
11:15 AM: **marissa**: well that makes sense, we have on demand so there are no commercials when we watch that  
11:15 AM: **J**: hehe, some want to stop, so they turn to computer  
11:16 AM: **J**: neither is good and healthy anyway  
11:16 AM: **marissa**: haha i dont know which is worse  
11:16 AM: **J**: so, what about fileshearing?  
11:16 AM: **J**: like this idea?  
11:16 AM: **spooky**: its good  
11:17 AM: **erica**: its ok  
11:17 AM: **J**: it's illegal  
11:17 AM: **marissa**: true  
11:17 AM: **J**: sometimes  
11:17 AM: **spooky**: i get great ideas from others  
11:17 AM: **marissa**: but how else am i gonna get my free music?  
11:17 AM: **J**: yeah  
11:17 AM: **erica**: yea that's where i get all my music from  
11:17 AM: **spooky**: yes!  
11:17 AM: **boo**: can we look at these issues on ways theer than good or bad? such dochotomies often rob us of the abiity to look into the implications opf such technologies  
11:18 AM: **J**: it's all about making money  
11:18 AM: **marissa**: well what do people really use fileshearing for except music?  
11:18 AM: **J**: sharing music cut their revenue, they are so mad  
11:18 AM: **spooky**: what do you mean  
11:18 AM: **boo**: thequestion becomes, not really is it illedgal, but who says it is illegal and why? who is control over these definitions?  
11:18 AM: **marissa**: i would never go look for ideas or anything else really  
11:18 AM: **spooky**: big money  
11:19 AM: **erica**: its illegal but how many people really get caught and in trouble for it  
11:19 AM: **spooky**: everybody wants a cut  
11:19 AM: **marissa**: true but we should still be allowed to share what is ours  
11:19 AM: **spooky**: you cant get anything for free  
11:19 AM: **J**: software, documents, and other stuff, films

11:19 AM: **spooky**: and they cant stand it  
11:19 AM: **marissa**: well we should be allowed to share what is ours  
11:19 AM: **J**: no, thet can't  
11:20 AM: **spooky**: so they will find a way to make money of filessharing  
11:20 AM: **spooky**: in any capacity  
11:20 AM: **marissa**: oh i'm sure they will, its just a matter of time  
11:20 AM: **J**: so, share things is ok, but not publicly, right?  
11:20 AM: **spooky**: i agree  
11:20 AM: **marissa**: but then who exactly is making this money?  
11:21 AM: **marissa**: i know i'm not making any money when i share my music files  
11:21 AM: **spooky**: i get great idea from teacher sites for free  
11:21 AM: **J**: yeah  
11:21 AM: **erica**: i know im not either but i still do it  
11:21 AM: **spooky**: by the time i become a teacher i have to pay  
11:21 AM: **J**: have they ever thought of charge?  
11:22 AM: **marissa**: charging the consumer?  
11:22 AM: **J**: us  
11:22 AM: **marissa**: like for ideas off of the teacher sights  
11:22 AM: **J**: students, haha  
11:22 AM: **erica**: im sure it's been thought of at one point  
11:22 AM: **marissa**: of course, they always want to charge the students, like i'm not broke enough  
11:23 AM: **boo**: who is "they"?  
11:23 AM: **erica**: they just want us to be in debt forever  
11:23 AM: **marissa**: the rowan bursar  
11:23 AM: **marissa**: haha  
11:23 AM: **J**: haha  
11:23 AM: **spooky**: im hungry  
11:23 AM: **J**: oh, i have a bill to pay after this class  
11:23 AM: **J**: thanks for reminding me  
11:23 AM: **marissa**: haha you should probably take care of that  
11:23 AM: **spooky**: sorry  
11:24 AM: **J**: hehe, do we have any other stuff to be discussed?  
11:24 AM: **spooky**: what about plagiarism  
11:24 AM: **marissa**: what about it?  
11:25 AM: **spooky**: how easy is it  
11:25 AM: **spooky**: the internet  
11:25 AM: **J**: ok, it's terribly easy  
11:25 AM: **marissa** has entered the room.  
11:25 AM: **erica**: i think it's easy too  
11:25 AM: **marissa**: ohhh i got kicked out  
11:25 AM: **J**: welcome back, marissa  
11:25 AM: **marissa**: haha thanks  
11:26 AM: **J**: who kick u out?  
11:26 AM: **marissa**: myself i think, i clicked beyond the screen and it just disappeared  
11:27 AM: **boo**: other than Rowan, we have been talking about music, authorship, etc., who is the "they" that is determining whjat we are doing?  
11:27 AM: **marissa**: honestly, i have no idea  
11:27 AM: **erica**: yea no clue  
11:27 AM: **marissa**: it's just they  
11:27 AM: **marissa**: and "they" ruin all the fun  
11:27 AM: **J**: do you sense the same that anytime you thought you had a billiant idea, and then you googled it, it was there. and you lost interest  
11:27 AM: **spooky**: the people that publish the files  
11:27 AM: **marissa**: i've never really googled a thought that i had  
11:28 AM: **erica**: either have i  
11:28 AM: **spooky**: and are behind the internet??  
11:28 AM: **spooky**: people making the music  
11:28 AM: **spooky**: their agents??  
11:28 AM: **spooky**: Im not sure  
11:28 AM: **J**: "they" are copyright holders  
11:29 AM: **marissa**: well i know the people making music are mad about the file sharing but are they actually the ones making the decisions about it?  
11:30 AM: **spooky**: the people creating these websites  
11:30 AM: **boo**: ltes, say, for instance that all of the information in yout textbooks was no longer copyrighted  
11:30 AM: **boo**: what would happen?  
11:30 AM: **J**: some put their music online for free download and when they become wellknow, they start charging you.

11:31 AM: **spooky**: we could steal it and use it  
11:31 AM: **spooky**: anyway we wanted  
11:31 AM: **marissa**: people would take the info from the textbook and say it was their own  
11:31 AM: **spooky**: it would no longer to anyone  
11:31 AM: **boo**: not "steal" because there is no law to determine that it is stolen  
11:31 AM: **boo**: the idea that things are stolen is, of course, a socially constructed idea  
11:31 AM: **erica**: well they would just use the information then without actually sealing it  
11:31 AM: **spooky**: therefore anyone could use it  
11:32 AM: **boo**: how is sharing different from stealing, in this new age, and if there is no copyright?  
11:32 AM: **boo**: who is they erica -- could weuse that information?  
11:32 AM: **spooky**: you are viewing someone else work  
11:32 AM: **marissa**: no one is trying to say that the music is their own, well not that i know  
11:32 AM: **spooky**: and getting ideas  
11:33 AM: **spooky**: using their work to create new ideas  
11:33 AM: **erica**: just people who got information from the textbook  
11:33 AM: **J**: i think sharing is a good idea, but considering the one who spend so much effort in writing, creating and publishing~~~~~  
11:33 AM: **spooky**: sharing is good  
11:33 AM: **marissa**: hey thats their own choice  
11:33 AM: **erica**: thats true  
11:34 AM: **marissa**: i'm not about to go write a textbook  
11:34 AM: **boo**: yet, who is actually benefiting from the copyright?  
11:34 AM: **boo**: the author or the publisher?  
11:34 AM: **spooky**: but they put their material there to be shared  
11:34 AM: **marissa**: the author  
11:34 AM: **boo**: really?  
11:34 AM: **J**: more the publisher than the author, i think  
11:34 AM: **marissa**: the publisher just helps put it into print but its the author's ideas that are being protected  
11:34 AM: **spooky**: why they are not getting paid  
11:34 AM: **boo**: so, who would suffer if there was no copyright? things would still be read, but who wouldn't be getting the \$\$  
11:35 AM: **J**: true, but the most money goes to the companies, not the author  
11:35 AM: **spooky**: both  
11:35 AM: **marissa**: the author gets money from book sales though  
11:35 AM: **erica**: thats true so both of them get money out of it  
11:35 AM: **marissa**: yea, no one wants to work for free  
11:36 AM: **J**: because they worked to earn it  
11:36 AM: **marissa**: exactly  
11:36 AM: **J**: oh, we are bad, hehe  
11:36 AM: **boo**: if there was no copyright, would authors still exist?  
11:36 AM: **spooky**: yes  
11:36 AM: **J**: yes  
11:36 AM: **erica**: yea  
11:36 AM: **marissa**: well they could put their names on things but nothing would be protecting it  
11:37 AM: **erica**: exactly  
11:37 AM: **spooky**: but their writers  
11:37 AM: **J**: we still know who writes it  
11:37 AM: **spooky**: and they write  
11:37 AM: **boo**: the thing here is, that what we are doimg in our blogs, what authors do when they put information out online, is a challenge to the traditional conception of publishing  
11:37 AM: **J**: and we are going to like them  
11:37 AM: **boo**: how so?  
11:37 AM: **J**: if they are really good at what they do  
11:37 AM: **marissa**: things are changing, gotta keep up with the times  
11:38 AM: **J**: so maybe in the future wrting will stop being a job  
11:38 AM: **J**: but a creative hobby  
11:38 AM: **spooky**: and just for pleasure  
11:38 AM: **marissa**: yea but most writers are passionate about what they do, i dont think they'd like the idea of it just being a creative hobby  
11:39 AM: **spooky**: everybody got to make money  
11:39 AM: **erica**: i don't think so either. everyone wants to make money  
11:39 AM: **spooky**: true  
11:39 AM: **J**: so, what are we supposed to do  
11:39 AM: **marissa**: creative hobbies aren't exactly money making  
11:39 AM: **spooky**: we live in a greedy society  
11:39 AM: **J**: go to the bookstore to buy books?

11:39 AM: **marissa**: true true  
11:39 AM: **spooky**: were money is the bottom line  
11:40 AM: **marissa**: haha the only books i buy are for classes  
11:40 AM: **erica**: me 2  
11:40 AM: **J**: yeah, excatly  
11:40 AM: **boo**: we have been trained to think that it is the authors or musicians who are losing money--but who really is making the money? the authr who gets 10% or the musicianm who gets 5%, or the companies who publish and promote them?  
11:40 AM: **J**: companies,  
11:40 AM: **marissa**: the companies  
11:40 AM: **erica**: companies  
11:40 AM: **spooky**: the companies  
11:41 AM: **J**: but companies also did their job  
11:41 AM: **J**: sales plan  
11:41 AM: **marissa**: but those companies also have ridiculous amounts of money, they are just greedy  
11:41 AM: **J**: publishing  
11:41 AM: **J**: right, i agree with you  
11:41 AM: **J**: they want too much  
11:42 AM: **spooky**: and always will  
11:42 AM: **erica**: a lot of people get like that  
11:42 AM: **marissa**: i dont think that it will ever come down to no publishing companies or music producers though  
11:42 AM: **marissa**: not for a while at least  
11:42 AM: **spooky**: i think authors and musicians do pretty well  
11:42 AM: **J**: right  
11:43 AM: **marissa**: yea for all the griping and complaining they do  
11:43 AM: **spooky**: if their popular  
11:43 AM: **marissa**: true, popularity is key  
11:43 AM: **J**: so it seems that art and business are so not be able to seperate  
11:43 AM: **erica**: exactly  
11:44 AM: **marissa**: well i've never heard of an artist making it big without the help of someone behind the  
11:44 AM: **marissa**: \*them  
11:44 AM: **spooky**: i guess they could be separate  
11:44 AM: **erica**: so have i  
11:45 AM: **spooky**: i think it depends on their positions  
11:45 AM: **J**: how?  
11:45 AM: **spooky**: they both are in it for different reasons  
11:45 AM: **marissa**: well you could have a producer behind you that could make you big but you may not necessarily need a pr rep  
11:45 AM: **spooky**: but for money reasons it just depends  
11:46 AM: **marissa**: it depends on who you surround yourself with  
11:46 AM: **J**: so they'd better be from a rich family if they want to pursue their dreams, it seems  
11:46 AM: **spooky**: and the deal you make  
11:46 AM: **spooky**: be smart  
11:46 AM: **marissa**: i dont think they need to be rich  
11:46 AM: **marissa**: people can be discovered anywhere  
11:47 AM: **erica**: i don't think so either. alot of people have made it without being rich  
11:47 AM: **marissa**: we've all heard the stories of singers in dive bars that get discovered and make it big  
11:47 AM: **spooky**: if you win american idol you have to sign your lfe away before hand  
11:47 AM: **marissa**: really?  
11:47 AM: **spooky**: people are deparate to be stars  
11:47 AM: **marissa**: true story  
11:47 AM: **J**: true  
11:47 AM: **spooky**: no  
11:48 AM: **spooky**: what happened  
11:48 AM: **marissa**: well everyone have a very happy halloween and be safe tonight :)  
11:48 AM: **boo** has left the room.  
11:48 AM: **spooky**: get lots of candy  
11:48 AM: **erica**: u2. happy halloween every1  
11:48 AM: **spooky**: bye  
11:48 AM: **marissa** has left the room.  
11:48 AM: **erica** has left the room.  
11:49 AM: **spooky** has left the room.  
12:04 PM: **J** has left the room.

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