

# Nervous at First Meetings



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Don't you feel nervous on a first meeting?



You don't know how your opponent is actually like on a first meeting.

A joke that is easy to understand between friends,



may often be mistaken by others.

**The chance of misunderstanding each other  
is quite high on the first meetings.**



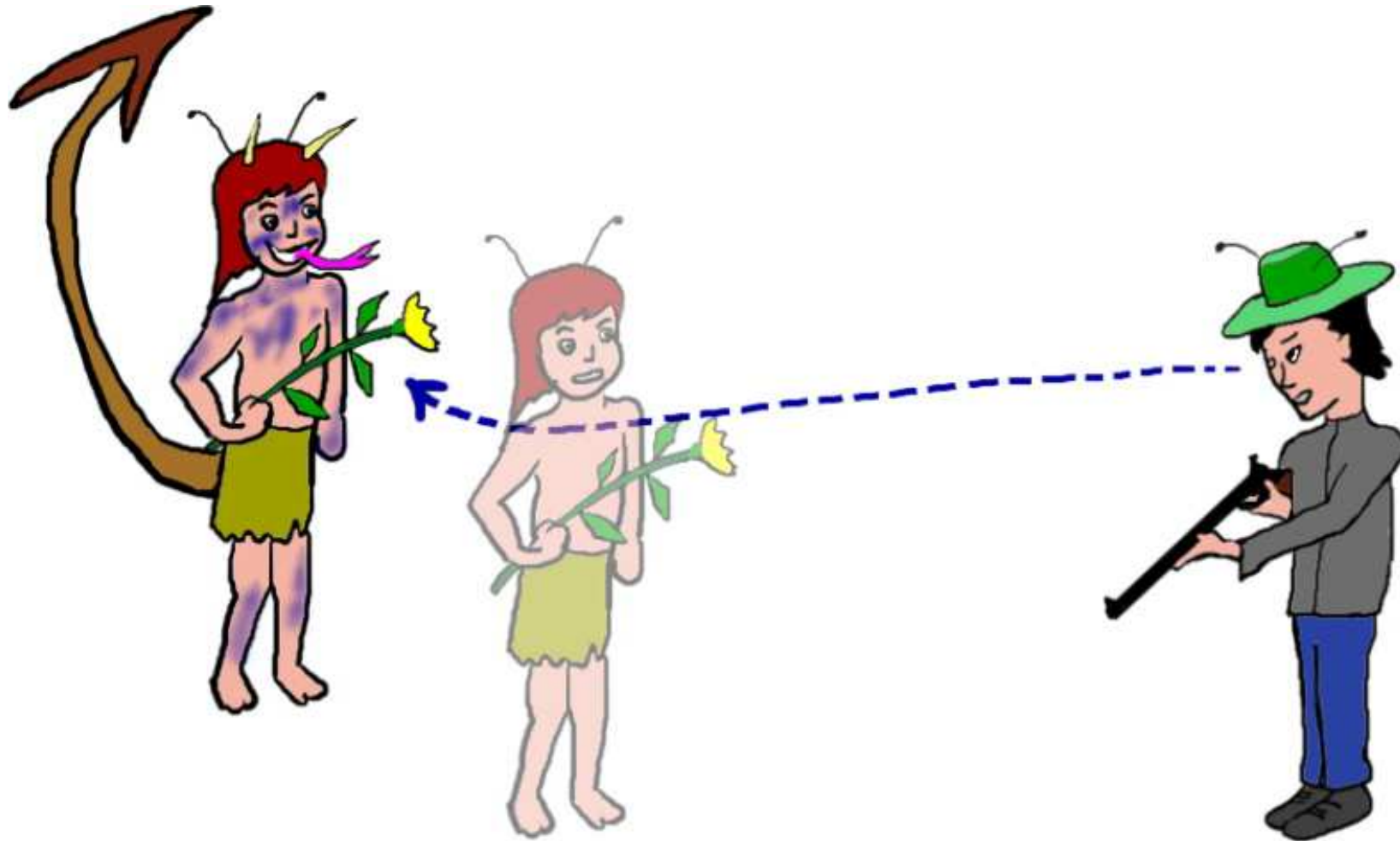
From here, please be advised that the scene has changed to another planet. This is also their first meeting.



The people with guns have crossed the ocean and arrived at this land. The other people holding a fish and a bow are native. Their races and cultures are totally different and they cannot communicate with each other.



What would happen, if one of them have been taught that, "Pagans are devils"? <sup>1</sup>



Even if these people on the other side are really gentle and nice, they may be misunderstood as the devils. After all this is the first meeting!

<sup>1</sup>N.B. This is not related to any religion on the earth.

No matter how brave a person is, he/she would feel anxiety to face a devil, especially for an average person, he/she would have tremendous fear to do so.



It is no wonder if the frightened ones think that attack is the best form of defence.



The reason for their violence is not because of so called "evil" but outcome from the education that they have received, that is, "Pagans are the devils."



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