

# Awkward Family Photos

## Instructional Packet

### **Origins of Awkward Family Photos Website**

*Childhood friends Mike and Doug began the blog “Awkward Family Photos” in 2009 after Mike saw an awkward vacation photo hung in his parents’ house. Realizing there were probably plenty of other people out there with their own awkward family images, the two friends decided to create a friendly place where everyone could come together and share their uncomfortable family moments. Thus, Awkward Family Photos was born. The authors started by posting a few of their own childhood photos and those provided by friends, and the site took off and became an internet sensation. It now receives millions of hits daily and submissions from around the world.*

Rocketman



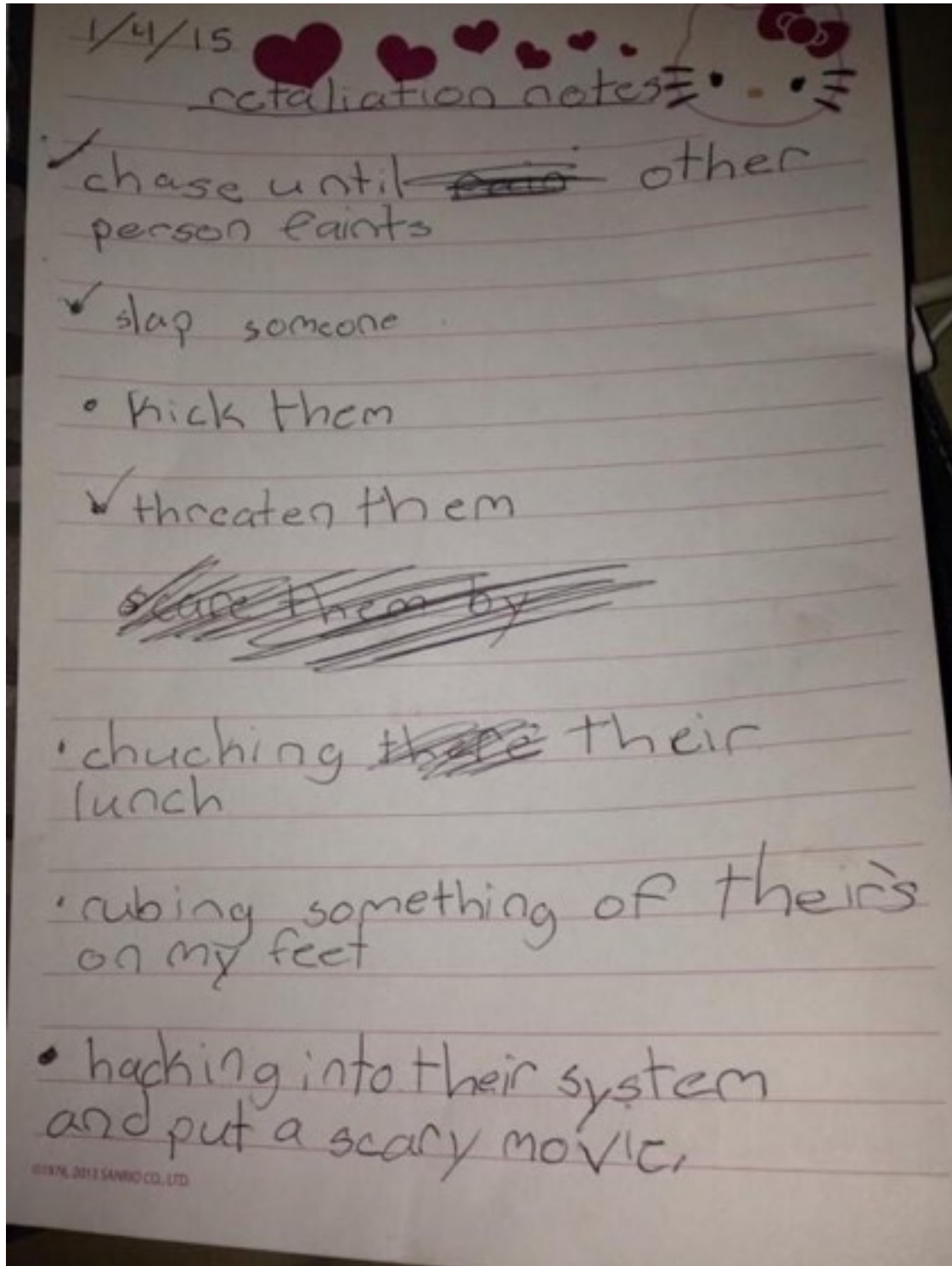
Happy Meals



Welcome to Arkansas



## Retaliation Notes



Lilypad



## **Written Cues for Awkward Family Photo Pictures**

These notes help emphasize the fact that one of the challenges of visual literacy is knowing the story behind a picture. The “story” line influences (as does values filter) the way we respond to the picture.

**Rocketman:** *“I was a kind of bad ass when I was a kid.”*

**Happy Meals:** *“Three siblings and a cousin enjoy some family meals together.”*

**Welcome to Arkansas:** *“In 1987 we went all across the country. At each border we took this same picture. None more appropriate than Arkansas.”*

**Retaliation Notes:** *“My niece is mad at her sister. Today my brother found her retaliation notes.”*

**Lilypad:** *“This picture was taken at Laura’s grandmother’s when she was 18 months old. We called it ‘Watch out for the Bumblebees’. Some day twenty years or so from now we will bring it to Laura’s wedding and she will be laughing with us about it, totally humored by the picture.”*

DECISION MAKING SHEET FOR AWKWARD FAMILY PHOTOS

	<b>Rocket Man</b>	<b>Happy Meals</b>	<b>Welcome to Arkansas</b>	<b>Retaliation Notes</b>	<b>The Lilypad</b>
<b>OK/NOT OK Post or Not Post If I were in Picture</b>					
<b>Best Reason to post or not post</b>					
<b>JEWISH VALUE involved in Decision to Post or Not</b>					