

SS101A/B Leigh
RT 16/03/89 at my office

She came into the university to meet me, walked in reading a Michael Moorcock book intensely, says that she is into his book and adventure/computer games. She bought a computer in conjunction with her boyfriend.

Appearance. Very small, 4 foot 11, blonde and hippy/punky dress and hair. Knows how to talk and seems to enjoy talking about herself, after three hours she was still going strong. Most of this was after the tape recorder was turned off. Immediately asked me what the research was about. She told me that she had agreed to do the study as she had recently been doing her own research for her communications A level and had found out how difficult it was to get people to help you. The only other direct question that she asked me was whether I thought women's attitudes were becoming more like men's, which we had a bit of a chat about.

She didn't have any 'authority problem' with me – later we talked about interviews and she said that she consciously never took on board the power relationship in an interview situation, but instead cut through it. As a result she has got every job that she has ever been interviewed for. She has a rather 'untypical' background and is quite aware of it as such. Brought up in an environment where there was no money at all, but with attitudes of the 60s generation, says her parents are 'hippies' deep down. Her father pushed her education, teaching her languages when she was very young and getting in trouble with it from the school when she went. He also taught her karate to defend herself after getting beaten up once.

She has a very good relationship with her mother – sister like. Her boyfriend is allowed to stay over at her house etc., her mother sounds like a very strong character. Parents divorced but seems to be little animosity. Very open family.

Has obviously sorted her ideas out on a lot of things and this was not the first time that she had thought about these issues, had no problem in finding things to say when questioned which was a nice change for me.

Hangs around with an older crowd of people. Seems to have very mature attitudes and is quite worldly. She is very happy with her present relationship and knows why. Has a lot of self-respect. Interesting on feminism.

Agreed to do a diary.