

1. You have a bunch of baby clothes that you're trying to get rid of at a community yard sale event. A family comes up to you and offers to buy the whole lot for a significantly discounted rate – they tell you that they've just become a placement for their nephew and are in desperate need of baby clothes – they have none, and they're on a limited income. You happily give them to them at a discount. The next day, you receive an email from the social worker on your case, informing you that your child has a new relative placement...and as coincidence would have it, it's the family that you sold all your baby clothes to on the cheap.
2. When visiting a relative in a sketchy part of town, you ask your coordinator to go with you. As you are both introducing yourselves, the relative asks if either of you is an attorney. Your coordinator says yes, and tells the relative when and where she graduated from law school.
3. It's the 4th time we've attempted to reunify the child with his parents, and you know it's going to be yet another failed attempt because Dad still hasn't completed his alcohol treatment yet. The child always goes back to the same foster parents the child has had since birth, and they are desperate to adopt the child. The child loves both the foster parents and Dad equally.
4. The parent has routinely been showing up to visits high. The visitation center has just gotten training and authorization from DCYF to conduct rapid response UAs before visits in an effort to keep kids safe. As you show up to the visit to briefly observe the start, it seems pretty obvious to you that the parent is high, and you're worried about the safety of the child while the parent is using. The visit supervisor asks you if they should go ahead and do a UA before they allow the visit to continue.
5. It's a cold January morning. You've agreed to meet the child's caregiver at the local Starbucks. As she is about to pay for her cup of black coffee, she realizes she forgot her wallet. She turns to you and asks if you can cover her this time, and she'll pay you back next times she sees you.
6. You're at the end of your case at the last review hearing where the adoption is to be finalized. However, right before the Judge is going to sign the final order, she asks everyone if we could wait to finalize everything on the court's celebration of National Adoption Day, which is just about 3 weeks away. The other parties agree. The Judge is now looking at you.

7. Dad has finally shown up at a 30 day shelter care hearing after you've been trying for weeks to schedule a time to talk with him. Dad's willing, it just that his work schedule is very busy and doesn't align with yours at all. You have several things you need to ask him about, including if there's any native American ancestry in his family and what his relationship is like with his kid. Mom is also present for the hearing, but you've been talking with her all along.

8. You're talking to both the mom and her sister on your case. The sister is serving as the caregiver as the placement for the child as well as mom. She mentions to you that she's glad that she's finally going to get to tell the court about all the annoying stuff that the social worker on the case later this week...it's been hard for her to get the time off to do so, but she's managed to convince one of her co-workers to swap her for the time off, even though it means she'll have to give up a holiday week that she had scheduled to be off. You know that the case has already been continued to two weeks after.