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## **Abstract**

This thesis presents a study of the linguistic means of text construction and organisation in Literary Modern Welsh (Celtic, Indo-European).

Its approach is situated within structural and text linguistics. The former describes language as a *system* of signs (conflations of formal signifiers and functional signifieds) whose structural value is derived from their paradigmatic commutation within syntagmatic environments. The latter is concerned with the linguistic treatment of *texts*, beyond the traditional scope of the sentence. In particular, the focus of this thesis is on the distinct grammatical systems in different text-types and the diverse ways they are structured linguistically, both internally and in relation to other textual components in the broader text.

The data is based on the writings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Welsh-language author Kate Roberts (1891–1985). Roberts was a prolific writer in a great variety of forms and genres: short stories (for which she is most famous), novels, novellas, recollections, letters, plays, essays and journalistic writing. This variety presents an opportunity to describe different text-types while the variable of idiosyncratic linguistic features is held constant. Of the plentiful options available, three topics have been chosen, each investigating one text-linguistic component on the basis of two works (which not only strengthens the validity of the findings, but allows a more refined analysis as well):

Chapter 2 explores *anecdotes* in autobiographical texts. These anecdotes are distinct and bound embedded sub-textual units, which show a recurrent macro-syntactic structure consisting of five ordered sections and two movable elements ('anchors'). Each of these constituents exhibits particular linguistic properties and structure. Being succinct narratives — minimal at times — anecdotes offer a glimpse into the essence of narrativity and the grammar of narrative.

The corpus is two memoirs: K. ROBERTS (1960, 1972).

Chapter 3 is dedicated to *reporting of speech in narrative*, focussing on the linguistic 'sewing thread' of the seam between two primary components (or *modes*) of most narratives: dialogue, and the narration in which it is embedded. Three basic syntactic patterns of quotative indexes (*quotation formulae*) are distinguished,

with macro-syntactic signifieds. Their internal structure is characterised, and the distribution between overt and zero quotative indexes is portrayed.

The corpus is two collections of short stories: K. ROBERTS (1981, [1959] 2004).

Chapter 4 deals with *stage directions* in plays. They exhibit unique linguistic characteristics and show interesting interrelations with the dramatic text (i.e. the text which is spoken aloud by the actors) with which they are intertwined. Three different main textual environments in which stage directions occur in relation to the dramatic text are distinguished. The interaction between textual environments and the syntactic forms and functions of stage directions differs in the two plays under discussion, which are dissimilar in performativity and modality (one is a stage play and the other a radio play).

The corpus is two plays: B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS (1920) and K. ROBERTS ([1954] 2014b).

The choice of topics is not incidental, as all three have broader theoretical implications and three themes thread through them all, namely the *linguistic expression* of the following:

- The structural regularities of textual functions.

  The chapters treat constructions which show regular behaviour on a textual level, often in an organisational way.
- The interrelation and interconnectivity of textual units or components.

  Anecdotes are inherently embedded within a broader text, reporting of speech by its very nature mediates between two textual components, and stage directions are intertwined with the dramatic text.
- The multifaceted nature of narrative.

  All three topics deal with aspects of narrative: anecdotes are basic 'miniature' narratives, signals of reported speech in narrative have narrative on one end and the reported speech on the other, and stage directions make the narrative spine of the events which unfold on stage.

The diverse writings of Roberts offer an opportunity to uncover linguistic systems that lie at the foundation of text construction and organisation in a minority language which is underresearched with regard to text linguistics. None of the above topics has been hitherto described in Welsh from the perspectives offered in this thesis, and numerous new findings are reported. While these findings contribute to our understanding of the particular topics and language in question, they may also shed some light on core text-linguistic questions.

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# **Abbreviations**

#### SOURCE WORKS

Atgofion	Atgofion I (Kate Roberts's chapter)	(K. Roberts 1972)
GB	0 Gors y Bryniau	(K. Roberts [1925] 1932)
Gobaith	Gobaith a Storïau Eraill	(K. ROBERTS [1972] 2001a)
HD	Haul a Drycin	(K. Roberts 1981)
SG	Stryd y Glep	(K. Roberts 1949)
TC	Traed mewn Cyffion	(K. Roberts [1936] 1988)
TH	Tywyll Heno	(K. Roberts 1962)
TG	Te yn y Grug	(K. Roberts [1959] 2004)
YC	Y Cynddrws	(K. Roberts [1954] 2014b)
YF	Y Fam	(B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920)
YLW	Y Lôn Wen	(K. Roberts 1960)

#### LINGUISTIC ABBREVIATIONS

$yn_{ADV}$	adjunctive adverbial yn	AFF	affirmative particle
$yn_{\text{CVB}}$	converbal <i>yn</i>	CIRC	circumposed element
$yn_{LOC}$	locative yn	CLAUSE	clause
$yn_{PRED}$	nominal predicative yn	CMP	comparative
1	first person	CNST	construct state
2	second person	COL	collective
3	third person	COM	comitative
ABE	abessive	COND	conditional
ACT	active	CONJ	conjunctive
AD	addressee	CONJINF	conjugated infinitive
ADJ	adjective	COP	copula
ADJP	adjective phrase	CVB	converb
ADV	adverbial	DEF	definite
ADVP	adverbial phrase	DEM	demonstrative

DEP	dependent	N	noun
DER	derivational morpheme	N	neuter
DIM	diminutive	NARR	narrative form
DIR	direct	NAS	nasal mutation
DISJ	disjunctive	NEG	negative
DIST	distal	NMLZ	nominalizer
EQU	equative	NOM	nominative
EXCL	exclusive	NP	noun phrase
EXST	existential	NUM	numerative
F	feminine	OBJ	object
FIN	finite	OBL	oblique
FINV	finite verb	ORD	ordinal
FOC	focus	PAR	partitive
FUT	future	PASS	passive
GOR	'genitive of respect'	PL	plural
GSV	generic speech verb	PLUP	pluperfect
HAB	habitual	PN	proper name
IMP	imperative	POSS	possessive
IMPF	imperfect	PPP	past passive participle
IMPRS	impersonal	PRED	predicative
IND	indicative	PREP	preposition
INDEP	independent	PRESTT	presentative
INDF	indefinite	PRET	preterite
INF	infinitive	PRF	perfect
INT	interrogative	PRO	pronoun
INTANCH	integrating anchor	PRO/NP	pronoun or noun phrase (with
INTENS	intensive		necessary changes to co-textual
INTERJ	interjection		syntactic form)
IRR	irrealis	PROX	proximal
LEN	soft mutation (lenition)	PRS	present
LIMLEN	limited soft mutation	PRT	particle
LOC	locative	PST	past
M	masculine	PTCP	participle
MEDI	medial	Q	quote
MEDP	mediopassive voice	Q	question particle
MIX	mixed mutation	QI	quotative index
MTX	matrix	QIN	quotative index nucleus

QP	quotative predicator	SGV	singulative
RAD	radical	SP	speaker
RECP	reciprocal	SPI	spirant mutation
REFL	reflexive	SSV	specific speech verb
REL	relative	SUP	superlative
RH	rheme	SV	speech verb
RSPV	responsive	TAG	question tag
S	sentence	TH	theme
SBJ	subject	TMP	temporal
SBJV	subjunctive	V	verb
SD	stage direction	VOC	vocative
SG	singular		

## Special notations

Several non-standard notations are employed in order to make this thesis as accessible and easy to navigate and read as possible:

- All references (including sections, examples, tables, bibliography items, page numbers, etc.) are hyperlinked within the PDF file and are marked as such by dark scarlet letters; for example: § 2.3.1.2 (a section), ex. 26 (an example) and F. E. MÜLLER and DI LUZIO (1995) (a bibliography item; the year is linked). See § D.3.1 for details.
- A designated symbol () in the left margin indicates a paragraph whose purpose is help in orientation through the structure of the text, summarising what has been presented or foreshadowing what is to follow.
- Terms that might be unfamiliar for some, or may be defined differently in different schools of linguistics, are defined in a glossary (appendix E). The first occurrence of each of them in the text is marked with **bold** letters.
  - The terms defined in the glossary are: comment mode, conjugated infinitive, converb, evolution mode, focalisation (narratology), initial consonant mutation, macro-syntax, micro-syntax, narrator's channel, nexus, nucleus, paradigm, pattern, predication pattern, quotative index, reported discourse, rheme, satellite, syntagm and theme.
- Wherever an existing literary translation into English is available (see § D.1.1), it is used as is for accompanying cited Welsh examples, even when the English constructions do not reflect the Welsh ones directly or consistently. But whenever the translation deviates from a literal wording in a way that might cause confusion, I took the liberty to alter it and make it more literal. These cases are indicated by the degree symbol (°).

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## Introduction

The introduction chapter lays the theoretical and analytical foundations on which the present study stands. First, the core issue of language and text is examined in general terms, providing necessary theoretical background (§ 1.1), then methodological questions are discussed (§ 1.2) and the particular object of study is defined (§ 1.3).

1.1 TEXT AND LANGUAGE

Let us open the discussion with a seemingly trivial, yet crucial fact: when people speak, write or sign they produce text (HALLIDAY 2004, § 1.1). In traditional grammar, as well as many modern branches of linguistics, these texts are not objects of study on their own right, but are *instrumental* as sources of data for studying various other phenomena, such as the phonology of the language represented in given texts, the morphological forms appearing in them, or the syntax of the sentences they contain. Text linguistics (*linguistique textuelle*; *Textlinguistik*), on the other hand, regards texts and the grammatical systems that lie behind them as its objects of study. Over the last half-century this branch of linguistics saw extensive development, from a nascent branch known only to a few researchers (BEAUGRANDE and DRESSLER 1981, ch. 2) to a flourishing one, deepening our understanding of texts and languages.

Pan ddihunais y bore 'ma fe sylweddolais fod iaith yn yr ystafell gyda mi cyn i mi agor fy llygaid hyd yn oed.

When I woke up this morning I noticed that language was in the room with me before I even opened my eyes.

Te Gyda'r Frenhines, Mihangel
 Morgan (M. MORGAN 1994)

<sup>1</sup> All of the issues examined in this introduction — both abstract or theoretical and concrete — are discussed due to their direct relevancy to later chapters. Given the common basis of the chapters, the thesis is organised in such a way that most of the general issues are bundled together in a relatively long introductory chapter. This allows later chapters to be more focussed and concise, and facilitates a broad view of shared core issues. No previous familiarity with the Welsh language or structural- / text-linguistic analysis is assumed.

#### 1.1.1 langue and parole

The statement that opened this section leads us back to a fundamental notion of structural linguistics, the Saussurean dichotomy between langue - French for 'language' - and parole 'speech' (SAUSSURE [1916] 1995, ch. O.IV, translated as SAUSSURE 2011, ch. 0.IV)2. In essence, langue is an abstract, non-linear, sociallyconstructed, conventional system of interrelated signs, which are differentially, relationally and negatively defined. A sign (signe) is a systematic conflation of a signifiant 'signifier' (linguistic form or substance) and a signifié 'signified' (linguistic function); the value (valeur) of a sign derives from its relation to other signs in the system. The other side of the above dichotomy, parole, is a concrete, linear, situationally-produced, motivated semiological output emanating from a creative communicative process and relying on selecting and combining signs from the langue, thus creating a text. The selection of signs corresponds to the paradigmatic axis of linguistic analysis, on which signs are commutable; the combination corresponds to the *syntagmatic* axis, on which signs are compatible and concatenated. The exact identity of a given linguistic element stems from its particular intersection of these two axes.3

From an epistemological perspective, researchers cannot avoid treating *langue* and *parole* in a wholly different manner, resulting from the fact that while it is not possible to observe the *langue* — a social-psychological construct — directly, it is possible to observe manifestations of concrete instances of linguistic output (*parole*), analyse them and make deductions on the nature of the underlying *langue* system. Making and communicating these deductions is a chief part of the descriptive task of structural linguistics.

Now, having briefly discussed necessary terms and concepts, we can proceed to elaborate on the relationship between text, langue, parole and linguistic inquiry. In saying 'when people speak, write or sign they produce text' one describes the communicative process in the antecedent (when people speak, write or sign) and its product or output in the consequent (they produce text). We observe and study linguistic output, and deduce from it its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HJELMSLEV (1942, [1943] 1966, [1943] 1969) expands upon this distinction, presenting a more elaborate and arguably better-defined system. For the introductory needs here, however, the Saussurean binary distinction suffices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For a clear and concise overview of the Saussurean theory of linguistic signs and its development by Hjelmslev and Peirce, see JOHANSEN (1996).

underlying system. The goal of text linguistics, thus, is to uncover the linguistic systematic properties and structure of *texts*. Texts are not regarded as unstructured collections of subordinate linguistic units (sentences, clauses, phrases, words, morphemes, phonemes)<sup>4</sup>, but as complex and structured superordinate linguistic units. From the study of the typological regularities of texts distinct types have been discerned (see § 1.1.5). As discussed in § 1.1.6 below, all non-trivial texts are not homogeneous — made of a single, indivisible textual unit — but composite in nature, made of a simple or intricate web of interconnected sub-textual units. These units exhibit distinct linguistic properties.

<sup>4</sup> Of these the concept of word might be regarded as especially ill-defined (BARRI 1977). Sentence is not free of complications either (JESPERSEN 1924, p. 305ff.).

#### 1.1.2 Sentence and text

Like many fields of research, text linguistics started its way by distinguishing itself from other, already established fields, in particular the study of the syntax restricted to the scope of a single sentence. This limitation of scope — declaring the sentence the ultimate linguistic unit — can be seen in a number of formulations, including BLOOMFIELD (1935, § 11.1):

It is evident that the sentences in any utterance are marked off by the mere fact that each sentence is an independent linguistic form, not included by virtue of any grammatical construction in any larger linguistic form.

Lyons's (1968, §5.2.1) reformulation of Bloomfield's definition is more compact but as bold:

The sentence is the largest unit of grammatical description.

Similarly, BARTHES (1966, § I.1) writes:

On le sait, la linguistique s'arrête à la phrase : c'est la dernière unité dont elle estime avoir le droit de s'occuper; [...]

This idea traces back to Thrax's (1883, § 11 (12 et 13b)) Τέχνη Γραμματική Τέ $k^h$ nē Grammatikė 'Art of Grammar' (a 2<sup>nd</sup> century BCE Greek grammatical treatise, the first in Europe):

Λόγος δέ ἐςτι πεζῆς <τε καὶ ἐμμέτρου> λέξεως cύνθεςις διάνοιαν αὐτοτελῆ δηλοῦςα.  $^5$ 

<sup>5</sup> A key word here is αὐτοτελῆ autotelễ, an adjective describing διάνοιαν diánoian 'thought, intention'; it is a compound meaning 'complete' or 'self-sufficient', from αὐτός autós 'self' and τέλος télos 'end'. Note that Thrax describes lesser linguistic units — the word (λέξις léxis), the syllable (συλλαβὴ sullabḗ) and the element (στοιχεῖον stoikheîon) or the letter (γράμμα grámma) — but no unit above the sentence (λόγος lógos).

As we know, linguistics stops at the sentence, the last unit which it considers to fall within its scope.

(BARTHES 1977)

A sentence is combination of words, either in prose or verse, making complete sense (or *complete thought*).

(THRAX 1874)

Unsurprisingly, numerous early writings of text linguistics have been devoted to outlining the difference between the study of language that is centred around the sentence as a basic unit and that which studies it in a wider, textual angle. The first chapter of PETŐFI (1973, 'Sentence grammars and text grammars') is a clear example for such a contrastive argumentation, as well as several of the contributions collected in PETŐFI (1979).

The terms sentence grammar and text grammar are often used for referring to these two approaches. Berrendonner's (1990) micro-syntax and macro-syntax pair (-syntaxe in the original French) might be a better alternative, for two reasons. One is that they are not tied to the definition of sentence, which in itself is not an unproblematic unit to define (Jespersen 1924, p. 305ff.). The other is that they suggest a continuum of the same basic linguistic 'meta-mechanism' of arranging elements together to form composite ones:<sup>6</sup> micro-syntax operates on a smaller scale and macro-syntax on a larger one.

Language is multifaceted and can be studied in diverse, complementary ways, each focussing on different aspects of this complex construct. Despite the contrastive — or even polemic at times — rhetoric of early publications in text linguistics, perspectives that focus on non-textual phenomena and text-linguistic perspectives are interdependent: knowledge gained from other branches and fields is indispensable for the linguistic study of texts and vice versa. Centuries of fruitful linguistic inquiry can attest that much can be gained from sentence grammar. That being said, the actual properties of many aspects of language cannot be fully recognised and studied within the limited scope of a single sentence or even a small set of sentences (say, a question and a reply). This is true not only of abstracted, idealised sentences concocted by a linguist (LYONS's (1977, § 14.6) systemsentences<sup>7</sup>) but also of cases in which true attested sentences are decontextualised to a degree they become more or less meaningless shells of the originals (the originals being akin Lyons's (ibid.) text-sentences8).

- <sup>7</sup> Defined as 'abstract theoretical constructs, correlates of which are generated by the linguist's model of the language-system in order to explicate that part of the acceptability of utterance-signals that is covered by the notion of grammaticality'.
- <sup>8</sup> Defined as 'context-dependent utterance-signals (or parts of utterance-signals), tokens of which may occur in particular texts'. One key difference between Lyon's definition and the use of textual fragments here (see the methodology section, § 1.2) is the word 'may', which is taken as 'do'. Both attestation and recognition of co-text are essential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> After all, this is the literal meaning of *syntax*, from Ancient Greek σύνταξις *súntaxis* (which appears in THRAX (1883) as well), a compound of σύν *sún* 'together' and τάξις *táxis* 'arrangement'.

#### 1.1.3 Linguistic diversity and text-linguistic typology

Linguistic diversity encompasses *all* areas of language, including text linguistics. Just like languages differ in the way they sound, in the structure of their lexicon or the properties their micro-syntax, so do they construct and organise texts differently. For example, two novels — one written in Japanese and the other in Polish — might have common literary extralinguistic features, but from a text-linguistic perspective they are bound to have quite different systems, due to the different ways these languages operate<sup>9</sup>.

A direct consequence of this aspect of linguistic diversity is the value of language-specific descriptions. The interdependence of theory and concrete descriptions is the same here as in any other branch: a general theory cannot be developed and supported without extensive data coming from different languages, and in-depth description of concrete languages cannot be made without a general theory. Unfortunately, at the moment the intersection of the fields of typology and text linguistics seems to remain a desideratum for the most part<sup>10</sup>, although contrastive and typological works have been published; among them are inquiries on re-telling the much studied<sup>11</sup> so-called frog story (BER-MAN and SLOBIN 1994; STRÖMQVIST and VERHOVEN 2004). Small and minority languages, such as Welsh (§ 1.3.1.1), are of special value and interest for this purpose of investigating the diverse ways languages around the world construct texts. In addition to making a particular contribution to linguistic understanding of Welsh, the present study aims also at providing the research community a case study for more general purposes.

#### 1.1.4 *Interface with other fields of study*

#### 1.1.4.1 Outside linguistics

Linguistics deals with a primary facet of humanity, language. As such, it is closely related to other academic disciplines, both within humanities and beyond. The branch of text linguistics in particular has had a fertile exchange of ideas and findings with other disciplines which partially or primarily centre around texts. <sup>12</sup> The closest field outside of linguistics and the one most

- <sup>10</sup> This is perhaps due to the relative difficulty in formulating and comparing text-linguistic features, in comparison to other branches such as phonology (e.g. phonological inventories, which can even be measured and compared quantitatively; see the extensive PHOIBLE database, which cover 2186 languages, MORAN and MCCLOY 2019) or (micro-)syntax (e.g. the different ways languages code polar questions; DRYER (2013b) classify 955 languages into 7 types).
- <sup>11</sup> See STRÖMQVIST and VERHOVEN (2004, appx. II) for a survey of research that is based on it up until 2004.
- <sup>12</sup> BRINKER et al. (2000, part X) is dedicated to this, and covers connections with numerous fields: semiotics, literary studies, philosophy, theology, historiography, jurisprudence and social studies; see GIUFFRÈ (2017) for application to classical studies as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For instance, the ways Japanese and Polish handle textual cohesion are strikingly different; see CLANCY (2020) and SAWICKI (2008, ch. 6) respectively, as well as ENKVIST (1984) for a general discussion of contrastive linguistics and text linguistics.

cross-fertilisation has been done with is narratology (narratologie;  $Erz\ddot{a}hltheorie)^{13}$ .

Another field that proves illuminating is film theory, especially to the linguistic study of narrative. Both verbal and cinematic narratives are characterised by dual temporal succession<sup>14</sup>, but by virtue of the visual nature of films the terminology developed to describe them is more transparent in comparison to that of verbal narratives. Consequentially, borrowed cinematic metaphors can be very effective for the description of verbal narrative techniques. This is especially true in the case of works by Kate Roberts<sup>15</sup>, who utilises the artistic potential of the Welsh language to the fullest, and whose writing can be described as 'cinematic'; see Shisha-Halevy (2003b, § 1.2.b, 2007, § 1.1.1.e) for further discussion.

#### 1.1.4.2 Within linguistics

Within linguistics, discourse analysis is a sister branch to text linguistics. While both branches aim at uncovering the linguistic systematic properties and structure of units at a macro-syntactic level, the core difference between them lies at their different foci and particular aims: while discourse analysis studies linguistic aspects of the social, interpersonal phenomenon that is discourse, text linguistics's focus is on the linguistic aspects of text structure. Despite the common association of the terms discourse with oral conversations and text with written texts, the distinction between these two related branches on the one hand and the modality of communication<sup>16</sup> on the other are in fact perpendicular to a considerable extent. While discourse analysis has been mostly occupied with oral conversations (usually through the perspective of conversation analysis, CA), discourse is not bound to this modality: digital discourse blurs the boundary between written and spoken language and presents a new form of communication — conversation through an immediate, online (AUER 2009) written medium — that calls for new methods in discourse analysis. 17 Likewise, spoken texts can be studied through the lens of text linguistics provided that audio recordings are available.

- <sup>13</sup> FLUDERNIK (2009, ch. 5 and passim) illustrates and discusses the cooperation between text linguistics and narratology.
- <sup>14</sup> One is *external* (the duration of presentation) and one is *internal* (the duration of the sequence of events that constitute the plot); see Chatman (1990, p. 9). This distinction is directly comparable with Genette's (1972, ch. 1) *temps du récit* and *temps de l'histoire* (translated as *time of narrative* and *time of story* in Genette (1980, ch. 1)), G. Müller's (1974) *Erzählzeit* and *erzählte Zeit*, Bonheim's (1982, p. 43 ff.) *narrative time* and *narrated time*, or RIMMON-KENAN's (2002, ch. 4) *text-time* and *story-time*, respectively.
- <sup>15</sup> Whose works make this study's corpus; see § 1.3.2.

- <sup>16</sup> While discourse analytic research on signed languages exists albeit it is not as developed as that on spoken languages (see METZGER and BAHAN [2001] 2004, passim) its text-linguistic counterpart seems to be in its infancy.
- <sup>17</sup> See MARMORSTEIN (2021) for one particular example, studying Hebrew. For a general discussion of Internet language, with English in focus, see MCCULLOCH (2019).

The present study deals with a written literary language (§ 1.3.2) from a text-linguistic perspective.

An issue that is positioned at the interface between these two branches is the analysis of literary conversations in narratives. On the one hand, they imitate characteristics of spoken discourse to a certain degree, yet are literary artefacts, deliberately composed by an author as constituents within a larger narrative text.<sup>18</sup>

#### 1.1.5 Text-types

The idea of classifying texts into different *types* dates back to Plato (AUMÜLLER 2014, § 3.1) and Aristotle (TROSBORG 1997, pp. 7 and 12 f.; TINCHEVA 2017, passim), and has been studied and developed in literary studies, covered by the term *genre* (*genre*; *Gattung* or *Genre*). Despite the antiquity of the concept, its full realisation in linguistic research is relatively recent, and is tied with developments in text linguistics and adjacent fields, such as narratology. The term used in text linguistics for differentiating texts of distinct kinds is *text-types* (*types de texte*; *Textsorten* or *Texttypen*). Despite the relatedness of *genre* and *text-type*, they should be kept apart; AUMÜLLER (2014, § 1) ascribes the distinction between them to the kinds of bases on which they are defined: while text-types are defined according to *text-internal* data, genres follow a mix of *text-external* and *text-internal* criteria. <sup>20</sup>

Much has been written about text-types from a theoretical standpoint. Theoretical models are valuable; were it not for them, scholarly knowledge would lack organisation and would be scattered, bound to a myriad of specific unconnected cases. However, as their name suggests, theoretical models are not direct descriptions of concrete data but higher-level abstractions<sup>21</sup>. Consequentially, actual empirical data does not necessarily fit perfectly within the exact particularities of the said models. The present study is a description of *empirical* linguistic data (§ 1.2.1). The studied text-types are *a posteriori* defined, on the basis of regularities found in the corpus (see § 1.2.4.2 for methodological considerations); theoretical models and classifications are acknowledged, referred to and compared with the patterns that emerge from the data, but they are secondary in essence. Some

- <sup>18</sup> In the stories and novels of Kate Roberts there is a stark difference between narrative and dialogue portions, even though her narrative writing does show certain dialectal, colloquial features. Within the present study, chapter 3 is concerned with the issue of embedding dialogue in narrative, bridging between two interlocking sub-textual constituents.
- <sup>19</sup> Much ink has been spilled on discussing these pivotal terms (*genre* and *text-type*) within various fields of humanities, and different definitions contradictory at times have been suggested; see Fludernik (2000), Aumüller (2014), Dammann (2000) and Biber and Conrad (2019) for discussion (including aspects of the history of science).
- <sup>20</sup> Text-internal features have to do with the structure of the text and other data that derive from the text as an object of study *per se.* Text-external features, on the other hand, are attributed to the object of study from outside, such as the way members of society view the text within the context of a certain culture. The last point is related to JAUSS'S (1982) concept of *Erwartungshorizont* ('horizon of expectation'), the structure gained from past exposure according to cultural codes, through which one comprehends a text.
- <sup>21</sup> These abstractions are, of course, ultimately based on descriptions and analyses of data, in various degrees of (in)directness. In other words, theoretical models are products of research, and are secondarily derived from analysis of primary data.

extralinguistic problems and complications of classification and definition are rendered nonproblems when descending from the realm of abstract theory and when focussing on *linguistic* criteria and definitions.<sup>22</sup> One such complication is the fuzzy definition of *genre* discussed above. Another is that which Chatman (1990, § 1) presents as the fact that 'text-types routinely operate *at each other's service*' (original emphasis), meaning that text-types (in his definition) can 'guise' themselves as other text-types: a fable, for example, is a *narrative* on a surface level yet can act as an *argument* on a deeper level (Aumüller 2014).<sup>23</sup>

### 1.1.5.1 Text-types and structural linguistics

The text-internal nature of criteria through which one discerns text-types fits well with the theory and methods of structural linguistics and thought.<sup>24</sup> In structural linguistic terms, the diversity of text-types can be regarded from two complementary perspectives (see § 1.2.4.1 for methodological aspects):

External perspective, from without the sub-textual units (§ 1.1.5.1.1). This perspective regards sub-textual units (instances of text-types) as basic elements which may be interconnected in the text.<sup>25</sup>

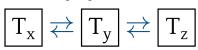
Internal perspective, the grammatical systems and structures within sub-textual units (§ 1.1.5.1.2). This perspective 'zooms in' into the grammatical systems and structures that make the different text-types.<sup>26</sup>

These two perspectives can be expressed in a schematic graphical manner in figure 1.1, where in (a) the focus is on the relationship between sub-textual units (dark blue arrows) and in (b) the focus is on the grammatical characteristics of each text-type (dark blue shapes). In the case of the anecdotes if — for the sake of example — we take  $T_y$  to be an anecdote, the arrows in figure 1.1a represent its relationship with other textual units ( $T_x$  and  $T_z$  in the figure). Similarly, the shapes within  $T_y$  in figure 1.1b represent the components that make the anecdote (say, the ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION, DEVELOPMENT and CONCLUSION of anec. 88). These components have specific characteristic grammatical features, as

- <sup>22</sup> In fact, only categories and structures which have a linguistic expression are taken here into account directly, meaning that if a (literary, cultural, etc.) construct has no strict expression through linguistic means it might be at most regarded as complementary. For example, despite the importance of *complication*, *suspense* or *resolution* in narratology, for our purposes they are directly meaningful only if they have a linguistic expression or effect in the studied corpus.
- <sup>23</sup> This 'double duty' of text-types has direct implications on the properties of the anecdotes discussed in chapter 2 (see §§ 2.1.1 and 2.4). These anecdotes are a *narrative* text-type, but they function within the broader texts in a number of ways.
- <sup>24</sup> See HARWEG (2000) and DRESSLER (2000) for further discussion of the interface between text linguistics and structural linguistics and semiotics, respectively.
- <sup>25</sup> For example, § 2.4 is concerned with the way anecdotes are connected to the surrounding text in which they are embedded.
- <sup>26</sup> For example, § 2.2 and § 2.3 are concerned with the internal structure of the anecdotes and the grammatical features of the components that make them.

Figure 1.1: External and internal perspectives to text-types and sub-textual units

(a) External perspective



(b) Internal perspective







discussed in detail in the respective sections of the three chapters that follow this introduction.

### 1.1.5.1.1 Text-types as structural-semiologic entities

The external perspective studies text-types as linguistically-signalled semiologic constructs. Different text-types may be defined in a manner not unlike that of linguistic signs, at least from a procedural aspect: differentially, negatively and relationally to other elements in the system. On another level of analysis, as discussed in the next subsection (§ 1.1.6), since texts are often not indivisible singular units but composite ones, made of interconnected sub-textual units, these sub-textual units and their interrelations and combinations can be studied structurally. Their combinational characteristics are analogous to the syntagmatic axis of analysis discussed above (§ 1.1.1), while their commutational ones are analogous to the paradigmatic axis.<sup>27</sup>

### 1.1.5.1.2 Linguistic signs and grammatical subsystems within different text-types

The internal perspective is more concrete or 'low-level', closer to the foundations of structural linguistics. The intermediate-level components of a textual unit of a particular text-type are yet divisible to more elementary units, down to basic linguistic elements. Here (§ 1.1.5.1.2) follows a discussion regarding an important corollary of the effect of textual environment on linguistic analysis.

As mentioned, the very identity of any linguistic sign derives not from itself but from its place within a relational system of signs. A direct theoretical and analytic corollary is that if two syntactic environments dictate different commutation in certain syntactic slots, linguistic signs in these two environments have different (yet homonymic) linguistic values (*valeurs*), even in cases in which these signs have on the face of it the 'same' signifier.<sup>28</sup>

### 1.1.5.1.2.1 Value as dependent on commutation

Since basing analytical methods on systemic commutation is not practised in all schools of linguistics, a short explanation follows

<sup>27</sup> Thus, texts constitute networks of semiological systems — systems within a system. This multilayered, multifaceted arrangement is constructed and coordinated through linguistic means.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> In other words, since linguistic value stems from commutation, different commutation classes induce different signs, even when two signs in two commutation classes share a seemingly identical — *homonymic* — signifier.

in order to clarify this fundamental notion, using a deliberately simple concrete example in English (ex. 1; the parallel vertical lines represent the paradigmatic axis, and the ordinary left-to-right flow of the Latin script the syntagmatic axis.).

b. If any linguist
$$_i$$
 decides to invent example sentences, 
$$\begin{bmatrix} & \text{the}y_i \\ & \text{he}_i \\ & \text{[he or she]}_i \\ & \vdots \\ & \text{should be extremely cautious about it.} \end{bmatrix}$$

c. It rained yesterday.

In ex. 1a four referential personal pronouns are selectable, contrasting in gender and number.

Ex. 1b, on the other hand, demonstrates a different commutation class<sup>29</sup> in the syntactic slot referring back to *any linguist<sub>i</sub>*. The pronouns *they* and *he* in ex. 1b may look on first glance the same as *they* and *he* in ex. 1a, but since they have different commutation they are structurally different entities, being epicene pronouns<sup>30</sup> in this structural environment; one can describe them as homonymic  $he_1$  and  $he_2$ , and  $they_1$  and  $they_2$ . They do not bear the number and gender distinctions carried by *they* and *he* in ex. 1a; the difference between the alternatives in ex. 1b does not encode any *referential* difference.

An extreme case where there is no actual commutation can be seen in ex. 1c, where it is not a referential personal pronoun like in ex. 1a but a non-referential obligatory linguistic element.<sup>31</sup>

1.1.5.1.2.2 Case studies of nonuniformity of grammatical categories across text-types

The implications of the discussed theoretical point on the study of language as it appears in different text-types are direct: different text-types dictate different use of language, and therefore different structural oppositions, resulting in different values of homonymic elements that otherwise would seem identical. This can be demonstrated by the use of two case studies of grammat-

McGregor (2003, § 5.1) presents a semiotic typology of linguistic signs according to a 2×2×2 matrix of binary categories: substance, inherent meaning and value. According to this typology the pronouns discussed in exx. 1a and 1b have all three and are thus dubbed 'full' use morphemes, while it of ex. 1c lacks VALUE and is dubbed a dummy use morpheme.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Only a handful of the possible forms are listed. There are numerous nonstandard alternatives such as *xe* and *ze*, as well as written forms like *s/he* and *(s)he*; see HEKANAHO (2020) for a recent sociolinguistic examination of generic and non-binary gender in English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Respectively termed 'singular *they*' and 'generic *he*' in English linguistics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> In fact, this *it* in has no structural linguistic value *per se*, as it does not stand in opposition to other signs.

ical categories:  $person^{32}$  (the next paragraph) and tense (the one after it).

Common third-person narrative has a particular usage of person, limited to third-person forms in the actual plot-advancing narration (or *evolution mode*; see § 1.1.6.1) and a broader use of persons in commentative portions where narrator may 'converse' with the narratee (via the *narrator's channel* constituent of *comment mode*; these are discussed in § 1.1.6.1 as well). This situation is structurally different from that of first-person narrative, which has both first and third person in *evolution mode* and all persons in the *narrator's channel*; see table 1.1 for a schematic representation. The third person of a third-person narrative's *evolution mode* is structurally different not only from that of the *narrator's channel* but also from that of the *evolution mode* of first-person narratives.<sup>33</sup>

Two seminal publications investigate tense in light of text-linguistic analysis of *narrative* and *dialogue*: WEINRICH ([1964] 1977) distinguishes between the *Erzählte Welt* 'narrated world' and the *Besprochene Welt* 'discussed world', and BENVENISTE ([1959] 1966b) analogically distinguishes between *histoire* and *discours* (etymologically translated as *history* and *discourse* in BENVENISTE ([1966] 1971)). Both scholars arrive — on the basis of linguistic reality (French and a group of several languages, respectively) — at the conclusion that tense cannot be seen as a single simple homogeneous system contained within the limits of a sentence, but has to be treated differently according to text-type<sup>34</sup> (see also Fludernik (1993, § 7.1.6) and Banfield (1982, § 4)). The commutation and structural relations between tenses in the two text-types differ, resulting in different grammatical subsystems; in more general terms, different text-types make different (text-)gram-

32 For the sake of brevity and focus the following is admittedly an oversimplified representation. Person is by no means a simple category, not only across languages but in any particular language as well; see SIEWIER-SKA (2004) for a cross-linguistic survey of structures of person paradigms. A distinction between first and second person (interlocutive or speech act participants, depending on scholarly nomenclature) and third person (delocutive) is widely attested in diverse languages. This distinction can be seen as a part of a greater hierarchy of 'animacy' or 'empathy' (see DELANCEY 1981; GILDEA and ZÚÑIGA 2016). BENVEN-ISTE ([1946] 1966c) takes the interlocutive:delocutive distinction a step further in analysis and excludes the third person as a non-person (non-personne).

<sup>33</sup> Other types of texts may employ different sets of persons; for example, formal instruction manuals wholly avoid first-person forms.

<sup>34</sup> For example, in a given language a 'preterite' within a dialogue is not the same linguistic entity as a 'preterite' within a narrative, even when they share a morphological form: the first may signal a complete event in the past, while the latter may serve — at least in some types of narrative — as the basic, unmarked narrative carrier among other narrative tenses.

Table 1.1:
Use of person in the *evolution mode* of different types of narratives

	Third-pers	son narrative	First-person narrative		
Person	Evolution mode	Narrator's channel	Evolution mode	Narrator's channel	
1					
2					
3					

matical *environments*. FLEISCHMAN (1990) explores the use of narrative tenses as a factor of the grounding mechanism; they are responsible for texturing and differentiating the background and foreground of the narrative (functions that are quite disparate from the functions of tenses in a dialogue). Furthermore, not all types of narratives are the same; to continue the example from n. 34, a 'preterite' within the context of a narrative (or 'historical') present subsystem of narrative is different to a 'preterite' within the context a common 'past tense' narrative.<sup>35</sup> The use of tenses in *evolution mode* and the *narrator's channel* is far from identical too.

<sup>35</sup> See POPPE (1995) for discussion of the narrative present in Middle Welsh, as well as BARRI (1978b) for structural text-linguistic considerations regarding this type of narrative.

### 1.1.5.1.2.3 Conclusion

The purpose of the above § 1.1.5.1.2 can be boiled down to this argument:

- Linguistic value is defined according to commutation.
- Different text-types (and sub-textual units within larger texts) dictate different commutation and structural relations between signs.
- Therefore,
  - the value of linguistic signs is to be studied in a way that is dependent of (sub-)text-type, and
  - (text-)grammatical subsystems should be distinguished and described own their own right.

This is not to say grammar of a certain language is made of completely unrelated, fragmented subsystems that are as distinct as different languages, but that these subsystems call for proper description that takes into consideration the differences between them.

### 1.1.6 Sub-textual composition

As mentioned, apart from the most simple ones, texts are not indivisible and homogeneous but composite. A recipe, for example, might have a title, a list of ingredients, instructions and various kinds of comments (background information, possible variations, etc.). Components such as the title, ingredients and instructions

of a recipe usually occur once each and in a rather rigid order, but there are text-types which are more freely constructed. A narrative, in its most general form, might have plot-advancing portions mixed with dialogues, and commentative or descriptive portions — all interwoven into an intricate textual fabric<sup>36</sup>. Some texts consist of entries that occur one after the other and share a set of features: a diary has entries arranged by date, and a cookbook is a collection of recipes. Other texts might have distinct sub-textual units embedded within the flow of a surrounding text.<sup>37</sup>

A structural text-linguistic study of sub-textual components and units may describe the data from two interconnected and mutually complementing perspectives: one is their *internal* structure, and the characteristics of the linguistic elements within them (§ 1.1.5.1.2); the other is their *external* relationship and interaction with other components and units in the text (§ 1.1.5.1.1). The present study describes the studied systems from both perspectives (see also § 1.2.4.1).

A relevant notion, which has been applied to text-linguistic analysis of Welsh as well as other languages<sup>38</sup>, is that of *texteme*, defined in Shisha-Halevy (1998, p. 236) as follows:

Texteme: a subtextual, componental, signalled and bounded unit manifesting a distinctive idiosyncratic and complete system of grammar; or an emic meta-textual type manifesting a distinctive idiosyncratic and complete system of grammar. The dialogue and the narrative are among the basic overhead textemes, further refinable and combinable into numerous others; exposition is another (in some respects manifesting affinities with the dialogue).

The first sentence, the definition *per se*, is somewhat condensed. It describes two entities that share the same term: one is *etic* (up to the semicolon) and one is *emic* (from the semicolon to the full stop).<sup>39</sup> In other words, Shisha-Halevy defines one entity which is an *abstraction* that belongs to the realm of systems and one which is an individual and concrete *instance* of the said abstraction. Thus, the term *texteme* can refer both to a given sub-textual unit found in a text (say, one specific and concrete narrative) and to an abstraction that cover that and any other instance thereof (*narrative*)

<sup>36</sup> Chapter 3 deals with the embedding of dialogue portions in narrative text of another kind (short stories).

<sup>37</sup> Chapter 2 describes anecdotes which are embedded this way. Keeping with the culinary theme, these anecdotes can be likened to dried fruits mixed into a *bara brith* (a traditional Welsh tea bread flavoured with tea, dried fruits and spices)...

<sup>38</sup> Such as Old Babylonian (COHEN 2006), (Bohairic) Coptic (SHISHA-HALEVY 2007), Irish (ESHEL 2015) and Lithuanian (SAWICKI 2010).

<sup>39</sup> These terms call for explanation in and of themselves. They have been coined by PIKE (1967) after *phonetic* and *phonemic* (ch. 2, ibid.) and are more concisely defined by NÖTH (1990, § III.3.2.1.1) as follows: 'An emic unit, such as a phoneme or morpheme, is an invariant form obtained from the reduction of a class of variant forms to a limited number of abstract units. The etic unit, the phone or morph, consists of individual and contextual variants of this abstract unit.'

as a text-type). Expanding on the *langue:parole* dichotomy (§ 1.1.1), a text-linguist derives generalisations concerning a texteme (in the emic sense, *langue*) from concrete instantiations of it (etic, *parole*); see §§ 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 for methodological considerations.

### 1.1.6.1 Narrative modes

As mentioned above, narratives essentially consist of intertwined textual segments. The ways the narrator makes use of these are a prime mechanism of effective storytelling. In the narratological and text-linguistic literature they are referred to by the term narrative modes.

Similarly to the classification of text into different types (§ 1.1.5), the distinction between modes of conveying a story can be traced back to Plato as well (Allan 2013, § 1). In *Republic* ( $\Pi o \lambda \iota \tau \epsilon i \alpha$  *Politeia*; book III, 392c–398b; ADAM 1905) he expounds on the difference between  $\delta \iota \eta \gamma \eta \sigma \iota \zeta$   $di \epsilon g \bar{\epsilon} s i s$  and  $\mu \iota \mu \eta \sigma \iota \zeta$   $mimes i s^{40}$ ; the one tells, the other shows. *Mimes i s* within the context of storytelling can be applied not only to imitating the events dramatically in the *act* of storytelling<sup>41</sup> but to portions of direct speech as well, which show and do not tell.

The notion of narrative as a mixed genre or text-type is widely accepted among literary scholars, narratologists and linguists (FLUDERNIK 2000): novels, short stories and even historical works are not uniformly 'plot' or bare 'series of events' but are composed of different modes. Important contributions to the study of these modes have been made by BONHEIM (1975, 1982), who analyses narrative texts as an intermixture of four modes, which can be summarised as follows (based on BONHEIM 1982, p. 9 f. and BONHEIM 1975, p. 333 f.):

*Description* — 'the domain of the painter' — provides details regarding the narrated scene and its participants. It is characterised by adjectives and adverbs.

Report — 'an essential mode of fiction, [also the domain of] the journalist and the historian' — unfolds the plot and is 'the staple mode of narration'. It is characterised by special verb tenses and time markers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> They are borrowed into English as *diegesis* and *mimesis*; but perhaps they are best rendered as *recounting* and *imitating*, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Compare with *narration* in GENETTE's (1972) distinction between *narration* (the act of narrating), *discours* or *récit* (the narrative text) and *histoire* (the basic sequence of events); translated by their English etymological equivalents as *narration*, *discourse* and *story* in GENETTE (1980).

Speech — 'the domain of the dramatist' — represents dialogue between characters. Direct speech is the clearest example of speech.

Comment — 'the domain of the preacher, scholar, philosopher, philologist, psychologist, critic, journalist' — is the narrator's place to discuss the narrative, somewhat externally. It is characterised by evaluative terms and 'slanted' expressions carrying particular connotations.

He goes on and describes essential characteristics of the four narrative modes, including their interrelation, hierarchy, internal structure and subclasses, and the way they interact with narrative time and narrated time.

Bonheim's approach lies between narratology and text linguistic. A more strictly linguistically-oriented approach can be found in Benveniste (1966a, [1966] 1971), who distinguishes between two tense systems according to text-type<sup>42</sup>, namely that of histoire ('history' in Benveniste ([1966] 1971); narrative in our terms) and discours (discourse; dialogue). Weinrich ([1964] 1977) distinguishes along similar lines the Erzählte Welt 'narrated world' from the Besprochene Welt 'discussed world'. Benveniste (1966a, p. 242) touches upon the language's ability to shift back and forth between histoire and discours instantaneously in narration:

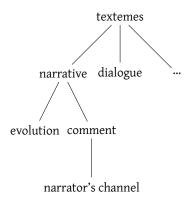
Dans la pratique on passe de l'un à l'autre instantanément. Chaque fois qu'au sein d'un récit historique apparaît un discours, quand l'historien par exemple reproduit les paroles d'un personnage ou qu'il intervient lui-même pour juger les événements rapportés, on passe à un autre système temporel, celui du discours. Le propre du langage est de permettre ces transferts instantanés.

SHISHA-HALEVY (1998) proposes another division of narrative modes, originally developed for Literary Welsh<sup>43</sup> and Egyptian (*mutatis mutandis*). It excludes dialogue (Bonheim's *speech*), which is regarded a different *texteme* (operating at a higher level of analysis); see figure 1.2 for a schematic overview. There are two narrative modes in this model, which are defines as following (ibid., p. 233 f.)<sup>44</sup>:

<sup>42</sup> His object of description is French, but a generalised distinction between equivalent systems is applicable to many languages, including Welsh. For the sake of comparison, see OZEROV (2015) for discussion concerning narrativity in Burmese, a language with very limited TAM (tense-aspectmood) distinctions.

<sup>43</sup> In fact, SHISHA-HALEVY (1998) deals with the same language and corpus as the present study: the Literary Welsh works of Kate Roberts (§ 1.3.2).

Figure 1.2: Shisha-Halevy's division of textemes and narrative modes



In practice one passes from one to the other instantaneously. Each time that discourse appears in the midst of a historical narration, for example when the historian reproduces someone's words or when he himself intervenes in order to comment upon the events reported, we pass to another tense system, that of discourse. The nature of language is to permit these instantaneous transfers.

(BENVENISTE [1966] 1971, p. 209)

<sup>44</sup> See SHISHA-HALEVY (2007, §§ 1.1.1.c *et seq.*) for a more detailed discussion.

Evolution Mode (in narrative grammar): a major constituent of the macrostructure of narrative. Markedly diegetic, dynamic and vectored, it carries the course and unfolding of the plot as a succession or sequelling of narrative events (the 'foreground'), or concomitant information on situational or eventual framework of such succession.

Comment Mode (in narrative grammar): It is extrinsic to the plot (but often internal to the narrator, in the sense of 'internal information'), and elaborates, comments, resumes, explains, gives reasons for acts and states of the plot and information on prior and anterior action, or meta-narrative statements, such as reasons for narrative statements made or summing-ups.

The *comment mode* is yet subdivided and has a special constituent defined as follows (SHISHA-HALEVY 1998, p. 235):

'Narrator's Channel' (in narrative grammar): a constituent of the Comment Mode, where the narrator presents non-narrative information, typically referable to the narrator's present or to his privilege of omniscience, and intervening in the narration proper.

The grammatical characteristics of these modes go beyond the limits of tense, each showing a special cluster of grammatical phenomena and particularities.<sup>45</sup>

This division between *evolution mode* and *comment mode* has clear similarities with a dichotomy that has been widely explored in narratology and text linguistics, namely that of *grounding*<sup>46</sup>. In its core, grounding is the hierarchical stratification of two layers: a primary *foreground* and a secondary *background*. Thus, *evolution mode* is comparable to some degree with *foreground* and *comment mode* with *background*. SHISHA-HALEVY (2007, §§ 1.1.1.c *et seq.*) points out the main differences between the two sets of terms is that *evolution:comment mode* pair is not hierarchical but multi-dimentional, less metaphorical and less 'flat'<sup>47</sup> than *foreground:background*. A side effect of using the former pair is freeing the term *background* to be used as one component of many in the *comment mode*, roughly synonymous with 'setting information'.

Building on Shisha-Halevy's definitions, ESHEL's (2015, §§ 1.1.2 and 2) model is based on literary Irish and introduces some changes and additions. It organises its different modes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> The *narrator's channel* has its own unique grammatical features too (such as the use of person discussed in § 1.1.5.1.2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> See HOPPER (1979) and FLEISCHMAN (1990), to name two pivotal publications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Meaning — if I understand correctly — that it provides information regarding the *function* of the terms in narrative, whereas *foreground:background* pair of terms is more abstract.

on the basis of three scalar classificatory criteria<sup>48</sup>: narrator's subjectivity vs. objectivity, narrator's subjectivity vs. character's subjectivity and character's conscience (scale). Two additional modes are defined as follows (ESHEL 2015, § 2.1):

*Mise-en-scène:* setting information regarding time, place, backdrop and *décor* (the set). It also includes the portrayal, characterization, insertion and positioning of characters within the narrative.

Consciousness Mode: representing characters' point of view and consciousness as well as speech representation.

► Having explored the fundamentals of text and language that make the core of the theoretical basis for the present study, we proceed to discussing methodological issues.

### 1.2 METHODOLOGY

### 1.2.1 Neutral, empirically-based description

The present study is descriptive. The fundamental principle for a sound linguistic description, I believe, is that which MEILLET (1948, p. 228) concisely formulates as follows:

ordonner les faits linguistiques au point de vue de la langue même

As GOLDENBERG (2012, §1.2) writes, this ideal can be characterised as prejudice-free, non-aprioristic and empirically-based<sup>49</sup>, meaning that the descriptive linguist has to approach the object of study without preconceptions about how it is structured, but derive the description from the empirical data itself.<sup>50</sup> HASPELMATH (2010b) advocates a similar approach, which he calls *framework-free grammatical theory*; see also FRAJZYNGIER's (2010) *non-aprioristic syntactic theory*.

It should be stressed that 'organising the linguistic facts from the point of view of the language itself' does not mean abandoning all theoretical developments and scholarly knowledge that has been accumulated over the years in favour of a naïve, prescientific impressionistic approach. On the contrary, it means  $^{48}$  In linear algebraic terms, these can be represented as three linearly dependent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2.$ 

to organise the linguistic facts from the point of view of the language itself

- $^{49}$  The raw data on which the present study is based i.e. its corpus is discussed below in § 1.3.2.
- <sup>50</sup> This stands in contrast to some framework-bound approaches either modern or traditional that place an array of aprioristic theoretical presuppositions and restrictions before approaching the data.

acknowledging that the differences between languages (or better language varieties) — each exhibiting its own categories and internal organisation<sup>51</sup> — calls for an open-minded description of each on a neutral basis. This acknowledgement does not imply one cannot draw insights from other languages or develop general and theoretical tools for linguistic inquiry, but it does mean one has to be cautious not to impose preconceived notions, either by making unjustified deductions from other languages or by describing a language through the lens of restrictive frameworks.

Laconically put, a language provides its own 'instruction manual' in itself, and it is the linguist's descriptive task to decipher it.

<sup>51</sup> § 1.1.3 above has discussed the issue of linguistic diversity and text linguistics.

# 1.2.2 Structural linguistics

But what set of tools should the linguist employ for the said deciphering? The approach the present study takes is *structural linguistics*<sup>52</sup>. In essence, structural linguistics can be described as the scientific endeavour to describe and understand languages (*langue*, linguistic system) and texts<sup>53</sup> (*parole*, linguistic output) by the means of uncovering the systematic relations of interdependent (i.e. differentially, relationally and negatively defined) signs (*signe*) and describing their value (*valeur*) or function, thus linking signifiers (*signifiant*) with signifieds (*signifié*) and revealing the systemic link binding form and function. A structural linguistic description is fundamentally system-oriented (that is, aims at describing a system and its internal structure) rather than feature-oriented (that is, aims at describing features *in vacuo*).

Originated from the work of Ferdinand de Saussure (SAUSSURE [1916] 1995, 2011) structural linguistics was pivotal in  $20^{th}$ -century thinking as a part of Structuralism. It has been developed since by linguists from different schools — such as the Geneva, Prague and Copenhagen schools<sup>54</sup> — and has proved apt in inquiries of diverse languages worldwide. According to some views (such as Weinrich ([1964] 1977, §I.2); see Harweg (2000) for historical context), text linguistics can be seen in a way as a further

- <sup>52</sup> The intersection between structural linguistics and text linguistics has been discussed in §§ 1.1.1 and 1.1.5.1.
- <sup>53</sup> As HJELMSLEV ([1943] 1966) puts it: De emner sprogteorien interesserer sig for er texter. Sprogteoriens formaal er at tilvejebringe en fremgangsmaade ved hjælp af hvilken en forelagt text kan erkendes gennem en modsigelsesfri og udtømmende beskrivelse. 'The objects of interest to linguistic theory are texts. The aim of linguistic theory is to provide a procedural method by means of which a given text can be comprehended through a self-consistent and exhaustive description.' (HJELMSLEV [1943] 1969, p. 16).
- <sup>54</sup> To which one might add the Jerusalem school (ROSÉN 2005; SHISHA-HALEVY 2006), which has been occupied for some decades now with developing structural often text-linguistic descriptions of particular languages (as opposed to purely theoretical developments), mostly Indo-European and Afro-Asiatic. From these descriptive studies a set of theoretical and generally-applicable developments has been made.

development of structural linguistics, expanding its scope from the sentence to the text as a whole.

### 1.2.3 Corpus

In § 1.2.1 above an empirical approach has been advocated. An immediate corollary from this is the need to define empirical data and base the inquiry on it. The approach taken here is to study data that consists of actual language usage in a naturally occurring, neutral, non-elicited, research-independent environment, 'in the wild'. From that pre-existing observable concrete *parole* generalisations about the nonobservable *langue* can be inferred (§ 1.1.1). Among the advantages of this approach are:

In specialibus generalia quaerimus.

We seek the generalities in the specif-

ics.

Bypassing the Observer's Paradox<sup>55</sup>, meaning that this way one can systematically observe how people use language without any external interference caused by the act of observation.

55 See Labov ([1972] 1985, § 8.1,p. 207 ff.); see also Angrosino (2004).

Refutability<sup>56</sup>. As the raw data is already given and is research-independent, analyses of that data can be tested and falsified by others. Extensive annotation (see below) makes assessing the proposed analyses more readily accessible.

 $^{56}$  In the Popperian sense; see POPPER ([1963] 2002).

Unrestricted use of language. Language is complex, and the scope of the parameters pertinent to a studied phenomenon varies in size. Thus, studying complete texts without external research-induced restrictions enables one to observe language use in its fullest without external limitations.

The present study is synchronic<sup>57</sup> and focusses on the language of a single author: the studied corpus consists of literary works by Kate Roberts (§ 1.3.2), a Welsh-language author who wrote for other native speakers and made a masterful use of the language. By virtue of confining ourselves to the language of a single speaker we gain consistency in our data. One might argue, though, that we lose some breadth and applicability. This is a question of resolution and an unavoidable trade-off<sup>58</sup>. By relying on a large sample of speakers and aiming at describing 'Welsh' as an all-encompassing term one can draw conclusions with broader validity but on the down side these conclusions must sacrifice

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> While most text-linguistic studies are synchronic, not all are by necessity. GÖRLACH (2004), for instance, is concerned with diachronic and comparative aspects of text-types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> See LABOV ([1972] 1985, p. 192 ff.) for discussion.

'sharpness' (if we draw a metaphor from photography) due to variation between speakers, resulting in non-uniform data. However — pursuing this metaphor — if we choose to 'zoom in' on the language of a single speaker we gain a sharper image at the expanse of field of view. Each approach has its inherent limitations and advantages. In any case, in-depth descriptions of the language of individual speakers and authors *are* valuable to understanding the language of the larger speech community, as these individuals do not live *in vacuo* but share the greater part of their linguistic features with their community<sup>59</sup>. Wider applicability of findings, then, can be tested by comparing several 'zoomed-in' or 'high-resolution' descriptions.<sup>60</sup>

In the case of the present thesis, three levels of abstraction or processing<sup>61</sup> are available, from *raw material*, through *annotation* to *analysis*:

Raw material. Digital editions of the whole corpus are available online; see § D.3.2.

*Annotation.* An catalog of annotated examples found in the corpus is available for each of the chapters.<sup>62</sup>

Analysis. The analysis makes the main part of the chapters of the thesis *per se*. The primary goal of the analysis is to provide systematic generalisations, but as these are grounded on particular examples the latter are often discussed (especially if they pose a complication or are interesting and relevant in another way). Even when not discussed explicitly, references to examples are often provided in tabular or other form.

# 1.2.4 Methodological issues of procedure

### 1.2.4.1 External and internal definitions of linguistic units

Upon attempting to define any complex linguistic unit, one faces a problem: in order to define the unit in question, one has to define its components, but the definition of components is dependent on the definition of the unit itself, resulting in cyclic definitions<sup>63</sup>. This problem is discussed in HJELMSLEV ([1943] 1966, § 10, [1943] 1969, § 10), with the proposed solution of creating

- <sup>59</sup> Cf. HJELMSLEV's (1942) notions of schéma, norme and usage. See also Coșeriu's triad langue/sistema (language system), norme/norma (traditions of discourse) and parole/habla (speech itself) and BARTHES's ([1964] 1968, ch. I) discussion.
- <sup>60</sup> From my own experience of reading Literary Welsh text, a large portion of the findings described here are widely applicable (with due adaptations), but certain specific features that pertain to the particular linguistic signature of Kate Roberts do exist.
- 61 These are resemblant but not identical to WALLIS and G. NELSON'S (2001, § 4.1) notion of 3A perspective: Annotation—Abstraction—Analysis.
- <sup>62</sup> Chapter 2: Appendix A is dedicated to structural annotation of anecdotes.

Chapter 3: Two conversations are annotated and commented upon in § B.2. The description proposed in this chapter distinguishes three types of **quotative indexes**, as explained there: QI1, QI2 and QI3. All of the examples of QI2 and QI3 in the corpus are annotated in the chapter itself (§§ 3.2.3 and 3.2.4). In addition, the all of the modification components (of QI1, QI2 and QI3) are categorised in § 3.3.4

Chapter 4: All stage directions in the corpus are colour-coded according to their syntactic form in appendix C.

<sup>63</sup> The mathematical or computer science equivalent of this would be *mutual recursion*: A calls B, while B calls A.

a set of interdependent — yet not cyclic — definitions, whereby each unit is defined twice:

External definition: first, as a component of a class within a larger environment.

*Internal definition:* secondly, as a class which itself consists of components or smaller units.

In practice the *entire text* makes the ultimate unit of analysis.

This method can be applied to micro-syntactic linguistic units  $^{64}$  as well as to macro-syntactic ones. Looking back at the discussion regarding text-types and structural linguistics (§ 1.1.5.1), the definition of sub-textual units (or *textemes* in the etic sense) within the surrounding text (§ 1.1.5.1.1) is *external* and the definition of the components making these sub-textual units (§ 1.1.5.1.2) is *internal*.

<sup>64</sup> See Barri (1978a) for a concise implementation of this theoretical idea with regard to substantivised adjectives and adjectivised substantives in Hebrew.

### 1.2.4.2 Iterative process of defining text-types

As discussed in § 1.1.5, in defining a text-type (as opposed to the extralinguistic notion of *genre*) one should rely on text-internal characteristics alone. In order to make a text-linguistic definition of a certain text-type one has to delineate the features that make that text-type a distinctive and consistent subsystem of grammar.

The *results* of the systematic observation of linguistic features are presented here, but the *process* of defining and discovering a text-type and its internal structure is not done in a single step but in numerous *iterative* steps, each refining the definition on the basis of the data given in the corpus, as each iteration builds on the previous ones and enables the linguist to better understand and describe the systems in question.

# 1.2.4.3 Neutralisation and selectability

Another procedural principle is that which Rosén (2005) formulates as follows:

[Isolate] the cases of neutralization and archi-elements first, in order to be able to effectively examine the functions of the

forms under scrutiny in conditions of genuine opposition and selectability.

The application of this principle is quite straightforward: in order to sift out environments in which structural opposition does occur and linguistic elements do have a structural value, one has first to identify neutralising<sup>65</sup> environments in which such opposition does not occur and linguistic elements have no structural value. Once the neutralising environments are taken out, one can focus on describing the opposition between the signs in the environments which remain, delineating the systematic relationship between signifiers (forms) and signifieds (functions).

<sup>65</sup> See BARRI (1979) for a structural linguistic critique of the notion of *neutralisation*.

### 1.2.5 Summary

DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU (2012, § 1.5) list five research parameters for narrative analysis. Adapting their focus on narrative to a more general textual purpose, the present study can be described as follows:

Object of analysis. The objects of analysis are the texts themselves and their language; not events related in them, identities or social phenomena nor the act of writing as a communicative, interactional process.

*General methodological approach.* Qualitative, with quantitative elements. Not experimental.

Methods of data collection. Based on natural non-elicited, research-independent (not experimental) corpus.

Types of data. Written; not oral/interactional nor multimodal.

Data analysis. Focus on language, as opposed to content, themes, interactional processes or social practices.

Concluding the key points so far, the present study aims at providing a structural, qualitative, empirical and corpus-based text-linguistic (macro-syntactic) analysis of Literary Modern Welsh, with focus on certain text-types and sub-textual composition, striving to organise and describe the linguistic facts from the point of view of the language itself.

Byddaf yn hoffi medru dehongli cystrawen yn fathemategol hollol.

I would like to be able to interpret syntax in a completely mathematical manner.

(If I understand correctly, by *yn fathemategol '(lit.)* mathematically' she means 'in a systematic, methodical manner'. J. R.)

LEWIS and K. ROBERTS 1992,KR at SL, 2 Chwefror 1933, no. 75

### 1.3 OBJECT OF STUDY

Having discussed the general theoretical (§ 1.1) and methodological (§ 1.2) basis, here follows a definition of the object of study: first an overview of the language in question is provided (§ 1.3.1), followed by a definition of the corpus (§ 1.3.2) and the particular topics of investigation (§ 1.3.3).

### 1.3.1 Modern Literary Welsh

### 1.3.1.1 Background

Welsh is a Brythonic Celtic language (Indo-European) spoken mainly in Wales (Britain, Europe); see figure 1.3a for basic geographic and genealogical information. Current estimates suggest 562,000 (2011 Census (2012)) to 883,600 (2020 Annual Population Survey (2021)) speakers aged 3 and above (including L2 speakers), constituting 18.3% to 29.1% of the population of Wales; see figure 1.3b for a map of areal distribution according to the 2011 United Kingdom census<sup>66</sup>. Since the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century virtually all Welsh speakers in Wales are bilingual with English, with no (adult) monolingual speakers left (2011 Census 2012, chart 1). In addition, there are speakers of Welsh in Y Wladfa, Welsh settlements in Patagonia, Argentina.<sup>67</sup>

- <sup>66</sup> At the moment results from the recent 2021 decennial census are yet to be fully published, and to the best of my knowledge no map representing the 2020 Annual Population Survey results is publicly available.
- <sup>67</sup> Estimations regarding the number of speakers are roughly around 5,000, making a very small minority of the population (REES 2021).

Figure 1.3:

Maps portraying the geographical spread of Celtic languages

(a) Ethno-political map of the extant Celtic languages



(b) Proportion of people (aged 3 and over) able to speak Welsh, by local authority, 2011



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- (a) The extant Celtic languages fall into two branches: Brythonic ( Welsh, Breton and Cornish) and Goidelic ( Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Manx). This map represents broad ethno-political borders; the distribution of speakers and their percentage in the population vary greatly.
- (b) Darker shades represent a higher proportion of Welsh speakers.

The shape of the modern Welsh language is the result of both internal and external factors throughout its history. Very little is known about the pre-Celtic population of Britain and the languages they spoke (Koch 2006a; G. Price 1985, ch. 1), but after the migration of Celtic people to Britain in the iron age two languages had a major influence: one is Latin (mainly during the Roman rule, 43 BCE to 410 CE; see G. Price 1985, ch. 12 and Lewys 1980) and the other is English (G. Price 1985, ch. 12), whose influence began with the Anglo-Saxon invasion and settlement in Britain and is still ongoing.

The sociolinguistic situation of Welsh is characterised by a diglossic relationship between a literary language (yr iaith lenyddol) and a colloquial, spoken one (yr iaith lafar); see M. J. Ball, Griffiths, and G. E. Jones (1988, p. 192f.) and Kaye (2002, p. 382). Literary Welsh has a long and rich written history, going back in one form or another about a thousand years into the past (for a historical overview of the Welsh language, see Koch 2006b). Naturally, for the most part Colloquial Welsh is only sporadically and unsatisfactorily documented before modern times. 69

From a typological point of view, many of the linguistics features of Welsh differ markedly from these of other, non-Celtic neighbouring European languages (HASPELMATH 2001)<sup>70</sup>. These include features that are not only areally exceptional but also cross-linguistically rare (PHILLIPS 2007), of which the most prominent is the **initial consonant mutation** system<sup>71</sup>, which is (morpho-)syntactical in what it marks yet phonological in how it is marked it. This system marks various grammatical categories and relations by apophonic distinctions on the initial consonants of morphemes; see table 1.2 for a schematic overview of the different mutations in Welsh.

Among the grammatical systems that contribute to text construction in Welsh two stand out. One is information structure and information status. Welsh is sensitive to distinctions related to flow of information in the text, which is reflected in an array of constructions and distinctions that come together to structure that flow and make the text cohesive. These include but are not limited to the use of different pronoun series and indexing, pre-verbal particles, cleft sentences, articles, clause models and

- <sup>68</sup> The difference between the two is stark and encompasses all aspects of language. It is not unlike the difference between Modern Standard Arabic and the colloquial Arabic varieties (FIFE 1986).
- <sup>69</sup> For an overview of Literary Welsh and its relation to the colloquial language, see D. G. Jones (1988). For a recent study of another layer of diglossia, namely between Welsh and English, see A. R. PRICE (2020).
- <sup>70</sup> There is, however, evidence for features in which English diverged from Continental West Germanic (or Gallo-Romance) and converged with Celtic, resulting in what can be described as a linguistic area encompassing Britain and Ireland (DEDIO, RANACHER, and WIDMER 2019).
- <sup>71</sup> For descriptions and typological discussions, see GRIJZENHOUT (2011), HANNAHS (2011), IOSAD (2010), ZIMMER (2005), HICKEY (1996), and M. J. BALL and N. MÜLLER (1992).

Table 1.2:

An overview of the consonant mutations in Literary Welsh

R	RAD	Ll	EN	N	AS	S	PI
р	/p/	b	/b/	mh	/m۪/	ph	/f/
t	/t/	d	/d/	nh	/ņ/	th	/θ/
c	/k/	g	/g/	ngh	/ŋํ/	ch	/χ/
b	/b/	f	/v/	m	/m/		
d	/d/	dd	/ð/	n	/m/		
g	/g/	Ø	//	ng	/ŋ/		
m	/m/	f	/v/				
11	/4/	1	/1/				
rh	/r̥/	r	/r/				

constituent order. The other grammatical system is that of tense. The rather complex tense system of Literary Welsh consists of several synthetic tenses as well as compound, periphrastic tenses, most of which are founded on **converbal** (§ D.2.2) phrases.<sup>72</sup>

### 1.3.1.2 Research on text linguistics

The Welsh language has received scholarly attention in numerous branches of linguistics, including phonology, morphology, micro-syntax (sentence syntax), sociolinguistics, lexicography, etymology, typology, language contact and historical linguistics, as well as in related fields like philology. However, with few exception not much research has been conducted on Welsh text linguistics.

Two scholars who dedicated much effort in the last decades to the description of Welsh syntax with a focus on textual factors are Erich Poppe and Ariel Shisha-Halevy. Poppe's work is concerned with medieval Celtic languages; some of his publications concerning Welsh syntax include POPPE (1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2012b, 2014, 2017, 2022) and HARLOS, POPPE, and WIDMER (2014). Shisha-Halevy's publications concerning Modern Welsh are Shisha-Halevy (1997, 1998, 2003b, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2022)<sup>73</sup>; Kate Roberts's works make the main corpus for his research on Modern Welsh.

Thus, the field of Welsh text linguistics is not a *terra incognita*, but it is far from being fully charted. The present study aims at

Notes: Empty cells mean no alternation. The terms soft mutation and lenition (LEN) are interchangeable. A consonant affected by LEN is described as lenited. Lenited g- is zeroed (cf. radical gardd 'a garden' and lenited yr ardd 'the garden'). For conciseness two mutations are not represented in the table: one is the limited soft mutation (LIMLEN), which operates like LEN but does not affect ll- and rh-; the other is the mixed mutation (MIX), which operates like spirant mutation (SPI) on p-, t- and c- and like LEN on the other consonants.

<sup>72</sup> The rich tense system is employed differently in different text-types (§ 1.1.5), including minute distinctions of narrative tenses, which are often impossible to render in translation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> He also published a series of two articles concerning Middle Welsh syntax (SHISHA-HALEVY 1995, 1999), which include specific references to and several excursus on Modern Welsh syntax.

contributing to our understanding of Welsh text syntax, making this *terra* somewhat *cognitior*.

### 1.3.2 The corpus

Given the synchronic nature of description, the scope of the present study is limited to a specific period in the history of Literary Welsh: the twentieth century. Fortunately, that century has produced some remarkable works of literature by Welsh writers, including the 1936 novel *Traed mewn Cyffion* 'Feet in Chains' by Kate Roberts (K. ROBERTS [1936] 1988), the linguistically motley (MORRIS 2018, p. 91 and passim) 1948 drama Blodeuwedd 'The Woman of Flowers' by Saunders Lewis (LEWIS [1948] 2017a), the 1953 novel Cysgod y Cryman 'Shadow of the Sickle' by Islwyn Ffowc Elis (ELIS [1953] 2021) and the 1961 novel *Un Nos Ola Leuad* 'One Moonlit Night' by Caradog Prichard (PRICHARD [1961] 1999). The problem one faces is *choosing* among the available options, which are intriguing and rich both language-wise and content-wise... The answer lays not only in one's personal aesthetic preferences but in the research question: aiming at deepening our understanding of the linguistic expression of text-types and their interrelation, the choice of works by Kate Roberts (1891–1985) appears only natural. Roberts — commonly acknowledged as Brenhines ein Llên 'the Queen of our Literature' (HUMPHREYS 1983) — was a prolific writer in a noteworthy variety of genres and media<sup>74</sup>. One thesis cannot encompass all the text-types in which Roberts has written over the span of several decades in an adequate depth; see § 1.3.3 for an overview of the three topics chosen for the present study and table 1.3 for an overview of the corpus. As evident from the

Rydw i'n cael y teimlad weithiau [...] nad ydw i fy hun yn ddim byd ond iaith — dim byd ond geiriau a brawddegau. Fyddwn i ddim yn bod oni bai am iaith.

Sometimes I get the feeling [...] that I myself am nothing at all but language — nothing but words and sentences. I would not exist were it not for language.

Te Gyda'r Frenhines, Mihangel
 Morgan (M. MORGAN 1994)

Table 1.3:
Works by Kate Roberts which serve as the corpus

Year	Title	Genre	Chapter	Reference
1920	Y Fam	Play	chapter 4	(B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920)
1954	Y Cynddrws	Play (radio drama)	chapter 4	(K. Roberts [1954] 2014b)
1959	Te yn y Grug	Short stories	chapter 3	(K. ROBERTS [1959] 2004)
1960	Y Lôn Wen	Memoir	chapter 2	(K. Roberts 1960)
1972	Atgofion	Memoir (radio episode)	chapter 2	(K. Roberts 1972)
1981	Haul a Drycin	Short stories	chapter 3	(K. Roberts 1981)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Her œuvre includes numerous short stories (for which she is most famous), novels, novellas (including a novella in the form of a diary), recollections, letters (LEWIS and K. ROBERTS 1992), plays, essays and journalistic writing.

table, each chapter covers *two* works; this not only strengthen the validity of the findings in comparison to one work each, but also allows a more refined analysis as well. The works which constitute the studied corpus range from her earliest published work (B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS (1920), when she was 29) to the last one (K. ROBERTS (1981), 61 fruitful years later).

Although Roberts is widely celebrated in Wales as an author and a public figure, arguably '[occupying] a position in Welsh literature analogous to that enjoyed by Virginia Woolf in English literature' (GRAMICH 2011a, p. v; see also RHYDDERCH 2000), her works — although considered classics and are taught in schools and universities — remain 'critically neglected' according to GRAMICH (2011b) and she is little known outside of Wales despite the fact that much of her fiction has been translated into English (with a few works translated into other languages as well). Nevertheless, some scholarly publications about her and her writing have been published, including monographs (EMYR 1976; G. W. JONES 2010), doctoral theses (D. JONES 2014; RHYDDERCH 2000), collections of articles (Bobi JONES 1969; R. WILLIAMS 1983), as well as biographies and biographic and literary overviews (GRAMICH 2011a; LLWYD 2011; D. L. MORGAN [1974] 1991; E. L. ROBERTS 1994).

The focus on a single writer determines another variable in addition to the three discussed above<sup>75</sup>, namely *dialect*. Roberts grew up and spent her formative years (linguistically and otherwise) in Rhosgadfan, a rural village in the county of Gwynedd<sup>76</sup>, North Wales (see figure 1.4). In general the grammatical system of Literary Welsh cuts across dialect boundaries, but a writer's personal background, including dialectal factors, does have an influence on their writing. This is particularly true in the case of Roberts, whose writing reflects many local features, not only in dialogues representing the speech of local characters but in other portions of the texts as well.

## 1.3.3 Topics and structure of the thesis

Now that all of the necessary foundations have been laid, we can proceed to defining the topics that are examined.<sup>77</sup>

Figure 1.4: Location of Rhosgadfan within Gwynedd, and of Gwynedd within Wales



Source and copyright: 'Rhosgadfan' on Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhosgadfan).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> The language as Welsh, the language variety or register as literary, and the synchronic period as 20<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Historically in Caernarfonshire, until the Local Government Act 1972, which reorganised the local authorities in England and Wales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> See also the abstract (p. iv ff.) for an overview of the topics dealt with in this thesis.

The subject of the relationship between text and language is vast, and many monographs, theses and articles have been dedicated to it. Thus, for the sake of effective, focussed description that can draw conclusions based on empirical data, three topics have been chosen. The choice of topics is not incidental, as all have broader theoretical implications beyond the specific linguistic facts that are arranged and described<sup>78</sup>, and all share common themes (see below).

Chapter 2 deals with a distinct embedded text-type — the anecdote - which is defined, characterised and examined according to a recurrent systematic macro-syntactic structure (§§ 2.2 and 2.3) that emerges from analysing the studied corpus<sup>79</sup>. Many of the anecdotes are rather concise; that makes them a perfect candidate for the study of features of one of the most complex text-types — narrative — under 'controlled conditions' that highlight the essence of narrativity and its relation with grammar. The anecdotes are dependent upon the surrounding text and serve as means for elaboration and corroboration of statements, claims, comments and descriptions by means of concrete narrative instances (§ 2.4). The description of complex structures can benefit from considering edge cases, which can help improve our understanding of the common, more average cases, by delineating the boundaries (§ 2.5). The corpus for this chapter is made of two source texts which have much in common, but have some dissimilarities as well; § 2.6 concludes this chapter by exploring aspects of similarity and difference, including a comparison of anecdotes from one text which are retold in the other.

Chapter 3 is dedicated to *reporting of speech in narrative*, focussing on the seam between two primary components (or *modes*) of most narratives: dialogue and the narration in which it is embedded. The source material here is two collections of short stories (K. Roberts 1981, [1959] 2004). Several aspects of this seam are examined: the micro- and macro-syntax of the three types of quotative indexes<sup>80</sup> (§§ 3.2 and 3.3); the system that governs overt quotative indexes and zero ones

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Hopefully from the point of view of the language itself, as suggested in § 1.2.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Two autobiographical texts (K. ROBERTS 1960, 1972), which contain in total more than 150 such narrative miniatures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Also known as *quotation formulae* or *inquit formulae* in the scholarly literature, among a plethora of other terms.

(§ 3.4); interruption and resumption of conversations (§ 3.5); and a few related topics (§ 3.6).

Chapter 4 is an inquiry of the text-grammatical characteristics of a unique type of textual component: *stage directions* in plays. Two plays (B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920; K. ROBERTS [1954] 2014b) make the data for this chapter: one is a stage play and the other is a radio play. Stage directions display unique linguistic characteristics and are especially interesting thanks to their interrelation to the dramatic text<sup>81</sup> with which they are intertwined, as well as their inherent performativity and connection to extralinguistic, dramatic aspects<sup>82</sup> and the question of the target audience ('who reads stage directions?'). This shorter chapter consist of two parts: one (§ 4.2) discusses the introductory specifications (*dramatis personae*, place and time, and setting); the other (§ 4.3) examines stage directions which accompany the dramatic text, on the basis of two axes of analysis (textual environment and syntactic form).

As evident from this bird's-eye view, three themes thread through all chapters, namely the linguistic expression of (a) structural regularities of textual functions, (b) the interrelation and interconnectivity of textual units or components and (c) the multifaceted nature of narrative. By shedding light on core textlinguistic questions from  $3\times 3$  angles, my hope is that this thesis offers a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts<sup>83</sup>. Welsh presents an exceptionally fascinating text-linguistic grammatical system, of which much is yet to be studied and researched, and the diverse writings of Kate Roberts present an opportunity to study it. Thus, the goal of the present thesis is to offer new findings that both contribute to the particular topics and language in question, and are beneficial for text linguistics in a broader sense.

'Meta' matters are discussed in a dedicated appendix (appendix D).
These include issues of accessibility (§ D.1) and terminology (§ D.2), as well as some technical notes (§ D.3).

- <sup>81</sup> The text which is spoken aloud by the actors.
- <sup>82</sup> The different modality of the two plays plays a pertinent role in this: stage directions for a theatre are different from stage directions for an acoustic performance.

<sup>83</sup> While each of the topics can in theory make a stand-alone description of a particular aspect of language, the combination of all three makes a holistic outcome that may not only elucidate these aspects better (in comparison to three independent studies) but also assist in advancing other, related text-linguistic topics.

# 2

# Anecdotes

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

## 2.1.1 Background

Narrative is an extremely varied form of communication: be they as dissimilar as a lengthy novel, a bedtime story or a person telling their experiences that day, all consist of a chronologically ordered (CHATMAN 1990, p. 9) and causally connected (PRINCE 1987) unique sequence of events (HERRING 1986, as cited in Fleischman (1990, § 4.2.2)), representing a possible world (HERMAN 2002) and communicating human experience through characters of human nature operating in that world (FLUDERNIK 2009, p. 6). With respect to narrative as a text-type, it is considered a low-level one in typologies proposed by both narratologists and linguists, including WERLICH (1976, distinguishing narration, description, exposition, argumentation and instruction), LONGACRE (1976, narration and procedural, hortatory and expository discourse), BEAUGRANDE and DRESSLER (ch. 9 in 1981, narrative, argumentative, descriptive), ADAMS (1996, narrative, description, and exposition) and CHATMAN (ch. 1 in 1990, narrative, description and argument). Some, like VIRTANEN (1992), go further and regard the narrative as even more fundamental than other text types (see also DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU 2012, § 1.2).

In spite of their common narrativity, types of narrative differ greatly in form, length, function, composition and structure. This

Ond yn lle edrych yn ôl ar y gorffennol, dechreuais edrych i mewn i mi fy hun ac ar fy mhrofiadau.

But instead of looking back to the past, I began to look inside myself and on my experiences.

- Atgofion, p. 35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See also GEORGAKOPOULOU (2005) and DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU (2012, § 1.1) for discussions on text-types that focus on narrative. For discussion on autobiography within the context of narratology, see AUMÜLLER (2014).

chapter explores the text-linguistic features of a particular type of narrative — the anecdote — as it is manifested in two autobiographical texts by Kate Roberts: Y Lôn Wen 'The White Lane' (K. ROBERTS 1960) and Atgofion 'Recollections' (K. ROBERTS 1972).

These anecdotes are spatiotemporally anchored and linguistically signalled and delimited short accounts of specific (i.e. not habitual or generic) past occurrences that are pertinent to the topic under discussion.<sup>2</sup> They are common in both sources<sup>3</sup>, and are embedded into the fabric of the larger text: these small-scale narratives possess a degree of text-linguistic independence yet are always connected to the encompassing text, as discussed in § 2.4.

This embedding has formal implications and functional motivation. In both texts the anecdotes are used in order to support, illustrate or expand upon topics discussed in the text. Thus, the anecdote as a textual unit is of a subordinative nature and functions as an eyewitness or reported testimonial (see F. E. MÜLLER and DI LUZIO 1995): its basic textual function is to substantiate statements, claims and comments by means of concrete narrative instances.<sup>4</sup>

### 2.1.2 Corpus

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As stated above, the corpus for this chapter consists of two autobiographical texts by Kate Roberts.

One — Y Lôn Wen 'The White Lane' (K. ROBERTS 1960), subtitled Darn o hunangofiant 'a piece of autobiography' — is centred around the rural Welsh community in Arfon, north Wales, where Roberts (b. 1891) grew up (LLYWELYN-WILLIAMS 1969; see figure 1.4 for a map). While not an anthropological or sociological study per se, it is not an autobiography in the usual sense of the word either: instead of chronologically portraying the author's life from infancy up to the time of writing — when she was almost seventy years old — it presents the author's observations and memories regarding her childhood community (chs. 2–6 and 12) and members of family and social circles (chs. 7–11) in a thematically structured manner, as well as painting 'memory pictures' in chronological order (chs. 1 and 13); see table 2.1. The first (Darluniau 'Pictures')

- <sup>2</sup> Cf. Polanyi's (1986) definition of a story as a specific (vs. generic) past-time narrative that has a plot and makes a point (cited in Fleischman 1990, § 4.3).
- <sup>3</sup> Y Lôn Wen (148 pages long; more than 58,000 words) has 112 anecdotes. Atgofion (30 pages long; more than 10,000 words) has 38 anecdotes.
- <sup>4</sup> This use of anecdotal narratives as evidence conforms with BRUNER's (1986) distinction between two *modes* of thought: the logico-scientific one (which dismisses anecdotes) and the narrative one.

Table 2.1: The chapters of Y Lôn Wen

- 1 Darluniau
  Pictures
  2 Fy Ardal
  My Neighbourhood
  3 Diwylliant a Chymdeithas
  Culture and Community
  4 Diwylliant a'r Capel
- 5 Mathau Eraill o Ddiwylliant Other Kinds of Culture

Culture and the Chapel

- 6 Chwaraeon Plant Children's Games
- 7 Fy Nheulu My Family
- 8 Fy Nhad My Father
- 9 Fy Mam My Mother
- 10 Perthnasau Eraill Other Relations
- 11 Hen GymeriadAn Old Character
- 12 Amgylchiadau'r Cyfnod The Circumstances of the Time
- 13 Y Darlun Diwethaf
  The Final Picture

community family and social circles comm. pict.

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and last (Y Darlun Diwethaf 'The Final Picture', ch. 13) chapters are of a wholly different kind in comparison to the others. Darluniau consists of twenty-two 'pictures' from the author's reminiscences of her childhood and adolescence and Y Darlun Diwethaf describes her in the age when she writes the book. Both contain no anecdotes sensu stricto as defined here and both exhibit striking linguistic differences with respect to the rest of the book. The sixth chapter is also unique — thematically, structurally and linguistically — as it is a description of the children's games of the author's childhood.

The other text — *Atgofion* 'Recollections' (K. ROBERTS 1972) — was published twelve years later. It makes one chapter in K. ROBERTS et al. (1972), a volume based on Y *Llwybrau Gynt* 'The Former Paths', a radio series of personal memoirs by well-known Welsh figures (GRAMICH 2011a, p. 3).<sup>5</sup> It begins with a vivid and detailed image of the author's childhood home, *Cae'r Gors* in Rhosgadfan<sup>6</sup>, and its surroundings, seamlessly moving to depicting her life's journey<sup>7</sup> (see GRAMICH 2011b).

These two texts share many linguistic and non-linguistic features. Even though the latter was originally read as a radio episode, both are literary texts, written in Literary Welsh with distinct influence of the local colloquial language, which is characteristic of the author's writing in general (EMYR 1976, ch. 6). See § 2.6 for a comparison of the two texts.

### 2.1.3 Annotation

Appendix A covers anecdotes from the corpus. For convenience, the numbering of anecdotes from *Atgofion* begins from 201, so references to the two texts can be easily distinguished. The examples in the appendix are translated into English and are segmented and annotated according to the structure described in § 2.2 below, following a typographical convention as specified in § A.1.

### 2.1.4 Overview of the chapter

Five sections follow this introduction. § 2.2 outlines the linguistically-signalled structure of the anecdotes and deals with general issues. Each of the seven components presented in § 2.2 is further

- <sup>5</sup> A short two-minute fragment of Kate Roberts's episode (1971) is available on the BBC website at https://bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p06s6zss. Judging from it, it seems that our written version follows the radio episode quite closely, but the exact wording does differ ever so slightly at times.
- <sup>6</sup> See Tomos (2009) for more information and figure 1.4 for a map.
- <sup>7</sup> The last decades of her life until the time of writing are sketched in a less detailed manner and make only a few paragraphs, as they were less eventful.

discussed in § 2.3. As the anecdotes are dependent on the text in which they are embedded, § 2.4 portrays the interaction between the two. In spite of sharing core features, the anecdotes are by no means uniform; § 2.5 touches upon the boundaries of their structural diversity. § 2.6 concludes the chapter with a comparative examination of the anecdotes in the two source texts.

Thus, by examining the text-linguistic patterns that recur in the anecdotes, the next three sections deal with qualities that define them as distinct bound sub-textual narrative units<sup>8</sup> and the two last sections explore diversity and unity<sup>9</sup>.

### 2.2 STRUCTURE OF THE ANECDOTE

### Overview of the structure 2.2.1

The large number of anecdotes in the corpus offers an opportunity to uncover their internal structure by describing the way recurrent text-linguistic elements operate in them. From this inquiry a macro-syntactic pattern emerges; the purpose of this subsection is to describe it and its components. This basic macrosyntactic pattern is common to the anecdotes in both of the two source texts.

As stated above, no anecdote stands on its own in the text in vacuo. The structure that follows is never fully autonomous from the surrounding text and the claim or topic which the anecdote refers back to and which usually immediately precedes it. This textual reciprocal relation is the topic of § 2.4 below.

The emergent pattern has seven components in total, as shown in table 2.2, of which one (DEVELOPMENT) is obligatory. Five of the components are textual sections (ABSTRACT, EXPOSI-TION, DEVELOPMENT, EPILOGUE and CONCLUSION), which vary in length and complexity and may range from being rather bare and minimal to being long, complex and well developed. The other two (INTEGRATING ANCHOR and TEMPORAL ANCHOR) are not sections, but smaller-scale phrases of certain linguistic structures that are contained within any of the first three of the aforementioned sections (ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION and DEVELOPMENT). See

Table 2.2: The components of the text-linguistic macro-structure of the anecdotes

Component	Туре
ABSTRACT	]
EXPOSITION	
DEVELOPMENT	sections
EPILOGUE	
CONCLUSION	
INTEGRATING ANCHOR	anchors
TEMPORAL ANCHOR	anchors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Their internal macro-syntactic structure in §§ 2.2 and 2.3 and their external relationship with the surrounding text in § 2.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Between the extremities of simplicity and complexity in § 2.5 and between versions of the same occurrences to in the two texts in § 2.6.

§ 2.2.4 for an examination of the different configurations in which the components are attested.

The labels chosen for the components are self-explanatory to a degree, but in order to clarify what each label stands for before delving into details, a short explanation of each follows, illustrated by examples: first the sections (§ 2.2.1.1) and then the anchors (§ 2.2.1.2).

### Sections 2.2.1.1

The ABSTRACT (§ 2.3.1) cataphorically refers to the anecdote as a whole. Most abstracts in the corpus contain a meta-reference element — such as the semantically general stori (ex. 2a) or enghraifft, or the more specific *trychineb* or *trasiedi* — but some encapsulate the anecdote without one (such as in ex. 2b, where the anecdote explains how exactly she made a fool of herself).

[...] mae arnaf chwant adrodd stori am f'ewythr Harri be.PRS.3SG on.1SG desire tell.INF story about 1SG.POSS-uncle PN [...]

°[...] I want to tell a story about my uncle Harri [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 81; anec. 43

b. Gwnês i ffŵl ohonof fy hun yn fuan iawn wedi make.PRET.1SG 1SG fool of.1SG 1SG.POSS self  $yn_{ADV}$  quick very after mynd i Aberdâr. go.INF to PN

I made a fool of myself very soon after moving to Aberdâr.

Atgofion, p. 30; anec. 233

The EXPOSITION (§ 2.3.2) provides background information and/or setting for the DEVELOPMENT. In ex. 3 the fact that ostrich feathers were fashionable and expensive is pertinent to the events which unfold in the DEVELOPMENT that follows the EXPOSITION.

estrys yn ffasiynol ar hetiau y pryd hynny, PRT be.IMPF.3SG feather ostrich  $yn_{PRED}$  fashionable on hat.PL DEF time DEM.DIST.N ac yn eitha drud. and  $yn_{PRED}$  extreme expensive

Ostrich feathers were fashionable on hats that time, and extremely expensive.

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 210

The DEVELOPMENT (§ 2.3.3) is the component that narrates the events which make the core of the anecdote. It can be long and complex, but can be as short and simple as ex. 4.

(4) Pan gyrhaeddodd hi'r drws un tro, dyma mam when arrive.PRET.3SG 3SG.F-DEF door one time PRESTT.PROX 1SG.POSS\mother yn dweud, heb gymaint â gofyn sut yr oedd, 'Ble yncvb say.INF without big.EQU with ask.INF how REL.OBL be.IMPF.3SG where cest ti'r hen ambarél blêr yna?' get.PRET.2SG 2SG-DEF old umbrella untidy DEM.MEDI

°When she arrived at the door one time Mam said, without even asking her how she was, 'Where did you get that shabby old umbrella?'

YLW, ch. 9, p. 113; anec. 85

The EPILOGUE (§ 2.3.4) is reserved for information about the results of the events which have unfolded in the DEVELOPMENT or other pertinent posterior information. It is characterized by temporal disjunction from the DEVELOPMENT.

(5) Ni bu diwedd byth ar edliw mam ynglŷn

NEG be.PST.3SG end ever on upbraid.INF 1SG.POSS\mother concerning

a'r bregeth yna. Nid oedd wiw i neb sôn am

with-DEF sermon DEM.MEDI NEG be.IMPF.3SG apt to no\_one mention.INF about

yr amgylchiad yn ei chlyw.

DEF event yn\_cc 3SG.F.POSS hearing

°There was no end ever to Mam's complaining about that sermon. °No one dared bring the event up in her hearing.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 111; anec. 80

The CONCLUSION (§ 2.3.5) is a rare section — occurring only in nine anecdotes — in which the author refers back to the anecdote, commenting about it as a whole, externally.

(6) Mae honyna cystal enghraifft â'r un o'i ffordd o be.PRS.3SG DEM.MEDI.F good.EQU example(F) with-DEF one of-3SG.F.POSS way of drugarhau.

be kind.INF

That is as good an example as any of her sympathetic ways.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 106; anec. 75

As discussed in more details in § 2.2.3 below, in a way the CONCLUSION and EPILOGUE can be seen as a 'mirror images' of the ABSTRACT and EXPOSITION, respectively.

### 2.2.1.2 Anchors

Having glanced over the five sections, we turn now to the two anchors. As mentioned above, these are phrases that are contained within the first three sections.

The INTEGRATING ANCHOR (§ 2.3.6) functions as a signal that anchors the anecdote in the flow of the surrounding text, integrating it textually. In most cases it is in present tense, connecting the anecdote to the author's present; specifically, the first-person singular present verb *cofiaf* 'I remember' with a complement is

conventionalised in this slot (ex. 7a), but other expressions occur as well, as exemplified in ex. 7b. In most cases, but not all, it occurs at the beginning of first section of the anecdote. So it is in the below examples, where the INTEGRATING ANCHOR opens the initial ABSTRACT: ex. 7a demonstrates an INTEGRATING ANCHOR — cofiaf — that occurs after several sentences that deal with harvesting and marks the beginning of an anecdote about that topic (see anec. 112 for context), while ex. 7a occurs right after another anecdote (anec. 83), and marks the beginning of a new anecdote in a cluster.

- (7) a. Cofiaf am un amgylchiad doniol ynglŷn â thorri remember.PRS.1SG about one occasion funny concerning with break gwair.

  hay
  - b. Rhof enghraifft arall o'r ysbryd hwn. give.PRS.1SG example other of-DEF spirit DEM.PROX.M

I remember one funny incident to do with mowing hay.

YLW, ch. 12, p. 146; anec. 112

I'll give another example of this spirit.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 112; anec. 84

The TEMPORAL ANCHOR (§ 2.3.7) sets the temporal deictic centre (*origo*) at some point in the past. In many cases this also signals the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT after preceding sections. It is most commonly as simple and general as *unwaith* 'once' or *un tro* 'one time'. The syntagm *Rhyw brynhawn Sadwrn* in ex. 8 is a TEMPORAL ANCHOR.

(8) Rhyw brynhawn Sadwrn\_, daeth cefndyr i'm tad o

INDF afternoon Saturday come.PRET.3SG cousin.PL to-1SG.POSS father from

Lanrug i edrych amdano [...]

PN to look about.3SG

"One Saturday afternoon, cousins of my father from Llanrug came to visit him [...]

YLW, ch. 12, p. 150; anec. 113

The term *temporal anchor* (and variations thereof) occurs in the literature <sup>10</sup>, but *integrating anchor* does not. My choice of this two-worded term stems from both its function and an intention to link it to *temporal anchor*: it denotes an element that *anchors* and *integrates* the anecdote as a sub-textual unit in the surrounding text.

See, for example, FLEISCHMAN (1990,
 1.1), BERMAN and SLOBIN (1994,
 p. 662), and FLUDERNIK (2009, p. 6).

### 2.2.1.3 A note regarding macro- and micro-syntactic segmentation

Although there is a strong correlation where the seam between the sections of an anecdote coincides with micro-syntactic and ANECDOTES

typographic boundaries, this correlation is not absolute, as evident from a non-trivial number of cases where more than one section share a single sentence  $^{11}$ . The relationship between punctuation and grammar in a written language is in itself a complex issue  $^{12}$ . While there is a connection between the delimiting force of the full stop and the delimitation between the textual components in question, the definition of the latter is independent of punctuation *per se*. It is their structural features — as described and discussed in this chapter — that distinguish and delimit the anecdote's components.

On a related note, sporadic use of paragraph breaks as a supplementary device for marking the internal boundary between components of anecdotes can be seen in cases such as anec. 91 — where there is a paragraph break between the long EXPOSITION and the even longer DEVELOPMENT — but it is relatively rare and not systematic. The use of paragraph breaks in marking the external boundaries of anecdotes is discussed in § 2.4.1.2.

## 2.2.2 Analysis of two anecdotes

Similarly to Roberts's use of anecdotal examples for supporting general claims, this subsection examines two anecdotes, thus providing concrete reference points, facilitating the abstract discussion below. A relatively detailed analysis of each anecdote follows, the objective of which is general rather then concrete: the motivation is to foreshadow some of the points to be discussed later in the chapter and not to treat these two particular anecdotes for their own sake.

The two anecdotes demonstrate all components but the CONCLUSION. All CONCLUSION sections are referred to explicitly and discussed in § 2.3.5 (there are only nine instances), so exemplifying a CONCLUSION here is unnecessary.

### 2.2.2.1 Anecdote A: Dei's tragedy

The first anecdote analysed is anec. 11, which is repeated here as fragment 2.1 for convenience. It is given by the author in the fourth chapter of Y  $L\hat{o}n$  Wen-Diwylliant a'r Capel 'Culture and the Chapel'— as a case of exceptio firmat regulam in order to affirm

<sup>11</sup> An extreme example can be seen in anec. 209, where the ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION and the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT share a sentence.

Such cases can be queried by running a search of this regular expression on the source files of the thesis (§ D.3.2) under appendices/anecdotes/:

!A\w\*{%\n\s\*(\\A\w\*{)?[a-zâêîôûŵŷ].\*\$!

<sup>12</sup> In particular, a *sentence* is not unproblematic notion from a linguistic point of view. See JESPERSEN (1924, p. 305ff.) for a theoretical discussion, and LEECH and SHORT (1981, § 7.4.2) regarding graphical segmentation and syntax. The contrast between the sentence and the text is extensively discussed in PETŐFI (1979).

<sup>13</sup> Another sporadic, unsystematic use of paragraph breaks is to mark the boundary between episodes in the plot, like in anec. 233 where it — together with *modd bynnag* 'anyway' — separates the part at the school and the part where the author and her friend ran and arrived at the meeting. The more complex and developed anec. 55 has two paragraph breaks in the DEVELOPMENT.

the previous claim, *Ni fedrai dim ein tynnu o'r ysgol Sul* 'Nothing could draw us away from Sunday school', as if saying 'it took a tragedy to draw Dei away from it once'.

### 2.2.2.1.1 Abstract

The anecdote follows the claim immediately, opening with an ABSTRACT:

(9) 「Cofiaf」, fodd bynnag, i 「un drasiedi」 rwystro fy mrawd remember.PRS.1SG however to one tragedy prevent 1SG.POSS brother ieuengaf rhag mynd i'r ysgol Sul 「unwaith」.

young.SUP PREP go.INF to-DEF school Sunday once

° I remember, however, that one tragedy kept my youngest brother from going to Sunday school once.

It begins with an INTEGRATING ANCHOR element, *cofiaf* 'I remember'. The use of the present marks a divergence from the habitual past-centred discourse of describing the way things used to be, of which the imperfect is the main form: either synthetic imperfect (as in *Ni fedrai* 'could not' just before the anecdote) or the periphrastic habitual imperfect that is formed with *bydd*-

### Fragment 2.1:

Dei's tragedy

[...] Ond gallwn ddweud fod cyd-gynnull yn beth diddorol i bawb, a'r pryd hwnnw, nid oedd cynulliadau eraill i'n tynnu oddi wrth gyfarfodydd y capel. Ni fedrai dim ein tynnu o'r ysgol Sul. ABSTRACT Cofiaf, fodd bynnag, i UN DRASIEDI rwystro fy mrawd ieuengaf rhag mynd i'r ysgol Sul unwaith.

EXPOSITION Cawsai Dei gath bach yn anrheg ryw brynhawn Sadwrn, un bach gron, dew fel powlen. DEVELOPMENT Rhowd hi yn y beudy mewn gwair dros nos. Ond, erbyn y bore, yr oedd wedi diflannu, ac ni wyddai neb yn iawn sut, heblaw mae'n siŵr, mai o dan y drws. Cyn wyth o'r gloch y bore, yr oedd Dei wedi curo ar bob drws yn y pentref i holi am ei gath, ond i ddim pwrpas. Yr oedd mam wedi mynd i huno cysgu wrth y tân ar ôl cinio, a dyma hi'n deffro yn sydyn a gweld ei bod yn ddau o'r gloch ar y cloc. Neb yn y gegin ond Dei, 'Wel O,' meddai hi, wedi dychryn, 'dyma hi'n ddau o'r gloch a chditha ddim yn yr ysgol Sul.' 'Fasa chitha ddim yn mynd yno 'chwaith tasa gynnoch chi gimint o boen â fi,' meddai yntau.

A'u cymryd drwodd a thro, byddai gennym athrawon deallus. [...]

[...] But I can say that being sociable is attractive to us all, and in those days there was nothing else to tempt us from the chapel meetings. Nothing could draw us away from Sunday school. ABSTRACT °I remember, however, that ONE TRAGEDY kept my youngest brother from going to Sunday school once.

EXPOSITION 'Dei had got a kitten as a present some Saturday afternoon, one small, round and fat as a bowl.

DEVELOPMENT 'She was put in the byre in the hay over night. 'But by morning she had disappeared, and no one knew exactly how, except that it must have been under the door. By eight o'clock in the morning Dei had knocked on every door in the village to ask about his cat, to no avail. 'Mam had fallen asleep by the fire after lunch, and here she woke suddenly and saw that it was two o'clock. 'No one in the kitchen but Dei, 'Well! Oh!' said she, surprised, 'It's two o'clock and you're not at Sunday school.' 'You wouldn't go either if you were as worried as I am,' he said.

On the whole we had bright teachers. [...]

stem and imperfect suffixes (see Thomas 2006, § 3.33). The shift remember.PRS.1SG in cofiaf is not limited to tense and aspect, but involves person as well, momentarily shifting from the generic and remote reminiscent past to the author's here-and-now (nynégocentrique in DAMOURETTE and PICHON'S (1911–1940) terminology). Thus the rather formulaic *Cofiaf* serves as a boundary marker, signalling the end of one unit (description of the past, concluding with a strong claim) and the beginning of another (the anecdote, supporting that claim) through a linguistic shift. The parenthetical rhetorical *fodd bynnag* 'however' indicates that the rest of the abstract serves as a special case, excluded from the claim. The complement of *cofiaf* is a nominalised clause that the rest of the linguistic shift. The parenthetical rhetorical fodd bynnag 'however' indicates that the rest of the abstract serves as a special case, excluded from the claim. The complement of *cofiaf* is a nominalised clause that the rest of the linguistic shift. The parenthetical rhetorical fodd bynnag 'however' indicates that the rest of the abstract serves as a special case, excluded from the claim. The complement of *cofiaf* is a nominalised clause that the rest of the linguistic shift.

The nominal phrase *un drasiedi* 'one tragedy'<sup>15</sup> is a metareference to the anecdote that follows. Semantically general meta-references (such as *peth*) require an adnominal modification in this slot, but *trasiedi* is specific enough to remain unmodified (§ 2.3.1.1.2).

The adverbial phrase *unwaith* serves as a general TEMPORAL ANCHOR. It is semantically unmarked and constitutes the most common one. TEMPORAL ANCHORS, however non-descriptive they are, mark the anecdotes as bounded to a particular instance.

### 2.2.2.1.2 Exposition

A paragraph break<sup>16</sup> divides the EXPOSITION from the ABSTRACT, leaving the rest of the anecdote (EXPOSITION and DEVELOPMENT) in its own paragraph; cf. POLANYI's (1986) grouping of the orientation and plot together under 'narrative' (see fig. 9 in FLEISCHMAN 1990, p. 95).<sup>17</sup>

The EXPOSITION consists of one sentence with one verb, *cawsai* 'had got':

(10) Cawsai Dei gath bach yn anrheg ryw brynhawn Sadwrn, get.PLUP.3SG PN cat small  $yn_{PRED}$  present ADV\some afternoon Saturday un bach gron, dew fel powlen. one small round fat like bowl

The use of the pluperfect is noteworthy; the function of this verbform here is to set the background needed for the DEVELOPMENT.

- <sup>14</sup> For syntactic description of this construction, the *conjugated infinitive*, see THOMAS (2006, § 6.93) and SHISHAHALEVY (1998, p. 264); for diachronic consideration, see D. G. MILLER (2004).
- <sup>15</sup> Note that Welsh has a binary article system consisting of a definite article *yr* (with morphophonological variants) and a zero indefinite article. *un* 'one' is thus not an obligatory indefinite article like English *a*(*n*), French *un*(*e*) or German *ein*(*e*) but a numeral 'one' that denotes indefiniteness implicitly. For typological and areal aspects, see HASPELMATH (2001, § 2.1); for the relation of *un* and (in)definiteness, see SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 2.2.2.2).
- <sup>16</sup> Typographical markers and punctuation are indeed a *special* group of linguistic signifiers in the written language, but they are linguistic signifiers nonetheless. See NUNBERG (1990, p. 141) for discussions of the paragraph as a unit.
- <sup>17</sup> This use is not widespread or systematic: within an anecdote paragraph breaks are used only sporadically between components, for dividing some of the longer DEVELOPMENTS into episodes (see § 2.5.2), or for turntaking in some of the longer dialogues. After an anecdote it is more common for a paragraph break to occur (see § 2.4.1.2).
- °Dei 「had got」 a kitten as a present 「some Saturday afternoon」, one small, round and fat as a bowl.

Structurally, there are at least two different homonymic synthetic 'pluperfects' in Literary Welsh. One, 'PLUP<sub>1</sub>', is used in environments like this one and marks events and states as antecedent to the main tense (in narrative, this is used for commenting upon the plot or preparing the setting, as here); the other, 'PLUP<sub>2</sub>', is used in counterfactual conditions (see THORNE 1993, § 309).

The adverbial<sup>18</sup> phrase *ryw brynhawn Sadwrn* 'on some Saturday afternoon' is a second TEMPORAL ANCHOR, setting the events that follow in a more specific temporal frame, albeit still vague and indefinite, by defining a temporal *origo*. This bears some resemblance to the twofold situation in the classic Englishlanguage folktale, beginning with *Once upon a time* (~our *unwaith*) in its very beginning and continuing with *One day*<sup>19</sup> to indicate the starting point of the plot (~our *ryw brynhawn Sadwrn*, although it does not perform the same function here<sup>20</sup>). The comparison is not one-to-one, but it does help in explaining how two temporal expressions can have different textual use. Anecdotes with two TEMPORAL ANCHORS of this kind are not common in the corpus; see § 2.3.7 for the types which do occur more commonly together.

### 2.2.2.1.3 Development

The end of the EXPOSITION and the beginning of the DEVELOP-MENT is marked by the first event, encoded by the preterite verb rhowd 'was put'<sup>21</sup>:

(11) 「Rhowd」 hi yn y beudy mewn gwair dros nos. put.PRET.IMPRS 3SG.F  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF byre in hay over night

The narrative tense of the next three events (exx. 12–14) is not the unmarked preterite but a periphrastic bod wedi INF construction, that presents the situation from a point of view that is posterior to the event itself. This construction has been bundled together in grammatical descriptions with the synthetic pluperfect (e.g., THORNE 1993, § 309). Although there are semantic commonalities between the two, their textual functions in the corpus are distinct: while the synthetic pluperfect is a commentative tense par excellence (that is, pertains to the comment mode), the

- <sup>18</sup> Adverbiality is marked here by lenition (rh-/r-/  $\rightarrow$  r-/r-/, the radical form being rhyw). As discussed in § 2.3.7 below, this apophonic marking is not always obligatory.
- <sup>19</sup> Similar formulaic constructions are common in the world's languages and folk traditions; cf. Jewish Zakho Neo-Aramaic narrative-initiating *xá yōma* 'one day' (SCHWARTZBART 2009; CO-HEN 2012, § 5.3.1).
- <sup>20</sup> The TEMPORAL ANCHOR *Un noson* 'One night' of the next anecdote (§ 2.2.2.2), in comparison, does.
- <sup>21</sup> It is in the impersonal, the core function of which is to reduce the valency of the verb by one actant (THOMAS 2006, § 2.1); the cat was put in the byre, but it is not indicated by whom.
- "She was put in the byre in the hay over night.

periphrastic bod wedi INF construction can advance the plot in the narrative evolution mode, such as here.

(12)Ond, erbyn y bore, yr oedd wedi diflannu, ac ni DEF morning PRT be.IMPF.3SG after disappear.INF and NEG wyddai iawn sut, heblaw mae'n know.IMPF.3SG no\_one  $yn_{ADV}$  good how except be.PRS.3SG- $yn_{PRED}$  sure NMLZ dan y drws. from under DEF door

But by morning she had disappeared, and no one knew exactly how, except that it must have been under the door.

The above is the state of things as the family wakes up in the morning — the cat is gone, but no one saw her going. A comment follows, a conjoined negated imperfect (ac ni wyddai neb yn iawn sut 'and no one knew exactly how') modified by a restrictexcept be.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> sure NMLZ from under DEF door ive clause (heblaw mae'n siŵr, mai o dan y drws 'except that it is certain that (it was) under the door'). The imperfect is common in comments. Two additional features contribute its commentative, non-eventual nature: the negation (ni wyddai neb 'no one knew') and the discursive characteristics of mae'n siŵr 'it is certain' and its elliptic nominalised complement (mai o dan y drws 'that (it was) under the door').

Cyn wyth o'r gloch y bore, yr oedd Dei wedi curo ar before eight of-Def bell  $\,\,$  Def morning PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN  $\,$  after hit.INF on bob drws yn y pentref i holi am ei gath, ond i ddim every door yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF village to ask.INF about 3SG.M.POSS cat pwrpas. purpose

By eight o'clock in the morning Dei had knocked on every door in the village to ask about his cat, to no avail.

The narrative spotlight, communicated by the said analytic construction, is on the quick action by Dei: rather early in the morning he had already finished the task of looking for the cat in every house in the village<sup>22</sup>.

(14)cysgu wrth y Yr oedd wedi mynd i huno mam PRT be.IMPF.3SG 1SG.POSS\mother after go.INF to sleep.INF sleep.INF with DEF deffro tân ar ôl cinio, a dyma hi'n yn sydyn a fire after lunch and PRESTT.PROX 3SG.F- $yn_{CVB}$  wake\_up.INF  $yn_{ADV}$  sudden and bod yn ddau o'r gloch ar y see.INF 3SG.F.POSS be.INF  $yn_{PRED}$  two of-DEF bell on DEF clock

Here the main point is the hour she woke up, too late for Dei to go to Sunday school. This is the communicative peak of this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> In a Welsh-like paraphrase, he was after knocking on every door.

<sup>°</sup>Mam had fallen asleep by the fire after lunch, and here she woke suddenly and saw that it was two o'clock.

anecdote and the reason it was told here in the first place. Two syntactic constructions are relevant for our discussion of narrative structuring are the presentative  $\frac{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}{y_{\text{M}}}$   $\frac{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}{y_{\text{N}}}$  in in the presentative  $\frac{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}{y_{\text{N}}}$  in the presentative  $\frac{y_{\text{N}}}{y_{\text{N}}}$  in the presentative  $\frac{y_{\text{N}}}{y_{\text{N}}$ dyma hi'n deffro '(lit.) here she (is) waking up' (SHISHA-HALEVY 2016, 2022, § 1.9) and the concatenated infinitive of a gweld, that bears affinities with the narrative compound-event high-juncture FINV a INF construction (SHISHA-HALEVY 1997, § 1.1)<sup>23</sup>. The first functions as a signal of theatrical narrative staging of the events by the narrator, which has much to do with low anticipatedness<sup>24</sup>. The concatenated infinitive seems to be dependent on the previous construction, as if waking up and seeing what hour was it constitutes one complex event<sup>25</sup>.

The final part of the DEVELOPMENT consists of a dialogue between the mother and son:

(15)yn y gegin ond Dei, 'Wel O,' meddai no\_one  $yn_{CVB}$  DEF kitchen but PN INTERJ INTERJ GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F after dychryn, 'dyma hi'n chditha ddim ddau o'r gloch a fear.INF PRESTT.PROX 3SG.F-yn<sub>PRED</sub> two of-DEF bell and 2sg.conj NEG yn yr ysgol Sul.' 'Fasa chitha ddim yn yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF school Sunday NEG\be.COND 2PL.CONJ NEG yn<sub>CVB</sub> go.INF MEDI.LOC gynnoch chi gimint o boen â either be.COND by.2PL 2PL big.EQU of worry with 1SG GSV.IMPF.3SG yntau. 3SG.M.CONJ

<sup>23</sup> SHISHA-HALEVY (1997, § 1.1) organises different forms of narrative concatenation in Literary Welsh according to juncture. Some forms — such as PRET + yna + PRET 'PRET + then + PRET' signal delimitation (that is, having linkage-negation features) while others — such as PRET + a + INF (a special narrative case of FINV + a + INF) — signal linkage (high cohesion).

<sup>24</sup> In our case low anticipatedness is additionally indicated by a set of signals that includes yn sydyn 'suddenly' and Wel O 'Well! Oh!' in the dialogue.

"No one in the kitchen but Dei, 'Well! Oh!' said she, surprised, 'It's two o'clock and you're not at Sunday school.' 'You wouldn't go either if you were as worried as I am,' he said.

It begins with a stative description — expressed using the N +  $\frac{1}{N}$  =  $\frac{1}{N}$   $\frac{1}{N}$  =  $\frac{1}{$ ADV construction Neb yn y gegin ond Dei 'No one in the kitchen but Dei', which is non-eventual in essence — followed by two turns of dialogue. The dialogue is short, and is typeset without paragraph breaks (inline).

<sup>25</sup> Compare with the presentative construction in the next anecdote analysed (dyma Wmffra Siôn yn troi at fy nhad ac yn bygwth ei leinio a'i alw'n bob enw).

### Final delimitation 2.2.2.1.4

The anecdote ends with a paragraph break, followed by a change of topic in a sentence that uses the habitual imperfect byddai (ex. 16), marking it as joining back with the main flow of the text, after the end of the anecdote that was embedded into it, moving from the particular to the general.

(16)A'u cymryd drwodd a thro, byddai gennym and-3PL.POSS take.INF through.ADV and turn be.IMPF.HAB.3SG by.1PL athrawon deallus. [...] teacher.PL intelligent

On the whole we had bright teachers. [...]

The above analysis demonstrates aspects of the rich linguistic toolbox utilized even in a short span of text, creating a compact mini-narrative.

The following anecdote is different in some respects, such as the lack of an INTEGRATING ANCHOR and the presence of a more complex EXPOSITION and an EPILOGUE (which the above anecdote lacks). The purpose of providing two analysed anecdotes is to offer a more rounded discussion of concrete examples before moving on to general treatment.

### Anecdote B: Wmffra Siôn faking a fight 2.2.2.2

The second anecdote is anec. 3 (fragment 2.2). It is taken from the third chapter of Y Lôn Wen, Diwylliant a Chymdeithas 'Culture and Community'. One aspect of the community and its culture that is regarded in the chapter is the custom of people calling in neighbours' houses after dark (with Kate Roberts's personal focus on the importance of being able to tell a story in these calls). One such visitor who had a talent for storytelling is a person called 'Wmffra Siôn' (Wmffra Jones), her father's partner in the slate quarry, who has been granted a cluster of anecdotes about him in the book (see § 2.4.1.1).

This anecdote about Wmffra Siôn is sandwiched between two other anecdotes, anecs. 2 and 4, and occupies its own paragraph. In addition to the paragraph break, the cataphoric meta-reference un peth 'one thing' and a change of topic, as well as the switch into the synthetic imperfect first person form *edmygwn* 'I admired'<sup>26</sup>, all contribute to the seam between the anecdotes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See Fleischman (1990, § 6.6) for discussion of an analogous phenomenon in the segmentation of narrative texts into units.

Fragment 2.2: Wmffra Siôn faking a fight

[STORI] ¶ ABSTRACT Edmygwn yn fawr UN PETH a wnaeth Wmffra Siôn yn hollol ddirybudd. **EXPOSITION** Ers talwm, cyn amser y bysiau, byddai chwarelwyr yn cerdded yn orymdaith drefnus o'r chwarel, a chas beth ganddynt fyddai gweled merched ar bennau'r tai yn edrych arnynt. Ac os buoch erioed yn cerdded mewn gorymdaith, gwyddoch pa mor hunan-ymwybodol y gellwch fod, a pha mor gas gennych fydd teimlo fod llygaid pobl arnoch. I chwi sydd yn yr orymdaith, mae beirniadaeth ym mhob llygad a fo yn eich gwylio. Cyn cyrraedd Rhos y Cilgwyn, ar ôl pasio Pen yr Inclên, mae rhes o dai o'r enw Glasfryn, a bob nos byddai merched o'r tai hyn ar ben y drws yn chwedleua pan âi'r chwarelwyr adref. DEVELOPMENT Un noson, yn hollol ddirybudd, dyma Wmffra Siôn yn troi at fy nhad ac yn bygwth ei leinio a'i alw'n bob enw. {(Cofier nad oedd nhad yn gwybod dim am hyn ymlaen llaw)}, a dyma yntau, wedi gweld fel fflach beth oedd yr amcan, yn neidio i'r abwyd, ac yn ymosod yn ôl ar Wmffra Siôn. 'Tyst ohonoch chi! Tyst ohonoch chi!' meddai Wmffra Siôn ar dop ei lais. 'Mae'r dyn yma wedi ymosod arna i.' Fe ddiflannodd pob dynes fel llygoden i'w thŷ, **EPILOGUE** ac ni phoenwyd chwarelwyr y Cilgwyn WEDYN gan ferched yn eu gwylio ar bennau'r tai. ¶ [STORI]

[ANECDOTE] ¶ ABSTRACT °I admired ONE THING very much that Wmffra Siôn did quite unexpectedly. **EXPOSITION** °In the old days, before the time of the buses, the quarrymen would process in an orderly fashion home from the quarry, and it was hateful for them seeing the women on their doorsteps watching them. °If you have ever walked in a procession, you know how self-conscious you can be, and how hateful it is to feel people's eyes upon you. To you in the procession, there is judgement in every eye watching you. Before reaching Rhos y Cilgwyn, after passing Pen yr Inclên, there's a row of houses called Glasfryn, and every night the women from these houses would be on their doorsteps talking when the quarrymen went home. **DEVELOPMENT** °One night, quite without warning, Wmffra Siôn turned to my father threatening to beat him up and calling him names. {(°Remember my father knew nothing of it in advance).} °And here he, having seen the point in a flash, took the bait and attacked Wmffra Siôn back. °'You are a witness! You are a witness!' shouted Wmffra Siôn at the top of his voice. 'This man here attacked me.' The women all vanished like mice into their houses, **EPILOGUE** and the quarrymen of the Cilgwyn were never bothered AFTER THAT by women watching them from their doorsteps.  $\P$ [ANECDOTE]

(17) FEdmygwn, yn fawr un peth a wnaeth Wmffra Siôn yn admire.IMPF.1SG  $yn_{ADV}$  big one thing REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG PN  $yn_{ADV}$  hollol ddirybudd. complete unexpected

° I admired very much one thing that Wmffra Siôn did quite unexpectedly.

This anecdote does not contain an INTEGRATING ANCHOR such as cofiaf 'I remember' from the previous anecdote (see § 2.3.6).

The main verb in the ABSTRACT is edmygwn. There is a pertinent difference between cofiaf and edmygwn in both tense and performativity: the former is a first-person singular present form that conjoins the described action with the author's present and the act of writing, while the latter — albeit being a first-person singular form as well — is an imperfect form. The imperfect form is used here to denote an ongoing, habitual aspect. The object of edmygwn is a cataphoric reference to the anecdote by metonymy, one thing RELDIR do.PRET.3SG PN (I...) one thing [...]'.

<sup>27</sup> Or *aorist* in SHISHA-HALEVY's (1997) terminology.

#### 2.2.2.2.2 Exposition

(18)Ers cyn amser y bysiau, 'byddai, since considerable\_period before time DEF bus.PL be.IMPF.HAB.3SG chwarelwyr yn cerdded yn orymdaith drefnus o'r chwarel, quarryman.PL yncvB walk  $yn_{PRED}$  procession orderly from-DEF quarry chas beth ganddynt 'fyddai' gweled merched ar and hate INDF by.3PL REL.DIR\be.IMPF.HAB.3SG see.INF girl.PL yn edrych arnynt. bennau'r tai head.PL-DEF house.PL yn<sub>CVB</sub> look.INF on.3PL

° In the old days, before the time of the buses, the quarrymen would process in an orderly fashion home from the quarry, and it 'was hateful for them seeing the women on their doorsteps watching them.

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The EXPOSITION is overtly marked as providing anterior background information from the distant past by the use of the temporal phrase Ers talwm 'In the old days' and the appositive cyn amser y bysiau, [...] 'before the time of the buses'. Two habitual imperfect constructions with byddai follow: byddai chwarelwyr yn cerdded [...] 'the quarrymen would walk [...]' and the cleft sentence<sup>28</sup> a chas beth ganddynt fyddai gweled [...] 'and it was a hateful thing for them seeing [...]'. The habitual imperfect — which can be roughly compared to the English used to INF - is not only a primary tense of the general descriptions in the text outside of the anecdotes, but it is also used in commentative portions like this one.

<sup>28</sup> See Shisha-Halevy (1998, § 3.4.4).

The next two sentences continue by addressing the implied

- reader with second person polite forms, which are homonymic with the plural<sup>29</sup>:
- (19)a. Ac os buoch erioed yn cerdded mewn gorymdaith, be.PST.2PL ever yn<sub>CVB</sub> walk.INF 「gwyddoch」 pa mor hunan-ymwybodol y gellwch fod, know.prs.2pl Q so self-conscious REL.OBL can.PRS.2PL be.INF a pha mor gas gennych 'fydd teimlo fod hateful by.2PL be.PRS.HAB.3SG feel.INF be.INF eye.PL pobl arnoch. people on.2PL
  - b. I chwi sydd yn yr orymdaith, <sup>r</sup>mae J beirniadaeth be.REL.PRS.3SG  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF procession be.PRS.3SG judgement ym mhob llygad a rfo, gwylio. yn eich yn<sub>LOC</sub> every eye REL.DIR be.PRS.SBJV.3SG yncvb 2PL.POSS watch.INF

forms when addressing the audience. °If Tyou have \_ ever walked in a procession, 'you know how self-conscious you can be, and how hateful it is to

feel people's eyes upon you.

<sup>29</sup> See Ronén (2018, § 2.2) for this

use of the second person polite/plural

To you ("that is\_) in the procession, 「there is」 judgement in every eye (that would be ) watching you.

The first sentence (ex. 19a) is constructed as a condition with buoch + CVB form in the protasis and a present gwyddoch 'you know'

verb and a present habitual fydd form in the apodosis. The second sentences (ex. 19b) uses the present forms *sydd* and *mae*, as well as the present subjunctive bo, as atemporal forms.

After asserting through empathy<sup>30</sup> that having eyes looking at one while walking in procession makes one uneasy, the EX-POSITION concludes with describing the geography of the area (ex. 20a) and laying the setting (ex. 20b) for the DEVELOPMENT the follows, which is the reason for this rather lengthy EXPOSITION. In ex. 20a the existential mae is in the present tense (as presumably this row of houses was still standing at the time of writing), and in ex. 20b the imperfect habitual form appears (byddai), denoting a consuetudinal state of affairs.<sup>31</sup>

- (20)cyrraedd Rhos y Cilgwyn, ar ôl pasio Pen yr Inclên, before arrive.INF PN after pass.INF PN mae rhes o dai o'r enw Glasfryn, be.PRS.3SG row of house.PL from-DEF name PN
  - b. a bob nos byddai merched o'r tai hyn and every night be.IMPF.HAB.3SG woman.PL from-DEF house.PL DEM.PROX.PL ar ben y drws yn chwedleua pan âi'r chwarelwyr on head DEF door  $yn_{CVB}$  chat.INF when go.IMPF.3SG-DEF quarryman.PL adref. home.ADV

As evident from this exposition, the EXPOSITION section of the anecdote makes use of a variety of forms, some of which usually belong to the dialogue sphere.

#### Development 2.2.2.3

After bridging the gaps of knowledge with the assumed reader (see STALNAKER 2002) and providing the setting, the author proceeds to the DEVELOPMENT.

(21)「Un noson」, yn hollol ddirybudd, Wmffra Siôn yn yn<sub>ADV</sub> complete without\_warning PRESTT.PROX PN  $yn_{CVB}$ troi at fy nhad ac yn bygwth ei leinio a'i turn to 1sg.poss father and  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  threaten.INF 3sg.m.poss beat and-3sg.m.poss alw'n hoh enw. call.INF-yn<sub>PRED</sub> every name

The lack of a concrete temporal reference (save the nonsingular Ers talwm, cyn amser y bysiau 'In the old days, before

<sup>30</sup> This is the pragmatic function of the second-person forms here.

31 Note that only bod (be.INF) has a distinct habitual imperfect form. The form âi (go.IMPF.3SG; the dictionary form is mynd 'to go') in the temporal clause does not distinguish habituality, as there is no special (non-)habitual form of mynd.

Before reaching Rhos y Cilgwyn, after passing Pen yr Inclên, there's a row of houses called Glasfryn,

and every night the women from these houses would be on their doorsteps talking when the quarrymen went home.

° One night, quite without warning, Wmffra Siôn turned to my father threatening to beat him up and calling him names.

the time of the buses') changes when the TEMPORAL ANCHOR  $Un\ noson$  'One night' is introduced. It defines a temporal deictic centre point (take note of un) from which the following chain of narrative events flows and upon which it depends. Thus, the setting of a particular temporal reference (however vague and non-descriptive) marks the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT. Given the general  $bob\ nos$  'every night' described in the previous sentence (in the EXPOSITION),  $un\ noson^{32}$  implies not only time but also the situation of returning home in a procession after a day's work at the quarry.

A major factor contributing to the reportability (see § 2.4.2 and LABOV 1997, § 5) of this episode is the total surprise by which Wmffra Siôn's actions took Kate Roberts's father. 33 In a manner similar to the previous anecdote, here the unexpectedness is grammatically coded using the presentative dyma SBJ yn INF construction in the very first narrative event: dyma Wmffra Siôn yn turn.INF to 1sg.poss father and  $yn_{CVB}$  threaten.INF 3sg.M.Poss beat.INF and 3sg.M. troi at fy nhad ac yn bygwth ei leinio a'i alw'n bob enw '(lit.) here Wmffra Siôn (is) turning to my father and threatening to beat him up and calling him names'. Three predicative infinitives occur in the matrix sentence: troi, bygwth and galw<sup>34</sup>; the first two are preceded by yn to form converbs but the third is not. Further research is needed, but from this example and others it seems that the difference is of staging, bracketing and internal narrative juncture: the turning is coded as one action  $(yn)^{\frac{1}{troi}}$ ), and the verbal threatening and calling names are coded as a second, complex action (yn [bygwth + galw]).

At this point a comment interrupts the evolution of the plot:

(22) (Cofier nad oedd nhad yn gwybod dim remember.IMP.IMPRS NMLZ.NEG be.IMPF.3SG 1SG.POSS\father yncvb know.INF NEG am hyn ymlaen llaw), about DEM.PROX.N in front hand

It is graphically marked by a pair of round brackets, and linguistically it diverges from the narrative chain by the modal form cofier 'remember!', a Literary Welsh impersonal imperative. The comment is dependent on the plot, which is reflected by the use the demonstrative hyn 'this' that refers back to the previous event.

- <sup>32</sup> The lexical difference between the semantically and etymologically related *nos* and *noson* is curious, but not directly relevant to our discussion.
- <sup>33</sup> In fact the surprise is mentioned three times in a relatively short span of text: *yn hollol ddirybudd* 'quite without warning' twice (once in the ABSTRACT and once in the DEVELOPMENT) and the parenthesized comment *Cofier nad oedd nhad yn gwybod dim am hyn ymlaen llaw* 'Remember my father knew nothing of it in advance'.
- <sup>34</sup> The lenited form *alw* appears as a result of the lenition-triggering third person masculine possessive article *'i* (*ei*), which serves as an object marker.

(°Remember my father knew nothing of it in advance).

The plot resumes with another presentative construction, communicating the author's father's prompt perception and reaction as surprising as well:

a 「dyma yntau」, wedi gweld fel fflach beth oedd and PRESTT.PROX 3SG.M.CONJ after see.INF as flash what be.IMPF.3SG yr amcan, 「yn neidio」 i'r abwyd, ac yn ymosod yn ôl ar DEF plan yn<sub>CVB</sub> jump.INF to-DEF bait and yn<sub>CVB</sub> attack back on Wmffra Siôn.

PN

°And There he, having seen the point in a flash, Took, the bait and attacked Wmffra Siôn back.

The mirroring of the action is expressed not only by repeating the presentative construction ( $dyma~yntau~[...]^{35}~yn~neidio$ ) but also by using the so-called conjunctive personal pronoun yntau (see § D.2.4 for further explanation regarding conjunctive personal pronouns).

<sup>35</sup> An explanatory adjunctive converbal phrase is inserted in a parenthesis between *yntau* and the *yn neidio i'r abwyd*.

Wmffra Siôn responds by shouting, expressed as a line of dialogue:

(24) 'Tyst ohonoch chi! Tyst ohonoch chi!' meddai Wmffra Siôn ar witness of.2PL 2PL witness of.2PL 2PL GSV.IMPF.3SG PN on dop ei lais. 'Mae'r dyn yma wedi ymosod arna i.' top 3SG.M.POSS voice be.PRS.3SG-DEF man DEM.PROX after attack.INF on.1SG 1SG

"You are a witness! You are a witness! shouted Wmffra Siôn at the top of his voice. 'This man here attacked me.'

The last link in the narrative chain consists of a verbal construction featuring the preterite diflannodd 'disappeared' preceded by the clause-initial particle fe:

(25) Fe ddiflannodd pob dynes fel llygoden i'w thŷ, AFF disappear.PRET.3SG every woman like mice.SGV to-3SG.F.POSS house

°The women all vanished like mice into their houses,

The function of this particle is far from simple, but according to Shisha-Halevy (2015) its core narrative function is signalling a dramatic break, loosening the narrative juncture. From my own unpublished research based on Y Lôn Wen<sup>36</sup> it appears fe has an affirmative focal function. By examining all of the occurrences of fe in the text a bipartite pattern emerges for most (but not all<sup>37</sup>) occurrences: first a statement or theme is presented into the text, and then a verbal form is marked with fe, which signals a focus on the affirmative end of polarity. Often the contrast between the two is explicit, but in cases as ours it is implicit: the plan did work, it did achieve the intended goal. In fact, the English do + INF

- <sup>36</sup> See https://ac.digitalwords.net/presentations/2017-07-14.pdf for slides of a presentation regarding this research (written in English) and https://ac.digitalwords.net/assignments/2017-07-14.pdf for a more detailed discussion (written in Hebrew)
- <sup>37</sup> Further research is required, but a structural solution to the apparent 'multifacetedness' of fe can be the existence of more than one fe (homonymic  $fe_1$ ,  $fe_2$  etc.).

as in *the plan did work* does seem to be quite an apt equivalent in information-structure terms.

### 2.2.2.2.4 Epilogue

As discussed in § 2.2.1.3, the segmentation into macro-syntactic narrative components does not necessarily coincide with the micro-syntactic one, nor with that of punctuation. In our case the second half of the last (graphical) sentence makes the EPILOGUE:

(26) ac ni phoenwyd chwarelwyr y Cilgwyn wedyn gan and NEG bother.PRET.IMPRS quarryman.PL DEF PN after.DEM.PROX.N by ferched yn eu gwylio ar bennau'r tai.

young\_or\_unmarried\_woman.PL yncvb 3PL.POSS watch.INF on head.PL-DEF house.PL

and the quarrymen of the Cilgwyn were never bothered AFTER THAT by women watching them from their doorsteps.

The temporal disjunction, breaking from the narrative sequence, is a key feature of the EPILOGUE, which is of commentative, non-narrative nature. Note the use of the negated preterite ni phoenwyd 'were not bothered' — not a narrative event — and the use of the temporal adverb wedyn, referring back to the narrative as a whole.<sup>38</sup> If we return back to the folktale template (§ 2.2.2.1.2) for a moment, this part is analogous to the happy ending formula and they lived happily ever after, where the adverbial ever after correlates more or less to wedyn.

# 2.2.2.5 Final delimitation

As stated above, a paragraph break separates the discussed anecdote from the next one in the cluster.

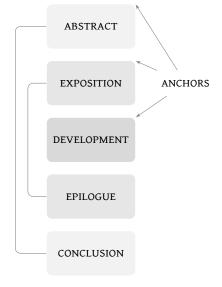
Having seen the text-linguistic makeup of two concrete examples, we proceed to general discussion, which makes the rest of the chapter.

# 2.2.3 Structural organisation of components

The five sections of the anecdote are arranged in a form that can be likened to the concentric shape of an onion (see figure 2.1), where the DEVELOPMENT makes the internal core, the EXPOSITION and EPILOGUE make an intermediate layer, closely connected to it, and the ABSTRACT and the CONCLUSION make an external layer,

<sup>38</sup> Diachronically, *wedyn* is a contraction of *wedi hyn* 'after that' (a prepositional phrase combining the preposition *wedi* 'after' and the neuter proximal demonstrative *hyn* 'this'). The referential power of the demonstrative holds synchronically as well.

Figure 2.1: Organisation of components in the anecdote structure



further removed from the core. The ABSTRACT and EXPOSITION are introductory in nature, while the EPILOGUE and CONCLUSION are conclusory. The arrows pointing from the ANCHORS to the first three sections represent their position: the INTEGRATING ANCHOR occurs at the beginning of the ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION or DEVELOPMENT, and the TEMPORAL ANCHOR occurs in any of them but not necessarily in an initial position.

The first two sections and the two anchors are preparatory: the ABSTRACT is cataphoric, metatextual by nature and the EX-POSITION lays the foundations for the DEVELOPMENT in terms of setting and background information the author deems necessary. The INTEGRATING ANCHOR — which bridges between the embedding text and the embedded anecdote — tends to occur at the beginning of the first section of the anecdote. The TEMPORAL ANCHOR sets the temporal frame of the events that follow, and occasionally acts as a signal for the beginning of their unfolding.

Analogously, the last two sections are conclusory: the EPI-LOGUE provides non-narrative information regarding the results of the events told in the DEVELOPMENT and the CONCLUSION refers back to the anecdote as a whole.

Thus, the intermediate sections — EXPOSITION and EPI-LOGUE — are closely connected to the DEVELOPMENT and are essentially commentative: they do not advance the plot but rather supply additional information, which may be anterior or atemporal (in the EXPOSITION), or posterior (in the EPILOGUE). The exterior sections — ABSTRACT and the CONCLUSION — relate to the anecdote as a whole from an external point of reference that lays in the surrounding text.<sup>39</sup>

#### Optionality of components 2.2.3.1

All anecdotes in the corpus consist of a proper subset  $(\subseteq)$  of the aforementioned macro-syntactic components, where one or more of the non-obligatory ones does not participate. This does not diminish the validity of the proposed description or its explanatory power, but is an expected condition of complex systems of this kind. The lack of such an exhaustive example

<sup>39</sup> If I may venture a self-referential remark, this structure can be compared to that of theses like this one, although they are non-narrative. The preparatory ABSTRACT and EXPOSI-TION are analogous to the front matter and the introduction chapter, respectively; the DEVELOPMENT to the main matter; the conclusory EPILOGUE and CONCLUSION to the appendices and the conclusion of the back matter, respectively (although their order is reversed: the conclusion of a thesis appears before the appendixes). Not only the general functions of these, but also the onion-like internal relationships between them are — grosso modo — resemblant (with the last two swapped, as mentioned).

seems to be incidental, there is no inherent structural constraint preventing it.

This is directly comparable with the optionality of components in the Labovian model (§ 2.2.5), or more loosely with the 31 functions of dramatis personae in PROPP ([1928] 1968). By analogy, it can be indirectly likened to micro-syntactic patterns: a description of such a pattern remains valid even if cases in which all of its slots are filled are rare or non-existent. 40 Structurally defined, a pattern depends on its external interrelation with other linguistic entities and the properties of its components and their internal interrelations; nothing necessitates the occurrence of all components in all cases.

<sup>40</sup> One extreme case of such microsyntactic complex patterns are the verbal templates in many polysynthetic languages like Navajo, which consist of numerous ordered positions that may be filled by concatenated elements (YOUNG and W. MORGAN 1987).

#### The nucleus of an anecdote 2.2.3.2

One type of structural relation that is central in a number of schools of linguistics is that between a *nucleus* and its *satellite(s)* (also labeled head and dependent(s), depending of the terminological tradition). Different meanings were attributed to these terms, leading to dissimilar analyses and interpretations. Can the relation between the components of the anecdote and their relation to the anecdote as a whole be described in terms of nucleus and satellite(s)?<sup>41</sup> If so, which is to be regarded as nucleus?

PITTMAN (1948) proposes ten premises for labelling constituents as nuclei and satellites, the first of which is independence: the ability of one constituent (the nucleus) to occur alone and the inability of others (satellites) to do so. If we take this criterion, the obvious candidate to a nucleic status in our case is the DEVELOPMENT; as demonstrated in § 2.2.4, it is not only the sole component that is obligatory in all anecdotes, but can also stand on its own. 42 Without the narrative component recounting the events of an anecdote, there can be no anecdote; it is the core (nucleus) of the anecdote and all other components are supplementary and revolve around it as satellites.

Pittman's article is not unproblematic; some of his ten premises might be self-contradictory in some cases of linguistic analysis, as these premises are not governed by an underlying theoretical principle but are heuristic and follow a vague idea of

- 41 Historically, most of the early research on constructions consisting of a nucleus and satellites used to centre on noun phrases (see BARRI (1975, § 1.1) for references, going as early as JACOBI (1897)), but the research has been expanded to other micro-syntactic constructions since. Our consideration here expands the application of this structural relation yet beyond micro-syntax.
- <sup>42</sup> In fact, if we take only the five sections into consideration — without regarding the anchors — the configuration consisting of a DEVELOPMENT on its own is not only possible but it is also by far the most common one, as demonstrated in table 2.4 below.

'centrality'. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that five more of the premises are applicable to the DEVELOPMENT in our case, while the other four are not relevant for the scope of analysis or the type of constituents in question:<sup>43</sup>

Class size (2), meaning that a constituent belonging to a larger class (i.e. with more members) is considered central. While in micro-syntax and morphology substitution classes are more easily definable, it is also clear here that the DEVELOPMENT shows more diversity in form than other components. The internal structural restrictions of the components are described in § 2.3.

A notion related to *Endocentricity* (4), is dealt with below.

- Class frequency (5), meaning that a class of constituents that occurs more often is considered central. The striking frequency difference is demonstrated in table 2.5 below.
- Length (8), meaning that longer constituents tend to be nuclei. In almost all of the occurrences the DEVELOPMENT is longer than the other components. 44 See § 2.5.2 for extreme cases of length and complexity.
- Meaning (9). The core meaning of the anecdote and its raison d'être within the text (see § 2.4.1) lays within the events narrated in its DEVELOPMENT.

An alternative to Pittman's large number of heuristic criteria — the use of which is sometimes hit-and-miss — is following an underlying theoretical principle from which the definition is derived. Such is BARRI's (1975) approach, that proposes one defining criterion:45

The nucleus is the part which is responsible for the appurtenance of the construction to a given substitution class.

This criterion belongs within the structuralist, semiological schools of linguistics thought, favouring structural and relational definitions. The relation between the construction and its nucleus according to this definition is akin to that between <sup>43</sup> ZWICKY (1985) examines eight candidate criteria for the identification of a constituent as a syntactic head, but his are even less applicable to macrosyntactic units, as opposed to microsyntactic ones.

44 Only the EXPOSITION is second to it, other components being of limited length and complexity.

<sup>45</sup> He goes on and demonstrates this criterion by analysing derivational affixes and the article as nuclei (§§ 2 and 3 ibid.), analyses which are not relevant to our consideration here.

endocentric constructions and their head in the Bloomfieldian sense (see Bloomfield 1935, § 12.10)46, which is analogous to ZWICKY's (1985) notion of distributional equivalence.

According to this approach, which seems more grounded theoretically, what would be the nucleus of an anecdote? Here the answer is 'DEVELOPMENT' as well, as this component is responsible for the identity of the whole complex it is part of as an anecdote. Textual units like an anecdote do not constitute a substitution class in the strict structural sense, but they do have structural identity that is defined by their constituents (internal definition) and their distributional privilege and function within the broader text (external definition).

Another candidate one might entertain is the INTEGRATING ANCHOR. The rationale behind this choice is functional — as described above, the function of the INTEGRATING ANCHOR is to anchor the anecdote in the flow of the surrounding text, usually appearing at the beginning of the first section of the anecdote and signalling to the reader that the following portion of the text makes an anecdote. The basic role of the INTEGRATING ANCHOR is *systemic*, as it operates in the domain of organising elements within a system. Since it contributes more to the structuring of the text than to the content thereof, it can be likened to grammemes that have structure-internal function but bear little or no lexical value. While this suggestion has its merits from a structural point of view, the DEVELOPMENT is still the better candidate. A key reason for that is the fact that not only can it occur independently<sup>47</sup>, but it has to occur, as no anecdote lacks it. Being an obligatory component that is responsible for the identity of the anecdote as such, the conclusion is that it should be considered as its nucleus component.

<sup>46</sup> The difference is that Bloomfield's definition is narrower: not only the head is responsible for the class (named form-class there) of the whole construction, as it is the case in Barri's definition, but it also has to be of the same class. The ability of the nucleus/head to occur alone is not considered a sine qua non for Barri's nor Bloomfield's definition.

#### *Configurations of the components* 2.2.4

As mentioned in § 2.2.3, none of the components other than DEVELOPMENT is obligatory. Table 2.3 summarises the attested configurations of components in the corpus.

At least impressionistically, the distribution of examples among the different configuration follows a pattern akin to Zipf's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Note that this is not a required nor sufficient condition for being a nucleus.

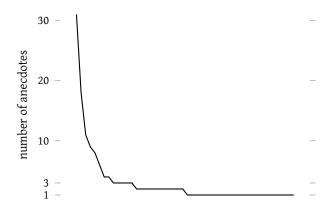
Table 2.3: Attested configurations of the anecdotes' components

ABS	EXP	DEV	EPI	CON	Y Lôn Wen	Atgofion
					42	
		•			91, 106	
					112, 78	
		•			3, 80	
						209, 233
		•			1	
		•			88	
	•				11	
					61	
		•			32, 55, 77, 84	
					105	237
•		•			71	
•					13, 21, 28	
	•	•				222
		•			40, 43, 97, 109	202, 214
					35 <sup>int</sup>	210
		•			7	
					79	231
						205
•					56	201, 224
					54	
		•				207, 208
					22	
		•			6	
	•					220
					33, 50	
	•	•			75	
		•			108	
		•				203
		•			69, 85	217
					102	218
	•				96	
	•	•				74, 221
		•			24	
		•			2, 4, 5, 15, 39, 68, 86, 89, 107	211, 225
					18, 35 <sup>ext</sup> , 49	
					12, 36, 57	
		•			51	
					38	007
		•			10, 52, 72	227
					94	
					92	
		•			83	000
						238
				14, 16, 27, 30, 46, 58, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 73, 87, 90, 93	204, 229, 236	
					17, 26, 29, 31, 44, 45, 53, 70	
		•			8, 23, 25, 47, 48, 59, 60, 63, 76, 81, 82, 95, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103,	206, 215, 216, 219, 223, 226, 228
					104, 110, 111, 113	230, 232, 234
					9, 19, 20, 34, 37, 41	212, 213, 235

Green cells represent that the respective section occurs in the examples of the same row. A blue square (■) represents an INTEGRATING ANCHOR, and a red rhombus  $(\spadesuit)$  a TEMPORAL ANCHOR.

Figure 2.2:

Distribution of anecdote component configurations



law (ZIPF 1936) and other long-tail distributions, as demonstrated graphically in figure 2.2. That means that a great number of anecdotes share a small number of common configurations, while there are many configurations that are represented by a small number of anecdotes (often one, two or three, in a decreasing order).

Table 2.4 is derived from the same basic data of table 2.3, but it takes into account only the sections, without regarding the use of anchors and their postion. This lower resolution, zoomed-out table can elucidate our understanding of the distribution of the different section configurations: anecdotes consisting of a single DEVELOPMENT section are by far the most common, followed

The data for this graph is derived from table 2.3, taking into account the anchors (which are omitted from table 2.4). On the left the more common configurations appear (such as DEVELOPMENT with a TEMPORAL ANCHOR), while as one progresses to the right less common configuration appear. Configurations with a single anecdote each account about a half of the configurations attested in the corpus.

Table 2.4: Number of anecdotes per section configuration

ABS	EXP	DEV	EPI	CON	#	
					66	
					24	
					21	
					10	
					9	
					9	
					4	-
					3	
					2	
					2	
					1	1
					1	I

by adding an EXPOSITION section and then an ABSTRACT. This inverse correlation between prevalence and complexity stops after the third row, where a number of rarer constellations are represented by the last seven rows.

The number of occurrences of the different components is as described in table 2.5. The sections make a general bell shape: the middle, obligatory third section is the most prevalent, obviously, and the second and fourth are more prevalent than the first and fifth, respectively. The two introductory sections are more prevalent then the two conclusory ones.

#### The Labovian model 2.2.5

Now we turn to expand on the theoretical side by comparing the proposed structure with a widely-applied general model.

The proposed structure is derived from analysis of the corpus and the recurrent text-linguistic patterns that emerge from it. Narration in general and using narration as a discursive device in particular (such as our anecdotes) are by no means unique to one culture or language, although particular details may differ. Therefore, it is of no surprise that the structure matches to some degree descriptions made of other texts and languages<sup>48</sup>, and is congruent with general theory.

One notable theoretical model of narrative is the Labovian model, initially proposed in LABOV and WALETZKY ([1967] 1997) and later developed and refined in subsequent publications (prominently LABOV 1972, 1997). 49 It was originally derived from <sup>48</sup> Striking commonalities can be found with the anecdotes in Agnieszka Osiecka's Galeria Potworów 'Gallery of Monsters' in Polish, as described by SAWICKI (2013). Both Y Lôn Wen and Galeria Potworów contain social commentaries with ample anecdotal accounts. There are obvious differences in style, language, content and form, but with regard to our interest here the similarity is noteworthy.

<sup>49</sup> See DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU (2012, § 2.1) for an overview of the model and FLEISCHMAN (1990, § 5.II) for an application of it to another corpus, of early Romance texts.

Table 2.5: Number of occurrences of the different anecdote components

Component	#	
ABSTRACT	43	
EXPOSITION	62	
DEVELOPMENT	152	
EPILOGUE	23	
CONCLUSION	9	-
INTEGRATING ANCHOR	59	
TEMPORAL ANCHOR	113	

Occurrences of more than one TEM-PORAL ANCHOR in an anecdote are counted as one per anecdote.

work on spontaneous speech in oral English-language narratives of personal experience collected by the researchers, which were initiated through elicitation in an interview setting.<sup>50</sup> From analysis of hundreds of such narratives Labov and Waletzky derived a model, which was later adopted and adapted as a general, cross-linguistic one by numerous scholars from diverse fields (including narratology and text linguistics, for our perspective here), working on different languages. Both our structure and the Labovian model are composed of ordered components, most of which are optional. The components of the latter are listed in table 2.6 and are defined as follows (after LABOV 1997):

An ABSTRACT is an initial clause in a narrative that reports the entire sequence of events of the narrative.<sup>51</sup>

An ORIENTATION clause gives information on the time, place of the events of a narrative, the identities of the participants and their initial behavior.

A clause of COMPLICATING ACTION is a sequential clause that reports a next event in response to a potential question, "And what happened [then]?".

A RESOLUTION of a personal narrative is a set of complicating actions that follow the most reportable event.

A CODA is a final clause which returns the narrative to the time of speaking, precluding a potential question, "And what happened then?"

An EVALUATION of a narrative event is information on the consequences of the event for human needs and desires.

#### Comparison with the structure of the anecdotes 2.2.5.1

The two schemes have a common basic goal — to describe the structure of the narratives in their respective corpora. They differ, though, in the nature of the texts from which they are derived (and the languages in which these texts were told), in the methods employed in the inquiry, and in the focus of the conclusions that are reached. Nevertheless, both do share features, as delineated

<sup>50</sup> Despite this, the external observer bias (ANGROSINO 2004) seems to have quite a minor effect, as the main role of the interviewer was merely to help informants lowering their monitor on speech production by engaging in a conversation.

Table 2.6: The components of the Labovian model

Component
Abstract
Orientation
Complicating action
Resolution
Coda
Evaluation

51 DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU (2012, § 2.1.1) give two examples: something funny happened to me the other day and did I ever tell you about the day I fell from a boat?.

Table 2.7:

Bird's-eye comparison of the structure of the anecdotes and the Labovian model

Anecdote		Labovian model	Legend:
ABSTRACT EXPOSITION	=	ABSTRACT ORIENTATION	= basically identical
NARR. DEVELOPMENT	$\approx$ $\left\{\right.$	COMPLICATING ACTION	pprox resemblant
EPILOGUE	( C	RESOLUTION CODA	
CONCLUSION	$\subset$	EVALUATION	$\supset$ superset
INTEGRATING ANCHOR		_	<ul> <li>no direct equivalent</li> </ul>
TEMPORAL ANCHOR	$\subset$	ORIENTATION	

in table 2.7 and elaborated below.

An ABSTRACT component exists in both schemes, that is an initial component that relates to the sub-textual unit in its entirety.

The EXPOSITION of our anecdotes and the ORIENTATION of Labov and Waletzky's oral narratives seem to have a considerable degree of correspondence, the latter having a subset of the functions of the former.<sup>52</sup> As the ORIENTATION is defined as a clause that gives 'information on the time, [...] of the events of a narrative [...]', the TEMPORAL ANCHOR may be included in this comparison under its scope as well, but with two restrictions:

- The TEMPORAL ANCHOR is not limited to the EXPOSITION (which is the closest equivalent to the ORIENTATION) and can appear in the ABSTRACT and DEVELOPMENT as well. When appearing in the DEVELOPMENT it may have a secondary function of marking the beginning of the actual events unfolding in the narrative.
- The said 'information on the time' is not uncommonly not very informative and specific in our corpus, when vague phrases like *unwaith* are being used.

What is covered by the DEVELOPMENT in our scheme seems to be split into two components in the Labovian model: COMPLICATING ACTION and RESOLUTION. The distinction between the COMPLICATING ACTION and the RESOLUTION seems not to be linguistic but literary or narratological. At any rate, in our

<sup>52</sup> Both share the function of providing the setting for the events themselves, but as demonstrated in § 2.2.2.2.2 above, the EXPOSITION section can contain more than just setting, providing any kind of background information deemed by the author as necessary or beneficial for comprehending the anecdote and appreciate the manner in which it supports the text.

corpus there seems to be no consistent linguistically-signalled distinction between a complication and its resolution, justifying separating them into two distinct components in the proposed structure of the anecdote.

The CODA acts as a bridge between the oral story world and the present interpersonal discourse situation. The pragmatic situation in our corpus is different, being two written texts.<sup>53</sup> The notion of 'present' (or 'time of speaking' in the above definition of the CODA), then, is essentially different. Nonetheless, within the domain of the CODA can lie any information that connect the narrative to the present, such as present effects of the events, a character's evolution after the story has ended, or a moral lesson (see DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU 2012, § 2.1.1). In this regard, our EPILOGUE can be seen as a special case of a CODA.

Similarly, by examining the semantic content of the CONCLUSION sections, they can be seen as a kind of EVALUATION $^{54}$ . Both are external, meta-textual elements.

The INTEGRATING ANCHOR of the anecdotes has no direct parallel in the Labovian model. Three factors may be suggested as contributory to this difference:

Uniformity vs. diversity. Our corpus is relatively uniform, written by one author. Labov and Waletzky's corpus, on the other hand, consists of hundreds of interviews and interactions by people of diverse backgrounds and ages. This diversity means the informants told different kinds of stories and in different ways, and consequentially a model that aims at a description that encompasses them all cannot include particularities of storytelling (among which the INTEGRATING ANCHOR formulae might be numbered).

Literary vs. spoken texts. Our corpus was written by a literary author over a period of time; therefore, the author could make use of deliberate communicative techniques fitting her objectives. This is different from spontaneous speech spoken-language stories recounted on the spot in an interview setting.

Complex surrounding texts vs. elicited narratives. The anecdotes in Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion are embedded in the text for literary

<sup>53</sup> Y Lôn Wen is a purely written text and while Atgofion was indeed performed orally on the radio it is not implausible it was read from paper, which was presumably edited and adapted by Roberts for publication in K. ROBERTS et al. (1972) (the original manuscripts are kept at the National Library of Wales (K. ROBERTS 1969-1972)). In any case the original radio episode did not take place in an interpersonal setting (interview or otherwise), but was recited as a continuous, non-interactive and non-spontaneous text, and the published version makes a literary written work.

<sup>54</sup> The EVALUATION part of the model was revised in LABOV (1972). For our purpose, having the EVALUATION as a special final section of the model — as opposed to considering evaluative devices interspersed throughout the story — serves the comparison.

or argumentative reasons, and INTEGRATING ANCHORS serve as text-linguistic means for integrating the anecdotes into the text. The narratives of Labov and Waletzky, on the other hand, are responses to elicitations by the interviewers and as such need no integrating component.

### 2.3 FEATURES AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMPONENTS

broader description of the components, their interrelations and composition: the first five describe the five sections (ABSTRACT in § 2.3.1, EXPOSITION in § 2.3.2, DEVELOPMENT in § 2.3.3, EPILOGUE in § 2.3.4 and CONCLUSION in § 2.3.5) and the last two describe the anchors (INTEGRATING ANCHOR in § 2.3.6 and TEMPORAL ANCHOR in § 2.3.7).

marked in the appendix and the examples in this subsection using SMALL CAPITALS (see § A.1 for a full list of annotations used in the appendix).

### 2.3.1 Abstract

As defined in § 2.2.1.1, the ABSTRACT section refers to the anecdote as a whole in a cataphoric, synoptic manner. Of the anecdotes containing an ABSTRACT, the majority contain an explicit metareference<sup>55</sup> expressed by nouns such as *stori*, *peth* or *amgylchiad* (§ 2.3.1.1), while a minority describe it without making use of such an element (§ 2.3.1.2). The two types differ in their internal linguistic structure, but both should be described as instances of the same component in the scheme of the anecdote: although their *internal* structure varies, their *function* with respect to the textual interrelations with the other components is the same, and it is the latter that determines the identity of the components<sup>56</sup>.

## 2.3.1.1 Abstracts containing a meta-reference

The discussion is divided into three parts, progressing outwards: the different lexemes attested for the meta-referential element (§ 2.3.1.1.1), the syntactic modification of the said meta-reference (§ 2.3.1.1.2), and the syntactic form of the ABSTRACT (§ 2.3.1.1.3).

'A oes gynnoch chi stori, Bilw?' ¶ 'Oes, un ffresiach na honna, newydd ddŵad o'r popty. Mae hi wedi bod yn storm yn tŷ ni.' ¶ 'O' oddi wrth bawb.

"Do you have a story, Bilw?" ¶ "Yes, a fresher one than that, just come out of the oven. There's been a storm at our house." ¶ "Oh," from everyone.

- TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3)

over internal particularities can be seen in other fields; e.g. when PROPP ([1928] 1968) describes the structure of the Russian folk-tales as an ordered series of functions of *dramatis personae* (as opposed to the particular nature of these *dramatis personae*).

Table 2.8:

Meta-references used in the abstracts of anecdotes

Lexeme	Total	Form and collocation	18	Anecdotes
story stori	13	one story <b>un stori</b>	one story	40, 43, 55, 88, 208, 214
		stori	a story	32, 105, 106
		stori arall	another story	71
		p stori arall honno	this other story	209
		storiau	stories	207
.1.		one other of-DEF story.PL un arall o'r straeon	another of the stories	210
peth	6	one thing un peth	one thing	3, 7
		peth	a thing	21
		pethau	things	22, 222
		rhai pethau	some things	205
enghraifft	3	un enghraifft	one example	1,77
		enghraifft arall	another example	84
amgylchiad	3	amgylchiad arall	another occasion	78, 79
		un amgylchiad	one occasion	112
trychineb	3	ychydig drychinebau	a few disasters	97
		trychineb	a disaster	201
		trychineb arall	another disaster	202
time <b>tro</b>	2	time other tro arall	another time	28
		y tro olaf/hwnnw	the last time / this time	91
trasiedi	1	<sup>one</sup> tragedy <b>un drasiedi</b>	one tragedy	11
profiad	1	one experience un profiad	one experience	80

## 2.3.1.1.1 The meta-reference lexeme

Table 2.8 summarises the eight different meta-reference lexemes used in the ABSTRACT. It lists them in different forms and close collocations, but does not include information regarding the syntax of the clauses they are part of (which is discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3).

stori is the most common meta-reference, with 13 occurrences, followed by a number of other lexemes. The semantic range of Welsh *stori* is not the same as English *story*, whence it had been borrowed, but it is not far removed from it<sup>57</sup>. In the context of *Y Lôn Wen* and *Atgofion*, *stori* can refer to the anecdotal stories that are of our concern here or 'stories' in a general (exx. 27a–b) or metaphorical sense (ex. 27c).<sup>58</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> GPC (2014–, § stori<sup>1</sup>, ystori<sup>1</sup>) defines it as Adroddiad am ddigwyddiadiau dychmygol neu rai'r gorffennol, hanes (cwrs bywyd person, sefydliad, &c.), naratif, chwedl, anecdot; naratif neu blot nofel, drama, ffilm, &c.; celwydd, anwiredd and provides these English equivalents: 'story, history, narrative, tale, anecdote; storyline; lie, fib, untruth'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> See also n. 237 on p. 152, which expands on the relation between *stori* and our anecdotes.

- (27) **a.** Yng nghegin Cae'r Gors byddem [...] yn darllen 「storïau」 yn<sub>LOC</sub> kitchen PN be.IMPF.HAB.1PL yn<sub>CVB</sub> read.INF story.PL a phapurau newydd [...]

  and paper.PL new
  - b. 「Storïau」 antur sy'n apelio fwyaf at blant. story.PL adventure be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> appeal.INF ADV\most to child.COL
  - C. Mae gennyf 「stori」 bur wahanol i'w dweud am be.PRS.3SG by.1SG story pure different to-3SG.F.POSS say.INF about deulu fy nhad.

    family 1SG.POSS father

In the kitchen of Cae'r Gors we used to [...] read <code>stories</code> and newspapers [...]

Atgofion, p. 12

°It is adventure <code>rstories</code> that appeal the most to children.

YLW, Hen Gymeriad (ch. 11), p. 132 I have quite a different story to tell about my father's family [meaning the two families were remarkedly different. J. R.].

YLW, Fy Nheulu (ch. 7), p. 81

# 2.3.1.1.2 Modification of the meta-reference

The semantic load of the nouns used as meta-references is not uniform: while *trychineb* and *trasiedi* convey particular information about the content of the anecdote to which they refer, namely an unfortunate turn of events, the other do not. *stori* merely characterises it as a narrative; *amgylchiad*, *tro* and *profiad* vaguely hint the type of occurrences that are described; and *peth* is blank with regard to semantics (providing the most general scope).

This semantic difference correlates with syntactic behaviour. Both *trychineb* and *trasiedi* can occur without adnominal modification (ex. 28), while none of the others do: the first are 'complete' enough to stand on their own, while the latter need a complement. Using nucleus and satellite (or *head* and *dependent*) analysis<sup>59</sup>, the noun used as a meta-reference is the nucleus, and the adnominal modification (wherever it occurs) — its satellite.

- (28) a. Bu 「TRYCHINEB」 yn un o'r cypyrddau hyn un be.PST.3SG disaster yn<sub>LOC</sub> one of-DEF cupboard.PL DEM.PROX.PL one tro.
  - b. Cofiaf, fodd bynnag, i 'UN DRASIEDI' rwystro fy remember.PRS.1SG however to one tragedy prevent 1SG.POSS mrawd ieuengaf rhag mynd i'r ysgol Sul unwaith.

    brother young.SUP PREP go.INF to-DEF school Sunday once

<sup>59</sup> Cf. § 2.2.3.2 for macro-syntactic, textual analysis, whereas here we deal with micro-syntactic analysis.

There was a DISASTER in one of these cupboards one time.

Atgofion, p. 9; anec. 201

°I remember, however, that 「ONE TRAGEDY」 kept my youngest brother from going to Sunday school once.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 43; anec. 11

# 2.3.1.1.2.1 arall '(an)other'

One modification of the meta-referential nouns that operates within the sphere of textual organisation is arall. As discussed in a more general manner in § 2.4.1.1 below, arall is being used as an element signalling an additional (i.e. non-initial) anecdote in a cluster of anecdotes (in this syntactic environment and others). For example, anecs. 208 to 210 (repeated below as ex. 29) are part of such a cluster, relating stories about Wmffra Siôn<sup>60</sup>.

- (29) a. [Un stori] yr eid drosti yn amal oedd one story(f) rel.obl go.impf.imprs over.3sg.f ynadv frequent cop.impf.3sg Honno [...]
  - b. A R STORI ARALL HONNO wedyn [...]
  - C. 「UN ARALL」O'R STRAEON fyddai HONNO amdano one(F) other of-DEF story.PL COP.IMPF.HAB.3SG DEM.DIST.F about.3SG.M ef a Nani, ei wraig, yn mynd i'r Sŵ yn 3SG.M and PN 3SG.M.POSS woman yn<sub>CVB</sub> go.INF to-DEF zoo yn<sub>LOC</sub> Belle Vue, Manceinion.

This cluster is located within a section of the text concerned with visitors telling stories; the first anecdote (anec. 208 / ex. 29a) opens the cluster with *un stori*, followed by two variants that uses arall: anec. 209 (ex. 29b) and anec. 210 (ex. 29c). One (29b) has a definite noun phrase with demonstrative and the second (29c) has instead of the lexematic *stori* the pro-form *un* (here within a partitive [ $NP \ o'r \ NP.PL$ ] 'NP of the NP.PL' construction). un stands for the ellipsed feminine noun stori, as evident from the anaphoric gender agreement of  $honno^{61}$ .

(A lexicographical digression. The exact synchronic semantic difference between the two plural forms of *stori* (*storiau*, as appears in anec. 207, and *straeon*, as appears in anec. 210 / ex. 29c) is not clear. GPC (2014–) lists *straeon* as its own entry, but does not provide specific information about the difference in use between it and *storiau*. Recent and ongoing research deals with this issue (see NURMIO 2019 and ARBES 2019), but to the best of my know-

<sup>60</sup> Anec. 209 (ex. 29b) is a shorter version from *Atgofion* of the anecdote analysed in § 2.2.2.2; see § 2.6 for a comparison.

"ONE STORY that was frequently repeated was THAT, [...]

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 208

And That other story after that, [...]

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 209

「ANOTHER OF THE STORIES」 would be THAT ONE about him and Nani, his wife, going to the zoo in Belle Vue, Manceinion.

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 210

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> See SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 2.1) regarding *un* and SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.1.2) regarding the nominal **predication pattern**.

ledge no results that can shed light on the structural difference between these two plural forms have been published.)

Similar clusters of anecdotes where an ABSTRACT with a meta-referential noun modified by arall can be seen in exx. 30–33.

Ex. 30 shows a change in nominal lexeme. After a paragraph dealing with the author's mother's quick tongue a long example (anec. 77 / ex. 30a) is given in order to demonstrate it, with a cataphoric internal reference to the whole anecdote (un enghraifft) in its ABSTRACT. Two anecdotes follow it, which use amgylchiad instead (anec. 78 / ex. 30b and anec. 79 / ex. 30c).

- (30) a. Mae 「UN ENGHRAIFFT」 o'i phlaendra yn fyw be.PRS.3SG one example of-3SG.F.POSS plainness yn<sub>PRED</sub> alive iawn yn fy nghof.

  very yn<sub>Loc</sub> 1SG.POSS memory
  - b. Cofiaf 「AMGYLCHIAD ARALL」 pan ddywedodd fy remember.PRS.1SG occasion other when say.PRET.3SG 1SG.POSS mam bethau pur hallt wrth ryw ddyn.

    mother thing.PL pure salty with INDF man
  - C. Cofiaf 「AMGYLCHIAD ARALL」 ychydig cyn ei remember.PRS.1SG occasion other a\_little before 3SG.F.POSS marw pan orweddai ar wely cystudd. death when recline on bed illness

Exx. 29 and 30 demonstrate a textual-scale equivalent of a common syntactic pattern: [un<sup>62</sup> NP ... NP arall] 'one NP ... another NP'. Thomas (2006, § 4.174) discusses the interaction of definiteness and number in this context and gives an example, cited as ex. 31a. Most commonly (as in ex. 31a and exx. 29a–b), the two nouns are homolexemic<sup>63</sup>, but there exist rarer cases in which they are not. This is demonstrated in ex. 30 (un enghraifft ... amgylchiad arall) in a textual scale and ex. 31b (un llaw ... y fraich other arall) in a smaller scale, within one sentence. As demonstrated in the two examples, the two nouns are semantically close: within the context of substantiating general statements<sup>64</sup> by way of anecdotal examples (ex. 30) enghraifft and amgylchiad are close, and within the context of using the body in a wild dance (ex. 31b) llaw and braich (the radical, unmutated form of fraich) are close.

"ONE EXAMPLE of her plain speaking is very much alive in my memory.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 107; anec. 77

°I remember 「ANOTHER OCCASION」 when my mother said some rather sharp things to some man.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 108; anec. 78 I remember 「ANOTHER OCCASION」 a little before her death when she was lying on her sickbed.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 109; anec. 79

- <sup>62</sup> As discussed in n. 15 on p. 39, un is not an indefinite article but a numeral.
- <sup>63</sup> Or, alternatively, the second can be replaced with an *un* pro-form (*un arall* 'another one').
- <sup>64</sup> In our case: Yr oedd fy mam yn ddynes blaen iawn ei thafod, os cynhyrfid hi gan rywbeth 'My mother was a woman with a quick tongue if she were upset by anything', before anec. 77.

- (31) a. Chwiliwch chi mewn 'un cwpwrdd ac edrychaf finnau search.IMP.2PL 2PL in one cupboard and look.PRS.1SG 1SG.CONJ mewn 'cwpwrdd arall .

  in cupboard other
  - Gafaelodd yng ngodre ei sgert ag 'un llaw a dal hold.PRET.3SG ynLoc hem 3SG.F.POSS skirt with one hand and hold.INF
     fy fraich arall i fyny.

Similarly to ex. 29a–29b, which combine both homolexemicity

and arall as signals of textual cohesion, anec. 202 (ex. 32) uses trychineb (arall), like the preceding anec. 201 (ex. 28a). Note that it has trychineb 'a disaster', not un trychineb 'one disaster'.

(32) Digwyddodd 「TRYCHINEB ARALL」 [...]
happen.PRET.3SG disaster other

In ex. 33, on the other hand, *NP arall* is used with no ABSTRACT in the preceding anecdotes. Anec. 84 (ex. 33a) is the third of a cluster of three anecdotes (anecs. 82–83–84). The two anecdotes before anec. 84 (ex. 33a) do not have an ABSTRACT section, and enghraifft arall 'another example' (modified by o'r ysbryd hwn 'of this spirit') refers back to them. Similarly, in anec. 28 (ex. 33b) *tro*<sup>65</sup> arall 'another time' binds it together with the preceding anecdote (anec. 27), making a cluster of two anecdotes of specific events that alleviated the monotony of school life<sup>66</sup>.

- (33) a. Rhof FENGHRAIFFT ARALL, o'r ysbryd hwn. give.PRS.1SG example other of-DEF spirit DEM.PROX.M
  - b. 「DRO ARALL」 y tynnwyd y partisiynau i lawr time other REL.OBL pull.PRET.IMPRS DEF partition.PL to floor oedd i gael araith ymadawol y plismon plant.

    COP.PRS.3SG to get speech of\_farewell DEF police\_officer child.COL

Search in 'one cupboard' and I [contrastive, 'I on the other hand'] will look in 'another cupboard'.

THOMAS (2006)

She grasped the hem of her skirt with one hand, and held the other arm, up.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 45

「Another disaster」 happened [...]

Ataofion, p. 9; anec. 202

- <sup>65</sup> The lenition in *dro* 'time, occasion' (radical form *tro*) is discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.6 below.
- <sup>66</sup> The text that opens the paragraph before anec. 27 is: *Anaml iawn y deuai dim i amrywio ar undonedd bywyd yr ysgol* '°It was very rarely that anything came and made a change in the monotony of school life'.

I'll give 「ANOTHER EXAMPLE」 of this spirit.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 112; anec. 84

° 「ANOTHER TIME」 when the partitions were taken down was for the truancy officer's farewell speech.

YLW, ch. 5, p. 61; anec. 28

# 2.3.1.1.2.2 Other modifiers

As stated above (§ 2.3.1.1.2), all nominal meta-references other than the semantically and syntactically self-standing trychineb and trasiedi require a complement. While arall was discussed in depth due to its role in textual organisation, several other modi-

fiers are documented as well. These make use of a number of adnominal modification constructions, as summarised in table 2.9<sup>67</sup>. Although there are not enough examples in the corpus to draw conclusive conclusions, several tentative generalisations can still be drawn from the data.

The complements introduced by am are attested only with stori. Apart from anec.  $207^{68}$  all occurrences refer to characters on which the anecdotes focus (see ex. 34a).  $yngl\hat{y}n$   $\hat{a}$  is used with peth and angylchiad for an analogous purpose.

Similarly, complements introduced by o are attested with enghraifft only: twice (anec. 1 / ex. 30a and anec. 77 / ex. 34b) with a noun phrase indicating the theme of the example (o' i phlaendra 'of her plain speaking' and o gymwynas a gawsom ni mewn pryd 'of timely help we received', respectively) and once (anec. 84 / ex. 33a) with the set phrase o'r ysbryd hwn 'of this spirit' (which has a different syntactic relation).

- (34) a. Un stori am y gŵr hwnnw, oedd hon.

  one story about def man dem.dist.m be.impf.3sg dem.prox.f
  - b. Rhof 「UN ENGHRAIFFT」, a dim ond un o lawer give.PRS.1SG one example and nothing but one of many ydyw, 「o gymwynas a gawsom ni mewn pryd.」

    COP.PRS.3SG of favour REL.DIR get.PRET.1PL 1PL in time

Adjectives and relative clauses seem to be used in a free manner, modifying the meta-references regardless of lexeme. The choice of adjectives depends on the content rather than the form, but it is noteworthy that describing an anecdote as humorous is relatively common in the few examples of adjectival modification in this environment ((stori/peth(au)) digrif '(a) funny (story/thing(s))' in anecs. 21, 106 and 205 and (amgylchiad) doniol '(an) amusing (occasion)' in anec. 112)<sup>69</sup>. The reason for this, apart from the personal associations and preferences of the author, is that humour is a contributing factor in reportability, and marking an anecdote as such signals this to the reader (see also § 2.4.2).

<sup>67</sup> Examples where *arall* is the sole complement are omitted from the table.

68 Byddai ganddi storïau am yr amser yr oedd yn gweini yn Llanwnda mewn ffarm, [...] 'She used to have stories about the time she was in service in Llanwnda in a farm, [...]'.

ONE STORY about that man, was this ONE.

Atgofion, p. 17; anec. 214

I offer AN EXAMPLE, one of many, of timely help we received.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 31; anec. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> The other two adjectives used are (*stori*) *dda* '(a) good (story)' in anec. 105 and (*y tro*) *olaf* '(the) last (time)' in anec. 91.

Table 2.9: Modifiers of meta-references used in the abstracts of anecdotes

Lexeme	Anec.	(not arall) ADJ	REL	GOR	about am	on ar	before <b>CYN</b>	gan	of <b>O</b>	ynglŷn â	when pan	other arall	CVB
story stori	208												
Stort	106												
	40												
	88												
	105												
	55												
	43												
	207												
	32												
	214												
	210												
	209												
peth	21												
•	205												
	222												
	3												
	22												
avamnla	7												
enghraifft	1												
	77												
	84												
amgylchiad	112												
	78												
	79												
time <b>tro</b>	91							-					-
	28												
trychineb	97												
	202												
profiad	80												ı

Legend: adjective (ADJ); relative clause (REL); 'genitive of respect' (GOR, see § D.2.3); prepositional phrases (with am, cyn, gan, o,  $yngl\hat{y}n$   $\hat{a}$ ); a clause introduced by a conjunction (pan); converbal adjunct (CVB).

### 2.3.1.1.3 Syntactic form

Having described the attested meta-references, the ways in which they are modified and the relation between the two, we turn to the syntax of the ABSTRACT. The meta-reference can fill several syntactic slots, as summarised in table 2.10. The following (§§ 2.3.1.1.3.1 to 2.3.1.1.3.8) is an examination of the data schematically represented in the table.

# 2.3.1.1.3.1 Subject of a main sentence

In the matrix subject position two structures occur. One is as the subject of the preterite tense of digwydd, appearing with peth (e.g. ex. anec. 21 / ex. 35) and trychineb (anec. 97 and anec. 202 / ex. 32). The preterite form is used for past events that are completed (as opposed to the imperfect) and are not staged as anterior to other events (as opposed to the pluperfect). Unlike the use of this tense in narrative, here there is no concatenation of events but a singular condensed description.

(35) 「Digwyddodd PETH digrif」 pan bregethai un nos Sul braf happen.PRET.3SG thing funny when preach.IMPF.3SG one night Sunday pleasant o haf yn Rhosgadfan.

of summer in PN

° SOMETHING funny happened when he preached one fine summer evening in Rhosgadfan.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 21

The other is as the subject of the idiomatic present periphrastic form Mae NP yn fyw iawn yn/ar fy nghof (i) 'NP is very much alive in my memory/mind', which serves as an INTEGRAT-ING ANCHOR (see § 2.3.6.2 for discussion). Anecs. 77 (ex. 30a) and 91 (ex. 55) differ slightly: the first has un enghraifft in the subject position and yn fy nghof in my memory while the latter has (y)r tro hwnnw 'that time' and ar fy nghof i 'on my memory [lit. on my memory I]'. The difference in preposition (yn: ar) might be a case of free variation 70. The non-obligatory emphasising auxiliary pronoun (rhagenw ategol in THOMAS 2006, §§ 4.148 et seqq.) i in the latter seems to do with the contrastive nature of the two sentences constituting the ABSTRACT of anec. 91, as discussed with regard to ex. 55 below. The two anecdotes described as vivid in the author's memory are personal experiences from around the same time; both are relatively lengthy, with an ABSTRACT and a detailed EXPOSITION.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Unless a meaning-bearing opposition is shown in this syntactic environment.

Table 2.10: Syntactic roles of meta-referential elements within abstracts

Lexeme	Anec.	SBJ § 2.3.1.1.3.1	овј of intanch § 2.3.1.1.3.2	Other OBJ § 2.3.1.1.3.3	Copular § 2.3.1.1.3.4	Other § 2.3.1.1.3.5
story stori	40	glynu <sub>2</sub>	cofio <sub>1,2</sub>	clywed <sub>2</sub>		
	55		$dweud_1$	dweud <sub>1</sub> dweud <sub>2</sub>		
	43		bod chwant adrodd			
	71			cael		
	88			adrodd		
	105			adrodd		
	106			clywed		
	32			dweud		
	208				oedd honno	mynd dros
	210				fyddai honno	
	214				oedd hon	
	207					possessive
	209					а
peth	3			edmygu		
petit	3			gwneud		
	7	digwydd				
		bod yn loes				
	21	digwydd				
	222	digwydd				
	22	cyrraedd		dweud		
example	205	digwydd	cofio am			
enghraifft	77	bod yn fyw				
	1		rhoi			
occasion	84		rhoi			
amgylchiad	112		cofio am			
	78		cofio			
	79		cofio			
time <b>tro</b>	91	bod yn fyw <sub>2</sub>	$cofio_1$			$ADV_1$
-	28	J 15 2	.,,,,,,,		oedd i INF	ADV
tragedy <b>trasiedi</b>	11	rwystro	(cofio i NP INF)			
trychineb	97	digwydd	. ,			
	201	viig it j vivi	l			EXST
	202	digwydd				22101
experience <b>profiad</b>	80	gyrru		cael		
projida	00	gyrru		Cuei		

 $\bullet\,$  The cells are colour-coded according to syntactic position:

Colour	Position	Discussion		
green	the matrix sentence	§§ 2.3.1.1.3.1 to 2.3.1.1.3.5		
<ul><li>blue</li></ul>	a relative clause	§ 2.3.1.1.3.6		
yellow	a secondary predication	§ 2.3.1.1.3.7		

- Verbs and bod 'to be' are cited in their infinitive for simplicity.
- The subscripted numbers follow the order of multiple occurrences (§ 2.3.1.1.3.8).

## 2.3.1.1.3.2 Object of an integrating anchor

Four verbal lexemes whose object is a meta-reference act as INremember give say say and adrodd. As discussed in semember.PRS.1SG remember.PRS.1SG remember.RNF (citation form: *cofio*) is the most common TEMPORAL ANCHOR.

Anec. 55 (ex. 36) exemplify the periphrastic construction yr wyf am INF 'I am about to INF' with dweud as its infinitive:

This periphrastic construction has been described by the term tempus instans<sup>71</sup> in Shisha-Halevy (2010, p. 273), that is a present-based imminent tense<sup>72</sup>. Thomas (2006, § 3.15) describes it in terms of volition (dymuniad) and intention (bwriad)<sup>73</sup> in addition to temporal terms (yn mynd i ddigwydd yn y dyfodol 'going to happen in the future')<sup>74</sup>. The ABSTRACT of anec. 55 (ex. 36) is comparatively complex and has an apologetic nature (see the full example in the appendix). The use of this construction here seems to do with cataphoric text-organising. This can be demonstrated by the use of the same construction in ex. 37:

(37)Nid wyf ymddiheuro am roi pennod ar chwaraeon NEG be.PRS.1SG about apologize.INF about give.INF chapter on game.PL plant yn y fan yma, oblegid credaf bod child.PL ynLoc DEF place DEM.PROX because believe.PRS.1SG 3PL.POSS be.INF diwylliant â gymaint rhan o'n dim; [...] ADV\big.EQU part of-1PL.POSS culture with anything

This example is the first sentence of chapter six, which deals with children's games; its function is cataphoric and text-organising. In both cases the author feels the need to explain -justify in fact - a subsequent piece and uses the same construction. For further discussion of the spatiotemporal metaphors of texts (including written ones, as in our case) see NÖTH (1996).

A similar present-based construction which is more on the lexical side of the lexical-grammatical continuum and has a stronger volitional sense occurs in anec. 43 (ex. 38a), following an explicit text-organising reference (*Cyn gadael teulu Pantcelyn* 'Before parting with the subject of the Pantcelyn family', after discussing

[...],  $\lceil$ I am going to tell a STORY\_ about him [...]. [...]

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

<sup>71</sup> This term is equivalent to *futurum instans* in some grammatical traditions.

 $^{72}$  It is comparable to some degree with the English *I* am going to *INF*, the colloquial *I'm* gonna *INF* or its structurally analogous form *I* am about to *INF*.

<sup>73</sup> Cf. also C. DAVIES (1987, p. 10).

I am not going to apologise for including a chapter on children's games here, because I believe they are as much a part of our culture as anything, [...]

YLW, Chwaeron Plant (ch. 6), p. 64

<sup>74</sup> The difference might be attributed to implication (volition and intention can be implied by imminence, but not necessarily) or difference in the linguistic object of study: SHISHA-HALEVY (2010) describes 20<sup>th</sup> century Literary Welsh (Kate Roberts, Saunders Lewis, Islwyn Ffowc Elis and T. Rowland Hughes) while THOMAS (2006) covers more recent language and Colloquial Welsh as well.

the maternal side of her family, *Pantcelyn* being the name of her maternal grandparents). The construction under discussion has the following tripartite form [bod ar- NP]<sup>75</sup>, which is based upon the existential clause pattern (lit. there is on me desire of telling of a story about my uncle Harri):

- The first slot is third-person singular a form of bod, here occupied by mae. Person and number are obligatory, while different tenses can be selected.
- The second slot has the preposition  $\stackrel{\text{on}}{ar}$  with its object, here a first-person singular form. Many Welsh prepositions,  $\stackrel{\text{on}}{ar}$  included, are inflected according to their object; in our case the inflected form is  $\stackrel{\text{on.1sc}}{arnaf}$ .
- The third slot can be occupied by a more or less closed group of nominal phrases. Some, like *chwant* (ex. 38a) or *ofn* (ex. 38b), can take potentially complex complements (infinitives with their own complements in the following examples), while others, like *annwyd* (ex. 38c), do not take complements.
- (38) a. Cyn gadael teulu Pantcelyn mae arnaf chwant adrodd before leave.INF family PN be.PRS.3SG on.1SG desire tell.INF

  STORI\_ am f'ewythr Harri [...]

  story about 1SG.POSS-uncle PN
  - b. 'Yr oedd arni ofn eu gweld yn torri'n

    PRT be.IMPF.3SG ar.3SG.F fear 3PL.POSS see yn<sub>CVB</sub> break.INF-yn<sub>PRED</sub>

    gratsien\_ gan mor denau oeddynt.

    crash by so thin.PL COP.IMPF.3PL
  - C. [...] mae arnaf annwyd oherwydd y tywydd diflas.

    be.PRS.3SG on.1SG cold because DEF weather disagreeable
  - d. is mian liom be.PRS.AFF.MTX.3SG desire.NOM.SG with.1SG

With regard to structural commutation and combination, cofiaf has a wider range of objects in comparison to rhof 'I give', which co-occurs with enghraifft (anecs. 1 and 84) alone in this environment in the corpus: cofio takes a direct object (anecs. 40 (ex. 53), 78 (ex. 30c), 79 (ex. 30c), 91 (ex. 55)), an indirect object

<sup>75</sup> The second and third slots can change places, at least in some linguistic varieties; see THOMAS (2006, § 5.47).

Irish has a comparable construction, as demonstrated in ex. 38d.

°Before parting with the subject of the Pantcelyn family, 'I want to tell a STORY\_ about my uncle Harri [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 81; anec. 43  $^{\mbox{\tiny \Gamma}}$  She feared to see them break  $_{\mbox{\tiny J}}$  in a crashing sound, because they were so thin.

Atgofion, p. 11; anec. 203 (not in an ABSTRACT)

I have a cold because of the bad weather.

YLW, Darluniau (ch. 1), p. 8

I wish [lit. there is a desire with me]

with the preposition am (anec. 112 / ex. 7) and two constructions of secondary predication (anecs. 11 and 205, discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.7 as exx. 52a and 52c respectively).

## 2.3.1.1.3.3 Object of a verb that does not serve as an integrating anchor

Meta-references that are objects of INTEGRATING ANCHOR constructions were discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.2; here cases in which the meta-references are objects of verbs that do not serve as an INTEGRATING ANCHOR are discussed. Three types of relations can be distinguished, and yet again linguistic form and function contribute together to the greater task of building the text.

One type indicates the source of narratives not experienced by Kate Roberts (ex. 39). This is done from the author's receiving direction (*clywais*) in anecs. 106 (ex. 39a; in the main sentence) and 40 (ex. 39b; in a relative clause), from the source's direction in anecs. 32 (ex. 39c; *dywedir stori*) and 88 (ex. 39d; *adroddid un stori*) or a combination of both in anec. 105 (ex. 39e; the matrix sentence has *clywais* 'I heard', while its object is the complex *ef yn adrodd stori* [...] 'him telling a story [...]', a secondary predication in which *stori* is the object of *adrodd*)<sup>76</sup>. Note that all five have *stori* as their meta-reference.

- <sup>76</sup> See § 2.3.1.1.3.7.
- (39) a. Clywais lawer STORI ddigri gan fy mrawd hear.PRET.1SG many story funny by 1SG.POSS brother
  - b. Cofiaf 

    "UN STORI a glywais gan fy mam, remember.PRS.1SG one story REL.DIR hear.PRET.1SG by 1SG.POSS mother [...]
  - C. 「Dywedir STORI」 am fy nain a'i brawd say.PRS.IMPRS story」 about 1SG.POSS grandmother and-3SG.F.POSS brother hynaf, [...]
  - d. Adroddid UN STORI gwerth EI hail-adrodd amdani. tell.impf.imprs one story(F) worth 3SG.F.POSS second-tell.inf about.3SG.F
  - Clywais ef yn adrodd STORI dda, amdano ei hear.PRET.1SG 3SG.M yn<sub>CVB</sub> tell.INF story good about.3SG.M 3SG.M.POSS hun ar fwrdd y llong.
     REFL on board DEF ship

I heard many funny STORIES from my brother.

YLW, ch. 12, p. 143; anec. 106

°I remember one STORY I heard from my mother, [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 79; anec. 40

A STORY is told of my grandmother and her eldest brother, [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 73; anec. 32

°ONE STORY was told about her, which is worth repeating.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 119; anec. 88

I heard him tell a good STORY about himself on board the ship.

YLW, ch. 12, p. 142; anec. 105

Another type is demonstrated in ex. 40. It has cafodd 'xe got' and a meta-reference as an object (the respective examples in the appendix, anecs. 71 and 80, provide prior context). The preterite tense of cafodd refers to the time the events told in the anecdote happened (as opposed to the preterite tense of clywais in ex. 39, which refers to the time of hearing the anecdote), in a similar manner to that of digwyddodd in § 2.3.1.1.3.1.

- (40) a. Ar un o'r achlysuron hyn reafodd stori arall yn on one of-def occasion.Pl dem.Prox.Pl get.Pret.3sg story other yn ychwanegiad.
  - b. Cafodd hi UN PROFIAD, a yrrodd bregethwyr get.PRET.3SG 3SG.F one experience REL.DIR drive.PRET.3SG preacher.PL yn is fyth yn ei golwg.

    yn\_PRED low.CMP ADV\ever yn\_LOC 3SG.F.POSS sight

On one of these occasions she had AN-OTHER STORY as well.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 105; anec. 71

She had ONE EXPERIENCE, that drove preachers even lower in her estimation.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 111; anec. 80

Two other examples are the ABSTRACT of anec. 3 (41a) and the second sentence of the ABSTRACT of 55 (41b). Both are imperfective in aspect (*edmygwn* in ex. 41a is a synthetic imperfect tense verb form and *wrth ddweud* in ex. 41b is a converbal adjunct to a habitual imperfect analytic construction) and describe attitudes towards the events told in the anecdotes: *un peth* 'one thing' in ex. 41a refers to Wmffra Siôn's actions (*un peth a wnaeth WS* 'one thing that WS did') and *y stori hon* 'this story' refers to the whole series of events.

- (41) a. FEdmygwn yn fawr UN PETH\_ a wnaeth Wmffra Siôn admire.IMPF.1SG  $yn_{ADV}$  big one thing REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG PN yn hollol ddirybudd.  $yn_{ADV}$  complete without\_warning
  - b. Byddai'n chwerthin nes byddai'r dagrau yn be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> laugh.INF until be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-DEF tear.PL yn<sub>CVB</sub> powlio o'i lygaid wrth ddweud y STORI HON. roll of-3SG.M.POSS eye.PL with say.INF DEF story DEM.PROX.F

<sup>77</sup> This predication pattern is akin to SHISHA-HALEVY'S (1998, § 3.2) copular pattern of nominal predication — if not the same pattern — expanded to other tense forms (see SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.0.4) for a different view).

°<sup>Γ</sup>I admired ONE THING very much, that Wmffra Siôn did quite unexpectedly.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 34; anec. 3 He would laugh till the tears ran from his eyes as he told  $\ulcorner$ THIS STORY $\lrcorner$ .

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

### 2.3.1.1.3.4 Copular construction

Ex. 42 demonstrates a [TH COP RH] copular construction<sup>77</sup>. Exx. 42a-c share several characteristics, while ex. 42d show

a different form. The syntactic pattern of the copular construction consists of three constituents:

- A **theme**<sup>78</sup> (similar to *topic*, *subject*, *given* or *old information*; the choice of terms depends at least partially on linguistic school and preference). The theme in all four is indefinite; in exx. 42a–c it has an un-headed nominal phrase with *stori* (un story 'one story' or un arall o'r straeon 'another of the stories') and *dro arall* in ex. 42d.
- A copula (oedd 'was' or fyddai 'would be').
- A **rheme** (similar to *comment*, *predicate* or *new information*, respectively). Exx. 42a–c have a gender-agreeing feminine demonstrative pronoun (hon 'this one' or honno 'that one') agreeing in gender with *stori* and cataphorically referring to the anecdotal story. Demonstratives play a crucial role in the textual make-up and cohesion (HALLIDAY and HASAN 1976, § 2.4) of texts; the difference between the proximal hon / bem.PROX.H DEM.PROX.H DEM.PROX.H DEM.PROX.H DEM.DIST.H DEM.DIST.H DEM.DIST.H DEM.DIST.H Whyn and the distal honno / hwnnw / hynny within the context of *textual* deixis is yet to be closely examined to the best of my knowledge. The rheme of ex. 42d is an adverbial phrase (*i gael araith ymadawol y plismon plant* 'for the truancy officer's farewell speech'), priming the setting of the anecdote that follows.
- (42) a. [Un stori yr eid drosti yn amal] [oedd] one story(f) rel.obl go.impf.imprs over.3sg.f ynadv frequent cop.impf.3sg [HONNO] [...]
  - b. 'Un arall o'r straeon 'fyddai 'honno one(f) other of-def story.Pl cop.impf.hab.3sg dem.dist.f amdano ef a Nani, ei wraig, yn mynd i'r Sŵ about.3sg.m 3sg.m and PN 3sg.m.poss woman yncvb go.inf to-def zoo yn Belle Vue, Manceinion.
  - C. 「UN STORI am y gŵr hwnnw」「oedd」 「HON」.

    one story about DEF man DEM.DIST.M COP.IMPF.3SG DEM.PROX.F

<sup>78</sup> See HALLIDAY (2004, § 3.1)

"ONE STORY that was frequently repeated, "was, "THAT,, [...]

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 208

TANOTHER OF THE STORIES \_ Twould be \_ THAT ONE about him and Nani, his wife, going to the zoo in Belle Vue, Manceinion \_.

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 210

"ONE STORY about that man, "was," THIS ONE,.

Atgofion, p. 17; anec. 214

d. 「DRO ARALL y tynnwyd y partisiynau i lawr」 ADV\time other REL.OBL pull.PRET.IMPRS DEF partition.PL to floor 「oedd」 「i gael araith ymadawol y plismon plant」. COP.PRS.3SG to get.INF speech of\_farewell DEF police\_officer child.col. or Another time when the partitions were taken down was for the truancy officer's farewell speech.

YLW, ch. 5, p. 61; anec. 28

Exx. 42a-c are from two pages (16 and 17) of Atgofion. The use of this formula in proximity might suggest influence of external factor in addition to internal, textual factors. 79 Text-internally, anecs. 208 (ex. 42a), 209, 210 (ex. 42b) and 211 make a cluster of anecdotes (see § 2.4.1.1). As discussed in § 2.3.1.1.2.1, this cluster has a larger context, a section of the text concerned with visitors telling stories, which opens with: Un peth a hoffem yn fwy na anything be.impf.HaB.3sg sée.Inf people yn<sub>cvB</sub> call.inf with-def night y specific´ if be.impf.HaB.3PL yn<sub>pree</sub>n dim fyddai gweld pobl yn galw gyda'r nos yn enwedig os byddent yn people interesting and yn<sub>CVB</sub> can.INF say.INF story.PL bobl ddiddorol ac yn gallu dweud straeon. 'One thing we used to love more than anything was seeing people calling in the evening, especially if they were interesting people and could tell stories.' (Atgofion, p. 15). Thus Un story yr eid u or u often u often u of that was frequently repeated' in ex. 42a refers back to straeon. Similarly, *Un stori am y gŵr hwnnw* 'One story about that man' in ex. 42c refers back to *A'r straeon am gymeriad o'r enw* "Ned Ryd" 'And the stories about a character called "Ned Ryd"'. Dro arall 'Another time' in ex. 42d refers back to Anaml iawn y deuai dim i amrywio ar undonedd bywyd yr ysgol '°It was rarely that things happened to relieve the boredom of school life' a few lines above it and is the third of three examples in which 'the partitions were taken down'. Judging from these examples, it seems this microsyntactic copular construction in this macro-syntactic ABSTRACT environment has to have a textual reference point to build upon. In other words, in information-structure terms, its topic has to be selected from a (contextually bound and temporarily) available group (ERTESCHIK-SHIR 2007, § 2.1.5). This is different from the other syntactic forms discussed here (§ 2.3.1.1.3).

<sup>79</sup> It is not hard to imagine that these pages were written in one sitting, for example. This is of course not provable or falsifiable without external, non-linguistic evidence, such as the original manuscripts (K. ROBERTS 1969–1972).

## 2.3.1.1.3.5 Other constructions

A few ABSTRACTS have their meta-reference in other syntactic statuses than as an actant of a verb or a theme of a copular sentence. Anec. 201 (ex. 43) demonstrates another syntactic feature that has to do with the semantic load of *trychineb* (see § 2.3.1.1.2):

it can occur in a bare existential clause. This use of the semantically vacant bu '(there) was' with trychineb can be compared with that of the more specific digwyddodd 'happened' with ychydig disaster.PL disaster other arall in anec. 97 and anec. 202 (ex. 32), respectively. It seems trychineb within this existential construction is not structurally commutable with a more generic lexeme, thing be.PST.3SG thing  $yn_{CVB}$  one of-DEF cupboard.PL DEM.PROX.PL one time say peth (? Bu peth yn un o'r cypyrddau hyn un tro).

(43) Bu TRYCHINEB yn un o'r cypyrddau hyn un tro. be.PST.3SG disaster yn<sub>LOC</sub> one of-DEF cupboard.PL DEM.PROX.PL one time

According to the typology proposed in STASSEN (2013), Welsh has locational predicative possession. Its basic pattern in the North Wales variety is [bod gan-len\NP.INDF], for example Mae gan Begw lyfr 'Begw has a book (lit. (there) is by Begw book)'. The ABSTRACT of anec. 207 (ex. 44) has such a construction, and is followed by an example of one of these storiau. Although Welsh predicative possessive clauses are (micro-)syntactically based on existential clauses the lexical substitution class of storiau in ex. 44 and of trychineb in ex. 43 is different.

(44) Byddai ganddi STORÏAU am yr amser yr oedd yn be.impf.hab.3sg by.3sg.f story.pl about def time rel.obl be.impf.3sg  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  gweini yn Llanwnda mewn ffarm, a'r Parch. Richard Humphreys, serve.inf  $yn_{\text{LOC}}$  pn in farm and-def Rev. pn Bontnewydd, hen lanc yn lletya ar y ffarm.

PN old lad  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  lodge.inf on def farm

Anec. 209 (ex. 45) is unique in that its ABSTRACT has no independent clause but a simpler syntactic structure: a noun phrase (*'r stori arall honno*) preceded by a conjunction (*a*). 83 Indeed, this structure is not syntactically independent, and has to rely on a greater structure. In our case, this structure is the greater cluster of anecdotes (208-209-210-211; see § 2.4.1.1): the author presents several anecdotes (opening with anec. 208 (ex. 42a) with a greater textual section discussed above in § 2.3.1.1.3.4), and this is one of them, within a list of stories about a character told one after the other. The use of *a NP* 'and NP' cannot be understood without taking the larger text-linguistic context into consideration.

<sup>80</sup> The plural form refers to a cluster of anecdotes (97-98-99), as discussed in § 2.4.1.1.

There was a DISASTER in one of these cupboards one time.

Atgofion, p. 9; anec. 201

<sup>81</sup> For a typological discussion that includes a section about Welsh, see STOLZ (2001). For a wider discussion, see STASSEN (2009).

82 See also STASSEN (2013, § 2).

She used to have STORIES about the time she was in service in Llanwnda in a farm, while Rev. Richard Humphreys, of Pontnewydd, was an old bachelor lodging in the farm.

Atgofion, p. 15; anec. 207

<sup>83</sup> As discussed in § 2.2.1.3, some anecdotes combine two or more components into a single sentence. Ex. 45 is such an example, as its ABSTRACT (and its EXPOSITION as well, for that matter) does not make an independent clause.

(45) "A'R STORI ARALL HONNO wedyn, wrth ddyfod adre and-def story(f) other dem.dist.f after.dem.prox.n with come.inf home.adv o'r chwarel, pan ddaru'r ddau smalio cwffio o flaen rhyw from-def quarry when pret-def two.m fake.inf fight.inf of front indf.pl res o dai, [...]

And <code>THAT</code> OTHER STORY after that, when the two faked a fight in front of some row of houses coming home from the quarry, [...]

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 209

### 2.3.1.1.3.6 Relative clauses

By their very nature, antecedents of relative clauses have a double role: they have a syntactic role within the main clause and one within the relative subordinate clause that modifies them. The strategies different languages employ to mark these syntactic relations vary (see LEHMANN (1986) for a typology and POPPE (2006) for evaluation of the plausibility of Celtic-English contact-induced phenomena within this context). One pertinent feature of Literary Welsh syntax is the distinct signalling of 'direct' and 'indirect' (or 'oblique') positive relative clauses, with respect to the function of the antecedent within the relative clause (see BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS (2007, § 4.2), who use different terms):

- The 'direct' relative clauses (REL.DIR) are used when the antecedent acts as a subject (ex. 46a)<sup>84</sup> or an object (ex. 46b) of a finite verb, and are marked with a relative marker a 'that', which triggers lenition.
- The 'indirect' or 'oblique' relative clauses (REL.OBL), on the other hand, are used in all other cases, and are marked with a relative marker y(r) 'that'<sup>85</sup>, which does not trigger a mutation. In ex. 46c the function of the referent of the antecedent is as the complement of the preposition i (the referent is represented by a resumptive third-person singular feminine inflected form of the preposition, iddi 'to her'); in ex. 46d the relation is possessive, and the referent is represented by a resumptive third-person singular masculine possessive pronoun, ei.
- (46) a. y dyn [a] gafodd y wobr

- <sup>84</sup> Ex. 46 is taken from Borsley, Tallerman, and D. Willis (2007). The glosses have been adapted to the system used in this thesis (§ D.1.2).
- <sup>85</sup> yr and y are allomorphs with phonological conditioning: yr occurs before vowels and h- while y occurs in all other cases.

the man who got the prize

Ex. 54 (adapted) in § 4.2.1

b. y ffrwydrad [a] glywais i wedyn

DEF explosion REL.DIR hear.PRET.1SG 1SG afterwards

the explosion that I heard then

Ex. 55 (adapted) in § 4.2.1

C. y wraig 「y」 gwerthodd Ieuan y ceffyl iddi

DEF woman(F) REL.OBL sell.PRET.3SG PN DEF horse to.3SG.F

the woman <code>rthat</code> Jeuan sold the horse to

d. y dyn 「y」 gwelais ei chwaer

DEF man REL.OBL see.PRET.1SG 3SG.M.POSS sister

Ex. 67 in § 4.2.3

the man whose sister I saw

Ex. 71 in § 4.2.4

When the relative clause (either 'direct' or 'indirect') is negative na(d) 'that (not)' is used, as demonstrated in ex. 48, which is negative and 'indirect'. The system of relative clauses in Welsh is more complex, but the above description suffices for our needs here.

Table 2.10 in § 2.3.1.1.3 marks the syntactic function of the meta-referential antecedent within the relative clause in blue ( ).

Unlike the matrix subject position (§ 2.3.1.1.3.1), within the relative clause *glynu* (anec. 40), *bod yn loes* 'be an agony' (anec. 7 / ex. 47) and *gyrru* (anec. 80) do not serve a text-organising function of encapsulating the whole anecdote as if it were a single event (*digwyddodd*) or connect the anecdote to the author's present (*Mae NP yn fyw iawn yn/ar fy nghof* (*i*) 'NP is very much alive in my memory/mind'), but provides secondary, adjunct information about the anecdote represented by the meta-reference.

(47) Digwyddodd <sup>\*</sup>UN PETH\_ ynglŷn â Mos <sup>\*</sup>a fu'n happen.PRET.3SG one thing connected with PN REL.DIR be.PST.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> loes fawr i mi\_. agony big to 1SG

° ONE THING happened involving Mos, that made a great agony for me.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 37; anec. 7

In the object position, *clywed* of 40 and *gwneud* of 3 have been discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.3 as ex. 39b and ex. 41a respectively. *dweud* in the relative clause of anec. 55 (ex. 48) repeats the *dweud* of the main clause.

(48) [...], yr wyf am 'ddweud' STORI' amdano 'na buaswn
PRT be.PRS.1SG about say.INF story(F) about.3SG.M REL.NEG be.PLUP.1SG

yn ei 'dweud' efallai [...]
yn\_CVB 3SG.F.POSS say.INF maybe

[...], I am going to <code>rell\_fastory\_</code> about him <code>rell\_fastory\_f</code>

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

Ex. 49 exemplifies an oblique relative clause: while the function of y tro olaf 'the last time' in relation to cofiaf is as a direct object, the relation between the former and the relative clause in which it also operates is as adjunct adverb (paraphrasable as '(the last time) in which I saw her'). As described above, the relative marker used in a case like this is y(r).

(49) Cofiaf 'Y TRO OLAF, 'Y gwelais hi, yn dda remember.PRS.1SG DEF time last REL.OBL hear.PRET.1SG 3SG.F yn<sub>ADV</sub> good iawn.

very

°I remember THE LAST TIME, I saw her, very well.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 122; anec. 91

The syntax of ex. 50, on the other hand, is not as straightforward. In the matrix sentence, *dro arall* 'another time', modified by a relative clause (y tynnwyd y partisiynau i lawr 'that the partitions were taken down'), makes the theme of a copular construction<sup>86</sup>, as discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.4. Within the relative clause it functions in a manner similar to ex. 49, that is as an adjunct adverb (paraphrasable as '(another time) *in which* the partitions were taken down').

<sup>86</sup> For the sake of brevity and focus, the rhematic part of the equation is omitted from ex. 50.

(50) 「DRO ARALL」「y tynnwyd y partisiynau i lawr」
ADV\time other REL.OBL pull.PRET.IMPRS DEF partition.PL to floor
oedd [...].
COP.IMPF.3SG

° ANOTHER TIME when the partitions were taken down was [...].

YLW, ch. 5, p. 61; anec. 28

What makes this example curious is the lenition in tro (dro). Such free-standing lenition, not triggered by another element, is commonly used for signalling adverbial syntactic status (e.g.  $\frac{ADV}{day}$  and night (in the adverbial sense of at all times)', day day day and night (in the adverbial sense of at all times)', day day day being the radical form, or bob yn un 'one by one', pob being the radical form). Thus, there appears to be a clash between the syntactic status of dro arall 'another time' as the theme of a copular construction and its marking as an adverb by the  $t- \rightarrow d$ -lenition. Taking the author's writing as a whole into consideration, it seems implausible that this constitutes a genuine rare 'paradoxical' syntactic construction. It is more likely that this is a scribal error or an incomplete rewriting of a sentence, as true adverbial initial Dro arall 'Another time (ADV)' occurs multiple times in Y  $L\hat{o}n$  Wen and elsewhere, cf. ex. 51.

(51) 「Dro arall」 cyfarfu Owen Williams â Wil Huws ar y Maes

ADV\time other meet.PRET.3SG PN with PN on DEF PN

yng Nghaernarfon, [...]

yn<sub>LOC</sub> PN

「Another time」 Owen Williams met Wil Hughes on the Maes in Caernarfon, [...]

YLW, Amgylchiadau'r Cyfnod (ch. 12), p. 146

# 2.3.1.1.3.7 Secondary predication

Similarly to relative clauses, constructions of secondary predication have both external and internal syntactic faces. Table 2.10 in § 2.3.1.1.3 marks the syntactic function of the meta-referential element within a secondary predication construction in yellow (); the marked examples are provided as ex. 52. In these three a sub-remember.PRS.1St ordinate nexal complex serves as an object of the main verb (cofiaf 'I remember' in exx. 52a and 52c and clywais in ex. 52b). Welsh has several linguistic devices for marking dependent clauses, both finite and non-finite, of these two are employed here:

- As mentioned in § 2.2.2.1.1, the object of *cofiaf* in ex. 52a consists of a nominalised clause that has the form of a conjugated infinitive (to use D. G. MILLER's (2004) term): its basic structure is *i* with a complement (pronominal or nominal, here *un drasiedi*) marking the agent, followed by a lenited infinitive (here *rwystro*, radical form *rhwystro*, with its own complex complement).<sup>87</sup>
- Exx. 52b–c share a [PRO/NP  $yn_{CVB}$  INF] complement, not dissimilar in form and function to the English OBJ V-ing complex in I found her dancing, a converb-based adnexal expansion (see SHISHA-HALEVY 2010, p. 271 ff.).
- <sup>87</sup> To a certain degree, the form and function of this structure resembles for us to wait in the English it is necessary for us to wait.
- (52) a. Cofiaf, fodd bynnag, 'i 'UN DRASIEDI' 'rwystro fy remember.PRS.1SG however to one tragedy prevent 1SG.POSS mrawd ieuengaf rhag mynd i'r ysgol Sul unwaith.

  brother young.SUP PREP go.INF to-DEF school Sunday once
- °I remember, however, 'that 'ONE TRAGEDY' kept my youngest brother from going to Sunday school once.'.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 43; anec. 11

I heard "him, "tell a good STORY, [...].

YLW, ch. 12, p. 142; anec. 105

C. Cofiaf am 「rai PETHAU digrif」「yn digwydd remember.PRS.1SG about INDF.PL thing.PL funny yn<sub>CVB</sub> happen.INF yn y seiat」」.
yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF seiat

I remember [some amusing THINGS] happening in the seiat].

Atgofion, p. 14; anec. 205

## 2.3.1.1.3.8 Multiple occurrences of a meta-reference

A few examples exhibit a more complex ABSTRACT structure, where not one but two meta-referential elements co-occur, repeating the same lexeme.

In ex. 53 the repeated part (stori a lynodd yn fy nghof oherwydd ei thristwch 'a story that stayed in my mind because it was so sad') is appositive to the first one (un stori a glywais gan fy mam 'one story I heard from my mother'); both are indefinite (the first time has an un numeral and the other a zero article) and share a parallel relative adnominal structure.

(53) Cofiaf UN STORI a glywais gan fy mam, remember.PRS.1SG one story REL.DIR hear.PRET.1SG by 1SG.POSS mother

STORI a lynodd yn fy nghof oherwydd ei story(F) REL.DIR adhere.PRET.3SG yn<sub>LOC</sub> 1SG.POSS memory because 3SG.F.POSS thristwch. sadness

o'I remember one STORY I heard from my mother, \_ 'a STORY that stayed in my mind because it was so sad. \_

YLW, ch. 7, p. 79; anec. 40

Ex. 54 has a relatively lengthy ABSTRACT, defending the author's choice of telling a possibly unflattering anecdote about her father. The first sentence (yr wyf am ddweud stori amdano 'I am going to tell a story about him') presents the story in an indefinite manner (stori 'a story'), while in the second one it is anaphorically referred to in a definite manner (y stori hon). A third sentence (not cited here) zooms out and describes the author's father wit and sense of humour<sup>88</sup>, where stori does not refer to the particular story under discussion but to stories in general.

(54)[...], yr wyf ddweud stori amdano [...]. about.3sg.м be.PRS.1SG about say.INF story 「Byddai'n chwerthin nes byddai'r dagrau yn be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> laugh.INF until be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-DEF tear.PL  $yn_{CVB}$ lygaid wrth ddweud Y STORI HON. of-3sg.m.poss eye.pl with say.inf DEF story DEM.PROX.F

[...], I am going to tell a STORY about him [...]. He would laugh till the tears ran from his eyes as he told THIS STORY. [...]

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

<sup>88</sup> Mwy na hynny, yr oedd ei synnwyr digrifwch mor gynnil fel y gwyddai'n iawn beth oedd gwir golyn 'stori, 'e More than that, his sense of humour was so subtle that he knew what was the true 'sting' of 'a story,'.

The ABSTRACT of ex. 55 refers to a specific, definite instance (y tro olaf'the last time'), and then rephrase the statement using a different syntactic form, rhetorically emphasised by the use of the auxiliary i (in fy nghof i 'my memory') and beth bynnag. As in ex. 54, the second reference is expressed with a demonstrative [DEF NP DEM] construction.

(55) Cofiaf Y TRO OLAF Y gwelais hi yn dda remember.PRS.1SG DEF time last REL.OBL hear.PRET.1SG 3SG.F yn<sub>ADV</sub> good iawn.」 Mae'R TRO HWNNW yn fyw iawn ar fy nghof very be.PRS.3SG-DEF time DEM.DIST.M yn<sub>PRED</sub> alive very on 1SG.POSS memory i, beth bynnag.」

° I remember THE LAST TIME I saw her very well. THAT TIME at least is very alive in my mind.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 122; anec. 91

## 2.3.1.2 Abstracts not containing a meta-reference

Having discussed in § 2.3.1.1 the form and function of anecdotes containing a meta-referential element — the identity of the said element and its text-linguistic interrelationship with other elements that make and organise the text in general and the ABSTRACT in particular — we proceed to anecdotes whose ABSTRACT lacks such an elements. Two subtypes are distinguished:

ABSTRACTS in which the synoptic summary of the anecdote is encoded as a complement of the INTEGRATING ANCHOR cofiaf (§ 2.3.1.2.1) and ABSTRACTS in which it makes the matrix sentence (§ 2.3.1.2.2).

### 2.3.1.2.1 With an integrating anchor

The few examples below exhibit some possible complements of cofiaf.

In exx. 56a-b an infinitive serves as an object of cofiaf: cael  $(fy \ mrifo)$  'get (hurt)' and  $galw \ (mewn \ un \ t\hat{y})$  'to call (in a house)' respectively. Bare infinitives lack person marking, and implicitly indicate involvement of the person of the main verb, here the first-person singular cofiaf. In ex. 56a cael is a constituent of a periphrastic passive construction involving a form of cael<sup>89</sup>, followed by an infinitive with a possession marking that agrees with the subject of cael (here an implicit singular first person, as stated); see Thomas (2006, §§ 6.200 et seqq.) and Borsley, Tallerman,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> The structural similarity to the English *get* passive, in form and function (although there *are* dissimilarities in both), is obvious.

and D. WILLIS (2007, § 8.3.1), whence ex. 56c (where *cael* is finite and has an overtly marked person) is cited for comparison.<sup>90</sup>

- (56) a. Cofiaf regael fy mrifo'n fawr unwaith yno, remember.PRS.1SG get.INF 1SG.POSS hurt.INF-yn<sub>ADV</sub> big once MEDI er na ddaeth neb i wybod hynny although NMLZ.NEG come.PRET.3SG anyone to know.INF DEM.DIST.N
  - b. Cofiaf remember.PRS.1SG call.INF in one house where-PRT be.IMPF.3SG gŵr a gwraig a phedwar o blant yn byw mewn dwy man and woman and four of child.COL yn<sub>CVB</sub> live.INF in two ystafell\_.
  - C. Cafodd Emrys<sub>i</sub> ei<sub>i</sub> daro (gan Rhodri).

    get.PRET.3SG PN 3SG.M.POSS hit.INF by PN

Ex. 57 has a conjugated infinitive (imi (ei) chael (yn iawn) 'that I got it (right); lit. for me to get (it right), meaning that she was reproached by him'). Fexx. 56a-b demonstrate that a bare infinitive object retains the subject of the main verb. As the subject of the finite verb cofiaf and the conjugated infinitive imi (ei) chael complex is the same, first-person singular, the question of the difference between the wording of ex. 57 and the possible alternative Cofiaf ei chael yn iawn ganddo unwaith 'I remember getting it right from him once' (that is, with a bare infinitive). In other words, if the subject (or agens, agent) of the infinitive can be inferred from the main verb, why signal it redundantly? Structurally put, what is the signifié of the opposition between these two signs (a bare infinitive and a conjugated infinitive with the same object as the main verb)?

(57) Cofiaf remember.PRS.1SG to.1SG 3SG.F.POSS get.INF ynADV proper by.3SG.M once

In the light of other cases of 'redundant' pronominal repetition in Literary Welsh — such as i in fy nghof i 'my memory [lit. my memory I]', as discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.1 above regarding ex. 35 — the answer lies in the co(n)text. Welsh grammar is very sensitive to information structure, differentiating shades of contrastivity and comparison across several interconnected subsystems. Pro-

°I remember 「getting」 really hurt one time there, although nobody got to know about it」.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 80; anec. 42 I remember "calling," in one house where the husband and wife and four children lived in two rooms...

Atgofion, p. 33; anec. 237

Emrys got hit (by Rhodri).

Ex. 94a (adapted) in Borsley, Tallerman, and D. Willis (2007, § 8.3.1)

- <sup>90</sup> Note also AWBERY (2009, passim), whose approach is generative, dealing with transformational grammar.
- is always possessive; for example, fy ngweld 'to see me [lit. my to-see]' or gweld Begw 'to see Begw [lit. to-see (of) Begw]'. Here we have ei chael 'to get it [lit. her to-get]', with a non-referential (or 'dummy') third-person singular feminine possessive pronoun (cf. the morphological 3SG.F independent pronoun hi in mae hi'n bwrw glaw 'it is raining [lit. she is throwing rain]').

I remember  $\lceil \lceil \text{that I got it} \rfloor$  right from him once.

Atgofion, p. 24; anec. 224

nouns play an important role in this, and at least three levels can be distinguished (see WATKINS (1977, p. 151 ff.) and THOMAS (2006, § 4.148)); for example:

- *arnaf* 'on me' (unmarked; no independent pronoun added to the morphological infection of the preposition *ar*),
- arnaf i 'on me' (with a simplex auxiliary pronoun),
- arnafinnau 'on me' (with a conjunctive pronoun; see § D.2.4).

Depending on the syntactic environment infinitives have an analogous distinction:

- a bare infinitive (cael) as the unmarked level,
- a conjugated infinitive with a simplex pronoun (imi gael) as an intermediary level,
- a conjugated infinitive with a conjunctive pronoun (*i minnau gael*) as a marked and relatively rare option.

Taking the previous sentences into consideration, the difference between ex. 57 and exx. 56a-b becomes clear: speaking about her college teacher John Morris-Jones<sup>92</sup>, the author opens the paragraph by saying she and the other students had a respectful fear of him, especially in the (all too familiar...) situation when he used to give them a piece of text to translate, the reaction of the students to which is cited as ex. 58, appearing just before ex. 57. Thus, the choice of the conjugated infinitive construction poses her own case of having a fearful reaction in anec. 224 (ex. 57) in comparison to the general fear they had of him. Exx. 56a-b, on the other hand, have no such co-text and use the infinitive without conjugating it.

<sup>92</sup> A prominent Welsh grammarian and academic, as well as a bard (see T. PARRY 1953). Among other publications, he wrote MORRIS-JONES (1913, 1931).

(58) Byddai pawb yn cilio i du ôl yr ystafell, ond dim be.IMPF.HAB.3SG everyone yncvb retreat to side back def room but neg ods, byddai'r Athro ar eu holau gyda'i difference be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-DEF Teacher on 3PL.POSS back.PL with-3SG.M.POSS gwestiwn, "Have you translated before, Mr. So & So?"; ac nid oedd question and neg be.IMPF.3SG modd dianc.

way escape.INF

Everyone would retreat to the back side of the room, but it made no difference: the Teacher would be after them with the question, 'Have you translated before, Mr. So & So?' and there was no escape.

Atgofion, p. 24

Ex. 59 has an [PRO/NP yn<sub>CVB</sub> INF] converbal construction as a secondary predicative object of cofiaf. Compare with exx. 52b-c in § 2.3.1.1.3.7 above: here the construction directly describes the event told in the anecdote, as opposed to describing it one degree of abstraction removed (representing the events as meta-references that take part in the said construction).

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(59) Cofiaf 「Niclas Glais yn dyfod」 i bregethu i un o'r remember.PRS.1SG PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> come.INF to preach.INF to one of-DEF capeli rhyw brynhawn Sul」.

chapel.PL ADV\INDF afternoon Sunday
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I remember 「Niclas Glais coming」 to preach in one of the chapels some Sunday afternoon」.

Atgofion, p. 28; anec. 231

Ex. 60 is of a different kind. The object of *cofiaf* is not a verbal form — infinitival or converbal — but a noun phrase (*diwrnod yr arwerthiant*, modified by *pan ymadawem â Chae'r Gors* 'when we were leaving Cae'r Gors'). This noun phrase represents the occasion described in the anecdote, i.e. the auction. From a narrower sentence grammar point of view, this example is no different in essence from the examples discussed in § 2.3.1.1.3.2 (ABSTRACTS with a meta-reference serving as an object of an INTEGRATING ANCHOR), but from a structural text linguistic point of view they are distinct: not only the nominal object here has a different textual relation to its referent (being a concrete description, as opposed to a general meta-reference) but the substitution class of the slot filled by *cofiaf* is different.

(60) Cofiaf yn dda 「「ddiwrnod yr arwerthiant」 pan remember.PRS.1SG yn<sub>ADV</sub> good OBJ\day DEF auction when ymadawem â Chae'r Gors」.

leave.IMPF.1PL with PN

°I remember well rethe day of the auction, when we were leaving Cae'r Gors.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 96; anec. 61

## 2.3.1.2.2 Without an integrating anchor

Concluding the subsection dedicated to the features and composition of the first constituent of the anecdote, we turn now to the simplest form of ABSTRACT perhaps, devoid of a meta-reference or an INTEGRATING ANCHOR.

Most of the examples (ex. 61) consist of a short sentence foreshadowing the 'point' or 'punch line' of the anecdote before it is told in full, as a kind of a title. The storytelling value of this verbal technique is clear, to captivate the attention of the reader or listener. Exx. 61a–d has ABSTRACTS that contain a preterite finite verb; the condensing, non-concatenating, non-narrative quality of the preterite here is the same as in § 2.3.1.1.3.1 above. Ex. 61e has an imperfect verb form (*Dywedai* 'He said, He used to say'), as it does not describe a single event<sup>93</sup>. Ex. 61f is very similar, but has a periphrastic deontic construction (in the imperfect tense too) instead of a finite verb.

- (61) a. Ond dro arall, fe roes\_ Evan sioc heb ei but ADV\time other AFF give.PRET.3SG PN shock(F) without 3SG.F.POSS disgwyl inni yn y seiat ei hun.

  expect to.1PL yn\_LOC DEF seiat(F) 3SG.F.POSS REFL
  - b. Ond fe'i 「daliwyd」 ryw ddiwrnod.

    but PRT-3SG.POSS catch.PRET.IMPRS ADV\INDF day
  - C. 「Dysgodd」 un wraig sut i gadw ei drwyn ar y learn.PRET.3SG one woman how to keep.INF 3SG.M.POSS nose on DEF maen.

    stone
  - d. 「Gwnês」 i ffŵl ohonof fy hun yn fuan iawn wedi make.PRET.1SG 1SG fool of.1SG 1SG.POSS self ynADV quick very after mynd i Aberdâr. go.INF to PN
  - e. Dywedai ef bethau a gyrhaeddai'n o ddwfn, say.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M thing.PL REL.DIR reach.IMPF.3SG-yn<sub>Loc</sub>? from? deep
  - f. Yr oedd yn rhaid rhoi sylfaen hyd yn oed i fwgan PRT be.IMPF.3SG  $yn_{\text{PRED}}$  need give foundation even to hobgoblin brain.

But another time Evan gave us an unexpected shock in the *seiat* itself.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 48; anec. 13

But he 'was caught, out one day.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 94; anec. 56 One woman discovered how to keep his nose to the grindstone.

YLW, ch. 12, p. 145; anec. 109

I made, a fool of myself very soon after moving to Aberdâr.

Atgofion, p. 30; anec. 233

He said things that cut deep,

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 22 There had to be a foundation even for a scarecrow.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 54

#### 2.3.2 Exposition

After discussing the ABSTRACT in the previous subsection (§ 2.3.1), we proceed now to the next component of the anecdote, the EXPOSITION.

A technical note. This subsection has multiple rather long tables demonstrating linguistic constructions from the corpus. In order to make the tables readable and convenient to use, four choices have been made: (a) each row contains only a directly relevant fragment, which may be incomplete (otherwise the rows would be too long and cumbersome); (b) the rows of the table are

'things' (it is not one thing (peth) that he said once, but many things over many events) and megis 'like' in the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT (which marks the anecdote as an example of him saying such things). Although peth 'thing' can serve as a meta-reference (referring to the anecdote as a whole), here pethau 'things' refers to the what he used to say, not to the stories about these things.

not glossed, but interlinear glosses do appear when a syntagm is reproduced as a numbered example; (c) the most pertinent segment in each row is set in bold letters; (d) the English translations, which are only approximations, are taken from existing literary translations (§ D.1.1) and modified only if needed<sup>94</sup>.

As defined in § 2.2.1.1, the EXPOSITION section provides background information and setting for the DEVELOPMENT. Of the two preparatory sections of the anecdote, it is more closely connected to the DEVELOPMENT, as discussed in § 2.2.3.

The EXPOSITION is not as rigidly structured as the ABSTRACT. Instead, it is more free in form, yet still well-defined as a section that is dedicated to providing the said background information and setting for the main narrative section. This textual function is characterised not only by content, but also by linguistic form. Two linguistic domains are central to the way EXPOSITIONS are formed: temporal expressions (§ 2.3.2.1) and the syntactic form of the clauses which make it (§ 2.3.2.3). Another factor, which delimits the EXPOSITION and thereby makes an indirect contribution to its textual definition, is the TEMPORAL ANCHORS which often occur in the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT. <sup>95</sup> Even though both the temporal expressions of § 2.3.2.1 and the TEMPORAL ANCHORS have *temporal* in their name, their nature is different: the latter refer to concrete, singular instances (e.g. *unwaith*), while the former on the whole do not.

<sup>94</sup> This means inconsistencies do occur, such as different ways of mapping the same Welsh construction to English constructions.

95 See § 2.3.6 below for a more detailed discussion of the function of the TEM-PORAL ANCHOR. The subsections dedicated to the two anchors appear after the ones dedicated to the five sections, as outlined in the orientation paragraph (▶) that opens § 2.3.

# 2.3.2.1 Temporal expressions

Table 2.11 lists a representative (but not comprehensive) selection of temporal expressions used in the EXPOSITION section. They can be divided into three types:

- Durative. These indicate a state that has been taking place for some duration: ers tro 'for some time' (anec. 40), trwy'r nos 'all night' (71), am wythnos 'for a week' (84), am ychydig amser 'for a little while' (89).
- Frequentative. Recurring actions. bob NP<sup>96</sup> occurs in several cases: bob dydd 'every day' (2), bob tair wythnos 'every three weeks' (6), bob amser 'every time, all the time' (85 and 225), bob Sul 'every Sunday' (86). The other two forms in the table

 $<sup>^{96}</sup>$  A  $p- \rightarrow b-$  lenition of pob 'every' signals the adverbial status of the phrase.

Table 2.11:

Time expressions in expositions

Туре	Anec.	Welsh	English
Durative	40	Yr oedd cymdoges i'm nain yn wael dan y diciâu <b>ers tro</b>	One of my grandmother's neighbours had been ill with TB <b>for some time</b>
	71	Buasai ef a mam ar eu traed <b>trwy'r nos</b> gyda'm chwaer- yng-nghyfraith	°He and Mam had been up <b>all night</b> with my sister- in-law
	84	Daeth mam i aros yma atom i Ddinbych <b>am wythnos</b> yn 1936	Mam came to stay <b>for a week</b> with us in Denbigh in 1936
	89	deuai i fyny atom ni <b>am ychydig amser</b> yn yr haf	°my grandmother would come up to us <b>for a while</b> in the summer
Frequent-	2	Troai nhad heibio [] <b>bob dydd</b> yn y dyddiau hynny	°Dad went by [] <b>every day</b> those days
ative	4	fe âi chwarelwyr <b>weithiau</b> i Fanceinion	sometimes the quarrymen went to Manchester
	6	Cai'r gweithwyr docyn [] dros y Sul <b>bob tair wythnos</b>	The workers were given a [] ticket [] for the weekend <b>every three weeks</b>
	85	Gwisgai fy modryb ddillad da, trwsiadus <b>bob amser</b>	°My aunt wore good, neat clothes all the time
	86	Ar un cyfnod deuai nith garedig [] â'i chinio iddi <b>bob Sul</b>	"At one period a kind niece [] used to bring her dinner <b>every Sunday</b>
	214	Byddai Ned ar ôl yn cyrraedd y chwarel <b>o hyd ac o hyd</b>	°Ned used to come late to the quarry time and again
	225	Byddai <b>bob amser</b> yn hwyr yn ei ddarlithiau	He used to be late to his lectures all the time
Time	2	Troai nhad heibio [] bob dydd <b>yn y dyddiau hynny</b>	°Dad went by [] every day <b>those days</b>
Reference	4	Prin iawn fyddai tripiau <b>yn y dyddiau hynny</b>	In those days trips were very rare
	50	Cedwid ysgol yn Rhostryfan <b>y pryd hynny</b>	There was a school in Rhostryfan at the time
	35 <sup>xt</sup>	<b>Ar y pryd</b> , yr oedd Owen Jones [] yn y carchar	At the time, Owen Jones [] was in prison
	210	Yr oedd plu estrys yn ffasiynol ar hetiau <b>y pryd hynny</b>	Ostrich feathers were fashionable on hats <b>that time</b>
	1	<b>Diwedd 1897 ydoedd</b> , a thri ohonom o dan y clefyd coch (scarlet fever)	It was the end of 1897 and three of us with scarlet fever
	6	<b>Yn ystod rhyfel 1914–18</b> caewyd y rhan fwyaf o chwareli bychain	<b>During the 1914–1918 war</b> , most of the smaller [] quarries were closed
	107	Fe aeth nifer i'r fan honno hefyd <b>tua 1912 a 1913</b>	Others also went <b>around 1912 and 1913</b>
	91	Gwyliau Pasg 1917 oedd hi	It was the Easter holidays, 1917
	3	<b>Ers talwm, cyn amser y bysiau</b> , byddai chwarelwyr yn cerdded yn orymdaith	°In the old days, before the time of the buses, the quarrymen would process
	86	Ar un cyfnod deuai nith garedig [] â'i chinio iddi bob Sul	At one period a kind niece [] used to bring her dinner every Sunday
	89	Yn ei blynyddoedd olaf pan oedd fy nain yn byw gyda'i merch []	In her last years, when she was living with her daughter []

are weithiau 'sometimes'  $^{97}$  (4) and the idiomatic of hyd ac o hyd 'time and again' (214).

- *Time reference*. These provide a reference in various degrees of vagueness to the time the background information relates to. They can be grouped into several groups:
  - Referring to the time discussed previously in the text, with an anaphoric definite or demonstrative form: ar y pryd 'at the time' (35<sup>ext</sup>), y pryd hynny 'that time' (50, 210), yn y dyddiau hynny 'in those days' (2, 4).
  - Reference to a period based on dates, as a matrix nominal sentence (*Diwedd 1897 ydoedd* 'It was the end of 1897' in anec. 1 and *Gwyliau Pasg 1917 oedd hi*<sup>98</sup> 'It was the Easter holidays, 1917' in 91) or as an adverbial phrase (*Yn ystod*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> The same type of lenition (*gweithiau* 'times, occasions'  $\rightarrow$  *weithiau*) occurs here as well; see table 1.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> The 3SG.F form (*hi* here) can be used non-referentially; see n. 91 on p. 83.

*rhyfel* 1914-18 'During the 1914-1918 war' in 6 and *tua* 1912 and 1913 'around 1912 and 1913' in 107).

- A vague reference, such as Ers talwm, cyn amser y bysiau 'In the old days, before the time of the buses' (3) or Ar un cyfnod 'at one period' (86).
- The last row, anec. 89, demonstrates a relative reference (Yn ei blynyddoedd olaf 'in her last years') and a panclause (pan oedd fy nain yn byw gyda'i merch [...] 'when she was living with her daughter [...]').

As evident from the table the three types can co-occur in the same EXPOSITION. Anecs. 2 and 86 have both a *time reference* temporal expression and *frequentative*, where the former sets the time frame for the latter: every so-and-so within a certain frame. In anec. 4 the two temporal expressions occur in different clauses.

## 2.3.2.2 Plurality

Another related characteristic of EXPOSITION clauses depicting non-singular events or states is the use of plural nouns. This is demonstrated above with the temporal expressions weithiau 'sometimes' (anec. 4) and Yn ei blynyddoedd olaf 'in her last years' (89). Plural nouns occur in other cases as well, such as ex. 62a (where ffug-enwau 'noms de plume' and cystadleuthau indicate a repeating action<sup>99</sup>) or ex. 62b, where darlithiau refers to repeating lectures<sup>100</sup>.

- (62) a. Yr un bachgen a fyddai'n rhoi 'fftug-enwau」
  PRT one boy REL.DIR be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> give lie-name.PL

  doniol wrth gystadlu, a hynny mewn 'cystadleuthau」 y
  amusing with compete.INF and DEM.DIST in competition.PL DEF

  tu allan i'n hardal ni.
  side out to-1PL.POSS region 1PL
  - b. Byddai bob amser yn hwyr yn ei
    be.IMPF.HAB.3SG ADV\every time yn\_PRED late yn\_LOC 3SG.M.POSS

    'ddarlithiau\_, yn enwedig y ddarlith gyntaf yn y bore.
    lecture.PL yn\_ADV special DEF lecture early.SUP yn\_LOC DEF morning

In ex. 63 the highlighted syntagm does not have a morphological plural form, but does indicate plurality in an explicit manner.

<sup>100</sup> The form *darlith* 'lecture' in *y ddarlith gyntaf yn y bore* 'the first lecture in the morning' refers to a repeating event as well (the first lecture every time), but it is singular.

"It was that same boy who thought up comic "noms de plume" when competing, and that in "competitions" outside our neighbourhood.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 48; anec. 15

He used to be late to his 'lectures\_ all the time, especially the first lecture in the morning.

Atgofion, p. 25; anec. 225

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> In conjunction with the habitual imperfect form (*a*) *fyddai*, which is discussed in § 2.3.2.3.2 below.

(63) [...] deuai â myfyriwr arall adref gydag ef i aros come.IMPF.3SG with student.PL other homewards with 3SG.M to stay.INF dros y gwyliau [...] a hynny fwy nag unwaith. over DEF holiday.PL and DEM.DIST.N ADV\more than once

[...] he would bring other students home with him to stay for the holidays [...] fand it happened more than once.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 78; anec. 39

## 2.3.2.3 Syntactic form

Apart from the temporal expressions which set a time frame, and TEMPORAL ANCHORS which mark the beginning of the DEVEL-OPMENT, an important linguistic characteristic of EXPOSITIONS is the syntactic form of their sentences, which signals them as commenting on and providing the necessary information. The different forms are grouped, listed in and commented upon in this subsubsection. Only matrix clauses are taken into consideration, and they are grouped primarily according to their syntactic pattern, and secondarily according to categories like tense and person (wherever applicable). 101

§§ 2.3.2.3.1 and 2.3.2.3.2 deal with constructions that predicate a verbal lexeme (synthetically and analytically, respectively); §§ 2.3.2.3.3 and 2.3.2.3.4 with constructions that predicate a nominal lexeme (i.e. nouns and adjectives); § 2.3.2.3.5 with special constructions that have a content-clause theme; § 2.3.2.3.6 with existential, locational and possessive statements; and § 2.3.2.3.7 with a few examples whose form does not neatly fall into any of the above categories.

## 2.3.2.3.1 *Finite verbs*

We begin with matrix clauses whose nucleus are finite verbs, which — combining all tenses — make the most common kind in the EXPOSITION.

## 2.3.2.3.1.1 Imperfect

Across syntactic patterns, imperfect forms are central to the composition of the EXPOSITION; imperfect finite verbs are listed in table  $2.12^{102}$ .

All Welsh verbs<sup>103</sup> have imperfect forms, but only  $\stackrel{\text{be.INF}}{bod}$  (which is being used in several constructions) has a distinct *habitual* 

<sup>101</sup> Whereas with the temporal expressions a selection of the instances was taken; here all occurrences are listed in the tables.

 $^{102}$  '3SG (PL)' in the table means 'a third-person singular morphological form with a plural nominal subject'. In Welsh, when a verb is accompanied by a nominal subject (regardless of number), the singular form of the verbal inflection is obligatory; number is not distinguished — or neutralised - in this environment. For example, chwarelwyr 'quarrymen' is plural, but âi 'went (IMPF.3SG)' (not ânt 'went (IMPF.3PL)') is obligatory. The third-person plural form is used when there is no nominal subject (e.g. ânt 'they went' or with a personal pronoun, ânt hwy 'they went').

<sup>103</sup> Except a handful of defective verbs on the periphery of the system (THORNE 1993, §§ 295–305).

Table 2.12: Imperfect finite verbs in expositions

Person	HAB	Anec.	Welsh	English
IMPRS		78	ychydig iawn o help a <b>geid</b>	°very little assistance was given
		88	troid un o'r parlyrau ar y llawr, yn ystafell wely	one of the parlours on the ground floor was
				turned into a bedroom
		211	Fel yna y <b>treulid</b> gyda'r nos	The evenings were spent like this
		50	Cedwid ysgol [] gan ryw ddyn a fedrai ychydig	A school [] was kept by a man who had a little
		15	Saesneg	English
1sg		15 91	Fe <b>gynhelid</b> cymanfa blant bob blwyddyn <b>awn</b> i lawr i'r Waun-fawr	Every year a children's festival <b>was held</b> I went down to Waun-fawr
15G		91	<b>Dylwn</b> egluro fod Alltgoed Mawr hanner y ffordd o'm	I should explain that Alltgoed Mawr is halfway
		•	cartref i'r Waun-fawr	between my home and Waun-fawr
		:	<b>Dylwn</b> egluro hefyd mai allt ofnadwy yw'r allt	I should also explain that the hill is a terrible hill
3SG		2	<b>Troai</b> nhad heibio i alw amdano i fyned i'r chwarel bob	Dad <b>called</b> for him every day to go to the quarry
			dydd yn y dyddiau hynny	then
		6	<b>Arhosai</b> fy nhad yn nhŷ fy mrawd yn Bootle, a <b>lletyai</b>	My father <b>stayed</b> in my brother's house in Bootle,
			XY yn Birkenhead	and XY <b>lodged</b> in Birkenhead
		61	<b>syniai</b> fy nhad	my father <b>thought</b>
		85	<b>Gwisgai</b> fy modryb ddillad da, trwsiadus bob amser	My aunt always wore good, neat clothes
			fe <b>ddôi</b> â rhyw hen ambarel gyda hi	she would bring some old umbrella with her
		86	Ar un cyfnod <b>deuai</b> nith garedig, [], â'i chinio iddi bob	At one period a kind niece, [], used to bring
		00	Sul	her dinner every Sunday
		88 89	<b>Cai</b> 'r brawd hwn yr enw <b>deuai</b> i fyny atom ni am ychydig amser yn yr haf	°This brother <b>used to be</b> known °my grandmother <b>would come</b> up to us for a while
		09	<b>dead!</b> 1 Jyny atom ni am yenyaig amser yn yr naj	in the summer
		97	Er hynny <b>daliai</b> i allu neidio cystal ag erioed	Despite this she <b>kept</b> being able to leap as well
		ļ	27 .tymiy amount t union notice by cook dig on took	as ever
		106	a <b>chai</b> 'r un drafferth gyda'i Saesneg yno	and he had the same trouble with his English
			,, 65	there
		39	<b>deuai</b> â myfyriwr arall adref gydag ef	he would bring other students home with him
		202	ac fe <b>neidiai</b> 'r gath dros ein dwylo	and he <b>would jump</b> over our hands
		109	Gwnâi iddo wagio ei boced	°She would make him empty his pocket
			rhoddai hwynt mewn jwg	°she would put them in a jug
			a <b>dywedai</b> y cai hwynt	°and would say he could have them
		:	Nid heb lawer o ymliw ac erfyn yr <b>âi</b> Wil i'r cae	°Only after much argument and pleading <b>would</b> Wil <b>go</b> to the field
		220	<b>Eisteddai</b> y tu ôl i mi	She <b>was sitting</b> behind me
3SG (PL)		4	ond fe <b>âi</b> chwarelwyr weithiau i Fanceinion	but sometimes the quarrymen went to
()		-	y	Manchester quarrymen went to
		6	Cai'r gweithwyr docyn rhad i fynd adref dros y Sul bob	°The workers <b>got</b> a cheap ticket to go home for
			tair wythnos	the weekend every three weeks
		5	llithrai'r oriau heibio'n rhy gyflym	°the hours <b>used to pass</b> too quickly
		18	arferai'r plant eistedd gyda'i gilydd	the children <b>used</b> to sit together
		91	Nid <b>âi</b> ceir i lawr hyd-ddi y pryd hynny	°Cars did not <b>go</b> down it then

imperfect<sup>104</sup>: e.g. byddai vs. oedd. The imperfect forms of verbs other than bod can cover a habitual meaning, but it is not distinguished from the non-habitual one. In fact, the majority of imperfect finite verbs in the EXPOSITION section are habitual, as demonstrated by the green cells in table  $2.12.^{105}$ 

The non-habitual examples can be divided into two groups. One is an outcome of a morphological constraint: dylwn 'I should, I ought' (two instances in anec. 91) is a defective verb which has only imperfect and pluperfect forms (Thomas 2006, § 2.43; Thorne 1993, § 296). Its use here with an infinitive egluro object

<sup>104</sup> Also termed *consuetudinal imperfect*; see (THORNE 1993, § 277).

<sup>105</sup> arferai 'used to' (anec. 18) is also lexically habitual.

is as an organising ('meta') element, which the author uses for introducing a comment; although imperfect by form, dylwn is comparable with finite present forms of similar verbs. The other group has awn of anec. 91, syniai of 61 and eisteddai of 220. These have true imperfect meaning (as opposed to dylwn), yet are not habitual but are bound to a specific past situation which is pertinent to the DEVELOPMENT.

Anec. 109 is noteworthy. Its exposition has four matrix imperfect forms (see table), which have internal temporal sequencing. Despite this sequencing, the exposition does not constitute a temporally-bound unique sequence of events<sup>106</sup> that is prototypical of narratives. This non-particularity of events, or rather recurring nature of a series of events, is communicated by the choice of imperfect forms. Had the tense of the verbs been the preterite, they would read as a particular concrete narrative, which would render the TEMPORAL ANCHOR *unwaith* that opens the DEVELOPMENT incongruous, since its very purpose is to single out a *particular* temporal anchor for the narrative.

<sup>106</sup> See HERRING (1986), as cited in FLEISCHMAN (1990, § 4.2.2). General features of narrative are referred to in § 2.1.1.

#### 2.3.2.3.1.2 Pluperfect

Pluperfect forms (listed in table 2.13) are much less prevalent. Their function is to set the verb as anterior to a past reference; they do not function independently, but are relative and add a layer of temporal depth where one piece of prior information is set as anterior to another.

#### 2.3.2.3.1.3 Preterite

While the imperfect is used here mostly for habitual meaning and occasionally for non-habitual, incomplete or continuing meaning,

Table 2.13:
Pluperfect finite verbs in expositions

Person	Anec.	Welsh	English
IMPRS	91	Clwyfasid ef yn drwm iawn	He <b>had been</b> very badly <b>injured</b>
	77	<b>clwyfasid</b> ef yn Salonica	he <b>was wounded</b> in Salonica
3SG	91	daethai'r newydd i mi yn Ystalyfera	the news <b>reached</b> me in Ystalyfera
	11	Cawsai Dei gath bach	Dei <b>had got</b> a kitten
	28	<b>Daethai</b> ei dymor i ben	His term of service <b>had come</b> to an end
	107	<b>Aethai</b> ef cyn y rhyfel i weithio	Before the war he <b>went</b> to work
	80	Ni <b>chlywsai</b> erioed mo'r Parch. John Williams yn pregethu	She <b>had</b> never <b>heard</b> the Reverend John Williams [] preaching

Table 2.14:
Preterite finite verbs in expositions

Person	Anec.	Welsh	English
IMPRS	6	Yn ystod rhyfel 1914–18 <b>caewyd</b> y rhan fwyaf o chwareli bychain Dyffryn Nantlle	During the 1914–1918 war, most of the smaller Dyffryn Nantlle quarries <b>were</b> closed
	77	torrwyd ei goes i ffwrdd	his leg was amputated
	:	Torrwyd ei daith ym Malta	His journey <b>was broken</b> in Malta
	91	<b>methwyd</b> gwella ei glwyfau	they <b>had failed</b> to heal his wounds
1SG	5	Llawer stori gyffelyb a <b>glywais</b> i tan y simdde fawr yng Nghae'r Gors	I <b>heard</b> many a similar story by the hearth at Cae'r Gors
3SG	6	ac <b>aeth</b> y rhan fwyaf o'r dynion i weithio i Lerpwl	and most of the men <b>went</b> to find work in Liverpool
	43	<b>Priododd</b> ef â merch yr Hendre Ddu	He <b>married</b> the daughter of Hendre Ddu
	:	a <b>daeth</b> [] yn Catherine []Cadwaladr ar ôl priodi	and [] she <b>became</b> Catherine [] Cadwaladr after her marriage
	55	<b>Digwyddodd</b> hyn pan oedd yn briod y tro cyntaf	It <b>happened</b> when he was married for the first time
	77	cychwynnodd adref	he <b>set off</b> for home
	÷	cafodd 'dysentery'	he <b>caught</b> dysentery
	84	Daeth mam i aros yma atom i Ddinbych am wythnos	<b>Mam</b> came to stay for a week with us in Denbigh
	106	<b>Aeth</b> William Jones y soniais amdano uchod i Bootle	John James <b>went</b> to Bootle after that
	107	Fe <b>aeth</b> nifer i'r fan honno hefyd tua 1912 a 1913	Others also went around 1912 and 1913
	108	Aeth John James wedi hynny i weithio i Bootle	John James <b>went</b> to Bootle after that
	112	ond ni <b>ddaeth</b>	but he <b>did</b> n't <b>come</b>
	32	fe <b>aeth</b> i fyw i Gaernarfon	he <b>went</b> to live in Caernarfon
	35	penderfynodd nifer o'r chwarelwyr fyned	a number of quarrymen <b>decided</b> to go

and the pluperfect takes a step back in time, the preterite in its core meaning marks an event as completed (listed in table 2.14). The events, which are packaged as complete past point events viewed in their entirety without regard to internal temporal constituency<sup>107</sup>, can be 'historical' (such as in ex. 64a) or 'personal'/'biographic' (such as ex. 64b).

 $^{107}$  See Comrie's (1976, § 0.3) seminal work for general theory.

- (64) a. Yn ystod rhyfel 1914–18 caewyd y rhan fwyaf o yn<sub>LOC</sub> course war close.PRET.IMPRS DEF part big.SUP of chwareli bychain quarry.PL small.PL
- During the 1914–1918 war, most of the smaller [...] quarries were closed
- b. Daeth mam i aros yma atom i Ddinbych come.PRET.3SG 1SG.POSS\mother to stay.INF PROX.LOC to.1PL to PN

YLW, ch. 3, p. 36; anec. 6

am wythnos

about week

Mam came to stay for a week with us in Denbigh

YLW, ch. 9, p. 112; anec. 84

The basic narrative tense<sup>108</sup>, carrying the plot forward, is the preterite of finite verbs, but that does not mean every instance of a preterite finite verb takes part in a concatenated narrative chain of events; many of the preterite finite verbs in the EXPOSITIONS are in fact one-time completed events with no narrative progression (with no *temporal junction*, as defined in LABOV and WALETZKY [1967] 1997).

<sup>108</sup> See § 2.3.3 regarding the main narrative section in our anecdotes, the DEVELOPMENT.

Of all but one of the anecdotes whose EXPOSITION make use of the preterite tense in finite verbs have a TEMPORAL ANCHOR that marks the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT; that, among other signals, contribute to the distinction between the two adjacent sections. The one exception is anec. 112 (ex. 65); the negation of the preterite clause (ond ni ddaeth 'but he didn't come') helps to avoid mistaking it for a narrative event 110.

(65) Yr oedd John Jones [...] i fod i ddyfod yn y bore, 「one PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN to be.INF to come.INF yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF morning but ni ddaeth」

NEG come.PRET.3SG

Meta-references are central for the ABSTRACT section (§ 2.3.1.1). Anec. 55 provides an interesting case of a meta-reference: after a rather lengthy ABSTRACT which discusses the story and the protagonist's sense of humour and keen understanding of stories, the EXPOSITION sets the time and context (ex.  $66^{111}$ ), and goes on describing the pertinence of that information to the story. The demonstrative pronoun hyn 'this' refers cataphorically to the events described in the anecdote; it does not refer back to the feminine-gender lexeme stori, since if it were, we would expect the gender-agreeing feminine form hon instead of the neuter hyn. This type of meta-referential element is different from the ones we have seen in § 2.3.1, which goes together with the different text-linguistic profiles of the two sections.

(66) Digwyddodd HYN pan oedd yn briod y tro cyntaf. happen.PRET.3SG DEM.PROX.N when be.IMPF.3SG yn<sub>PRED</sub> married DEF time early.SUP

<sup>109</sup> See § 2.3.7.5 below for further discussion.

<sup>110</sup> It depends on the semantics of the verb, but generally speaking negated clauses tend not to make narrative events (at least in the narrow sense).

'John Jones [...] was expected to come in the morning, 'but he didn't come\_

YLW, ch. 12, p. 146; anec. 112

<sup>111</sup> The small capital letters (HYN / IT) are my annotation indicating a meta-referential element.

<sup>112</sup> As discussed in n. 121 on p. 249 below, the basic gender system of Welsh is binary (feminine and masculine), but demonstratives have a three-way distinction, where the neuter can refer to metalinguistic elements, among other uses.

IT happened when he was married for the first time.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

#### 2.3.2.3.1.4 Present

The use of the finite present tense (listed in table 2.15) differs in different persons.

The first person has numerous instances of *cofiaf* 'I remember' which serve as INTEGRATING ANCHORS, connecting the anecdote to the author's present. The complement can be of various types: a content clause (anecs. 78, 85 and 203); a simple object (with (69) or without (218) *am*); a compound *am PRO/NP CVB* construc-

Table 2.15:

Present finite verbs in expositions

Person	Complement	Anec.	Welsh	English
1sg	i NP <sup>LEN</sup> INF	75	Cofiaf unwaith i berthynas imi golli bachgen	°I remember once a relation of mine losing a [] boy
	y	85	Cofiaf y byddai fy modryb Elin [] yn dyfod	I remember my aunt Elin [] would come
	be.inf	203	<b>Cofiaf</b> unwaith fod tri ohonom o dan y clefyd coch	<b>I remember</b> once that three of us had the scarlet fever
	NP	69	<b>Cofiaf</b> yn dda wyliau Nadolig 1917	I well <b>remember</b> the winter of 1917
	am NP	218	<b>Cofiaf</b> am un cyfarfod arbennig yn y Guild Hall	<b>I remember</b> a special meeting in the Guild Hall
	am NP (CVB)	102	<b>Cofiaf</b> am un teulu mawr wedi cael cryn dipyn o golledion []	I remember one big family that had suffered quite a few losses and []
		217	<b>Cofiaf</b> am un ferch yn gwisgo botwm â llun Lloyd George arno	I remember one girl wearing a pin with a picture of Lloyd George
	INT	24	<b>Ni chofiaf</b> o gwbl faint oedd fy oed yn cystadlu y tro cyntaf	I don't remember at all how many of my age were competing for the first time
		24	Ni chofiaf ychwaith beth oedd yr arholiad	°Nor <b>do I remember</b> what exam it was
	mai	24	<b>credaf</b> mai oddeutu saith	about seven, I think
	pa un ai X ai Y	88	<b>ni wn</b> pa un ai ym Mhrysgol [] ai yn rhywle yn ymyl	I don't know whether it was in Prysgol [] or somewhere nearby
2PL	INT	3	[] <b>gwyddoch</b> pa mor hunan-ymwybodol y gellwch fod	[] <b>you know</b> how self-conscious you can be
3sg	_	91	<b>rhed</b> y tir i lawr ar rediad syth at Afon Wyrfai	the land <b>runs</b> straight down to the river Gwyrfai

tion (anecs. 102 and 217); and an interrogative construction (also termed an *indirect question*, anec. 24 twice<sup>113</sup>). The two other examples of first-person singular are of verbs of cognition: *credaf* 'I believe, I think (something is true)' with an elliptic *mai* construction (24: *credaf mai oddeutu saith* 'o'I believe that (it was) about seven (of my age who were competing for the first time)') and a negated *gwn* 'I know' (dictionary form *gwybod*) with a *pa un ai* X thether ai Y 'whether X or Y' exclusive disjunctive construction (88).

The one second-person plural form is also of the same lexeme, *gwybod* (anec. 3). It is generic statement that is presented as a second-person present form, but in fact is *impersonal* and *atemporal* (HELMBRECHT 2015; KITAGAWA and LEHRER 1990).

The one third-person singular describes a feature of the local landscape: rhed y tir i lawr ar rediad syth at Afon Wyrfai 'the land runs straight down to the river Gwyrfai' (anec. 91). The use of the present form for describing things which stayed the same to the time the text was composed recurs in other cases as well, such as mae (§ 2.3.2.3.6) and yw (§ 2.3.2.3.4) as well.

<sup>113</sup> As discussed in § 2.3.6, these negative clauses do not exactly count as INTEGRATING ANCHORS.

#### 2.3.2.3.2 Predicative converbs

Welsh has a complex verbal system, consisting of synthetic finite verbs<sup>114</sup> (cf. sings in she sings) as well as analytic, periphrastic constructions (cf. is singing in she is singing). The latter, which in their basic form are composed of a form of bod 'to be' as an auxiliary verb (cf. is in the above example) and a converb (cf. singing), are listed in table 2.16. Untangling the exact distribution and systematic relation between the two subsystems lays far beyond the limits of our current discussion.

Only imperfect forms of bod are attested in the EXPOSITION. As mentioned above (§ 2.3.2.3.1.1), bod has a morphological distinction between a non-habitual (e.g. oedd) and habitual (e.g. byddai) imperfect forms. As the name suggests, the habitual form indicates how things used to be, as a general habit<sup>115</sup>.

Several kinds of converbs can fill the predicated converbal slot (all followed by an infinitive), as demonstrated in the table:

<sup>114</sup> Discussed in § 2.3.2.3.1 above.

 $^{115}$  Often rendered into English by would V or used to V.

Table 2.16:
Predicative converbs in expositions

Tense	Converb	Anec.	Welsh	English
IMPF	yn <sub>cvb</sub> yn	88	Yr <b>oedd</b> hi a'm nain <b>yn gweini</b>	°She and my grandmother were serving
		237	Yr <b>oedd</b> ef <b>yn dioddef</b> oddi wrth silicosis	He was suffering from silicosis
		33	Yr <b>oedd</b> merch ifanc <b>yn cyd-weini</b> gyda'm nain, ac <b>yn caru</b> gyda ffrind i'm taid	°A young girl was serving with my grand- mother, and courting a friend of my grand- father
	wedi	13	Nid <b>oedd wedi gwneud</b> y camgymeriad	He <b>had</b> not <b>made</b> the mistake
	$\overset{\scriptscriptstyle{to}}{m{i}}$	112	Yr <b>oedd</b> John Jones <b> i fod</b> i ddyfod	John Jones [] was expected to come in the morning
		233	Yr <b>oeddwn i fynd</b> gyda ffrind i'r Cymrodorion	I was to go to the Cymrodorion society
	newydd	237	Yr <b>oedd</b> [] a <b>newydd ddyfod</b> adref	and <b>had just come</b> home
	heb heb	35	Yr <b>oedd</b> gweithwyr chwarel y Cilgwyn yn 1847 <b>heb</b> eu <b>talu</b>	in 1847 the workers of Cilgwyn quarry <b>had not been paid</b>
IMPF.HAB	$\overset{\scriptscriptstyle{yn_{\scriptscriptstyle{\scriptscriptstyle{\text{\tiny CVB}}}}}}{yn}$	3	<b>byddai</b> chwarelwyr <b>yn cerdded</b> yn orymdaith drefnus o'r chwarel	quarrymen <b>would process</b> in an orderly fashion home from the quarry
		55	<b>byddai</b> fy nhad <b>yn mynd</b> , ar ben mis	at the end of the (=each) month my father would go
		202	<b>Byddem yn rhoi</b> ein dwylo efo'i gilydd	We would put our hands together
		97	<b>Byddem yn rhoi</b> ein dwylo wrth ei gilydd	We would put our hands together
		:	a <b>byddai</b> 'r gath <b>yn neidio</b> dros ein breichiau	and the cat would jump over our arms
		15	Yr un bachgen a <b>fyddai'n rhoi</b> ffug-enwau doniol	°It was that same boy who <b>used</b> to <b>make</b> up comic <i>noms de plume</i>
	wedi	15	<b>Byddai</b> arholiadau ysgrythurol <b>wedi digwydd</b> ymlaen llaw	°Scripture exams would be held in advance

- *yn INF* ('in') is the most common one here and in general, the unmarked form (cf. *V-ing* in English).
- *wedi INF* marks a perfect or resultative posterior state (cf. the past participle in English, to some degree).
- newydd INF <sup>116</sup> is similar to wedi, but with proximity to the time reference (THOMAS 2006, § 3.12). <sup>117</sup> It is commonly rendered by have just V-ed in English. In anec. 237 the time reference to which newydd is relative is the time of the events told in the anecdote.
- *i INF* is a deontic future converb (SHISHA-HALEVY 2010, p. 273; GPC 2014–, § i².9.e): John Jones in anec. 112 was expected to come (yet he did not).
- *heb INF* is a negative converb, which neutralises the distinctions between the other, affirmative forms (SHISHA-HALEVY 2010, p. 275).

## 2.3.2.3.3 Predicative yn

In §§ 2.3.2.3.1 and 2.3.2.3.2 the use of verbal forms in expositions has been analysed; their function is to present preceding events which one needs to be familiar with for a full comprehension of the DEVELOPMENT. Here in § 2.3.2.3.3 and in § 2.3.2.3.4 nouns and adjectives are predicated, either directly in nominal predication constructions (the latter) or indirectly in adverbial predication pattern, mediated by  $yn_{PRED}$  which converts them to an adverbial status (listed in table 2.17). See appendix E and § D.1.2 for an ex-

<sup>116</sup> newydd INF is the only Welsh converb that does not have a preposition (or rather, a preposition homonym) in its first slot, but an element which is homonymic with an adjective (newydd 'new').

117 Interestingly, a similar semantic connection with the notion of *new* can be seen in Indonesian *baru*, which also fills a dual function: both as an adjective meaning *new* (e.g. *baju baru* 'a new shirt' in Indonesian or *crys newydd* in Welsh) and as a marker of the 'recent perfect' (e.g. *Dia baru tiba* 'xe has just arrived' or *Mae hi/ef newydd gyrraedd*, respectively); see SNEDDON (1996, § 2.150).

Table 2.17:
Predicative *yn* in expositions

Туре	Anec.	Welsh	English
yn <sub>PRED</sub> NP	112	Yr oeddwn <b>yn eneth</b> go fawr erbyn hynny	I was quite <b>a</b> big <b>girl</b> by then
-	105	Yr oedd William Jones <b>yn ddyn</b> tal, glandeg	°William Jones was <b>a</b> tall, handsome <b>man</b>
	217	yr oedd ei thad <b>yn Rhyddfrydwr</b> mawr	her father was <b>a</b> great <b>Liberal</b>
$yn_{PRED}$ ADJ	40	Yr oedd cymdoges i'm nain <b>yn wael</b> dan y diciâu ers tro	One of my grandmother's neighbours had been <b>ill</b> with TB for some time
	55	Bu ei wraig gyntaf <b>yn wael</b>	His first wife was <b>ill</b>
	68	Yr oedd dyn ifanc 38 oed <b>yn sâl</b> dan y diciâu	A young man, 38 years old, was <b>sick</b> with tuberculosis
	210	Yr oedd plu éstrys <b>yn ffasiynol</b> ar hetiau y pryd hynny, ac <b>yn</b> eitha <b>drud</b>	Ostrich feathers were <b>fashionable</b> on hats that time, and extremely <b>expensive</b>
	75	Yr oedd y teulu <b>yn</b> ddigon <b>tlawd</b>	The family was quite <b>poor</b>
	108	Yr oedd pethau <b>'n ddrwg</b> iawn gyda'r Cynghreiriaid	°Things were <b>bad</b> for the Allies
	225	Byddai bob amser <b>yn hwyr</b> yn ei ddarlithiau	He used to be <b>late</b> to his lectures all the time

planation and examples of predication patterns and the different types of *yn*, respectively.

The structural relationship between the two constructions is complex, but for our purpose here it suffices to regard the core difference between them on the lines of a difference between *inherent* (essential, absolute) and *incidental* (circumstanced, contingent) predication<sup>118</sup>, not unlike the Spanish *ser:estar* distinction (exx. 67a) or the structurally and genetically closer Irish distinction between the copular *is*- construction (67b) and the existential/locative *tá*- construction (67c), respectively<sup>119</sup>.

- (67) a. ser enfermo : estar enfermo be<sub>1.INF</sub> ill(M) be<sub>2.INF</sub> ill(M)
  - b. Is bán an páipéar é.

    COP.PRS.INDEP.AFF white.M DEF.M.NOM paper(M) 3SG.M.DISJ
  - C. Tá an páipéar bán.
    be.PRS.INDEP.AFF.3SG DEF.M.NOM paper(M) white.M.NOM

The predicative yn construction is used for characterising participants of the anecdote (such as Yr oedd WJ yn ddyn tal, glandeg 'WJ was a tall, handsome man', anec. 105, or Yr oedd Y tal, yn tal, yn, yn tal, yn, yn tal, yn, yn,

#### 2.3.2.3.4 Nominal predication

Examples of nominal predication patterns are listed in table 2.18; such patterns — which are grouped together on the grounds of general structural affinity even though some of them are rather dissimilar — are classified and discussed in Shisha-Halevy (1998, § 3). The examples attested in the corpus include idiomatic predication of time expressions which set the temporal frame (such as *Gwyliau Pasg 1917 oedd hi* 'It was the Easter holidays, 1917', anec. 91), naming constructions (*CE oedd ei henw morwynol* 'Her maiden name was CE', 43), etc. Here too tense plays a primary role in the nature of the statement, creating a multilayered struc-

118 COMRIE (1976, p. 104, n. 2) treats the difference between the two Welsh constructions as one of 'emphasis', with no further details on what 'emphasis' actually means, nor any concrete data or context/co-text for the examples he provides (see SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.6.f) for discussion).

to be a disabled or unhealthy person: to be sick

Butt, Benjamin, and Rodríguez ([1988] 2019, § 33.4.4)

The paper is white (inherently, meaning that is its colour).

COMRIE (1976, § 5.2.1.2)

The paper is white (incidentally, e.g. it has not yet been written on).

idem

119 In both pairs of examples the glosses have been adapted to conform with the method used here (§ D.1.2), and the translations altered to make the relevant point clear.

For ser enfermo BUTT, BENJAMIN, and RODRÍGUEZ ([1988] 2019, § 33.4.4) provide the translation 'to be an invalid', which is commonly held nowadays as an offensive choice of words.

Table 2.18:

Nominal predication in expositions

Form	Anec.	Welsh	English
RH oedd (TH)	1	Diwedd 1897 <b>ydoedd</b>	It was the end of 1897
	21	Capel â'r sêt fawr wrth y drws <b>oedd</b> ein capel ni	Ours <b>was</b> a chapel where the Big Pew was by the door
	43	Catherine Ellis <b>oedd</b> ei henw morwynol	Her maiden name was Catherine Ellis
	91	Gwyliau Pasg 1917 <b>oedd</b> hi	It was the Easter holidays, 1917
	:	Dyna <b>oedd</b> y newydd a dderbyniais	That was the news I heard
TH oedd RH	88	hon <b>oedd</b> yr ystafell wely orau	this was the best chamber in this house
RH oeddwn (TH)	203	Rhwng chwech a saith oed <b>oeddwn</b> i	I was between six and seven years old
RH fyddai TH	3	a chas beth ganddynt <b>fyddai</b> gweled merched ar ben- nau'r tai yn edrych arnynt	and it <b>was</b> hateful for them seeing the women on their doorsteps watching them
	4	Prin iawn <b>fyddai</b> tripiau yn y dyddiau hynny	In those days trips <b>were</b> very rare
RH fydd TH	3	a pha mor gas gennych <b>fydd</b> teimlo fod llygaid pobl arnoch	°and how <b>hateful</b> it is for you to feel people's eyes upon you
RH yw TH	91	Tir fferm y Cyrnant <b>yw</b> 'r tir hwn	°This land is a land of Cyrnant farm

ture: imperfect (oedd, oeddwn) for plain statements on the past, habitual imperfect (fyddai) for habitual statements, habitual present or future (fydd) in a hypothetical generic second-person statement<sup>120</sup>, and present (fydd) in a statement that still holds for the author's present (fydd) in a statement that still holds for the author's present (fydd) in fydd in fy

<sup>120</sup> As discussed above in § 2.3.2.3.1.4, this such statements are *second-person* and *present* only in form, but in actuality are *impersonal* and *atemporal*.

#### 2.3.2.3.5 *Content-clause theme*

Welsh has a class of lexemes which can fill the rhematic (i.e. *predicated*) slot in a special bipartite nominal predication pattern: [RH TH], where the theme is a content clause (see SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.4.1) for a structural description and comparative background).

The rheme slot houses lexemes such as amhosibl, rhyfedd, da, nid (here in the sense of 'it's not the case (that) [...]'), gobeithio (here in the sense of 'let's hope (that) [...]'), efallai, and others, making a semi-open paradigm. Take note this paradigm cuts across traditional parts of speech. Of the lexemes given here the first three are 'adjectives', the fourth is a 'negative particle' (in GPC's (2014–, § nid²) words, geiryn negyddol), the fifth is an 'infinitive', and the sixth is defined as an 'adverb' or an 'adverbial phrase' (in GPC's (ibid., § efallai, ef allai, ef a allai), adferf neu ymadrodd adferfol). Since structural value of semiotic elements

within a certain paradigm is derived from their interrelations and commutation (§ 1.1.5.1.2.1), each of the elements within the class in question has a different value from its homonym(s) in other environments and paradigms. For example, da 'good' here is a different structural entity to the adnominal adjective da in, say, *llyfr* da 'a good book'.

The theme slot is much more limited, and includes three types of grammatical elements:

- A nominaliser, that is an element that signals the syntactic status of a clause as nominal (cf. English that in It's nice that you came): the positive y(r) and mai (see ex. 68a) and the negative na 'that not'.
- An infinitive, including *fod* and conjugated infinitives (see ex. 68b).
- A neuter pro-form, anaphorically referring back to a previous **nexus** or content: *hyn* (see ex. 68c<sup>121</sup>) or *hynny*.
- (68) a. [Rhaid] [mai'r adeg y cafodd fy nain need NMLZ-DEF time REL.OBL get.PRET.3SG 1SG.POSS grandmother ddamwain ydoedd], [...]
  - b. [...] [rhaid] [imi ddweud] [...] need to.1SG say.INF
  - C. [Nid da gan yr hen bregethwr] [mo hyn].

    NEG good by DEF old preacher NEG-of DEM.PROX.N

The discussion of the strict bipartite [RH TH] pattern can be extended to a related construction that has a form of bod + yn, resulting in table 2.19, which combines the two: as evident from the Pattern column, some rows are of the simple [RH TH] pattern and some are of the extended form. Notice that no pronoun (not even a non-referential hi or ef) is inserted between bu / byddai / be.PRS.3SG / mae and yn (postvocalic in).

Here too tense discerns types of sentences: with the epistemic rhaid, siŵr, sicr and tebyg '(here:) it is probable, it seems', the bare [RH TH] or the present [mae'n RH TH] examples refer to the author's present ability to know or deduce about the past, while the preter-

by the negative *mo* (THOMAS 2006, § 6.174), historically a contraction of (*d*)*dim* o 'nothing of'; this is reminiscent to some degree with the genitive of negation in Slavic languages (see S. BROWN and PRZEPIÓRKOWSKI (2006) for comparative treatments and SWAN (2002, p. 333 f.) for the particular case of Polish).

°(It) must (be) that it was the time my grandmother had had an accident, [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 80; anec. 42 [...] I have to say [lit. need for me to say][...]

YLW, ch. 9, p. 106; anec. 75

°That was not good in the eyes of the old preacher.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 18

Table 2.19:
Patterns content-clause themes in expositions

Lexeme	Pattern	Theme	Anec.	Welsh	English
rhaid	RH TH	mai	42	Rhaid mai'r adeg y cafodd fy nain ddam- wain ydoedd	°It <b>must</b> have been the time my grandmother had had an accident
		CONJINF	74	[] <b>rhaid</b> imi ddweud []	[] I <b>have</b> to say []
	bu'n RH TH	CONJINF	78	bu'n <b>rhaid</b> i mam ofyn	Mam <b>had</b> to ask
	be.impf.hab,3sg-yn <sub>ipeto</sub> byddai'n RH TH	INF	55	Byddai'n <b>rhaid</b> cerdded y pedair milltir yno ac yn ôl	°He <b>had</b> to walk the four miles there and back
da good	RH TH	hyn	18	Nid <b>da</b> gan yr hen bregethwr mo hyn	°It was not <b>good</b> in the eyes of the old preacher
siŵr siŵr	be.PRS.3SG-yn <sub>PRED</sub> mae'n RH TH	fod fod	32	Mae'n <b>siŵr</b> fod Hugh gryn ugain mlyn- edd yn hŷn na'm nain	°It is for <b>sure</b> that []
sicr sicr	be.PRS.3SG-yn <sub>PRED</sub> mae'n RH TH	mai	24	ond mae'n <b>sicr</b> mai arholiad llafar ar y maes llafur ydoedd	but it <b>must</b> have been an oral exam on the set subject
tebyg	be.PRS.3SG-yn <sub>PRED</sub> mae'n RH TH	fod	35	Mae'n <b>debyg</b> fod y gweithwyr yn gwerthu'r llechi ar eu liwt eu hunain	°It's probable that the workers were selling slates on their own behalf
	S mae'n RH	S	50	[], mae'n <b>debyg</b>	[], it seems

ite form in ex. 69a and the habitual imperfect in ex. 69b indicate the deontic obligation of characters within the storyworld in the past. Although ex. 69c is the bare pattern and bears no tense indication, it still refers to the storyworld, and the preacher's stance within it, in the narrated past.

- (69) a. bu'n rhaid i mam of yn be.PST.3SG- $yn_{PRED}$  need to 1SG.POSS\mother LEN\ask.INF
  - b. Byddai'n rhaid cerdded y pedair milltir yno ac be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> need walk.INF DEF four.M mile MEDI.LOC and yn ôl back
  - C. [Nid da gan yr hen bregethwr] [mo hyn].

    NEG good by DEF old preacher NEG-of DEM.PROX.N

#### Mam had to ask

 $\it YLW,$  ch. 9, p. 108; anec. 78  $^{\rm o}{\rm He}$  had to walk the four miles there and back

YLW, ch. 8, p. 92; anec. 55

°That was not good in the eyes of the old preacher.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 18

#### 2.3.2.3.6 Existential and locative statements

Table 2.20 combines purely existential statements (cf. *there is a problem* or *there is a book on the table*) and locational predicates (cf. *the book is on the table*); both share structural properties in Welsh.  $^{122}$  Moreover, the locational statements are not homogeneous in type, ranging from plain physical locations (such as ex. 70a) to various degrees of conventionalised metaphors (such as exx. 70b and  $70c^{123}$ ).

<sup>122</sup> The exact relation between them is a complex topic that involves a number of related issues, such as definiteness, specificity, syntactic form and information structure. The exact details are interesting, but are largely perpendicular to our discussion here. For a general theoretical discussion on the related notions of *thetic* and *categorical* statements, see KURODA (1972).

Table 2.20: Existential and locative statements in expositions

Tense	LOC	Anec.	Welsh	English
IMPF	_	203	nid <b>oedd</b> dim i'w wneud ond ein rhoi efo'n gilydd	there was nothing to do but to put us together
	ar	18	Yr <b>oedd ar</b> no eisiau sylw ei holl gynulleidfa	°He had to have ( <i>lit.</i> there <b>was</b> a <b>want</b> on him) the full attention of the congregation
		75	ac yr <b>oedd</b> llawer iawn o'r bai <b>ar</b> y fam am hynny	°much of the blame for it was on the mother
		221	Yr <b>oedd</b> ein hystafell ddosbarth fechan <b>ar</b> y trydydd llawr	Our small classroom was on the third floor
	gartref	77	Yr oeddwn i gartref	I was at home
		112	Yr <b>oeddwn</b> [] <b>gartref</b> ar wyliau	°I was [] home on holidays
	$\scriptscriptstyle yn_{\scriptscriptstyle \!$	35	yr <b>oedd</b> Owen Jones [] <b>yn</b> y carchar	Owen Jones [] was in prison
		112	Yr <b>oeddwn yn</b> yr Ysgol Sir	I was [] at the County School
	упо упо	108	ac yr <b>oedd yno</b> ym misoedd olaf y rhyfel	and he was there in the last months of the war
IMPF.HAB	ar	3	<b>byddai</b> merched [] <b>ar</b> ben y drws []	the women [] would be on their doorsteps []
	ar ôl	214	<b>Byddai</b> Ned <b>ar ôl</b> yn cyrraedd y chwarel o hyd ac o hyd	Ned used to come <b>late</b> to the quarry all the time
PLUP	$\overset{\circ n}{ar}$	71	<b>Buasai</b> ef a mam <b>ar</b> eu traed trwy'r nos	°Mam <b>had been on</b> their feet all night
	o [] to	77	Buasai o bared i bost, o ysbyty i ysbyty	°He <b>had been</b> (moved) <b>from</b> pillar <b>to</b> post, <b>from</b> hospital <b>to</b> hospital
PRS	_	3	<b>mae</b> rhes o dai o'r enw Glasfryn	there's a row of houses called Glasfryn
	$y^{n_{\text{LOC}}}$	3	<b>mae</b> beirniadaeth <b>ym</b> mhob llygad a fo yn eich gwylio	there ${f is}$ judgement ${f in}$ every eye watching you
	$\leftarrow \stackrel{\text{on}}{ar}$	91	<b>Ar</b> ei gwaelod <b>mae</b> tro ar groes-gongl a gwal ddigon isel hefyd ar y tro	At the bottom there is a right angle turn and rather a low wall on the bend
_	gartref	69	Neb arall <b>gartref</b> ond fy mam ac Evan fy mrawd	Nobody else <b>at home</b> except Mam and my brother Evan

- (70) a. yr oedd Owen Jones [...] yn y carchar PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF prison
  - b. Buasai ef a mam ar eu traed trwy'r nos be.PLUP.3SG 3SG.M and 1SG\mother on 3PL.POSS foot.PL through-DEF night
  - C. Byddai Ned ar ôl yn cyrraedd y chwarel be.IMPF.HAB.3SG PN on back  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  arrive.INF DEF quarry

Similarly to the nominal-lexeme predicates discussed above, existential and locational statements — as well as possession predicates which are discussed below — are also descriptional or commentative in nature (as opposed to verbal constructions, which can be plot-advancing in principle). Thus, it is not surprising one finds them in abundance in the EXPOSITION, as a part of the system that portrays the necessary preparatory information for the reader of the anecdote, presenting elements which are pertinent to the story and/or describing where they were.

Owen Jones [...] was in prison

YLW, ch. 7, p. 75; anec. 35 ext °Mam had been on their feet all night

YLW, ch. 9, p. 105; anec. 71 Ned used to come late to the quarry

Atgofion, p. 17; anec. 214

 $^{123}$  The noun  $\hat{o}l$  on its own covers meanings more or less equivalent to 'track, trace, back, etc.'. With the preposition ar 'on', the phrase  $ar\,\hat{o}l$  has no less than seven sub-entries for meaning in GPC (2014–, §  $\hat{o}l^1$ ), including our '(to be) late'.

Forms of bod (in the examples presented in the table: oedd, oeddwn, byddai, buasai and mae) are common both to existential and locational statements. As discussed above, tense makes a key factor in the layering of the text, and binding the statements within particular temporal and textual frames. The non-habitual imperfect presents a concrete, non-habitual state; the habitual imperfect a habitual or recurring state; the pluperfect is preparatory; and the present describes states that holds for the author's present (such as features of the local surroundings) or generic atemporal ones (ex. 71a). Ex. 71b is noteworthy, as it lacks any form of bod (it could have been Nid oedd neb arall gartref 'There was nobody else at home'). What is signalled by this syntactic construction, what is its function in literary writing and how does negation play a role here — these are interesting questions what require further research on the basis of additional examples.

(71) a. mae beirniadaeth ym mhob llygad a fo be.PRS.3SG judgement  $yn_{LOC}$  every eye REL.DIR be.PRS.SBJV.3SG yn eich gwylio  $yn_{CVB}$  2PL.POSS watch.INF

b. Neb arall gartref ond fy mam ac Evan fy mrawd no\_one other ADV\home but 1SG.POSS mother and PN 1SG.POSS brother

there is judgement in every eye watching you

YLW, ch. 3, p. 34; anec. 3

Nobody else at home except Mam and my brother Evan

YLW, ch. 9, p. 104; anec. 69

As mentioned in § 2.3.1.1.3.5, Welsh has locational predicative possession (for example, Mae gan Begw lyfr 'Begw has a book (lit. (there) is by Begw book)'). Table 2.21 lists predicative possession statements in the EXPOSITIONS.

Table 2.21:
Predicative possession statements in expositions

Form	Anec.	Welsh	English
be.IMPF.3SG oedd	61	Nid <b>oedd</b> gan yr un ohonom y syniad lleiaf	None of us <b>had</b> any idea
	88	Yr <b>oedd</b> gan y wraig frawd	The wife <b>had</b> a brother
	96	Yr <b>oedd</b> ganddi siwt liw hufen unwaith	°She <b>had</b> a cream suit once
	97	Yr <b>oedd</b> gennym gath gloff	We <b>had</b> a lame cat
	202	Yr <b>oedd</b> gennym gath gloff	We <b>had</b> a lame cat
	222	Yr <b>oedd</b> gan wyth ohonom arholiad mewn trigonometry	Three of us <b>had</b> an exam in trigonometry
be.impf.HAB.3sg byddai	86	a <b>byddai</b> ganddi hithau, felly, amser i ddarllen yn y bore	she <b>had</b> time to read in the morning
be.PLUP.3SG buasai	78	ni <b>buasai</b> gan y gŵr hwn arian i'w rhoi oni bai am mam a rhai tebyg iddi	the man <b>would have had</b> no money to give were it not for my mother and others like her
sydd sydd	43	Cof bychan iawn iawn <b>sy'</b> gennyf amdani	I <b>have</b> very little recollection of her
be.PST.3SG bu	74	<b>Bu</b> gennym gath a alwem yn 'Lisi Blac' unwaith	We once <b>had</b> a cat we called Lisi Black

#### 2.3.2.3.7 Other forms

Three examples (table 2.22) have syntactic forms which do not belong in any of the above types. Two of them are of the unique bu farw 'died' construction,

Two of them are of the unique bu farw 'died' construction, whose syntax is peculiar (see MAC CANA 1997). It looks like a third-person singular preterite form of bod (bu) with a lenited form of the adjective marw, but this particular syntactic construction is not found elsewhere productively, and its semantics is not of a state or a condition ((xe) is dead) but of an event ((xe) died)<sup>124</sup>.

The other is an adjunctive converb. Converbs which make the main predicate of their matrix sentences have been discussed in § 2.3.2.3.2. In anec. 209 wrth ddyfod is adjunctive, dependent form. As mentioned in § 2.2.1.3 above, the textual macro-syntactic sections of the anecdote and micro-syntactic segmentation do not always align at the boundary between sentences. Anec. 209 conflates several sections within one micro-syntactic unit, where the EXPOSITION is not micro-syntactically independent.

<sup>124</sup> Semantically it might be grouped with preterite verbs.

# 2.3.3 Development

The DEVELOPMENT is the main section of the anecdote, the only one which is obligatory (§§ 2.2.3.1 and 2.2.3.2); as defined in § 2.2.1.1, it narrates the events which make the core of the anecdote. It follows two optional introductory sections (ABSTRACT and EXPOSITION) and precedes two optional conclusory ones (EPILOGUE and CONCLUSION); see § 2.2.3.

If ABSTRACTS exhibit a rather strict set of forms, and EXPOSITIONS a freer form, the DEVELOPMENT is the least rigid component of the anecdote, showing a great variety of forms. In fact, it seems to make full use of the narrative 'toolbox' or 'palette' the Welsh language provides, as seen in other, more elaborate narrative texts, such as short stories and novels. This makes it

Un peth a hoffem yn fwy na dim fyddai gweld pobl yn galw gyda'r nos yn enwedig os byddent yn bobl ddiddorol ac yn gallu dweud straeon.

One thing we used to love more than anything was to see people calling in the evening, especially if they were interesting people and could tell stories.

- Atgofion, p. 15

Table 2.22:

Other syntactic forms in expositions

Form	Anec.	Welsh	English
be.pst.3sg len\dead bu farw	77	a <b>bu farw</b>	°and (he) <b>died</b>
	49	<b>Bu farw</b> fy ewythr Robert	My uncle Robert <b>died</b>
adjunctive converb	209	wrth ddyfod adre o'r chwarel	coming home from the quarry

impossible and unfitting to try to cover the whole system that governs the DEVELOPMENT here in this subsection, as that would mean more or less describing the narrative grammar of Welsh in its entirety, a task that would span over the length of more than one thesis... In lieu of that, let us pursue the 'palette' metaphor further and consider the colourful<sup>125</sup> fragment 2.3 (anec. 110), which demonstrates the richness of forms which has to do with narrative grammar. The purpose of this quick overview is not to offer a comprehensive and systematic general description nor to describe this particular anecdote for any particular merit — this anecdote is not special or outstanding in any way — but to offer a glimpse into the kind of linguistic signs that affect the structure and 'texture' of narrative. The forms are referred to in the order of their first instance in the fragment.

# 2.3.3.1 Finite preterite

Preterite finite verbs (PRET) make the backbone of narrative. They are the unmarked narrative form, which carries the *evolution mode* plot forward in main clauses. Unsurprisingly, they are the most common form in the DEVELOPMENT of this and other anecdotes; but as seen in § 2.2.2, other types of anecdotes (for example, with shorter DEVELOPMENTS which focus on the element of surprise and not on developing a plotline) may consist mainly of other forms.

## 2.3.3.2 Finite pluperfect

Two occurrences of the pluperfect finite verb form are found in the fragment, incidentally of the same verb (gwelsai; infinitival dictionary form gweld); see ex.  $72^{129}$ .

The first instance (ex. 72a) occurs in a main sentence within the narrative. Its provides commentative information about a prior point in time (y noson gynt 'the night before') in relation to the basic surrounding time reference, which is anchored by the TEMPORAL ANCHOR ryw ddiwrnod 'one day' and advanced mainly by preterite verbs (Daeth WH 'WH came' in the previous sentence and a dywedodd wrth ei wraig 'and told his wife' in the next one). The function of the pluperfect in narrative texts can be likened

<sup>125</sup> Both fragment 2.3 and appendix C (see table 4.2 for a legend) make use of coloured segments for marking grammatical forms. The colours of the two are unrelated and bear no iconic significance (except for the nonsaturated or 'colourless' grey for *other* in appendix C).

<sup>126</sup> See § 3.1.1 for a short etymological discussion of *text*, *textile* and *texture*.

<sup>127</sup> Other analyses of two particular anecdotes, including their DEVELOP-MENT, can be found in § 2.2.2.

128 On top of this skeletal narrative form numerous other text-grammatical constructions flesh out a multilayered and complex system, some of which are sketched below in the following subsubsections.

<sup>129</sup> The lack of initial *g*- in ex. 72b is due to a mixed mutation triggered by *na* 'NMLZ.NEG, that ... not' (see table 1.2).

#### Fragment 2.3:

Variance of narrative forms in an anecdote

PRET Daeth Wil Huws i weithio i dŷ Owen Williams, Plas Ffynnon, ryw ddiwrnod. PLUP Gwelsai ef yn rhywle y noson gynt a PRET dywedodd wrth ei wraig indirect speech→y be.IMPF.SBJV byddai yno fore trannoeth ← indirect speech, a PRET rhybuddiodd hi ar boen ei bywyd am gadw ei drwyn ar y maen. PRTFe PRET ddaeth Wil Huws. PRET Cafodd frecwast campus, ac PRET aeth ati i ddyrnu â ffust. Toc, PRET daeth i'r tŷ a INF ac egluro i Maggie Williams indirect speech→nad be.IMPF oedd y ffust yn un dda iawn ←indirect speech, cvBgan ddangos ei gwendidau. free indirect speech→Ond yr be.IMPF oedd gan Elis Jones yn y Gaerwen ffust dderw gampus, ac ni be.impf.sbjv byddai fawr o dro yn rhedeg yno i nôl ei benthyg — yr eglurhad hwn i gyd  $y^{n_{PRED}}$ yn glên iawn ac <sup>yn<sub>PRED</sub></sup>yn berffaith resymol. —free indirect speech PRESTT Dyna'r olwg ddwaethaf a welodd Maggie Williams arno y diwrnod hwnnw. Pan PRET ddaeth ei gŵr adref o'r chwarel, yr belimpfoedd yn lloerig, a pretthynghedodd y mynnai gael gafael arno y noson honno. PRET Aeth i lawr i'r Gaerwen, ac yr be.IMPF oedd ar y trywydd iawn. PRET Sbeciodd drwy dwll clicied rhagddor y sgubor, ac yno <sup>cleft</sup>yr <sup>be,IMPF</sup>oedd Wil Huws <sup>CVB</sup>yn gorwedd mewn sach ar swp o wair glân. Pret Dyrnodd Owen Williams y drws fel dyn cynddeiriog, <sup>CVB</sup>gan fygwth mwrdwr a phethau gwaeth. PRET Neidiodd Wil Huws ac direction allan o'i sach yn noeth lymun (<sup>IMPF</sup>tystiai</mark> O.W. wedyn na welsai neb cyn laned), PRET brysiodd wisgo amdano CVB gan hanner crïo'n edifeiriol. direct speech→''Rydw i yn dwad rŵan, Owen bach, ydw wir.'-direct speech PRT Mi PRET gafodd ddigon o fraw y tro hwn i gyflawni ei addewid i ddyrnu yn bur fuan.

One day Wil Hughes PRET came to work at the house of Owen Williams, Plas Ffynnon. °He PLUP had seen him [Wil] somewhere the previous night and PRET told his wife he be.IMPF.SBJV would be there the next morning, and PRET warned her on pain of her life to keep the man's shoulder to the wheel. Wil Hughes PRT (fe) PRET arrived. "He PRET got an excellent breakfast, and PRET went to begin threshing with a flail. Soon he PRET came into the house a INF and explained to Maggie Williams that the flail be.IMPF was not a very good one, CVB showing her its faults. free indirect speech→But Elis Jones in the Gaerwen had (lit. there be.impf was by EJ) an excellent oak flail, and it be.IMPF.SBJV wouldn't take long to run there and borrow it this whole explanation <sup>yn<sub>PRED</sub></sup> {yn} very agreeable and <sup>yn<sub>PRED</sub></sup> {yn} perfectly reasonable. ← free indirect speech PRESTT That was the last that Maggie Williams saw of him that day. When her husband PRET came home from the quarry he be.IMPF was livid, and PRET swore he'd get hold of him that night. "He PRET went down to Gaerwen, and he be impr was on the right track. He PRET spied through the latch hole in the half door of the barn, and it was there cleft that Wil Hughes be.IMPF was cvblying in a sack on a pile of clean hay. Owen Williams PRET banged on the door like a madman, cvbthreatening murder and worse things. Wil Hughes PRET jumped and direction out of his sack naked (O.W. IMPF swore he'd never seen anyone so clean), PRET rushed to get dressed cvb half crying repentantly. direct speech o'I'm coming now, Owen bach, really I am. direct speech oPRT {Mi} he PRET got enough of a fright this time to keep his promise to do the threshing soon.

- Source: YLW, ch. 12, p. 145; anec. 110

to some extent to flashbacks in cinema: a temporary shift back in time, which provides complementary information; see LEE (2020) and \$ 1.1.4. $^{130}$ 

The second instance (ex. 72b), on the other hand, occurs within a subordinate content clause, itself within a commentative parenthetic clause. That parenthetic clause deviates from the basic surrounding time reference as well, but not to anterior reference but posterior one: after the whole series of events told in the anecdote has been over, Owen Williams commented upon the events (presumably when he told and retold the story) and

130 Such temporal shift is sometimes crucial to the point of the anecdote. For instance, in anec. 22 the shift signalled by the pluperfect *aethai* 'had gone' is necessary for solving the question as to how Rev. Rawson Williams did come to Rhosgadfan despite the fact the author's grandfather did not offer him an engagement. After the first pluperfect establishes the shifted temporal reference, preterite forms are used (*aeth* 'xe went' twice).

said that he had not seen anyone as clean as Wil Huws when he got out of the sack naked. $^{131}$ 

- (72) a. 「Gwelsai」 ef yn rhywle y noson gynt [...] see.PLUP.3SG 3SG.M  $yn_{LOC}$  INDF.SG.place DEF night early.CMP
  - b. (tystiai O.W. wedyn na 「welsai」 neb testify.IMPF.3SG PN after.DEM.PROX.N NMLZ.NEG see.PLUP.3SG anyone cyn laned)

    EQU clean.EQU

The had seen him [wil] somewhere the previous night [...]

(O.W. swore he'd never seen anyone so clean)

## 2.3.3.3 Reported speech

The short fragment exhibits three types of reported speech:

- Indirect speech (exx. 73a-b), introduced with verbs of speaking (dywedodd and egluro, respectively) and mediated by nominalisers (the positive y(r) 'that' and the negative nad 'that ... not'), which are complemented with a clause.
- A kind of *free indirect speech* (ex. 73c), representing what a character said without such syntactic framing.<sup>132</sup>
- *Direct speech* (ex. 73d), marked with quotation marks.
- (73) a. [...] dywedodd wrth ei wraig 「y byddai yno say.PRET.3SG with 3SG.M.POSS woman NMLZ be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG MEDI.LOC fore trannoeth」 [...]
  - b. [...] ac egluro i Maggie Williams 'nad oedd y and explain.inf to PN NMLZ.NEG be.impf.3sg DEF
     ffust yn un dda iawn [...] flail(f) ynpred one.f good very
  - C. Ond yr oedd gan Elis Jones yn y Gaerwen ffust dderw but PRT be.IMPF.3SG by PN  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF PN flail(F) oak gampus, ac ni byddai fawr o dro yn rhedeg excellent and NEG be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG PRED\big of time  $yn_{CVB}$  run.INF yno i nôl ei benthyg [...]

    MEDI.LOC to bring 3SG.F.POSS borrow.INF [...]
  - d. "Rydw i yn dwad rŵan, Owen bach, ydw prt.be.prs.1sg 1sg y $n_{\text{CVB}}$  come.INF now pn small be.prs.1sg wir."

    ADV\true

<sup>131</sup> In other words, we leap forward in time (with *tystiai* 'testified, swore'; see § 2.3.3.13) and then back in the subordinate content clause (our *na welsai* 'that he had not seen').

<sup>132</sup> The topic of *free indirect speech* is discussed in § 3.6.2.1 in the context of *reported thoughts* in another corpus, as a topic related to *reported speech* (the signalling of which is explored in chapter 3).

(He) [...] told his wife he would be there the next morning [...]

[...] and explained to Maggie Williams "that the flail was not a very good one [...]

But Elis Jones in the Gaerwen had an excellent oak flail, and it wouldn't take long to run there and borrow it [...]

oʻI'm coming now, Owen bach, really I am.'

The formal distinction between the three types lies in two axes:

 Between the direct and indirect ones: where the deictic centre — or point of reference — is (the speaking character's or the common narrative's frame of reference, respectively).
 This overlaps with whether the reported speech is presented as a quote of the actual words the speaking character says or not.

Both tense and person are two pertinent deictic categories. With regard to tense, we see the imperfect subjunctive form byddai 'would be' in the two indirect segments (see § 2.3.3.4), which has its anchor in the temporal reference of the narrative; a direct equivalent would be the future *bydd* 'will be'. Similarly, in the indirect segments we see the reference to the contemporary point in the narrative as imperfect indicative *oedd* 'was' (whose direct equivalent would be the present mae), while in the direct speech we see the present (r)ydw 'I am' (whose indirect equivalent would be the imperfect indicative oedd 'was', with a shift in person as well). Take note of rwan, which is also deictic (here-and-now, nynégocentrique). The vocative diminutive Owen bach 'dear Owen' (ROSIAK 2013, p. 301. ff.) and the final echo repetition  $ydw^{\text{be.PRS.1SG ADV}\setminus \text{true}}$  wir 'really I am' are both interlocutory colloquial forms, aiming at persuading Owen Williams.

• Between the *indirect speech* and the *free indirect speech*: whether the indirect content is syntactically mediated as subordinate or not, respectively.

As stated the indirect speech segment is framed by dywedodd with 3sg.M.Poss woman NMLZ wrth ei wraig y '(he) told his wife that' while the free indirect speech one is not framed in such a way.

## 2.3.3.4 • Imperfect subjunctive

The imperfect subjunctive (IMPF.SBJV) is a form found in the inflection of bod and some compound forms of  $bod^{133}$ . Depending on analysis and the exact language variety, the imperfect subjunctive form may be homonymic with the habitual imperfect  $b_{\text{PLIMPF.HAB.3SG}}$  be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG (byddai and byddai, for example).

In our fragment byddai occurs twice. Once in a nominalised y 'that' clause that makes the object of dywedodd (byddai yno fore

<sup>133</sup> Such as *gwybod* 'to know (things and facts)' and *adnabod* 'to know (people, places, etc.), to recognise', although they are not very common even in 20<sup>th</sup> century Literary Welsh. Morphologically, this kind of composition is not unlike -sum compounds in Latin — such as *absum* 'I abandon, I am away' or *obsum* 'I am against, I hinder, I hurt' — in which the final part conjugates like *sum* 'I am'.

trannoeth 'that he would be there next morning'). And a second time in another segment that represents the speech of a character indirectly  $^{134}$ : ni by ddai fawr o dro yn rhedeg yno i nôl ei benthyg 'it wouldn't take long to run there and borrow it'. Both times by ddai indicates a future reference in relation to the current point in the narrative when the character speaks  $^{135}$ .

# 2.3.3.5 • Preverbal particles

As mentioned above in § 2.2.2.2.3, the system of clause-initial, preverbal particles (PRT) in Welsh is not trivial at all (AWBERY 2004; SHISHA-HALEVY 2015). 136 There are two such particles in the fragment. One is fe, whose function is — generally speaking to mark an affirmative focus: here Wil Hughes was to come to the Williamses, and he did come (the English did INF is a suitable approximation to  $\stackrel{\text{AFF}}{fe}$ ). The other is  $\stackrel{\text{PRT}}{mi}$ , the exact function of which is less tangible and easy to put one's finger on. According to SHISHA-HALEVY (2015, § 2), it is a 'non-concatenating converter, combined with the Preterite (not the Imperfect) in narrative, [...]. [...] we encounter a pronounced affinity of the *mi*-form with the perfectum praesens tense'. How the subjective and locutive, nynégocentrique (DAMOURETTE and PICHON 1911-1940), nature of  $mi^{137}$  is expressed in our case and similar cases is yet to be fully understood in light of a systematic description of this elusive particle.

# <sup>134</sup> This time without a quotative index framing the segment as attributed to a certain character in the story. Chapter 3 is dedicated to quotative indexes in another corpus and text-type.

- <sup>135</sup> This creates in the first occurrence three temporal layers which are signalled by grammatical tense: the anterior pluperfect *gwelsai* 'had seen', the plot-carrying preterite *dywedodd* 'said' and the posterior imperfect subjunctive *byddai* 'would be'.
- <sup>136</sup> fe has been mentioned in § 2.2.2.2.3 above, in the context of analysing another DEVELOPMENT.

<sup>137</sup> Which is diachronically a development of \**me*-, the oblique form of the Indo-European first-person singular pronoun.

## 2.3.3.6 FINV a INF

Similarly to how *phrasing* is used in music to group notes together into phrases that make complete musical sense (NATTIEZ [1987] 1990, § 7.2) or how smaller micro-syntactic units are grouped to make larger phrases, the narrator can stage the textual consistency of the events so two or more events are joined to make larger units (and so on, making episodes, scenes, etc.). The high-juncture [FINV a INF] construction is such a 'glue' that joins two events closely into a compound event, making it an information-chunking<sup>138</sup> narrative technique<sup>139</sup>.

chunking narrative technique chunking narrative technique in the large come. In our case (daeth i'r tŷ ac i'w egluro i'm which was and explained to MW') the two verbs do not present two

 $^{140}$  a 'and' and ac are preconsonantal and prevocalic allomorphs, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> Keeping with the musical analogy, this construction signals a *legato*, connecting notes/events together, as opposed to unmarked or even *staccato* articulation (see SHISHA-HALEVY 1997, § 1.1.5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> It was discussed above in § 2.2.2.1.3; see SHISHA-HALEVY 1997, § 1.1 for structural description.

independent individually-delimited concatenated events that simply occur one after the other (*he came*; *he explained*), but a compound 'hyper-event'. The relationship between the events that make this construction (minimally two, and occasionally more: [FINV, INF a INF], etc.) is object- or goal-oriented, where each link leads to the one that follows. Here 'explaining' (*ac egluro*) is the end of 'coming' (*daeth*); this is expressed Clarke's English translation<sup>141</sup>: *he came into the house to explain*.

## 2.3.3.7 • Imperfect oedd

Various constructions are built on the basis of book, whose most common and unmarked form in narrative is *oedd*. These include the following:

- Adverbial predication pattern<sup>142</sup>, whose predicative slot includes:
  - adverbalised nominals, whose adverbial status is marked by yn; ex. 74a (a noun phrase with un as nucleus) and ex. 74c (an adjective).
  - locative predicates; used metaphorically<sup>143</sup> in ex. 74d.
  - converbs; ex. 74e (as the  $glose^{144}$  of a cleft sentence).
- The locational predicative possession construction, as in ex. 74b.
- (74) a. [...] ac egluro i Maggie Williams nad <code>roedd\_ y</code> and explain.INF to PN NMLZ.NEG be.IMPF.3SG DEF

  ffust <code>ryn un dda iawn\_ [...]</code>
  flail(F)  $yn_{PRED}$  one.F good very
  - b. Ond yr <code>Foedd\_</code> <code>Fgan Elis Jones\_</code> yn y Gaerwen <code>Fffust but PRT be.IMPF.3SG</code> by <code>PN yn\_Loc DEF PN flail dderw gampus\_</code>, <code>[...]</code>

    oak <code>excellent</code>

  - d. Aeth i lawr i'r Gaerwen, ac yr 「oedd」 「ar y go.PRET.3SG to down to-DEF PN and PRT be.IMPF.3SG on DEF trywydd iawn」.

    track right

<sup>141</sup> In order to make the translation more transparent, I modified it above, as 'he came into the house to explain' would normally correspond to *daeth i'r*  $t\hat{y}$  *i egluro*, with an *i INF* 'to INF' causal converb.

<sup>142</sup> See appendix E.

- <sup>143</sup> Cf. the English equivalent *to be on the right track* or the Norwegian *være på rett spor*.
- <sup>144</sup> DAMOURETTE and PICHON (1911–1940) term *vedette* the focal part of a cleft sentence, and *glose* the other part.

[...] and explained to Maggie Williams that the flail was not a very good one [...]

But Elis Jones in the Gaerwen had (*lit.* there  $\lceil was_{\rfloor} \rceil$  fan excellent oak flail\_, [...]

When her husband came home from the quarry he <code>[was\_ [livid\_],[...]</code>

°He went down to Gaerwen, and he was fon the right track. e. [...], ac yno yr 「oedd」 Wil Huws 「yn gorwedd」
and MEDI.LOC REL.OBL be.IMPF.3SG PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> lie.INF
mewn sach ar swp o wair glân.
in sack on heap of hay clean

[...], and it was there that Wil Hughes was 'lying in a sack on a pile of clean hay.

#### 2.3.3.8 Converb

Converbs (CVB) make up an important part of the Welsh grammatical system. Broadly speaking, the two primary syntactic status converbs be in are predicative (rhematic) and adjunctive, and each of the two has a different paradigm (commutation class) for the preposition component of the converb: the predicative status has a more limited selection in comparison to the adjunctive one.

#### 2.3.3.9 Bare NP + predicative yn

In addition to yn that occurs with oedd, which has been discussed above in § 2.3.3.7, there are two concatenated instances of yn which follow a noun phrase without oedd or any other form of auxiliary bod: ex. 75. As such, this construction in this textual environment is not anchored to a specific time frame but serves as an atemporal comment by the author, referring back to Wil Hughes's explanation (with the demonstrative metalinguistic yn explanation points p

(75) [EGLURHAD] —  $\lceil yr \mid eglurhad \mid hwn \mid i \mid gyd \rfloor$   $\lceil yn \mid glen \mid iawn \rfloor$  ac  $\lceil yn \mid berffaith \mid resymol \rfloor$ .

agreeable very and  $yn_{PRED}$  perfect reasonable

different, with a comma between WH and yn, that would unambiguously communicate an adjunctive status of yn gorwedd 'lying' and an existential-locative use of oedd 'was': yno yr oedd WH, yn gorwedd [...] 'it was there that WH was, lying [...]'. Cf. ex. 83 in Borsley, Tallerman, and D. WILLIS (2007, § 4.3), which demonstrate a simple existential-locative use of bod 'to be' in a cleft sentence.

[EXPLANATION] — This whole explanation (was/is) very agreeable and perfectly reasonable.

[PRO/NP yn<sub>PRED</sub> ADJ] can be classified under a more general umbrella [PRO/NP ADVP] construction (where yn<sub>PRED</sub> ADJ constitutes an ADVP in our case). The function, (text-)syntactic behaviour and structural value of this construction — which also includes [PRO/NP CVB] — differs in different text-types. Ex. 76a demonstrates it in diary-like narrative writing <sup>146</sup> (a), description of actions portrayed in images (b, from a random Welsh Wikipedia article, written under an image of an Ancient Egyptian relief) and describing states in laconic public signs (c). It is also used for portraying tableaux vivants in various kinds of narrative.

- (76) a.  $\lceil \text{Yr} \text{ uwd} \rfloor \lceil \text{yn} \text{ dda} \rfloor$ ,  $\lceil \text{yn} \text{ feddal} \rfloor$  ac  $\lceil \text{nid} \text{ yn} \text{ lwmp} \rceil$  DEF porridge  $yn_{\text{PRED}}$  good  $yn_{\text{PRED}}$  soft and NEG  $yn_{\text{PRED}}$  lump caled  $\rfloor$ .
  - b.  $\lceil \text{Ptolemi XII} \rfloor \lceil \text{yn} \quad \text{taro} \quad \text{ei} \quad \text{elynion} \rfloor$ PN  $yn_{\text{CVB}} \quad \text{hit.INF 3SG.M.POSS enemy.PL}$
  - C. Cyfleusterau gwneud te a choffi ar gael facility.PL do.INF tea and coffee on get.INF

## 2.3.3.10 Presentative

After Wil Huws's explanation as to why he has to go is given and commented upon, a phoric referential presentative construction occurs (ex. 77a), which refers back to the previous situation. In this environment the nominally 'medial'<sup>147</sup> dyna is prevalent and usually anaphoric (as here), while the nominally 'proximal' dyna is rarer and commonly cataphoric (see B. M. Jones (2012, § 1.2) and Shisha-Halevy (2016, § 4); cf. ex. 77b).

- (77) a. 「Dyna」'r olwg ddwaethaf a welodd Maggie Williams

  PRESTT.MEDI-DEF sight last REL.DIR see.PRET.3SG PN

  arno y diwrnod hwnnw.

  on.3SG.M DEF day(M) DEM.DIST.M
  - b. 「Dyma」 a glywn pan gyrhaeddais y dorf.

    PRESTT.PROX REL.DIR hear.IMPF.1SG when arrive.PRET.1SG DEF crowd

    'Back to the land' ar dop ei lais.

    on top 3SG.M.POSS voice

<sup>146</sup> This is touched upon in § 5.4.2. [PRO/NP ADVP] is exceptionally common in this type of writing. See also SHISHA-HALEVY (2010, p. 274b).

"The porridge (is) "good, "soft, and not one hard lump.

HD, Gwacter (ch. 4), p. 32

「Ptolemy XII」「smiting his enemies」

Wicipedia; https://w.wiki/5N2h

Tea and coffee making facilities favailable

A sign spotted in the dormitories of Cardiff University, Aberdare Halls of Residence; https://digitalwords.net/ ling/cymraeg/arwyddion/

<sup>147</sup> Generally speaking, Welsh has three presentatives — proximal *dyma*, medial *dyna* and distal *dacw* — which correspond in form (and only partially in function) to three spatial spheres: *yma* 'here', *yna* 'there' and *acw* 'yonder'.

That was the last that Maggie Williams saw of him that day.

That is what I heard when I approached the crowd. 'Back to the land' at the top of his voice.

Atgofion, p. 33; anec. 236

SHISHA-HALEVY (2016, § 4) differentiates between presentative exponents proper and referential pronouns (our case), and describes the structural relationship between them as homonymy. In narrative, he describes the textual domains of the latter as comment mode, narrator's channel, free indirect discourse or internal narrative. Our example seems to fall under the comment mode rubric, as it comments on the plot: it points backwards to the previous situation, and describes information that applies to the rest of the day that follows.

# 2.3.3.11 • Cleft sentence

Cleft sentences are comparatively common in Welsh: somewhat more common than in English (and by far more than in German); they are impressionistically about as common as in French. This has to do with their milder focal force: it takes less 'communicative effort' to trigger them. Their basic form in Literary Welsh is [FOC a /y(r) CLAUSE], where a and y(r) follow the same 'direct': 'oblique' pattern as in relative clauses (explained in § 2.3.1.1.3.6), making the non-focal part syntactically framed as a relative clause 149; no initial internally cataphoric pronoun comparable with English it or French ce is used before the focus.

Such a construction is demonstrated in ex. 78, where *yno* is the focus. This part of this chapter is concerned with Wil Huws, a crafty man who used to be paid or get food for casual work jobs but evaded doing the work itself<sup>150</sup>. In the anecdote he gets a breakfast before he is supposed to thresh with a flail, but then uses an excuse — that the flail is faulty — and disappears. The point when he is found at last is a turning point in the narrative, a peak or climax of sorts. Cleft sentences operate not only in their own limited scope as a (micro-)syntactic form, but in the broader textual and discursive scope. In narrative, this is manifested in their sensitivity to the macro-level flow of the story; in our case the focal construction does not only direct the spotlight to the fact it was *there* in the barn that Wil Huws was found (contrastive focus), but also highlights the whole event as prominent (narrative focus).

- <sup>148</sup> See DE CESARE (2014) for quantitative aspects, as well as C. N. BALL (1990), as cited in FILPPULA (2009) and C. N. BALL (1991). FILPPULA (2009) discusses areal-typological and contact-linguistic considerations of the English *it* cleft, including a possible Celtic influence on the English construction and its frequency.
- <sup>149</sup> BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS (2007, § 4.3) describe it as 'structurally identical to a *wh*-question' due to (generative) framework-internal reasons, I presume. For a structural linguistic analysis, including typological and historical considerations, see SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.4.4).
- <sup>150</sup> A *rêl sgolar* 'real scholar' as he is told in the previous paragraph to be called by people in Caernarfon...

(78) Sbeciodd drwy dwll clicied rhagddor y sgubor, ac 「yno peep.PRET.3SG through hole latch front\_door DEF barn and MEDI.LOC yr oedd Wil Huws yn gorwedd mewn sach ar swp o wair REL.OBL be.IMPF.3SG PN yncvB lie.INF in sack on heap of hay glân」.

He spied through the latch hole in the half door of the barn, and fit was there that Wil Hughes was lying in a sack on a pile of clean hay.

## 2.3.3.12 • Predicative directional phrase

Our fragment happens to demonstrate a construction that is not particularly common, an idiomatic predicative *directional phrase*. Such constructions are not dissimilar to their English structural equivalents, like *away with him*, out with it or off with you.<sup>151</sup>

The example under consideration is the part *allan* o'i sach '(he went) out of his sack' ex. 79, which is paratactically concatenated after the verbal clause *Neidiodd WH* (with the conjunction ac) and complements it semantically (schematically [jumped + got out of the sack]), in a manner that creates a compound event, not unlike [FINV a INF] of § 2.3.3.6.

(79) Neidiodd Wil Huws ac 「allan o'i sach」 yn noeth lymun [...] jump.PRET.3SG PN and out from-DEF sack ynADV naked bare

<sup>151</sup> Interestingly, there seems to be an areal factor here. Irish has similar constructions as well, as in *amach leis* 'out with it, out with him'; see HUGHES (1970) for a structural discussion of expressions of direction in Irish. To the best of my knowledge, this topic has not received much scholarly attention in Welsh, nor has a thorough analytic typological comparison been conducted with regard to the linguistic area in question.

\*Wil Hughes jumped and Tout of his sack, naked [...]

# 2.3.3.13 Finite imperfect

The structural value and syntactic behaviour of *oedd*, the imperfect form of *bod*, is different from that of other, imperfect finite verbs. For this reason *tystiai* of ex. 80 is treated here in a separate subsubsection.

It occurs within an explicitly commentative clause in parentheses, which is detached from the *evolution mode* plot-advancing clauses before and after it, which have preterite verbs (*neidiodd* and *brysiodd*). The detachment from the basic flow of the events is expressed also by the adverbial *wedyn* 'afterwards'. The imperfect form can imply that Owen Williams (O.W.) asserted that he'd never seen anyone so clean repeatedly, when he told the story more than once.

(80)Neidiodd Wil Huws ac allan o'i sach yn noeth lymun jump.PRET.3SG PN and out from-DEF sack ynADV naked bare ("tystiai O.W. wedyn welsai na neb testify.IMPF.3SG PN after.DEM.PROX.N NMLZ.NEG see.PLUP.3SG anyone EQU laned), [...] clean.EQU

"Wil Hughes jumped and out of his sack naked (O.W. "swore he'd never seen anyone so clean), [...]

This subsection aims at providing a glimpse into the richness of the Welsh text-grammatical means of expression in weaving narratives, which Roberts is known to have taken full advantage of. The various subsections tackled each syntactic form, making order in what would at first glance be considered a visually cacophonous chaotic arrangement of colours in fragment 2.3.

## 2.3.4 Epilogue

The EPILOGUE is the first of the conclusory sections. It is reserved for information about the results of the events which have unfolded in the DEVELOPMENT or other pertinent information of posterior occurrences, and is characterized by temporal disjunction from it.<sup>152</sup> In the concentric structure of the anecdote (§ 2.2.3), its correspondent in the preparatory sections is the EXPOSITION: both form the intermediary layer around the DEVELOPMENT and are closely connected to it content-wise — the EXPOSITION provides necessary background information (before the starting point of the DEVELOPMENT) and setting, and the EPILOGUE provides the said pertinent information of posterior occurrences. Most EPILOGUES are rather short and simple, but some are more developed (e.g. anec. 112).

Several features characterise the EPILOGUE, as outlined in table 2.23:

• Anaphoric meta-references back to the events told in the anecdote (§ 2.3.4.1), with a prepositional construction meaning 'after' (such as wedyn 'afterwards'; § 2.3.4.1.1) or with another kind of relation (such as Bu'r peth yn ei boeni 'The thing worried him' in anec. 51; § 2.3.4.1.2).

152 The posterior temporal disjunction is crucial: not all comments that occur at the end of a DEVELOPMENT constitute an EPILOGUE. For example, *Sgidiau rhad*, *sâl oeddynt a dim ond tair wythnos a barhaent* 'They were cheap, bad shoes, and they lasted for three weeks' in anec. 237 does occur after the plot of the anecdote ends, but it is not an EPILOGUE; it is similar to other comments found embedded in many anecdotes, and therefore it is also annotated as such (§ A.1).

Table 2.23: Features characterising the epilogue

	Meta-re	ference				
Anec.	'After' § 2.3.4.1.1	Other relation § 2.3.4.1.2	Duration § 2.3.4.2	Temporal expression § 2.3.4.3	Negation § 2.3.4.4	bod.pret § 2.3.4.5
3	wedyn					
6		y stori yna				
7		y peth	am ddyddiau			
10	wedi hyn		ymhen blynyddoedd			
12		y gystadleuaeth hon	am flynyddoedd lawer []			
33	wedyn			11 1 6 5 7		
36	wedyn			lled fuan [] tua 74 mlwydd oed		
38	wedyn			tuu 74 miwyaa oea		
42	wedyn		byth × 2			
50	weagn		am yn agos iawn i			
-			hanner canrif			
51		y peth	am amser hir			
52	wedi'r ddamwain hon		am un mis; am byth			
57	[] ar ôl hynny					
72				flynyddoedd lawer		
				o flaen mam		
78				erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn		
80		yr amgylchiad				
91				yn 1919 []		
102			am amser hir			
106				ar ôl dychwelyd		
				o Lerpwl		
112	wedyn					
209	wedyn					
220	1	11				
227	wedyn	y munud hwnnw				
233		y digwyddiad				

- An expression denoting something told in the EPILOGUE occurred over time (such as am ddyddiau 'for days' in anec. 7; § 2.3.4.2).
- A temporal expression that sets the time reference of the EPI-LOGUE as distinct from that of the DEVELOPMENT, but without
- gwair 'But our old friend did not cut hay' in anec. 112; § 2.3.4.4)
- ullet Constructions with the preterite forms of  $\overset{ ext{be.INF}}{bod}$  (such as the previous example; § 2.3.4.5).

As evident from the table, some features are more common than others. None is obligatory, but there is no EPILOGUE in the corpus without any of them.

# 2.3.4.1 Meta-reference

Meta-referencing, by its very nature, is a disjunctive feature, as it points to the events told in the anecdote as if *from outside*. Most EPILOGUES have such a meta-referential element.

Interestingly, the distinction between 'after' meta-references and other kinds of relations seems to largely correlate with another grammatical feature: of the examples in the corpus, all the demonstrative-pronoun meta-references are in the 'after' category (wedyn, wedi hyn, ar ôl hynny) and none save one 153 of the non-demonstrative ones is in that category. This correlation seems not to be coincidental: even though there is no hard microor macro-syntactic restriction on lexical meta-references (that is, not demonstrative pronouns) occurring with a posterior ('after') relation — as demonstrated by the exception — or on demonstrative pronouns occurring with other kinds of relations, there are apparently textual factors that contribute to this correlation.

#### 2.3.4.1.1 'After'

Being posterior 'appendices' to the DEVELOPMENT, many EPILOGUES contain an explicit phrase indicating that what is described them occurred *after* the events of the DEVELOPMENT. The most common form is *wedyn* 'afterwards, after this', which is historically a contracted form of *wedi hyn* 'after this'<sup>154</sup>; the uncontracted form *wedi hyn* does occur once (in anec. 10), with no clear significant difference between the two form<sup>155</sup>.

The different prepositional construction ( $ar\ \hat{o}l\ '$ after') and demonstrative ( $hynny\ '$ that') in ex. 81 have to do with the syntactic co-text ( $unwaith\ neu\ ddwy\ '$ once or twice'), which  $ar\ \hat{o}l\ hynny\ modifies$ , as opposed to adverbial modification of the whole matrix sentence with wedyn.

(81) Cysur, [...], yw cofio iddo gael mynd i'r comfort COP.PRS.3SG remember.INF to.3SG.M LEN\get.INF go.INF to-DEF capel unwaith neu ddwy ar ôl hynny... chapel one\_time(F) or two.F on back DEM.DIST.N

As stated above, most of the cases which position the epilogue as being temporally subsequent to the DEVELOPMENT using wedi

<sup>153</sup> Anec. 52, *wedi'r ddamwain hon* 'after this accident', discussed below in § 2.3.4.1.1.

154 See GPC (2014–, § wedyn). Also compare with Modern Hebrew more-or-less univerbated אַחַר־כָּדָּ axár-kax 'afterwards [lit. after so]', which in Colloquial Hebrew makes one fused stress unit; it also retains some non-productive and archaic features, pointing to fossilisation: the form הַחָּה axár- 'after-' (the productive form of the preposition is אַחָר axaréj) as well as the use of בָּדְּ kax after prepositions.

155 The difference between wedyn and wedi hyn is largely orthogonal to our discussion, and should be investigated independently. I am not aware of any publication describing the diachrony in greater details than stating 'wedyn comes from a contraction of wedi hyn', nor one which deals with the synchronic value of the two wherever there is actually a structural opposition between them.

It is a comfort to know nevertheless that he did manage to get to chapel once or twice more <code>fafter</code> that.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 94; anec. 57

or  $ar \, \hat{ol}$  'after' have a demonstrative pronoun as the object of the prepositional construction. Ex. 82 has a noun phrase instead: 'r damwain hon 'this accident' refers back to the accident around which the anecdote revolves; it does involve a demonstrative element (hon), not as an independent demonstrative pronoun but as a dependent demonstrative element 156 in a [DEF NP DEM] construction.

(82) Bu gartref am un mis ar ddeg wedi'r DDAMWAIN be.PST.3SG ADV\home about one month on ten after-DEF accident(F)

HON, [...]

DEM.PROX.F

<sup>156</sup> Sometimes termed *demonstrative* ad*jective* or *adjectival demonstrative* in the literature.

°He was home for eleven months after THIS ACCIDENT, [...]

YLW, ch. 8, p. 90; anec. 52

#### 2.3.4.1.2 Meta-references with roles other than 'after'

While it is common for the meta-reference to follow a prepositional phrase meaning 'after', other syntactic roles do occur as well:

- As the object of verbs that refer to retelling or mentioning the anecdote as a story (exx. 83a-b);
- As the theme in the adverbial predication pattern (exx. 83c-e), describing it as a great worry, a source of amusement and a worrying thing.
- As an adverbial temporal expression, to which another metareference is related ('that moment<sup>157</sup>, and many other moments after that'; ex. 83f); and
- As the object of a preposition (ex. 83g).

(83) a. Byddai nhad yn chwerthin [...] wrth ddweud be.IMPF.HAB.3SG 1SG.POSS\father yn\_CVB laugh.INF with say.INF

DEF story DEM.MEDI

b. Nid oedd wiw i neb sôn am YR AMGYLCHIAD

NEG be.IMPF.3SG apt to no\_one mention.INF about DEF occasion

yn ei chlyw.

yn ei chlyw.  $yn_{LOC}$  3sg.F.Poss hearing

C. Bu'R PETH yn boen fawr i mi, [...] be.PST.3SG-DEF thing  $yn_{PRED}$  worry big to 1SG about

<sup>157</sup> Similarly to the English *that moment, y munud hwnnw* does not show any segmental marker of adverbiality; it is its syntax that marks it as such.

My father would laugh [...] when he told this story.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 36; anec. 6

°No one dared bring the event up in her hearing.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 111; anec. 80

°THE THING was a great worry to me [...]

YLW, ch. 3, p. 37; anec. 7

- d. Bu'r Gystadleuaeth hon yn destun difyrrwch be.pst.3sg-def competition(f) dem.prox.f  $yn_{PRED}$  subject amusement [...]
- e. Bu'r PETH yn ei boeni [... be.PST.3SG-DEF thing yn<sub>CVB</sub> 3SG.M.POSS worry.INF
- f. Ond yr oedd J. M. Jones yn gymorth hawdd ei but Def be.impf.3sg pn yn<sub>PRED</sub> help(m) easy 3sg.m.poss gael Y MUNUD HWNNW, [...]
- g. Bu llawer o bryfocio am Y DIGWYDDIAD.

  be.PST.3SG much of provoke.INF about DEF event

Similarly to what we have seen in § 2.3.1.1.1, the general stori, peth, amgylchiad occur both in ABSTRACTS and EPILOGUES 158. digwyddiad is another general meta-reference, and so is munud (which stands metonymically for the short occurrence as a whole). The specific cystadleuaeth 159 refers to the particular competition that the anecdote revolves around.

Unsurprisingly, all the anaphoric meta-references in the EPI-LOGUE are definite, as such anaphoric reference is one of the core functions of the definite article. Some are also accompanied by a demonstrative: y stori yna (ex. 83a), y gystadleuaeth hon (d), and y munud hwnnw (f).

#### 2.3.4.2 Duration

The durations of time indicated in the epilogues range from days (am ddyddiau 'for days', anec. 7), to a month (am un mis, anec. 52), to years (ymhen blynyddoedd, anec. 10, and am flynyddoedd lawer, anec. 12), half a century (am yn agos iawn i hanner canrif 'for almost half a century', anec. 50), or a vague long time (am amser hir, anecs. 51 and 102; byth 'ever', anec. 42, and am byth 'forever', anec. 52)<sup>160</sup>. In one example, 12, a duration of time is expressed with a temporal clause (a thra fu fy mrodyr fyw 'and while my brothers were alive'), juxtaposed to am flynyddoedd lawer 'for many years'.

The indication of duration in the EPILOGUE contributes not only to the direct end of communicating that so-and-so happened for so-and-so long, but also to the textual structure, as an addi-

THE COMPETITION was a source of amusement [...]

YLW, ch. 4, p. 46; anec. 12

°THE THING worried him [...]

YLW, ch. 8, p. 90; anec. 51 But J. M. Jones was an easily-obtainable help THAT MOMENT, [...]

Atgofion, p. 26; anec. 227

There was much teasing about THE INCIDENT.

Atgofion, p. 30; anec. 233

<sup>158</sup> Anec. 7 is noteworthy, as it has both a cataphoric *peth* 'thing' in the AB-STRACT and an anaphoric one in the EPILOGUE. The former is indefinite, as this *thing* has not been defined yet, and the latter is definite.

<sup>159</sup> The c- → g- lenition in the text (ex. 83d) is triggered by the definite article: feminine nouns are lenited following the definite article.

<sup>160</sup> The difference between *byth* 'ever' and *am byth* 'forever' here is not unlike their English equivalents: the former is used in anec. 42 within a negative sentence, indicating something did not ever happen, and the latter indicates a period of time.

tional marker of temporal disjunction from the DEVELOPMENT: any event that occurred or reoccurred over a considerable period of time distance the EPILOGUE from the DEVELOPMENT, which is concerned with a particular, temporally-bound set of events.

One case which is akin to the ones discussed here yet is still distinct is *aml iawn* 'very often' in anec. 38. It does not express duration, but a recurrent event.

# 2.3.4.3 Temporal expressions

Similarly to the feature discussed in § 2.3.4.1.1 ('after'), which sets the temporal boundary marking in terms of  $order^{161}$ , a number of EPILOGUES mark that posterior time in a more detailed manner; see ex. 84. The two are not conflicting, as evident by ex. 84a.

- (84) a. [...] oblegid bu farw 'n lled fuan wedyn,

  because be.PST.3SG LEN\dead-yn\_ADV quite prompt after.DEM.PROX.N

  'tua 74 mlwydd oed ...

  toward year.NUM age
  - b. Ond bu ef farw flynyddoedd lawer o flaen but be.PST.3SG 3SG.M LEN\dead ADV\year.PL many of front mam.
    1SG.POSS\mother
  - C. [...] ac fe allodd eu talu fesul tipyn erbyn and AFF be can.PRET.3SG 3PL.POSS pay.INF ADV\measure bit diwedd y flwyddyn.
  - d. Bu farw yn 1919, rhwng 94 a 95 mlwydd oed. be.PST.3SG LEN\dead yn LOC between and year.NUM age
  - e. Ni bu byw'n hir ar ôl dychwelyd o Lerpwl, NEG be.PST.3SG live.INF-ynadv long on back return.INF from PN

<sup>161</sup> That is, that occurrences and descriptions in the EPILOGUE are set after occurrences and descriptions in the DEVELOPMENT.

[...] because he died soon afterwards, about 74 years old.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 76; anec. 36

But he died many years before Mam.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 105; anec. 72

[...] and she managed to pay it back bit by bit by the end of the year.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 108; anec. 78

She died in 1919, between 94 and 95 years old.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 122; anec. 91

He did not live long fafter he returned from Liverpool, [...]

YLW, ch. 12, p. 143; anec. 106

#### 2.3.4.4 Negation

Negation is relatively prevalent in the EPILOGUE. While this might be surprising at first glance, it is quite reasonable — negation makes yet another textual boundary between the inherently narrative DEVELOPMENT and the commentative plot-external EPI-

LOGUE: the former in its barest form presents a set of events that did happen, and the latter is dissociated from it. This dissociation has several grammatical expressions<sup>162</sup>, one of which is negation: not stating that something (an event) has happened, but that something has *not* happened.

Most of the examples are quite straightforward  $^{163}$ , but it should be noted that the negation in ex. 85 is negation only in form; NEG bod yn hir cyn INF is an idiomatic way to say something happened soon. For this reason the corresponding cell is not coloured green in table 2.23.

(85) [...] ac ni buont yn hir WEDYN cyn priodi.

and NEG be.PST.3PL yn<sub>PRED</sub> long after.DEM.PROX.N before marry.INF

- <sup>162</sup> As demonstrated in the subsubsections above, some of these have to do with the time (order, duration, distance) and some with climbing the ladder of abstraction and referring to a textual unit from outside (metareference).
- <sup>163</sup> All the examples in table 2.23 are hyperlinked to appendix A; see § D.3.1.

[...] and it wasn't long AFTERWARDS before they were married.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 74; anec. 33

#### 2.3.4.5 Preterite forms of bod 'to be'

The last feature which is considered here is the use of preterite  $^{164}$  forms of  $\overset{\text{be.INF}}{bod}$  in many EPILOGUES (table 2.24). In fact, when comparing the representation of the different features in quantitative terms, this is the most prevalent feature (see table 2.23).

We find the preterite forms of bod in a few different constructions:

- With a noun or an adjective predicated in the adverbial predication pattern, mediated by  $yn_{PRED}$ . Anecs. 7 and 12 are literal, while anec. 33 the construction is a part of an idiom (see ex. 85 in § 2.3.4.4).
- With byw and marw, whose syntax is peculiar<sup>165</sup>. Although anec. 106 has byw, it in fact indicates the death of a person, as says he did not live long after so-and-so. All four examples have an explicit temporal expression (§ 2.3.4.3); it seems merely stating someone has died might feel incomplete in regard to the pertinent information provided in relation to the story, violating the Gricean maxims (GRICE 1975) of relation (relevance) and quantity<sup>166</sup>.
- With an *yn INF* converb.
- With existential 167 and locative statements.

<sup>164</sup> The term in the Welsh grammatical terminology is *gorffennol* 'past'.

<sup>165</sup> See § 2.3.2.3.7 and MAC CANA (1997).

- <sup>166</sup> The information is lacking, and thus missing a relevant connection needed in this context.
- <sup>167</sup> The two existential ones (anecs. 80 and 233) are in fact idiomatic ways to describe verbal statements, with the infinitives *sôn* 'to mention' and *pryfocio* 'provoke'.

Table 2.24: Preterite forms of bod in epilogues

Туре	Anec.	Welsh	English
yn <sub>PRED</sub> NP/ADJ	7	Bu'r peth yn boen fawr i mi, []  be.pst.3sg-def thing yn <sub>pextD</sub> worry big to 1sg  Bu'r peth yn boen fawr i mi, []  be.pst.3sg-def competition(f) DEM.PROX.F. yn <sub>pextD</sub> subject amusement	°The thing was a great worry to me []
	12	Bu'r gystadleuaeth hon yn destun difyrrwch []	The competition was a source of amusement []
	33	and NEG be.PST.3PL yrress long after.DEM.PROX.N before marry.NF [] ac ni buont yn hir wedyn cyn priodi.	[] and it wasn't long afterwards before they were married.
marw / byw	36	be.PST.3SG LEN\dead- $y_{n_{MV}}$ quite prompt after.DEM.PROX.N toward year.NUM [] bu farw'n lled fuan wedyn , tua 74 mlwydd oed.	[] he died soon afterwards, about 74 years old.
	72	obut be.PST.3SG 3SG.M LEN\dead ADV\year.PL many of front Ond bu ef farw flynyddoedd lawer o flaen 1SG.POSS\mother mam .	But he died many years before Mam.
	91	be.PST.3SG LEN\dead yn <sub>loc</sub> Bu farw yn 1919, []	She died in 1919, []
	106	NEG be.PST.3SG live.NNT-yn <sub>apv</sub> long on back return.INF from PN Ni bu byw'n hir ar ôl dychwelyd o Lerpwl, []	He did not live long after he returned from Liverpool, []
$yn_{\text{CVB}}$ INF	50	be.Pst.3sg- $yn_{\text{cva}}$ do.INF DEF journey(f) DEM.DIST.F about $yn_{\text{ADV}}$ near very to Bu'n gwneud $y$ daith honno am yn agos iawn i half century hanner canrif.	He made that journey for almost half a century.
	51	Bu'r peth yn ei boeni am amser hir, []  and bepst.mprs yn <sub>CVA</sub> 3SG.F.POSS sing.NF about time long	$^{\circ}$ The thing worried him for a long time, []
	102	[] a buwyd yn ei chanu am amser hir.	[] and it was sung for a long time.
	112	Ond ni bu'r hen gyfaill yn lladd gwair i lawer	But our old friend did not cut hay for many people after that.
Existential / Locative	80	wedyn .  Neg be PST.3sg end ever on upbraiding 1sg.Poss\mother concerning .  Ni bu diwedd byth ar edliw mam ynglŷn with-DEF sermon DEM.MED! a'r bregeth yna.	°There was no end ever to Mam's complaining about that sermon.
	233	be.PST.3SG much of provoke.INF about DEF event  Bu llawer o bryfocio am y digwyddiad.	There was much teasing about the incident.
	52	Bu gartref am un mis ar ddeg wedi'r ddamwain hon ,[]	°He was home for eleven months after this accident, []

With the exception of the bu  $\frac{\text{be.Pst.3sg Len} \setminus \text{dead}}{\text{farw}}$  /  $\frac{\text{NEG be.Pst.3sg alive}}{\text{bu}}$  type, in which the preterite form is a part of the special non-typical construction (MAC CANA 1997), the other statements described here span<sup>168</sup> repeatedly over time, but they are not presented with interior composition. That would be the function of the imperfect<sup>169</sup> form of bod (oedd, etc.) in the respective types, which is much more common within the storytelling parts of narrative, as opposed to the commentative parts which zoom-out and present information not from the particular temporal frame of the narrative, which advances with the plot, but from a more distance temporal frame (as in our EPILOGUE or in ex. 86).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> Or do not span in the case of negative statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> See HEINECKE (1999, § 5) for a general description of the time and aspectuality in the Welsh verbal system.

(86) [...], caeodd y drws a thu ôl i'w dywyllwch close.PRET.3SG DEF door(M) and side back to-3SG.M.POSS darkness

y teimlodd bang gyntaf y cau drysau a fu REL.OBL feel.PRET.3SG pang early.SUP DEF close.INF door.PL REL.DIR be.PST.3SG yn ei bywyd wedyn」.

yn\_Loc 3SG.F.POSS life after.DEM.PROX.N

°[...], she shut the door, and behind its darkness she felt the first pang of closing doors that was in her life later on.

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 9

This subsection presented a cluster of grammatical features which characterise the EPILOGUE, and distinguish it from the DEVELOPMENT which it succeeds. This cluster is yet another evidence for the close connection between grammar of smaller and larger (textual) scale units, and the way taking textual aspects into consideration is essential for a fuller understanding of a language and texts produced in that language.

#### 2.3.5 Conclusion

The CONCLUSION, as its name suggests, is the last section. Its textual function is to refer back to the anecdote, commenting about it as a whole from outside (as defined in § 2.2.1.1). It is the rarest section, with only nine instances<sup>170</sup>, but it is structurally distinct and thus deserves to be distinguished.

Similarly to the ABSTRACT, the CONCLUSION has — so to speak — one foot in the anecdote and one in the broader text in which it is embedded, serving as an intermediatory element (see also  $\S$  2.4). Textually, its function is to reinforce the theme of the text in which the anecdote is embedded or to expand upon the anecdote.

<sup>170</sup> For this reason all examples are presented here with glosses, as exx. 88–96 (§ 2.3.5.3).

#### 2.3.5.1 Meta-reference

Another resemblance to the ABSTRACT is that most CONCLUSIONS have a meta-referential element in them<sup>171</sup>, but a minority (in fact one) does not. That one example is ex. 93, which presents the 'moral' of the anecdote as an exclamative statement (opened with *Mor* 'So [...]!, How [...]!') with no cataphoric meta-reference (an equivalent with such a reference could look like ex. 87).

<sup>171</sup> Typeset in small capital letters.

(87) Dengys straeon fel YNA pa mor dynn yw'r llinynnau show.prs.3sg story.pl like DEM.MEDI Q so tight COP.prs.3sg-DEF string.pl

Stories like THAT show how strong the ties are [...]

(a paraphrase of ex. 93)

The meta-reference can be lexical or — differently from the ABSTRACT - a demonstrative element that stands on its own. Welsh has a complex demonstrative system (THOMAS 2006, §§ 4.183-4.187; THORNE 1993, §§ 236-237). It has several series of demonstratives, which can be formally classified according to their first phonemes, as h- (demonstratives proper), y- (homonymic with locative markers), dy- (homonymic with presentatives), *rh*- (plural; originally from *rhai* + other elements), and a compound series that combines the first two; these form an intricate system, the full details of which lay beyond the scope of this subsection. To our purpose here it is relevant to note that the yna and the compound honyna are strikingly common in the CONCLUSION. The phrase fel yna 'like that' 172 is found in four CONCLUSIONS (exx. 88, 91, 92 and 95). As a part of [DEF NP DEM] 'this/that NP', yna is found in ex. 95 (y stori yna 'that story'); the equivalent with h- is found in ex. 92 (y stori hon 'that story'). The compound form honyna is found in ex. 90.

<sup>172</sup> This is a rather frequent collocation, which has a contracted form in colloquial speech (represented as *felna* or *fel'na* in writing).

The attested CONCLUSIONS share the lexical meta-references stori (89, 92 and 95) and enghraifft (ex. 90) with the ABSTRACT (§ 2.3.1.1.1). In addition, hanes 'history, story' 173 is found in ex. 92.

Similarly to the specific lexemes used in the ABSTRACT (trychineb and trasiedi); see § 2.3.1.1.1, here too we see such lexemes: cyd-ymddibyniaeth in ex. 88, which refers to the kind of interdependence described in the anecdote, and ymweliadau in ex. 96, which refers back to the visit described in that anecdote (anec. 238) and the one immediately before it (anec. 237), as representatives for other visits as well.

<sup>173</sup> The exact difference in use between *stori* and *hanes* is interesting. While they may have some difference in denotation or connotation, it is not impossible that the *stori* which that *hanes* reminds the author of in ex. 92 affects the choice of lexeme, as if to avoid repetition of *stori* twice in proximity. One way or the other, *hanes* here does not mean *history* in the common way one uses the word in English.

#### 2.3.5.2 Tense

A number of tense forms are attested in the CONCLUSIONS, which mark the temporal and aspectual relation of the statement.

• The preterite is attested referring to general (ex. 88) and personal (ex. 96) history, as well as to events told in the anecdote

(ex.  $92^{174}$ ) — all in a way that treats the past as complete, without interior composition.

- The habitual imperfect in ex. 91 (byddem) describes a general statement about how things used to be, while the (non-habitual) imperfect in ex. 94 (oedd) seems like it might be more limited. The ex. 89 oedd would not be readily substitutable with byddai, as the need to know XY is not a habitual matter.
- Present forms can be atemporal (as ex. 90, Dengys in ex. 92, nid be.Prs.3SG.DEP yw in ex. 95, and the general conclusion drawn in ex. 93) or concrete and actual, bound to the author's present (as Mae'r hanes yn fy atgoffa in ex. 92 or Gwn, yr wyf mor sicr [...], and NEG be.Prs.1SG ynpred sure Nid wyf yn siŵr in ex. 95).

174 Gwers ar gyfer y dyfodol a roes Modryb Neli 'It was a lesson for the future that Neli rgave'.

<sup>175</sup> A more minute and more strongly established generalisation on the system has to take more examples into consideration, of course.

# 2.3.5.3 Examples from the corpus

(88) Allan o GYD-YMDDIBYNIAETH fel YNA y tyfodd rhyw out of co-refl.dependence like DEM.MEDI REL.OBL grow.PRET.3SG INDF.SG fath o ffyddlondeb a theyrngarwch a chyfeillgarwch. kind of trust and loyalty and friendship

°From INTER-DEPENDENCE like THAT grew a kind of trust, loyalty and friendship.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 31; anec. 1

(89) Wrth reswm, rhaid oedd adnabod XY yn drwyadl, fel with reason need COP.IMPF.3SG be\_acquainted.INF PN yn\_ADV thorough like y gwnâi ei gyd-weithwyr, i allu gwerthfawrogi'R REL.OBL do.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M.POSS CO-worker.PL to can.INF appreciate.INF-DEF STORI. story

°Of course, you'd need to know XY thoroughly, as his fellow workers did, to appreciate THE STORY.

YLW, ch. 3, p. 36; anec. 6

(90) Mae HONYNA cystal ENGHRAIFFT â'r un o'i
be.prs.3sg dem.medi.f good.equ example(f) with-def one of-3sg.f.poss

ffordd o drugarhau.
way of be\_merciful.inf

THAT is as good an EXAMPLE as any of her sympathetic ways.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 106; anec. 75

(91) ¶ Fel YNA y byddem, pawb y pryd hynny yn like DEM.MEDI REL.OBL be.IMPF.HAB.1PL everyone DEF time DEM.DIST.N yn<sub>CVB</sub> gallu chwerthin.

can.INF laugh.INF

¶ °It was like THAT that we were, we could all laugh then.

YLW, ch. 9, p. 112; anec. 83

(92)Mae'R HANES yn fy atgoffa am stori a be.PRS.3SG-DEF history  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  1SG.POSS remind.INF about story REL.DIR ganwaith gan fy nhad am ryw hear.PRET.1PL ADV\hundred.time by 1sg.poss father about INDF.sg man а arferai roi cweir i'w fab am wneud REL.DIR be\_used\_to.IMPF.3SG give.INF thrashing to-3SG.M.POSS son about do.INF drwg, ac adrodd y fformiwla hon uwch ben bad and tell.INF DEF formula(F) DEM.PROX.F high.CMP 3SG.M.POSS head cweir bob tro, "R wyt ti'n cael nid am ADV\every time PRT be.PRS.2SG 2SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> get.INF thrashing NEG about DEF ti, ond rhag iti wneud drwg eto.' drwg wnest REL.DIR\do.PRET.2SG 2SG but lest to.2SG LEN\do.INF bad again Gwers ar gyfer у dyfodol a Modryb Neli, roes lesson on direction DEF future REL.DIR give.PRET.3SG aunt sicr! ¶ Dengys STORI HON amdani Υ be.PRS.3SG- $yn_{PRED}$  sure show.PRS.3SG DEF story(F) DEM.PROX.F about.3SG.F gymaint o'r Piwritan a oedd ynddi, er gwaethaf REL.DIR be.IMPF.3SG  $yn_{LOC}$ .3SG.F despite bad.SUP big.EQU of-DEF puritan hystyried yn dipyn o bagan. 3SG.F.POSS consider.INF  $yn_{PRED}$  bit of pagan

"THE STORY reminds me of a story we have heard a hundred times from my father about a man who used to give his son a beating for wrongdoing, reciting this formula over his head, 'You're having a beating not for the wrong you have done but to stop you doing wrong again.' It was a lesson for the future that Neli gave, certainly! ¶ THIS STORY about her shows how much of the Puritan was in her, despite being thought a bit of a pagan.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 119; anec. 88

(93) Mor dynn yw'r llinynnau sy'n dal llawer so tight cop.prs.3sg-def string.pl be.rel.prs.3sg-yn<sub>CVB</sub> keep.INF many teulu wrth ei gilydd. family with 3.poss recp

How strong the ties are that bind a family together.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 123; anec. 92

(94) Fel YNA, er y gweithio caled yn y 'Rala, yr oedd like DEM.MEDI despite DEF work.INF hard yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF PN PRT be.IMPF.3SG amser hefyd i chwarae drama ar ganol gwaith. time also to play.INF drama on middle work

°Like THAT, in spite of the hard work at the 'Rala, there was always time to play-act in the midst of work.

YLW, ch. 10, p. 127; anec. 94

(95)Gwn tadogir STORI YNA ar rai eraill know.prs.1sg nmlz attribute.prs.imprs def story dem.medi on indf.pl other.pl ond yr wyf mor sicr â'm DEM.PROX.N but PRT be.PRS.1SG so sure with-1sg.poss be.INF  $yn_{CVB}$ ysgrifennu rŵan, fod Y STORI wedi digwydd fel YNA. LEN\be.INF DEF story after happen.INF like DEM.MEDI write.INF now Wrth gwrs, nid yw'n amhosibl iddi fod wedi with course NEG be.PRS.3SG.DEP-yn<sub>PRED</sub> impossible to.3SG.F LEN\be.INF after digwydd yn rhywle arall hefyd. Nid wyf yn  $\neg$  be.PRS.1SG  $yn_{PRED}$  sure whether happen.INF  $yn_{LOC}$  INDF.SG.place other also ddywedodd pan weithiai yn pwll glo, John James a У REL.DIR say.PRET.3SG when work.IMPF.3SG  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF pit wrth glywed crynfeydd yn y ddaear, 'Clyw, hi'n mae with hear.INF tremor.PL  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF earth hear.IMP.2SG be.PRS.3SG 3SG.F-DEF glaw y tu allan.' throw.INF rain DEF side out

I know this story has been attributed to others by now, but I'm as sure as I'm writing now that the story did happen like that. Of course it's not impossible that it happened somewhere else too. But I am not certain whether it was John James who said, when working in the pit and hearing earth tremors, 'Listen, it's raining outside.'

YLW, ch. 12, p. 144; anec. 108

(96) Trwy'r ymweliadau hyn cawsom weld dyfnder dioddef through-def visit.pl dem.prox.pl get.prt.1pl see.inf depth suffering rhai o bobl y Rhondda.

INDF.PL of people DEF PN

Through THESE VISITS we got to see the depth of suffering of some of people of Rhondda.

Atgofion, p. 34; anec. 238

Having described the text-linguistic features of the five sections, the two remaining subsections, §§ 2.3.6 and 2.3.7, are dedicated to the two anchors. The anchors are contained within any of the first three sections (see §§ 2.2.1.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4).

## 2.3.6 *Integrating anchor*

As defined in § 2.2.1.2, the INTEGRATING ANCHOR functions as a signal that integrates the anecdote in the flow of the surrounding text (anchoring the former inside the latter). Prototypically, it does so by connecting the anecdote to the author's present at the time of writing (using the present tense), but other forms do occur.

In its most common form, the INTEGRATING ANCHOR begins  $^{176}$  with the verb *cofiaf* 'I remember' (discussed in § 2.3.6.1 below) with a complement, but other forms also occur (§ 2.3.6.2). See § 2.2.1.2 for glossed examples (ex. 7).

As evident from table 2.3, with very few exceptions the INTEGRATING ANCHOR's place is at the beginning of the first section

176 Welsh finite verbs are initial, in a 'VSO' constituent order (see DRYER (2013a) for typological considerations).

of the anecdote. Thus, in a way it signals to the reader the following part of the text makes an anecdote, an opening bracket in a way. It is not an obligatory sign, a *sine qua non*, for the structural composition of an anecdote, but as it occurs in about one third of the anecdotes, it is certainly an important one. The anecdotes in which the INTEGRATING ANCHOR is not the first component in the anecdote itself are the following:

- Anec. 24 explicitly discusses remembering and not remembering. The EXPOSITION consists of two sentences where the author declares she does not remember some information (Ni chofiaf). Then the DEVELOPMENT begins with Ond and two concatenated INTEGRATING ANCHOR clauses where she presents what she does remember 1777.
- In anec. 51 a TEMPORAL ANCHOR (Unwaith) precedes the INTEGRATING ANCHOR in the syntagmatic order of the linguistic output. This is due to the fact this is a cleft sentence; as described in § 2.3.3.11 above, cleft sentences in Welsh has the basic form [ $FOC\ a\ /y(r)\ CLAUSE$ ]. In our case unwaith is in focus, implying it was only once (and not more) that the author remembers her father late for chapel.  $^{178}$
- Anec. 54 has an ABSTRACT before the DEVELOPMENT which contains the INTEGRATING ANCHOR; as discussed in § 2.3.1.2.2 above regarding ex. 61f (our ABSTRACT) and other examples of the kind, this ABSTRACT makes a kind of title that precedes the rest of the anecdote and foreshadows its content. Of the examples discussed there, our anec. 54 is the only one with an INTEGRATING ANCHOR, which is positioned after the title.
- Anec. 96 has the Integrating anchor within the Development, after an exposition. It could have been presented differently (cf. the examples which begin with an exposition with an integrating anchor in table 2.3), but the author chose in this particular example first to present the background information in the exposition and only then to have the integrating anchor. This might have to do with the nonprototypic nature of the integrating anchor in question, which has the preterite verb dywedodd (not the more common present, nor specifically the formulaic cofiaf).

177 Ond cofiaf yn iawn [...] a chofiaf [...] 'But I remember well [...] and I remember [...]'.

<sup>178</sup> For this reason I added '(Only)' in parentheses to the translation.

### 2.3.6.1 Cofiaf 'I remember'

Our corpus consists of two memoirs<sup>179</sup>: one (Y Lôn Wen) has Darn o hunangofiant 'a piece of autobiography/memoir' as its subtitle and the other is called Atgofion 'Recollections'. Therefore, it should not be any surprise that remembering and reminiscing play a major role in the texts in question, and in recalling and retelling anecdotes from the author's past in particular. The first-person singular (cf. hunan- in hunangofiant<sup>180</sup>) present form of the verb cofio (cf. -gofiant 'memoir, memory'<sup>181</sup>) is the most common element in INTEGRATING ANCHORS.

SCHWALM (2014, § 2) deals with the dual nature of first person in autobiographical writing, and differentiates between a *narrating I*, which personifies the agent of **focalisation** (the overall position from which the text is rendered), and a *narrated I*, which features as a character within the narrative. The first person in our *cofiaf* is the *narrating I* — *par excellence* — both in person and in temporal reference, which simulates the time of composing the text.

Although *cofiaf* is rather formulaic and conventionalised in the corpus, repeating in dozens of anecdotes, it is questionable whether it can be adequately described as fully 'text-grammaticalised' (that is, grammaticalised as a text-linguistic element). As with grammaticalisation in general (HOPPER and TRAUGOTT 2003, § 1.2), it is a matter of continuum, and defining a threshold (which is to a degree arbitrary); had a larger portion of the anecdotes had an INTEGRATING ANCHOR, had its form been more homogeneous 183, or had its form undergone some reduction, I would feel more comfortable applying the notion of grammaticalisation to *cofiaf*. *Conventionalisation*, *idiomatisation* or *constructionalisation* would make better descriptions.

 <sup>179</sup> From French *mémoire*, from Latin *memoria* 'memory'.

 $^{180}$  Cf. also *auto*- in the English *auto-biography*, a learned borrowing from Ancient Greek  $\alpha \dot{v} \tau o$ - *auto*- 'self-'.

<sup>181</sup> The basic dictionary form is *cofiant*, which is lenited in this compound word and shares a stem (*cof*-) with *cofio* 'to remember'. Lenition is a common *Fügemorphem* (binding morpheme) in Welsh compounds (see SHISHA-HALEVY 2003b, § 4.a.4).

<sup>182</sup> In the context of discussing Franz Karl Stanzel's theory of narrative (see STANZEL [1979] 2001), a similar distinction is made by FLUDERNIK (2009, p. 90) between the *narrating self* and the *experiencing self*. These distinctions are akin to the *external* and *internal* perspectives of narrative that are reflected in pairs of terms which refer to the flow of time, as touched upon in n. 14 on p. 6 (§ 1.1.4).

<sup>183</sup> That is, more integrating anchors would have *cofiaf* and less would have other forms like the ones described in § 2.3.6.2 below.

<sup>184</sup> Literary Welsh finite verbs can stand on their own ('pro-drop' in certain linguistic frameworks) or be accompanied by an auxiliary personal pronoun.

<sup>185</sup> Cf. Shisha-Halevy 1997, 76 f.

ilar lexemes (like atgofiaf[I remember]). These forms are attested elsewhere in the corpus, but not as INTEGRATING ANCHOR. The only other variation of cof- as a INTEGRATING ANCHOR is the idiomatic Mae META-REFERENCE yn fyw iawn yn/ar fy nghof<sup>186</sup> (i) 'META-REFERENCE is very alive in my memory/mind' (anecs. 77 and 91), which is emotionally stronger than the 'banal' cofiaf (as evident from anec. 91). <sup>187</sup> See also § 2.3.1.1.3.1.

It should be pointed out that even though other forms of the verb *cofio* are excluded from the INTEGRATING ANCHOR, it does not follow from this that *cofiaf* is excluded from other parts of the text. While it is a common sign of the beginning of a new anecdote, it is used by the author (among other forms) for other purposes as well, stating she remembers certain facts, people, etc.

A micro-syntactic excursus. There seems to be a tendency for elements to come in between cofiaf and its complement<sup>188</sup>, or even between parts of the complement, splitting it (such as yn bur dda 'quite well' in cofiaf ef yn bur dda yn dyfod i'r tŷ 'I remember him quite well coming to the house', anec. 36). This is not unique to the verb in question, but makes a general feature of Welsh syntax; nevertheless, how common it is for linguistic elements to come between cofiaf and its complement is rather striking. The most common element is *unwaith*, which serves as a TEMPORAL ANCHOR; semantically it belongs in the complement ('I remember that once so-and-so happened')<sup>189</sup>, but in many cases it occurs between cofiaf and the complement (literally 'I remember once that so-and-so happened', although so-and-so happened once, not the act of remembering). While unwaith is relatively lightweight, much heavier syntagms can separate the verb from its complements, with no less than 17 orthographic words long intervention in anec. 87.190

§§ 2.3.6.1.1 to 2.3.6.1.3 cover all examples of *cofiaf* INTEGRATING ANCHORS, categorised according to their complements.

#### 2.3.6.1.1 Infinitival complements

The complements in table 2.25<sup>191</sup> are conjugated infinitives, while

<sup>186</sup> The form *nghof* is the nasal mutation form of *cof* 'memory, mind', which is triggered by *fy* '1SG.POSS'.

<sup>187</sup> Take note anecs. 77 and 91 are indeed longer, and more detailed and developed than most anecdotes. They are two of the longest anecdotes in the corpus; see § 2.5.2 below.

<sup>188</sup> The verb takes the first position in the sentence, and in our case the second position (right after the verb) is often filled with all kinds of elements. This is reminiscent of WACK-ERNAGEL'S ([1892] 2000) famous position of enclitics in Indo-European, but here we deal with heavier linguistic elements as well.

<sup>189</sup> There are such cases where the TEMPORAL ANCHOR is located within the complement: anecs. 42, 94 and 229.

<sup>190</sup> There are not enough examples for drawing clear conclusions, but it seems the type of complement correlates with the prevalence of intervening elements: the conjugated infinitives and *bod* 'to be' constructions (tables 2.25 and 2.27, respectively) are the most 'permissive' while the other types are more restricted.

<sup>191</sup> The last column ( $\langle \rightarrow \rangle$ ) refers to examples above where the syntagms in question are discussed.

Table 2.25: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with conjugated infinitival complements

§	Anec.	Welsh	English	$\rightarrow$
ABS	11	[] i un drasiedi rwystro fy mrawd ieuengaf	[] that one tragedy kept my youngest brother	28b
				52a
	224	imi ei chael yn iawn ganddo	that I got it right from him	57
EXP	75	[] i berthynas imi golli bachgen	°[] that a relation of mine lost a boy	
DEV	12	[] iddynt hysbysu mewn un cyfarfod plant	[] that they announced in one children's meeting	
	14	[] iddo ofyn yn sydyn i un bachgen []	[] that he suddenly asked a boy []	
	24	imi redeg adref	°that I ran home	
	26	i'r prifathro geisio	°that the headmaster tried	
	27	[] i ddyn ddyfod i'r ysgol	°[] that a man came to school	
	29	imi gael mynd [] ar y Llungwyn	°that I went [] on Whit Monday	
	30	[] inni gael y tro amheuthun o fynd gyda hi	[] that we had a rare occasion of going with her	
	38	iddi roddi sofren felen yn fy llaw	°that she put a gold sovereign into my hand	
	51	iddo fod yn amhrydlon yn y capel	°that he was late for chapel	
	66	[] iddi ddangos llond trôr o sanau newydd	°that she showed me a drawer full of new socks	
	73	[] i mam orfod mynd ar hanner pobi	°[] that Mam had to go out in the middle of baking	
	93	[] i'm cyfnither yn unig ddyfod i'm danfon	[] that my cousin came on her own to escort me	
	204	[] i'm cefnder R. Alun Roberts a Hughie ei frawd ddyfod	[] that my cousin R. Alun Roberts and Hughie his	
		acw	brother came there	
	229	inni fynd i Gwmllynfell [] i actio	that we went to Cwmllynfell [] to act	

Table 2.26: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with simple infinitival complements

§	Anec.	Welsh	English	<b>→</b>
ABS	42	gael fy mrifo'n fawr unwaith yno	°getting really hurt one time there	56a
	237	alw mewn un tŷ	calling in one house	56b
DEV	90	glywed fy mam yn dweud []	hearing my mother saying []	
	94	aros dros nos unwaith yn y 'Rala	staying overnight once in the 'Rala	

those of table 2.26 are simple, non-conjugated ones. The conjugated infinitive encodes both the verbal lexeme (the infinitive) and the subject, [i PRO/NP LEN INF] making a content clause (see appendix E), while the simple infinitive encodes the verbal lexeme alone. In the syntactic slot in question, as the object of cofiaf, the semantic (unexpressed) agent of the simple infinitives is the same as that of the verb, viz. first-person singular 192. This creates an interesting locus of structural opposition, between the conjugated infinitive in cofiaf imi LEN\INF 'I remember that I V-ed [lit. I remember for me to INF]' (anecs. 24, 29 and 224) and the simple infinitive in cofiaf OBJ\INF 'I remember V-ing', which form a structural paradigm. The value of the choice between the two constructions (where they are in genuine opposition: first-person singular subject in our case) cannot be ascertained from such a

<sup>192</sup> Cf. the corresponding *I remember V-ing* in the translation.

small number of examples, but anec. 24 might give a clue: as mentioned above, it has two consequent *cofiaf* INTEGRATING ANCHORS, one has a mai 'that' content clause complement with a cleft sentence ( $gr\hat{o}t$  a gefais 'oit was a four-penny piece that I got') and the other a conjugated infinitive ( $imi\ redeg\ [...]$  'that I ran [...]'). More examples are needed, but it does not sound implausible that the choice of a conjugated construction here presents the *fact* that she ran (the nexus between *her* and *running*) as the object of remembering, rather than the *act* of running.

The grammemic infinitive bod (table 2.27) is unique in its use and syntax<sup>193</sup> and thus merits its own classification apart from other infinitives. Similarly to what we have seen before, bod can occur in several constructions. Here it is attested in these constructions: locative (literally in anec. 82; metaphorically in anecs. 92 and 203), converbal (yn in anecs. 16, 54, 57, 64 and 81; wedi in anecs. 46 and 87) and possessive (anec. 31).

# 2.3.6.1.2 (am) PRO/NP ( $yn_{CVB}$ INF) complements

The complements in table 2.28 are direct object nominal phrases or nominal phrases preceded by the preposition am. The difference between the two is unclear to me; the closest reference I could find is THOMAS (2006, § 5.47), but what he describes is not quite our case exactly.<sup>194</sup>

193 Two prominent features are the following. One is that while with possession of any other infinitive indicates a semantic objective relation between it and the possessor (e.g. ei glywed 'to hear him [lit. his to-hear/hearing]' and clywed Siân 'to hear Siân [lit. to-hear/hearing of Siân]'), with bod the relation is subjective (e.g. ei fod yn canu 'that he is singing [lit. his to-be/being in to-sing]'). The other feature is the adverbial complements of bod (see 'predication pattern' in appendix E) and its use in existential and possessive constructions.

<sup>194</sup> In any case, incidentally or not, *am* seems to correlate with *un* 'one' and the plural *rhai* 'INDF.PL', but this correlation is not perfect (*un stori* 'one story' without *am* in anec. 40, and *am fy nhad* [...] 'about my father [...]' in anec. 53).

Table 2.27: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with bod 'to be' complements

§	Anec.	Welsh	English
EXP	203	fod tri ohonom o dan y clefyd coch	that three of us had the scarlet fever
DEV	16	[] ei fod yn pregethu ar bwnc o athrawiaeth	[] that he was preaching on a point of doctrine
	31	fod gan Dei, fy mrawd ieuengaf, lond warpaig go fawr	that Dei, my youngest brother, had a large, full warpaig
	46	[] fod rhai ohonom wedi bod yn cadw twrw	[] that some of us were noisy
	54	ei fod wrthi [] yn gwneud bwgan brain yn y cae tatws	°that he was at it [] making a scarecrow on the potato field
	57	[] ei fod yn eistedd yn y gegin	[] that he was sitting in the kitchen
	64	fod fy nhad wrthi yn cadw'r llestri ar ôl te	°that my father put the dishes away after tea
	81	[] ei bod yn traethu yn arw ar sefyllfa'r byd	°[] that she railed hard about the state of the world
	82	[] fod fy nai, Griffith Evans, acw i swper	°[] that my nephew, Griffith Evans, was there for supper
	87	[] fod Jac y Do wedi dyfod i lawr simnai'r gegin orau	[] that a jackdaw came down the chimney of the best kitchen
	92	fod fy nhad mewn byd garw	that my father was upset
	236	[] fy mod yn dyfod i fyny o'r dref	[] that I came up from the town

Table 2.28: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with (am) PRO/NP complements

§	Anec.	Welsh	English	$\rightarrow$
ABS	40	un stori a glywais gan fy mam	°one story I heard from my mother	39b
				53
	61	[] ddiwrnod yr arwerthiant pan ymadawem â Chae'r	[] the day of the auction when we were leaving	60
		Gors	Cae'r Gors	
	78	amgylchiad arall pan ddywedodd fy mam bethau pur hallt	another occasion when my mother said some rather	30b
		[]	sharp things []	
	79	amgylchiad arall ychydig cyn ei marw []	another occasion a little before her death []	30c
	91	y tro olaf y gwelais hi yn dda iawn	the last time I saw her very well	49
				55
	112	am un amgylchiad doniol ynglŷn â thorri gwair	one funny incident to do with mowing hay	7a
EXP	102	am un teulu mawr wedi cael cryn dipyn o golledion a	one big family that had suffered quite a few losses	
		salwch ac yn methu talu'r rhent	and could not pay the rent	
	69	wyliau Nadolig 1917, a minnau gartref ar fy ngwyliau	the Christmas holidays of 1917, and I home on holi-	
			day	
	218	am un cyfarfod arbennig yn y Guild Hall []	a special meeting in the Guild Hall []	

Unlike § 2.3.6.1.1, where the complement represented a verbal action or a content clause, here it does not, but it is rather a metareference (such as amgylchiad), a span of time (such as diwrnod y arwerthiant 'the day of the auction') or something else (such as am un teulu mawr '(about) one big family'). This type does not occur in the DEVELOPMENT, and it is relatively common in the ABSTRACT.

In table 2.29 the complement has  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  *INF* after the (am) *PRO/NP*. This construction conveys something else than the bare (am) *PRO/NP*: the author does not say she remembers the *PRO/NP* (say, remembers Niclas Glais in anec. 231 or her own father in anec. 53), but the *PRO/NP* doing something 195, or — imitating the spatiotemporal iconicity that stands at the basis of its converb

<sup>195</sup> Cf. *I like children* and *I like children* out of my sight, given as examples in GOLDENBERG (2002, p. 204); the latter does not mean the speaker likes children (quite the opposite...).

Table 2.29: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with (am) PRO/NP yn<sub>CVB</sub> INF complements

§	Anec.	Welsh	English	$\rightarrow$
ABS	205	am rai pethau digrif yn digwydd yn y seiat	some amusing things happening in the seiat	52c
	231	Niclas Glais yn dyfod i bregethu i un o'r capeli []	Niclas Glais coming to preach in to one of the chapels $[]$	59
EXP	217	am un ferch yn gwisgo botwm â llun Lloyd George arno	one girl wearing a pin with a picture of Lloyd George	
DEV	36	ef yn bur dda yn dyfod i'r tŷ lle y ganed fi	him quite well coming to the house where I was born	
	53	am fy nhad yn trwsio to'r beudy	my father mending the beudy roof	

system (see GENSLER (2002, § 2.2) regarding this matter) — in (a state of) doing something.

#### 2.3.6.1.3 Other complements

Infinitival and (am) PRO/NP ( $yn_{CVB}$  INF) complements make most of the complements of *cofiaf*; the four examples in table 2.30 are of three types:

- Anecs. 65 and 85 have y 'that', which introduces a content clause<sup>196</sup>. Both the conjugated infinitive and the 'bod' content clauses discussed above flatten (neutralise) the temporal distinctions that are conveyed by the inflection of their independent (matrix) counterparts. Content clauses with y 'that', on the other hand, retain the inflection, as evident from byddai in anecs. 65 and 85 (third-person singular subjunctive/habitual imperfect, respectively).
- Anec. 24 has mai 'that', which introduces a cleft sentence (grôt a gefais 'oit was a four-penny piece that I got') as a content clause.
- The syntax of anec. 62 is quite interesting: Cofiaf mor brudd yr oedd fy nhad [...] 'I remember how sad my father was'. It has the form of a cleft sentence (compare ex. 97, which has the same basic structure and where the identity of y(r) as a relative marker is undoubtful<sup>197</sup>). Unlike anec. 24, it is not a content clause and indeed is not preceded by mai 'that', which marks (among other functions) cleft sentences as content clauses.

<sup>196</sup> Or *converts* the nexus of a clause to a substantival status, as the Middle Welsh y(d) is described by SHISHA-HALEVY (1995, § 2.2).

<sup>197</sup> With the non-habitual imperfect form *oedd*, a preceding y(r) can be a *priori* a different grammatical entity, that is the particle y(r).

Table 2.30: Cofiaf 'I remember' integrating anchors with complements other than infinitives and (am) PRO/NP ( $yn_{CVB}$  INF)

§	Anec.	Welsh	English
EXP	85	y byddai fy modryb Elin [] yn dyfod i edrych amdani	that my aunt Elin [] would come to see her
DEV	24	[] mai grôt a gefais	°[] that it was a four-penny piece that I got
	62	mor brudd yr oedd fy nhad	how sad my father was
	65	y byddai mam yn gwneud crysau i'w genethod hithau	°that Mam would make shirts for her girls too

(97) Cofiaf mor feirniadol y byddai fy rhieni remember.PRS.1SG so critical REL.OBL be.IMPF.HAB.3SG 1SG.POSS parent.PL o rai na allai adrodd stori yn gelfydd, [...] of INDF.PL REL.NEG can.IMPF.3SG tell.INF story ynadv skilful

I recall how critical my parents would be of those who could not tell a story well,  $\lceil ... \rceil$ 

YLW, Diwylliant a Chymdeithas (ch. 3), p. 33

# 2.3.6.2 Integrating anchors without cofiaf 'I remember'

Table 2.31 and ex. 98 cover all integrating anchors whose form does not involve *cofiaf*, in the abstract and the development respectively. The cases in table 2.31 have been all discussed and glossed above in § 2.3.1.1, while the others have not, and thus are glossed below. The former cases contain meta-references (in several syntactic structures), while the latter ones deliver concrete content: a conjugated infinitive in ex. 98f, *bod* construction in ex. 98b, *am PRO yn*<sub>CVB</sub> *INF* <sup>198</sup> in ex. 98a, and *PRO/NP yn*<sub>CVB</sub> *INF* in exx. 98c, d and e.

- (98) a. 「Clywais」 「amdano yn pregethu yn y Dwyran [...]」 hear.PRET.1SG about.3SG.M yncvb preach.INF ynLoc DEF PN
  - b. 「Clywais ddywedyd」「fod fy nhaid yn bedair hear.PRET.1SG OBJ\say.INF be.INF 1SG.POSS grandfather yn\_PRED four oed ac ar ben y llwyth mud pan fudent」 [...]

    age and on head DEF load carriage when move.IMPF.3PL

<sup>198</sup> Welsh has inflected prepositions; *amdano* 'about him' is the third-person masculine singular form of *am* 'about'.

I heard how he went to preach in Dwyran [...]

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 17

I heard it said. I that my grandfather was four years old and on top of the load when they moved.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 81; anec. 44

Table 2.31: Integrating anchors without *cofiaf* 'I remember', in the abstract

Anec.	Welsh	English	$\rightarrow$
1	「Rhof」「UN ENGHRAIFFT, a dim ond un o lawer ydyw, o gymwynas a gawsom ni mewn pryd」.	「I offer」「AN EXAMPLE, one of many, of timely help we received」.	34b
32	Dywedir」「STORI am fy nain a'i brawd hynaf, []」	「A STORY」 $\Box$ is told」 $\Box$ of my grandmother and her eldest brother, $[]$	39c
43	[] <sup>r</sup> mae arnaf chwant adrodd <sup>r</sup> STORI am f'ewythr Harri []	°[] 「I want to tell」「a STORY about my uncle Harri []」	38a
55	[], 「yr wyf am ddweud」 「STORI amdano []」	[], $\lceil$ I am going to tell $\rfloor$ $\lceil$ a STORY about him [] $\rfloor$	36 54
77	「Mae」「UN ENGHRAIFFT o'i phlaendra」「yn fyw iawn yn fynghof」.	「ONE EXAMPLE of her plain speaking」 is very much alive in my memory.	30a
84	「Rhof」「ENGHRAIFFT ARALL o'r ysbryd hwn」.	I'll give 「ANOTHER EXAMPLE of this spirit」.	33a
91	「Mae」「'R TRO HWNNW」「yn fyw iawn ar fy nghof $i$ 」, beth bynnag.	THAT TIME, at least is very alive in my mind.	49 55
105	「Clywais」「ef yn adrodd STORI dda []」.	「I heard」「him tell a good STORY []」.	39e 52b
106	「Clywais」「lawer STORI ddigri gan fy mrawd」.	$\label{total_state}$ I heard $\label{total_total}$ many funny stories from my brother.	39a

- c. rheswm dros imi gofio hyn ydyw DEF reason over to.1sg Len\remember.inf dem.prox.n cop.prs.3sg Γfy nhad yn dweud iddo glywed to.1sg len\hear.inf 1sg.poss grandfather yncvb say.inf to.3SG.M fynd i dŷ ei nain [...] LEN\go.INF to house 3SG.M.POSS grandmother
- d. 「Clywais」 「fy hanner chwaer yn dweud iddi hi hear.PRET.1SG 1SG.POSS half sister yncvb say.INF to.3SG.F 3SG.F a ffrind iddi [...] fynd i'r capel hanner awr yn rhy and friend to.3SG.F LEN\go.INF to-DEF chapel half hour yncvb too gynnar [...]」 early
- e. 「Clywais」 「hi'n dweud iddi gael ei galw hear.PRET.1SG 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF to.3SG.F LEN\get.INF 3SG.F.POSS call.INF unwaith am bedwar o'r gloch y bore i dŷ [...]」 once about four of-DEF bell DEF morning to house

The reason I remember this is 'that I heard,' my father say that he went to his grandmother's house, [...],

YLW, ch. 7, p. 82; anec. 45

°「I heard」「my half sister telling that she and a friend [...] went to chapel half an hour early [...]

YLW, ch. 8, p. 95; anec. 58

I heard, 'her say that she had a call once at four in the morning to a house[...],

YLW, ch. 9, p. 104; anec. 70 She told us "that the congregation of Waun chapel stopped [...]

YLW, ch. 11, p. 133; anec. 96

All the examples with cofiaf (by definition) and most of the ones in the ABSTRACT (table 2.31) are in the present tense, either with a finite present verb (cofiaf, rhof<sup>199</sup>) or constructions that involve the present tense of bod (mae, wyf). All the examples in the DEVELOPMENT (ex. 98) are in the preterite. Both the present and preterite forms of the INTEGRATING ANCHOR are external to the plot of the anecdote, and belong to the reference of the broader text in which the anecdote is embedded. Structurally, this means the preterite in INTEGRATING ANCHOR is to be analysed as a different entity from the preterite that takes part in telling the content of the anecdote: the latter is a narrative tense, which has to do with driving the plot forward and with narrative chaining and concatenation, while the former is not<sup>200</sup>.

The primary textual function of the INTEGRATING ANCHOR is to bridge between the anecdote and the surrounding text, integrating the former in the latter and marking it as relevant to the topic under discussion. Welsh has no grammatical encoding of evidentiality<sup>201</sup>, but to a certain degree, marking the source of information about the anecdote (lexically, not grammatically) can be regarded as a secondary function of most integrating

<sup>199</sup> The reference of the impersonal present form in anec. 32 (*dywedir* 'is told') is different from the other examples of present INTEGRATING ANCHORS, as it does not refer to the author's present time but to a more general (atemporal even) frame.

<sup>200</sup> But a referential deictic tense, whose *origo* (deictic centre) is in the author's present, referring back to the past.

<sup>201</sup> See AIKHENVALD (2003, 2014) for overviews on evidentiality.

ANCHORS. The most common source is the author's own recollection<sup>202</sup>, which implies a direct first-hand source. The other source of information is expressed by INTEGRATING ANCHORS is a reported (second-hand or 'hearsay') account, retold here. Table 2.32 classifies the reported accounts according to two binary axes: the perspective of information delivery (the receiving end — the author — or the source) and whether a specific source is attributed or not. The egophoric quality of evidentiality (VILLIERS and GARFIELD 2009) goes here hand in hand with the particular epistemological nature of autobiographical writing.

The use of preterite (*clywais*) is slightly reminiscent of a shift seen in the development of the past (perfect / preterite) forms of the Proto-Indo-European root \*wéyd- 'catch sight of, see'<sup>203</sup> (RIX 2001, \*ueid-) into stative-resultative *present* forms meaning 'to know'<sup>204</sup>. In our case, the preterite *clywais* ('I heard', hence 'I know remember.PRS.1S (from hearing)') stands on a similar footing to the present *cofiaf* 'I remember' with regard to presenting the source of anecdotes.

# 2.3.7 Temporal anchor

The last component of the anecdote described in this section is the TEMPORAL ANCHOR, which sets the temporal deictic centre of the anecdote at some point in the past; see § 2.2.1.2 for a glossed example (ex. 8). As such, the TEMPORAL ANCHOR plays a role in the bound nature of the anecdotes, which describe specific, concrete and singular sequences of events (as opposed to habitual or generic ones); see § 2.1.1 and HERRING 1986 (as cited in FLEISCHMAN (1990, § 4.2.2)). This component is quite common, occurring

That is, cofiaf and Mae META-REFERENCE yn fyw iawn yn/ar fy nghof (i) 'META-REFERENCE is very alive in my memory/mind'.

<sup>203</sup> Whence, e.g., Latin videō 'I see'.

<sup>204</sup> As attested in Gothic vitan 'to know', Ancient Greek oἶδα oîda 'I know' or Old Irish *ro·finnadar* 'to discover, to know (in PRET.ACT)' (*eDIL* 2019, § ro-finnadar; Thurneysen [1946] 1993, § 522). See RANDALL and H. Jones (2015), which focusses on the Germanic *preterite-present* verbs but touches upon other Indo-European branches.

Welsh *gwybod* 'to know' is related (the first element is a cognate; see GPC 2014–, § gwn², gwnn: gwybod¹), but has developed in a different path.

Table 2.32: Reported evidence of anecdotes in INTEGRATING ANCHORS

Perspective	Attributed	General hearsay
Author's	hear.PRET.1SG  Clywais SOURCE yn adrodd: 105 hear.PRET.1SG  Clywais SOURCE yn dweud: 58, 70 to.1SG LEN\hear.INF  L] imi glywed SOURCE yn dweud: 45 hear.PRET.1SG  by  Clywais OBJ gan SOURCE: 106	hear.PRET.1SG  Clywais: 17 hear.PRET.1SG OBJ\say.INF  Clywais ddywedyd: 44
Source's	say.PRET.3SG with.1PL  Dywedodd wrthym: 96	say.PRS.3SG Dywedir: 32

in more than two thirds of the anecdotes<sup>205</sup>, making it second only to the obligatory DEVELOPMENT.

 $^{\rm 205}$  Sometimes more than once, as discussed below.

# 2.3.7.1 Classification into two groups

The temporal anchors can be divided into two groups, although the boundary between them is not unambiguous. One group can be characterised by its prototypical<sup>206</sup> members: nominal phrases denoting time, with the following tendencies:

- Commonly without a preposition (the vast majority of cases); more marginally with one (such as ar ddiwrnod<sup>207</sup> poeth 'on a hot day').
  - The cases without a preposition can be subdivided into three types: (a) with lenition that marks adverbiality<sup>208</sup> (e.g. ryw ddiwrnod 'some day') (b) with a lack of lenition where it could have been marked<sup>209</sup> (e.g. rhyw ddirwnod 'some day'). (c) cases in which lenition is irrelevant (most cases; the primary reason is phonological: not all consonants can be lenited).
- Commonly with an element that marks indefiniteness (*un*, with about half the total occurrences, or *rhyw*); more marginally without such an element (zero article, e.g. *ar noson waith* 'on a weekday evening') or with a definite status (e.g. *y tro hwn* 'this time'). Welsh has no indefinite *article* like the English *a*(*n*) (see n. 15 on p. 39); *un* 'one' is a numeral, and the determiner *rhyw* does not function as an article. This feature, pointing to some certain<sup>210</sup> time in the past, has to do with the bound nature of the anecdotes mentioned above.
- Commonly with a broad meaning (e.g. unwaith); more marginally carrying more specific information (e.g. rhyw Basg 'some Easter').

A typological note. Marking adverbiality by lenition is broadly comparable with the use of oblique cases in many languages for marking adverbiality (mostly with a temporal sense, including duration).<sup>211</sup> The Welsh lenition is specifically comparable with the accusative<sup>212</sup>: both are used for marking direct objects, as well as other similar syntactic functions (like those discussed in HEWITT (2019), comparing Welsh and Arabic). This does not mean

- <sup>206</sup> The choice of definition by prototypicality aims at bypassing strict definitions. For theoretical background, see ROSCH's (1978) seminal work, as well as GIVÓN (1986).
- <sup>207</sup> The lenition in *ddiwrnod* in this case is a wholly different issue: it is obligatorily triggered by the preposition *ar* 'on'.
- <sup>208</sup> These cases are marked by an initial '(ADV)' in their glosses in the tables of § 2.3.7.2.
- <sup>209</sup> As noted by Borsley, Tallerman, and D. Willis (2007, § 1.4.4) (regarding ex. 58 there) and Thorne (1993, § 83) adverbiality is not always consistently marked by lenition. This is corroborated in our small sample with *ryw(-) / rhyw(-)*.
- <sup>210</sup> The TEMPORAL ANCHORS do not point to *any* time in the past, generically, but to a *concrete* and *specific* point of time.
- <sup>211</sup> Examples include: Polish (SWAN 2002, pp. 344 and 363), Biblical Hebrew (MEEK 1940), Arabic (K. Versteegh and C. H. M. Versteegh 2014, p. 111), Inari Saami (D. Nelson 2007), German (FAGAN 2009, § 3.2.2.2) and Latin (PINKSTER 2015, § 10.32). See HASPELMATH (1997, § 8.1.1) for a typological account of the phenomenon.
- <sup>212</sup> As a cross-linguistic comparative concept (see HASPELMATH 2010a); the exact meaning of 'accusative' is of course dependent on the grammatical terminology used for specific languages.

Welsh has a morphophonological case system, naturally, but it does mean lenition and the accusative case have some syntactic features in common.

The other group of TEMPORAL ANCHORS is complementary to the first one: its members are marked by a number of constructions (see § 2.3.7.4.2 below), lack the said indicators of indefiniteness and convey concrete information that is specific to the story (e.g. pan oedd ilawryn y pwll 'owhen he was down the mine' in anec. 107). The reason to divide the TEMPORAL ANCHORS into these two groups is due to structural differences between the two: in addition to the ones mentioned above, members of the first (basal, simpler, more generic) group tend to occur on their own or to be accompanied (modified and specified) by members of the second (extended, more convoluted, more specific and grounded to the story) group, usually following it 1. There are instances where members of the second group occur independently of members of the first group, but these are less common.

These are not the only expressions of time in the anecdotes, but these are the ones which play a consistent and systematic role in the internal structural make-up of the anecdotes. Other, more loosely defined expressions include setting the time of the anecdote calendrically (such as <code>Gwyliau Pasg 1917 oedd hi</code> 'It was the Easter holidays, 1917', anec. 91) or the nebulous <code>ary pryd</code> 'at that time', which do not serve as anchors that set a reference point for the concrete set of events of the anecdote.

<sup>213</sup> Instances of these two groups are differentiated in appendix A: the first is marked with a burgundy underline and the other with a black one.

<sup>214</sup> Anec. 39 has a reversed order. Interestingly, Clarke's English translation swapped it, making it follow the common order. In order to make the English order of constituents correspond better with the original, it is reversed back in the appendix.

### 2.3.7.2 Attestation of temporal anchors

The examples from the corpus are presented in a tabular manner in tables 2.33 to  $2.35^{215}$ . The first two tables are ordered firstly by prevalence (which expectedly shows a long-tail distribution; cf. § 2.2.4) and then alphabetically; the word dydd with an underline marks a class consisting of the names of days of the week. Each form is subdivided according to the section in which the TEMPORAL ANCHOR occurs (one of the first three sections; see § 2.2.1) and its location within the sentence: initial ( green bar to the left)<sup>216</sup>, medial ( blue bar in the centre) and final ( yellow bar to the right). Words in parentheses after the references in the

<sup>215</sup> The first two tables (tables 2.33 and 2.34) are indeed one which had to be split into two due to technical reasons: I could not fit the data in one page without making the font unreadably small. The first table covers TEMPORAL ANCHORS which occur multiple times in the texts, while the second one covers ones which occur once each. The third table (table 2.35) co

<sup>216</sup> A thin white segment before the green bar marks that the TEMPORAL ANCHOR is preceded by a(c) 'and' or beth bynnag 'however, anyway'.

Table 2.33: Temporal anchors of the first group and temporal anchors of the second group which modify them (forms with multiple occurrences)

Form	Section	Location	Anecs.	#
one time un tro	ABS		201	
	EXP		220	
	DEV		225 226 (pan) 228 (pan) 234 8 47 52 (cyn) 88 (pan) 100	9
			15	
			232 10 (pan) 25 39 (pan) 64 81 85 (pan) 93	8
unwaith	ABS		42	
			224	
	EXP		96 203	2
	DEV		51	
			109	
			204 229 4 5 23 (ar) 26 29 30 46 73 75 90 94 101	14
un diwrnod	DEV		216 32 35 104 107 (pan)	5
			227 74 (ar ôl)	2
ryw ddiwrnod	ABS		56	
•	DEV		31 68 83 110	4
(ADV) another time dro arall	DEV		60 98 99 111	4
one morning <b>un bore</b>	DEV		217 (pan)	
			214 2 (pan)	2
in the morning yn y bore	DEV		222 208 (a PRO/NP ADV) 71	3
sometime rhywdro	DEV		59 (adeg) 69 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> )	2
-			108 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> )	
on a NP evening ar noson NP	DEV		6 58 (pan) 93 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> )	3
one night <b>UN NOSON</b>	DEV		3	
			206 7	2
on one of these occasions ar un o'r achlysuron hyn	DEV		71	
			72	
ar brynhawn dydd ADJ []	DEV		204 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> ) 222	2
ryw brynhawn dydd	EXP		11	
<u> </u>	DEV		106	
rhyw brynhawn dydd	ABS		231	
<u> </u>	DEV		113	
un nos dydd	DEV		236 16	2
one ADJ <u>day nig</u> ht un nos dydd ADJ	ABS		21 57 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> )	2
one ADJ morning un bore ADJ	DEV		207 221 (yn <sub>Loc</sub> ; pan)	2
this time y tro hwn	DEV		202 97	2

Table 2.34: Temporal anchors of the first group and temporal anchors of the second group which modify them (cont. of table 2.33; forms with a single occurrence each)

Form		Section	Location	Anec.
ar ddiwedd un tymor	at the end of one season	DEV		31
ar ddiwrnod ADJ	on a ADJ day	DEV		64 (yn <sub>LOC</sub> )
ar un adeg	on one occasion	DEV		65 (pan)
ar un o'r dyddiau ADJ hynny	on one of these ADJ days	DEV		95
ar y <u>dydd</u>	on day	DEV		54
ar yr adeg []	on the occasion []	DEV		103 (pan)
diwrnod DEF NP	the day of the NP	ABS		61 (pan)
ddiwrnod DEF NP	(ADV) the day of the NP	DEV		75
ryw nos <u>dydd</u>	(ADV) day night	DEV		82
rywdro	(ADV) time	DEV		76 (pan)
rhyw Basg	some Easter	DEV		80 (pan)
rhyw ddiwrnod	some day	DEV		215 (a PRO/NP ADV)
rhyw fore dydd	some day morning	DEV		223
rhyw nos dydd	some day night	DEV		48 (pan)
un bore dydd	one day morning	DEV		86
un dechreunos	one nightfall	DEV		54
un noswaith	one evening	DEV		211
un o'r troeon hyn	one of these times	DEV		63 (pan)
un o'r troeon hynny	one of those times	DEV		89
un waith	one time	DEV		14 (pan)
un wythnos	one week	DEV		219
y diwrnod dan sylw	the day in question	DEV		91
y nos <u>dydd</u> tan sylw	the day night in question	DEV		55
y noson gyntaf	the first evening	DEV		203
y tro hwnnw	that time	DEV		230
ymhen blynyddoedd lawer iawn	after many years	DEV		43
ymhen tipyn o ddyddiau	in a few days	DEV		84
yn yr amser yma	in this time	DEV		87
yr wythnos REL.OBL CLAUSE	the week that CLAUSE	DEV		77

first two tables mark the kind of TEMPORAL ANCHOR from the second group that modifies the one from the first group. The last column (#) counts the number of examples where multiple examples share a row.

#### 2.3.7.3 Micro-syntactic constituent order

The location column hints at some tendencies, but in most cases there are not enough examples for substantiating possible hypotheses; this issue is to be described as a part of the broader question of adverbiality and constituent order. The data does suggest, though, there is a reason to single out the initial posi-

Table 2.35:

Temporal anchors of the second group which occur independently of temporal anchors of the first group

Form	Section	Location	Anec.
cyn iddynt briodi before they were married	MID		37
ychydig amser cyn cychwyn a little time before setting off	DEV		233
ychydig cyn ei marw pan orweddai ar wely cystudd a little before her death when she was lying on her sickbed	ABS		79
ychydig cyn inni symud oddi yno i Gae'r Gors shortly before we moved from there to Cae'r Gors	DEV		36
pan gychwynnwn i'r coleg when I started College	DEV		38
pan oedd ei mam newydd fod yn sâl when her mother had been ill	DEV		67
pan oeddwn gartref am dro o Donypandy when I was home for a visit from Tonypandy	DEV		66
Wedi i'r dynion fyned i'r chwarel yn y bore After the men had left for the quarry in the morning	DEV		40
wrth ymadael â Chae'r Gors when leaving Cae'r Gors	DEV		62

tion as distinct from the medial or final  $^{217}$ . Of the more common forms, which allow some generalisation, it seems un tro 'one time' is more or less equally present both initially and medially, yet unwaith shows an inclination towards the medial (or non-initial) position. The two examples where it does occur in initial position describe a single special instance of a recurring situation:

- In anec. 51 the recurring situation is described right before the anecdote (Ymweliad cyfeillion a'i cadwai [sic] ar ei foot.PL ymad long.CMP than DEM.DIST.N draed yn hwy na hynny 'o'It was visits from friends that kept him on his feet later than that'). As discussed in bullet list at the beginning of § 2.3.6, the initial position of unwaith in this case is due to the constituent order of the cleft sentence: it was only once that so-and-so happened.
- In anec. 109 the recurring situation is described in the exposition. In this case we do not have a fully-fledged cleft sentence (unwaith yr aeth 'it was once that he went') but an adverbial

<sup>217</sup> I am not sure the distinction between the medial and final positions is structurally justified. It is not impossible an *initial:non-initial* classification would be more appropriate, but there are not enough examples here to decide either way.

in the first position without a relative marker (unwaith aeth 'once he went') $^{218}$ .

<sup>218</sup> This is termed *left dislocation* in certain grammatical traditions.

#### 2.3.7.4 Syntactic form and function

### 2.3.7.4.1 First group

Almost all the TEMPORAL ANCHORS of the first group function quite straightforwardly as adverbial phrases, modifying the sentence or clause in which they occur<sup>219</sup>. In one borderline case, anec. 61, has diwrnod yr arwerthiant 'the day of the auction' as the object of cofiaf. Semantically, it does set the temporal deictic centre of the anecdote, but syntactically it is different from all other TEMPORAL ANCHORS; specifically, compare it with anec. 75, where  $ddiwrnod\ y\ claddu$  (sharing the same basic form) serves as an adverbial phrase marked by lenition<sup>220</sup>.

#### 2.3.7.4.2 *Second group*

TEMPORAL ANCHORS of the second group are also adverbial. As stated above, they can modify TEMPORAL ANCHORS of the first group or stand on their own. They can be divided into four types with respect to their syntactic form and the element that marks them, as follows.

The most common type has the conjunction pan, followed by a clause (ex. 99).

(99) Clywais ddynes ifanc yn dweud, <sup>r</sup>pan oedd ei hear.PRET.1SG woman young yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF when be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS mam newydd fod yn sâl\_, y [...] mother new be.INF yn<sub>PRED</sub> sick NMLZ

The second type has prepositions, followed either by noun phrases (such as in ex. 100a) or infinitival constructions (such as the simple infinitive in ex. 100b). The relevant prepositions attested in the corpus are ar, ar  $\hat{o}l$  'after',  $cyn^{221}$ , wedi, wrth and yn.

(100) a. [...] a <code>rhywdro\_</code> <code>ryng</code> <code>ngwanwyn</code> <code>1918</code> <code>penderfynodd</code> <code>and INDF.SG.time</code> <code>yn\_Loc</code> <code>spring</code> decide.PRET.3SG eglwysi Lerpwl roi un Sul i weddio am ddiwedd y <code>church.PL PN</code> give.INF one Sunday to <code>pray.INF</code> about end <code>DETURY PN WAR</code> <code>pray.INF</code> <code>pray.IN</code>

<sup>219</sup> As discussed in § 2.3.6.1, sometimes a TEMPORAL ANCHOR (such as *unwaith* 'once' or the more complex *pan oeddwn gartref am dro o Donypandy* 'when I was home for a visit from Tonypandy') occurs between *cofiaf* 'I remember' and its complement, yet semantically it belongs with the complement, not *cofiaf* 'I remember'.

<sup>220</sup> Resulting in the same form, *ddiwrnod*. In anec. 61 the lenition serves as a marker of the direct object of the finite verb; in anec. 75 as a marker of adverbiality.

°I heard one young woman say, when her mother had recently been ill, that [...]

YLW, ch. 9, p. 103; anec. 67

<sup>221</sup> Can be preceded by *ychydig* 'a little' or *ychydig amser* 'a little time'.

[...] and 'some time\_ 'in the spring of 1918\_ the churches of Liverpool decided to devote one Sunday to pray for the end of the war.

YLW, ch. 12, p. 144; anec. 108

b. Cofiaf mor brudd yr oedd fy nhad remember.PRS.1SG so sad REL.OBL COP.IMPF.3SG 1SG.POSS father

wrth ymadael â Chae'r Gors, [...]

with leave.INF with field-DEF swamp

°I remember how sad my father was when leaving Cae'r Gors,

YLW, ch. 8, p. 96; anec. 62

The two remaining types are attested once each. One is the circumstantial a *PRO/NP ADV* construction: ex. 101. This construction shows curious similarities with the structurally analogous Biblical Hebrew construction demonstrated in ex.  $102a^{222}$  (which has been translated literally yet idiomatically in W. MORGAN's (1588) translation of the Bible; ex. 102b). 223

<sup>222</sup> The glosses are arranged from left to right, but in each one the Hebrew letters of the first tier are arranged from right to left, in accord with the direction of the Hebrew script.

(101) 「Rhyw ddiwrnod」「a ninnau'n cael gwers Ladin」, cerddodd INDF.SG day and IPL.CONJ-yn<sub>CVB</sub> get.INF lesson Latin walk.PRET.3SG gŵr bychan gwargam i mewn, [...] man small humpbacked to in

「One day」 「when we had a Latin class」, came a small humpbacked man in, [...]

Atgofion, p. 19; anec. 215

(102)אַלַיוּ מַמְרֵא way-yērå <sup>2</sup>ēlå-w bə-¹ēlōnē mamrē and-see\NARR.MEDP.3SG.M to.3SG.M in-oak.PL.CNST PN והוא ישב פתח־האהל wə-hū kə-ḥōm yōšēb petah-hå-'ōhel and-3SG.M sit\PTCP.ACT.3SG.M opening\CNST-DEF-tent as-heat\CNST היום: hay-yōm DEF-day

And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre and he sat [literally "and he sitting,", meaning "while he was sitting,".J. R.] in the tent door in the heat of the day; (KJV)

Genesis 18:1

b. A'r Arglwydd a ymddangofodd iddo ef and-DEF lord REL.DIR REFL.Show.PRET.3SG to.3SG.M 3SG.M yng-wastadedd Mamre: 'ac efe yn eistedd' [wæth] ddæws yn\_Loc-plain.PL PN and 3SG.M yn\_CVB sit.INF with door y babell, yng-wæs y dydd.

DEF tent yn\_Loc-heat DEF day

And the Lord appeared to him in the plains of Mamre while he was sitting by the door of the tent, in the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:1

<sup>223</sup> See feature 14 in HEWITT (2009) for this construction in the broader typological context of comparing Celtic and Afro-Asiatic languages.

(103)「Rhywdro」, 「adeg i'r plant ddweud hadnodau, INDF.SG.time time to-DEF child.COL LEN\say.INF 3PL.POSS verse.PL clywodd besychiad arwyddocaol ei thad, arwydd a hear.PRET.3SG cough meaningful 3SG.F.POSS father sign REL.DIR adwaenai'n rhy dda. be\_acquainted.IMPF.3SG-ynADV too good

「Once」, 「when the children went to say their verses」, she heard her father's meaningful cough, a signal she knew too well.

YLW, ch. 8, p. 95; anec. 59

In exx. 100a, 101 and 103 the TEMPORAL ANCHORS of the second group are dependent on TEMPORAL ANCHORS of the first group; the latter are marked by  $\langle \lceil \rfloor \rangle$  (in grey, as opposed to the red  $\langle \lceil \rfloor \rangle$ ).

# 2.3.7.5 Macro-syntactic consideration

Regarding the definition of the *report mode* (BONHEIM 1975, p. 335) and the beginnings of short stories (BONHEIM 1982, p. 104) Bonheim points out the prevalence of *time markers* (or *time indicators* in the 1982 book) that signal the outset of the report, indicating a temporal reference from which the plot can flow.<sup>224</sup> Our data corroborates that, as evident from the table of the attested configurations of the anecdotes' components (table 2.3 in § 2.2.4) as well as the section columns of tables 2.33 to 2.35: the TEMPORAL ANCHOR often opens the DEVELOPMENT, not only anchoring it in time (as the name suggests) but also functioning as a textual boundary marker, indicating its beginning<sup>225</sup>. This tendency does not imply, though, that TEMPORAL ANCHORS are limited to the DEVELOPMENT, as can be observed from the tables.

(In)definiteness of the TEMPORAL ANCHOR plays a role in how the TEMPORAL ANCHOR takes part in the macro-syntactic cohesion of the anecdote. The common use of the indefinite elements un and rhyw has been touched upon above in § 2.3.7.1; these elements convey the anecdote happened in *some* particular point in the past. Definite TEMPORAL ANCHORS, on the other hand, occur in fewer anecdotes, and their textual function is different. Definiteness is a complex matter, consisting of several phenomena which are bundled together differently in different languages. Two main aspects are anaphoricity (or, more generally beyond deixis, familiarity) and uniqueness<sup>226</sup>. Phoricity is covered by table 2.36, which describe the ways definite TEMPORAL ANCHOR

<sup>224</sup> This is found in many languages and literary or storytelling tradition around the world. Cf. Jewish Zakho Neo-Aramaic  $x\acute{a}y\~oma$  'one day', which has received scholarly attention, as referred to in n. 19 on p. 40.

<sup>225</sup> Whether as the first component (without an ABSTRACT or an EXPOSITION), delimiting the anecdote from the broader text in which it is embedded, or after an introductory component, delimiting the actual DEVELOPMENT from the introduction.

<sup>226</sup> Not all languages combine them in one form. See SCHWARZ (2019) for theoretical and typological considerations and SHISHA-HALEVY (2007, § 3.5) for a description of the system of one language (Bohairic Coptic), including text-linguistic matters.

Table 2.36:

Temporal anchors referring back to previous points in the text

Temporal anchor	Anec.	Reference
adv\day def bury.inf ddiwrnod y claddu	75	The EXPOSITION introduced the death of a boy into the text ([] i berthynas imi golli
the day of the burial		backgen), which is makes it culturally expected for a burial to take place (a definite y claddu).
per day under attention y diwrnod dan sylw	91	In the ABSTRACT the abstract the author says she remembers the last time (y tro olaf y
the day in question		gwelais hi) she saw Neli, the time the anecdote revolves around. After a long EPILOGUE,
		providing many details, the author returns to the point, and recentre the temporal
the night Saturday under attention		reference to the day in question.
y nos Sadwrn tan sylw	55	Here there is no clear reference beyond hyn 'that, it' in the EXPOSITION, which refers
the Saturday night in		to the events told in the anecdote. Nothing in the text before states explicitly that it
question		was night or Saturday (that is, beyond cultural expectation about the day one runs such
DEF time DEM.PROX.M		errands or the time one returns home).
y tro hwn	97	The ABSTRACT presented a few disasters (ychydig drychinebau) that happened, and the
this time DEF time DEM.DIST.M		EXPOSITION describes the usual way the cat jumped (with which this time is contrasted).
y tro hwnnw	230	This anecdote comes right after the previous anecdote (anec. 229) and shares the same
that time		time reference with it, telling another anecdote about the same drama performance.
		Take note of <i>hefyd</i> after the opening TEMPORAL ANCHOR.
	202	This is the same anecdote retold in Atgofion; it follows the same pattern (now with
		trychineb arall 'another disaster' in the ABSTRACT, because this time it is not the first in
yn <sub>LOC</sub> DEF morning		the series; see § 2.4.1.1).  be.PLUP.3SG on 3PL.POSS foot.PL
yn y bore	71	This is the morning after the night they had been on their feet (Buasai [] ar eu traed through-per night
in the morning		trwy'r nos in the EXPOSITION). on afternoon Saturday
	222	ar bnawn Sadwrn 'on a Saturday afternoon' has been established in the EXPOSITION. The
		definite TEMPORAL ANCHOR in question uses it as a relative future reference and sets the
		beginning of the anecdote to the morning before that afternoon.

refer back to previous points in the text. The uniqueness without phoricity can be seen in anec. 61, where the definite diwrnod yr auction auction the day of the auction', modified by pan ymadawem  $\hat{a}$  Chae'r Gors 'when we were leaving Cae'r Gors', refers to a specific event that had not been mentioned above, or in 203, where y noson gyntaf 'the first evening' implies a unique (first) evening out of a number of evenings. Not all cases with a definite article are indeed definite in the syntactic sense; arySadwrn 'on Saturday' in anec. 54 has a definite article, but this is just an idiomatic to refer to Saturday, without a definite force 227. Similarly, yny bore 'in the morning' does not imply a specific morning, but is an idiomatic way to refer to the morning as a time of the day 228.

A recurring pattern that combines definite and indefinite markers is the partitive *un o'r NP.PL DEM* 'one of DEM NP.PL', which occurs as *ar un o'r achlysuron hyn* 'on one of these occasions' (an-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup> Both Saturday (*Sadwrn*) and Sunday (*Sul*), but not the other days, share this property; see (*ar*) a sadurn and (*ar*) a sy:l on FYNES-CLINTON (1913, pp. 471 and 512, respectively).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>228</sup> This time the use of a definite article is idiomatic in the English equivalent in the morning as well (while on the Saturday on its own is unidiomatic).

ecs. 71 and 72), ar un o'r dyddiau tywyll hynny 'on one of those dark days' (anec. 95) and un o'r troeon hyn / hynny '(on) one of these / those times' (anecs. 63 and 89, respectively). The un part individuates one occasion out of a number of occasions described above in the text.

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BROADER TEXT

Common types of literary narratives — such as short stories, novels and novellas — stand on their own as independent works (or at most are loosely connected to other works in a series). The anecdotes, on the other hand, are by their very nature subordinate, and serve as a supportive device which is embedded into the fabric of the text in which they occur.

The exact details of the function of the anecdote in the text is not homogeneous across all cases, but as a rule their fundamental common function is to substantiate statements, claims, comments and descriptions by means of concrete narrative instances (see § 2.1.1). The use of anecdotal narratives an explanatory or argumentative device in discourse (with the marked exception of scientific discourse) is widespread cross-culturally and has attracted scholarly attention<sup>229</sup>. The typical structure which binds the anecdotes to the text in which they are embedded conforms to the tripartite structure F. E. MÜLLER and DI LUZIO (1995) describe:

- First a statement is made. This part is printed in grey letters in the appendix (§ A.1).
- Then an anecdote or a cluster of anecdotes is introduced, as an associative exemplum or exempla.
- Rarely in our corpus, a generic evaluation is (re-)stated as if it were derived from the anecdote. This is done in the CON-CLUSION section.

#### Connection and cohesion 2.4.1

As stated above, all anecdotes have a common fundamental function of substantiation: both in the 'etymological' sense of adding additional substance (details, information, etc.) to a point made in

<sup>229</sup> See (for example...) F. E. MÜLLER and DI LUZIO (1995), ANTAKI (1994, ch. 6), DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU (2012, § 4.3.1), and VIRTANEN (1992, § 5 and elsewhere). For a broader background about the Bruner's two modes of thought (the logico-scientific one and the narrative one), see BRUNER (1986). the text, and in the sense of supplying evidence and corroborating it. Some semantic connections between the anecdote and the text in which it is embedded include the following, demonstrated by two examples each:

- Serving as a concrete example of a general statement.

  In anec. 37 the author's grandmother's 'sensitive, critical nose' and her need to look at things with her own eyes are demonstrated by a particular instance. Similarly, in anec. 77 the author's mother's quick tongue and habit of speaking plainly when she was upset are demonstrated by a particular instance.
- Serving as a counterexample to a general statement, which in fact does support the general statement, thanks to the rarity of such counterexamples (exceptio firmat regulam).

  In anec. 11<sup>230</sup> the statement Ni fedrai dim eintynnu o'r ysgol Sunday 'Nothing could draw us away from Sunday school' is corroborated by demonstrating how it took a tragedy to draw Dei from it one time. In anec. 215 the statement Saesneg oedd ianguage every class 'class' iaith pob gwers 'the language of every class was English' is strengthened by a remarkable time when it was Welsh that was used as a medium of education.
- not necessarily prove any point, but enriches the text or explain things in relation to the preceding passage.

  Anec. 50 explains how it came to be that her father did not go to school after the age of nine (Ni chafodd ysgol ar ôl pasio ei naw mlwydd oed is the preceding text). Anec. 2 simply adds to the characterisation of Wmffra Jones.

• *Elaborating on a certain point.* This associative connection does

Cohesion is a fundamental force of text construction, binding textual segments together and shaping what otherwise would be a formless mass. More broadly, juncture as a general phenomenon cuts through all aspects of language and levels of analysis, <sup>231</sup> of which the textual level is the most encompassing.

Three components of the anecdote participate directly in matters of textual cohesion: the ABSTRACT, the CONCLUSION and the INTEGRATING ANCHOR. The ABSTRACT and the CONCLUSION refer to the anecdote as a whole (one cohesive unit) and often signal

<sup>230</sup> Discussed in § 2.2.2.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> For theoretical background see HALLIDAY and HASAN'S (1976) seminal work, as well as ROSÉN (1964), which aims at formulating a general theory of juncture, including quantitative aspects. Juncture and cohesion in Welsh are explored in Shisha-Halevy (2003b).

the semantic connection of the anecdote to the broader topic under discussion. Being the first introductory section and the last conclusory section, respectively, they double as delimiters (exponents of reduced or negated linkage), since they mark the boundary between textual units. These two sides are not contradictory at all: the two sections in question participate in both marking the boundary of the anecdote as a distinct textual unit and link it to the text. The third component is the INTEGRATING ANCHOR, whose very name implies cohesion: anchoring the anecdote in the flow of the text and integrating the former into the latter. It acts as a bridge whose one side lies outside the anecdote and the other within it, linking an embedding and an embedded segment.

Another factor that contributes to the cohesion between the anecdote and the broader text is that which HALLIDAY and HASAN (1976, ch. 6) term *lexical cohesion*. Ex. 104 demonstrates an anecdote (ex. 104b) with homolexemic repetition of two segments (highlighted) from the preceding text (ex. 104a), which helps in binding the two textual units together. Such repetitions are but one kind of reiteration; others relationships are synonyms, superordinates and the use of general words (ibid., § 6.1–6.2).

(104)a. У gobaith o ennill, byddem yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF hope of win.INF be.IMPF.HAB.1PL yncvB make.INF sef bag o ryw hen ddefnydd y warpaig, bag\_with\_drawstring namely bag of INDF.SG old material(M) REL.OBL afael llinyn crychu i gau caem arno, a get.IMPF.1PL hold.INF on.3SG.M and string pucker.INF to close.INF geg. 「Ar ddiwedd tymor」 byddai 3SG.M.POSS mouth on end season be.IMPF.HAB.3SG by INDF.PL "lond warpaig fawr o farblis, a choleddai hwynt full bag\_with\_drawstring big of marbles and cherish.IMPF.3 3PL hollol yr un fath ag y coleddai cybydd ei DEF one kind with NMLZ cherish.IMPF.3 miser  $yn_{PRED}$  full bres. money

<sup>232</sup> Take note of the added *un* 'one' before *tymor* 'season' in the anecdote, which marks it as an instance of a general claim, and the slight variations in the other segment: the added *go* 'rather' before *fawr* 'big' and the omission of *o farblis* 'of marbles' (which is understood from the context and would presumably make a cumbersome wording if it were repeated as well).

In the hope of winning we'd make a 'warpaig', a bag made of some old material with a drawstring to close its mouth. °「By the end of the season」 some would have 「a large warpaig full」 of marbles which they would cherish as a miser cherishes his money.

YLW, Chwaeron Plant (ch. 6), p. 64

b. fod gan Dei, fy Cofiaf mrawd ieuengaf, 'lond remember.PRS.1SG be by PN 1SG.POSS brother young.SUP full fawr, 'ar ddiwedd un tymor, a go bag\_with\_drawstring rather big one season on end dweud v gwir yn ddistaw bach, yr oedd DEF truth  $yn_{ADV}$  quiet small PRT be.IMPF.3SG 1SG.POSS cymryd diddordeb mawr ynddi, a chadwyd interest big in.3sg.F and keep.PRET.IMPRS ofalus yng nghwpwrdd y hi'n palis. [...] 3SG.F- $yn_{ADV}$  careful  $yn_{LOC}$  cupboard DEF partition

°I remember Dei, my youngest brother, once had a large, full warpaig at the end of one season, and, to whisper the truth, my mother took a great interest in it and it was kept carefully in the partition cupboard. [...]

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YLW, ch. 6, p. 64; anec. 31

#### 2.4.1.1 Clusters of anecdotes

About half<sup>233</sup> of the anecdotes occur next to other anecdotes, making *clusters* which share a common theme each; see table 2.37. Most clusters are of two anecdotes (19 clusters), followed by clusters of three (6) and of four (4).<sup>234</sup> This clustering presumably has to do with the associative nature of anecdotes in general: anecdotal accounts come to mind in association to the topic under discussion; sometimes more than one association is triggered and sometimes associations follow one each other, traversing a mental network<sup>235</sup>.

Two features which contribute to the textual cohesion of clusters are meta-references which foreshadow the existence of more than one anecdote (§ 2.4.1.1.1) and the use of elements which denote additionality (§ 2.4.1.1.2). The first is cataphoric, and the second anaphoric.

## 2.4.1.1.1 Meta-references referring to multiple anecdotes

In some clusters a meta-reference refers to the whole cluster within the ABSTRACT section first anecdote (*viz.* at the very beginning of the cluster), as demonstrated in ex. 105. The meta-reference is morphologically plural or is in a syntactic construction that denotes plurality (ex. 105b, *llawer stori* 'many stories' 236).

(105) a. Digwyddodd 「ychydig DRYCHINEBAU」 ar 「yr achlysuron happen.PRET.3SG few disaster.PL on DEF occasion.PL hyn」 pan âi mam oddi cartref.

DEM.PROX.PL when go.IMPF.3SG 1SG.POSS\mother from home

<sup>233</sup> This ratio is about the same in both Y *Lôn Wen* and *Atgofion*, insignificantly higher in the former.

<sup>234</sup> Anecs. 80-81 and 82-83-84 are separated by a short non-anecdotal text, which would otherwise make a five anecdote long cluster. Each group has its own theme, although their themes are related.

<sup>235</sup> See HOROWITZ (2000) for a broader context and references.

fills the same syntactic slot as numbers (BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS 2007, § 5.3.6). In both cases the form that follows the number or llawer 'many' is obligatorily singular (e.g. pedwar saer 'four carpenters', literally four carpenter; not \*\*pedwar seiri, with a plural noun), except for the very limited cases where a special numerative form is used, surviving virtually only in \*blynedd '\* years' and a few compounds (see NURMIO and D. WILLIS 2016).

"There were a few disasters on the occasions when Mam was away from home.

Anec. 97(-98-99) YLW, Hen Gymeriad (ch. 11), p. 135

Anec. 222(-223) Atgofion, p. 22

Table 2.37: Clusters of anecdotes

Text	Anecdotes	Theme
Y Lôn Wen	2-3-4-5	Wmffra Siôn, KR's father's partner
8	8-9	Richard Jones 'the old scab'
	14-15	Evie fooling around
	16-17-18-19	David Williams, 'a Welshman who was not conscious of being a Welshman'
	20-21	Hywel Tudur's monotonous preaching
	22-23	Rev. Henry Rawson Williams
	27-28	Events that broke the monotony of school life
	38-39-40	The altruism of KR's grandmother from Pantcelyn
61 67 71 77	58-59-60	Fearing KR's father and his meaningful cough
	61-62	KR's father moving from Cae'r Gors
	67-67-68-70	KR's mother tending to the sick
	71-72	KR's mother working with the doctor
	77-78-79	The straightforward answers of KR's mother
	80-81	KR's mother being critical of others
	82-83-84	KR's mother being quick-tongued and witty
	88-89	Neli, the sister of KR's grandmother
91-92 93-94 97-98-99 100-101	91-92	KR's great aunt leaving the world
	93-94	Amusing events that happened at 'Rala
	97-98-99	Disasters that happened when KR's mother was away
	100-101	Mary Williams's sewing
	(106107-108)	Welsh people who moved abroad
	109-110-111	Wil Huws trying to avoid work
Atgofion	201-202	Disasters that had to do with cats
	205-206	Amusing things happening in the seiat
	208-209-210-211	Wmffra Siôn, KR's father's partner
	220-221	G., KR's mischievous classmate
222-223 224-225 229-230	222-223	Sad things happening at school
	224-225	John Morris-Jones
	229-230	A drama performance in Cwmllynfell
	237-238	Encountering poverty in Rhondda

"lawer STORI ddigri, gan fy b. Clywais I heard many funny STORIES, from mrawd. hear.PRET.1SG many story funny by 1SG.POSS brother my brother. Anec. 106-(...-107-108) YLW, Amgylchiadau'r Cyfnod (ch. 12), I remember some amusing THINGS <sup>r</sup>rai PETHAU digrif yn digwydd remember.PRS.1SG about INDF.PL thing.PL funny yncvb happen.INF happening in the seiat. Anec. 205(-206) yn y seiat.  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF seiat Atgofion, p. 14 d. Digwyddai 「PETHAU trist」「weithiau」. 「Sometimes」「SAD things」 happened.

Anecs. 220-221 and 222-223 are adjacent, but deal with different matters (the mischievous classmate called G., and sad things that happened at school, respectively). It is the 'title' in ABSTRACT

ADV\time.PL

happen.IMPF.3SG thing.PL sad

of anec. 222 (ex. 105d) that separates the two thematically distinct clusters.

The cluster of anecs. 106-...-107-108 is a borderline case, as the use of ellipsis suggests. Anec. 106 has a meta-reference that refers to many funny stories (*llawer stori ddigri*) the author heard from her brother about Welsh people who moved abroad (ex. 105b). Between anecs. 106 and 107 there is another 'stori' (fragment 2.4), yet it is not an anecdote sensu stricto as defined here, but a narrative that describes a recurring set of events (as discussed in § 2.5.3). Take note of bob bore Sul 'every Sunday morning', yn ddieithriad bron 'almost without an exception, almost always', the habitual byddai and the imperfect verbs âi and cerddai; as stated before, only bod has a distinct habitual form; the imperfect verbs in our case have a habitual meaning.

From anecs. 106-...-107-108 and other cases it is evident that such narratives (which do not describe concrete and specific events that occurred once) fall under the definition of *stori*<sup>237</sup>, and indeed thematically it belongs in one 'cluster' together with anec. 106 before it and anecs. 107 and 108 after it.

Considering the above, it is a *non sequitur* to infer that a plural meta-reference in an ABSTRACT means a cluster *must* follow; in anec. 207 the ABSTRACT tells us Ann Jones used to have stories (*storïau*) about a certain period, but in fact only one such a story is given.

The plural form *bethau* in ex. 106 is not a meta-reference (see n. 93 on p. 86), but it hints to more than one instance (and indeed anec. 23 follows).

<sup>237</sup> Which is not the same as our 'anecdote', a text-linguistic construction which does not correspond *exactly* to any particular Welsh lexeme. For another case where a construct can be described and justified in a language (in that case: a class marked by a certain classifier in Ancient Egyptian, 't') while no particular linguistic concept in that language corresponds to it, see GOLDWASSER (2005).

Fragment 2.4:

The text between anecs. 106 and 107

Byddai un arall o'r rhai a aeth i Bootle, mab Cae Cipris, Rhostryfan, yn myned i'r capel bob bore Sul. Yna wedi'r oedfa, âi am dro, ac yn ddieithriad bron, o gwmpas carchar Walton. Cerddai o amgylch y carchar a'i astudio'n fanwl, er mwyn gweld sut y buasai'n dianc ohono petai'n digwydd mynd i mewn rywdro! Dyna beth fuaswn i'n alw yn arch-obeithiwr.

°Another of those who went to Bootle, the son of Cae Cipris, Rhostryfan, used to go to chapel every Sunday morning. °Then, after the service he used to go for a walk, and almost always around Walton prison. °He used to walk round the jail and studied it in detail, in order to work out how to escape in case he ever happened to be sent there! That's what I call an arch-optimist!

(106) Dywedai ef 「bethau」 a gyrhaeddai'n o ddwfn, say.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M thing.PL REL.DIR reach.IMPF.3SG-yn<sub>Loc</sub>? from? deep

He said Tthings that cut deep,

Anec. 22(-23)

YLW, Diwylliant a'r Capel (ch. 4), p. 52

# 2.4.1.1.2 arall 'other' and hefyd 'also'

The use of arall in the ABSTRACT section has been discussed in § 2.3.1.1.2.1 above: it occurs in non-initial anecdotes in clusters and reinforce their textual cohesion by marking them as 'other' instances under the same thematic umbrella. Although arall superficially might look like a simple lexical adjective (cf. llyfr coch 'a red book' and llyfr arall 'another book'), its grammatical status is not plain at all: it marks the syntactic (and, as here, textual) status of a noun phrase, as opposed to lexically modifying it and characterising it with some additional information. It occurs also with the TEMPORAL ANCHOR dro '(in) time', resulting in dro arall '(in) another time', as demonstrated four times in table 2.33 above (anecs. 60, 98, 99 and 111).

Another related element is hefyd. It occurs in anec. 19 (after anec. 18) and in anec. 230 (after anec. 229); they are glossed as ex. 113 (in another context) and ex. 107, respectively. In anec. 230 (ex. 107) hefyd relates to the TEMPORAL ANCHOR Y tro hwnnw 'That time', marking it as sharing the same temporal reference with the previous anecdote, as discussed in § 2.3.7.5.

(107)「hefyd」 yr Υ tro hwnnw oeddem wedi mynd i fyny DEF time(M) DEM.DIST.M also REL.OBL be.IMPF.1PL after go.INF to up gynnar, a buom ni'r merched yn gwneud ein and be.PST.1PL 1PL-DEF woman.PL yncvB make.INF 1PL.POSS yn<sub>ADV</sub> early hunain yn REFL.PL yn<sub>PRED</sub> ready

<sup>238</sup> See also THOMAS (2006, § 4.174). Equivalents of *arall* in some other languages exhibit noteworthy peculiarities, such as *(an)other* in English (JESPERSEN [1933] 2006, § 17.6<sub>1</sub>) or  $\kappa$ e- ke-in Sahidic Coptic (LAYTON 2000, § 51).

That time we 'also we had gone up early, and we the women were making ourselves ready.

Anec. (229-)...-230 Atgofion, p. 28

# 2.4.1.2 Paragraph division

The interaction between the grammar of a (written) language and signs which are graphical in nature (punctuation, paragraph division, typographic emphasis, etc.) is a complex issue, touched upon in § 2.2.1.3 above and § 3.2.1 in the next chapter. The correspondence between anecdotes and the division of the text into paragraphs is an example for this complexity: they are not com-

pletely unrelated, but they show only a moderate degree of correlation.<sup>239</sup>

Table 2.38 presents an overview of the correlation between anecdote and paragraph boundaries. Its presentation is not quite self-explanatory, so a short explanation follows. The first column enumerates each row alphabetically. The next one (1) indicates whether a row describes what appears in the text before (1, rows a-f) or after ( $\downarrow$ , rows g-l) an anecdote. The next column ( $\P$ ) indicates whether there is a paragraph break before/after the anecdote ( $\bigcirc$  green for yes +,  $\bigcirc$  red for no -). The next column (A, for *anecdote*) indicates whether the immediately preceding/following portion of the text is another anecdote ( green +) or something else (red -). Rows a-b/g-h and c-f/i-l refer to the same information, respectively: rows c-f/i-l distinguish between whether the adjacent portion of the text is an anecdote or not, while rows a-b/g-h are indifferent to that and are concerned only with whether there is a paragraph break before/after the anecdote (thus they have blank 'A' cells). The next columns show the number of anecdotes that meet the row's characteristics in Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion, with graphic representation<sup>240</sup>. The last column (:) shows how much the ratio between the examples from Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion deviates from the total ratio of anec<sup>239</sup> The exact characteristics of paragraph division cannot be treated here in full, and call for further research in Welsh beyond the specific scope discussed here. It is quite plausible there is a considerable degree of individual variance between speakers.

<sup>240</sup> In dark grey (●) for *Y Lôn Wen* and light grey (●) for *Atgofion*. The light grey bar is shown once under '*Atgofion*' and once next to the dark grey bar of *Y Lôn Wen* (in order to show the total).

Table 2.38:

Correlation between anecdote and paragraph boundaries

	<b>\$</b>	${\mathbb P}$	Α	Y Lôn Wen	Atgofior	ı :
a.	1	+		29	_ 5	-0.10
b.		_		84	33	0.03
С.		+	+	17	<b>4</b>	-0.06
d.		+	_	12	1	-0.17
e.		_	+	16	6	0.02
f.		_	_	68	27	0.03
g.	$\downarrow$	+		67	13	-0.09
g. h.		_		42	24	0.11
i.		+	+	17	■ 3	-0.10
j. k.		+	_	50	10	-0.08
k.		_	+	15	6	0.03
1.		_	_	27	18	0.15

dotes<sup>241</sup>; it is calculated so:  $\frac{YL \delta n \ Wen \ total}{YL \delta n \ Wen \ total + Atgofion \ total} - \frac{YL \delta n \ Wen}{YL \delta n \ Wen + Atgofion}$  (zero means they are balanced; positive numbers show a higher proportion of *Atgofion* anecdotes).<sup>242</sup> Now it possible to derive some conclusions from the data.

From rows a-b we learn that it is more common for anecdotes to join in the same paragraph as the preceding text than to start in a new paragraph. This is congruent with the nature of anecdotes: they substantiate a preceding point in the text, joining after it in the same paragraph. This is made even stronger when we compare rows c and e (where an anecdote precedes) with rows d and f (where something else precedes): the former pair shows indifference to whether there is a paragraph break before, while the latter pair shows a clear preference for not having a paragraph break between the non-anecdotal preceding text and the anecdote.

The behaviour of the text that *follows* the anecdote is less clear. Rows g-h show some preference for a paragraph break after the anecdote, constituting a final textual boundary which marks the end of one topic  $^{243}$  (demonstrated or elaborated upon with an anecdote) and the beginning of another. Here too cases where another anecdote follows (rows i and k) show indifference to whether there is a paragraph break  $^{244}$ , while cases where a nonanecdotal text follows (rows j and l) show a clearer preference for a paragraph break between the anecdote and the non-anecdotal text that follows (which in most cases starts a new topic).

Another issue is the difference between the two texts which make the corpus. In rows g—h we see that *Atgofion* seems to favour continuing the text after the anecdote without a paragraph break, in contrast to the tendency shown in  $YL\hat{o}n$  Wen or the combination of the two texts<sup>245</sup>. *Atgofion* also seems to disfavour paragraph breaks before the anecdote (rows a—b) to a larger extent than  $YL\hat{o}n$  Wen does.<sup>246</sup> I do not have a satisfactory explanation for this difference between the texts. Perhaps it has to do with the fact  $YL\hat{o}n$  Wen was written as a book intended for reading from the start, while *Atgofion* was first broadcast as a radio episode (§ 2.1.2) and only then was published as a chapter in a book<sup>247</sup>.

- <sup>241</sup> About 75% from *Y Lôn Wen* and 25% from *Atgofion*.
- <sup>242</sup> For the sake of clarity, let us read row j as an example: the number of anecdotes where there is a paragraph break ('¶' is green, +) after them ('↓') and then a portion of the text which is not an anecdote ('A' is red, −) is 50 for *Y Lôn Wen* and 10 for *Atgofion*, with a higher proportion of *Y Lôn Wen* examples in comparison to the total proportion (-0.08).
- <sup>243</sup> *Topic* in the non-linguistic sense.
- $^{244}$  The pair c and e and the pair i and k are two sides of the same coin.
- <sup>245</sup> To a lesser degree, of course, as the total contains *Atgofion* as well.
- <sup>246</sup> This preference for not breaking paragraphs before and after anecdotes is made even starker when considering the fact that on average paragraphs in *Atgofion* are shorter (103 words per paragraph) than the paragraphs in *Y Lôn Wen* (164 words per paragraph).
- <sup>247</sup> I am not certain how the process of producing and writing Atgofion went; for example, did Roberts write an outline and talked more-or-less freely on the radio, or did she write the whole text down and then read it from paper? If the first option is correct, then the different division into paragraphs might be affected from the process of transcribing a radio episode. Consulting the original manuscripts (K. ROBERTS 1969-1972) will probably prove helpful for an improved understanding of the writing process. In any case, there are slight differences between the wording in the radio and the written versions (see n. 5 on p. 32), so some degree of editing must have been carried out.

# 2.4.1.3 Information status and the text

Information status is the status of an item in a particular point in the discourse or text in terms of givenness or novelty.<sup>248</sup> The information status of an item changes as the discourse or text progresses. This notion is closely connected with definiteness, information structure, topic continuity and other aspects of language which have to do with the flow of information (such as constituent order in Middle Welsh; see POPPE 2000 and MEELEN 2016, § 5.5.2).

This topic is vast, and cannot be explored here in detail. Nevertheless, a crucial point with regard to this chapter is that information status seems to operate on a general textual level, taking into account the *whole text*. This chapter presents the text-linguistic features of anecdotes as sub-textual units (which have defining characteristics and internal structure which is signalled and delimited), but both *Y Lôn Wen* and *Atgofion* are works which are intended to be read as continuous texts. While anecdotes are indeed distinct and definable units, they are still a part of the text; they maintain some level of independence, but with respect to information status they are not self-standing.<sup>249</sup>

Reactivation of items mentioned earlier in the text, which the author deems it fitting to explicitly refer to (such as for the purpose of reminding the reader), is done primarily with sôn am (ex. 108), which serves as a textual cohesive link. In exx. 108a-b<sup>250</sup> a personal name is modified by a relative clause with the spatial uchod<sup>251</sup>, which is used metaphorically (see also § 2.6.1.1.5 below). In ex. 108c the distance is greater (instead of uchod we have mewn pennod flaenorol 'in an earlier chapter', all the way from chapter 12 to chapter 3), and in ex. 108d the reference is intertextual, to another work (cf. ex. 110, which also has an intertextual reference, this time not to a referential item like Wmffra Siôn, but to a fact mentioned elsewhere). In ex. 108e the deictic axis is temporal (qynnau; see § 2.6.1.1.5 again).

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(108) a. Aeth William Jones y soniais amdano go.pret.3sg pn rel.obl mention.pret.1sg about.3sg.m

ruchod i Bootle, [...]
above to pn
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<sup>248</sup> See BAUMANN and RIESTER (2012, §§ 1–3) for a historical review of different developments and approaches, given as background for their own criticism and proposed contribution.

<sup>249</sup> This means, *inter alia*, that definiteness and textual phoricity work across such unit boundaries, and that characters which are introduced before an anecdote may be considered as given in it (and also that ones which are introduced in an anecdote may be considered so later in the text).

<sup>250</sup> In ex. 108b Harri was mentioned shortly before the reactivation, in passing, and more substantial treatment of him occurs further above in the text.

<sup>251</sup> In ex. 109 *uchod* modifies a proper name directly; not any proper name but one which is marked as 'definite' (with *y* 'the'), situating it in a marked syntactic status: not as a 'proper' proper name referring to an individual but as a representative of persons with that name as a class, individuated by *uchod* as the aforementioned one specifically. See MATUSHANSKY (2006, 2015) for a broader theoretical discussion.

"William Jones, referred to above, went to Bootle, [...]

YLW, ch. 12, p. 143; anec. 106

- C. Yr oedd Mos, [...], y soniais amdano PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN REL.OBL mention.PRET.1SG amdano mewn pennod flaenorol, i fod i ddyfod acw [...] in chapter prior to be.INF to come.INF DIST.LOC
- d. Un arall [...] fyddai [...] Wmffra Siôn [...]. Yr wyf one other be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG PN PRT be.PRS.1SG wedi sôn amdano yn Y Lôn Wen. after mention.INF about.3SG.M ynLoc DEF lane white
- e. 「Soniais 「gynnau」 am y capel」.

  mention.PRET.1SG previously about DEF chapel
- (109) [...] Hugh Hughes, taid y John W. Davies 「uchod」.

  PN grandfather DEF PN above
- (110) Fel y crybwyllais mewn lle arall, clwyfasid ef yn like NMLZ mention.PRET.1SG in place other wound.PLUP.IMPRS 3SG.M  $yn_{LOC}$  Salonica ym mis Chwefror, [...] PN  $yn_{LOC}$  month February, [...]

[...], I'd like to tell a story about my uncle Harri that 'I mentioned, 'above,.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 81; anec. 43 °Mos, [...], whom 'I mentioned in an earlier chapter, should have come over there [...]

YLW, ch. 12, p. 146; anec. 112 Another one [...] would be [...] Wmffra Siôn [...]. I have 'mentioned him, 'in Y Lôn Wen,.

Atgofion, p. 16

[...], Hugh Hughes, grandfather of the fabove-mentioned John Davies.

YLW, ch. 7, p. 73; anec. 32

Atgofion, p. 14

As I mentioned elsewhere, he was wounded in Salonica in February, [...]

YLW, ch. 9, p. 107; anec. 77

# 2.4.2 *Credibility and reportability*

LABOV (1997, §§ 5–6) discusses the notions of *credibility* and *reportability*, and presents what he terms the *Reportability Paradox*: 'reportability is inversely correlated with credibility'. Simply put, the more reportable the narrative, the less credible it is, and vice versa. Many anecdotes gain credibility from being presented explicitly (through an INTEGRATING ANCHOR) or implicitly as eyewitness or reported testimonials. Explicit expressions might add to the reportability of a narrative; these include expressions that present it as noteworthy<sup>252</sup> and claims in the CONCLUSION that highlight its relevance (see § 2.3.5). Marked syntactic forms (such as cleft sentences and presentative) also contribute to highlighting reportable events<sup>253</sup> and statements in the anecdote.

It seems that at times for the sake of portraying the topics the author discusses in a rounder way, a relatively low reportability threshold is applied: if they contribute to the whole, even stories

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>252</sup> See § 2.3.1.1.2.2 for a discussion of the modifiers of meta-references in the abstract, which may comment on the story and its relevance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>253</sup> Culminating in the 'most reportable event', as discussed in LABOV (1997).

which on their own — out of context — would not have high reportability are indeed included in the text.

# 2.5 EDGE CASES

As demonstrated in § 2.2.4, the anecdotes in the corpus are by no means uniform. Although they exhibit a common structure — which is text-linguistically signalled and whose description makes the lion's share of this chapter — there is a great degree of diversity and variety when it comes to what parts of that structure occur in any given anecdote or the extent to which they are developed. It is the author's literary choice how long or short, developed or succinct, an anecdote would be.<sup>254</sup>

This short section cursorily explores the edges of what makes an anecdote: §§ 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 look at the minimal and maximal extremities, and § 2.5.3 goes 'beyond the edge' and touches on other textual units which show some resemblance to anecdotes.

Anecdotes — like all linguistic (*text-linguistic* included) elements — are not given entities. As discussed in the introduction chapter (§§ 1.1.5 and 1.2.4.2), text-types in general are defined and delineated *a posteriori*, on the basis of structural regularities found in the data (see the approach described in § 1.2.1), and it is not necessary for them to conform to preconceived notions. While the vast majority of cases can be unambiguously described as anecdotes, 'fringe' or peripheral cases might prove helpful for defining what counts as an anecdote.

# 2.5.1 Minimal cases

# 2.5.1.1 Examples for laconic anecdotes

Very short and laconic cases are one such peripheral extremity. Three examples (exx. 111–113) are taken as representative for such cases.

Anec. 212 (15 words; ex. 111) consists only of a DEVELOPMENT, and is about as minimal and compact as it goes. Syntactically, it is a cleft sentence, which might imply an already established familiarity with the story (and consequently an ability to leave out almost any excess detail) and focus on the identification of

by a number of factors, including the amount of actual content the *histoire* (in GENETTE's (1972) terms; see n. 41 on p. 14) has (basic events, twists and turns, etc.), the flow of the text in the particular point in question (how much of a digression an anecdote would make), and the vividness in which the author remembers the story (see § 2.5.2).

Mos as the person the story is told about, as this anecdote is located within a section of the text which portrays him.<sup>255</sup>

(111) Y fo a adawodd i'r pwdin Nadolig ferwi'n FOC 3SG.M REL.DIR leave.PRET.3SG to-DEF pudding Christmas LEN\boil.INF-yn<sub>PRED</sub> sych nes oedd y pwdin yn golsyn.

dry until be.IMPF.3SG DEF pudding yn<sub>PRED</sub> cinder.SGV

It was him who let the Christmas pudding cook dry until it became a cinder.

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 212

Just before Anec. 232 (19 words; ex. 112) the author reminisce about the good tea Mr. Morgan, the physics teacher, used to make after school dinners. The anecdote tells of a single incident (take note of the TEMPORAL ANCHOR *un tro* 'one time') in which she made a *faux pas*. The second sentence (*Braint Mr. Morgan oedd hynny*) is not a part of the plot (i.e. the *evolution mode*), but a comment; this demonstrates that even in such a minimal narrative a 'division of labour' between narrative modes can occur.

(112) Fe rois i fy nhroed ynddi un tro wrth gynnig AFF give.PRET.1SG 1SG 1SG.POSS foot  $yn_{LOC}$ .3SG.F one time with offer.INF gwneud y te yma. Braint Mr. Morgan oedd hynny. do.INF DEF tea DEM.PROX privilege Mr PN COP.IMPF.3SG DEM.DIST.N

I did put my foot in it one time by offering to make tea there. It was Mr. Morgan's position.

Atgofion, p. 29; anec. 232

Anec. 19 (32 words) occurs as the last in a cluster<sup>256</sup> of four anecdotes (anecs. 16-17-18-19; see § 2.4.1.1) about a preacher named David Williams. Similarly to § 2.5.1.1 above, here too the main sentence is a cleft sentence. The reason for that might be as above, although here to the best of my knowledge there is no fictionalised version. With respect to the story being presented linguistically as familiar, take note of y fam 'the mother', which is definite even though she was not mentioned anywhere before in the text.

(113)Ef hefyd a ddywedodd wrth y fam 3SG.M also REL.DIR say.PRET.3SG with DEF mother REL.DIR go.IMPF.3SG capel pan grïodd babi, am ddyfod from-DEF chapel when cry.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS baby about come.INF sêt fawr, y byddai'n siŵr o gysgu with 3sg.m to-DEF seat big NMLZ be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG-yn<sub>ADV</sub> sure of sleep.INF yn y fan honno. ynLOC DEF place(F) DEM.DIST.F

'It was he who also told the mother leaving the chapel when her baby cried, to bring him to the big pew in the front as he'd be sure to fall asleep there.

YLW, ch. 4, p. 52; anec. 19

# 2.5.1.2 The question of narrativity

On the whole, anecdotes fall under the broad umbrella term *narrative*, but some of the simpler examples do not feel very 'storylike' in the sense of how stories are prototypically built and developed (or alternatively how they are stereotypically expected to be). This tension can be resolved using HERMAN's (2002, p. 91) distinction between *narrativehood* (which is binary: either a text is a narrative or not) and *narrativity* (which is a scalar: a text can be closer or more distant from a prototypical narrative). So, the anecdotes are not homogeneous with respect to *narrativity*: some are characterised by a high degree of it, while some (like the shorter ones) show a lower degree.

One criterion of narrativity found in some traditional narratological approaches is that the text presents goal-directed actions (DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU 2012, § 1.1.2-1.1.3): the basic structure is that a complication or disruption is introduced, and the characters react to deal with it in a goal-directed manner. Regarding this criterion as a cornerstone of narrativity is by no means universally accepted.<sup>257</sup> Many of the anecdotes described in this chapter — not only the simplest ones — do not have goaldirected actions (driven by some complication or otherwise) as an organising mechanism. This does not diminish their narrativity: while complications and goals motivate the plot of many kinds of stories, such as fairy tales, they are not sine quibus non for a text to be a narrative. Moreover, the notion of a story is at least partially dependent on culture; the Welsh stori does not necessarily align exactly with that of the English story. See n. 57 on p. 61 for a dictionary definition of stori; see also n. 237 on p. 152, which expands on the relation between stori and the anecdotes.

<sup>255</sup> This assumed familiarity might have to do with the close-knit community Roberts was part of, where stories about acquaintances were told and retold, reinforcing social cohesion. The target audience of Atgofion, though, is much wider than that community, and removed from the time period in which the stories occurred by some decades (even though it might have seemed yesterday in the author's eyes...). Anyway, Mos was 'commemorated' as a character in Te yn y Grug, a well-known collection of short stories, which makes a part of the corpus of chapter 3 (see n. 10 on p. 184). It is not impossible that setting the minimal story as a non-focal glose of a cleft sentence has to do with that, assuming the audience is familiar with the fictionalised version.

 $^{256}$  The use of  $\stackrel{\text{also}}{\text{hefyd}}$  is related to the fact it is a non-initial member of a cluster.

<sup>257</sup> Beyond theory, STEIN and POLICASTRO (1984) (as cited in DE FINA and GEORGAKOPOULOU 2012, § 1.1.2) tested experimentally what people — both children and adults — recognise as stories, and could not demonstrate it was necessary for a text to include an account of goal-directed behaviour in order to be considered a *story*.

# 2.5.2 Maximal cases

On the other end, some of the anecdotes in the corpus are rather lengthy; see table 2.39 for an overview of the five longest anecdotes<sup>258</sup>. A quick quantitative comparison shows the longest anecdote (anec. 55) is about a half the length of Kate Roberts's shorter short stories in terms of simple word count. Unsurprisingly, the longer anecdotes tend to be more developed and intric-

<sup>258</sup> Length is calculated in 'words', which in this context are defined as any sequence of characters delimited by a white space. For example, *o'r* 'of the' is counted as one word.

A blue square (■) represents an INTEGRATING ANCHOR and a red rhombus (♦) a TEMPORAL ANCHOR, similarly to table 2.3.

Table 2.39:

Overview of the five longest anecdotes

Anec.	Length (words)	ABS	EXP	DEV	EPI	CON
55	827			•		
91	707			•		
112	597					
77	431			•		
12	400					

ate as stories, including features as commentative excursus and episodes. Another facet of complexity is reflected in their use of the different components; table 2.39 shows that while anec. 12 has only two sections, the other are more complex. As discussed in § 2.3.6 above, two of the longest anecdotes (anecs. 77 and 91) have TEMPORAL ANCHORS which explicitly refer to how vivid the author remembers them: Mae META-REFERENCE yn fyw iawn yn/ar fy nghof(i) 'META-REFERENCE is very alive in my memory/mind'. Another notable feature is the use of paragraph breaks to mark different episodes in anecs. 55 and 77. This typographic device is used only sporadically, unsystematically, but the length and narrative complexity of these anecdotes supposedly made them lend themselves better to such a use, thanks to both narratological reasons (they can have more distinct episodes, each of which can be more developed) and typographical reasons (to avoid unwieldy paragraphs).

# 2.5.2.1 Embedded narratives

Beyond quantitative length (which correlates to some extent with complexity), another type of complexity can be seen in the embedding of second-degree; that is, subordinate narratives which are incorporated inside an anecdote.

Such fragments are attested in the EXPOSITION, the DEVEL-OPMENT and the CONCLUSION (and to a limited degree in the EPILOGUE), but not in the ABSTRACT, which is more restricted and goes no further in narrative complexity than the 'titles' discussed in § 2.3.1.2.2.

# 2.5.2.1.1 *Exposition*

The EXPOSITION of anec. 35 has a lengthy narrative which is given as an explanation for why Owen Jones was in prison. In fact, it is longer and more complex than the rest of the anecdote, and has an internal 'abstract', 'exposition' and 'development' of its own. The abstract presents the source of information (explicitly, within parentheses) and encapsulates this portion of the text as a reason (A dymapam ([...]): 'And this is why ([...]):'). The internal exposition gives necessary background information and it ends when the DEVELOPMENT begins with the temporal anchor Un diwrnod 'One day'. Only after the whole digression the DEVELOPMENT of the main anecdote begins, which is quite short.

See anec. 77 for another case of a narrative embedded in the EXPOSITION, this time a simpler one. It is presented with Fel y and crybwyllais mewn lle arall 'As I mentioned elsewhere'. Here too a temporal anchor (Yr wythnos y cyrhaeddodd y newydd 'The week the news came') marks the beginning of the DEVELOPMENT.

# <sup>259</sup> The internal structure is annotated in appendix A, and square brackets are employed for marking the boundaries of the embedded narrative. The same applies to anec. 31.

<sup>260</sup> After all, about 113 years have passed between the time of the occurrence and the time *Y Lôn Wen* was published.

# 2.5.2.1.2 Development

DEVELOPMENTS can have multiple layers, and can diverge and reunify. A true framed narrative, though, is found in anec. 113. The first paragraph of the anecdote ends with the disappearance of a warpaig (a small bag with a drawstring) full of marbles, and the story told in the second one resolves the mystery. It, too, has an abstract-exposition-development structure: the abstract presents the source of information and binds the story the minister's wife tells to the first part of the anecdote (with Modd bynnag 'However'), the exposition informs the reader about the age of the children, and the DEVELOPMENT presents the internal story itself. The DEVELOPMENT begins with A stori Mrs. CW oedd 'And Mrs CW's story was '261, followed by a bod construction (ei bod yn edrych allan 'that she looked out') and another infinitive ((a) gweled), and then it continues without grammatical markers of subordinations (the matrix forms Ni allai 'She couldn't', fe hitiwyd 'was struck', aeth 'went, (began)', etc.).

Another kind of internal storytelling can be seen in anec. 214, where Ned Ryd tells a jocular dream $^{262}$ . The dream is told within

- <sup>261</sup> This looks like a 'second abstract'. There are not enough embedded narrative of this kind in order to make any generalisations about their structure.
- <sup>262</sup> Narratives that report dreams (genuine, or as in our case, made up) are a fascinating topic which cannot be adequately explored here. The way people construct and tell dream reports varies across languages and cultures, and is closely linked to text-linguistic (mainly narrative grammar) and other grammatical matters; see, for example, COHEN (2012, § 5.4.7) for Jewish Zakho Neo-Aramaic, KRACKE (2009) for Kagwahiv (Tupí-Guaraní; see TEDLOCK (1999) for a broad indigenous American context), PERELMUTTER (2008) for Russian, and SHISHA-HALEVY (2007, § 1.1.3 (e)) for Bohairic Coptic.

a dialogue portion, not as a 'low-level' portion of the text (like in anec. 31). It has a sentence that looks like an abstract (Mi ges hen freuddwyd cas iawn 'I had a terrible dream'), followed by Mi freuddwydis 'I dreamt', which is in turn complemented — similarly to the above case — by a bod construction (fy mod i wedi marw, ac after go.INF to inferno wedi mynd i uffern 'that I had died and had gone to hell') and then a matrix form faswn i ddim 'I wouldn't be'. The dream report has an instance of indirect speech in it, making it a fourth layer of embedding (indirect speech within a dream report within a dialogue within an anecdote within the broader text).

# 2.5.2.1.3 Epilogue

EPILOGUES on their own are generally not very storylike. They do present information that follows the events told in the anecdote, but without a proper self-contained, fully-fledged narrative structure. The closest thing to a story in an EPILOGUE is that of anec. 112 (fragment 2.5).

## 2.5.2.1.4 *Conclusion*

Anec. 108 (glossed as ex. 95) has an embryonic narrative in the CONCLUSION, which is brought up in the context of a short discussion about stories attributed to John James.

Anec. 88 (glossed as ex. 92) has a fragment that is referred to as a *stori* (about the man who used to hit his son). It does not describe a sequence of events that occurred once, but one which repeated

Fragment 2.5:

The epilogue of anec. 112

Ond ni bu'r hen gyfaill yn lladd gwair i lawer wedyn. Dechrau ei salwch oedd ei ymddygiad rhyfedd y prynhawn hwnnw. Yr oedd ei ymennydd yn dechrau darfod. Un o Sir y Fflint ydoedd, ac wedi treulio llawer o flynyddoedd yn America. Pan af i fynwent Rhosgadfan ac edrych ar ei garreg fedd, byddaf yn dychryn wrth ddarllen nad oedd ond 42 mlwydd oed pan fu farw. Edrychai yn llawer nes i drigain.

But our old friend did not cut hay for many people after that. The start of his illness was his strange behaviour that day. His brain was beginning to go. He was from Flint, and had spent many years in America. When I go to the Rhosgadfan cemetery and look at his gravestone it frightens me to read that he was only 42 years old when he died. He looked closer to sixty.

habitually (arferai roi cweir 'used to beat', unfortunately for the boy) and repeatedly (bob tro 'every time').

# 2.5.3 Other textual units that bear some resemblance to anecdotes

As defined in § 2.1.1, our chapter deals with accounts of specific (singular, occurring once; not habitual or generic) past occurrences. There are, though, narratives which describe recurring sets of events (see DAHL (1995) for a general treatment of the related notion of *episodic* vs. *generic* sentences).<sup>263</sup>

Fragment 2.6, for example, describes such a case: a set of events that repeated itself every first Sunday of the month (ary Sunday earlysup ynloc def month). Take note of the use of cofiaf, which is repeated twice; such repetition is foreign to our anecdotes 264. On the surface it might resemble cofiaf the INTEGRATING ANCHOR, functions differently from a structural, textual perspective, as it does not participate in the same larger textual pattern that is the anecdote. As mentioned in § 2.3.6 (on p. 130), while it occurs commonly as a INTEGRATING ANCHOR, cofiaf as a verb is not restricted to that function. Beside the lexical temporal expression (ar y Sul cyntaf yn y mis), the habitual imperfect forms (byddai, byddem) are signs for the non-singular nature of this portion of the text.

Another example for a recurring narrative is fragment 2.7. It occurs right after anec. 75, and presents another thing the author is reminded of about the boy whose funeral is the setting for that

<sup>263</sup> As mentioned in n. 48 on p. 56, the anecdotes in Osiecka's *Galeria Potworów* show striking structural commonalities with Roberts's in our corpus. SAWICKI (2013, § 3) deals with 'non-single quasi-events'; these show similarities with the recurring narratives discussed here (the as the use of the imperfective/imperfect forms), but with an important difference: the former are presented as fictional, while the latter are presented as real event that actually happened.

<sup>264</sup> Anec. 24 has a repeated *cofiaf*, but it is a special case, as discussed in § 2.3.6 above.

Fragment 2.6:

A recurrent narrative with cofiaf 'I remember'

Cofiaf y byddai J. R. Williams yn dyfod â'r cylchgronau i'r capel i bawb, pob cylchgrawn, y rhai enwadol a'r rhai cenedlaethol, gydag enw'r tŷ arnynt. Cofiaf fel y byddem yn rhuthro o'n seti ar y Sul cyntaf yn y mis, a stwffio at y ffenestr yn y lobi lle byddai'r cylchgronau, er mwyn cael rhedeg adref efo hwy, a chael eu darllen yn gyntaf.

°I remember that J. R. Williams used to bring the magazines to chapel for everyone, all magazines, the denominational and the national ones, with the name of the house written on them. I remember how we would rush from our seats on the first Sunday of the month and press against the window in the lobby where the magazines would be, so that we could race home with them, to be first to read them.

Fragment 2.7:

A recurrent narrative referred to as a stori 'story'

Wrth fynd heibio yn y fan yma, mae arnaf flys dweud stori am y bachgen yma. Yr oedd ef ac un arall o'r un oed yn aelodau o ddosbarth llenyddiaeth llewyrchus a fu gan R. Williams-Parry yn Rhosgadfan. Pan ddywedai'r bardd ar ddiwedd ei darlith a chyn dechrau'r drafodaeth, 'Y sawl sydd am ysmygu, ysmyged', byddai'r bachgen hwn a'i gyfaill yn tynnu Woodbine o'u pocedi, ac yn tanio fel gweddill y dosbarth.

- Source: YLW, Fy Mam (ch. 9), p. 106

In passing, I'd like to tell a story about this boy. He and another of the same age were members of a flourishing literature class that R. Williams-Parry ran in Rhosgadfan. "When the poet would say, at the end of the talk and before discussion, 'Those who want to smoke, smoke,' this boy and his friend would take Woodbines from their pockets and light up like the rest of the class.

anecdote. While fragment 2.6 has *cofiaf* as an element it shares anecdotes, here the first sentence resembles an ABSTRACT, the second an EXPOSITION and the third a DEVELOPMENT. Another pertinent feature is the reference to this narrative as a *stori*, a lexeme which is used for the anecdotes as well (see § 2.3.1.1.1 and § 2.3.5.1). In fact, the only thing that marks this as something that happened multiple times is the use of (habitual) imperfect forms (*dywedai* and *byddai*). Had the verbal forms been different, this fragment would present its narrative as singular and would happily fall under the definition of *anecdote* used in this chapter.

So far, *cofiaf*, *stori* and a form that resembles the sections of the anecdote have been encountered. Ex. 114 demonstrates the use of *unwaith* outside an anecdote. The context, in a chapter dedicated to the depiction of the author's mother, is the medical support her mother offered to others: once a professional nurse came to the neighbourhood, her mother stopped visiting others for that purpose, but there was an exception one time. This exception does not make an actual anecdote, nor does *unwaith* make a TEMPORAL ANCHOR here.

These three examples were given here in order to show that while entities similar to the components of the anecdote *on a surface level* can be found outside an anecdote, it is the anecdotes'

When a nurse came to the neighbourhood, Mam going out like that came to an end, 'though she was called out once when the nurse was away on holiday..

YLW, Fy Mam (ch. 9), p. 105

particular structural regularities and textual function that define them as such. Moreover, considering textual units which externally resemble anecdotes, at least to some degree, can assist in understanding the anecdotes themselves better.

#### COMPARISON OF Y LÔN WEN AND ATGOFION 2.6

Each chapter of this thesis has two works as its corpus (§ 1.3.2). This fact invites comparative examination of each pair. With regard to the topics explored in each chapter, it seems the most dissimilar pair is the two plays of chapter 4 (§ 4.1.2), followed by the two autobiographical works of this chapter (§ 2.1.2) and then the collections of short stories of chapter 3 (§ 3.1.2), which are rather similar.

#### 2.6.1 Broad comparison

On the whole anecdotes in Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion behave similarly; they follow the same structure discussed at length in this chapter, and have more in common than they have differences. Nevertheless, the two works differ in several ways, both generally as works (§ 2.6.1.1<sup>265</sup>) and specifically with respect to the anecdotes (§ 2.6.1.2).

<sup>265</sup> See also § 2.1.2.

#### General differences between the two works 2.6.1.1

#### 2.6.1.1.1 Length

Y Lôn Wen is a book (148 pages long; more than 58,000 words<sup>266</sup>), while Atgofion is a chapter within a book (30 pages long; more than 10,000 words).

#### Time of writing 2.6.1.1.2

Y Lôn Wen was published in 1960, when the author was almost seventy years old, while Atgofion was published twelve years later.

#### 2.6.1.1.3 Organisation

Y Lôn Wen is divided into chapters, each with its own subject (see table 2.1 in § 2.1.2), while Atgofion is one continuous text. Y Lôn <sup>266</sup> 126 pages long with more than 48,000 words if only chapters 2-12, which contain anecdotes of the type discussed here, are taken into account.

Wen's thematic structuring is more rigid than Atgofion's, which flows from one matter to the other and generally follows the author's life chronologically.

#### 2.6.1.1.4 Subject matter

Y Lôn Wen is centred around the rural community where Roberts grew up, while Atgofion is more personal and deals more with periods past the author's childhood.

#### 2.6.1.1.5 Media

Y Lôn Wen was written as a book, while Atgofion was originally broadcast as a radio episode. 267 This fact has a number of linguistic consequences; even though Atgofion as published in K. ROBERTS et al. (1972) is a written literary work, it keeps some oral expressions.

One consequence that comes to mind is the use of spatiotemporal metaphors<sup>268</sup>. A vertical spatial metaphor of the text in Y Lôn Wen is reflected in uchod, as discussed in § 2.4.1.3 concerning exx. 108a-b and ex. 109. This has to do with the top-to-bottom progression of the lines on the page in the Latin script. In Atgofion a temporal metaphor is reflected in *gynnau* in ex. 108e; an explicit reference to time can be seen in ex. 115.

- (115)[...], ond nid a. Fe sgrifennodd Dafydd Elis Penyfed barodi AFF write.PRET.3SG PN parody(M) but ddarllen 'yn awr... oes 「amser」i'w be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST time to-3sg.m.poss read.inf  $yn_{LOC}$  hour
  - Gallaswn ddweud llawer rhagor am fy arhosiad yn can.PLUP.1SG say.INF  $yn_{LOC}$ much more about 1sg.poss staying y De, ond mae'r 'cloc' yn fy DEF south but be.PRS.3SG-DEF clock  $yn_{LOC}$  1SG.POSS against

<sup>267</sup> As touched upon in n. 247 (p. 155) and n. 79 (p. 75) the nature of the process of writing Atgofion is relevant for some issues. At the moment I have no access to the manuscripts (K. ROBERTS 1969-1972) or a full recording of the radio episode.

<sup>268</sup> See HASPELMATH (1997) for discussion of space and time in language, and NÖTH (1996) regarding the texts in particular.

Dafydd Elis Penyfed wrote a parody [...], but there is no 'time' to read it right now.

Atgofion, p. 25

I could say much more about my time in the South, but the clock is against me.

Atgofion, p. 34

As often seen in languages worldwide (HASPELMATH 1997), the line between spatial and temporal metaphors is often blurred. Ex. 116a mixes the temporal preposition  $cyn^{269}$  with the verb gadael (literally a spatial verb of motion), creating a converb. The most basic verb of motion, mynd, is used in Atgofion with yn  $\hat{ol}$  $\stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle{10}}{i}$  'back to' in the metaphorical sense of returning to a previous topic in the discourse (exx. 116b-c).

<sup>269</sup> See GPC's (2014–, § cyn<sup>1</sup>) definition: O flaen (o ran amser), yn gynt, yn blaenori (o ran amser) 'before (in time), previous to, preceding (in time)'.

Exx. 108c-d and ex. 110 refer to places where things were mentioned elsewhere. Ex. 108c is interesting, as it has the temporal or sequential  $blaenorol^{270}$  together with the (literally) spatial mewn.

- (116)a. 「Cyn gadael」 teulu Pantcelyn mae arnaf chwant adrodd before leave.INF family PN be.PRS.3SG on.1SG desire tell.INF stori [...] story
  - Ond i fynd yn ôl i 'r Ysgol, Saesneg oedd but to go.INF  $yn_{LOC}$  back to-DEF school English COP.IMPF.3SG language pob gwers. every class
  - Ond i fynd yn ôl i 'r but to go.INF ynLoc back to-DEF house

Another linguistic matter that is affected by the medium is the use of ysgrifennu and dweud referring to the act the author does: the former is limited to Y Lôn Wen while the latter can be found in both. See ex. 117, which demonstrates both in one sentence, and ex. 115b<sup>271</sup>. On a related note, sôn 'to mention; to sound' is a denominal verb derived from sôn 'a sound', which is a loan from Latin sonus 'a sound'; the semantics has been broadened, and as evident from the above examples encompasses writing as well, in spite of the auditory origin.

(117)Gallwn 「ysgrifennu」 llawer rhagor am fy mam, ond can.IMPF.1SG write.INF much more about 1sg.poss mother but credaf imi 'ddweud digon i ddangos pa mor llawn believe.PRS.1SG to.1SG LEN\dweud.INF enough to show.INF Q bywyd a chymaint o waith a and big.EQU COP.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS life of work REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG yn ei hoes, [...] 3SG.F  $yn_{LOC}$  3SG.F.POSS lifetime

<sup>270</sup> The  $b \rightarrow f$ - lenition is triggered since adjectives (blaenorol 'previous' in our case) that modify feminine nouns (pennod 'chapter') undergo lenition.

° Before parting with the subject of the Pantcelyn family, I want to tell a story [...]

YLW, ch. 7, p. 81; anec. 43 But to go back to the School, the language of every class was English.

Atgofion, p. 19; anec. 215

But (I have) to 'go back to (topic of) the house.

Atgofion, p. 9

<sup>271</sup> Exx. 117 and 115b have a very similar structure; the two examples can be seen as a 'minimal pair' of sorts.

I could 'write' much more about my mother, but I think I have said enough to demonstrate how full her life was and how much work she did over a lifetime,

YLW, Fy Mam (ch. 9), p. 116

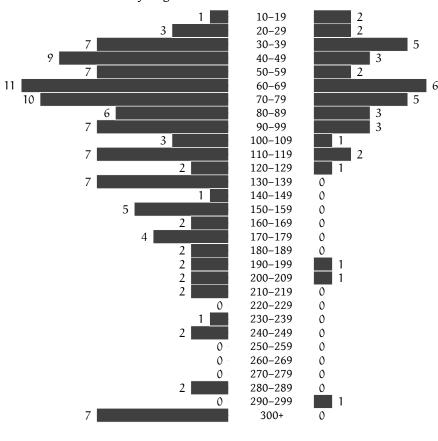
#### Differences related to anecdotes 2.6.1.2

#### Quantitative differences 2.6.1.2.1

In table 2.38 (§ 2.4.1.2 above) differences between Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion in the context of their use of paragraph breaks have been touched upon. Another matter in which the two texts differ is the

Figure 2.3:

Distribution of anecdotes by length



Atgofion

Each row represents the number of anecdotes that fall within a certain range in terms of length (measured in words; see n. 258 on p. 160).

length of anecdotes, as demonstrated in figure 2.3. On the whole, the anecdotes in *Atgofion* are shorter than those of  $Y L \hat{o}n Wen^{272}$ . Both texts show a relatively high number of anecdotes around 60–69 words long, but  $Y L \hat{o}n Wen$  have more anecdotes between 130 and 299 words long (relatively and absolutely) and even longer ones (300+ words long; see § 2.5.2). Note that while the mean is slightly higher than the median in *Atgofion*, it is much higher in  $Y L \hat{o}n Wen$ ; this difference is greatly affected by the longer anecdotes, some of which are extremely long (700+ or 800+ words long). The longest anecdote in *Atgofion* is anec. 203 (293 words long), which is by a great deal longer than other anecdotes.  $^{273}$ 

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# 2.6.1.2.2 Pluperfect and preterite verbs in the exposition

Another matter in which the two texts differ is the lack of pluper-fect or preterite finite verbs in the EXPOSITIONS of *Atgofion*, while

<sup>272</sup> Mean length ~78 and ~130 words, respectively; median length 69 and 92 words, respectively.

<sup>273</sup> It is reasonable that the differences in length have to do with the different media the two texts were originally intended for. A written medium can suffer longer anecdotal digressions without difficulty, while in oral modality such digressions might interrupt the audience's attention or the continuity of what the author/speaker wishes to deliver.

they are attested in Y Lôn Wen (see § 2.3.2.3.1.2 and § 2.3.2.3.1.3 respectively). This lack is possibly an artefact of the paucity of examples, and not a genuine feature of a different system in Atgofion; as the aphorism says, 'absence of evidence is not evidence of absence'.

#### Anecdotes which are retold in Atgofion 2.6.2

#### Theoretical background 2.6.2.1

One of the key distinctions introduced by the Russian formalist school (such as PROPP [1928] 1968 and SHKLOVSKY 2012; see also EINCHENBAUM [1926] 2004 and TOOLAN [1988] 2001, § 2.1) is that between what is told in a story (its basic events, фабула fábula 'story') and the way it is put together and told (an emplotment, сюжет sjužét 'plot'). This distinction was later revisited and developed in classical narratology, like GENETTE's (1972) threefold distinction between *histoire* (the basic sequence of events, ≈фабула fábula), discours or récit (the narrative text, ≈сюжет sjužét), and narration (the act of narrating); see n. 41 on p. 14.

Some anecdotes from Y Lôn Wen are retold in Atgofion. In formalist terms, they are different сюжеты sjužety of the same фабулы fabuly, or analogously in classical narratologist terms — different discours or récits of the same histoires. 274 As stated in § 2.6.1.1. Atgofion's scope spans later in the author's life than that of Y Lôn Wen; this means that only events from her early life can be common to both. SQUIRE, ANDREWS, and TAMBOUKOU (2008, p. 5) discuss constancy and variance in producing stories from the same events over time; the time past between Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion is twelve years, and the differences between the common stories might stem in part from that time difference (as well as from the different media or audience).

On a side note, the related situation of having the same textual core in text in different languages or language stages is useful for various linguistic purposes, including typology<sup>275</sup> and historical linguistics<sup>276</sup>.

'Pam na wnaiff Dafydd Siôn anghofio colli'r ffordd ar y mynydd?'

'O, mi fydd Bilw yn ail-ddweud stori'r pwdin pan fydd o tua'r pedwar ugain yma.'

[Begw, a child, asks:] "Why doesn't Dafydd Siôn [an old man who told an old story] forget losing the way on the mountain?"

[Her mother replies:] "Oh, Bilw [a young man who told a new story] will be retelling the story of the pudding here when he's eighty."

- TyyG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3)

<sup>274</sup> See POLANYI (1981) for theoretical background of what does it mean to tell the 'same story' twice, depending on what counts as 'the same' and what counts as a 'story'.

<sup>275</sup> STOLZ (2007) is an issue of STUF (Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung) dedicated to the use of parallel texts (and massively parallel texts in particular; see Cysouw and WÄLCHLI 2007).

<sup>276</sup> As demonstrated in WARVIK (1995), which utilises retellings of saints' lives from four early English collections written in different periods.

#### Comparison of the shared anecdote 2.6.2.2

Table 2.40<sup>277</sup> is a comparative overview of the anecdotes which are shared by the two texts:

- The first pair (a) is the first anecdote of Y Lôn Wen and one of the first of Atgofion.
- The four pairs below it (b-e) are the cluster dealing with Wmffra Siôn, following the same order in both texts.<sup>278</sup>
- Pairs f-g: anecs. 205-206 are a cluster in Atgofion (amusing things happening in the seiat) but are separate in Y Lôn Wen (anecs. 13 and 14), even though both anecdotes deal with similar themes (children making mistakes concerning Bible verses).
- Each of the anecdotes in the last pair (h) is a part of a different cluster of 'disasters': anecs. 97-98-99 (disasters that happened when the author's mother was away) in Y Lôn Wen and anecs. 201-202 (disasters that had to do with cats) in Atgofion.

Some anecdotes are about the same length in both texts and some are considerably reduced in Atgofion.

<sup>277</sup> A blue square ( ) represents an IN-TEGRATING ANCHOR and a red rhombus (♠) a TEMPORAL ANCHOR, similarly to tables 2.3 and 2.39. The 'length' column is measured in orthographic words.

<sup>278</sup> Two sentences before anec. 208 Roberts explicitly refers to the fact he was mentioned in Y Lôn Wen when she presents him (ex. 108d).

Table 2.40: Comparison of anecdotes which occur in both texts

Pair	Work	Anec.	ABS	EXP	DEV	EPI	CON	Length	Description
a.	YLW Atgofion	1 203		•	<b>*</b>			282 292	Getting help from a neighbour while the whole family was unwell
b.	YLW Atgofion	2 208			<b>*</b>			117 44	Wmffra Siôn's shoelaces being taken by a boy
с.	YLW Atgofion	3 209			•			217 69	Wmffra Siôn faking a fight in order to scare women who used to watch the quarrymen processing
d.	YLW Atgofion	4 210			•			96 73	A monkey taking Nani's ostrich feather hat
e.	YLW Atgofion	5 211			<b>*</b>			67 37	Wmffra Jones standing up so suddenly that he banged his head and fell back to his chair
f.	YLW Atgofion	13 206	•		•			64 27	Evan reciting the wrong word in a verse (fygant instead of ffynnant)
g.	YLW Atgofion	14 205						65 69	Evie insisting some proverb is in fact a Bible verse
h.	YLW Atgofion	97 202			<b>*</b>			108 110	The lame cat jumping and breaking an ornament

#### Direct speech segments 2.6.2.2.1

When Roberts composed Atgofion she surely had Y Lôn Wen in mind, but she did not copy fragments from it; Atgofion is an independent work, not a rewriting or an adaptation of Y Lôn Wen for a different medium, and the anecdotes seem to be told anew from memory. In the current context, this is evident not only from the fact the shared anecdotes are told somewhat differently (as discussed below), but also from a comparison of direct speech segments. Direct quotes are presented as if they were the very words a character said, but in fact they may be rephrased when the story is retold. Beyond being a question of 'artistic freedom' this variation is a consequence of how memory works.<sup>279</sup>

Ex. 118 (pair d) shows a very similar wording — which presumably goes back to the wording used when Roberts heard the story — but with a slight difference (beyond punctuation):  $\stackrel{\circ}{ne}$  (a colloquial form of neu) is added in *Atgofion*, changing the syntactic status of the coda and the relation between the two parts.

- (118)a. 'Tendia, ben di eith take\_care.IMP.2SG PN 2SG.POSS head 2SG go.PRS.3SG next
  - "Tendia Nani ne dy ben di eith nesa" take\_care.IMP.2SG PN or 2sg.poss head 2sg go.prs.3sg next

Ex. 119 (pair c) also shows a syntactic difference. Here as well there are two parts, and the second part is different is such a way that alters its syntactic relation to the first one. The first part is the shared *Tyst ohonoch chi* 'You are a witness' 280, which is doubled in Y Lôn Wen. In Y Lôn Wen each part is syntactically independent (the second one begins a matrix sentence with mae), while in Atgofion the second one is a complement to the first (the second one begins with the infinitival fod), as reflected in the translation ('... that this man ...'). A related difference is the position of the quotative index: in Y Lôn Wen it splits the quote in two parts, while in Atgofion it surrounds the quote. <sup>281</sup> Beyond that, the quotes are also attributed to different people: Wmffra Siôn in particular in Y Lôn Wen, and un ohonynt 'one of them' in Atgofion.

<sup>279</sup> There is a massive body of research about short-term memory and the ability to repeat linguistic segments after a while (see MAJERUS (2013), a review article). Repetition of such segments over a long period — let alone a twelve-year period as in our case — is less well-studied, as experiments testing it are more difficult to conduct.

"Look out, Nani, it's your head that will go next'

YLW, ch. 3, p. 36; anec. 4

'Look out, Nani, or it's your head that will go next'

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 210

- 280 Its syntax is rather unique, being what SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.4.5) terms a binominal affective-exclamative [RH i-/o-/â- TH] pattern; cf. Druan o Mrs. Ifans! 'Poor [lit. of] Mrs. Ifans!' or Y snobyddion iddyn'nhw 'They snobs! [lit. The snobs to them]', cited there as examples.
- <sup>281</sup> These have the equivalent forms as QI1 and QI3 discussed in chapter 3, but not the same structural values and functions; see the last paragraph of § 3.1.2.

- (119)"Tyst ohonoch chi! Tyst ohonoch chi!, meddai witness of.2PL 2PL witness of.2PL GSV.IMPF.3SG Wmffra Siôn ar dop ei lais. '「Mae'r dyn yma on top 3SG.M.POSS voice be.PRS.3SG-DEF man DEM.PROX wedi ymosod arna i .: after attack.INF on.1sG 1sG
  - Wedi i un ohonynt weiddi merched, "Tyst ar y after to one of 3PL LEN\shout.INF on DEF woman.PL witness ohonoch chi\_ fod y dyn yma wedi ymosod arna of.2PL LEN\be.INF DEF man DEM.PROX after attack.INF on.1SG 2PL i,," diflannodd thŷ, [...] pob un i'w 1SG disappear.PRET.3SG every one to-3SG.F.POSS house

Exx. 120a–120b, on the other hand, are the same in both texts. Ex. 120a (pair g) is a proverb; in anec. 14 it is a part of a directspeech dialogue, while anec. 205 has an indirect account of the discussion except for the quote cited as ex. 120a. Ex. 120b (pair f) is a Bible verse.<sup>282</sup>

- (120) a. "Yr hen a ifanc a dybia" ŵyr a'r DEF old REL.DIR know.PRS.3SG and-DEF young REL.DIR assume.PRS.3SG
  - ymddiriedant yn yr Arglwydd a DEF INDF.PL REL.DIR trust.PRS.3PL  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF REL.DIR ffynnant rhagddynt ac a / fygant' go.PRS.3PL before.3PL and REL.DIR prosper.PRS.3PL suffocate.PRS.3PL

#### Structural differences and similarities 2.6.2.2.2

Going through every difference between the anecdotes in Y Lôn Wen and their equivalents in Atgofion would be both tiresome and not very beneficial. Instead, what follows is a selective comparison of some difference and similarities.

Not all pairs exhibit the same degree of similarity. Pairs e (anecs. 5~211) and h (anecs. 97~202) are the closest ones in terms of structure (even though anec. 211 is about half as long as anec. 5).

#### 2.6.2.2.2.1 Abstract and conclusion

On the whole, the ABSTRACT and the CONCLUSION are outwardfacing; a part of their function is to mediate between the broader

°'Tyou are a witness! You are a witness!,' shouted Wmffra Siôn at the top of his voice. 'This man here attacked me ...

YLW, ch. 3, p. 34; anec. 3

After one of them shouted at the women, 'Tyou are a witness, That this man here has attacked me\_; every one of them disappeared into their house, [...]

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 209

<sup>282</sup> I could not find a match in any Bible version I searched (Welsh or otherwise); the closest verses I did manage to find are Proverbs 16:3, Proverbs 16:20 and 2 Chronicles 20:20.

'The old know and the young assume.'

YLW, ch. 4, p. 48; anec. 14 Atgofion, p. 14; anec. 205

'They who put their trust in the Lord shall go forth and prosper / suffocate'

> YLW, ch. 4, p. 48; anec. 13 Atgofion, p. 15; anec. 206

text and the anecdote. Thus, their presence or absence is affected by textual factors which are external to the anecdote:

Pair a. In anec. 1 an ABSTRACT presents the anecdote as an example to a general claim, and the CONCLUSION echoes it and complements it; in anec. 203 the connection to the text is associative (being sick in a particular room), and neither an ABSTRACT nor a CONCLUSION is present.

*Pairs b-e.* Anecs. 208-209-210 in all have ABSTRACTS<sup>283</sup> that refer to each as a *stori*, which their equivalents in *Y Lôn Wen* lack. The EXPOSITION of the final anecdote in each equivalent cluster (5 / 211; pair e) refers to how evenings at Cae'r Gors were spent listening to stories like the previous ones in the cluster. It develops in the DEVELOPMENT into a particular time when the hour was too late.<sup>284</sup>

Pair f. In anec. 13 the context of the seiat (a kind of religious meeting) is given in the ABSTRACT; in anec. 206 it is given earlier, in the ABSTRACT of anec. 205 (the first anecdote in the cluster).

Pair q. The ABSTRACT in anec. 205 presents a 'title' for the cluster, which the equivalent anec. 14 (itself not a part of a cluster) lacks.

Pair h. The ABSTRACTS of anecs. 97 and 202 both refer to drychinebau in their respective clusters; anec. 97 opens its cluster and anec. 202 continues it with arall.

# 2.6.2.2.2.2 Exposition

The EXPOSITIONS also show a variety of relations:

Pairs a and h. The EXPOSITIONS of exx. 1~203 (pair a) and anecs. 97~202 (pair h) provide similar background information in each pair.

Pairs b and f. In anecs. 2~208 (pair b) and anecs. 13~206 (pair f) the anecdote from Y Lôn Wen in each pair has an EXPOSITION which the equivalent from Atgofion lacks, and that information is not provided elsewhere in the anecdote.

<sup>283</sup> The ABSTRACT in anec. 3 (the equivalent of anec. 209; pair c) is of a different kind, and serves a different purpose: it does not perform a textorganising function but presents the author's thoughts and feeling.

<sup>284</sup> Such meta-textual reference from within the EXPOSITION might explain the lack of ABSTRACT in anec. 211 (an ABSTRACT would have interrupted the reference).

*Pairs c and d.* Anecs. 3~209 (pair c) both have EXPOSITIONS, but they express different information each. So do Anecs. 4~210 (pair d), but the information of anec. 210 is expressed as a comment in the DEVELOPMENT of anec. 4.

*Pair e.* The EXPOSITIONS of anecs. 5~211 have the same idea (the passing of time in the evening, listening to stories), but with very different levels of detail; as expected, the anecdote from Y Lôn Wen is more detailed.

# 2.6.2.2.2.3 Epilogue

Only one pair (c; anecs. 3~209) has an EPILOGUE section, which conveys the same information in both anecdotes but in different levels of detail.

#### Integrating anchor 2.6.2.2.2.4

INTEGRATING ANCHORS are found in two pairs (anecs. 1~203 and anecs. 14~205) and nowhere else in the anecdotes in question, but this is probably a coincidence.

#### Temporal anchor 2.6.2.2.2.5

A number of notes regarding the TEMPORAL ANCHORS:

*Pair b.* In § 2.3.7.5  $\stackrel{yn_{LOC}}{yn}$   $\stackrel{DEF}{yo}$  where 'in the morning' (the TEMPORAL ANCHOR of anec. 208) has been described as definite in form but not in function; this is corroborated by the use of un bore 'one morning' in the equivalent slot in anec. 2.

Pair c. Anec. 209 has a short syntactically dependent EXPOSITION and lacks a TEMPORAL ANCHOR. Its counterpart, anec. 3, on the other hand, has a rather lengthy EXPOSITION, and a TEMPORAL ANCHOR serves as a boundary between it and the DEVELOP-MENT, as discussed in § 2.3.7.5.

*Pair e.* The indefinite TEMPORAL ANCHORS of anecs. 5~211 behave the same.

*Pair h.* The ABSTRACTS of both anec. 97 and anec. 202 present the anecdote as one of some disasters. The definite TEMPORAL

DEF time(M) DEM.PROX.M ANCHOR Y tro hwn 'This time' in both marks the anecdote as the particular instance of 'disaster' alluded in the ABSTRACT (see § 2.3.7.5).

#### 2.6.2.2.3 Similarity vs. difference and core vs. periphery in story(re)telling

All in all, despite the differences it is clear that each pair of anecdotes share a 'distilled kernel story' (to use NORRICK's (1998) words): they might differ in aspects like form, wording, textual function and how much detail is provided<sup>285</sup>, but considering the shared kernel makes it clearer what is essential in each anecdote, in the eyes of the author. As touched upon in § 2.6.1.2 above, some differences can be attributed to the different media (or different audience; see ibid., p. 81ff.). Beyond narratological matters, reading each pair in parallel demonstrates how certain phrases and ways of expressions were presumably more or less fixed in the author's mind in conjunction with the plot.<sup>286</sup>

Let us consider ex. 121 (pair d) for example. Both versions share the same basic pattern — [TH oedd 'Q'] — with yr unig NP a gafodd (y wraig) gan ei gŵr 'the only NP that she (/the woman) got from her man' as the first part. They differ in the details, such as the choice of lexeme (cyd-ym-deiml-ad 'sympathy' or cŵyn 'pity') and whether the nominal y wraig is stated as the subject of cafodd or is it left without it ('pro-drop').

- (121)Ond yr unig gydymdeimlad a gafodd gan ei but DEF only sympathy REL.DIR get.PRET.3SG by gŵr oedd, man COP.IMPF.3SG
  - Yr unig gŵyn a gafodd y wraig gan ei gŵr DEF only pity REL.DIR get.PRET.3SG DEF woman by 3SG.F.POSS man oedd, '[...]' COP.IMPF.3SG

Another example is ex. 122 (pair h), where a number of constants and a number of variables co-occur.

<sup>285</sup> Even plot details can be different. For example, in anec. 4 the monkey took Nani's hat (which had an ostrich feather), while in anec. 210 the monkey takes the feather alone. In any case, this detail is marginal and does not affect the point of the anecdote, namely Wmffra Siôn's reaction.

<sup>286</sup> The mnemonic power of set poetic phrases has been utilised by numerous cultures; see BIRGISSON (2010) for the case of the Germanic (specifically Old Norse) kenning. Formal constraints such as rhyming or alliteration also have mnemonic benefit beyond the artistic value. In preliterate societies such techniques are crucial for cultural continuity over generations.

But the only sympathy she got from her husband was, '[...]'

YLW, ch. 3, p. 36; anec. 4

The only complaint the wife had from her husband was, '[...]'

Atgofion, p. 16; anec. 210

- (122)gilydd, a. Byddem rhoi ein dwylo wrth ei be.IMPF.HAB.1PL yncvb give.INF 1PL.POSS hand.PL with 3.POSS RECP breichiau allan, a dweud, 'Cym pic', a extend.INF 1PL.POSS arm.PL and say.INF out byddai'r gath yn neidio dros ein breichiau. be.IMPF.HAB.3SG-DEF cat yncvb jump.INF over 1PL.POSS arm.INF
  - Byddem rhoi dwylo efo'i yn ein be.IMPF.HAB.1PL  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  give.INF 1PL.POSS hand.PL with-3.POSS RECP dal ein breichiau allan, a'r sefyll gath yn dal.INF 1PL.POSS arm.PL and-DEF cat stand.INF tu mewn i gylch ein breichiau. Dim ond gweiddi, to circle 1PL.POSS arm.PL nothing but shout.INF "Cym pic," ac fe neidiai'r gath dros ein dwylo. and AFF jump.IMPF.3SG-DEF cat over 1PL.POSS hand.PL

We would put our hands together, stretch out our arms and say, 'Cym pic', and the cat would jump over our arms.

YLW, ch. 11, p. 135; anec. 97

We would put our hands together, extend our arms out and the cat would stand inside the circle of our arms. Just calling, 'Cym pic', and he would jump over our hands.

Atgofion, p. 9; anec. 202

# Instances where anecdotes have counterparts elsewhere in Roberts's 2.6.2.3 writing

Two anecdotes have counterparts elsewhere in Roberts's writing; it is likely there are more — after all, her personal life and experiences were influenced her writing greatly — but there are two I am aware of.

Anec. 201 depicts the same incident as the more developed darlun № 19 (fragment 2.8<sup>287</sup>) in Darluniau (here in the sense of 'memory pictures'), the first chapter of Y Lôn Wen, which is excluded from the current discussion of anecdotes<sup>288</sup>. One clear syntactic difference between the anecdote and 'pictures' is the use of present forms in the latter. The topic of the narrative- or historical present is touched upon in § 1.1.5.1.2.2 above.

The other case is anec. 212, which tells about Mos<sup>289</sup> the same basic story as the fictional, literary character Bilw<sup>290</sup> tells in Marwolaeth Stori 'Death of a Story', the third chapter of Te yn y Grug 'Tea in the Heather', a collection of short stories (see fragment 2.9 for the relevant part). This anecdote too is much more succinct and lean than its counterpart.

The last anecdote and its analogue in Te yn y Grug make a good segue to the next chapter (after a short conclusion, § 2.7), as Te yn y Grug is one part of its corpus.

- <sup>287</sup> The translation is taken from K. ROBERTS (1991, p. 15f.).
- <sup>288</sup> Although they too describe memories, they are distinct enough both micro- and macro-syntactically to warrant their own separate treatment. See § 2.1.2 for more information, and § 5.4.2 for Darluniau in the context of possible topics for further research.
- <sup>289</sup> Mos is mentioned in Y Lôn Wen in chapter 3, Diwylliant a Chymdeithas 'Culture and Community', as well as a short reference in chapter 12, Amgylchiadau'r Cyfnod 'The Circumstances of the Time'.
- <sup>290</sup> That Bilw is inspired by Mos has been already mentioned in another context in n. 255 on p. 160 (see also n. 10 on p. 184).

Fragment 2.8:

The 19<sup>th</sup> darlun 'picture' from the first chapter of Y Lôn Wen

Un diwrnod yr wyf yn agor drws y cwpwrdd gwydr, a dyma'r gath yn neidio allan heibio i mi fel mellten ac yn rhedeg yn union yr un fath â'r dywediad 'cath i gythraul'. Methaf ddeall sut yr aeth i'r cwpwrdd; ni wnaeth hyn erioed o'r blaen. Rhaid bod rhywun wedi agor drws y cwpwrdd, a hithau wedi mynd i mewn a rhywun wedi ei gau heb wybod ei bod yno. Mae rhywbeth yn fy mhlycio; agoraf ddrws yr ochr chwith i weld sut mae fy het. Ac O! olygfa. Mae fy het orau, grand wedi ei difetha. Mae'r gath wedi bod yn gorwedd arni, a gwaeth na hynny. Yr wyf bron â thorri fy nghalon. Het Leghorn oedd hi, a gwelltyn ysgafn fel ruban cul wedi ei blygu'n ddwbl o gwmpas ei hymyl. Yr oedd wedi ei thrimio efo ruban llydan, symudliw o felynion gwahanol. Daw mam i'r tŷ a gweld yr alanas.

'Yr hen gnawes iddi,' medd mam am y gath.

'Naci,' meddaf innau, 'beth tasa rhywun wedi'ch cau chi mewn cwpwrdd am oriau.'

Mae mam yn chwerthin dros bob man ac yn dweud, 'Hitia befo, dim ond het ydy hi; mi geith Jane fynd i'r dre i brynu un arall iti.'

Y mae fy hanner chwaer gartref am dro ar y pryd. Yr wyf yn cael het newydd, un wen efo phluen ynddi, ond nid wyf yn ei hoffi, ac fe wnâi'r tro yn iawn i rywun deugain oed. Ond treiaf edrych fel pe bawn yn ei hoffi. Ni waeth imi heb na dangos fy siom, neu mi rydd rhywun drwyn y gath mewn pupur. Fel yna mae hi, rhaid i rywun guddio un peth er mwyn osgoi peth arall.

One day I open the door of the china cabinet, and the cat leaps out past me like a bolt of lightning and runs just like the saying "a cat out of hell". I can't understand how she got into the cabinet; she never did this before. Someone must have opened the cabinet door, and she went inside and someone closed it not knowing she was there. Something is tugging at me; I open the door on the left side to see how my hat is. And Oh! what a sight. My grand best hat is ruined. The cat has been lying on it, and worse. I'm almost heartbroken. A Leghorn hat, with light straw like a narrow ribbon folded double around the brim. It was trimmed with a wide shot-silk ribbon of different shades of yellow. Mam comes into the house and sees the carnage.

"That old villain," she says about the cat.

"No," I say, "what if someone had shut you in a cabinet for hours."

Mam laughs heartily and says, "Never mind, it's only a hat; Jane can go into town and buy you another one."

My half-sister was home for a while at the time. I get a new hat, a white one with a feather in it, but I don't like it, and it would be just the thing for someone forty years old. But I try to look as if I liked it. I'd better not show my disappointment, or someone will put the cat's nose in pepper. That's how it is, you have to hide one thing to avoid another.

- Source: YLW, Darluniau (ch. 1), p. 21

Fragment 2.9:

The part of Marwolaeth Stori 'Death of a Story' where Bilw tells his story

'A oes gynnoch chi stori, Bilw?'

'Oes, un ffresiach na honna, newydd ddŵad o'r popty. Mae hi wedi bod yn storm yn tŷ ni.'

'O' oddi wrth bawb.

"D wn i ddim i beth mae eisiau hen gwarfodydd llenyddol."

'O! Bilw annwyl, yn meddwl yr un fath â fi,' meddai Begw wrthi

Poerodd Bilw ei jacan jou i ganol y fflam.

'Mi aeth Siani acw efo'r plant am bractis adrodd at Grugfab neithiwr a'm gadael i yn y tŷ i edrych ar ôl y pwdin yn berwi. 'R oedd hi wedi rhoi llond tegell o ddŵr berwedig wrth ochr y sosban a finnau i fod i roi dŵr i'r pwdin bob hyn a hyn. Ond mi eis i i gysgu, a'r peth nesa' a glywn i oedd clec dros y tŷ. (Methai fyned ymlaen gan chwerthin.) 'Wyddwn i ar y ddaear beth oedd yn bod, ond mi gofiais am y pwdin. A dyma fi'n edrach i mewn i'r sosbon, a 'd oedd yno ddim ond colsyn du ar y llechen ar waelod y sosbon a'r sosbon yn wen.'

Igiai Bilw gan chwerthin; a mor wir oedd dywediad ei mam mai Bilw oedd yr unig un y medrai ei ddioddef yn chwerthin am ben ei stori ei hun. Ymunodd pawb arall ag ef, a chwerthin y buont heb fedru dweud dim. [...]

"Do you have a story, Bilw?"

"Yes, a fresher on than that, just come out of the oven. There's been a storm at our house."

"Oh," from everyone.

"I don't know why there's a need for old literary meetings."

"Oh! Dear Bilw, thinking the same as me," Begw said to herself.

Bilw spat his chew of tobacco into the middle of the flame.

"Siani went over to Grugfab with the children for recitation practice last night and left me in the house to look after the pudding that was on the boil. She had put a kettleful of boiling water beside the saucepan and I was supposed to put water to the pudding every now and then. But I went to sleep, and the next thing I heard was a crack all over the house." (He couldn't go on, with laughing.) "I didn't know what on earth was the matter, but then I remembered about the pudding. And here I was, looking into the saucepan, and there was nothing but a black cinder in a lump on the bottom of the saucepan, and the saucepan was white."

Bilw was hiccuping with laughter; and how true was her mother's saying that Bilw was the only one you could stand to have laugh at his own story. Everybody else joined in with him, and they laughed and laughed, unable to say anything. [...]

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# 2.7 CONCLUSION

This chapter explores anecdotes as a special kind of sub-textual units which are embedded within a broader text and exhibit a sophisticated recurrent internal structure, with more than 150 instances in the corpus.

A zoomed-out description of the anecdotes' structure is presented (§ 2.2). It consists of seven components (§ 2.2.1): five textual sections (ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION, DEVELOPMENT, EPI-LOGUE and CONCLUSION) and two anchors (INTEGRATING ANCHOR and TEMPORAL ANCHOR), which are smaller-scale phrases contained within the first three sections. The sections are organised in a concentric form (§ 2.2.3): the DEVELOPMENT is obligatory and constitutes the semantic and linguistic core (or nucleus) of the anecdote; the EXPOSITION and EPILOGUE make an intermediate layer, providing anterior / atemporal (EXPOSITION) or posterior (EPILOGUE) supplementary information; the outer layer (ABSTRACT and CONCLUSION) refers to the anecdote externally. Numerous configurations are found in the corpus (§ 2.2.4), showing some quantitative characteristics. <sup>291</sup> A comparison with the widely-applied Labovian model (§ 2.2.5) is made, highlighting similarities and dissimilarities and discussing the reasons for both.

Then a more in-depth examination of each of the components follows the zoomed-out description (§ 2.3). The structural features of the ABSTRACT (§ 2.3.1) are described, distinguishing between instances that contain a meta-reference and ones that do not and portraying intersecting micro- and macro-syntactic aspects<sup>292</sup>. Even though the EXPOSITION (§ 2.3.2) is not as rigidly structured as the ABSTRACT, it still exhibits characteristic linguistic features that have to do with temporal expressions<sup>293</sup>, plurality and the syntactic form of its sentences. The DEVELOPMENT is the least rigid component, which seems to freely make full use of the narrative 'toolbox' or 'palette' the Welsh language provides, as demonstrated in § 2.3.3. The EPILOGUE (§ 2.3.4) shows a number of linguistics features related to anaphoric meta-references (with posterior, 'after', semantics or without it), temporal expressions (indicating duration or otherwise), negation and the preterite

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>291</sup> Observations: (a) the distribution of the configurations has a long tail (a few have many instances while many have only a few instances); (b) configurations with the DEVELOPMENT alone (without any satellite sections) account for a significantly high number of instances; (c) the sections make a general bell-shaped distribution (the sections intermediate layer are more common than their outer layer counterparts); and (d) the preparatory sections are more common than their conclusory counterparts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup> For example, the lexical choice of meta-reference and its relation to its modification or the special characteristics of *arall* 'other'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>293</sup> Subdivisible into three types: durative, frequentative and time references.

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form of bod<sup>294</sup>. The conclusion (§ 2.3.5) refers back to the anecdote as a whole and — similarly to the abstract — has one foot in the anecdote and another in the broader text. The INTEGRATING ANCHOR (§ 2.3.6) usually occurs at the beginning of the first section of the anecdote and links it to the text; *cofiaf* is notably common, but other forms also occur. The TEMPORAL ANCHORS (§ 2.3.7) set the temporal *origo* of the anecdote to some point in the past; they can be divided into two groups, with certain syntactic and textual characteristics.

Anecdotes function within the broader text. Some features of the interface between the two have been discussed in § 2.4, including aspects of cohesion, clusters of anecdotes, paragraph division and information status (§ 2.4.1). The discursive notions of credibility and reportability are also touched upon (§ 2.4.2).

Edge cases can assist in understanding complex systems (§ 2.5). Minimal, laconic anecdotes raise questions about the nature of narrativity and narrativehood (§ 2.5.1). On the other extremity, there occur in the corpus some long, developed and intricate anecdotes, some of which even include embedded narrative of varying complexity (§ 2.5.2). Beyond these, units that show some resemblance to anecdotes yet do not fall under the structural definition presented in the chapter are cursorily discussed (§ 2.5.3).<sup>295</sup>

This chapter ends with a comparison of the two works that makes its corpus (§ 2.6): both generally (§ 2.6.1.1) and more specifically with regard to anecdotes (§ 2.6.1.2). The fact some the occurrences told as anecdotes in one work ( $Y L \hat{o}n Wen$ ) are retold in the other (Atgofion) presents an opportunity for a comparative examination, which is pursued in § 2.6.2.

<sup>294</sup> Which occurs in the EPILOGUE much more commonly than in other portions of the text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>295</sup> In this context it is relevant to note no Welsh lexeme corresponds exactly to the text-linguistic construction termed here *an anecdote*; see n. 237 on p. 152 for a comparable case of disparity between classification and lexicon.

# 3

# Reporting of speech in narrative

## 3.1 INTRODUCTION

# 3.1.1 Background

Narrative texts are truly *texts* in the etymological sense: the English word *text* ultimately comes from Latin *textus*, literally meaning '(that) which is woven' and 'style, tissue of a literary work' by extension (OED 2000–, § text, n. 1). As discussed in § 1.1.6.1, narrative texts consist of several *modes* the storyteller switches between, similarly to a weaver weaving threads. Although there exist narratives with no dialogue in them — such as many of the anecdotes discussed in chapter 2 — most narratives from a certain length onwards do involve conversations between characters, except perhaps some experimental pieces.

This chapter examines the *interface* between the reported speech portions (primarily, but not exclusively, dialogues) and the narration in which they are embedded. Keeping with the textile<sup>1</sup> metaphor but put in a slightly different manner, a narrative text can be likened to a pieced quilt made of many pieces of fabric sewn together, making intricate patterns. This demonstrated visually in figure 3.1. The main focus of this chapter is not on the pieces of fabric themselves (represented by grey surfaces) but on the *sewing thread* that connects them (represented as a black looping line); more specifically, the thread that sews pieces of the mimetic *dialogue* (in Shisha-Halevy's terminology; § 1.1.6.1)

paped pagging c plose Speak, friend, and enter. (Say 'friend' and enter.)

The Lord of the Rings, book II,ch. 4 (TOLKIEN [1954–1955] 1995)

<sup>1</sup> English *textile* has its origin in Latin *texō* too, through a substantive use of the deverbal adjective *textilis* 'woven, intertwined'. So is *texture*, through Latin *textūra*.

Figure 3.1: The seam between textual components



or speech (in Bonheim's terminology) and pieces of the diegetic narrative evolution or report (in the respective terminologies).

Aspects of the dialogue and the narrative portions — separately — have been linguistically described in Welsh in general and in Kate Roberts's fiction in particular<sup>2</sup>, but to the best of my knowledge no scholarly attention beyond passing references in grammars and other publications<sup>3</sup> has been given to the linguistic means of reporting speech in Welsh, let alone in narrative specifically.

#### Terminology, framework and object 3.1.1.1

Much research has been conducted on signalling of reported discourse in the world's languages; GÜLDEMANN, RONCADOR, and WURFF (2002) provide a comprehensive bibliography, but it is twenty years old, and a great deal of research has been published since. Despite this, not many typological, cross-linguistic studies have been published on the topic. According to GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 1.2.2) this lack has led to a great variation in terminology, with many terms being idiosyncratic and limited to a handful of publications<sup>5</sup>. Two collections of papers stand out in this regard, namely GÜLDEMANN and RONCADOR (2002) and BUCHSTALLER and Alphen (2012), which cover a variety of languages from both a language-specific perspective and a cross-linguistic, typological perspective. An issue of Linguistic Typology (KOPTJEVSKAJA-TAMM 2019) has several articles about the subject, consisting of one target paper (SPRONCK and NIKITINA 2019) and nine commentaries. BUCHSTALLER and ALPHEN (2012, p. 281 ff.) has a glossary for specialist terms relating to this topic. One of the most in-depth typological studies of the signalling of reported discourse I am aware of is GÜLDEMANN (2008). Its declared scope is areally limited to the continent of Africa, but thanks to its typological orientation, much of the terminology, framework and insights it presents are readily applicable to other languages mutatis mutandis. It is for this reason that the basic terminology in this chapter follows it.

Reported speech and reported discourse<sup>6</sup> are related but not identical terms which are commonly used. At least in the way GÜL-

- <sup>2</sup> For example, EMYR (1976, ch. 6) describes aspects of the language she puts in the mouths of characters. Shisha-Halevy's work on Welsh (§ 1.3.1.2) is based mainly on her writings as a corpus, and much of it focusses on narrative (see the bibliography section for specific publications).
- <sup>3</sup> These include ROWLAND (1870, 242), S. J. WILLIAMS (1980, 165–166), THORNE (1993,§§ 297-298), THOMAS (2006, § 6.211), KING (2015, § 392), and SHISHA-HALEVY (2016, pp. 110, 118 and 120, 2022, §§ 2.4 and 2.6).
- <sup>4</sup> For more recent research see AARSSEN, GENIS, and VEKEN (2002-). Querying for the subject keywords Reported speech and Quotation yields 647 and 621 results respectively at the moment (2022-9).

Another — even more dated than GÜLDEMANN, RONCADOR, and WURFF (2002) — bibliography, which focusses on speech in fiction, is BONHEIM (1982, Bibliography B).

- <sup>5</sup> For example, for the notion he terms quotative index (QI) he lists no less than fifteen equivalents found in the literature: quotation / quote / metapragmatic formula, quotation indicator, quotation / quot(ativ)e / speech margin, speechintroducing / reporting clause, reporting / quotative / metapragmatic frame, speech-act expression, reporting signal, speech orienter. To these one can add inquit formula (cf. ÞORGEIRSSON 2013), speech/dialogue tag (cf. RIBÓ 2019, § 4.5) and formula of quotation (LONGACRE 1994) as well.
- <sup>6</sup> A third term, reported dialogue (cf. LONGACRE 1994) is not suitable for our needs, since as discussed below (§ 3.2.4), not all reported speech in the corpus is in fact dialogue.

DEMANN (ibid., § 1.2.1) uses these terms, the former is included in the latter, which he defines as:

the representation of a spoken or mental text from which the reporter distances him-/herself by indicating that it is produced by a source of consciousness in a pragmatic and deictic setting that is different from that of the immediate discourse.

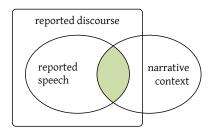
He further comments that across languages the encoding of embedded spoken texts shows structural similarities with the encoding of embedded *mental* texts (like thought and perception), which justifies bundling them together under the umbrella term reported discourse for general, typological purposes. As figure 3.2 represents schematically, the main focus here is the intersection between two sets: reported speech (a subset of reported discourse) within the linguistic context of narrative. Reporting of speech in narrative is characterised by a set of special linguistic features, as is described in details in this chapter.

The particular question of the (text-)linguistic aspects of reported speech (or, more generally, reported discourse) in narrative has been examined in numerous publications, covering different languages as far removed as Biblical Hebrew (C. L. MILLER 2003; LONGACRE 1994), Teribe (a Chibchan language; KOONTZ 1977), English (BONHEIM 1982, ch. 5) and Obolo (an Atlantic-Congo language; AARON 1992). As stated above, this question had not been satisfactorily examined in Welsh, so far as I am aware.

GÜLDEMANN (2008) uses a set of terms regarding the different parts of signalling reported speech, which is demonstrated by ex. 123 (after ex. 1 in ibid., § 1.1):

<sup>7</sup> Reported thoughts are touched upon, but only in a complementary, secondary way (§ 3.6.2). In the corpus in question (§ 3.1.2) reported speech and reported thoughts show some differences in syntactic behaviour. In a manner not dissimilar to the relation between the general Labovian model and our anecdotes (§ 2.2.5.1), here too studying particular texts by one author allows a finer resolution in comparison to broad generalisations.

Figure 3.2: A schematic representation of the topic of the chapter



This Venn diagram is schematic; relative sizes are meaningless.

The basic division is between the *quote* (the direct reported speech itself) and the quotative index (the linguistic expression which signals, embeds and introduces it into the broader discourse). The quotative index in the above example can be further divided to speaker, nucleus of quotative index and addressee. The nucleus of quotative index in our case is the generic speech verb<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> As discussed below in § 3.3.1, not all of the Welsh examples attested in the corpus have verbal nuclei; non-verbal constructions such as Q oddi wrth NP 'Q from NP' are also found.

(GSV) 'said', which makes a quotative predicator.

Furthermore, GÜLDEMANN (2008) discusses different languagespecific types of quotative indexes<sup>9</sup> (QI-types) and generalises over them. The micro- and macro-syntactic distinction between three such types in the corpus is central to this chapter. For brevity, they are hereinafter referred to by shorthand abbreviations: QI1, QI2 and QI3 (read quotative index type n).

# <sup>9</sup> The plural indexes (not indices) is used in this context, following the common practice in the scholarly literature (see HASPELMATH 2013, p. 214

#### 3.1.2 Corpus

Kate Roberts' writing is remarkably diverse (§ 1.3.2), but she is known best for her short stories. The corpus for this chapter is two collections of short stories. These revolve around the lives of two girls growing up in Caernarfonshire, North Wales, the area where the author herself spent her formative years. 10

One collection is Te yn y Grug 'Tea in the Heather' (K. ROBERTS [1959] 2004). It consists of eight short stories (table 3.1) beautifully and perceptively portraying the childhood of Begw Gruffydd, from the age of four in the first story (*Gofid* 'Grief') to the age of nine in the last (*Nadolig y Cerdyn* 'The Card Christmas'). 11 The stories are interconnected in plot, themes, tone and intertextuality, but each stands on its own to a certain degree. Linguistically they are quite similar, but they are not uniform with regard to some issues (e.g. the difference in use of *meddai* and *ebe*; see table 3.11 in § 3.3.1.1.1.1).

The other collection is Haul a Drycin 'Sun and Storm' (K. ROBERTS 1981), the last book Roberts published. As she writes in the preface, it consists of six stories printed before in journals (Y Traethodydd, Pais and Y Faner) at different times: they were chosen to be collected in a book so they would not remain scattered across journals. The first (*Pryder Morwyn* 'Anxiety of a Maid'), second (the titular Haul a Drycin 'Sun and Storm') and last (0! Winni! Winni! 'Oh! Winni! Winni!') stories can be seen as a sequel to Te yn y Grug (table 3.2). Here the focalisation is shifted from Begw to another character, Winni Ifans ('Winni Finni Hadog'), who is older than Begw and is introduced in the fourth story of Te yn y Grug (called Te yn y Grug as well). Bereft of mother and growing up with her abusive drunken father Twm and her mean

<sup>10</sup> In fact, there are some evident parallels between characters, stories and events in the autobiographical works discussed in chapter 2 (Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion) and their equivalents in the short stories discussed here (Bilw is based on Mos, for example). To some extent, Begw is young Kate Roberts. I do not know who Winni is based on, if she is indeed based on any particular real-life person.

Table 3.1: The stories in Te yn y Grug

1	Gofid	Grief
2	Y Pistyll	The Spout
3	Marwolaeth Stori	Death of a Story
4	Te yn y Grug	Tea in the Heather
5	Ymwelydd i De	A Visitor to Tea
6	Dianc i Lundain	Escape to London
7	Dieithrio	<b>Becoming Strangers</b>
8	Nadolig y Cerdyn	The Card Christmas

11 See G. PARRY (1959) for a review and BEVAN (1960, pp. 7-10) for a review and overview of the stories.

Table 3.2: The stories in Haul a Drycin that are relevant for chapter 3

1	Pryder Morwyn	A Maid's Anxiety
2	Haul a Drycin	Sun and Storm
6	O! Winni! Winni!	Oh! Winni! Winni!

12 The fact that these stories were originally published in journals has some narrative consequences; for example, the readers are reminded in each who some minor characters are. This was carried over to the collected volume. Unsurprisingly, Haul a Drycin is not as homogeneous as Te yn y Grug in orthographic, literary and linguistic form.

and neglecting stepmother Lisi Jên, she begins her way in Te yn y Grug as a wild child. With the help and under the compassionate care of Begw's mother Elin she changes and grows, leaving her home to work in service. The aforementioned later stories follow her life in service and the hardships and joys she faces. The other stories incidentally bound together in the same volume ( $N^{\circ}$  3-5) are not taken as data for this chapter.

Stories from Te yn y Grug and Haul a Drycin have been mixed and adapted — rather freely — as a full-length feature film (Y)Mynydd Grug 'The Heather Mountain', 1998, adapted and directed by Angela Roberts). A musical (performed at the national Eisteddfod festival in Llanrwst, 2019) was also inspired by the stories, and an audiobook has been produced for Te yn y Grug (Dwyfor and PIERCE JONES 2004). 13 The audiobook is relevant to our discussion as it is used as complementary data (§ 3.2.4.4).

A methodological note regarding the process of investigation. I began by examining Te yn y Grug and forming an initial basis for the analysis; only afterwards I had the idea of taking the sequel Haul a Drycin as data as well, which resulted in further development of the analysis. A fortunate outcome of this unintentional sequence is that Haul a Drycin served in fact as a 'control group' of sorts: the analysis of the system whose basic characteristics were discovered using Te yn y Grug as data was tested against a new set of data and was corroborated and refined.

The system that emerges from the corpus is coherent, consistent and subtle. As stated and demonstrated before, different texttypes may exhibit different subsystems. Thus, the findings cannot be automatically transferred to other texts, which may behave differently to some degree. 14 This is true not only of text-types but of different authors as well; the question of author-specific habits is discussed in BONHEIM (1982, p. 78). The topic of applicability is discussed in a more general manner in the conclusion chapter, in §§ 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.

<sup>13</sup> The film, musical and audiobook are all available on YouTube, albeit the film was uploaded in poor technical quality:

https://youtube.com/playlist? list=PLHox8if6VDSI1hSd\_ 20wt3FUDnT1qkdLH

• Musical: https://youtube.com/ Ak7y0FUwdwI

 Audiobook: https://youtube. com/playlist?list= PLHox8if6VDSLRmt6-qVpbR270h3vhLi8p

<sup>14</sup> For example, ex. 15 (a dialogue in an anecdote) in § 2.2.2.1.3 shows a syntactic arrangement that is foreign to our corpus of short stories. Similarly, ex. 119 in § 2.6.2.2.1 exhibits a different use of signifiers which superficially resemble QI1 and QI3 discussed here.

Table 3.3: Annotations used in chapter 3

Constituent	Indication	Example		
Quote	grey colour	'S'mae byd!'	/	'Hello world!'
Nucleus of a quotative index	small capitals	MEDDAI	/	SAID
Speaker	italic letters	Elin Gruffydd		
Addressee	italic sans-serif	wrth Winni	/	to Winni
Modification of quotative index	sans-serif	gan chwerthin	/	laughing

# 3.1.3 Annotation

In order to facilitate the use of examples, a system of typographical annotation is employed, as specified in table 3.3 and demonstrated in ex. 124:

¶ 'Didn't you want to go see Winni off?' her mother SAID to Begw after they'd gone.¶

*TG*, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 83

A pilcrow symbol ( $\langle \P \rangle$ ) stands for a paragraph break, while an ellipsis  $(\langle [...] \rangle)$  marks that the text continues in the same paragraph. Verses — marked by indentation in the printed volumes are indicated by a greater-then sign  $(\langle \rangle)$  at the beginning of each line, and line breaks are represented by a slash  $(\langle / \rangle)$ ; see § 3.6.1.

# 3.1.4 *Overview of the chapter*

Not including a short conclusion which retrospectively mirrors the current overview (§ 3.7), five sections follow this introduction:

- § 3.2 charts the three primary types of quotative indexes in the corpus (QI1, QI2, QI3) and their characteristics, use and function in the text.
- § 3.3 zooms into the internal structure of the quotative indexes and brings lexical and micro-syntactic issues into consideration.
- § 3.4 describes the distribution between cases of an overt quotative index in QI1 and a zero quotative index.
- § 3.5 deals with the special case of interruption and resumption of the conversation.

• The final section, § 3.6, cursorily examines three topics which are related to the core topic of the chapter: reciting verses, reported thoughts (as part of the umbrella term of *reported discourse*), and the use of speech verbs outside of quotative indexes.

# 3.2 TYPES OF QUOTATIVE INDEXES

# 3.2.1 Overview

The cases of reported direct speech in the narrative portions of the corpus can be divided in three basic types. <sup>15</sup> These types, which are syntactically defined, signal *textual* functions. A bird's-eye comparison of their formal and functional characteristics is laid in tabular form as table 3.4. Much of this chapter is dedicated to unpacking and examining aspects referred to in the table from a text-linguistic perspective. Thus, the table can be regarded as a summary roadmap of sorts.

The three types are formally distinguished by syntagmatic signals (rows a and b). These include typographical devices — paragraph break, punctuation and quotation marks — and different order of the quote and the quotative index. As mentioned before (n. 16 on p. 39), typographical devices *can* make true linguistic signifiers in written languages.<sup>16</sup>

- QI1 is characterised by occupying its own paragraph, which begins with the quote (Q) or at least the beginning thereof potentially followed by any of these: an overt (QI1<sup>+</sup>) or zero (QI1<sup>-</sup>)<sup>17</sup> quotative index (QI), a continuation of the quote (Q<sub>2</sub>)<sup>18</sup>, and a short dependent narrative addendum ([...]). Thus, the quotative index of QI1 is intraposed between two parts of the quote, postposed after it, or absent (that is, only the typographical devices of paragraph breaks and quotation marks are used).
- QI2, on the other hand, has its quotative index as the coda of the previous narrative paragraph and is preposed before a quote that occupies its own paragraph.

 $^{15}$  An automatic search of paragraphs that begin with  $\langle ` \rangle$  (QI1 and QI2) yielded more than 800 results. These hundreds of examples (plus more than a dozen cases of QI3) all fall neatly into the said three types, with a single exception which defies clear-cut classification: ex. 257 (§ 3.5.1).

- <sup>16</sup> Different modalities present different sets of communicative tools; for example: acoustic intonation in spoken languages, spatial grammar and simultaneity in signed languages, or typography and punctuation in written languages.
- <sup>17</sup> The distribution between these two is discussed in § 3.4.
- <sup>18</sup> The position in which the quote is interrupted and the quotative index is inserted is discussed in § 3.2.2.2 below.

Table 3.4: Comparison of the three types of quotative indexes

	Feature			QI1 (§ 3.2.2)	QI2 (§ 3.2.3)	QI3 (§ 3.2.4)
a.	Schematic form			¶ 'Q <sub>1</sub> ,' QI. 'Q <sub>2</sub> '. ([]) ¶ ¶ 'Q,' QI. ([]) ¶ ¶ 'Q.' ([]) ¶ QI1 <sup>-</sup>	[] QI:/./, ¶ 'Q.' ¶	[] 'Q' [] [] QI 'Q' QI [] [] QI 'Q' []
b.	Order (respective)			intraposed postposed zero QI	preposed	preposed postposed circumposed zero QI
c.	Nucleus	$\left\{ \right.$	attested unattested	meddai, ebe, SSV, oddi wrth, nominal predication dweud, CVB, infinitive	dweud, meddai, SSV nominal predication ebe	dweud, SSV, oddi wrth meddai, ebe
d.	Quote length			varied	varied	short (except one ex.)
e.	Markedness			unmarked	marked	marked
f.	Prevalence			prevalent	less prevalent	even less prevalent
g.	Domain	$\left\{ \right.$	narrative dialogue	$\sim$ (only indirectly) $+$	+ +	+
h.	Core function			tagging turns in dialogue	speech as an event	speech outside of dialogue

The rows in the table can be grouped as follows:

- (b) syntagmatics (general form) (a) and
- internal paradigmatics (content of QI and Q) (c) and
- systemic centrality/marginality (e) and
- (h) textual function and

QI3 is embedded within the flow of a paragraph (inline in typographic terminology) and shows a variety of orders: preposed, postposed, circumposed (before and after the quote), and the quote on its own.

Languages utilise a variety of signifiers to mark the boundary of a reported quote, be they suprasegmental<sup>19</sup> or segmental<sup>20</sup>. In our corpus quotes are invariably marked using quotation marks. This is the norm in the writing of Kate Roberts and many other authors, but there are exceptions, such as Caradog Prichard's *Un Nos Ola Leuad* 'One Moonlit Night' (PRICHARD [1961] 1999), which makes no such use of quotation marks. In addition to quotation marks, all quotes (including QI3) begin with a capital letter.

The two main slots in each pattern are the quote and the quotative index. In QI1 and QI2 the quote can be of any length and complexity<sup>21</sup>, while QI3 is mostly limited to very simple segments (row d). Different commutation classes are attested for the nucleus of the quotative index in each type (row c; this is discussed in § 3.3.1).

Token-wise, the distribution of the types is highly uneven. QI1 is the unmarked type use in dialogues (row e) and occurs hundreds of times in the corpus, while QI2 is considerably less prevalent and QI3 is quite rare (row f).<sup>22</sup>

The patterns differ not only in form and prevalence but also in function (rows g and h): each type is a textual *sign* with a signifier and a signified. The choice between the three types lies not in the content of the quote *per se*, but in the way the narrator chooses to *stage* the narrative, or in other words, the way she chooses to *package* the quote within the story. The function of the unmarked QI1 is basic signalling of turns in the dialogue, with each instance constituting one turn.<sup>23</sup> QI2 belongs to the dialogue sphere as well, but has an additional marked *narrative* function that relates to the very act or manner of *speaking itself*, which is packaged as pertinent to the story. QI3, on the other hand, signals that the quote is *not* a part of a dialogue; it can be a simple event in *evolution mode* or habitual, iterative or hypothetical.

- <sup>19</sup> Such as intonation and prosody in spoken languages (cf. BOLDEN (2004) for conversational Russian). Since we deal here with a written language, such signifiers are not being used.
- <sup>20</sup> Such as quotatives (cf. the Coptic quote-initial xe- če- or the Japanese quote-final ≥ to); see BUCHSTALLER and ALPHEN (2012) for cross-linguistic considerations. While strictly speaking Welsh has no quotative, W. MORGAN's (1588) translation of the (Hebrew) Bible regularly renders the Biblical Hebrew converbal quotative לאמר (C. L. MILLER 2003, § 4.2) with the converb gan ddywedyd 'saying (CVB)'. This servile rendering is a peculiarity of this translation, and despite the great influence of Morgan's translation on the history of the Welsh language, this particular feature had no lasting influence.
- <sup>21</sup> An extreme case can be seen in a lengthy framed narrative told by a character in the 'Ars Poetic' reflective story Marwolaeth Stori 'Death of a Story' in the collection Te yn y Grug; see BAL and TAVOR (1981) for narratological considerations.
- <sup>22</sup> A computerised count indicates more than 700 instances of QI1. QI2 has 23 instances, which are listed in § 3.2.3. QI3 has 13 or 14 instances (listed in § 3.2.4), depending on how ex. 172 is counted.
- <sup>23</sup> The dialogues in the corpus are literary, fictional, and as such they have specialised literary mechanisms for signalling their dynamics. Even though they are fiction, they still are encoded in a manner that imitates an actual conversation, including turn taking (see SACKS, SCHEGLOFF, and JEFFERSON (1974) for a widely accepted general description).

#### 3.2.1.1 Three representative examples

Before delving into details, three examples follow — one for each type of quotative index — in order to provide concrete reference points.

Ex. 125 exemplifies two consecutive instances of QI1, each making a turn within a dialogue and occupying its own paragraph. The first one begins with a quote and has a quotative index intraposed within two parts of the quote (QI1 $^+$ ), while the second one has the quote alone, with no quotative index (QI1 $^-$ ). The nucleus of the quotative index of the first instance is *meddai* 'said'.

(125)¶ 'O, ddel, Elin Gruffydd, MEDDAI Winni wrth syllu am INTERJ about pretty PN GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with gaze.INF on ''fedra amdani, byth y ffrog goch a roddasai DEF frock red REL.DIR give.PLUP.3SG about.3SG.F NEG\can.PRS.1SG 1SG ever ddiolch digon i chi. Mi gadawa' i hi amdana i gael te.' ¶ enough to 2PL PRT keep.PRS.1SG 1SG 3SG.F about.1SG to get.INF tea yn rhaid i chi gael côt at y gaea nesa hefyd, PRT be.FUT.3SG  $yn_{PRED}$  need to 2PL get.INF coat to DEF winter next also ond Lisi Jên ddylai cyflog brynu honno o'ch REL.DIR\be\_obliged.IMPF.3SG buy.INF DEM.DIST.F from-2PL salary chi.' ¶ 2PL

Ex. 126 demonstrates a case of QI2. Its quotative index —  $a^{\text{and}}$  gofyn 'and asked' — makes the final part of a narrative paragraph, and the quote is separated from it by a paragraph break. Functionally, this construction signals not merely tagging of a turn in a dialogue, but a case where the character's act (or manner, more inclusively) of speaking plays a direct role in the narrative as well. In this example the participants in the meeting joined Bilw in laughing at his own story and were thus unable to say anything (heb fedru dweud dim). This inability to speak, which is explicitly referred to in the text, ceases when Begw stopped laughing and asked a question; these two parts make one compound high-juncture event, signalled by the FINV a INF construction<sup>24</sup>. The use of QI2 when signalling the narrative pertinence of overcoming an obstacle to speaking (laughter in this case) is relatively common, and discussed in further detail in § 3.2.3.1.1 below.

¶ 'Oh, isn't it pretty, Elin Gruffydd,' SAID Winni as she gazed at the red dress that she had put on, 'I can never thank you enough. I'll keep it on to have tea.' ¶ 'You'll have to have a coat for next winter too, but Lisi Jên should buy that out of your wages.' ¶

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 58

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Literally *She stopped suddenly and to ask*; schematically [stopped^ask(ed)]. See Shisha-Halevy 1997, § 1.1 for discussion.

(126)Bilw gan chwerthin; [...] Ymunodd Igiai arall hiccup.IMPF.3SG PN by laugh.INF join.PRET.3SG everyone other fedru dweud а chwerthin y <sup>r</sup>heb buont with 3sg.m and laugh.INF REL.OBL be.PST.3PL without can.INF say.INF dim\_. Credai Begw y byddai rhywbeth siŵr o NMLZ be.IMPF.HAB.3SG something sure of anything believe.IMPF.3SG PN ym mrest Bilw. Stopiodd hi yn sydyn a GOFYN: ¶ break.INF ynLoc breast PN stop.PRET.3SG 3SG.F yn<sub>ADV</sub> suddent and ask.INF 'Gawsoch chi ddrwg gan Siani?' get.PRET.2PL 2PL bad

Bilw was hiccuping with laughter; [...] Everybody else joined in with him, and they laughed and laughed, 「unable to say anything」. Begw thought that something was sure to break in Bilw's chest. She stopped suddenly and ASKED: ¶ 'Did you get a scolding from Siani?'

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 34

Ex. 127 shows a different structure (QI3), and is operating within a textual different sphere. Formally, the short imitative<sup>25</sup> quote 'Pws, Pws' '"Puss, Puss"' is embedded within the flow of the narrative paragraph, as opposed to both QI1 and QI2. Functionally, there is not a dialogue here but a call made by the protagonist in order to find her cat Sgiatan.

<sup>25</sup> Not all the quotes in QI3 are imitative; see § 3.2.4.3.

(127) Pan gododd, nid oedd Sgiatan o gwmpas yn unlle, ac when rise.PRET.3SG NEG be.IMPF.3SG PN around yn<sub>LOC</sub> anywhere and ER GWEIDDI 'Pws, Pws', ni ddaeth o unman. [...] despite shout.INF INTERJ INTERJ NEG come.PRET.3SG of anywhere

When she got up, Sgiatan wasn't anywhere around, and THOUGH she'D SHOUTED 'Puss, Puss', she didn't come out from anywhere. [...]

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 8

## 3.2.2 Quotative index type 1

QI1 being the unmarked type of quotative index in dialogues, the vast majority of instances of the reported speech in narrative in the corpus — numbering in the hundreds — occur in it. As such, it is a highly routinised, formulaic construction. Cross-linguistically, it is common for a certain form to be conventionalised, even to a degree of being 'text-grammaticalised' (grammaticalised as a text-linguistic element). This form might have noteworthy grammatical features in certain languages, such as an exceptional VS order (the so-called *quotative inversion*; see CICHOSZ 2018) in literary English<sup>26</sup> (said the Cat in ex. 128a) or the non-standard I says (ex. 128b) or quotative I goes (RÜHLEMANN 2008) in certain types of conversational English.

<sup>26</sup> See BONHEIM (1982, pp. 81–85).

(128) a. ¶ 'Oh, you're sure to do that,' SAID the Cat, 'if you only walk long enough.' ¶

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (CARROLL 1994), ch. 6

b. Cos he SAYS, Steve SAYS to me, is he in? I SAYS, no. He SAYS, he's not in? I SAYS, no. And a bit later on I SAYS to him... I think he's at Cadets.
[...]

Ex. 1 in RÜHLEMANN (2012)

With regard to information structure, the case of the conventionalised a dúirt and a deir (written with or without a space) in Irish narratives is quite illuminating (WIGGER 1997).<sup>27</sup> The Irish cleft sentence structure is complex and beyond our scope here, but its relevant characteristics are that — similarly to its Welsh counterpart — it has initial focus that is followed by a relative clause. 28 The Irish quotative index type that is more or less equivalent to our QI1 has the basic form of a cleft sentence (WIGGER's (ibid.) Typ B, exemplified in ex. 129a and contrasted with his Typ A, which correlates with our QI2, in which the verb is not in a relative form, as exemplified in ex. 129b). Once conventionalised, the focal strength of the construction is devalued (as it is obligatory within a certain text), but a direct paraphrase of ex. 129a in unidiomatic English would be something like It is 'I am in love with *Bríd' that Seán says*<sup>29</sup>. The reason the Irish construction is illuminating is that it shows the information structure in a transparent manner: the primary information provided is not that Seán said something but the content of what he said; the former is marked as supportive and the latter as focal. In other words, while in most cases verbs are the rheme of a sentence, here the verb of saying is marked as the theme and its quote object is the rheme.

- (129)a. mé i ngrá le Bríd, ADEIR Seán. be.PRS.INDEP.AFF.3SG 1SG in love with PN
  - b. DÚIRT Seán: 'Tá mé i ngrá le Bríd.' be.PRS.INDEP.AFF.3SG 1SG in love with PN say.PRET.3SG PN

GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 3.2.4) suggests a cross-linguistic tendency of postposed quotative indexes (such as our QI1 or WIGGER's (1997) Typ B)<sup>30</sup> foregrounding the quote. From a structural linguistic point of view, the validity of this hypothesis can be tested on and is relevant to languages and text-types where QI-Q or Q-QI order is not fixed, as in the case of Biblical Hebrew prose narrative, where postposed quotative indexes are vanishingly rare and intraposed ones are non-existent, leaving only the common preposed and the rarer circumposed arrangement, both of which are QI-initial (C. L. MILLER 2003, § 4.4.1).

<sup>29</sup> The question of tense in (a)deir and (a)dúirt is beyond our scope here. WIG-GER (1997) translates (a)deir as sagte (as opposed to saat), supposedly in accordance with the normal narrative use (as opposed to the morphological form).

'I am in love with Bríd,' SAYS Seán.

WIGGER 1997, § 4.2

Seán SAID: 'I am in love with Bríd.'

Ibid.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>it 27}$  A formally similar phenomenon is attested in colloquial French (THUN 1976).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See Shisha-Halevy (1998, § 3.7) for an overview and a structural comparison with Welsh.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Both can have a resumptive quote after the quotative index (meaning they can be intraposed), but the main point of Güldemann there is to generalise over quotative indexes that are not preposed, if I understand correctly.

While Welsh does not use a cleft sentence construction for QI1, the special status of its quotative index can be seen in two ways. One is the use of highly defective verbs of speaking *meddai* and ebe (as discussed in § 3.3.1.1.1 below) in the nucleus slot and the exclusion of the fully verbal dweud from it (§ 3.3.1.1.2). The other is the use of the non-verbal oddi wrth (§ 3.3.1.3) or nominal predication patterns where no verb occurs (§ 3.3.1.4). Thus in QI1 'verbs of speaking'31 might be regarded as less 'verbal' on the basis of both morphology and structural commutation.

In ex. 125 above we have seen an intraposed quotative index and a zero quotative index. For completeness, ex. 130 exemplifies a postposed arrangement. While the difference between QI1+ (intraposed or postposed) and QI1<sup>-</sup> (zero quotative index) has to do with textual questions (as discussed in § 3.4), the difference between the intraposed and postposed arrangements has to do with the quote itself for the most part: when the quote is long or compound, it is common for it to split with a quotative index between the two parts (see § 3.2.2.2 below for further discussion).

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(130)
        ¶ 'Mi fuasai'n
                                 rhaid i ffawd i
                                                            anfon heibio y
           PRT be.PLUP.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> need to fate
                                                 3SG.M.POSS send.INF by
         funud honno, EBE Elin Gruffydd. ¶
         minute DEM.DIST.F QP PN
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<sup>31</sup> At least the generic ones, i.e. those which are not specific, which are discussed in § 3.3.1.2.

¶ °'It had to be fate that sent him by that moment, SAID Elin Gruffydd. ¶ HD, Pryder Morwyn (ch. 1), p. 14

#### Narrative addenda 3.2.2.1

In a small number of cases a narrative addendum is added after the core components of QI1; in table 3.4 the symbol '([...])' is used for indicating this in the schematic form (row a). Curiously, the fifth chapter of Te yn y Grug — Ymwelydd i De 'A Visitor for Tea' contains a relatively large number of these. 32 These addenda are quite short (save for a single example), and have a close narrative connection to the content of the quote.

In ex. 131 Begw (the speaker) is looking for a sweet in order to give it to Sionyn as a parting gift (followed the speech act of saying ta-ta 'ta-ta'). Note that the person marking in chwiliodd refers back to the speaker (who is not indicated overtly, ex. 131 being a case of QI1<sup>-</sup>), and the inflected preposition *iddo* refers back to the Sionyn in the quote.

32 Similarly to the cause suggested in n. 79 on p. 75, this conglomeration of similar constructions can stem from extralinguistic factors as well.

(131)¶ 'Ta-ta, Sionyn.' Chwiliodd phoced, ond nid search.PRET.3SG ynLoc 3SG.F.POSS pocket but yno ddim un lwmp o fferin i'w roi iddo. be.IMPF.3SG there any one lump of sweet to-3sg.m.poss give to.3sg.m

¶ 'Ta-ta, Sionyn.' She searched in her pocket, but there wasn't a single lump of sweet to give him. ¶

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 56

In ex. 132 Winni's cold answer is reflected in the blunt way she leaves. The lack of smiling (heb gymaint  $\hat{a}$  gwên 'without so much as a smile') is contrasted with Sionyn's reaction (Gwenodd  $yntau \ yn \ hynaws \ rhwng \ ffyn \ y \ llidiart 'e He smiled good-naturedly$ between the slats of the gate'), and the lack of saying diolch is paralleled to what she did say (Ol reit 'all right'). Take note of the concatenating a(c) after a bare quote here and in exx. 133, 134 and 138.

- (132)(After Begw says ta-ta to Winni as well and reminds her they will be expecting her around three, shortly after ex. 131, Winni says:)
  - ¶ 'Ol reit.' Ac yn hollol ddiseremoni troes Winni vn all\_right and  $yn_{\rm ADV}$  whole without.ceremony turn.PRET.3SG PN ei hôl heb gymaint â gwên na diolch. ¶ 3SG.F.POSS back without big.EQU with smile nor thank

¶ 'All right.' And quite unceremoniously Winni turned back without so much as a smile or a thank-you. ¶

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 56

In ex. 133 Elin Gruffydd's offer Cymerwch ragor 'Have some more' is immediately followed by her actually giving Winni three more pancakes, to Begw's amazement<sup>33</sup>.

(133)¶ 'Cymerwch ragor.' A chododd Elin Gruffydd dair arall ar y

> take.IMP.2PL more and raise.PRET.3SG PN three other on DEF fforc. Dyna'r nawfed, meddai Begw wrthi ei PRESTT.MEDI-DEF ninth GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with.3sg.F 3sg.F.Poss hun. ¶

<sup>33</sup> Reported thoughts are discussed in § 3.6.2 below. This particular example is repeated as ex. 278 in § 3.6.2.3.

¶ 'Have some more.' And Elin Gruffydd lifted another three on the fork. That's the ninth, Begw said to herself. ¶

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 58

Similarly, in ex. 134 the narrative addendum immediately follows the related content of the quote.

REFL

DEF heather

(134)¶ 'Mae'r glas yma neud be.PRS.3SG-DEF piece(M) grue DEM.PROX after-3SG.M.POSS make.INF on cyfar ni.' Ac eisteddodd ar glwt glas o laswellt yng nghanol 1PL.POSS cover 1PL and sit.PRET.3SG on piece grue of grass  $yn_{LOC}$  middle

grug. ¶

¶ 'This patch of grass is made for our hide-out.' And she sat down on a patch of green grass in the middle of the heather. ¶

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 41

In ex. 135 Winni's silence and gazing is a direct reaction to what Begw has said, before the dialogue continues in the subsequent paragraph.

(135)¶ 'Ella bydd arnoch chi hiraeth wedi mynd i Lundain, maybe be.FUT.3SG on.2PL 2PL longing after go.INF to PN ochelgar. Bu Winni yn ddistaw am Begw yn yn<sub>ADV</sub> cautious be.PST.3SG PN venture.PRET.3SG PN  $yn_{ADV}$  quiet eiliad, yn syllu yn ddifrifol ar ei phlât. ¶ second  $yn_{CVB}$  gaze  $yn_{ADV}$  serious on 3sg.F.Poss plate

¶ 'Maybe you'll be homesick after going to London,' Begw VENTURED cautiously. Winni was silent for a moment, gazing earnestly at her plate. ¶

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 62

In ex. 136 the addendum is exceptionally long and thus truncated here. The addendum keeps on describing a warm and caring picture of Winni and her half-brother Sionyn, all of which has the single-worded cry Winni as its fulcrum. This literary tableau vivant has linguistic characteristics that are congruent with other tableaux vivants, like those of the darluniau 'pictures' chapters of Y Lôn Wen.34

(136)¶ 'Winni,' GWAEDDODD Sionyn, a rhedeg at ei hanner shout.PRET.3SG PN and run.INF to 3SG.M.POSS half chwaer. Dododd glin, a hithau ef dechrau ar ei place.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.CONJ 3SG.M on 3SG.F.POSS knee and start.INF ei fwydo oddi ar ei phlât ei hun. [...] from on 3sg.f.poss plate 3sg.f.poss REFL 3SG.M.POSS feed

<sup>34</sup> A clear feature is the descriptional predicative [PRO/NP yncvB INF]. A full description of this and other features is beyond the scope of this chapter.

¶ 'Winni,' Sionyn SHOUTED, and ran to his half-sister. And she placed him on her knee, and began to feed him from her own plate. [...]

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 63

In ex. 137 Rhys, Begw's younger brother, misspeaks because he had misunderstood his mother earlier in the story and interpreted an idiom literally (mae hi reit dop arni hi 'she is in want'; he took top for a literal spinning-top). His sister's reaction is not packaged as an independent event but as a direct response to what he said, a response that does not break the turn-taking of the dialogue. Apart from the lack of paragraph break, the use of the deverbal noun pwniad<sup>35</sup> is noteworthy. Syntactically, Pwniad to.3sg.m yn<sub>loc</sub> 3sg.m.poss rib.pl. by PN iddo yn ei asennau gan Begw as a whole is a noun phrase, but internally it has a unique (de)verbal structure (with iddo as the patient and gan Begw as the agent).

<sup>35</sup> Which is morphologically and syntactically distinguishable from the infinitive pwnio 'to nudge'.

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(137)
        ¶ [Rhys:] 'Mam
                                   oedd
                                              yn
                                                     deud i
                                                                     bod
                   1sg.poss\mother be.IMPF.3sg yncvb say
                                                          3SG.F.POSS be.INF
                        dop iawn arnoch chi.' Pwniad iddo
         3SG.F.POSS-yn_{PRED} top very on.2PL 2PL nudge to.3SG.M yn_{LOC} 3SG.M.POSS
         asennau gan Begw. ¶
                  by PN
         rib.PL
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¶ [Rhys:] 'Mam said that you were pretty strapped.' °A nudge (lit. to him) in the ribs from Begw. ¶

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 91

In ex. 138 Begw thanks Winni for the handkerchief not only by saying *O diolch yn fawr* 'Oh, thank you very much' but also by giving her a toffee.

(Winni giving Begw a handkerchief.)

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fawr,' a
         diolch yn
                                 rhedodd
                                             Begw i'r
                                                          dror i
  INTERJ thank yn_{ADV} big
                            and run.PRET.3SG PN
                                                   to-DEF drawer to
nôl
        cyfleth i Winni. ¶
bring.INF toffee to PN
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¶ 'Oh, thank you very much,' and Begw ran to the drawer to fetch some treacle toffee for Winni. ¶

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 53

#### 3.2.2.2 Split quotes with an intraposed QI1

As discussed above in § 3.2.1, when QI1 is used with an overt quotative index, the quotative index can be either intraposed or postposed in relation to the quote. The questions of whether the quote resumes after the quotative index and where exactly does the quotative index interrupt it if it does involves aspects of language which operate on a smaller scale than our textual macrosyntactic interest here. Of these, the 'prosody' of the written language is of prime importance; see CHAFE (1988) for a general theoretical discussion and BONHEIM (1982, p. 79 ff.) for a more specific discussion of the position of quotative indexes (inquit in his terminology) in relation to the quote in literary English. Written languages exhibit organisational features that are comparable with counterparts in spoken languages. Punctuation is indicative of prosodic features in a written language<sup>36</sup> but it is not the only factor; the position of intraposed quotative indexes are another feature that interfaces with these prosodic features. They cannot divide the quote anywhere, and are constrained by prosody, syntax, literary norms and other factors. For example, when there is a postposed vocative phrase occurs in the quote and there is a quotative index, the latter tends to follow the first immediately, as demonstrated in ex. 125 above in § 3.2.1.1 ('0)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> CHAFE's (1988) punctuation units, termed after his intonation units (CHAFE 1980, 1987).

about pretty am ddel, Elin Gruffydd, meddai Winni [...] '"Oh, isn't it pretty, Elin Gruffydd," said Winni [...]').

Not only the prosodic features of the quote are to be taken into consideration, but those of the quotative index as well, which can be as short as a single-word 'meddai' (ex. 139a) or even as long as sixteen words (ex. 139a<sup>37</sup>).

- (139) a. 'Yli,' 「MEDDAI」, 'dacw fo.' look.imp.2sg gsv.impf.3sg prestt.dist 3sg.m
  - b. 'Q' 「MEDDAI Winni wrth fwynhau ei swper o gig
    GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with enjoy.INF 3SG.F.POSS supper of meat
    eidion oer, nionyn picl, a phwdin 'Dolig oer」, 'Q'
    ox cold onion.SGV pickle and pudding Christmas cold

The content of the quote can affect the position of the quotative index when a modification component (§ 3.3.4) relates to the quote in certain ways. For example, in ex.  $140^{38}$  the first part of the modification ( $yn \ daistaw$  'quietly') refers to the quote before the quotative index and the second part ( $ac \ yna \ yn \ uwch$  'and then more loudly') to the quote that follows. Similarly, the quotative index in ex.  $141^{39}$  cannot occur too far from chi (in italic letters in the original, for emphasis) to which the modification refers. In ex.  $142^{40}$  the quotative index — in this form — could not occur earlier, as Winni's sighing and getting up temporally follows what she say.

- (140)[...] Tarawodd ei chlocsen ar garreg. ¶ 'Damia,' strike.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS clog.sgv damn.PRS.1SG on stone uwch\_, MEDDAI hi vn ddistaw, ac yna GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F  $yn_{ADV}$  quiet and MEDI.TMP ynADV high.CMP beth rhyfedd ych bod chi'n gweld be.PRS.3SG.DEP 3SG.M-yn<sub>PRED</sub> thing strange 2PL.POSS be.INF 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> see.INF wrth daro'ch clocsan ar garrag?' star.PL.PL with strike.INF-2PL.POSS clog.SGV on stone
- (141) 'Mi ddylach chi o bawb wybod, Mrs. Huws,' 「MEDDAI PRT be\_obliged.impf.2Pl 2Pl of all know.inf Mrs PN GSV.impf.3sG

  mam Begw gyda'i phwyslais gorau」, 'Q'
  mother PN with-3sg.f.poss emphasis good.sup

 $^{37}$  Repeated as ex. 216c and discussed below in § 3.3.4.1.1.2.

'Look,' she SAID, 'there it is.'

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 89 'Q' SAID Winni, as she enjoyed her supper of cold beef, pickled onions and cold Christmas pudding, 'Q'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 61

<sup>38</sup> Row e of table 3.16 in § 3.3.4.1.2 below.

<sup>39</sup> Ex. 228b in § 3.3.4.1.3.1.

40 Row b of table 3.15.

[...] Her clog struck a stone. ¶ 'Damn,' 
"she SAID quietly, and then more loudly, 
'isn't it a strange thing that you see 
stars when you bump your clog on a 
stone?'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 41

'You of all people should know, Mrs. Huws,' "Begw's mother SAID with her strongest emphasis, 'Q'.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 49

(142)ar fin marw. Iâr fyw 'Oes, o rai marw a rhai be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST of INDF.PL dead and INDF.PL on lip dead ar ganol cae ydw i'n feddwl. Wel, rhaid imi on middle field be.PRS.1SG 1SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> thinking INTERJ need to.1SG 3SG.F.POSS throi hi. Mae hi'n braf arnoch chi yn cael eistedd turn.INF 3SG.F be.PRS.3SG 3SG.F-yn<sub>PRED</sub> nice on.2PL 2PL yn<sub>CVB</sub> get.INF sit.INF wrth y tân braf yna,' <sup>「</sup>MEDDAI Winni gan ochneidio a with DEF fire nice DEM.MEDI GSV.IMPF.3SG PN chodi .. rise.INF

'Yes, of dead ones, and some on the brink of dying. It's a live hen in the middle of a field I mean. Well, I must get back. It's nice for you that you can sit by the nice fire,' Winni SAID, sighing and getting up<sub>1</sub>.

TG, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 82

#### 3.2.3 Quotative index type 2

The use of QI2 in the corpus is much sparser than QI1, and its use in the linguistically-signalled staging of the narrative is marked. From a functional point of view, when a character's act or manner of speech is packaged as an event with a narrative significance (QI2) or as yet another turn in a dialogue (QI1) is a question of a threshold beyond which the marked construction is triggered.

Thanks to the limited number of examples, and in order to delineate the precise characteristics of the use of QI2 within the system, this chapter covers all of its instances. Before going over the examples, we look at three general aspects.

First, let us consider two criteria which are *not* sufficient nor necessary on their own for inducing the use of QI2, but *a priori* would have reasonably seem to be. One is performative utterances (AUSTIN 1962). Although these are *speech acts* — which in fiction represent performing interactional acts within the storyworld (HERMAN 2002) though dialogue — they may well be encoded as QI1. The other is initiating a dialogue. Ex. 143 demonstrates both: Mair's first words in the dialogue ('Mae arna i eisiau mynd i'r siop in 15G,POSS\mother i mam' '"I need to go to the shop for mam"'), as well as as her performative 'Cewch' 'You may', are in QI1.

(143)[...] Aeth Begw ati a gafael yn ei llaw yn swil, to.3sg.F and hold.INF  $yn_{LOC}$  3sg.F.Poss hand  $yn_{ADV}$  shy go.PRET.3SG PN gan edmygu cyrls trwchus Mair a'i bochau cochion. ¶ by admire.INF curl.PL heavy and-3sg.F.Poss cheek.PL red.PL PN **□** 'Mae arna i eisiau mynd i'r siop i mam,' be.PRS.3SG on.1SG 1SG want go.INF to-DEF shop for 1SG.POSS\mother QP efo chi.' ¶ 'Ddaru Mair. ¶ 'Mi ddo'i mi ddim gofyn ichi. PRT come.PRS.1SG with 2PL NEG\do.PRET 1SG NEG ask.INF to.2PL ¶ 'Ga' i?' ¶ 「'Cewch.'」 ¶ Gofynnwch gynta.' ask.IMP.2PL ADV\early.SUP Q\get.PRS.1SG 1SG get.PRS.2PL

[...] Begw went to her and shyly clasped her hand, admiring Mair's thick curls and her red cheeks. ¶ ''I need to go to the shop for mam,' Mair SAID. ¶ 'I'll come with you.' ¶ 'I haven't asked you. Ask first.' ¶ 'May I?' ¶ 'Fo'You may.' ¶

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 17

There are no attested cases of narrative addenda with QI2 like there are with QI1 (§ 3.2.2.1). In all examples save one<sup>41</sup> nothing is added after the quote in the same paragraph<sup>42</sup>. The lack of a QI2 example with a narrative addendum might very well be incidental: the corpus is limited and a QI2 example with a narrative addendum has to be in the intersection of both QI2 (not numerous) and quotative indexes with a narrative addendum (not numerous either, judging from QI1). Generally put, this might be a case of 'absence of evidence is not evidence of absence'.

The last general aspect we discuss is the use of punctuation in the two volumes that make the corpus, which differs with regard to QI2 (see row a of table 3.4). Where *Te yn y Grug* usually has a colon between the quotative index and the paragraph break, *Haul a Drycin* has a comma. Both volumes make sporadic use of a full stop (exx. 145, 148, 153, 162 and 166) while all other examples use a colon or a comma (depending on the printed volume). The choice between a continuing punctuation mark ( $\langle : \rangle$  or  $\langle , \rangle$ ) or a full stop seems not to have a linguistic value (and thus incidental to our interest), but it is reasonable that in ex. 154 — where the quote is not an object of a verbal construction but the rheme of a copular construction (see § 3.3.1.4 below) — a period could not have occurred, as this would break the syntactic structure.

# <sup>41</sup> Ex. 165 below, where a simple modification (*yn groesawus* 'welcomingly') — not a narrative addendum — follows the short quote.

<sup>42</sup> And therefore, for the sake of clarity and in order to reduce clutter, the paragraph break after the quote in QI2 is not indicated below (using  $\langle \P \rangle$ ).

<sup>43</sup> This might be due to external factors (such as different editors or printers) or due to changes in the aesthetic preferences of the author. Either way, this difference has no significant consequences for our interest.

#### 3.2.3.1 Examples from the corpus

A survey of the examples of the examples follows. For convenience, and in order to facilitate generalisations on the basis of examples that share characteristics in form and/or function, the discussion is divided into several parts (§§ 3.2.3.1.1 to 3.2.3.1.5).

This grouping is done for *practical* reasons; not all of the categories are mutually exclusive and the criteria for classification are not all of the same kind. Within each group the examples appear in order.

The same basic function is shared among all of the examples, namely that the act or manner of speaking itself is staged as pertinent to narrative. At times I refer to the QI1 alternative explicitly, but the opposition between the two is always significant, as in each of the examples the function of QI2 derives from the structural opposition to QI1.

#### 3.2.3.1.1 Overcoming an obstacle to speaking

In ex. 126 above (the representative example given for QI2) we have seen a case where overcoming an obstacle to speaking is signalled by the speech reported in QI2. The following are other examples of a similar kind.

In ex. 144 a change in situation helped Begw speaking (Wedi to-3sg.f.poss mother 3sg.f.poss tuck.INF  $ym_{LOC}$  DEF bed i'w mam ei swatio yn y gwely 'After her mother tucked her in bed', reinforced by wedyn 'then').

'Ni fedrai Begw ddweud dim.' Yr oedd Bilw'n rhy ffeind, say.INF anything PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN- $yn_{PRED}$  too kind NEG can PN ond 0! i beth oedd eisiau iddo am yr hen sôn but INTERJ to what be.IMPF.3SG want to.3SG.M mention.INF about DEF old gwarfod yma? ¶ Wedi i'w mam ei swatio yn meeting DEM.PROX after to-3sg.f.poss mother 3sg.f.poss tuck.inf ynLoc gwely, GOFYNNODD wedyn: ¶ 'Pam yr oedd Siani'n ask.PRET.3SG after.DEM.PROX.N why PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN-yn<sub>CVB</sub> crio?' ¶ ''D wn i ddim, druan â cry.INF NEG know.PRS.1SG 1SG NEG poor with 3SG.F

In ex. 145 the dialogue between Begw and her mother is interrupted by an external event (the mother pricking herself with a needle). Then there is a silence *Distawrwydd wedyn*, followed by a description of Begw's difficulty in bringing up what she wants to ask her mother (omitted from the example due to its length).

The force of  $mentro^{44}$  (as well as ymwroli in ex. 146) as nuclei of quotative indexes is discussed in § 3.3.1.2 below.

"Begw couldn't say anything\_. Bilw was too kind, but Oh! why did he need to mention the old meeting here and now? ¶ "After her mother tucked her in bed, she ASKED then: ¶ 'Why was Siani crying?' ¶ 'I don't know, poor woman.'

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 35

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Here as an object of *penderfynodd* 'decided'. Objects of finite verbs are lenited  $(m- \rightarrow f-)$ .

(145) Distawrwydd wedyn, [...]. PENDERFYNODD FENTRO ar y silence after.DEM.PROX.N decide.PRET.3SG venture.INF on DEF peth anhawsaf yn gyntaf. ¶ 'Mam?' ¶ 'Wel?' ¶ 'Gaiff thing difficult.SUP yn\_ADV early.SUP 1SG.POSS\mother INTERJ Q\get.PRS.3SG Winni ddŵad yma i gael te ryw ddiwrnod?'

PN come.INF PROX.LOC to get.INF tea INDF.SG day

"Silence then」, [...]. She DECIDED TO VENTURE on the hardest thing first. ¶ 'Mam?' ¶ 'Well?' ¶ 'May Winni come here to have tea some day?'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 52

Whereas in the last two examples and in ex. 126 there were explicit references to silence or an inability to speak, in ex. 146 it is implicit. Begw's momentary (Am eiliad 'For a second') confusion is broken by her taking heart and answering the question.

(146)Am eiliad teimlodd Begw mai hi second feel.PRET.3SG PN NMLZ 3SG.F be.IMPF.3SG yn<sub>CVB</sub> live side ôl i'r domen dail, a bod Winni wedi newid lle back to-DEF heap dung and be.INF PN after change place with ¶ 'Ar hyd y Mair drws nesa. Ond YMWROLODD: lôn but become\_courageous.PRET.3SG along DEF lane mynd draw oddi wrth y capal.' be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> go.INF away from DEF chapel

For a second Begw felt it was she who was living behind the dung-heap, and that Winni had changed places with Mair next door. But SHE TOOK HEART: ¶ 'Along the road that goes the other way from the chapel.'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 54

In ex. 147 too Begw is taken aback by something Winni said in the dialogue between them; it takes a moment for her to stop crying and reply.

(147)Dechreuodd Begw grio yn ddistaw, ond nid oedd am i begin.PRET.3SG PN cry.INF  $yn_{ADV}$  quiet but NEG be.IMPF.3SG for to Winni weld hynny. Wedi'r cwbl, yr oedd see.INF DEM.DIST.N after-DEF whole PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN without fam, ac nid oedd hi yn crio. MENTRODD DDWEUD: mother and NEG be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F  $yn_{CVB}$  cry.INF venture.PRET.3SG say.INF ¶ 'Ella'i bod hi'n well i lle, Winni.' ¶ 'Pwy perhaps-3SG.F.POSS be.INF 3SG.F- $yn_{PRED}$  good.CMP to place PN di yn 'deud hynna?' ¶ 'Mam.' ¶ 'Ia, yr hen gân. hear.PRET.2SG 2SG yncvb say.INF DEM.MEDI.N mother EXCL DEF old song gennyn nhw ddim byd arall i 'ddeud'. [...] NEG be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST by.3PL 3PL NEG world other to say.INF

Begw began to cry quietly, but she didn't want Winni to see it. After all, Winni had no mother, and she wasn't crying. *She* VENTURED TO SAY: ¶ 'Maybe she's better off, Winni.' ¶ 'Who did you hear say that?' ¶ 'Mam.' ¶ 'Yes, the old song. They haven't anything else to say. [...]

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 71

Ex. 148 is another case of explicit reference to inability to speak (Ni fedrai Begw ddweud gair 'Begw couldn't say a word'), which is overcome by venturing (Mentrodd toc 'Presently she ventured'). It is not impossible to analyse mentrodd as having an elliptic infinitive object ddweud ('Presently she ventured to say'), but nothing necessitates such an analysis.

(148)<sup>r</sup>Ni fedrai Begw ddweud gair . Yr oedd wedi cael NEG can.IMPF.3SG PN say.INF word PRT be.IMPF.3SG after thwyllo ar hyd yr amser. Wedi gweld rhyw 3SG.F.POSS deceive.INF on length DEF time after see.INF INDF.SG world rhamantus ymhell yn ôl lle'r oedd plant bach yn far.ADV after place-PRT be.IMPF.3SG child.COL small yncvB get.INF romantic Nadolig gwyn bob blwyddyn. MENTRODD ¶ 'Wel, Christmas white ADV\every year venture.PRET.3SG presently celwydd nhw wedi dŵad be.PRS.3SG 3PL.POSS lie after come.INF  $yn_{PRED}$  true DEF time 3PL beth bynnag, ac ella mai rŵan 'r ydan yma and perhaps NMLZ now PRT be.PRS.1PL 1PL- $yn_{CVB}$ DEM.PROX anyway dechra cael Nadolig hen ffasiwn? begin.INF get.INF Christmas old fashion

Daring to say something is not enough to trigger a QI2 type of quotative index, while overcoming an obstacle to speaking is. This is evident by comparing the above examples to ex. 149, which is a common QI1 construction within a dialogue  $^{45}$ . Here daring (mentrodd Begw) does not relate to the act of speaking itself, which is not packaged as having narrative pertinence.

(149) ¶ 'Ella bydd arnoch chi hiraeth wedi mynd i Lundain,'
maybe be.FUT.3SG on.2PL 2PL longing after go.INF to PN

MENTRODD Begw yn ochelgar. [...] ¶

venture.PRET.3SG PN ynADV cautious

Begw couldn't say a word. She'd been deceived all the time. Had seen a romantic world long ago where little children had a white Christmas every year. Presently *she* VENTURED. ¶ 'Well, their lie has come true this time anyway, and maybe now is when we start having an old-fashioned Christmas.'

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 92

<sup>45</sup> The lines of dialogue before and after it are not included as they are too long and are not directly relevant.

 $\P$  'Maybe you'll be homesick after going to London,' *Begw* VENTURED cautiously. [...]  $\P$ 

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 62

#### 3.2.3.1.2 Narrative effects

As claimed above, the choice of quotative index type has to do with narrative staging. The following examples demonstrate this by taking part in creating certain effects in the narrative.

The context of ex. 150 is this: following a harsh exchange of words between Elin Gruffydd (Begw's mother) and her next-door neighbour Mrs Huws (Mair's mother), Elin Gruffydd takes her children and leaves, but before she enters her home and closes the door she says one more thing to Mrs Huws, not in a straightforward manner but in a sarcastic, passive-aggressive manner as if she were speaking with Robin her son (but so Mrs Huws would be sure to hear...). This marked kind of speaking, which is by all means not a simple turn in a dialogue<sup>46</sup>, is expressed using QI2. If QI1 had been used ('Well iti ddiolch i Mrs. Huws,' meddai hi wrth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> After all, at this point Elin Gruffydd does not really want to have a conversation with Mrs Huws, and Robin is not the true addressee of her speech. This specific line was omitted from the film adaptation *Y Mynydd Grug* 'The Heather Mountain' (§ 3.1.2) but it would not be far-fetched to imagine that this would be shot with Mrs Huws in the background (see § 1.1.4).

Robin [...] "Better thank Mrs Huws," she said to Robin [...]"), it would suggest she was actually talking to Robin. 47

(150)Yna afael yn cymerodd llaw Begw a'i thynnu take.PRET.3SG hold ynLoc hand PN and-3sg.f.poss pull.INF trwv'r MEDDAI hi wrth Robin pan droai through-DEF gate and GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F with PN when turn.IMPF.3SG Mrs. Huws a Mair at eu tŷ hwy: ¶ 'Well to 3PL.POSS house 3PL LEN\good.CMP to.2SG Mrs PN and PN ddiolch i Mrs. Huws am gael y fraint o achub Mair LEN\thank.INF to Mrs PN about get.INF DEF privilege of save.INF PN grafanga merch Twm Ffinni Hadog.' from claw.PL daughter PN

Then she took hold of Begw's hand and pulled her through the gate, and *she* TOLD *Robin* when Mrs. Huws and Mair were turning towards their house: ¶ 'Better thank Mrs. Huws for the privilege of saving Mair from the clutches of Twm Finni Hadog's daughter.'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 49

In QI2 the quote comes after the quotative index. Roberts used this syntagmatic feature for creating a narrative effect in ex. 151: between the previous line in the dialogue (Begw's invitation of Winni, included in the example for clarity) and the actual nucleus of the quotative index *qofynnodd* there are 29 (orthographic) words. The exact number of words does not matter but what is conveyed by this rather lengthy separation is a striking slowdown of pace<sup>48</sup>; the wordy description can be regarded as iconic<sup>49</sup>. It's not only the amount of text but the use of multiple layers of narrative techniques and figures of speech, consisting of the use of *edrych* with a detailed directional complement, an irrealis petai [...]), narrative yna 'then' (whose narrative efsimile (fel fect is of delimitation)<sup>50</sup>, a topicalised adverbial modification (yn hollol fawreddog 'quite majestically') and yet another irrealis simile; only then the reader arrives at *qofynnodd* and the quote itself. A QI1 quote-initial alternative would ruin this effect, as it would place the positive (if dry) answer too early in the flow of the text.

<sup>47</sup> Keeping with the cinematic analogy, a QI1 alternative could possibly be equivalent to a shot that includes only Elin Gruffydd and Robin.

- <sup>48</sup> See BAL (2017, pp. 94 ff.) for narratological considerations of slow-down and pauses, as parts of the broader notion of narrative rhythm (ibid., § 2.4).
- <sup>49</sup> See ORLETTI (1994) for aspects of iconicity in language with respect to the use of language in narratives.
- <sup>50</sup> See SHISHA-HALEVY (2003b, § 3.c) for the related *ac yna* 'and then'.

(151)'Mam sy'n gofyn ddowch chi i de i 1sg.poss\mother be.REL.PRs.3sg-yn<sub>CVB</sub> ask Q\come.PRS.2PL 2PL to tea to ¶ Edrychodd Winni i lawr ei ni 'fory'. look.PRET.3SG PN house 1PL tomorrow to down 3sg.F.Poss mouth crooked ar Begw, fel petai wedi gofyn iddi a ddôi like IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.3SG after ask.INF to.3SG.F Q come.IMPF.3SG on PN i'r Seiat. Yna. yn hollol fawreddog, fel petai to-DEF seiat MEDI.TMP  $yn_{ADV}$  whole majestic like IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.3SG ferch i Arglwydd Niwbro, GOFYNNODD: ¶ 'Ym mhle'r to lord ask.PRET.3SG yn<sub>LOC</sub> where-DEF 3SG.F-yn<sub>PRED</sub> girl PN ti'n byw?' wyt be.PRS.2SG 2SG- $yn_{CVB}$  live.INF

'Mam is asking will you come for tea to our house tomorrow.' ¶ °Winni looked down her crooked mouth at Begw, as if she had asked her if she would come to the *Seiat*. Then, quite majestically, as if she were Lord Newborough's daughter, *she* ASKED: ¶ 'Where do you live?'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 54

The context for ex. 152 is that Begw is looking for comfort down the road, and suddenly Winni comes her way storming. From afar Begw the focalising character does not recognise her (gwelodd rywbeth tebyg i frân fawr 'e'she saw something similar to a great crow'), and the reader is not aware of the identity of that 'crow' until after the quote (Rhoes Begw luch i'r ddol dros ben gwal yr ardd, a neidiodd i law Winni Ffinni Hadog, [...] 'Begw gave the doll a toss over the garden wall, and leapt to the hand of Winni Ffinni Hadog, [...]' right after the quote). A QI1 alternative would suggest an unmarked line of dialogue, as if it is expected for animals to speak (in a story which is not an animal tale).

(152)rywbeth tebyg i frân fawr yn dyfod Yna gwelodd MEDI.TMP see.PRET.3SG something similar to crow big  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  come.INF with y capel. Gwnaeth y frân lwybr syth at Begw A DEF chapel make.PRET.3SG DEF crow path straight to PN ¶ "R ydw i'n dengid go iawn y tro yma. PRT be.PRS.1SG 1SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> escape.INF for\_real DEF time DEM.PROX PRT wedi dŵad i ben 'y nhennyn. Tyd, be.PRS.1SG 1SG after come.INF to end 1SG.POSS tether come.IMP.2SG Begw, mi awn ni.' PRT go.PRS.1PL 1PL

Then she saw something like a great crow coming by the chapel. *The crow* made a straight path to Begw AND SAID: ¶ 'I'm escaping for real this time. I've come to the end of my tether. Come, Begw, we'll go.'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 66

#### 3.2.3.1.3 Explicit reference to speech

In ex. 153 there is an explicit reference to the manner and act of speaking (respectively referred to using dweud twice: Fel pe na bai'n dweud dim byd, ac er mwyn dweud rhywbeth 'e'As if he weren't saying anything, and just for the sake of saying something'). The nucleus of the quotative index itself is meddai 'said'.

(153)Fel pe na bai'n dweud dim byd\_, ac fer mwyn like IRR NEG be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF anything world and in\_order\_to dweud rhywbeth, MEDDAI Robin, a'r fam say.INF something GSV.IMPF.3SG PN and-DEF mother by DEM.PROX.N ffitio'r lobscows efo halen a'i chefn ato. yn<sub>CVB</sub> fit.INF-DEF lobscouse with salt and-3sg.f.Poss back toward.3sg.M 'Mi'r oedd Huws drws nesa wrth yr afon.' PRT-PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN door next at

or As if he weren't saying anything, and fjust for the sake of saying something. Robin SAID, as his mother by now was supplying the lobscouse with salt, with her back to him: ¶ 'Huws next door was at the river.'

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 23

<sup>51</sup> See § 3.3.1.4 for a more detailed discussion on quotative indexes with nominal predication.

In ex. 154 quotative index has the form of a copular nominal predication pattern,  $[TH \ oedd \ RH]^{51}$ :  $y \ cwbl$  a ddywedodd (=TH) oedd:  $\P \ Q \ (=RH)$  'all that she said (=TH) was:  $\P \ Q \ (RH)$ '. As the first part of the narrative paragraph describes, the focalising character Begw expected Winni to make a 'prophetic speech', but what Winni actually said was on the minor side. Had the author chosen a QI1 alternative ('Diolch yn fawr i chi, Elin Gruffydd', 'meddai Winni, 'dyna'r pryd gora' [...]'), it would have made a markedly different — flat — narrative effect, not communicating how the way Winni spoke surprised Begw but packaging it as a common line of dialogue.

(154)Meddyliodd Begw oddi wrth ei hosgo fod think.PRET.3SG PN from 3SG.F.POSS stance be.INF PN about wneud araith broffwydol cyn ymadael, ond y make.INF speech prophetic before leave.INF but DEF whole REL.DIR DDYWEDODD OEDD: ¶ 'Diolch yn fawr i chi, Elin Gruffydd, COP.IMPF.3SG thank yn<sub>ADV</sub> big sav.PRET.3SG to 2PL gora' pryd 'rioed. Mi ges PRESTT.MEDI-DEF meal(M) good.SUP REL.DIR\get.PRET.1SG 1SG ever fo 'neud fydd rhaid iddo imi be.FUT.3SG yn<sub>PRED</sub> need to.3SG.M 3SG make.INF to.1SG for long

Begw thought from her bearing that Winni meant to make a prophetic speech before leaving, but ALL THAT she SAID WAS: ¶ °'Thank you very much, Elin Gruffydd, that was the best meal I ever had. It will have to do me for a long while.'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 63

#### 3.2.3.1.4 The story Haul a Drycin

Examples from the story Haul a Drycin 'Sun and Storm' (the second story from the collection bearing the same title) are grouped together here not because they have a common structural characteristics but in order to demonstrate how the choice of quotative index type takes part in constructing the story from a text-linguistic perspective. Quantitatively, this story has the highest number of instances of QI2 in relation to length (and, in fact, also absolutely). Qualitatively, Roberts marks turning points in the narrative through speech that is reported in QI2. The story's title (and by extension, the whole volume) is descriptive

of its content: conflicts (drycin) and their resolutions (haul). An explicit reference to this is evident in the last line of the story  $(Wedi\ clywed\ y\ pethau\ hyn,$  daeth haul i fywyd Winni eto 'When she had heard these things, the sun came again into Winni's life')<sup>52</sup>. As summarised in table 3.5, each of these suns and storms<sup>53</sup> is introduced into narrative through speech reported in the narratively-marked QI2.

In ex. 155 Gwen, a girl who caught Winni's eye in chapel, turns to Winni and begins a conversation after chapel. This is the *sun* that resolves (for the moment...) Winni's 'stormy background'<sup>54</sup> which she brings with her from *Te yn y Grug* (and which will continue to dog her, as we will see soon). This is more than a simple turn not only because Gwen's act of befriending Winni (a *sun* turning point) begins with initiating contact through speech, but also because this speech is unexpected, as Gwen and Winni are strangers at this point. The linguistic expression of that unexpectedness is the use of the presentative dyma SBJ yn INF complex (dyma'r eneth yma yn troi at Winni ac yn gofyn 'this girl turned to Winni and asked'<sup>55</sup>); this construction has been discussed previously in § 2.2.2.1.3. The presentative construction — or any construction that involves the nucleus of the quotative index in a converbal status — is incompatible with QI1.

(155) [...] Ar y ffordd allan DYMA'r eneth yma YN TROI at on DEF way out PRESTT.PROX-DEF girl DEM.PROX yncvb turn.INF to Winni ac YN GOFYN, ¶ 'Sut ydach chi? Chi sydd wedi PN and yncvb ask.INF how be.PRS.2PL 2PL 2PL be.REL.PRS.3SG after dŵad at Mr. a Mrs. Hughes, Siop y Gornel, yntê?' come.INF to Mr and Mrs PN shop DEF corner TAG

52 The metaphor of haul 'sun' appears again twice in the last story (O! Winni! Winni!), once using the same lexeme (Yr oedd yr haul yna yn ei bywyd wedi ail-godi erbyn hyn yn nhŷ Begw 'o'That sun in her life had risen again by now in Begw's house'), and once more indirectly in the hopeful last paragraph of the volume (Yn y bore llwyd diddim yma, yn union cyn i'r wawr godi, [...] 'On this grey dreary morning, just before dawn broke, [...]'.

<sup>53</sup> As Carolyn Watcyn (K. ROBERTS 2001b) chose to translate the title, in an alliterative manner, *Sun and Storm*.

[...] On the way out, this girl TURNED to Winni and ASKED, ¶ 'How are you? You're the one who has come to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes the Corner Shop aren't you?'

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 17

Table 3.5:
The narrative structure of *Haul a Drycin*, as reflected in the use of QI2

Sun / storm	Example	Speaker	Action
storm			(given state: Winni's background)
sun	155	Gwen	SPEAKING with Winni, making friends
storm	156	Gwen	TELLING her about menstruation
sun	157	Mrs Hughes	SAYING comforting words
storm	158	Winni's father	SHOUTING, demanding Winni to come back home
	159	Maritanalasa	SAYING he will see the attorney
sun	160	Mr Hughes	TELLING what the attorney said

Ex. 156 is not a typical example of QI2: it does not state Penderfynodd ddweud wrthi yn awr [...] 'She (Gwen) decided to tell her (Winni) now [...]' (cf. ex. 145) or simply Dywedodd wrthi yn awr [...] 'She told her now [...]', but presents a dilemma, and her decision is implicitly revealed by the quote that follows.

With regard to narrative structure this quote introduces the first new *storm* into the story: Winni's anxiety over the imminent bodily change Gwen told her about, namely menstruation.

(156)[...] Tybed a oedd llysfam wedi dysgu whether be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS stepmother after teach.INF to o ffeithiau bywyd, y peth a ddigwyddai INDF.PL of fact.PL life DEF thing REL.DIR happen.IMPF.3SG to.3SG.F vn fuan rwan onid oedd wedi digwydd eisoes. Ymrysonai yn<sub>ADV</sub> quick now if.NEG be.IMPF.3SG after happen already struggle.IMPF.3SG hun tybed a ddylai hi DDWEUD with 3SG.F 3SG.F.POSS REFL think whether be\_obliged.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F say.INF wrthi yn awr cyn iddi fynd rhy hwyr. ¶ 'Winni, with.3sg.f yn hour before to.3sg.f LEN\go.INF ynpred too late maddeuwch imi am ofyn i chi un peth preifat iawn. [...]' to.1SG about ask.INF to 2PL one thing private very

[...] She [Gwen] wondered whether her [Winni's] step-mother had taught her some of the facts of life, about the thing which would happen to her soon if it had not already happened. She struggled with herself, wondering whether she should TELL her now before it was too late. ¶ 'Winni, forgive me for asking you something very private. [...]'

In ex. 157 Mr Hughes resolves the conflict by her comforting words, assuring Winni she will take care of her.

(157)Soniodd Gwen wrth ei meistres. Yr am sgwrs mention.PRET.3SG about conversation PN with 3sg.F.Poss mistress oedd rhyddhad iddi gael dweud wrth rywun, a be.IMPF.3SG yn<sub>PRED</sub> liberation to.3SG.F LEN\get.INF say.INF with someone and Mrs. Hughes, ¶ 'Yr oeddwn i ar fin sôn am MEDDAI PRT be.IMPF.1SG 1SG on edge mention.INF about GSV.IMPF.3SG Mrs PN peth wrthoch chi. Peidiwch â phoeni, mi ofala DEF thing with.2PL 2PL NEG.IMP.2PL with worry.INF PRT take\_care.PRS.1SG 1SG am bopeth i chi pan ddaw'r amser.' about everything to 2PL when come.PRS.3SG-DEF time

She mentioned Gwen's talk to her mistress. "It was a relief to speak with someone, and *Mrs. Hughes* SAID, ¶ 'I was on the point of telling you about it. Don't worry, I'll look after everything for you when the time comes.

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 20

Ex. 158 introduces the second *storm* catching Winni unprepared: her drunken father demanding her to come back home.

(158)[...] Bu agos iddi gael gwasgfa pan welodd be.PST.3SG near to.3SG.F get.INF faint when see.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS gallai sefyll thad yno yn chwil ulw. Prin y father MEDI.LOC  $yn_{PRED}$  reeling INTENS hardly REL.OBL can.IMPF.3SG stand.INF ar ei draed. GWAEDDODD. ¶ 'Mae eisio iti ddwad on 3SG.M.POSS foot.PL shout.PRET.3SG be.PRS.3SG need to.2SG come.INF di, ond adre', nid yn fan'ma mae dy le home.ADV NEG  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF\place-DEM.PROX be.PRS.3SG 2SG.POSS place 2SG but efo Lizzie Jane —.' ¶ gartre ADV\home with PN

[...] She nearly had a fit when she saw her father there, reeling drunk. He could hardly stand on his feet. *He* SHOUTED. ¶ 'You've got to come home, this is no place for you, you should be at home with Lisi-Jên.' ¶

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 21

In ex. 159 Mr Hughes brings the *sun* again, promising to go to the attorney in order to see if Winni's father has a legal right to demand her to return home against her wish.

In the printed volume there is no paragraph break between  $\langle dywedodd, \rangle$  and  $\langle 'Mi \rangle$ . I do not have access to another edition or printing, nor have I found a digital facsimile of the journal the story was originally published in<sup>56</sup>. There is every reason to believe this is a misprint, as this is the only case in the corpus where QI2 lacks a paragraph break. I do not know what edition did the English translator (Watcyn in K. ROBERTS 2001b) use as her source, but in this translation there *is* a paragraph break between  $\langle said_i \rangle$  and  $\langle 'I'll \rangle$ .

Or as the author puts it, from Winni's perspective when she thinks back about her conversation with Gwen: Nid merch Twm Ffinni Hadog oedd hi mwyach, ond geneth yn byw mewn cartref cysurus ac ar fin gwneud ffrind gyda rhywun ychydig yn hŷn na hi ei hun a rhywun hoffus 'She was no longer the daughter of Twm Ffinni Hadog, but a girl living in a comfortable home and on the point of making friends with someone a bit older than herself, and someone likeable too'.

(159) [...] Yr oedd Mr. Hughes yn ddistaw ac yn synfyfyrio, PRT be.IMPF.3SG Mr and yncvB ponder.INF yn<sub>PRED</sub> quiet law dan ei ben. Toc DYWEDODD, 'Mi â' 3SG.M.POSS hand under 3SG.M.POSS head presently say.PRET.3SG PRT go.PRS.1SG twrna ddydd Llun, wybod а mi gaf 1SG to DEF attorney ADV\day Monday and PRT get.PRS.1SG know.INF tad hawl i fynd â gan eich chi oddi yma.' Q\be.FUT.3SG by 2PL.POSS father right to go.INF with 2PL from PROX.LOC

[...] Mr. Hughes was quiet and thoughtful, his hand under his chin. Presently he SAID, ¶ o'I'll go to the attorney on Monday, and I'll find out whether your father has a right to take you from here.'

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 22

In ex. 160 Mrs Hughes describes the positive results of his meeting with the attorney. The syntactic structure is different from all other occurrences of QI2, as mynegodd has a direct object beside the quote ( $canlyniad\ ei\ ymweliad\ \hat{a}$ 'r twrnai 'othe result of his visit to the attorney')<sup>57</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> More literally, 'here's this girl turning to Winni and asking'.

(160)Mr. Hughes wrth ei briod ganlyniad Nos Lun, MYNEGODD night Monday express.PRET.3SG Mr PN with 3sg.m.Poss spouse result ymweliad â'r twrnai. ¶ 'Gwelais Mr. Rogers 3SG.M.POSS visit with-DEF attorney see.PRET.1SG Mr ei hun. [...]' 3SG.M.POSS REFL

°On Monday evening Mr. Hughes explained to his wife the result of his visit to the attorney.  $\P$  'I saw Mr. Rogers himself — [...]'

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 23

#### 3.2.3.1.5 Other cases of narrative pertinence

Ex. 161 occurs toward the end of the story  $\stackrel{\text{escape.INF to}}{Dianc}$  i Lundain 'Escape to London' (the sixth story in Te yn y Grug), and for the most of the story Winni and Begw were looking for the post road. This is a literal turning point in the story, and the information is organised so it is not revealed all at once but incrementally. Begw's cry — the referential exclamative presentative Dyna hi 'There it is' — is not bound to the dialogue between the characters, but relates to the broader narrative frame of reference.

(161) Troes Begw o'r diwedd, ac yn sydyn GWAEDDODD: ¶
turn.PRET.3SG PN of-DEF end and yn<sub>ADV</sub> sudden shout.PRET.3SG
'Dyna hi.' ¶ 'Beth eto?' ¶ 'Y lôn bost.'

PRESTT.MEDI 3SG.F what again DEF lane post

While in most cases the function of QI2 and the role it plays in the text-linguistic construction of the narrative is clear, the next two examples (162 and 163) are admittedly not as clear. Language and texts are complex, organic, multilayered and nonhomogeneous; descriptive accounts that cover well the large majority of cases are not only good enough but are in fact the only ones possible<sup>58</sup>.

Ex. 162 has to be understood with the co-text provided earlier in the story: Sionyn (Winni's half-brother) woke up in the night and asked for a present using QI1 ('Hei Winni, fi eisio presant.' "Hey, Winni, I want a present."'). Winni tells him that perhaps a fairy ('rhyw dylwyth teg) will have brought him something by the morning. When he leaves his room in the morning, his QI2 impolite demand echoes their nightly conversation.

(162) [...] Ond cyn iddi lawn orffen, daeth Sionyn o'r but before to.3sg.f LEN\full finish.INF come.PRET.3sg PN from-DEF siamber a GWEIDDI'n anfoesgar. ¶ 'Fi eisio presant.' room and shout.INF-yn\_ADV rude 1sg want present

<sup>56</sup> Of the three relevant stories, I have managed to find only the first, *Pryder Morwyn* 'Anxiety of a Maid', online (K. ROBERTS 1978).

<sup>57</sup> This bears a slight resemblance to the ABSTRACT component discussed in chapter 2, as both cataphorically encapsulate and refer to the following as a whole.

Begw turned at last and suddenly SHOUTED: ¶ 'There it is.' ¶ 'What now?' ¶ 'The post road.'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 74

<sup>58</sup> If a description is 'too perfect' this might be indicative of sweeping complicating details under the carpet.

[...] But before she had quite finished *Sionyn* came down from the bedroom and SHOUTED rudely, ¶ 'I want a present.'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 56

Ex. 163 comes right after ex. 148 in the text. While ex. 148 is a particular case of a general family of cases that behave similarly (§ 3.2.3.1.1) and the choice of QI2 in it is clear, ex. 163 is not. Perhaps the proximity to ex. 148 is an influencing factor.

(163)¶ 'Paid mwydro dy ben, blentyn. NEG.IMP.2SG with perplex.INF 2SG.POSS head VOC\child.SGV like-DEM.MEDI pobol yn mynd i'r Seilam.' ¶ Yr oedd be.PRS.3SG people yn<sub>CVB</sub> go to-DEF asylum PRT he.IMPF.3SG PN goll yn lân, a MEDDAI: ¶ 'Waeth befo hen gardia Nadolig, hen lost  $yn_{ADV}$  clean and GSV.IMPF.3SG never\_mind old card.PL Christmas old betha gwirion ydyn' nhw. Well gen i eira go iawn.' ¶ thing.PL stupid.PL COP.PRS.3PL 3PL LEN\good.CMP by 1SG snow proper

¶ 'Don't muddle your head, child. That's how people go to the Asylum.' ¶ Rhys was completely lost, and SAID: ¶ 'Never mind about old Christmas cards, they're silly old things. I'd rather have proper snow.' ¶

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 92

#### 3.2.3.1.5.1 Syntactic dependence

In the following examples the nuclei of the quotative indexes are syntactically dependent, partaking in the narrative by modifying a matrix narrative event or state (which syntagmatically comes before them in the attested examples). This makes the question of structural commutation with QI1 more complex than in cases of QI2 where the nucleus of the quotative index is syntactically independent; the reason is that dependent QI2s cannot be straightforwardly substituted *ceteris paribus* with QI1 without some degree of rephrasing.

The syntactic structure of ex. 164 can be divided in two: a main clause (*Cafodd un funud ofnadwy* 'She had one terrible moment', referring to Begw) and a subordinate temporal clause (*pan ddywedodd ei mam* [...] 'when her mother said [...]'), in which the nucleus of the quotative index occurs.

(164)Cafodd un funud ofnadwy pan DDYWEDODD ei get.PRET.3SG one minute terrible when say.PRET.3SG hun fwy na neb: ¶ 'Mi fasa with.3sg.F 3sg.F.Poss REFL ADV\more than anyone: PRT be.PLUP.3SG lobscows vn well pryd i'r wir, hogan yna, lobscouse  $yn_{PRED}$  good.CMP meal to-DEF girl DEM.MEDI indeed and chythlwng bob hitha' amsar.' 3SG.F.CONJ on 3SG.F.POSS hunger ADV\all time

The context of ex. 165 is that Begw is eagerly waiting for Winni to arrive ([...] yr oedd Begw mewn gwewyr drwy'r bore [...] '[...] Begw

She had one terrible moment when her mother SAID, to herself more than anyone: ¶ 'Lobscouse would be a better meal for that girl, indeed, when she's always famished.'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 56

was on pins and needles all morning [...]'), but it was her mother that was the first to arrive at the doorstep, welcoming her. This act of speaking — by Begw's mother rather than by Begw herself — is of narrative significance.

(165)Toc clywsant sŵn clocsiau ar lechi'r drws, ac yr presently hear.PRET.3PL sound clog.PL on slate.PL-DEF door and PRT oedd mam Begw yno o'i blaen yn DWEUD: ¶ be.IMPF.3SG mother PN MEDI.LOC of-3SG.F.POSS front yncvb say.INF i mewn, Winni,' yn groesawus. come.IMP.2PL to in PN vn<sub>ADV</sub> welcoming

Ex. 166 is syntactically similar to ex. 165, as both have the same basic form: yr oedd NPLOC yn SV.INF 'NP was (in) LOC, SVing' (the nucleus of the quotative index as an adjunctive converb). From a literary point of view, this intrusion is similar to ex. 158 above; in fact, this is a recurring motif, as Winni's father intrudes yet another time in  $Dianc\ i\ Lundain$  'Escape to London' (the sixth story in  $Te\ yn\ y\ Grug$ ). That time Winni's father's words are set within a QI1 of a special kind, as discussed in ex. 207 in § 3.3.1.4 and in ex. 250 in § 3.5.

[...] Cyn iddynt gael llyncu eu poeri, yr oedd Lisi Jên, before to.3PL get.INF swallow 3PL.POSS spittle PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN Winni, ar lawr y tŷ, YN GWEIDDI heb gymryd stepmother PN on down DEF house  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  shout.INF without take.INF sylw o neb. ¶ 'Yn fan 'ma'r wyt yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF\place DEM.PROX-PRT be.PRS.2SG 2SG INTERJ notice of anyone yn dv fol, a yn hel finna' heb neb i edrach  $\mathit{yn}_{\text{CVB}}$  chase.INF  $\mathit{yn}$  2SG.POSS belly and 1SG.CONJ without anyone to look.INF ar ôl y plentyn yma.' (Yr oedd Sionyn ar ei braich.) after DEF child.SGV DEM.PROX PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN on 3sg.poss arm adra y munud yma, [...]. come.IMP.2SG home.ADV DEF minute DEM.PROX

In ex. 167 yn dweud 'speaking (CVB)' is a converb that makes a constituent in the greater [PRO/NP  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  INF] construction llais eu mother  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  say.INF dweud 'their mother's voice saying', functioning as the object of clywed.

Presently they heard the sound of clogs on the doorstep, and *Begw's mother* was there before her, SAYING: ¶ 'Come in, Winni,' welcomingly.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 57

[...] Before they could clear they throats, there was Winni's stepmother, Lisi Jên, inside the house, SHOUTING without taking notice of anyone. ¶ 'Here's where you are, yes, going around filling your belly, when I had nobody to look after this child.' (Sionyn was on her arm.) 'Come home this minute, [...]'.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 62

(167) Ni welsant y smotyn arall ar ben y llwybr, nes dyfod NEG see.PLUP.3PL DEF spot.DIM other on end DEF path(M) until come.INF ato, a chlywed llais eu mam YN DWEUD o'r to.3SG.M and hear.INF voice 3PL.POSS mother yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF from-DEF distawrwydd: ¶ 'Mi fuoch yn hir iawn.' silence PRT be.PST.2PL yn long very

They didn't see the other speck at the end of the path, until they came up to it, and heard *their mother*'s voice SAY-ING from the silence: ¶ 'You were a very long time.'

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 94

## 3.2.4 Quotative index type 3

Not all instances of reported speech in a story are of characters participating in a dialogue, although most are. While speech reported in QI1 and QI2 belongs to the dialogue sphere (and in the case of QI2, to the narrative one as well), speech reported in QI3 belongs exclusively outside the dialogue sphere.

#### 3.2.4.1 Aspect and narrative mode

The examples of QI3 in the corpus can be organised according to different principles. Two criteria which can be combined and yield interesting results are (a) whether the act of speaking is done once (semelfactively) or more than once (either iteratively or habitually)<sup>59</sup> and (b) whether the act of speaking is a part of the plot line or not (e.g. descriptions). The distribution of QI3 examples according to these criteria is laid in a tabular  $2 \times 2$  form as table 3.6.

For a related general discussion, in the context of aspect, see BHAT (1999, § 3.4).

#### 3.2.4.1.1 *Simple event*

Speech events that occur once in the plot are the most simple and most common. It is the only case where QI3 is commutable with QI1 and QI2, as these are strictly bound to being a single event of

Table 3.6:
Distribution of QI3 examples according to two criteria

		Once	More than once		
Plot line	simple event:	168, 169, 171, 172 (second), 173,	iterative:	127, 175, 172 (first), 176	
	(§ 3.2.4.1.1)	174	(§ 3.2.4.1.2)		
Outside the plot line	irrealis:	181	habitual:	178, 179, 180	
	(§ 3.2.4.1.4)		(§ 3.2.4.1.3)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Regarding the notion of 'verbal plurality', see DRESSLER (1968) and JESPER-SEN (1949, §§ 6.91–6.93).

speaking within the course of the plot. Common narrative tenses are being used:

- The preterite (*SV.PRET*), which is the basic narrative carrier; ex. 169.
- The compound high-juncture event PRET a INF narrative construction, with a speech verb as the final a INF part (a SV.INF); exx. 171 and 173.
- The presentative *dyna SBJ yn INF* narrative construction; ex. 168.

In addition, two examples have a quote without an overt quotative index:

- The second quote of ex. 172 'Y gryduras ffeind' '"The kind creature" '60 is a 'verbal sigh' of sorts. It occurs after the iterative a Nanw Siôn yn dweud 'Wel O!' am bob dim a dynnai allan 'with Nanw Siôn saying "Well! Oh!" about everything that came out', which is plausibly the reason for not repeating dweud or using another overt quotative index when concluding the repeated call with this sigh.
- The context of ex. 174 is that Winni goes by nighttime to Elin Gruffydd's welcoming house after an incident in town. The main verb is aeth (i mewn) 'she went (in)' and its complement is the directional preposition i with two objects: one is a metonymic noun phrase oleuni croesawus 'a welcoming light' and the other the quote in question, 'Sut ydach chi Winni?' "How are you, Winni?"'. The use of an overt quotative index is rendered unnecessary by the literary technique that treats the quote as if it were a noun phrase coordinated with oleuni croesawus by the conjunction a. In this sense, ex. 174 can be also analysed as a construction outside the domain of quotative indexes altogether.

<sup>60</sup> This is a bare noun phrase referring to Elin Gruffydd, who has sent Nanw Siôn a basket with necessities. It can be equally analysed as having vocative (*cyfarchol*) force: the article (or a homonym thereof, depending on analysis) can be used for marking a noun phrase as vocative (GPC 2014–, § y¹, yr¹, 'r¹)

- 61 Cf. English He greeted them with a smile and a warm hello, in which hello has more syntactic freedom than our quote, and is in fact a noun and not an interjection: it is not marked with quotation marks, it is modified by an adjective and is preceded by an indefinite article.
- <sup>62</sup> For example, *cyfarchiad cyfeillachgar* 'a friendly greeting' could replace the quote, filling the same syntactic slot.

#### 3.2.4.1.1.1 Examples

(168)Ond y munud hwnnw dyna'r gwynt yn chwibanu yn but DEF minute DEM.DIST.M PRESTT.MEDI-DEF wind yncv<sub>B</sub> whistle Bilw yn sefyll yn y cysgodion ac YN GOFYN:  $yn_{CVB}$  stand  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF shadow.PL Begw?' A 'Sut vdach chi heno? Lle mae hithau'n how be.PRS.2PL 2PL tonight place be.PRS.3SG PN and 3sg.F.CONJ-yn<sub>CVB</sub> rhedeg a'i dynnu at setl. run.INF and-3sg.M.Poss pull.INF toward DEF settle

But at that moment, there was the wind whistling at the door and *Bilw* standing in the shadows and ASKING: 'How are you tonight? Where's Begw?' And she ran and pulled him to the settle.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 30

In ex. 169 Begw has been put to bed and calls the formulaic nos dawch 'good night (to you)'63 to the grown-ups who stay and talk. She gets the expected reply (nos dawch again); this is not a fully-fledged dialogue but a literary expression of the socially accepted norm of 'ping-pong' of good night greetings. Notice the lack of speaker marking, suggesting a chorus reply.

The phrase nos dawch can be used as an object of dweud in the set phrase dweud nos dawch 'say good night', which has a similar structure to dweud diolch 'say thanks', as demonstrated in ex. 170 (not from corpus of this chapter); both say good night and say thanks are idiomatic in English as well.

<sup>63</sup> This is a phrase said when someone is going to sleep at night. The second element is a fossilised contraction of older *da ywch* 'good to you' (cf. *dydd dawch* 'good day (to you)' < *dydd da ywch*) and is not analysable synchronically in a direct manner.

- (169) Cusanodd ei mam a GWAEDDODD 'Nos dawch' ar y kiss.pret.3sg 3sg.f.poss mother and call.pret.3sg night good.to.2pl on def lleill. ¶ 'Nos dawch, Begw.' ¶ Ni fedrai gysgu. [...] other.pl night good.to.2pl pn Neg can.impf.3sg sleep.inf
- She kissed her mother and CALLED 'Good night' to the others. ¶ 'Good night, Begw.' ¶ She couldn't sleep. [...]

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 36

- (170) a. Tyd i 'ddeyd nos dawch, wrth Gwyn, Eiry, tan nes come.IMP.2SG to say.INF night good.2PL with PN PN until next cei di weld o eto.

  get.PRS.2SG 2SG see 3SG.M again
- Come and <code>say</code> good night to Gwyn, Eiry, until the next time you will see

him again.

'ddweud diolch, ond aeth geiriau ar intend.IMPF.3SG say.INF thank but go.PRET.3SG DEF word.PL on goll ar y ffordd i'w a'r hyn geg, а lost on DEF way to-3sg.m.poss mouth and-DEF DEM.PROX.N REL.DIR ddywedodd o oedd, 'Pwy 'dach chi?' say.PRET.3SG 3SG.M COP.IMPF.3SG who be.PRS.2PL 2PL

YF, p. 27

He meant 'to say thank you, but the words got lost on the way to his mouth, and what he said instead was, 'Who are you?'

Harri Potter a Maen yr Athronydd, ch. 4, p. 37 (ROWLING 2003)

In ex. 171 Begw reacts to what Winni has said (provided here for context) with a timid 'Oh'. Begw's reaction does not constitute a turn in dialogue *per se*: it not encoded as such text-linguistically, as signalled by the narrator's choice of QI3<sup>64</sup>. Even though 'O' is not encoded as a turn in dialogue, Winni does react to Begw's

 $<sup>^{64}</sup>$  In fact, quote 'O' could be substituted with  $s\hat{w}n$  'a sound' and the result would not be very different.

# fearful reaction verbally with another turn she takes (the final paragraph).

(171)'Ddim rŵan. Mi fuom ar un adeg, yn gweddio fel diawl.' ¶ PRT be.PST.1PL on one time yn<sub>CVB</sub> pray Dychrynodd Begw, A GOLLWNG 'O' ofnus ALLAN. ¶ 'Am be fear.PRET.3SG PN and release.INF INTERJ fearful out dychryn? Wyt titha yr un fath â be.PRS.2SG 2SG- $yn_{CVB}$  fear.INF be.PRS.2SG 2SG.CONJ DEF one kind with girl y pregethwr?' DEF preacher

'Not now. I did at one time, prayed like the devil.' ¶ Begw was horrified, AND LET OUT a timid 'Oh'. ¶ 'Why are you horrified? Are you just like the preacher's girl?'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 70

- (172) Datbaciwyd y fasged, a Nanw Siôn YN DWEUD, 'Wel O!' unpack.PRET.IMPRS DEF basket and PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF INTERJ INTERJ am bob dim a dynnai allan. 'Y gryduras ffeind.' about every thing REL.DIR pull.IMPF.3SG out DEF creature.F kind
- (173) [...] Pan welodd Winni a'r bachgen, safodd yn y drws when see.PRET.3SG PN and-DEF boy stand.PRET.3SG yn DEF door

  A RHYGNU: 'W—el' dan ei hanadl. [...]
  and grate.INF INTERJ under 3SG.F.POSS breath
- (174) [...] Aeth i mewn i oleuni croesawus, a 'Sut ydach chi go.PRET.3SG to in to light welcoming and how be.PRS.2PL 2PL

  Winni?' Y peth cyntaf a wnaeth oedd disgyn i PN DEF thing early.SUP REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG be.IMPF.3SG descend.INF to gadair a chrio. [...] chair and cry.INF

The basket was unpacked, with Nanw Siôn SAYING 'Well! Oh!' about everything that came out. 'The kind creature.'

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 91

[...] When *she* saw Winni and the boy she stood in the doorway AND EX-CLAIMED [*lit.* grated, made a grating sound]: 'W-ell,' under her breath. [...]

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 47

[...] "She went into a welcoming light, and 'How are you Winni?'. The first thing she did was to drop into a chair and cry. [...]

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 53

#### 3.2.4.1.2 *Iterative*

Iterativity (as well as habituality and irreality in §§ 3.2.4.1.3 and 3.2.4.1.4 below) is unique to QI3, not shared by QI1 and QI2. With regard to marking iterativity, several strategies are attested in the examples:

• In ex. 175 the quote 'Ha, ha' is modified by the adjective ambell, which marks it as a repeated event once in a while. The whole quotative index constitutes the noun phrase within the circumstantial [a PRO/NP ADV] construction<sup>65</sup> that is dependent a preceding clause with an imperfect verb (deuai) as its rheme;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> This construction has been touched upon in § 2.3.7.4.2 above.

the imperfect form signals durativity, in the course of which the occasional iterative call happens on Bilw's part.

- In ex. 172 (the first quote), the adverbial phrase am bob dim and phrase am bob dim phrase am bob dim and phrase am bob dim phra
- In ex. 176 it is the inchoative construction that implies iterativity (the baby *started* to shout, therefore he has shouted more than once, repeatedly calling for his *dad*).
- The syntax of ex. 127 does not imply iterativity (*er INF*, here *er gweiddi*, is perpendicular to iterativity), but it is quite clear that the situation described here calling for a lost cat is iterative.

#### 3.2.4.1.2.1 Examples

(175) Ni fedrai gysgu. Deuai sŵn y siarad o'r gegin fel NEG can.IMPF.3SG sleep.INF come.IMPF.3SG sound DEF talk of-DEF kitchen like sŵn gwenyn yn yr haf, ac ambell 'Ha, ha' ODDI WRTH Bilw sound bee.COL  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF summer and occasional ha ha from PN yn ei ganol.  $yn_{LOC}$  3SG.M.POSS middle

Ex. 176 shows a peculiar use of punctuation: this is the only place a pair of double quotation marks is used in *Haul a Drycin*. This can be either a reflection of the original manuscript by Roberts, or a later alteration by an editor or a typesetter. The original journal publication (K. ROBERTS 1978) agrees with the collected volume on this point. The other instances of QI3 in *Haul a Drycin*<sup>66</sup> use a pair of single quotation marks<sup>67</sup>. For some reason Roberts or someone else in the publication process regarded this quote as special. It is not implausible that the fact it is a QI3 quote — distinct in form and function — played a role in that. The other instance of QI3 in *Pryder Morwyn* 'Anxiety of a Maid' is ex. 181. It is longer and more verbal, and as such more similar to the common QI1/2 quotes, which use single quotation marks.

(176) Ar hynny, pwy a ddaeth heibio ond ei meistr, a on DEM.DIST who REL.DIR come.PRET.3SG by but 3SG.F.POSS master and DECHREUODD y babi WEIDDI'n afieithus, "Dad, Dad." begin.PRET.3SG DEF baby shout.INF-ynady merry VOC\father VOC\father

She couldn't sleep. The sound of the talk was coming from the kitchen like the sound of bees in summer, with an occasional 'Ha, ha' FROM *Bilw* in the middle of it.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 36

- <sup>66</sup> Exx. 173, 174 and 180 from *O! Winni! Winni!* 'Oh! Winni! Winni', and another example from *Pryder Morwyn* 'Anxiety of a Maid', ex. 181.
- <sup>67</sup> I cannot check if the examples from *O! Winni! Winni!* agree with the journal version, as I do not have access to it (let alone the original manuscripts of any of the stories).

Just then, who should come past but her master, and *the baby* STARTED TO SHOUT joyfully, 'Dad, Dad.'

HD, Pryder Morwyn (ch. 1), p. 10

#### 3.2.4.1.3 Habitual

Habitual instances of QI3 are used in the corpus for portraying repeated acts of speaking that are customary of certain characters in the story.

- In ex. 178 the quote is the third of three ways the author describes Bilw. All are general, and use the (habitual)<sup>68</sup> imperfect form (chwarddai, dywedai and byddai), and generalising adverbial phrases are being used (byth and o hyd 'all the time').
- In ex. 179 the quotative index is an infinitival [dim ond (...) INF] construction (dim ond [...] (a) chwyrnu 'just [...] snarl') that is dependent on an imperfect finite verb (edrychai).
- In ex. 180 the quotative index is an [a PRO/NP CVB] construction (ac yntau'n gweiddi) that is too dependent on a finite verb, but this time a pluperfect form (buasai), taking the temporal reference one step back into the past, to a period that is more distant from the point of view of the focalising character Winni.

These habitual non-dialogic instances of reported speech are similar to an example BONHEIM (1982) (repeated as ex. 177) provides when discussing imbedded modes (p. 14 ff.): speech that is imbedded in a description (see § 1.1.6.1).

He was the difficult sort of person who always SAID 'no thanks', whatever you offered him to eat, and then would fill up later on expensive after-dinner liqueurs.

68 Most verbs, such as chwerthin 'to laugh' and dweud 'to say, to speak', do not distinguish between habitual and non-habitual forms, but bod 'to be' does (habitual byddai and nonhabitual oedd).

> Волнеім (1982, р. 15); annotation added

#### 3.2.4.1.3.1 Examples

Ex. 178 is habitual, while ex. 168 above (§ 3.2.4.1.1) is a single instance of that habit within the course of the narrative.

(178)[...] ac yr oedd Bilw yn dyfod — Bilw na vno and PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> come.INF MEDI.LOC PN REL.NEG byth yn edrych yn chwarddai gas, Bilw a be.IMPF.HAB.3SG ever  $yn_{CVB}$  look.INF  $yn_{PRED}$  hateful PN REL.DIR laugh.IMPF.3SG Begw?' fel pe o hvd, Bilw a DDYWEDAI: 'Lle mae like IRR of length PN REL.DIR dweud.IMPF.3SG where be.PRS.3SG PN buasai wedi chwilio'r ddaear cyn dyfod o hyd iddi. [...] be.PLUP.3SG after search.INF-DEF earth before come.INF of length to.3SG.F

[...] and Bilw was coming there—Bilw who never looked mean, Bilw who was always laughing, *Bilw* who'D SAY 'Where's Begw?' as if he'd been searching the earth before finding her. [...]

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 27

(179)Weithiau, fe edrychai drwyddi na gwên na gwg ar heb ADV\time.PL AFF look.IMPF.3SG through.3SG.F without nor smile nor frown on wvneb, dim ond edrych arni rhoi 3SG,M,POSS face nothing but look.INF on.3SG.F and give.INF nudge  $yn_{LOC}$ brest, a CHWYRNU 'By' fel pe bai'n ceisio 3SG.F.POSS breast and snarl.INF buh like IRR be.IMPF.SBJV.3SG- $yn_{CVB}$  try.INF dychryn. 3SG.F.POSS frighten.INF

At times, he'd look through her without a smile or a frown on his face, just look at her and give her a nudge on the chest, and SNARL 'Buh' as if he were trying to frighten her.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 29

(180) (She [Winni] walked proudly and confidently into a toy shop to buy a present for Sionyn, and she found in the midst of the dolls and little horses a little donkey who nodded his head ...)

[...] yr un fath â'r rhigwm y buasai yn ei

DEF one kind with-DEF rhyme(M) REL.OBL be.PLUP.3SG yn 3SG.M.POSS

adrodd wrth ei hanner brawd lawer gwaith i'w

recite.INF with 3SG.F.POSS half brother ADV\many time to-3SG.M.POSS

gadw'n ddiddig, ac yntau'N GWEIDDI 'Eto' o hyd.

keep-yn\_RRED content and 3SG.M.CONJ-yn\_CVB shout.INF again of length

[...] just as in the rhyme which she would recite to her half-brother so often to keep him happy, and *he* WOULD SHOUT 'again' all the time.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 50

#### 3.2.4.1.4 *Irrealis*

Only one example of QI3 is not an act of speaking that is a part of the plot line and also not habitual. This is ex. 181, which is a counterfactual condition in which the quotative index makes a part of the apodasis ((ac) fe fuasai ei mam yn dweud '(and) her mother would have said'). This hypothetical reaction by Winni's mother, who is not alive any more, is not a turn in any actual dialogue but something Winni muses about.

(181)[...] Daeth hiraeth arni am ei mam. Pe buasai come.PRET.3SG nostalgia on.3SG.F about 3SG.F.POSS mother IRR be.PLUP.3SG fyw, fe gawsai holl drwbwl ddweud ei 3SG.F-yn<sub>PRED</sub> alive AFF get.PLUP.3SG say.INF 3SG.F.POSS all trouble ac fe FUASAI mam YN DWEUD, 'Hitia befo, ei with.3sg.F and AFF be.PLUP.3sg 3sg.F.Poss mother yncvB say.INF never mind i di gartre. Mae yma ddigon o waith PRT keep.PRS.1SG 1SG 2SG ADV\home be.PRS.3SG PROX.LOC enough of work ysgol nos ac i gyfarfodydd fynd i'r ac mi gei to.2SG and PRT get.PRS.2SG go.INF to-DEF school night and to meeting.PL y capel.' DEF chapel

[...] She [Winni] longed for her mother. If she were alive she could have told her all her trouble, and her mother WOULD HAVE SAID, 'Never mind, I'll keep you at home. There's plenty of work for you, and you can go to night school and chapel meetings.

HD, Pryder Morwyn (ch. 1), p. 13

Ex. 182 is an interesting example from outside the corpus that combines a habitual QI3 (the first one) and a counterfactual one (the second one). Notice the use of articles: the non-obligatory indefinite  $\stackrel{\text{INDE,SG}}{r}$  in the first instance, and an anaphoric definite  $\stackrel{\text{INDE,SG}}{r}$  in the second one; cf. n. 61 on p. 213 and the use of adjectives in exx. 171 and 175.

(182)[...] Ac wrth ei EBYCHU rhyw '0', bod *hi*'n and with 3SG.F.POSS be.INF 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> gasp.INF INDF.SG INTERJ or hyn-a-hyn, gwna i rywun INTERJ ADV\every DEM.PROX.N-and-DEM.PROX.N make.PRS.3SG to someone bod hi'n gweld ac yn clywed pob LEN\think.INF 3SG.F.POSS be.INF 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> see.INF and yn<sub>CVB</sub> hear.INF every dim yn y greadigaeth yma am y tro cyntaf erioed. thing  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF creation DEM.PROX about DEF time early.SUP ever [...] a meddyliwn beth petawn dweud and think.IMPF.1SG what IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.1SG  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  3SG.F.POSS say.INF wrth Liwsi, fel y DOI r 'O' a<sup>r</sup>'r\_ 'Bre' ALLAN [...] with PN like NMLZ come.IMPF.3SG-DEF INTERJ and-DEF INTERJ out

[...] And as she GASPS 「an」 'Oh', or 'My', every now and then, it makes one think she's always seeing and hearing everything in this creation for the first time. [...] and I thought, what if I were to tell Liwsi, how 「the」 'Oh' and 「the」 'My' WOULD COME OUT [...]

SG, Mai 9, p. 11

#### 3.2.4.2 Quotes

As demonstrated in table 3.7, all but one of the QI3 quotes are short and simple, while the quotes of QI1 and QI2 can be of any length<sup>69</sup>. The exception is ex. 181, which has a quote that is 25 orthographical words long. The difference between this example and the rest is that while it does not contain a quote said in a dialogue (as all of the QI3 examples), it does contain a quote which could have been hypothetically spoken in a dialogue according

<sup>69</sup> See row d of table 3.4 above.

Table 3.7:

QI3 quotes and their co-text

Example	Quote	English translation	Imitative	Quotative index
127	'Pws, pws' how be.prs.2pl 2pl tonight	'Puss, puss'		and despite shout.inf $ac$ $er$ $gweiddi$ $Q$ and $yn_{cv_B}$ ask.inf
168	'Sut ydach chi heno?	'How are you tonight?		ac yn gofyn Q
	where be.PRS.3SG PN Lle mae Begw?'	Where's Begw?'		
169	'Nos dawch'	'Good night'		and shout.PRET.3SG  a gwaeddodd []  and release.INF out
171	O,	'Oh'		a gollwng Q (ADJ) allan
172	'Wel O!'	'Well! Oh!'		and yn <sub>cvB</sub> say.INF a PN yn dweud Q []
	'Y gryduras ffeind'	'The kind creature'		
173	"W—el"	'W—ell'		and grate.INF a rhygnu Q []
174	'Sut ydach chi Winni?'	'How are you Winni?'		and and Q
175	'Ha, ha'	'Ha, ha'		and from  ac (ADJ) Q oddi wrth NP  and begin.PRET.3SG shout.INF
176	voc\father voc\father "Dad, Dad" where be.PRS.3SG PN	'Dad, Dad'		a dechreuodd NP weiddi [], Q
178	'Lle mae Begw?'	'Where's Begw?'		PN a ddywedai Q
179	By,	'Buh'		and snarl.INF a chwryrnu Q
180	'Eto'	ʻagain'		and 3SG.M.CONJ-yn <sub>CVB</sub> shout.INF  ac yntau'n gweiddi Q []  and AFF be.PLUP.3SG yn <sub>CVB</sub> say.INF
181	(25 words)			ac fe fuasai NP yn dweud Q

to Winni's muses (see § 3.2.4.1.4), and in this respect it is more similar to QI1 or QI2.

#### 3.2.4.3 Imitative quotes

Four of the QI3 examples in the corpus have an imitative quote; these are marked by green cells in table 3.7. The imitate sounds produced by the characters (calling for a cat, frightening, laughing and panting, respectively), and (being QI3) are not encoded as participation in dialogue. This is structurally different from ex. 183, in which QI1 is begin used. The context is that Dafydd Siôn is telling a story, Begw breaks in, 'steals' his turn and reminds him he forgot to tell some detail in the story (QI1, a turn in dialogue); her father hushes her ('Hisht' '"Hush"'; QI1, another turn in dialogue).

(183) 'R ydach chi wedi anghofio dweud sut oedd Gwen,'
PRT be.PRS.2PL 2PL after forget.INF say.INF how COP.IMPF.3SG PN

MEDDAI Begw. ¶ 'Hisht,' ODDI WRTH ei thad. ¶ Chwerthin
GSV.IMPF.3SG PN INTERJ from 3SG.F.POSS father laughter

oddi wrth Bilw, a Modryb Sara'n gwenu. [...]
from PN and aunt PN-yn<sub>CVB</sub> smile.INF

'You've forgotten to say how Gwen was,' *Begw* SAID. ¶ 'Hush,' FROM *her father*. ¶ Laughter from Bilw, with Aunt Sara smiling. [...]

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 30

For the sake of completeness, ex. 184 demonstrates an appositive imitative phrase that is not represented discourse of any kind. Welsh does not make an extensive use of ideophones, as is areally and genetically typical; other languages, such as Japanese<sup>70</sup> (Shibatani 1990, § 7.3; Akita 2009) or Amharic (Goldenberg 1991) do, incorporating sound-symbolic elements into the core of their grammar and lexicon.

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(184) Ni chlywai Begw ddim ond sŵn anadl ei mam — 'pw NEG hear.IMPF.3SG PN nothing but sound breath 3SG.F.POSS mother pooh — pw' o hyd.

pooh of length
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 $^{70}$  Interestingly, in Japanese ideophones are often introduced by the same morpheme used for introducing direct speech, the quotative  $\succeq$  *to*; see the cited sources, as well as n. 20 on p. 189.

Begw could hear nothing but the sound of her mother's breath, "pooh—pooh", continually.

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 11

#### 3.2.4.4 Complementary data from voice acting

As mentioned above in § 3.1.2, an audiobook has been produced for Te yn y Grug, read by Merfyn Pierce Jones (odd chapters: Grief Gofid, Marwolaeth Stori, Ymwelydd i De, Dieithrio) and Bethan

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Dwyfor (even chapters: Y Pistyll, Te yn y Grug, Dianc i Lundain, Nadoliq y Cerdyn). It is unabridged, and apart from a handful of minor deviations it follows the text closely. While the written text stands in its own right as an object of linguistic analysis, the existence of an available audiobook adaptation invites investigation of additional, complementary questions. These questions call for different methods and foci than used in this thesis, but a cursory examination of one question is being held here, namely this: as the voice actors perform the text in a lively, artistic manner (theatrical even), how are quotes that are incorporated in the flow of narrated co-text (i.e. QI3) distinguished by them from the rest of the text, if they are distinguished at all. This is a limited form of a wider question, that is: how do the voice actors perform quotes<sup>71</sup> in general? This seemingly simple question involves many considerations regarding the ways they use and modulate their voice — mainly phonetically, paralinguistically — in order to differentiate layers of mimesis in the text and represent different characters. See BOLDEN (2004) and COUPER-KUHLEN (1997) for examination of the closely related topic of reported speech in conversational language, as well as GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 3.3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Direct reported discourse; usually speech but occasionally representation of thoughts.

In order to approach the said question, I converted the CD tracks into audio files and analysed them using Praat<sup>72</sup>. The output produced by the Praat is reproduced in § B.1; corresponding audio excerpt are attached in the PDF file and are available online<sup>73</sup>. Each window displays multiple pieces of information:

- The top part shows the waveform in two channels.
- The middle part shows a spectogram (shades of grey), intensity (yellow) and pitch (blue). Values of intensity are shown on the right in bright green (in dB) and values of pitch are shown in blue on the right (global) and in red on the left (point measurement), both in Hz.
- The lower part shows two tiers of text: one represents the whole co-text of the quote and one the quote itself. They are horizontally aligned with the two parts above.
- At the foot of the window information regarding the position in the audio file and duration is shown in seconds.

Impressionistically, in all cases the quote is phonetically quite distinct from the rest of the text. A number of measurable characteristics that contribute to the Gestalt impression can be identified. The relative intensity (yellow) of the most quotes is noticeably higher than that of the surrounding text: in six out of eight examples it is higher (ex. 178 = figure B.7, 179 = B.8, 168 = B.2, 169 = B.3, 175 = B.6 and 171 = B.4), while in two it is even (127 = B.1 and 172 = B.5). The highest intensity within the quote is marked with a red crosshair of two orthogonal dotted lines. The two examples where the intensity of the quote is as high as the surrounding text are distinguished from the co-text by other phonetic features. Ex. 127 = figure B.1 has a repeated distinctive rising intonation pattern (blue) that flattens or drops at its end, imitative of calling for a cat. In ex. 172 = figure B.5 the character that says the quote is the elderly Nanw Siôn, whom Dwyfor portrays using a slow and soft voice: compare the ~2.1 seconds duration of 'Wel *O!*' (two syllables) with the ~1.35 seconds duration of am bob dim a dynnai allan 'about everything that came out' (eight syllables). For comparison, see ex. 184 = figure B.9, where not only the pace is slowed dramatically, but a non-phonological, extralinguistic

- <sup>72</sup> Praat is a computer software for speech analysis. See https://fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/.
- <sup>73</sup> In order to open the embedded audio files (Ogg Vorbis) click or double click on the images; not all PDF readers support this feature. Downloadable files are available at https://gitlab.com/rwmpelstilzchen/phdthesis/-/tree/master/tex/appendices/rd/praat.

sound of air release is produced, imitating the sound of the breath of the sleeping mother $^{74}$ .

Table 3.8 summarises the length of pauses surrounding the quotes.<sup>75</sup> Several observations can be made:

- The high juncture between 'Nos dawch' '"Good night" and its environment in ex. 169 (discussed in § 3.2.4.1.1.1) has an expression in the recording: there is no pause before or after it.
- So it is with 'Ha, ha' and the adjective ambell that precedes it in ex. 175: the syntactic difference between adjectives that precede and adjectives that follow (discussed in § 3.3.4.3 below) has an expression in the recording (compare with the pause in ex. 171).
- Exx. 178 and 179 occur in the first part of *Marwolaeth Stori* 'Death of a Story', where the narrator presents and describes the key characters before they arrive; both Bilw and Dafydd Siôn are characterised as habitually saying things. The first asks 'Where is Begw?' 'as if he's been searching the earth before finding her' and the latter snarls 'Buh' 'as if he is trying to frighten her'. In both cases the irrealis *fel pe* 'as if' clause is separated from the quote by a long pause (ca. 0.60 seconds), although syntactically it belongs in the same sentence.
- Pauses correlate with breaking of intonation units.

- <sup>74</sup> This is represented in the written text by  $\langle pw \rangle$ , which would have stood for /pv/ or /pu:/ in Welsh orthography had it been read in accordance with Welsh phonology.
- <sup>75</sup> Measuring the exact duration of a pause can be tricky, as determining an exact point in time where a sounds is completed or starts (*attack* and *release* in acoustic and musical terminology) is not always trivial due to the nature of the articulatory system and acoustics.

Table 3.8:
Pauses surrounding the quotes in the recordings

Example		Co-text before	Pause before		Quote	Pause after		Co-text after
127	B.1	er gweiddi	short	0.12s	'Pws, Pws'	long	0.25s	, ni ddaeth
168	B.2	yn gofyn:	long	0.48s	(7 words)	long	0.60s	A hithau'n
169	B.3	a gwaeddodd	no pause		'Nos dawch'	no pause		ar y
171	B.4	a gollwng	long	0.49s	'O'	long	0.48s	ofnus allan
172	B.5	yn dweud,	long	0.33s	Wel O!	long	0.28s	am bob
		dynnai allan.	long	0.26s	'Y gryduras ffeind.'			
175	B.6	ac ambell	no pause		'Ha, ha'	long	0.49s	oddi wrth
178	B.7	a ddywedai:	long	0.40s	'Lle mae Begw?'	long	0.57s	fel pe
179	B.8	a chwyrnu	short	0.10s	'By'	long	0.60s	fel pe
184	B.9	ei mam —	long	0.67s	'pw — pw'	short	0.10s	o hyd

This brief examination of the phonetic characteristics of the QI3 quotes in their respective environments, as performed by the voice actors shows a cluster of features used for differentiation the quotes from the rest of the narrative text: intensity, intonation, duration and pausing.

### THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF QUOTATIVE INDEXES

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The quotative indexes have four basic components: the nucleus (§ 3.3.1), indication of the speaker (§ 3.3.2), indication of the addressee (§ 3.3.3), and modification (§ 3.3.4). To these, one might add typographical markers (quotation marks and paragraph break), but these are fixed in the sense they are obligatory (per type of quotative index: QI1, QI2 or QI3) and allow no internal structural selection between options.

As discussed in § 3.4 below, with regard to QI1 all four components (not including the typographical markers) can be omitted under certain circumstances, leaving a bare quote (QI1<sup>-</sup>; see row a of table 3.4).

#### Nuclei of quotative indexes 3.3.1

The term nucleus of a quotative index is adopted from GÜLDEMANN (2008). While to the best of my knowledge he does not define the term explicitly, his use of the term leaves no question as to its meaning and use. The nucleus is the element on which the other components of the quotative index depend and which marks the whole complex as a quotative index. As such, this use of nucleus is congruent with the use of the term used elsewhere in this thesis (see appendix E and § 2.2.3.2). In many languages it is common for a verb meaning to say (like said in the English example 123 in § 3.1.1.1) to serve as the nucleus. In the corpus verbal constructions are indeed the most common, but non-verbal or borderline verbal constructions are attested as well.

The choice of nucleus is not independent of the type of quotative index; as mentioned in row c of table 3.4 and discussed below in more detail, not all options are attested in all types. 76 The compatibility or incompatibility of various combinations can be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Proving a negative (in our case, that a certain type of quotative index and a certain nucleus are incompatible) is inherently problematic when the evidence for analysis is obtained from a corpus, but the corpus in question is long and varied enough to provide grounded support for the claim that unattested combination may be in fact structurally incompatible.

regarded as part of the structural profile of the different types of quotative indexes on the one hand and of the nuclei on the other.

GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 1.2.2) makes a general cross-linguistic semantic distinction that is useful for our purpose here, between:

- *generic speech verbs* (GSV), for which he gives *say*, *speak* and *tell* as English examples, and
- specific speech verbs (SSV), which he defines as verbs which 'make additional reference to a particular characteristic or circumstance of the speech event'. He gives the following as examples: answer, ask, whisper, insist, praise, announce, refuse, call.

In Welsh — at least in our corpus — the distinction is not merely semantic but also syntactic: the distribution of specific and generic speech verbs is not the same across types of quotative indexes in the corpus, as specific speech verbs exhibit the greatest freedom, occurring in all three types, while generic speech verbs seem to be more limited. There are three generic speech verbs in the corpus: *meddai*, *ebe* and *dweud*. They are described in a more minute manner below, but the relevant point for the current discussion is that distribution of each is limited, as shown in table 3.9. If QI1 is prototypically dialogic, QI3 is prototypically narrative and QI2 combines the two, dweud can be dubbed a narrative form, ebe (whose distribution is complementary) can be dubbed a dialogic form and meddai an intermediary form. This correlates with the degree of inflectional freedom each has; the more prototypically dialogic a generic nucleus is, the more limited (fossilised perhaps, from a diachronic perspective) its morphology:<sup>77</sup>

- *ebe* has no synchronic inflection at all, and in fact it is questionable if it should be considered a verb.
- *dweud* at the other end is a fully-fledged verb, both in terms of its syntax (for example, it can have the pre-verbal particles *fe* and *mi* before it) and its morphology (all forms).
- *meddai* is formally a third-person singular imperfect form (-ai suffix), but it is indifferent to number and person.

Beyond the choice between *meddai*, *ebe* and *dweud*, the syntactic form of the quotative index is not independent of the type

Table 3.9: Attestation of generic speech verbs in the three types of quotative index

Nucleus	QI1	QI2	QI3
meddai	+	+	_
ebe	+	_	_
dweud	_	+	+

<sup>77</sup> I tried to reflect this in the choice of interlinear glosses, which is not straightforward for such linguistic elements. They could have been rendered using a rough lexical equivalent in the metalanguage (English say for all), but I chose to gloss in a way that provides a more descriptive picture; see MYHILL (2001) for discussion of the problematics of metalanguage SAY. meddai (the most common nucleus) is 'GSV.IMPF.3SG', reflecting its unmarked generic speech verb nature and its formal inflection. The frozen ebe is 'QP' (quotative predicator), a rather noncommitting term. dweud is glossed like any other verb, with a metalanguage equivalent (say, although its semantic range is wider, covering also speak, utter and tell, broadly) followed by morphological information.

of the quotative index as well. Converbal and infinitival forms are absent from QI1, while they are attested in QI2 and QI3 (see table 3.10). This can be generalised as QI2 and QI3 showing commonplace narrative syntax while QI1 shows a more constrained and specialised syntax that excludes non-finite verbal forms.

The sub-subsections that follow cover aspects of the attested nuclei of quotative indexes: the generic speech verbs (§ 3.3.1.1), specific speech verbs (§ 3.3.1.2), and non-verbal constructions (§§ 3.3.1.3 and 3.3.1.4).

#### Generic speech verbs 3.3.1.1

In QI1 the generic meddai and ebe are in opposition (§ 3.3.1.1.1); in QI2 meddai and dweud are in opposition (§ 3.3.1.1.2); in QI3 the only generic speech verb used is dweud.

#### Quotative index type 1: meddai and ebe 3.3.1.1.1

#### Two semantically vacant markers of speech 3.3.1.1.1.1

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Many languages have a single conventionalised semantically vacant marker of speech in dialogue within a story. For example, contemporary literary English has said, contemporary literary Hebrew has forms of אמר 'he said' and prose narratives written in Esperanto have *diris* 'said'. But there are languages in which more than one option is available: Old Norse had both segja and mæla (BANGERTER 1972; KRÜGER 2017); Old English had both cwæð and sæde.78 In our corpus, both meddai and ebe are being used, with no clear functional distinction between them. They can occur in the same text and even side by side, as demonstrated in fragment 3.1.

<sup>78</sup> From a cursory examination of a late 10<sup>th</sup> century West Saxon literary narrative corpus — Ælfric's Lives of saints (ÆLFRIC 1881-1900; digitised in ÆL-FRIC 2013) — it seems that cwæð is much more common than sæde as a nucleus of quotative indexes. This has of course changed over the years, and nowadays quoth (the development of cwæð) has only vestigial use, as a jocular or extremely archaic form (cf. thou and dost).

Table 3.10: Non-finite verbal nuclei of quotative indexes

	Converb	Object infinitive	[FINV a INF] construction
QI1	_	_	_
QI2	exx. 155 (predicative; presentative), 165 (predicative; <i>bod</i> ), 166 (adjunctive), 167 (adjunctive)	exx. 145, 147, 156	exx. 152, 162
QI3	exx. 168 (presentative), 172 ([a PRO/NP CVB]), 180 ([a PRO/NP CVB])	ex. 176	exx. 171, 173, 179

### Fragment 3.1:

Intertwined use of meddai and ebe in a dialogue

'Ia, ond mae'n anodd gwybod be sy'n iawn a be sy ddim,' 「EBE」 *John Gruffydd*, a ddaethai i mewn o'r beudy yn ystod y sgwrs.

'Ddim mor anodd ym myd mistras a morwyn, ond mae o'n gwestiwn iawn i chi'r dynion 'i drin yn yr Ysgol Sul,' 「MEDDAI」 ei wraig.

''R ydw i'n cael mynd i'r Capel nos Sul nesa,' 「EBE」 Winni, 'y fi oedd yn gwarchod nos Sul dwaetha.'

'Mi ddo'i i'ch danfon chi at y frêc,' 「EBE」 *John Gruffydd*. 'Mae hi'n dechra twllu ac mae'n anodd gweld yn yr hen law smwc yma.'

'Oedd arnat ti ddim eisio mynd i ddanfon Winni?' 「MEDDAI」 ei fam wrth Begw wedi iddynt fynd.

'Dim llawer o daro,' 「MEDDAI」 hithau'n bur ddifywyd.

'Yes, but it's hard to know what is right and what isn't,' 「SAID」 *John Gruffydd*, who'd come in from the cowshed during the conversation.

'Not so hard in the world of mistress and maid, but it's a proper question for you men to treat in Sunday School,' *his wife* "SAID\_1.

'I can go to the Chapel this Sunday night,' Winni 「SAID」, 'I was the one minded the house last Sunday night.'

'I'll come see you to the brake,' John Gruffydd 「SAID」, 'It's beginning to get dark and it's hard to see in the old drizle.'

'Didn't you want to go see Winni off?' her mother 「SAID」 to Begw after they'd gone.

'Not really,' she 'SAID, very listlessly.

- Source: YLW, Fy Nheulu (ch. 7), p. 83

The question of the difference in use or function (or, in structuralist terms, value) between meddai and ebe whenever they are in opposition (that is, whenever they can commutate, forming a structural paradigm) is not simple to answer. As far as I am aware, no scholarly publication describes a functional difference between them. It is not unreasonable that particular choices between the two in our corpus are not motivated in a meaningbearing manner; in other words, this seems to be a case of free variation. An external corroboration to this conclusion can be seen in the author's own words, when she explicitly muses<sup>79</sup> on the topic in Y Lôn Wen, in the course of describing a certain person, Wmffra Siôn (repeated here as fragment 3.2). The peculiarity of Wmffra Siôn speech mentioned in the fragment is the use of ebra and bro (instead of meddwn<sup>80</sup>), both are colloquial forms<sup>81</sup> which are related to our ebe and were apparently foreign (and hence amusing) to the young Kate Roberts and her brother. The instances of ebe dotting the stories she wrote as an adult author might very well be *fel cyrraints yn* y stori 'like currants in the story', a stylistic ornament without a linguistic signified.

Zooming out from the studied corpus, it seems that the use of *ebe* is on the decline. A proper comparative examination that uses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> This is not the only place in her writing where she reflects on language. Native speaker intuitions can offer linguists insights, like here, but they of course do not render linguistic research unnecessary...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> And *meddai* by implication. See § 3.3.1.1.1.2 below regarding the different forms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> I have not checked all of Kate Roberts's works for instances of *ebr*-and *bro*, but as far as I could find the only text she published where *ebr* occurs is the novel *Traed mewn Cyffion* (K. ROBERTS [1936] 1988): 7 instances of *ebr*, 11 instances of *ebe* and hundreds of instances of *meddai*.

Fragment 3.2:

Kate Roberts's metalinguistic reference to meddai and ebe

Cofiaf yn dda am un ymwelydd diddorol a ddeuai'n gyson i'n tŷ ni, Wmffra Jones, Bryn Golau, un o bartneriaid nhad yn y chwarel. 'Wmffra Siôn' y galwai nhad ef. Daethai i fyw i Rosgadfan o Sir Drefaldwyn, o ymyl cartref Ann Griffiths, ac ymhyfrydai lawer yn hynny. Ni chofiaf ddim ond un peth a oedd yn chwithig yn ei dafodiaith, ond buasai yn yr ardal ers degau o flynyddoedd cyn i mi ei adnabod. Yr un peth chwithig hwnnw ydoedd ei fod yn dweud 'ebra fo' neu 'bro fi', lle y dywedem ni, 'meddwn i', a gogleisid ni'r plant yn fawr gan yr 'ebra fo', ac wrth gwrs, pwffiem chwerthin yn aml, a chael pwniad a chilwg gan ein rhieni am wneud hynny. Wedi i'm brawd ieuengaf fyned i'r lluoedd arfog yn y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf nid ysgrifennodd lythyr adref o gwbl heb fod ynddo ryw gymaint o'r 'ebra fi' a'r 'bro fo'.

[...]

Llawer stori gyffelyb a glywais i tan y simdde fawr yng Nghae'r Gors, a'r 'ebra fi' fel cyrraints yn y stori, a llithrai'r oriau heibio'n rhy gyflym.

I well remember one interesting visitor who often came to our house, Wmffra Jones, Bryn Golau, one of my Dad's partners in the quarry. 'Wmffra Siôn' Dad called him. Before moving to Rhosgadfan he lived in Montgomeryshire, near the home of Ann Griffiths, and he took pride in the fact. I remember only one oddity in his way of speech, but he had been in our neighbourhood for decades before I met him. The one odd thing he used to say was 'ebra fo', or 'bro fi', when we would say 'meddwn i', for 'I said'. We children were very amused by the 'ebra fo', and of course often burst into giggles, and got a frown and a nudge from our parents for it. When my youngest brother joined the army in the First World War, he never wrote a letter home without some 'ebra fi' and 'bro fo' in it.

[...]

I heard many a similar story by the hearth at Cae'r Gors, 'ebra fi' dotting the story like currants, and the hours passing too quickly.

- Source: YLW, Diwylliant a Chymdeithas (ch. 3), p. 33

quantitative data82 is needed, but by the late 20th century and early 21st century novels ebe seems to be very rare (e.g. DAFYDD 2009) or non-existent (e.g. LLYWELYN 1997 (original) and ROWL-ING 2003 (translated)). This decline correlates with the perception of ebe as archaic, formal or literary:

- THOMAS (2006, § 6.211.n.a) describes ebe as limited to literary forms, and says the related colloquial forms /ebe, ebre, ba, bə/ become scarcer.
- KING (2015, § 392) dubs ebe as 'virtually defunct synonym' of meddai and says it 'is encountered frequently in writing in place of meddai, but is virtually unheard of in speech' and that 'its colloquial counterpart ebra seems rare'83.
- GPC (2014-) translates both meddai and ebe into English by forms of to say, but adds the archaic quoth as a translation of ebe. S. J. WILLIAMS (1980, §§ 165-166) also compares ebe with English quoth.

82 For methodological purposes, cf. ROSENBACH and VEZZOSI (2000) and MUSTANOJA (1960, p. 74 ff.), which deal with another pair of constructions in another language, viz. the socalled s-genitive and of-genitive in English.

83 The related form ebr is used, for example, in Saunders Lewis's influential radio lecture Tynged yr Iaith 'Fate of the Language' (LEWIS [1962] 2017b), when he introduces quotes that support his historiographical and political claims. This is not everyday speech but a special high-register formal speech.

There seems to be a shift in Kate Roberts's use of ebe and meddai. In the first collection of short stories she published (O swamp DEF hill.PL Gors y Bryniau 'From the Swamp of the Hills', K. ROBERTS [1925] 1932) ebe is much more common than meddai. This might suggest a change in her literary-linguistic style, as in our corpus meddai is more common than ebe.84 A more comprehensive study is required in order to ascertain whether there is a trend moving towards a more limited use of ebe in Roberts's works as a function of time.

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A quantitative distribution of *meddai* and *ebe* in our corpus is provided as table 3.11. There are stories in which meddai is more common (chapters 3, 4, 5 and 8 in Te yn y Grug; chapters 1 and 6 in Haul a Drycin), a story in which ebe is more common (chapter 2 in Te yn y Grug), stories in which both are relatively common (chapters 6 and 7 in Te yn y Grug) and stories in which both are rare (chapter 1 in Te yn y Grug and chapter 2 in Haul a Drycin). As discussed in § 3.4 below in more detail, QI1<sup>+</sup> is generally used when there is a need to disambiguate between characters who participate in the dialogue or when a special modification (either lexically or by an additional phrases or clauses) is indicated; in all other cases QI1<sup>-</sup> is used. Such disambiguation is the primary factor contributing for the more frequent use of QI1<sup>+</sup> in the stories Te yn y Grug and Ymwelydd i De, in which multiple characters converse together.

84 In fact, the difference seems to be more than quantitative one: ebe in 0 Gors y Bryniau is used in syntactic environments from which it is excluded in our corpus.

Table 3.11: Quantitative comparison of meddai and ebe occurrences in QI1

Stor	Story meddai		eddai	ebe		Length in words	
TG	1	Gofid	1	1	0		1440
	2	Y Pistyll	1	2	12		3851
	3	Marwolaeth Stori		10	0		2827
	4	Te yn y Grug		38	1	1	2970
	5	Ymwelydd i De		26	0		3768
	6	Dianc i Lundain		5	9		2599
	7	Dieithrio		9	5		2269
	8	Nadolig y Cerdyn		16	0		2444
HD	1	Pryder Morwyn		6	1	1	1673
	2	Haul a Drycin	1	1	2	1	2118
	6	O! Winni! Winni!		11	2	1	4663
Tota	ıl			125	32		30622

#### Non- or semi-verbhood of meddai and ebe 3.3.1.1.1.2

REPORTING OF SPEECH IN NARRATIVE

The basic terminology and framework for this chapter is adopted from GÜLDEMANN (2008); see § 3.1.1.1. This includes the term generic speech verbs, which might not fit the linguistic state of things described here very well. While dweud is a fully verbal having a full verbal morphology and occurring in all syntactic slots verbs can occupy — both *meddai* and *ebe* are limited in this regard. First morphology is discussed, followed by syntax.

Morphologically, both meddai and ebe are defective (THORNE 1993, §§ 297-298; THOMAS 2006, § 2.43; S. J. WILLIAMS 1980, §§ 165–166; KING 2015, § 392). The form ebe shows no residual verbal infection, although its origin is verbal, ultimately from Proto-Indo-European \*sek\*- (RIX 2001, \*sek\*- (2)), which is the common ancestor of Latin inquam (mentioned below) and English say as well. Although meddai is analysable as having the third-person singular imperfect suffix -ai, it is not structurally commutable with the full range of verbal forms (and therefore this form has a different structural value). Similarly to many other Indo-European languages, Welsh verbal inflection fuses TAM information and person of the subject (the speaker in our case). With regard to subject indexation, in certain language varieties meddai can co-occur with all persons<sup>85</sup>, but in first-person narratives by Kate Roberts the form *meddwn*<sup>86</sup> 'I said' seems to be used87.

- (185) a. ti fod wedi codi'n gynharach', PRT\be\_obliged.PLUP.2SG 2SG be.INF after rise.INF-yn\_ADV early.CMP MEDDAI fi」. GSV.IMPF.3SG 1SG
  - 'Syniad ardderchog,'  $\lceil MEDDWN \mid i \rfloor$ , 'mi droa' tân splendid GSV.IMPF.1SG 1SG PRT turn.PRS.1SG 1SG-DEF fire trydan ymlaen.' electricity forward

With regard to tense, the lack of a preterite form \*\*meddodd is notable, as the preterite is the unmarked narrative tense. Most instances of specific speech verbs in the corpus have the third-person singular preterite suffix -odd; the imperfect gofynnai in ex. 190i below exceptional (the common preterite form be-

- 85 Demonstrated by first-person cooccurring with meddai in ex. 185a; see KING 2015, § 392.
- 86 -wn is the first-person singular imperfect suffix corresponding to the third-person singular -ai.
- <sup>87</sup> Demonstrated by ex. 185b, from Tywyll Heno.

'You should have got up earlier,' I SAID .

KING (2015, § 392)

'A capital idea,'  $\lceil I \text{ SAID} \rfloor$ , 'I'll turn the electric fire on.'

TH, ch. 2, p. 23

ing gofynnodd), with no apparent semantic difference between ex. 190i (gofynnai) and the rest of ex. 190 (gofynnodd). In present-tense narratives, the present form medd can be used (ex. 187a), but meddai covers the present as well (ex. 187b, from the same chapter).

- (186) a. 'Pam na brynwch chi boli parrot?' GOFYNNAI Begw. why REL.NEG buy.PRS.2PL 2PL poll-parrot ask.IMPF.3SG PN
  - b. 'Ydach chi'n medru darllan Saesneg?' GOFYNNODD Begw.
    be.prs.2pl 2pl-yn<sub>CVB</sub> can.inf read.inf English ask.pret.3sg pn
- (187) a. 'Yr hen frest yma ydy'r drwg, Catrin,' MEDD ef
  DEF old breast DEM.PROX COP.PRS.3SG-DEF bad PN GSV.PRS 3SG.M

  wrth mam.
  with 1SG.POSS\mother
  - b. 'Gwrandwch chi ar y Statesman,' MEDDAI K.J., gwraig lib listen.IMP.2PL 2PL on DEF Statesman GSV.IMPF.3SG PN woman soft ei thafod.

    3SG.F.POSS tongue

The occurrence of defective, unusual or irregular forms of the unmarked nucleus of quotative index is a phenomenon comparable with other languages, such as *inquam* 'I say' or *aiō* 'I say' in Latin (as opposed to the full dīcō 'I say'; see MIKULOVÁ (2015) for Late Latin developments), חבּג בּ/חבּג פּ- peča=/peče- 'say' in Sahidic Coptic (Layton 2000, §§ 380 and 517), or the suppletive relationship between אַמֵּר amar 'he said' and יַּנִיּד jagid 'he will say' in colloquial Modern Hebrew (Myhill 2001, p. 770 f.). Güldemann (2008, § 2.1.3) discusses this issue with respect to African languages.

In addition to morphology, *meddai* and *ebe* are also limited syntactically and occur only as simple matrix nuclei of quotative indexes. Some limitations include:

- 1. They cannot be preceded by pre-verbal particles (*fe-, mi-* or the colloquial  $\emptyset^{-LEN}$ ).
- 2. They cannot occur within subordinate clauses,
- 3. or in any converbal or infinitival construction.

'Why don't you buy a poll-parrot?' Begw ASKED.

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 93 'Can you read English?' BEGW asked. TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 61

'This old chest is bad, Catrin,' he SAYS to Mam.

YLW, Darluniau (ch. 1), p. 15

'Listen to him the Statesman,' SAYS K.J., a woman with a glib tongue.

YLW, Darluniau (ch. 1), p. 20

4. They are only complemented by direct speech (as opposed to nominal complements or indirect speech).

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5. As discussed in § 3.3.2 below, ebe cannot occur without an explicit speaker indication after it.

The semantically similar dweud does not have these limitations, as exemplified by ex. 188:

- In ex. 188a we see limitations #1 (fe ddywedodd) and #4 (indirect speech).
- In ex. 188b we see limitations #2 (dweud is within a subordinate clause<sup>88</sup>), #3 (it is in a converbal form,  $yn \frac{yn_{CVB}}{yn} \frac{say.INF}{dweud}$  'saying'), and #4 (it has a noun phrase complement, anwiredd).
- (188) a. Pan eglurais iddi neu fe ddywedodd fe welodd, when explain.PRET.1SG to.3SG.F AFF see.PRET.3SG or AFF say.PRET.3SG bod yn gweld, na allem 3SG.F.POSS be.INF  $yn_{CVB}$  see.INF REL.NEG can.IMPF.1PL speak
  - b. Gwyddwn bod yn dweud anwiredd. ei know.impf.1sg 3sg.f.poss be.inf yncvb say.inf untruth

88 The content clause ei bod yn dweud anwiredd 'that she was telling a lie' complements gwyddwn 'I knew'.

When I explained to her she saw, or she said she saw, that we couldn't speak.

SG, Mehefin 6, p. 38 °I knew she was telling a lie.

TH, ch. 5, p. 53

In addition, meddai exhibit two unusual formal features:

- meddai is not mutatable (S. J. WILLIAMS 1980, §§ 165–166). ebe begins with a vowel, so mutation is irrelevant to it.
- Although meddai begins with a consonant, the form of the conjunction a/ac preceding it is ac (ac meddai 'and xe said'), in spite of it being a prevocalic form in general. A number of grammatical elements share this behaviour: ac fe, ac mae, ac sydd, etc. (THOMAS 2006, § 6.81.n.b).

All the above characteristics of *meddai* and *ebe* are symptoms of the conventionalisation of dialogue representation within narrative (discussed in § 3.2.2 above). Within the context of the linguistic system, the reduced ebe, and to a lesser degree meddai, can be regarded as grammaticalised<sup>89</sup>. Due to the lack of any synchronic verbal attributes in ebe, it may be better described not as a speech verb but using a term which does not suggest verbhood<sup>90</sup>, such as reported speech marker.

Beyond morphology and syntagmatic features of syntax, another line of evidence for the limited degree of verbhood of meddai

- 89 See DEUTCHER (2011), KLAMER (1999), and GÜLDEMANN (2008, §§ 4-5) for theoretical background and case studies.
- 90 I think it might be best to avoid wordings like verboid (used, for example, in LAYTON (2000, § 517) when describing the Coptic πεχα=/πεχεpeča=/peče- 'say'), as they contribute little to descriptive clarity.

and *ebe* is paradigmatic commutation. The quotative constructions with *meddai* and *ebe* are commutable with non-verbal constructions: the adverbial *oddi wrth* (§ 3.3.1.3) and the nominal predication construction (§ 3.3.1.4). With regard to information structure, these suggest *thematic* status for the quotative index and *rhematic* status for the quote, not dissimilar to the Irish construction discussed in § 3.2.2 above.

Despite these factors, one area in which *meddai* and *ebe* do show verbal syntactic features is their modification, as discussed in § 3.3.4.

# 3.3.1.1.2 Quotative index type 2: meddai and dweud

In QI2 (and QI3), *ebe* is excluded, while *dweud* is included (whereas it is excluded from QI1). As discussed above in § 3.3.1.1.1.2, *meddai* occurs only as simple matrix nucleus of quotative indexes, while *dweud* does occur in subordinate, converbal or infinitival constructions. This means that uncovering the difference between *meddai* and *ebe* where they are in structural opposition (following the principle presented in § 1.2.4.3) is to be done after isolating out environments where they are not in opposition. This leaves out the four examples of *meddai* in QI2 (exx. 150, 153, 157, and 163) and one or two examples of *dweud*: ex. 159 (*Toc dywedodd*, *Q* 'Presently he said, Q') and ex. 152 (*Gwnaeth y frân lwybr syth at Begw a dweud* 'The crow made a straight path to Begw and said'), if we consider the infinitival *a dweud* in the same paradigm with *a meddai*. These are not enough examples for drawing clear conclusions.

### 3.3.1.2 Specific speech verbs

The author does not make an extensive use of specific speech verbs in the corpus; see table 3.12 for an overview of the specific speech verbs used. Two are relatively common (*gofyn* and *gweiddi*) one is less common (*mentro*) and the rest have one occurrence each. For the purpose of specifying the manner of speaking adverbial modification (§ 3.3.4) is more prevalent than encoding the information through the choice of lexical nucleus for the quotative index.

Table 3.12:
Specific speech verbs in the corpus

		number of occurrences				
Verb	Function	QI1	QI2	QI3	Total	
gofyn	textual	11	3	1	15	
gweiddi	manner	2	4	4	10	
mentro	textual	1	3		4	
ateb	textual	1			1 •	
canu	manner	1			1 •	
express mynegi take heart	manner		1		1 •	
ymwroli	textual		1		1 •	
chwyrnu	manner			1	1 •	
gollwng allan	manner			1	1 •	
rhygnu	manner			1	1 •	

ask.inf

Questions are not necessarily marked by *gofyn*, as demonstrated by ex. 189. Indeed, the vast majority of questions — numbering in the hundreds — are marked by QI1<sup>-</sup> or QI1<sup>+</sup> with *meddai*<sup>91</sup>. The occurrences of *gofyn* as a nucleus of a quotative index are exx. 190 (QI1), exx. 144, 151 and 155 (QI2), and ex. 168 (QI3). There is no evident motivation for the explicit choice of *gofyn* over a generic form. The questions without *gofyn* are not less prototypical; it should be noted though that none of the questions with *gofyn* in the corpus are rhetorical, but this can accidentally be so due to the limited corpus (nothing inherently prevents *gofyn* from co-occurring with rhetorical questions).

Interestingly, while *gofyn* is rather common, its semantic counterpart ateb is vanishingly rare in the corpus as a nucleus of quotative index (only ex. 191).

- (189) a. 'Sut gwyddost ti?' MEDDAI Winni. how know.prs.2sg 2sg gsv.IMPF.3sg PN
  - b. ¶ 'Bedi hwnnw?' ¶ what-cop.prs.3sg DEM.DIST.M

<sup>91</sup> The difference between the two is perpendicular to whether the content of the quote is a question or not; see § 3.4 for discussion.

'How do you know?' Winni SAID.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 60 'What's that?'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 64

(190) **a.** 'Yn lle cewch chi bres?' GOFYNNODD Mair. yn<sub>LOC</sub> where get.PRS.2PL 2PL money ask.PRET.3SG PN

b. 'I b'le?' GOFYNNODD Begw. to what.place ask.pret.3sg PN

- C. 'Gaiff Sionyn ddŵad efo chi 'fory?' GOFYNNODD Begw. Q\get.PRS.3SG PN come.INF with 2PL tomorrow ask.PRET.3SG PN
- d. 'Pwy ydi Lisi Jên?' GOFYNNODD mam Begw. who cop.prs.3sg pn ask.pret.3sg mother pn
- e. °'Fedrwch chi ddim dŵad i'r capal weithia',
  Q/NEG\can.PRS.2PL 2PL NEG come.INF to-DEF chapel ADV\time.PL
  Winni?' GOFYNNODD mam Begw.
  PN ask.PRET.3SG mother PN
- f. 'Ydach chi'n medru darllan Saesneg?' GOFYNNODD Begw. be.prs.2pl 2pl-yn<sub>CVB</sub> can.inf read.inf English ask.pret.3sg pn
- g. 'Fyddi di yn gweddïo?' GOFYNNODD Winni heb Q\be.PRS.HAB.2SG 2SG yn<sub>CVB</sub> pray.INF ask.PRET.3SG PN without symud ei phen.
  move.INF 3SG.F.POSS head
- h. 'Oedd o'n falch o'ch gweld chi?' GOFYNNODD be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M-yn<sub>PRED</sub> glad of-2PL.POSS see 2PL ask.PRET.3SG

  Begw.
  PN
- i. 'Pam na brynwch chi boli parrot?' GOFYNNAI Begw. why REL.NEG buy.PRS.2PL 2PL poll-parrot ask.IMPF.3SG PN
- j. 'Sut mae pethau'n mynd tua'r dre Winni?' how be.PRS.3SG thing.PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> go.INF towards-DEF town PN GOFYNNODD Begw.
  ask.PRET.3SG PN
- k. 'Ydy o'n beth da?' GOFYNNODD Robin.
  be.prs.3sg.q 3sg.m-yn<sub>pred</sub> thing good ask.pret.3sg pn
- l. 'Ydach chi'n nabod Guto Sboncyn?' GOFYNNODD be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> be\_acquainted\_with PN ask.PRET.3SG

  Winni.
  PN

'Where will you find the money?' Mair ASKED.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 42 'Where?' Begw ASKED.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 42 'Can Sionyn come with you tomorrow?' Begw ASKED.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 55 'Who is Lisi Jên?' Begw's mother ASKED.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 58 'Can't you come to chapel sometimes, Winni?' Begw's mother ASKED.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 58

'Can you read English?' Begw ASKED.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 61 'Do you pray?' Winni ASKED, without moving her head.

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 70

'Was he glad to see you?' *Begw* ASKED. *TG*, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 81

'Why don't you buy a poll-parrot?' Begw ASKED.

*TG*, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 93 'How are things going in the town Winni,' ASKED *Begw*.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 59

'Is it nice?' ASKED Robin.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 59 'Do you know Guto Sboncyn?' ASKED Winni.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 61

(191)'Dim diolch, cariad,' MEDDAI Begw. 'Ych brawd ydi thank beloved\_one GSV.IMPF.3SG PN 2PL.POSS brother COP.PRS.3SG 0? ¶ 'Hanner brawd,' ATEBODD Winni, 'ond mae brother 3SG.M answer.PRET.3SG PN but be.PRS.3SG o'n beth bach reit annwyl.' 3SG.M-yn<sub>PRED</sub> thing small quite dear

'No thanks, love,' Begw SAID. 'Is he your brother?' ¶ 'Half-brother,' Winni ANSWERED, 'but he's quite a dear little thing.'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 55

The second most common specific speech verb is qweiddi. While gofyn is primarily used for textual purposes<sup>92</sup>, the function of gweiddi is has to do with the manner of speaking. Four examples of QI2 (exx. 158, 161, 162 and 166) and four examples of QI3 (exx. 127, 169, 176<sup>93</sup> and 180), as well as two examples of QI1 (ex. 192). The relative prevalence of gweiddi with QI2 and QI3 has to with its 'energetic' semantics, which lends itself to co-occur with quotative index patterns that are narrative in nature.

92 It signals the relationship between the quote it marks and the text — and in particular the answer, whenever there is one - as that of a question.

93 As an object of dechreuodd 'began'.

(192)'W-W-,' GWAEDDODD. INTERJ INTERJ shout.PRET.3SG

sister

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'Winni,' GWAEDDODD Sionyn, a rhedeg at ei hanner shout.PRET.3SG PN and run.INF to 3SG.M.POSS half chwaer. [...]

'00-00-,' she SHOUTED.

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 54 'Winni,' Sionyn SHOUTED, and ran to his half-sister. [...]

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 63

The examples of mentro (exx. 145, 147 and 148 with QI2 and ex. 149 with QI2) and ymwroli (ex. 146) have been discussed above in § 3.2.3.1.1, regarding the use of quotative indexes in cases of overcoming an obstacle to speaking. The use of these verbs as nuclei of quotative indexes independent of verbs with semantics of speaking or making sounds<sup>94</sup> is noteworthy, because on their own these (in contrast to all other verbs used as nuclei of quotative indexes) do not have such semantics. It is the syntactic-structural features derived from their appearance in this particular textlinguistic slot that yields them this force; in structural terms, their value is derived from their paradigmatic commutation in this syntagmatic environment. With both mentro and ymwroli an alternative analysis as cases of ellipsis of a semantic speech verb as ateb/ddweud 'took heart to answer/say' an object (ymwrolodd and mentrodd ddweud 'ventured to say') can be suggested, but this might not be strictly necessary from a structural point of view:

<sup>94</sup> That is, excluding ex. 147, in which dweud 'say, speak' is an object of mentro 'venture'.

venture.INF become\_courageous.INF

ymwroli and mentro are indeed able to be included in the paradigm, albeit as peripheral members.

The rest of the specific speech verbs characterise the manner of speaking: canu in ex. 193, mynegi in ex. 160, chwyrnu in ex. 179, release.inf out gollwng ... allan in ex. 171 and rhygnu in ex. 173. ebychu in ex. 182 (not from our corpus) is of the same kind.

'Winni Ffi-nni — Winni Ffi-nni,' CANENT PN sing.IMPF.3PL in tone long-continuing 'Winni Ffi-nni-Winni Ffi-nni,' they SANG in a drawn-out tone.

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 67

#### oddi wrth 3.3.1.3

Welsh has simple prepositions (such as *i*, *ar* or *heb*) and compound prepositions (such as ar ben 'on the top of' or o dan 'under'); the details of the system are not directly relevant for our purposes here (see THOMAS (2006, ch. 5) and THORNE (1993, § 362-382) for grammatical overviews). The preposition under discussion -oddiwith 'from, away from' — is a compound composed of  $oddi^{95}$  and the preposition wrth, but can be regarded as a single unit de facto.

Consider exx. 198-202 (QI1; § 3.3.1.3.1), as well as ex. 175 from § 3.2.4.1.2 (QI3): in these examples oddi wrth functions as a nucleus of a quotative index. 96 In these cases the quotative index has no verbal or verb-like element, but a preposition whose complement marks the speaker (['Q' oddi wrth SP]' "Q" from SP'). As far as I am aware, no grammar or other linguistic publication has treated or even mentioned this quotative oddi wrth.

A similar use of oddi wrth is to denote source (and by extension, authorship) of letters (*llythyr oddi wrth Sioned* 'a letter from Sioned'97), formal addresses (cyfarchiad), etc. In that case oddi wrth serves in the same syntactic slot as the preposition gan (cf. llythyr gan Sioned 'a letter by Sioned'), but the quotative oddi with does not commutate with gan (no \*\*['Q' gan SP]).

The use of a preposition — oddi wrth — as a nucleus of a quotative index calls to mind the somewhat recent English be like 98 demonstrated in ex. 194 — with three major differences: (a) the complement of the former is the speaker (['Q' oddi wrth SP] pattern) while the complement of the latter is the quote ([SP be like Q] pattern), (b) the former has be as a component while the latter

- 95 Synchronically oddi has no independent status and has to be conjoined by a following preposition, yno 'there' or cartref 'home'.
- <sup>96</sup> All of the examples are from *Te yn y Grug*; this rather rare construction is incidentally absent from Haul a Drycin.

- 97 Cf. ex. 91 in BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS 2007, p. 274
- 98 See BLYTH, RECKTENWALD, and WANG 1990; D'ARCY 2007; FERRARA and BELL 1995; TAGLIAMONTE and HUDSON 1999.

has no verbal component, and (c) the former has is 'similative' 99 in semantics while the latter is 'ablative'.

- (194)I'M LIKE, "I know this stuff. I got a 77 last time."
  - I WAS LIKE, "This is my senior year."

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Ex. 1 in FERRARA and BELL (1995) (Conversational American English)

Another case, which is more resemblant to oddi wrth in these three criteria, is the Old Irish ol, at least according to one analysis 100. According to CASTILLERO (2017), ol, which in other syntactical contexts means 'beyond' (and has other functions as well; see ibid., § 4.1), is a multifunctional element which can also be used as a nucleus of a quotative index, preceded by the quote and followed by indication of the speaker, as demonstrated in ex. 195. The glosses are taken verbatim from CASTILLERO (ibid., § 1); ol is glossed there as said due to its function in this environment, but a more direct and unifying gloss would be beyond.

99 Cf. the quotative olsem (< English all (the) same) in the English-based creole language Bislama (MEYERHOFF 2002).

100 VENDRYES (1959-1996) is less certain about the etymology of this ol. See also Frederik (1996).

'A ingen', OL Ailill, 'ind ordnasc do ratus-sa duit-siu inuraid, oh daughter said Ailill the ring to you last year I gave latt?' in·mair does it remain with you

'Oh my daughter', SAID Ailill, 'the ring that I gave you last year, do you still have it?'

Ex. 1 in CASTILLERO (2017)

Middle Welsh *heb(yr)*, the ancestor of the modern *ebe*, might also ultimately derive from a preposition, heb 'past' (SIMS-WILLIAMS 2019).

Biblical Hebrew מַשְת  $m\bar{e}^{\prime}\bar{e}t^{101}$  and מַעם  $m\bar{e}^{\prime}im$  show an analogous structure to oddi wrth: the first element in both (-מ mi) means 'from' and the second elements are prepositions which roughly mean 'with'. Both can be roughly rendered as 'from' (English is suboptimal as a metalanguage for this purpose). מָאָת mēʾēṯ is used in examples such as ex. 196<sup>102</sup> for indicating the speaker of the quote in the next verse, but such use is limited to certain special constructions (in this case, in an existential relative clause – אַשֶּׁר [...] הֵיָה had-dåbår 'the Word, the הַדָּבַר nodifying הָיָה had-dåbår 'the Word, the Logos'), whereas oddi wrth can stand on its own as a nucleus of QI1 and postposed QI3 quotative indexes. In W. MORGAN's (1588) Welsh Bible translation מָאָת  $m\bar{e}^{2}\bar{e}t$  in this and similar verses was rendered by oddi wrth (ex. 197). This rendition has been kept in later editions and versions (such as Y Beibl Cymraeg Newydd 2004), but was altered in the new simplified colloquial version

<sup>101</sup> In Modern Hebrew the productive use of מאת me'et is limited for denoting authorship of cultural works (letters, books, music, etc.).

<sup>102</sup> As a stated in n. 222 on p. 144, the glosses are arranged from left to right, but in each one the Hebrew letters of the first tier are arranged from right to left, in accord with the Hebrew script.

103 This translation bears similar cultural significance to King James Version (1611) in English.

called beibl.net (A. JONES 2012) into a wholly different construction (Dyma neges arall roddodd yr ARGLWYDD i Jeremeia 'Here is another message that the Lord gave to Jeremiah').

(196)עַבָּבַר אַל־יִרְמִיָּהוּ היה אשר לאמר: יהוה מאת had-dåbår 'ăšer håvå <sup>'</sup>el-yirməyåhū mē'ēt YHWH lēmor DEF-word REL be.PRF.3SG.M to-PN from PN to-say.INF

The word that came (lit. was) to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Jeremiah 7:1

(197)Y Gair yr hwn at Jeremi Toddi wrth, yr ddaeth DEF word DEF DEM.PROX.M REL.DIR come.PRET.3SG to PN from Arglwydd, gan ddywedyd: by say.INF lord

The word that came to Jeremiah from, the LORD, saying,

Jeremy 7:1

Back to our corpus, in the English translation by Joseph Clancy (K. ROBERTS (1991), a selection of stories by Kate Roberts) the quotative oddi wrth is rendered by from both in Te yn y Grug and in Tywyll Heno<sup>104</sup>. This rendition supposedly felt natural enough in translation, although from is not used this way in canonical English narrative writing.

Some formal features of the attested quotative oddi wrth examples include:

- As mentioned above, the quotative index follows the quote. In Tywyll Heno (ch. 2, p. 31) there is a circumposed example ('Q,' oddi wrth Wil, 'Q'), but the quotative index is never preposed ([\*\*Oddi wrth SP 'Q']).
- The lack of personal forms (such as oddi wrthi 'from her') in the attested examples seems to be incidental.
- The lack of converbal modification (§ 3.3.4) may or may not be incidental; more examples are needed in order to determine.
- In ex. 199 a dash separates the quote from oddi wrth Robin 'from Robin'. In the translation a dash was added for ex. 202, although it does not appear in the Welsh text.

As for the function signalled by this construction, the examples marked by oddi wrth are all reactive in nature (co-text is provided for clarity):

- In ex. 198 Begw's father reacts to her crying.
- In ex. 199 Robin reacts to the previous topic of discussion, after a period of silence.

<sup>104</sup> I suppose he has done so elsewhere as well — wherever the construction occurs — but I manually checked only our examples and the examples from Tywyll Heno.

• In ex. 200 Begw's father reacts to the fact that Begw interrupted Dafydd Siôn; this is not a reaction to the content but to the act of speaking. This construction is paralleled by the consequent *Chwerthin oddi wrth Bilw* 'Laughter from Bilw', poetically highlighting the contrast between her strict father and the affable Bilw.

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- In ex. 201 the people present react to the sensational 'abstract' of Bilw's story (cf. § 2.3.1).
- In ex. 202 Rhys reacts to the fact that his mother sends food to Nanw Siôn.
- In ex. 175 (QI3) Bilw's laughter is a reaction to something Begw cannot hear (Deuai sŵn y siarad o'r gegin fel sŵn gwenyn yn yr haf 'The sound of the talk was coming from the kitchen like the sound of bees in summer').

#### Examples from the corpus (QI1) 3.3.1.3.1

(198) [...] Aeth at y tân o lech i lwyn, eistedd ar y stôl a go.PRET.3SG to DEF fire from slate to bush sit.INF on DEF stool and beichio crio. ¶ 'Taw â chlegar,' 「ODDI WRTH」 ei sob.INF cry.INF be\_silent.IMP.2SG with cackle.INF from 3SG.F.POSS thad. [...] father

[...] She went to the fire furtively, sat on the stool, and burst out crying. ¶ 'Stop squawking,' FROM her father.

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 9

(199)Tawelwch wedyn, a Begw yn dal i syllu i'r  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  continue.INF to gaze.INF to-DEF quietness after.DEM.PROX.N and PN bobol dda?' — 「ODDI WRTH」 pregethwrs yn fire be.PRS.3SG.Q preacher.PL yn<sub>PRED</sub> people good from Robin. PN

Silence then, with Begw continuing to gaze into the fire. ¶ 'Are preachers good people?" — FROM Robin.

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 24

(200)chi wedi anghofio dweud sut oedd PRT be.PRS.2PL 2PL after forget.INF say.INF how COP.IMPF.3SG PN thad.  $\P$  Chwerthin Begw. ¶ 'Hisht,' 「ODDI WRTH」 ei MEDDAI 3SG.F.POSS father laughter GSV.IMPF.3SG PN INTERJ from Modryb Sara'n gwenu. [...] oddi wrth Bilw, a from PN and aunt PN-yn<sub>CVB</sub> smile.INF

'You've forgotten to say how Gwen was, Begw SAID. ¶ 'Hush,' FROM her father. ¶ Laughter from Bilw, with Aunt Sara smiling. [...]

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 30

(201)'A oes gynnoch chi stori, Bilw?' ¶ 'Oes, un Q be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST by.2PL 2PL story PN be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST one newydd ddŵad o'r ffresiach na honna, popty. Mae fresh.CMP than DEM.MEDI.F just come.INF from-DEF oven wedi bod yn storm yn tŷ ni.' ¶ '0' ODDI WRTH 3SG.F after be.INF  $yn_{PRED}$  storm  $yn_{LOC}$  house 1PL bawb. everyone

'Do you have a story, Bilw?' ¶ 'Yes, a fresher on than that, just come out of the oven. There's been a storm at our house.' ¶ 'Oh,' 「FROM」 everyone.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 33

(202) [EG yn hyfforddi ei phlant ynghylch y bwyd i'w roi i NS] ¶

'Ydi Nanw Siôn yn dlawd iawn?' 「ODDI WRTH」 Rhys. be.PRS.3SG.Q PN ynpred poor very from PN

[ELIN GRUFFYDD INSTRUCTING HER CHILDREN REGARDING THE FOOD WHICH IS TO BE GIVEN TO NANW SIÔN] ¶ 'IS Nanw Siôn very poor?' — 「FROM」 Rhys.

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 87

# 3.3.1.4 Nominal predication

Having examined generic speech verbs<sup>105</sup> (§ 3.3.1.1), specific speech verbs (§ 3.3.1.2), and the prepositional *oddi wrth* (§ 3.3.1.3), we proceed to the last kind of nucleus that appears in the corpus: quotative indexes which have the form of *nominal predication*<sup>106</sup>. There are seven example of that kind, six are QI1 (exx. 205–210) and a single QI2 example (ex. 154, discussed in § 3.2.3.1.3).<sup>107</sup> We discuss the QI1 examples before the QI2 example.

The form of the QI1 examples is ['Q' oedd N (cyntaf) SP] with nominal speakers<sup>108</sup> (exx. 205, 206, 208 and 209) and ['Q' oedd  $SP.POSS\ N\ (cyntaf)$ ] with pronominal speakers (exx. 207 and 210); see table 3.13 for the actual realisations of the three slots. The two forms are allo-forms which are determined by the form of the indication of the speaker, viz. whether it is nominal or pro-

<sup>105</sup> Or generic verb-like constructions, if we do not consider *ebe* as verbal.

- <sup>106</sup> The copular nominal predication construction has been touched upon in § 2.3.1.1.3.4.
- <sup>107</sup> For theoretical and typological background, see GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 2.2.1).
- <sup>108</sup> Incidentally these examples have proper nouns in our corpus, but in principle a common noun can fill the same slot. For example, *Elin Gruffydd* could be substituted by *mam Begw* 'Begw's mother'.

Table 3.13:

The form of QI1 nominal predication quotative indexes

Example	Noun		early.SUP <b>cyntaf</b>	Speaker
205	cwestiwn	question		Begw
206	cyfarchiad	greeting		Winni
207	geiriau	word.PL		3SG.M (ei)
208	cyfarchiad	greeting		Elin Gruffydd
209	sylw	remark		Lisi Jên
210	cyfarchiad	greeting		3SG.M (ei)

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nominal. These reflect the basic possessive construction of Welsh, which can be simplified as  $[N_{possessed} (DEF) N_{possessor}]$  (e.g.  $dr\hat{w}sy$   $t\hat{y}^{109}$ 'the door of the house') when the possessor (satellite, dependent) is a noun and [Poss<sub>possessor</sub>  $N_{possessed}$ ] (e.g. ei  $th\hat{y}^{110}$  'her house' or  $d\hat{y}$  d $\hat{y}$  'your (sg) house') when the possessor is pronominal. The possessed nouns refer to the quote metatextually: *cwestiwn*, cyfarchiad, geiriau and sylw.

The nominal predication pattern in question is of the form  $[RH\ oedd\ TH]^{111}$  The rhematic role of the quote has been discussed above in § 3.2.2. This information-structural characteristics of this syntactic pattern have implications on its function, which has to do both with the content of the quote and its integration in the text as a whole. All of the examples are of the first words a character says within the respective scene. In exx. 207, 209 and 210 the adjective *cyntaf* 'first' explicitly modifies the noun, and in exx. 206 and 208 this is implied by the choice of the lexeme cyfarchiad. In each of the examples the content of the quote is treated as marked by the choice of this special construction:

• In exx. 206–210 the greeting is not a prototypical greeting but a marked one within the context of the sociopragmatic situation:

- Being rude by Winni in ex. 206, her stepmother in ex. 209

and her father in exx. 207 and 210. In ex. 207 the quote is interrupted by Begw's father, who intervenes before Winni's father completes his slur (he makes it to the vocative particle  $\stackrel{\text{voc}}{r}$  but is stopped there. 112 Exx. 209 and 210 are from the same scene: Winni woke up before daybreak, had finished cleaning and was preparing food early; first her stepmother comes and remarks on this without so much as a good morning (ex. 209), and a bit later her father sits down gulps food down and 'greets' Winni discourteously (ex. 210). The literary-linguistic choice to juxtapose these two instances of the construction in question is one of staging: it does not change the content of the quotes or the events that are told, but it

does affect the way they are packaged for the reader.

- <sup>109</sup> This construction is very similar to the Semitic construct state, like in the Hebrew דֵלֶת הַבַּיִת délet ha-bájit (door DEF-house) or the colloquial Arabic يات البيت bāb il-bēt (door DEF-house). See HEWITT (2009, § 3.8) for details.
- $^{110}$  The different forms of  $t\hat{y}$  'a house' thŷ and dŷ here - are mutated according to the different possessive articles.
- 111 The related [RH yw TH] is discussed in great detail in SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.1.2), where it is called 'pronominal theme expanded delocutive' nominal predication pattern.

112 Interruptions are dealt with in § 3.5; see ex. 250 for this specific example.

- On the other side of the politeness spectrum, trying to conceal awkwardness in ex. 208.

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• In ex. 205 Begw's question is contrasted with Mair's 113, as if saying 'Mair asked so-and-so, but Begw's question was so-andso'. Winni explicitly refers to Begw's questions in the dialogue twice.

While looking for instances of the quotative oddi wrth outside the writing of Kate Roberts had not yielded many results, nominal predication quotatives are more common, as demonstrated in ex. 203. Ex. 203a exhibit direct impatience (cf. ex. 206), and ex. 203b is particularly interesting because the Welsh nominal predication quotative pattern corresponds not to an English structural equivalent (as if the English original had had 'Q' was his morning greeting) but to a specific speech verb construction ('Q' he barked, by way of a morning greeting) in the English-language original. 114 It seems the translator chose to convey the rudeness of the speaker (Vernon Dursley) towards the addressee (the protagonist Harry Potter) by employing the same linguistic form found in Roberts' and others' narrative writing.

- (203)a. 'Hanner awr yn GEIRIAU CYNTAF. hour  $yn_{PRED}$  late COP.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS word.PL early.SUP
  - 'Rho grib drwy dy wallt, wir!' OEDD give.IMP.2SG comb through 2SG.POSS hair INTERJ COP.IMPF.3SG GYFARCHIAD boreol. 3SG.M.POSS greeting morning.ADJ

A single QI2 example - ex. 154 - has a nominal predication form. That form has the opposite order to the [RH oedd TH] discussed above: it is [TH oedd RH]. The difference between the two patterns within the context of Welsh syntax is extensively discussed in Shisha-Halevy (1998, § 3.1.2-3.2), who terms the former 'pronominal theme expanded delocutive' nominal predication pattern and the latter 'copular' nominal predication pattern. The rhematic role of the quote and the thematic role of the quotative index are kept, but the QI-Q order allows the

113 This is indicative of their distinctive literary characterisations: while Mair's attention is on the deontic or authoritarian side of things (Pwy ddeudodd y caech chi ddŵad? 'Who said that you could come?'), Begw goes deeper and asks Sut ydach chi'n gwbod [...]? 'How do you know [...]?', metaepistemologically.

<sup>114</sup> In fact, judging from this and numerous other examples, as well as the holistic experience, it is evident that the translator, Emily Huws, took the liberty to translate Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in such a way that the result reads as a Welsh-language original work.

'Half an hour late,' WERE her FIRST WORDS.

Cysgod y Cryman, § 16.III (ELIS [1953] 2021) 'Comb your hair!' he BARKED, by way of a morning greeting.

> Harri Potter a Maen yr Athronydd, ch. 2, p. 16 (ROWLING 2003)

quotative index to be incorporated into the explicit reference to the act of speech, as discussed § 3.2.3.1.3.

Another difference is that while the QI1 examples (205–210) have no verbal component in them  $^{115}$  ex. 154 does: its theme is not a plain noun phrase but a more complex one, which has  $y \, cwbl$  'all' as its nucleus and  $a \, ddywedodd$  'that she said' as its modifying satellite (a relative clause with a finite verb, where the antecedent is its direct object). This is not obligatory, as demonstrated in § 3.3.1.4 (not from the corpus of this chapter).

(204) [...] Gwelsai'r hen wraig ef mae'n amlwg, oblegid see.PLUP.3SG-DEF old woman 3SG.M be.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> obvious because ei CHWESTIWN CYNTAF i mi OEDD: ¶ 'Q' 3SG.F.POSS question early.SUP to 1SG COP.IMPF.3SG

<sup>115</sup> cyfarchiad 'a greeting' is deverbal in morphology (cyfarchgreet.INF + the nominal derivative suffix -(i)ad), but syntactically it behaves just cwestiwn 'a question', geiriau 'words' and sylw 'a remark' (see table 3.13).

The woman had seen him, evidently, because her FIRST QUESTION to me WAS:  $\P$  'Q'

GB, Henaint (ch. 9), p. 127

### 3.3.1.4.1 Examples from the corpus (QII)

(205)"R ydw dwâd efo chi i'r mynydd,' MEDDAI. yn PRT be.PRS.1SG 1SG yncvb come.INF with 2PL to-DEF mountain GSV.IMPF.3SG ¶ 'Pwy ddeudodd chi ddŵad?' MEDDAI у caech who REL.DIR\say.PRET.3SG NMLZ get.IMPF.2PL 2PL come.INF GSV.IMPF.3SG Mair. ¶ 'Sut ydach chi'n gwbod mai i'r mynydd ydan how be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> know.INF NMLZ to-DEF mountain be.PRS.1PL mynd?' 「OEDD ni'n CWESTIWN Begw. ¶ 'Tasat  $1PL-yn_{CVB}$  go.INF PN be.PLUP.IRR.2SG 2SG COP.IMPF.3SG question nabod i, fasat ti ddim yn gofyn y  $yn_{CVB}$  1SG.POSS be\_familiar.INF 1SG NEG\be.COND.2SG 2SG NEG fath gwestiwn.' ¶ 'Ydy o'n wir ych kind question be.PRS.3SG.Q 3SG.M- $yn_{PRED}$  true 2PL.POSS be.INF 2PL- $yn_{PRED}$ wits?' EBE Begw. ¶ 'Ddyla hogan bach fel chdi ddim QP PN NEG\be\_obliged.IMP.2SG girl small like 2SG NEG witch holi cwestiyna'.' ask.INF question.PL

'I'm coming with you to the mountain,' she [Winni] SAID. ¶ 'Who said that you could come?' Mair SAID. ¶ 'How do you know that we're going to the mountain?' 「WAS Begw 'S QUESTION」. ¶ 'If you knew me, you wouldn't be asking such a question.' ¶ 'Is it true you're a witch?' Begw SAID. ¶ 'A little girl like you shouldn't ask questions.'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 40

(206) 'Be sy arnat ti eisio?' 「OEDD CYFARCHIAD Winni」 what be.REL.PRS.3SG on.2SG 2SG want COP.IMPF.3SG greeting PN

o'r tu mewn i'r llidiart.
from-DEF side in to-DEF gate

'What do you want?' 'WAS Winni'S GREETING, from inside of the gate.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 54

(207)OEDD 'Tyd o'na EIRIAU come.IMP.2SG from-MEDI.LOC VOC COP.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M.POSS word.PL CYNTAF .. Ond cyn iddo orffen ei frawddeg yr oedd early.SUP but before to.3SG.M LEN\ 3SG.M.POSS sentence PRT be.IMPF.3SG Begw wedi torri ar ei draws. ¶ 'Dim o dy father PN after break.INF on 3SG.M.POSS over NEG of 2SG.POSS di yn y regfeydd fan 'ma, Twm.' swearword.PL 2SG yncvb DEF place DEM.PROX PN

'Come out of there, you—,' 「WERE his FIRST WORDS」. But before he'd finished his sentence Begw's father had interrupted him. ¶ 'None of your swear-words here, Twm.'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 75

(208)oglau da iawn, Winni, 'OEDD 'Mae gynnoch chi ryw 2PL INDF.SG smell good very CYFARCHIAD Elin Gruffydd, er mwyn cuddio'r chwithigrwydd, a greeting in order to hide-DEF awkwardness rhag sylwi ar yr ôl crio ar Winni — crio glân y tro against notice.INF on DEF trace cry.INF on PN cry.INF clean DEF time hwn. DEM.PROX.M

'You smell very nice, Winni,' "WAS Elin Gruffydd's GREETING,, to conceal the awkwardness, and to avoid taking notice of the traces of crying on Winni—clean crying, this time.

TG, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 81

(209) "Rwyt ti'n gwneud cinio yn fuan iawn," OEDD PRT-be.PRS.2SG 2SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> make.INF dinner yn<sub>ADV</sub> early very COP.IMPF.3SG SYLW CYNTAF *Lisi Jên*.

remark early.SUP PN

'You're making dinner very early,' WAS Lisi Jên'S FIRST REMARK.

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(210)'A mi'r ti wedi mynd yn ormod o ledi tua'r wyt and PRT-PRT be.PRS.2SG 2SG after go.INF ynpred too\_much of lady towards-DEF i siarad efo dy dad, TOEDD town DEM.MEDI to speak.INF with 2SG.POSS father COP.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M.POSS GYFARCHIAD CYNTAF, i Winni, 'ac wedi gwisgo dy ffrog greeting early.SUP to PN and after wear.INF 2SG.POSS frock i ginio.' orau good.SUP to dinner

'And you've become too much of a lady there in the town to speak to your father,' was his first greeting to Winni, 'and wearing your best frock for dinner.'

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### 3.3.1.5 Constructions used for interruption and resumption

In addition to the constructions discussed above, constructions which are dedicated to interruption (such as *torri* ar draws 'interrupt') and continuation after an interruption (such as *mynd* ymlaen) are used as nuclei of quotative indexes. They are discussed in § 3.5 below.

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The speaker is the second most important constituent of the quotative index after the nucleus (§ 3.3.1). The only cases in which the speaker is not indicated at all explicitly is QI1<sup>-</sup> (discussed in § 3.4 below). Otherwise, the speaker is always pronominally or nominally indicated. The three grades of Welsh personal pronouns touched upon in § 2.3.1.2.1 and § D.2.4 occurs also with quotative indexes, signalling degrees of contrastivity of anaphoric references.

The syntactic role of the speaker within the quotative index depends on the nature of the nucleus:

- With meddai, dweud and the specific speech verbs it behaves like a subject of a verb.
- With *ebe* it behaves differently: there is no  $e^{b}e \varnothing$  (with zero subject), while there are occurrences of  $meddai \varnothing$  'xe said'<sup>116</sup>,  $dywedodd \varnothing$  'xe said', etc. Welsh finite verbs encode the subject in their inflection and can stand independently 117 (an inherited Indo-European feature), but ebe lost its inflection completely and can neither stand independently nor be used nonfinitely (as it does not have an infinitive form). This characteristic of ebe distances it further from 'verbhood' (§ 3.3.1.1.1).
- With oddi wrth it behaves like a complement of a preposition.
- With the nominal predication patterns it behaves like the possessor in a possessive construction (that in turn plays the role of the theme in the predication).

- <sup>116</sup> This form is used when the speaker has been just mentioned in the previous narrative paragraph.
- 117 'Pro-drop' in certain linguistic frameworks.

#### Addressee 3.3.3

If we liken the quotative constructions to the more widely familiar field of verbal valency — with the nucleus as the centre — on the one side we have the core arguments 118 speaker and quote, on the other the peripheral oblique<sup>119</sup> modification (§ 3.3.4), and somewhere in between — the addressee.

An explicit reference to the addressee in the quotative index (such as wrth Begw 'to Begw' in ex. 124) is relatively rare in the corpus. A more common technique is to index the addressee within the quote, as demonstrated in ex. 211. This blurs the line between

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Actants in TESNIÈRE's (1959) terminology; rendered as actants in Tesnière (2015).

<sup>119</sup> Circonstant; circumstant.

the quote-internal dialogue domain and the quote-external narrative domain.

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(211)'Cymwch lymad o de oer, 'Winni,' MEDDAI Begw, 'mi wneith take.IMP.2PL sip of tea cold PN GSV.IMPF.3SG PN PRT do.PRS.3SG i chi.' hwn les DEM.PROX.M benefit to 2PL

'Have a sip of cold tea, 'Winni,' Begw SAID, 'this will do you good.'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 46

The most common construction used when indicating the addressee in the quotative index is as the complement of the preposition  $wrth^{120}$ . It occurs with dweud (e.g. ex. 164), meddai (ex. 124), mynegi (ex. 160) and adrodd (ex. 270). The preposition ar occurs with gweiddi (ex. 169). The verb dweud is attested with the preposition *i* indicating the addressee (ex. 212), but this seems to be a colloquialism that is limited to direct speech of some characters.

(212)'Maen' nhw'n <sup>r</sup>dweud i mi\_ mai dynes ddelicat iawn be.PRS.3PL 3PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF to 1SG NMLZ woman delicate mistres, yn cael lot o gricymalau, dyna COP.PRS.3SG-2PL.POSS mistress  $yn_{CVB}$  get.INF lot of rheumatism PRESTT.MEDI pam reit siŵr.' why right sure

Exx. 213 and 215 demonstrate quotes split between two addressees.

In ex. 213 the two preceding lines in the dialogue are given as context, but the line in question is Lisi Jên's: the first part (Gadewch [...] dydd) is directed at Winni and the second part (Winni [...] cinio) is directed at her spouse, Winni's father. The first part comes right after Winni's turn, and lacks addressee indication; the second part has an explicit indication in the quotative index (wrth ei gŵr).

Interestingly, in *Gadewch* Lisi Jên seems to switch here from using the plain ti address form (cf. French tu or Russian ты ty; see HELMBRECHT 2013) — which she has used previously, as in ex. 209 at the beginning of the scene in question — to the polite *chi* form (cf. French vous or Russian вы vy). This linguistic phenomenon signals a shift in her attitude towards Winni within the storyworld (cf. Ronén 2018, § 2.1). Another analysis is possible in principle,  <sup>120</sup> Outside the studied corpus, in the first chapter of Y Lôn Wen (Darluniau 'Pictures'; p. 13), a quotative index with an elliptic (or zero) nucleus and a stand-alone addressee is attested: 'Hei,' wrthyf fi, 'hwda, gafael yn un ohonyn nhw, [...]" ""Hey," to me, "take one of them, [...]"'. Our corpus behaves differently, and requires a nucleus if there is an addressee marked.

"They say to me that your mistress is a very delicate woman, and has a lot of rheumatism, that's why, I'm sure.'

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but to both Winni and her father (politeness is not distinguished in the plural in Welsh). If we accept this analysis, then wrth ei  $q\hat{w}r$  narrows the address from both Winni and her father to the father alone. The problem with this analysis that it necessitates interpreting the object of Gadewch lonydd iddo fô as impersonal<sup>121</sup> (Leave it alone rather than Leave him (=Winni's father) alone). While gadael (lonydd) iddo can be interpreted in such a way (see exx. 214a and  $b^{122}$ ), to the best of my knowledge with the personal pronoun  $\hat{fo}$  after iddo it has a concrete third-person masculine meaning, as demonstrated by ex. 214c.

(213)[Tad Winni wrth Winni:] 'Pwy sydd wedi dy who be.REL.PRS.3SG after 2SG.POSS rear.INF 2SG tybed?' ¶ [Winni wrth ei thad:] 'Nid ychi yr think NEG PRT.2PL VOC ... VOC rascal bad ¶ [Lisi Jên wrth Winni:] 'Gadewch lonydd iddo fô,' MEDDAI leave.IMP.2PL ADV\quiet to.3SG.M 3SG.M GSV.IMPF.3SG ni ddim ond clegar drwy'r Lisi Jên, 'ne chawn or.NEG get.PRS.1PL 1PL NEG but cackle through-DEF day cinio', wrth [wrth dad Winni] Winni sydd wedi gwneud y be.REL.PRS.3SG after make.INF DEF dinner with gŵr. ei 3SG.F.POSS man

[Winni's father to Winni:] 'Who brought you up I wonder?' ¶ [Winni to her father:] "Not you, you h..., you old misery." ¶ [Lisi Jên to Winni:] 'Leave him alone,' SAID Lisi Jên, 'We'll have nothing but nagging all day. [to Winni's father:] It's Winni who's made the dinner' she TOLD her husband.

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(214)mi (a)dauni o n van əna mi (a)dawn ni o'n y fan yna PRT leave.PRS.1PL 1PL 3SG.M- $yn_{LOC}$  DEF place DEM.MEDI we will leave it there (e.g. an argument)

gyff.) gadael iddo (ar lafar yn leave.INF to.3SG.M on colloquial  $yn_{ADV}$  common FYNES-CLINTON (1913, § gadal)

ga:d iðo vo gad iddo fo

leave.IMP.2SG to.3SG.M 3SG.M

to leave it alone (colloquially in all dialects)

GPC (2014-, § gadaf: gadu, gadael,

leave him alone

FYNES-CLINTON (1913, § gadal)

gadel)

Ex. 215 does not pose such questions. The speaker, Mair's mother, alternates between speaking to Begw and Mair. There is no quote-external indication of addressee; a combination of two signals mark who the addressee is: one is the preposed or postposed explicit personal names, and the other is the choice between the polite chi forms when speaking to her daughter Mair 2PL.POSS 2PL 2PL.FOSS come.IMP.2PL 2PL.CONJ (ych, chi, 'ch, dowch, chitha) and the plain ti forms when speaking to Begw, whom she does not hold in high regard (chdi, dos).

(215) '[wrth Begw:] T ddim yn oeddwn siarad efo chdi, NEG be.IMPF.1SG 1SG NEG  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  speak.INF with 2SG Begw<sub>J</sub>. Efo Mair yr oeddwn i'n siarad. [wrth Mair:] REL.OBL be.IMPF.1SG 1SG- $yn_{CVB}$  speak.INF ryfadd yn y byd ych NEG be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST wonder  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF world 2PL.POSS be.INF 2PL- $yn_{CVB}$ pen i lawr, 'Mair\_. [wrth Begw.] 'Begw\_, cochi a rhoi'ch redden.INF and give.INF-2PL.POSS head to down PN di adra [wrth Mair] a dowch chitha i'r tŷ, go.IMP.2SG 2SG home.ADV and come.IMP.2PL 2PL.CONJ to-DEF house 「Mair」.' ¶ Hyn heb edrych ar Begw. [...] DEM.PROX.N without look.INF on PN

'[to Begw:] I wasn't speaking to you, 'Begw\_. I was speaking to Mair. [to Mair:] It's no wonder you're turning red and putting your head down, 'Mair\_. [to Begw:] 'Begw\_, go home, [to Mair:] and you come into the house, 'Mair\_.' ¶ This without looking at Begw. [...]

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 20

# 3.3.4 Modification

The last basic component of the internal structure of the quotative index — modification — is the most peripheral. In essence, it covers expressions which nuance the manner, time, function, etc. of the quotative index. Each of type of quotative index exhibit different patterning of modification, both syntagmatically and paradigmatically, which provides yet additional support for treating them as distinct text-syntactic types. For this reason this subsection is divided into three parts: modification of QI1 (§ 3.3.4.1), QI2 (§ 3.3.4.2) and QI3 (§ 3.3.4.3). 123

A related topic regarding stage instructions is discussed in chapter 4.

### 3.3.4.1 Modification of quotative index type 1

The modification constituent tends to be rather laconic, but longer instances do occur. Table 3.14 shows the number of occurrences of modifications as a function of the length of the modification in orthographic words. All of the modification syntagms of *meddai*, *ebe* or specific speech verbs have minimally a structural nucleus followed by satellite, which can be simple or complex. This *nucleus-satellite* order is the general order in Welsh microsyntax<sup>124</sup>. The most simple modifications are the most common. The ones which have the length of two orthographic words are

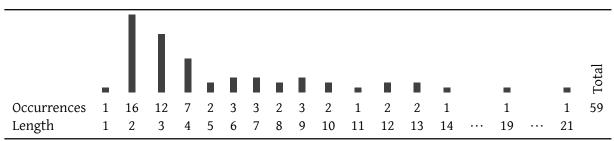
<sup>121</sup> Welsh has two genders — feminine and masculine — with three-way distinction only marginally, in demonstratives (e.g. feminine hon 'DEM.PROX.F', masculine hwn 'DEM.PROX.M' and the limited abstract, non-specific or neuter form hyn 'DEM.PROX.N'). As mentioned in n. 91 (p. 83), a 3SG.F form hi can be used non-referentially in certain constructions. Masculine forms can also be used in certain constructions — like gadael iddo 'to leave it (lit. him) alone' - in a non-referential manner.

<sup>122</sup> The phonetic transcription of FYNES-CLINTON (1913) has been updated to contemporary use of IPA, and standard orthography tier has been added. Glosses have been added to all sub-examples in ex. 214.

<sup>123</sup> All instances of modification within quotative indexes in the corpus are cited, as glossed examples or in a more concise tabular format.

124 Cf. cath ddu 'a black cat (lit. cat black)' (a noun before an adjective in a noun phrase) or mewn tŷ 'in a house (lit. in house)' (a preposition before a noun in an adpositional phrase).

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composed of a simple nucleus and a simple satellite; e.g. the converb  $gan\ synfyfyrio$  'thoughtfully' (row g of § 3.3.4.1.1.1), which is composed of a preposition (gan) and an infinitive (synfyfyrio), in accordance with the general form of converbs in Welsh. The one occurrence of a modification that has one orthographic word (ex. 235) is still analysable as bipartite: wedyn is a contraction of wedi and hyn. 'Zipfian' distribution, can be found also in the types of modifications: a few with many instances, and many with few instances (cf. § 2.2.4).

Almost all of the cases of modification of QI1 have *meddai* or *ebe* as the nucleus of the quotative index and only a couple have a specific speech verb (§ 3.3.1.2). This has to do with two factors: one is the relative scarcity of instances of specific speech verbs in the corpus (cf. *base rate*), and the other is that the lexical specification of the speech verbs can fulfil a similar role to the added modification. The two quotative indexes that have both a specific speech verb and a modification component are:

- row h of table 3.16: mentrodd Begw yn ochelgar 'Begw ventured cautiously', and
- ex. 230b: canent mewn tôn hirllaes 'they sang in a drawn-out tone'.

A single exceptional example has a stand-alone modification (ex. 226); it is discussed below in § 3.3.4.1.1.8.

Four examples concatenate two kinds of modification paratactically: ex. 236b+(row d of table 3.16), (row l of table 3.15)+(row o in table 3.16) and exx. 223b+237 have a comma between the parts, and exx. 218b+231 has a comma and  $\frac{1}{ac}$ .

Quotative indexes with oddi wrth (§ 3.3.1.3) have no modification constituent in the attested examples. Quotative indexes with nominal predication (§ 3.3.1.4) are limited to the presence or absence of *cyntaf*.

While ebe, and to a lesser degree meddai, show multiple syntactic characteristics which differentiate them from plain verbs, with respect to the ways they are modified, they behave like any other verb, supporting adjunctive converbs (§ 3.3.4.1.1), deadjectival adverbs (§ 3.3.4.1.2) and other dependent constructions. The conventionalisation or grammaticalisation of the quotative index form results in a complex picture, mixing general features of verbs with features that are unique to this special textlinguistic liminal locus, connecting the two main modes of the stories (§ 3.1.1).

#### Adjunctive converbs 3.3.4.1.1

Converbs in Welsh make a central part of the grammatical system, yet they are underresearched<sup>125</sup>. When describing the Welsh converbs in structural linguistic terms, one feature becomes easily evident: in different syntactic environments converbs behave differently and have a different commutation in their internal preposition slot<sup>126</sup>. As touched upon before, Welsh converbs have the form [PREP INF] (see § D.2.2 and appendix E). The substitution class of the preposition depends on the syntactic slot the converb as a constituent fills in the broader syntactic environment. Some environments include<sup>127</sup>: predicative converbs of distinct types (with or without bod; in primary or secondary predication; focal or non-focal; ...) and adjunctive converbs of distinct types (adnexal, adnominal, etc.; topicalised or not; ...). A full description of the converbal system(s) in Welsh — which is complex, multilayered and pivotal to the grammatical system as a whole — is beyond the scope of this thesis (let alone our particular interest here), but the relevant fact for our purposes is that the adjunctive converbs that modify the nucleus of a quotative index have their own paradigmatics.

- Exceptions include SHISHA-HALEVY (2010) and POPPE (2003), as well as POPPE (2012a) on the related Breton language.
- 126 The distinction between some of the different prepositions cannot be rendered easily into English, as the English converbs — of which -ing is primary — do not make similar distinctions.
- <sup>127</sup> See Shisha-Halevy (2010) for a basic typology.

# 3.3.4.1.1.1 gan 'by'

The most notable feature of this particular paradigm in this particular environment is the prominence of the preposition gan, which is absent in predicative converbs and is not as central in other adjunctive environments (see also Shisha-Halevy 2022, §2.4). This is exemplified by table 3.15, which covers all the instances of gan-converbs in this environment and classifies them into four types.

### 3.3.4.1.1.2 wrth 'with'

The preposition wrth is less prevalent in the environment in question. Judging from the examples in the corpus (ex. 216) as well as other occurrences in Literary Welsh, wrth differs from gan not only in prevalence but also in function, as it seems to be limited to synchronous actions done together with the act of speaking. In our corpus we can see a 'minimal pair' of sorts: both gan ei mwynhau ei hun 'enjoying herself' in row e of table 3.15 and ex. 216c have the infinitive mwynhau in the converbal construction, but in the first one (with gan) what the speaking character enjoys is saying what she says (categorised under mental state in table 3.15), while in the second one (with wrth) what the charac-

Table 3.15:

Types of *gan*-modification in QI1

	Туре	Welsh	English	Text	Ch.	Р.
a.	Manner of speaking	gan ddechrau snwffian	beginning to sniffle	TG	7	81
b.		gan ochneidio (a chodi)	sighing (and getting up)	TG	7	82
c.		gan wneud sŵn crio	making a whimpering noise	TG	8	88
d.		gan wneud sŵn crio	making a whimpering noise	HD	2	21
e.	Mental state	gan ei mwynhau ei hun	enjoying herself	TG	2	22
f.		gan feddwl cryn dipyn ohono'i hun []	thinking a good deal of himself []	TG	8	89
g.		gan synfyfyrio	thoughtfully (lit. musing)	HD	6	60
ĥ.	Synchronous action	gan roi winc ar y lleill	giving a wink at the others	TG	3	35
i.	•	gan dynnu ei dwylo o ddwylo'r ddwy arall	pulling her hands from the hands of the other two	TG	4	41
j.		gan edrych tuag at yr ynys honno	looking towards that island	TG	4	41
k.		gan godi a lluchio'r gwydr i'r fasged	getting up and tossing the glass into the basket	TG	4	46
l.		[] gan afael ynddi, a'i thywys i gyfeiriad cadair	taking hold of her and steering her towards a chair	TG	5	63
m.		gan godi ei thraed a'u rhoi ar ben y soffa, []	lifting her feet and putting them up on the sofa, []	TG	7	80
n.		gan (ochneidio) a chodi	(sighing) and getting up	TG	7	82
0.	Textual	gan dorri ar ei thraws	interrupting her	TG	5	57

ter enjoys is something else she is doing coincidentally (eating supper), unrelated to the content of speech.

- (216)a. 'Q' MEDDAI mam Begw wrth roi llwyad arall o jeli ar GSV.IMPF.3SG mother PN with give.INF spoonful other of jelly on 3SG.F.POSS plate
  - 'O' MEDDAI Winni wrth syllu ffrog goch a ar v GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with gaze.INF on DEF frock red amdani, give.PLUP.3SG about.3SG.F
  - Winni wrth fwynhau ei 'Q' MEDDAI swper o gig GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with enjoy.INF 3SG.F.POSS supper of meat eidion oer, nionyn picl, a phwdin 'Dolig oer\_, 'Q' cold onion.sgv pickle and pudding Christmas cold

'Q' Begw's mother SAID, putting another spoonful of jelly on her plate.

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 61

'Q' SAID Winni as she gazed at the red dress that she had put on  $\mbox{\tt \_,}\ \mbox{\tt `Q'}$ 

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 58

'Q' SAID Winni, as she enjoyed her supper of cold beef, pickled onions and cold Christmas pudding , 'Q'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 61

# Ex. 217 provides additional examples from other literary works.

- (217)a. 'Q' MEDDAI Geini, wrth ei gweld vn troi GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with 3sg.f.poss see.INF  $yn_{CVB}$  turn.INF to edrych am tua'r pumed tro\_. look.INF about towards-DEF five.ORD time
  - 'O' MEDDAI Taid wrth edrych ar y cwch . [...] GSV.IMPF.3SG grandfather with look.INF on DEF boat
  - 'Q' MEDDAI, <sup>r</sup>wrth ei theimlo'n pellhau oddi wrtho GSV.IMPF.3SG with 3SG.F.POSS feel.INF-yn<sub>CVB</sub> distance.INF from.3SG.M eto\_. 'Q' again

'Q' SAID Geini, "seeing her turn for the fifth time ...

*TC*, ch. 3, p. 18

'Q' SAID Grandpa, "looking at the boat," [...]

Pigau'r Sêr, ch. 6 (Porth Ferin), p. 104 (J. G. WILLIAMS 1969) 'Q' *he* SAID, <sup>r</sup>feeling her distancing herself from him again\_. 'Q'

Y Llyfrgell, ch. 20 (Dan) (DAFYDD 2009)

The wrth marking the addressee (§ 3.3.3) is a different structural entity to the converbal wrth, both syntagmatically (what they are joined by) and paradigmatically (what they are contrasted with in their respective paradigms), and thus functionally. They are homonyms.

#### heb 'without' 3.3.4.1.1.3

Basic adjunctive converbs are negated by using the preposition heb, which neutralises the distinctions between the other prepositions (SHISHA-HALEVY 2010, p. 275); ex. 218 covers the examples from the corpus. Two examples (b and c) describe the act

of speaking as being done in the storyworld without looking at the addressee<sup>128</sup>, and one (a) compares one character's ability to another's inability.

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- (218)a. 'O' MEDDAI Begw heb cuddio ei balchder allu GSV.IMPF.3SG PN without can.INF hide.INF 3SG.F.POSS gladness na rhagrithio fel Winni. nor pretend.INF like PN
  - 'Q' EBE Winni heb phen<sub>j</sub>, ac yn without turn.INF 3SG.F.POSS head and  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF one dôn â hi'n ymholi ynghylch iechyd phetai tone with IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.3SG 3SG.F- $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  ask.INF concerning health perchennog y coesau bachog. DEF leg.PL hooked
  - 'O' GOFYNNODD Winni heb symud ei phen .. ask.PRET.3SG PN without move INF 3SG.F.POSS head

From a typological perspective, the employment of forms meaning 'without' 129 for creating negative converbs is common to a variety of languages. For example, in Finnish the same abessive suffix used with nouns (-ttA<sup>130</sup>) is used with infinitives; cf. the Finnish ex. 219a and ex. 219b with the Welsh ex. 220 and the above ex. 218 respectively (absence of a substantive and negated converb composed of an abessive form with an infinitive, respectively).

- (219) a. resepti-"ttä, prescription-ABE
  - Puhdista pinta kastele-ma-<sup>r</sup>tta si-tä. clean.IMP.2SG surface wet-INF-ABE
- (220)Theb bresgripsiwn without prescription

#### dan 'under' 3.3.4.1.1.4

The preposition gan is the most common and most versatile in the studied slot. The preposition wrth is another, covering one function (synchronous action), and dan (ex. 221) is yet another one.

<sup>128</sup> As is socially expected, of course, thus making the lack of such looking noteworthy.

'Q' Begw SAID, unable to conceal her gladness or put on an act like Winni.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 55

'Q' Winni SAID without turning her head,, and in the same tone as if she were inquiring about the health of the owner of the bandy legs.

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 67

'Q' Winni ASKED, without moving her head ..

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 70

<sup>129</sup> Abessive is commonly used, among other terms.

<sup>130</sup> The capital  $\langle A \rangle$  notation means  $\langle a \rangle$  $/\alpha$ / in back vowel harmony environment and  $\langle \ddot{a} \rangle / \approx /$  in front vowel harmony environment.

without prescription

VILKUNA (2015, p. 471)

Clean the surface without letting it get wet.

VILKUNA (2015, ex. 16a)

without (a) prescription

- (221) **a.** 'Q' EBE Twm Huws 'dan lafar-ganu'r rhigwm]: ¶ '[CÂN]'

  QP PN under say-sing,INF-DEF rhyme
  - b. 'Q' MEDDAI, 「dan grensian ei dannedd」, 'Q'
    GSV.IMPF.3SG under grind.INF 3SG.F.POSS tooth.PL

'Q' *Twm Huws* SAID, 'chanting the rhyme\_:¶'[VERSE]'

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 18

'Q' she SAID, 'grinding her teeth', 'Q'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 45

Due to the paucity of dan examples within the specific syntactic slot in question in our corpus, ex. 222 provides some additional examples from other literary works.

- (222) a. 'Q' GOFYNNODD *Erin*, 「dan chwerthin」.
  - b. 'Q' MEDDAI'r ditectif 'dan wenu\_. 'Q'

    GSV.IMPF.3SG-DEF detective under smile.INF
  - C. 'Q' MEDDAI, 'dan riddfan, 'Q'
    GSV.IMPF.3SG under moan.INF
  - d. 'Tada,' EBE hogyn bach pedair oed 'dan redeg i'w
    INTERJ QP boy small four age under run.INF to-3SG.M.POSS

    gyfarfod\_.

    meeting

'Q' Erin ASKED, "laughing...

Codi Bwganod, ch. 12 (WYN 2008) 'Q' the detective SAID, 「smiling」. 'Q' Y Llyfrgell, ch. 33 (Eben) (DAFYDD 2009)

'Q' she SAID, 'groaning, 'Q'

SG, Mehefin 2, p. 36 'Ta ta,' SAID a four year old boy, running to his meeting.

GB, Newid Byd (ch. 5), p. 75

The function of describing the manner of speaking is relatively common with dan, as demonstrated in exx. 221b and 222a-c (grinding teeth, laughing, smiling and groaning, respectively), but dan is not limited to this function, as demonstrated by ex. 222d (saying ta ta when running to a meeting). The exact difference between gan, wrth and dan and other prepositions has to be studied in a wider context of converbal syntax, and is beyond our scope here.

Ex. 221a is complex and is discussed in § 3.6.1 (ex. 267).

### 3.3.4.1.1.5 wedi 'after'

The preposition *wedi* marks a perfect or resultative posterior state (cf. 'having PPP' in English). It is related to the preposition *wedi* followed by a noun (as in *chwarter wedi naw* 'quarter past nine'); cf. ex. 235 (*wedyn*). Ex. 223 covers the relevant examples from the corpus.<sup>131</sup>

<sup>131</sup> Ex. 223c has a conjugated infinitive taking the infinitive slot in the converb; see the appendix E regarding terminology.

- (223) a. 'Q' MEDDAI Mair, \( \text{wedi dychryn} \), 'Q' GSV.IMPF.3SG PN after fear.INF
  - b. 'Q' MEDDAI Begw, \( \text{Wedi dychryn} \), achos teimlai y

    GSV.IMPF.3SG PN after fear.INF because feel.IMPF.3SG NMLZ

    dylai Winni Ffinni Hadog hyd yn oed gael te fel

even

get.INF tea like

be\_obliged.IMPF.3SG PN rhywun arall.

someone other

C. 'Q' MEDDAI ei "fam wrth Begw wedi iddynt fynd...

GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS mother to PN after to.3PL LEN\go.INF

'Q' *Mair* SAID, 'frightened\_, 'Q'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 42 'Q' Begw SAID, <sup>r</sup>frightened<sub>1</sub>, because she felt that even Winni Ffinni Hadog ought to have a tea like anyone else.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 56

'Q' her mother SAID to Begw after they'd gone.

TG, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 83

### 3.3.4.1.1.6 bron â 'almost'

almost with

The composite preposition  $bron \hat{a}$  (ex. 224) marks actions or states as being close to be realised but not doing so in reality.

(224) 'Q' EBE Begw, bron â chrio.

QP PN almost with cry.INF

'Q' Begw SAID, 「almost crying」.

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 19

# 3.3.4.1.1.7 *er mwyn* 'in order (to)'

\_order\_t

The composite preposition *er mwyn* (ex. 225) indicates purpose (here in ex. 225, the purpose for saying the quote).

(225) 'Q' MEDDAI ei chymdoges [er mwyn tynnu'n groes].

GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F.POSS neighbour.F in\_order\_to pull.INF-yn\_ADV cross

'Q'  $her\ neighbour\ SAID$ ,  $\lceil to\ be\ contrary \rfloor$ .

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 39

# 3.3.4.1.1.8 i 'to'

The i INF converb indicates purpose as well. Ex. 226 is unique in the corpus, as it is the only example of a quotative index that has a modification component but no nucleus. It is a case of *exceptio firmat regulam* because of its rarity. The fact that — excluding this example — a modification component in QI1 necessitates a QI1<sup>+</sup> constructions as opposed to QI1<sup>-</sup> is crucial for the distribution of overt and zero quotative indexes (§ 3.4 below).

More examples of this kind are needed in order to better understand the construction, but the author's choice to omit the nucleus might have to do with the poetics of the text, paralleling iddo gael un fuddugoliaeth yn barod '(since) he had one victory already' with  $[c]\hat{a}i$  un fuddugoliaeth arall.

Take note of the dash added in the translation; similarly to the case of oddi wrth 'from' (§ 3.3.1.3), the dash seems to fill in the felt gap or lack of a 'full' solid grammatical nucleus.

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(226)Yr oedd Rhys ar fin gafael yn y fasged pan gafodd PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN on edge hold.INF ynLOC DEF basket when get.PRET.3SG blaen arno, ond ni faliai Rhys am y tro, gan DEF front on.3SG.M but NEG mind.INF PN about DEF time by barod. ¶ 'Q' <sup>[i]</sup> weld iddo gael un fuddugoliaeth yn to.3SG.M LEN\get.INF one conquest yn<sub>ADV</sub> ready un fuddugoliaeth arall ar ei whether get.IMPF.3SG one conquest other on 3sg.m.Poss sister

Rhys was about to grab the basket when Begw beat him to it, but Rhys didn't care this time, since he had one victory already. 'Q' -to see could he win one more victory over his sister\_.

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 87

#### 3.3.4.1.1.9 yn 'yn<sub>CVB</sub>'

The preposition yn is the most common and central preposition in predicative converbs, but not adjunctive ones. The studied corpus does not contain a single example of yn in the modification component of the quotative index, but ex. 227a (from PRICHARD [1961] 1999) is interesting enough to warrant a mention here. The structural relation between 'n deud celwydd 'telling a lie; lying' is different from what we have seen so far: it is not a supplementary converbal addendum that provides additional information regarding the manner of speaking or synchronous coincidental actions, but a meta-reference relating to the truth value of the content. It is thus different from exx. 227b-c, which are more similar to the *gan/wrth/dan* converbs.

Take note of the contracted 'n form and the lack of preceding comma in ex. 227a, as opposed to the full yn form in exx. 227b-c. In a manner similar to the orthography and prosody used in (non-)restrictive relative clauses, the comma/pause signals adding a supplementary piece of information. The contracted form is used postvocalically when there is no preceding pausa<sup>132</sup>.

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(227)
          a. Q, MEDDA
                                    finna<sup>r</sup>'n
                                                    deud celwydd.
                     GSV.IMPF.3SG 1SG.CONJ-yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF lie
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b.
     Q, MEDDA
                      Moi, <sup>r</sup>yn codi
                                                           eistadd_. Q
         GSV.IMPF.3SG PN yn_{CVB} rise.INF on 3SG.M.POSS sit.INF
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Cf. the pausal and non-pausal forms in Biblical Hebrew; see BLAU 2010, § 3.5.13)

Q, I SAID, "lying\_.

*Un Nos Ola Leuad*, ch. 2, p. 30 (PRICHARD [1961] 1999)

Q, SAID Moi, sitting up. Q Un Nos Ola Leuad, ch. 6, p. 130 (PRICHARD [1961] 1999)

C. Q, MEDDA finna, 'yn chwythu fel mochyn a wedi GSV.IMPF.3SG 1SG.CONJ yn<sub>CVB</sub> blow.INF like pig.SGV and after cochi at fy nghlustia.

redden.INF to 1SG.POSS ear.PL

Q, I SAID, puffing like a train and blushing to the roots of my hair.

*Un Nos Ola Leuad*, ch. 12, p. 262 (PRICHARD [1961] 1999)

# 3.3.4.1.2 Deadjectival adverbs

The second most prevalent type of modification is deadjectival adverbs. Whereas in English deadjectival adverbs are derived most commonly by a suffix, -ly, in Welsh the indication is initial, usually by  $yn^{133}$  (table 3.16, rows a-m). Most of the examples are minimal, with a simple adjective, and some have degree modifiers: pur in row l, tra in row k, and reit, which can have an adverbalising force on its own (rows n-q) but can be juxtaposed to a preceding yn as well (row d). Row e is slightly more complex: its first adjective (distaw) refers to the quote before the quotative index, and the second one (uwch 'louder') to the quote that follows, with ac yna 'and then' in between serving as a temporal boundary marker.

### 3.3.4.1.3 Prepositional phrase

Having covered adverbalised deverbal (converbs; § 3.3.4.1.1) and deadjectival (§ 3.3.4.1.2) forms, here we touch upon adverbalised denominal forms, [PREP NP] (prepositional phrases).

 $^{133}$   $yn_{\rm ADV}$  is a different linguistic sign from  $yn_{\rm CVB}$ , both syntagmatically (the former is followed by adjectives while the latter by infinitives; the former triggers limited soft mutation while the latter trigger no mutation) and paradigmatically (the former is strictly adjunctive while the latter can be both adjunctive and predicative). See SIMS-WILLIAMS (2015) for a structural classification of these homonymic yn elements; see GENSLER (2002) for their rather unusual diachrony.

Table 3.16:

Deadjectival adverbial modification of QI1

	Welsh	English	Text	Ch.	P.
a.	'Q' EBE <i>'r fam</i> 「yn ddistaw」.	'Q' her mother SAID 'quietly.	TG	2	13
b.	'Q' EBE <i>Begw</i> ''n fwy llawen <b>.</b>	'Q' Begw SAID more cheerfully.	TG	2	13
С.	'Q' EBE Begw <sup>「</sup> yn amddiffynnol」.	'Q' Begw SAID 'defensively.	TG	2	20
d.	'Q' MEDDAI Modryb Sara yn reit glên, fel pe na chly-	'Q' Aunt Sara SAID [quite amiably], as if she'd never	TG	3	30
	wsai air o'r stori erioed o'r blaen.	heard a word of the story before.			
e.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>hi</i> 「yn ddistaw, ac yna yn uwch」, 'Q'	'Q' she SAID 'quietly, and then more loudly, 'Q'	TG	4	41
f.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>hi</i> 「yn nawddogol」.	'Q' she SAID [patronizingly].	TG	5	55
g.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>Winni</i> "yn siort」. 'Q'	'Q' Winni SAID 「shortly」. 'Q'	TG	5	55
ĥ.	'Q' MENTRODD Begw yn ochelgar []	'Q' Begw VENTURED cautiously.[]	TG	5	62
i.	'Q' MEDDAI Begw yn swil, 'Q'	'Q' BEGW said shyly, 'Q'	TG	6	70
j.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>hi</i> 'yn sych」. 'Q'	'Q' she SAID 「dryly」, 'Q'	TG	6	73
k.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>hi</i> 'yn dra awdurdodol <sub>-</sub> , 'Q'	'Q' she SAID, "very authoritatively,, 'Q'	TG	6	75
l.	'Q' MEDDAI hithau 'n bur ddifywyd.	'Q' she SAID, "very listlessly".	TG	7	83
m.	'Q' MEDDAI Begw yn greulon.	'Q' BEGW said, 「cruelly」.	TG	8	92
n.	'Q' MEDDAI tad Begw reit siriol.	°'Q' Begw's father SAID, quite cheerfully.	TG	3	33
0.	'Q' MEDDAI <i>Elin Gruffydd</i> 「reit hamddenol」, gan afael	'Q' Elin Gruffydd SAID 'quite deliberately_, taking	TG	5	63
	ynddi, a'i thywys i gyfeiriad cadair. 'Q'	hold of her, and steering her towards a chair. 'Q'			
p.	'Quote' MEDDAI <i>Lisi Jên</i> 「reit ffwr-bwt」.	'Q' <i>Lisi Jên</i> SAID, <sup>r</sup> quite brusquely」.	TG	5	63
q.	'Q' EBE <i>Winni</i> 「reit barchus」,'Q'	'Q' Winni SAID, 「quite respectfully」, 'Q'	TG	6	74

#### gyda 'with' 3.3.4.1.3.1

Each of the three instances of gyda (prevocalic gydag) in the modification component (ex. 228) is of a different kind.

• In ex. 228a it describes the mental state of the speaker.

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- In ex. 228b it meta-referentially describes the manner the words are to be read in terms of fictional phrasal stress; the second-person plural (polite) form chi is printed in italic letters<sup>134</sup>, and the modification component ties it to the speaker's intention ((e)i phwyslais gorau 'her strongest emphasis'). Compare with ex. 229a, where the modification component plays the role of the typographic emphasis, or ex. 229b, where it implies a marked prosodic pattern.
- In ex. 228c it belongs to the staging of the dialogue scene: both Elin Gruffydd and her daughter Begw say the same thing in the same time. 135
- (228)'Q' MEDDAI Mair 「gydag arswyd」. with horror GSV.IMPF.3SG PN
  - 'Mi ddylach chi o bawb wybod, Mrs. Huws,' MEDDAI PRT be\_obliged.IMPF.2PL 2PL of all know.inf Mrs Pn GSV.IMPF.3SG mam Begw <sup>r</sup>gyda'i phwyslais gorau, 'Q' mother PN with-3sg.f.poss emphasis good.sup
  - Elin Gruffydd a Begw <sup>'</sup>gyda'i 'Q' MEDDAI gilydd<sub>.</sub> GSV.IMPF.3SG PN and PN with-3.POSS RECP
- (229)'Wel, rhaid i minnau fynd, mae'n debyg,' INTERJ need to 1SG.CONJ LEN\go.INF be.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> like 「gyda phwyslais ar y 'debyg'」. GSV.IMPF.3SG with emphasis on DEF like
  - b. medru deyd hynny?' EBE 'Sut yr ydach chi'n how REL.OBL be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> can.INF say.INF DEM.DIST QP Morgan Owan 「gyda phwyslais ar bob llythyren」. with emphasis on every letter

<sup>134</sup> The italic letters used in ex. 228b for mam Begw's mother' (indicating the speaker, as described in § 3.1.3) are of course upright in the original.

135 This is the only instance in the studied corpus where such a thing happens.

'Q' Mair SAID, "in horror ...

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 44 'You of all people should know, Mrs. Huws, Begw's mother SAID with her strongest emphasis, 'Q'.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 49 'Q' said Elin Gruffydd and Begw <sup>T</sup>together\_.

HD, Pryder Morwyn (ch. 1), p. 14

'Well, I must go, I suppose,' she SAID, with emphasis on the 'suppose'」.

SG, Mehefin 5, p. 37

'How can you say this?' Morgan Owan SAID with emphasis on each letter.

GB, Newid Byd (ch. 5), p. 73

#### Other prepositions 3.3.4.1.3.2

A few examples are attested with other prepositions.

The prepositions *mewn* (ex. 230) and yn (ex. 231) are in complementary distribution, which is partially determined by definiteness (Thomas 2006, § 5.25): compare the indefinite mewn tone long-continuing tôn hirllaes 'in a drawn-out tone' (ex. 230b) with the definite yn yr un dôn 'in the same tone' (ex. 231). Ex. 230a the modification describes the mental state of the speaker, while in exx. 230b and 231 it describes the manner of speaking.

- (230) a. 'Q' EBE hi rewn cywilydd . QP 3SG.F in shame
  - b. 'Winni Ffi-nni Winni Ffi-nni,' CANENT mewn tôn PN PN sing.IMPF.3PL in tone hirllaes\_. long-continuing
- (231) 'Q' EBE Winni heb droi ei phen, ac 「yn yr un QP PN without turn.INF 3SG.F.POSS head and yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF one.F dôn â phetai hi'n ymholi ynghylch iechyd tone(F) with IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.3SG 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> ask.INF concerning health perchennog y coesau bachog」.

  owner DEF leg.PL hooked

'Q' she SAID in shame.

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 20 'Winni Ffi-nni—Winni Ffi-nni,' they SANG  $^{\Gamma}$ in a drawn-out tone  $_{\perp}$ .

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 67

'Q' Winni SAID without turning her head, rand in the same tone as if she were inquiring about the health of the owner of the bandy legs.

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 67

A few prepositions have one occurrence each (exx. 232-235).

- (232) 'Q' MEDDAI, 'trwy goler ei dopcôt\_.

  GSV.IMPF.3SG through collar 3SG.M.POSS topcoat
- (234) 'Q' MEDDAI Begw 「ymhen ychydig ddyddiau wedi'r te parti GSV.IMPF.3SG PN at\_the\_end a\_little day.PL after-DEF tea party rhyfedd hwnnw ar ben y mynydd\_.

  strange DEM.DIST.M on head DEF mountain
- (235) 'Q' MEDDAI'r fam \[ \text{wedyn}\_\], 'Q' \[ \text{GSV.IMPF.3SG-DEF mother after.DEM.PROX.N} \]

'Q', *he* SAID <sup>r</sup>through the collar of his overcoat.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 51

'Q' she SAID Tlike an army officer.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 41

'Q' Begw SAID, <sup>r</sup>a few days after that strange tea party on the mountain.

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 50

'Q' her mother SAID <sup>r</sup>then, 'Q'

TG, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 77

#### 3.3.4.1.4 Conjunctions

Conjunctions are rarely used in the syntactic slot in question. fell pe 'as if' (ex. 236) is used for a hypothetical condition and achos (ex. 237) for comment-mode reasoning (the achos clause refers

to the reason for saying the content of the quote, not for being frightened).

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- (236)a. 'Ydach chi ddim yn lobscows i de, yn mynd i neud be.PRS.2PL 2PL NEG  $yn_{CVB}$  go.INF to make.INF lobscouse to tea, ynnag ydach?' MEDDAI mam Begw fel petai NEG be.PRS.2PL GSV.IMPF.3SG mother PN like IRR.be.IMPF.SBJV.IRR.3SG Robin ei mab yn angel.. 3SG.F.POSS son  $yn_{PRED}$  angel
  - 'Q' MEDDAI Modryb Sara yn reit glên, fel pe na GSV.IMPF.3SG aunt PN  $yn_{ADV}$  quite agreeable like IRR NMLZ.NEG chlywsai air o'r stori erioed o'r blaen .. hear.PLUP.3SG word of-DEF story ever of-DEF front
- (237)'Q' MEDDAI Begw, wedi dychryn, <sup>r</sup>achos teimlai GSV.IMPF.3SG PN after frighten.INF because feel.IMPF.3SG NMLZ Winni Ffinni Hadog hyd yn oed gael te fel rhywun dylai be\_obliged.IMPF.3SG PN get.INF tea like someone even arall<sub>1</sub>. other

'You're not going to make lobscouse for tea, are you?' Begw's mother SAID, fas if her son Robin were an angel..

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 39

'Q' Aunt Sara SAID quite amiably, <sup>r</sup>as if she'd never heard a word of the story before\_.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 30

'Q' Begw SAID, frightened, because she felt that even Winni Ffinni Hadog ought to have a tea like anyone else.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 56

#### Postposed modification with an anaphoric demonstrative 3.3.4.1.5

In two cases (ex.  $239^{136}$ ) in Te yn y Grug a QI1 $^-$  quote is followed by a new sentence in the form [Hyn heb INF], with the neuter proximal demonstrative *hyn* 'this' referring back to the quote. Converbs are usually predicated in the [bod CVB] pattern (ex. 238a), but a marked [PRO/NP CVB] pattern without a form of bod (ex. 238b) does exist. The function of the [PRO/NP CVB] pattern depends on the text-type: in diaries it is used for creating logbook-style narratives (SHISHA-HALEVY 2010, p. 274 ff. 1997, § 1.2), in stage directions it is used when switching the theme in actions which are to be performed together with the dramatic text (see § 4.3.2.1.1 below), and here it functions as a descriptive commentary (not plot-advancing) device.

<sup>136</sup> The content of the quotes has been truncated here due to its length, but ex. 215 (where the focus of discussion is the quote) is a version of ex. 239a complete with the quote.

(238)Mae Siân yn canu. be.PRS.3SG PN yncvB sing.INF

> Siân yn canu. yncvb sing.INF

Siân is singing.

Siân is singing [lit. Siân singing].

Exx. 218b ('Q' ebe Winni heb droi ei phen, [...] '"Q" Winni said without turning her head') and 218c ('Q' gofynnodd Winni heb symud ei phen ""Q" Winni asked, without moving her head') from § 3.3.4.1.1.3, are similar to ex. 239: they share the same preposition (heb) and the meaning of not looking at the addressee. Comparing exx. 218b-c with ex. 239 the two structures seem to be in complementary distribution: the adjunctive converb is used with QI1+ (where it can be dependent on the nucleus of the quotative index) and the postposed clause with an anaphoric demonstrative theme referring to the quote is used with QI1<sup>-</sup> (where it has no nucleus to depend upon syntactically). The distribution of QI1<sup>+</sup> and QI1<sup>-</sup> is the topic of the next section (§ 3.4), so the discussion regarding when each is used is delayed for a while. In addition to the distribution discussed below, the length of the quote might be a contributing factor: in terms of prosody shorter quotes (ex. 218b is 19 words long and ex. 218c is 4) can have a quotative index after them more readily than longer ones (ex. 239a is 41 words long and ex. 239b is 38<sup>137</sup>); the modification saying 'without looking at the addressee' has to come after the quote (and not intraposed, dividing it into two quotes), as oth-

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(239) a. '(41 gair).' 
$$\P$$
  $\Gamma$ Hyn heb edrych ar Begw.  $\rfloor$   $[...]$  DEM.PROX.N without look.INF on PN

b. '(38 gair).' 「Hyn heb symud ei phen. DEM.PROX.N without move.INF 3SG.F.POSS head

erwise it would possibly imply that the quote before it was said

without looking at the addressee but the quote after was not.

Ex. 240 (from O Gors y Bryniau) corroborates the above claim for complementary distribution, and so do other examples not cited here: it juxtaposes two dialogue turns modified with heb: the first is QI1<sup>+</sup> with an adjunctive converb, and the second is QI1 with a postposed clause (Hyn heb [...] 'This without [...]').

137 Interestingly the English translation originally had 'All this without moving her head' (which I altered, removing the word all, in order to reflect the Welsh structure).

'(41 words).' ¶ This without looking at Begw.\_ [...]

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 20

'(38 words).' ° This without moving her head.

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 66

'Q' SAID Elin Wmffras, 'not seeing the blow, and in a hurry to change the topic, 'Q' ¶ 'Q.' This without letting the cat out of the bag regarding his silence.

GB, Prentisiad Huw (ch. 2), p. 24

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# 3.3.4.2 Modification of quotative index type 2

QI2 exhibits more syntax freedom with regard to the modification component. While in QI1 the order of components is set - Q QIN SP AD modification - in QI2 the modification have three slots, as schematically described in table 3.17: (a) before the nucleus, (b) between the nucleus and the quote and (c) after the quote. This difference derives from the difference in the basic order of the quote and the quotative index (QI1 is postposed or intraposed, while QI2 is preposed; see § 3.2.1) and from the higher syntactic juncture between the quote and the quotative index in QI1, wherefore no element can stand between them.

The initial slot of modification (a) can be filled by plain (ex. 161) or topicalised (exx. 144, 151 and 153) or adverbial constructions. The topicalised elements can be concatenated (two in ex. 153; three in ex. 151) or not (ex. 144). The medial slot (b, between the nucleus and the quote) is the most common one, and the final slot (c, after the quote) is attested in a single example (ex. 165).

Not only the position of the modification within the quotative index is freer, but also there are syntactic elements which are attested modifying QI2 but not QI1, such as simple adverbs (toc

Table 3.17: — Modification of QI2

Ex.	Modificationa	Nucleus	Modification <sub>b</sub>	Quote	Modification <sub>c</sub>
144	wedi-INF,	QIN	after.DEM.PROX.N <b>wedyn</b>	Q	
151	Yna, yn <sub>ADV</sub> -ADJP, fel pe-,	QIN	1	Q	
153	Fel pe-, ac er_mwyn-INF,	QIN	a PRO/NP yn <sub>CVB</sub> INF	Q	
161	$yn_{ADV}$ -ADJP	QIN	without	Q	
166		QIN	heb-INF	Q	
162		QIN	$yn_{ ext{ADV}}$ -ADJP	Q	
167		QIN	o -NP	Q	
150		QIN	pan- presently	Q	
148		QIN	toc  yn hour before	Q	
156		QIN	yn awr (cyn-INF)	Q	
165		QIN		Q	yn <sub>ADV</sub> -ADJP

in ex. 148 and yn awr 'now' in ex. 156; see THORNE 1993, § 383 et seq.) and the conjunction pan (ex. 150). These syntactic features all derive from conventionalisation or grammaticalisation of QI1 (which has a stricter form), as opposed to the more general verbal syntactic form of QI2.

#### Postposed modification with an anaphoric demonstrative 3.3.4.2.1

In § 3.3.4.1.5 postposed modification with an anaphoric demonstrative reference has been discussed with regard to QI1. There is one example of such a modification of QI2: ex. 241, which has a full speech verb (*Dywedodd*) with a demonstrative object (*hyn*) and a gan-converb complex modification (the rest of ex. 241). Dywedodd hyn is the formal syntactic head on which the modification is dependent. This example occurs right after ex. 154, which is discussed in § 3.2.3.1.3 and not repeated here for brevity.

(241)Dywedodd hyn gan edrych ar ei llysfam, a golwg say.PRET.3SG DEM.PROX.N by look.INF on 3SG.F.POSS stepmother and look yn dweud, 'Aros di nes doi di adra, DEM.DIST.F yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF stay.IMP.2SG 2SG until come.PRS.2SG 2SG ADJ\home mi gei di'r pryd gora'.' PRT get.PRS.2SG 2SG-DEF meal good.SUP

She said this looking at her stepmother, whose own look said: 'Wait till you reach home, you'll get "the best meal".'

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 63

The motivation for the postposed position of ex. 241 seems to be the causal and temporal relationship between the content of the quote and the modification, which describes the result that follows the things Winni says. The motivation for it being an independent sentence<sup>138</sup> (with anaphoric reference for textual cohesion) is its complex nature which calls for an independent clause.

138 As opposed to a postposed adverbial modification like in ex. 165, which is syntactically dependent.

#### Modification of quotative index type 3 3.3.4.3

QI3, being a prototypically narrative form, exhibits an even freer syntactic form than QI2 (which combines the narrative and dialogue spheres) and a fortiori freer form than QI1 (which is bound to the dialogue sphere and is more conventionalised). Its form is too varied to be tabulated into columns as in table 3.17, and therefore the scheme of table 3.18 is free-form: the modification is marked 'like this...

Table 3.18: — Modification of QI3

Ex.	Form
171	a -QIN.INF 'Q' ADJ QIN.CIRC
172	a SP $yn$ -QIN.INF 'Q' $am$ -NP $_{\perp}$ . 'Q.'
173	a -QIN.INF 'Q' dan-NP
175	ac ¬ADJ 'Q' oddi wrth sp ¬yn <sub>toc</sub> yn-NP J
176	a QIN.FIN SP QIN.INF $yn$ -ADJP_, 'Q'
178	SP a QIN.INF: 'Q' fel pe-
179	a-QIN.INF 'Q' fel pe-
180	ac SP $yn_{CVB}$ -QIN.INF 'Q' $\stackrel{\text{of length}}{\circ} hyd_{\perp}$
(182)	(SP) yn-QIN.INF rhyw 'Q', neu 'Q' bob NP

In addition to the adverbial modification component attested for QI1 and QI2 as well, in QI3 the quote itself can be modified by an adjective, either before (ambell 'Ha, ha' 'occasional "Ha, ha"' in ex. 175) or after the quote ('o' ofnus 'a timid "Oh"' in ex. 175). <sup>139</sup> In addition, in ex. 182 (not from the core corpus of this chapter) we see the determiner *rhyw* before the quote. These features of nominal syntax of the quote are unique to QI3, where it cannot fill the rheme slot in nominal predication patterns (as in QI1 and QI2), but it can be conjoined by an attributive adjective or a determiner (which is impossible in QI1 and QI2).

139 The difference in order (ADJ-Q and Q-ADJ, respectively) stems in this case from a particular feature of *ambell* 'occasional': in contemporary Welsh it has to precede its head (here, the quote; commonly, a nominal phrase), while most attributive adjectives are unmarkedly postpositive (THOMAS 2006, § 4.84; GPC 2014–, § ambell, ymbell).

#### 3.4 OVERT VERSUS ZERO QUOTATIVE INDEX

When presenting the general characteristics of the three types of quotative indexes in § 3.2.1, a distinction has been made between instances of QI1 in which there is an overt quotative index segment (QI1<sup>+</sup>) and instance of QI1 where it is absent, leaving only the typographical devices of quotation marks and paragraph breaks as markers (QI1<sup>-</sup>)<sup>140</sup>. Ex. 125 in § 3.2.1.1 exemplifies these types: the first turn ('O, am ddel, [...] i gael te') is QI1<sup>+</sup> (the quotative index is meddai Winni wrth [...] a roddasai amdani) and the second one ('Mi fydd yn [...] o'ch cyflog chi') is QI1<sup>-</sup>. The question this section is concerned with is the distribution between the two:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Note that these are strictly distinct from free indirect speech, in form (e.g. typographic marking and the use of deictic categories such as tense and person) and in function. These are direct speech quotes in dialogue, but they have no quotative index connecting them to the text.

when is QI1<sup>-</sup> used and when QI1<sup>+</sup>. Note that there is no QI1<sup>-</sup> equivalent for QI2 and QI3, so the discussion is limited to QI1.

The vast majority of cases follow this rule of thumb:

- (a) If any of the following applies, QI1<sup>+</sup> is used:
  - The identification of the speaker is not unambiguous from the dialogue before the turn in question; e.g. if there are more than two participants in the conversation or there is no previous relevant co-text.
  - The author chooses to describe something specific regarding the speech through the modification component (§ 3.3.4) or — marginally — through a lexical choice of specific speech verb (§ 3.3.1.2). 141
- (b) If the none of the above two cases applies, QI1<sup>-</sup> is used. In other words, unless there is a reason to use QI1<sup>+</sup>, QI1<sup>-</sup> is the default option.

This simple rule describes the system that emerges from the corpus quite well. For example, in the case studies of conversations between three participants (§ 3.4.1.2) only three turns do not follow the rule, out of more than one hundred dialogue paragraphs. In dialogues between two participants (§ 3.4.1.1) the case studies show only exception (ex. 243 in § 3.4.1.1.1) out of almost two hundred dialogue paragraphs, and this exception is easily explainable through refinement of the rule.

Equivalent systems have been discussed in the literature, such as in GÜLDEMANN (2008, passim, African languages and literature review), LONGACRE (1994, several languages) and MATHIS and YULE (1994, spoken English). Different languages may behave differently in this domain; Biblical Hebrew, for example, does not allow a zero quotative index at all (LONGACRE 1994, § 3.3, 2003). This is a linguistic matter, but it is affected by literary tradition. Kate Roberts's works are typical of European 20<sup>th</sup> century literature with this regard.

From a structural linguistic perspective the term ellipsis, which is sometimes used in the literature (e.g. OSHIMA and SHIN-ICHIRO 2012), may be suboptimal, as it suggests dynamicity (cf. transformation), as if the quotative index is elided by some dynamic process. In contrast, zero (as opposed to overt) is a neutral term, putting the two on equal grounds (similarly to the notion of zero morpheme in morphology), as opposed to one being

141 With the exception of ex. 226 (§ 3.3.4.1.1.8) and the special case of ex. 239 (§ 3.3.4.1.5), the modification component cannot stand own its own and has to be syntactically dependent on an overt nucleus.

a derived or secondary metamorphic result of a change in the other. $^{142}$ 

Schematically, the relationship between  $\mathrm{QI1}^-$  and  $\mathrm{QI1}^+$  can be presented as figure 3.3.

## 3.4.1 Case studies from the corpus

In order to make the general description grounded in concrete examples, four representative conversations are examined: two between two characters (§ 3.4.1.1) and two between three (§ 3.4.1.2).

#### 3.4.1.1 Conversations between two characters

#### 3.4.1.1.1 Begw and her mother in Ymwelydd i De

The first one is the conversation between Begw and her Mother in the beginning of *Ymwelydd i De* 'A Visitor for Tea', the fifth story in *Te yn y Grug*. It spans over three and a half pages (in my edition) and consists of about sixty paragraphs, the vast majority of which are QI1 dialogue turns. Through all of the dialogue only two turns are QI1<sup>+</sup>, and the rest are QI1<sup>-</sup>. The first QI1<sup>+</sup> instance is ex. 242, which opens the story, anchors the conversation in time and establish the participants: Begw is the first speaker (*meddai Begw* 'Begw said'), initiating the conversation, and her mother is the addressee of the first turn, (*Mam*, within the quote, as a coda; see § 3.3.3).

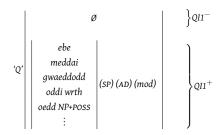
(242) 'Ydach chi'n licio Winni, Mam?' MEDDAI Begw be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> like.INF PN 1SG.POSS\mother GSV.IMPF.3SG PN ymhen ychydig ddyddiau wedi'r te parti rhyfedd hwnnw ar at\_the\_end\_of few day.PL after-DEF tea party strange DEM.DIST.M on ben y mynydd.

head DEF mountain

The second instance of QI1 $^+$  is ex. 243, about forty paragraphs into the conversation. Begw's mother talks after Begw, her allocutor, and there is no modification component. This would suggest the use of QI1 $^-$ , but the nature of this example is different. While Begw does ask a question (cited within the example for context), what her mother say is not an answer: *Go drapia* 'Drat it' is not

<sup>142</sup> Compare with structural linguistic critique of the notion of *neutralisation* (BARRI 1979).

Figure 3.3: The structural relationship between QI1<sup>-</sup> and QI1<sup>+</sup>



'Do you like Winni, mam?' Begw SAID, a few days after that strange tea party on the mountain.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 50

directed at Begw at all, but is an interjectional reaction for accidentally pricking herself with a needle while sewing, and the quote after the quotative index refers to the accident and is not an answer to Begw's question.<sup>143</sup> The use of an overt quotative index removes this turn from the unmarked turn-taking cycle of the dialogue.

(243)[Begw:] 'I be mae bod vr un fath â eisio inni dreio to what be.PRS.3SG want to.1PL LEN\try.INF be.INF DEF one kind with Mrs. Huws ynta?' ¶ 'Go drapia,' MEDDAI'r fam, GSV.IMPF.3SG-DEF mother PRESTT.MEDI TAG INTERJ chdi wedi gneud imi blannu'r nodwydd yma DEM.PROX  $yn_{LOC}$ after do.INF to.1SG LEN\plant.INF-DEF needle mys.' 1sg.poss finger

After ex. 243 there is a pause in conversation (*Distawrwydd* wedyn 'Silence then') and a narrative paragraph, after which the conversation resumes, with QI1<sup>-</sup> turns.

3.4.1.1.2 Begw and Winni in Dianc i Lundain

When Begw and Winni walk together in  $\overset{\text{escape.INF to}}{Dianc}$  i Lundain 'Escape to London', the sixth story in Te yn y Grug, the two talk for over one hundred (mostly dialogue) paragraphs, which make eight pages of text. The only places where QI1 $^+$  is used in this conversation is where there is a modification component (e.g. meddai Begw yn shy shy

#### 3.4.1.2 Conversations between three characters

Research on free forming conversational groups shows such groups tend not to exceed four participants in number (Dunbar, Duncan, and Nettle 1995). Several factors contribute to this limit, one of which is the social cognitive ability to effortlessly have an active theory of mind (ToM) regarding the mental states of up to a limited number of people in at once (Dunbar 2004). A higher order kind of theory of mind is found in art of literature, where imaginary characters are created in such a way they represent possible minds whose mental states the readers (and

<sup>143</sup> On a literary level, pricking herself is a kind of reaction to Begw's 'shocking' question, as her mother holds Mrs Huws in very low esteem.

'Why do we want to try and be like Mrs. Huws then?' ¶ 'Drat it,' her mother SAID, 'there you've made me plant this needle in my finger.'

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 52

authors) keep track of and can deduce about DUNBAR (1996, p. 102). This is one factor that limits the number of active characters in one scene or one conversation. In our corpus, long and complex conversations are of no more than three participants.

Conversations with more than two participants show an interesting pattern with regard to the use of overt and zero quotative indexes: when more than two actively participate, each turn is marked with a QI1 $^+$  identifying the speaker, but if participants become more passive and only converse, QI1 $^-$  begins to be used after a while, as the conversation becomes a conversation between two participants *de facto*. An explicit reference to this can be seen in ex. 244, when Mair becomes silent in what was before a three-party conversation<sup>144</sup> (after she rejoins as an active participant, QI1 $^+$  is used again).

(244)Edrychai Mair i lawr ar ei ffrog heb ddweud dim, to floor on 3sg.f.Poss frock without say.INF look.IMPF.3SG PN anything Cafodd brifo a Begw a holai. ei gan yr REL.DIR ask.IMPF.3SG get.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS hurt.INF by DEF ateb olaf. answer last

As complementary evidence, in an appendix (§ B.2) the text of two conversations between three characters is typeset in a bilingual manner and is annotated and commented upon with a running commentary (see table 3.19). The annotations mark each dialogue paragraph with information regarding the speaker and the use of  $QII^-$  or  $QII^+$  (as described in table B.1).

Normally the presence all participants is established explicitly, but in a few cases a character joins in the conversation without previous explicit introduction into the scene. Such is ex. 245a, where after Winni explains about mince pies Robin asks if they are tasty. He did not say anything in the conversation be-

<sup>144</sup> Take note of the cleft structure of *Begw a holai* '°it was Begw who asked the questions', which focusses Begw (as opposed to Mair or the two of them together).

Mair was looking down at her frock without saying anything, and it was Begw asked the questions. She was hurt by the last answer.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 44

Table 3.19:

The conversations annotated and commented upon in § B.2

Subsection	Participants	Situation	Story
§ B.2.1	Winni, Begw and Mair	on the mountain	Te yn y Grug
§ B.2.2	Begw, her mother and Winni	having tea	Ymwelydd i De

fore and in fact his presence is only implied thirteen paragraphs before that, in Daeth y lleill i'r  $t\hat{y}$  o'r cyfarfod a rhedeg i gynhesu at y tân, [...] 'The others came to the house from the meeting and ran to warm themselves by the fire, [...]'. In ex. 245b, on the other hand, the integration of a new participant into the conversation is explicitly commented on (a ddaethaii mewn o'r beudy yn ystod y sgwrs 'who'd come in from the cowshed during the conversation').

- (245) **a.** 'Ydy o'n beth da?' GOFYNNODD Robin. ¶ [Winni:] be.PRS.3SG.Q 3SG.M-yn<sub>PRED</sub> thing good ask.PRET.3SG PN
  'Ardderchog.'
  splendid
  - b. 'Ia, ond mae'n anodd gwybod be sy'n yeah but be.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> difficult know.INF what be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> iawn a be sy ddim', EBE John Gruffydd, a right and what be.REL.PRS.3SG LEN\NEG QP PN REL.DIR ddaethai i mewn o'r beudy yn ystod y sgwrs. come.PLUP.3SG to in from-DEF cowshed yn<sub>Loc</sub> course DEF conversation

'Is it nice?' asked Robin. ¶ 'Lovely.'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 59

'Yes, but it's hard to know what is right and what isn't,' SAID *John Gruffydd*, who'd come in from the cowshed during the conversation.

*TG*, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 83

## 3.4.2 Interface with rapid narrative-dialogue alternation

Occasionally the speech of one character is divided into several dialogue paragraphs, with short narrative paragraphs which depict actions by the speaker themselves punctuating the dialogue. These *staccato* breaks have a dramatic narrative effect. With regard to the topic in question, the dialogue paragraphs which resume the character's speech have no overt quotative indexes. Exx. 246 and 247 demonstrate this literary-linguistic technique.

(246) [Winni:] 'Mi brifith ac mi dda'r ha'.' ¶ Dechreuodd PRT grow.PRS.3SG and PRT come.PRS.3SG-DEF summer begin.PRET.3SG

Winni chwerthin. ¶ 'Wyddoch chi, dyma beth rhyfedd.' ¶ PN laugh know.PRS.2PL 2PL PRESTT.PROX thing strange

Stopiodd. ¶ 'Ydach chi'n gwybod beth ydy mince pies?' stop.PRET.3SG be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> know.INF what COP.PRS.3SG mince

'He'll grow up, and summer will come.' ¶ Winni began to laugh. ¶ 'Do you know, here's a funny thing.' ¶ She stopped. ¶ 'Do you know what mince pies are?'

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(247)[Winni's mistress:] 'Fel hyn ylwch.' chymerodd ei like DEM.PROX.N see.IMP.2PL and take.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS meistres afael bysedd yn efo blaenau ei un o'r hold.INF with front.PL mistress 3SG.F.POSS finger.PL ynLoc one of-DEF ffliwiau a'i dynnu allan. ¶ 'Rhaid i chi roi brws flue(M).PL and-3SG.M.POSS pull.INF out need to 2PL LEN\give.INF brush i fyny'r twll yma, cyn belled ag У medrwch chi, ac mi to up-DEF hole DEM.PROX EQU far.EQU with NMLZ can.PRS.2PL 2PL and PRT huddyg i lawr y ffordd yna.' ¶ Ni wnaeth come.PRS.3SG-DEF soot to floor DEF way NEG make.PRET.3SG DEM.MEDI ond pwyntio at y ffordd yna gan ei bod point.INF to DEF way anything but DEM.MEDI by 3SG.F.POSS be.INF wedi maeddu ei bysedd. ¶ 'A wedyn mynd â'r and after.DEM.PROX.N go.INF with-DEF after pollute.INF 3SG.F.POSS finger.PL huddyg allan a'i dywallt i'r tun baw.' soot out and-3sg.m.poss pour.INF to-DEF tin filth

'Like this, look.' ¶ And her mistress took hold of one of the flues with the tips of her fingers and pulled it out. ¶ 'You have to put the brush up that hole there, as far as you can, and the soot will come down that way.' ¶ She did not do anything, except point to 'that way' as she had dirtied her fingers. ¶ 'And then take the soot outside and put it in the dustbin.'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 47

That technique is to be differentiated from cases in which a narrative act (or the marked lack of action) by *another* character stands for an answer or reaction. This is demonstration by ex. 248, where the young Sionyn's reaction to what Winni says is nonverbal twice:

- Once he does not answer her question. The lack of answer is explicitly commented upon by a syntactically independent ('absolute') nominal phrase: Dim ateb 'No answer'. 145
- And once he begins to cry as a reaction to what she said next: Dechreuodd yntau grïo 'He began to cry'. Take note of the contrastive conjunctive pronoun yntau (see § D.2.4), which poses Sionyn's action as reactive (as if saying 'she said so-and-so, and he did so-and-so').
- (248)[Winni:] 'O ble'r oedd hi'n meddwl bod gen i from where-PRT be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F- $yn_{CVB}$  think.INF be.INF by arian i brynu presant i neb?' ¶ Dim ateb. ¶ 'Fedar money to buy.INF present to anyone NEG NEG\can.PRS.3SG answer i gysgu.' ¶ Dechreuodd brynu dim efo dim. Dos anyone buy.INF anything with nothing go.IMP.2SG to sleep.INF i gysgu. Ella y bydd yntau grïo. ¶ 'Dos go.IMP.2SG to sleep.INF perhaps NMLZ be.FUT.3SG INDF.SG dylwyth teg wedi dŵad â rhywbeth iti erbyn y kinsfolk fair after come.INF with something to.2SG by DEF morning gwybod i 'Rydw i'n fod 0 wedi dŵad.' PRT-be.PRS.1SG 1SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> know.inf 3SG.M.POSS be.inf 3SG.M after come.inf

145 This is not dissimilar to the use of typographical ellipsis ('…', colloquially known as てんてんてん tententen 'dot dot dot') in Japanese manga (MCMURRAY 2021, § 4.4) and video games (MANDELIN 2013), where it can signify a pregnant pause or a lack of an answer when it stands in its own speech bubble or text window.

'Where did she think I'd get money from to buy a present for anyone?' ¶ No answer. ¶ 'Nobody can buy anything with nothing. Go to sleep.' ¶ He began to cry. ¶ 'Go to sleep. Perhaps a fairy will have brought you something by morning. I know that it's come.'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 55

# 3.4.3 Opening stories with speech

In half of the eight stories in *Te yn y Grug* (and none of the ones in *Haul a Drycin*) a dialogue paragraph occurs in the absolute beginning of the story (ex. 249), where there is no previous co-text within the boundaries of the stories. This is a literary device, a type of *in medias res* (see Bonheim 1982, p. 110 f.), but it has linguistic implications. In exx. 249a and 249b<sup>146</sup> there is an overt quotative index, and in exx. 249c and 249d no overt quotative index is used. The fact that in exx. 249a and 249b additional phrases are syntactically dependent on the nucleus might have to do with this difference, although these are not enough examples to deduce conclusively. Another factor is the *loci* of indicating the participants:

<sup>146</sup> See § 3.4.1.1.1, which discusses the conversation that begins with ex. 249b (ex. 242 there).

- in ex. 249a both are indicated in the quotative index,
- in ex. 249b one is indicated within the quote and one in the quotative index,
- in ex. 249c both are indicated within the two opening quotes, and
- in ex. 249d there is no direct indication, but the addressee is implied by the beginning of the following narrative paragraph (cited below) while the speaker is not indicated at all, and only can be inferred to be his mother<sup>147</sup> from extralinguistic world knowledge.
- <sup>147</sup> As in ex. 249c, which has an almost identical first clause.
- (249) a. 'Ga' i weld o?' MEDDAI Begw wrth ei mam get.PRS.1SG 1SG see.INF 3SG.M GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with 3SG.F.POSS mother a mynd ar ei phennau-gliniau ar gadair yn y tŷ and go.INF on 3SG.F.POSS knee.PL on chair yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF house llaeth.

  milk
- 'May I see it?' Begw SAID to her mother, and got up on the chair in the milk-shed on her knees.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 38

'Ydach chi'n licio Winni, Mam?' MEDDAI Begw 'Do you like Winni, mam?' Begw SAID, be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> like.INF PN 1SG.POSS\mother GSV.IMPF.3SG PN a few days after that strange tea party ymhen ychydig ddyddiau wedi'r te parti rhyfedd hwnnw on the mountain.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 50

at\_the\_end\_of few

ar ben y mynydd.

on head DEF mountain

- c. 'Cadw dy draed yn llonydd, Begw. 'Ddaw keep.IMP.2SG 2SG.POSS foot.PL  $yn_{PRED}$  calm PN NEG\come.PRS.3SG Winni ddim cynt wrth iti ysgwyd dy draed.' ¶ early.CMP with to.2SG shake.INF 2SG.POSS foot.PL 'Ydach chi'n meddwl v daw hi, Mam?' be.PRS.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> think.INF NMLZ come.PRS.3SG 3SG.F 1SG.POSS\mother
- d. 'Dal draed yn llonydd, a â keep.IMP.2SG 2SG.POSS foot.PL ynpred calm and NEG.IMP.2SG with gwingo.' ¶ Rhoes Rhys un naid arall, a chlep ar wriggle.INF give.PRET.3SG PN one jump other and clap ddwylo. [...] 3SG.M.POSS hand.PL

'Keep your feet still, Begw. Winni won't come sooner when you swing your feet.' ¶ 'Do you think that she will come, mam?'

*TG*, Dieithrio (ch. 7), p. 77

'Keep your feet still, and don't wriggle.' ¶ Rhys gave one more jump, and a clap of his hands. [...]

TG, Nadolig y Cerdyn (ch. 8), p. 86

#### 3.5 INTERRUPTION AND RESUMPTION IN CONVERSATION

## 3.5.1 Interruption

Our corpus is literary, and as such every piece that make it is orchestrated by the author in a deliberate, orderly manner. Nevertheless, the author can stage a disruption of order through literary and linguistic means. With respect to the topic in question, quotes can be interrupted before they are completed and literary conversations — like actual conversations which they imitate — do not necessarily follow a simple pattern.

In conversation analysis (CA), the *turn construction units* (TCU) are fundamental organising units of conversation, in which speakers realise in turns their interpersonal right to speak, and points in which transitions between speakers can occur without defying social conventions are termed *transition-relevance places* (TRP). Interruption may occur when a transition takes place outside of a TRP<sup>149</sup>. The forces which structure the interactional turn-taking 'ritual' of conversation are not only linguistic but are extralinguistic as well. One such force is *face* (GOFFMAN [1955] 1967), which people strive to maintain. Interruption of another interlocutor may constitute a *face-threatening act* (FTA; P. BROWN and LEVINSON 1987). See BENNETT (1978) and SCHEGLOFF (2001) on the topic of interruption in (English-language) conversation. <sup>150</sup>

Back to our written-language literary corpus, the author utilises a set of literary-linguistic techniques and conventions to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> These terms were coined by SACKS, SCHEGLOFF, and JEFFERSON (1974).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup> Note that backchanneling is not interruption, as it does not interrupt the speaker's turn (PETERS and WONG 2015). At any rate, our corpus has no backchanneling, as is customary in written texts.

<sup>150</sup> A cursory examination of a recorded conversation from a Welshlanguage corpus (Corpws Siarad Bangor, DEUCHAR et al. 2014) has been conducted in RONÉN (2019), which focusses on where the interlocutor is interrupted (specifically, whether the interruption keeps high-juncture syntactic structures intact or not) and differentiating collaboration (FAIS 1994; SACKS 1995a,b) — also referred to as joint production and co-production in the literature — and genuine interruption.

depict cases of interruption and resumption. Being conversationorganising structures, they operate differently than regular, unmarked turn-taking in dialogue; this is expressed in particular with regard to the use of paragraph breaks and the distinction between preposed or intraposed / postposed quotative indexes, which normally clearly distinguish between QI1 and QI2.

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Phrasal verbs are used as the nuclei of most of the constructions in question<sup>151</sup> For signalling interruption, the most common structure is *torri ar draws*, where the final component (*traws* in an isolated, non-mutated form) is in a possessive construction with a reference to the character who is said to be interrupted; e.g. torri on 3SG.F.POSS cross ar eithraws 'to interrupt her' or torri ar draws PN 'to interrupt PN'. Similarly *torri* i mewn (without a complement; cf. English to break in) and rhoi pig i mewn (with a possessive construction on pig; cf. English stick one's nose into) are used, but less often.

Plain *meddai* is also used, with multiple dots in the previous quote signalling it was not completed. This is demonstrated twice in fragment 3.3

A similar signalling of interruption through graphic means albeit but more with more explicit linguistic indication — can be seen in ex. 250. The first quote ends with a dash ( $\langle - \rangle$ ), which functions similarly to the ellipsis mark  $(\langle ..... \rangle)$ , and the nominal predication construction oedd ei eiriau cyntaf 'were his first words', as discussed in ex. 207 (§ 3.3.1.4 above). Then a clear meta reference is made: Winni's father does not get to finish his slur since Begw's father breaks in and stops him.

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(250)
        [Tad Winni:] 'Tyd
                                                                       EIRIAU
                   come.IMP.2SG of-MEDI.LOC VOC
                                                 COP.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M.POSS word.PL
         CYNTAF. Ond cyn
                               iddo
                                       orffen
                                                    ei
                                                               frawddeg yr
                       before to.3SG.M LEN\finish.INF 3SG.M.POSS sentence
                   but
         oedd
                       Begw WEDI TORRI AR EI
                                                         DRAWS . ¶ 'Dim o
         be.IMPF.3SG father PN
                               after break on 3sg.m.poss over
                                                                    nothing of
                 regfeydd
                             di yn y fan 'ma,
         2SG.POSS swearword.PL 2SG yn_{LOC} DEF place DEM.PROX PN
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Another case of unfinished slur can be seen in ex. 251. Here Winni talks to her father, about to insult him with a harsher slur<sup>152</sup> and than comes down from this one to the milder y cena drwg '~you rascal'. A major difference is that here there is no external interruption by another interlocutor: it is the speaker

<sup>151</sup> See KLONOWSKA-LISTEWNIK (2018), in particular § 3.3.2.3 for mynd rhag-, § 3.3.2.5 for (rhoi) i mewn, § 4.5.2 for mynd ymlaen, § 4.5.5 for torri ar draws, and § 4.5.7 for torri i mewn.

[Winni's father:] 'Come out of there, you—,' WERE his FIRST WORDS. But before he'd finished his sentence Begw's father had interrupted him. ¶ 'None of your swearwords here, Twm.'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 75

152 uffar(n) o NP 'one hell of a NP' perhaps (GPC 2014-, § uffern).

#### Fragment 3.3:

#### Overview of interrupted storytelling in Marwolaeth Stori

'[naratif hir gan Dafydd Siôn]. Wedi eistedd am ryw ugain munud i chi, 'r oedd hi tua naw erbyn hyn, mi gychwynnais adre<sup>r</sup>.....'

'R ydach chi wedi anghofio dweud sut oedd Gwen,' MEDDAI Begw.

'Hisht,' ODDI WRTH ei thad.

# Chwerthin oddi wrth Bilw, a Modryb Sara'n gwenu. AETH Dafydd Siôn YMLAEN:

'O, do wir, mi ddar'u imi anghofio. [naratif hir gan Dafydd Siôn] Wel, mi gerddais ac mi gerddais, 'r oeddwn i'n meddwl 'mod i wedi cerdded am oriau heb gyrraedd glan yn unman'.....'
'Dyma fi'n clywed sŵn meddal ffrwd,' MEDDAI Begw. J

'Paid ti â mynd o 'mlaen i rŵan; ie, sŵn meddal ffrwd, a dyma fi'n gweld bod siawns imi wybod p'run 'te 'nghefn i, ynte' f'wyneb i oedd tuag adref. [DS yn mynd ymlaen wrth y naratif] — rŵan, Begw, y fi sydd i ddweud hyn, nid ychdi — [parth olaf y naratif]

'Hwda, dyma chdi,' MEDDAI o, 'am beidio â thorri i mewn yn rhy aml.'

'[a long narrative by Dafydd Siôn]. After I sat for some twenty minutes, you see, it was about nine by this time, I started off home ...'

'You've forgotten to say how Gwen was,' Begw SAID.

'Hush,' FROM her father.

# Laughter from Bilw, with Aunt Sara smiling. *Dafydd Siôn* WENT ON:

'Oh, yes indeed, I did forget. [a long narrative by DS]. Well, I walked and I walked, I thought I'd been walking for hours without reaching a bankside anywhere ...'

'Then I hear the soft sound of a brook,' Begw SAID.

'Don't get ahead of me now; yes, the soft sound of a brook, and then I see there's a chance for me to know whether I had my back, or my face, towards home. [DS continues the narrative] —now Begw, I'm the one telling this, not you— [the final part of the narrative]

'Here you are, take it,' he SAID, 'for not breaking in too often.'

- Source: TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 33

who changes her mind midsentence. From a literary perspective, this ability to overcome her unhappy upbringing is indicative of the change that the character of Winni has undergone from when the readers encounter her for the first time (in the fourth story of *Te yn y Grug*) to this last story.

(251) [Tad Winni wrth Winni:] 'Pwy sydd wedi dy fagu di who be.REL.PRS.3SG after 2SG.POSS rear.INF 2SG tybed?' ¶ [Winni wrth ei thad:] 'Nid ychi yr u... y cena drwg.' think NEG PRT.2PL VOC ... VOC rascal bad

Ex. 250 is not the only time Winni's father uses rude language is interrupted by a friendly adult who is protective of Winni. In ex. 252 he manages to finish the expletive and the sentence (but not the turn), and then Mr Hughes stops in a similar manner to 'Dim o dy regfeydd di yn y fan 'ma, Twm' "None of your swearwords here, Twm." (both clauses have similar syntactic struc-

[Winni's father to Winni:] 'Who brought you up I wonder?' ¶ [Winni to her father:] o'Not you, you h..., you old misery.'

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ture). Note that here there is no explicit reference to interruption, and a QI1 pattern is used.

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(252)[Tad Winni:] 'Mi â i â chdi rwan, myn cythral, mae PRT go.PRS.1SG 1SG with 2SG now by devil hawl, 'rwyt ti dan oed.' ¶ 'Dim o'r by 1sG right PRT-be.PRS.2sG 2sG under age nothing of-DEF language TORRODD Mr. Hughes AR EI DRAWS]. ¶ [naratif] DEM.MEDI break.PRET.3SG Mr PN on 3SG.F.POSS cross

[Winni's father:] "I'm taking you with me now, you devil, I've got the right, you're under age.' ¶ 'None of that language, 'BROKE IN Mr. Hughes . ¶ [narrative paragraph]

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 21

On several occasions Winni's uncouth language causes uneasiness to the other people present and Begw's parents Elin and John Gruffydd step in and change the subject (exx. 253–256). When the said uneasiness or their decision to change the subject matter at that point are referred to explicitly, the quotative index precedes the quote in a narrative paragraph (QI2; exx. 253-255), but when it is not, it incorporated to the unmarked form of dialogue (QI1; ex. 256). There are not enough examples to make conclusive statements, but judging from these examples it seems that the source of the difference may lie in the content: talking about sexual matters and the body (exx. 253-255) causes more uneasiness than stating the house of the hosting Gruffydd family is clean and Winni's house is *fel stabal* 'like a stable' (ex. 256).

(253)'[...]. Ond biti na gweld nhw hyd fasach chi'n but pity NEG.NMLZ be.PLUP.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> 3PL.POSS see.INF 3PL over y mynydd yna yn y nos.' ¶ Meddyliodd Elin Gruffydd y think.PRET.3SG PN DEF mountain DEM.MEDI  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF night NMLZ byddai'n well <sup>r</sup>iddi DORRI AR EI **THRAWS** be.impf.hab.3sg-y $n_{\mathtt{PRED}}$  good.cmp to.3sg.f len\break on 3sg.f.poss cross ¶ 'Pryd y byddwch chi yn gadael yr yn y fan yma<sub>.</sub>.  $yn_{LOC}$  Def place Dem.Prox time rel.obl be.fut.2Pl 2Pl  $yn_{CVB}$  leave.Inf Def ysgol, Winni?' school PN

'[...]. But it's a pity you couldn't see them up on that mountain at night.' ¶ Elin Gruffydd thought that 'she'd better INTERRUPT at this point. ¶ 'When will you be leaving school, Winni?'

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 60

(254)'[...]; a'r amser hwnnw yr oedd o'n edrach yr and-DEF time DEM.DIST.M PRT be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M-yn<sub>CVB</sub> look.INF DEF rhyw ddelw gerfiedig wedi cysgu.' ¶ Yr oedd one kind with INDF.SG image sculptured after sleep.INF rhaid iddynt chwerthin rhag eu gwaethaf. ¶ Y to.3PL laugh.INF PREP 3PL.POSS bad.SUP  $yn_{PRED}$  need DEF word 'gerfiedig' a wnaeth i Elin Gruffydd newid sgwrs. sculptured REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG to PN change.INF DEF conversation ¶ 'Fyddwch chi'n mynd i'r Ysgol Sul, Winni?' Q\be.FUT.2PL 2PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> mynd.INF to-DEF school Sunday PN

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'[...], then he would look just like a carved image asleep.' ¶ They had to laugh in spite of themselves. The word 'carved' made Elin Gruffydd change the conversation. I 'Do you go to Sunday School Winni?'

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(255)"Be ddyliach chi, mistar sy'n molchi mistras what think.IMPF.2PL 2PL master be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> wash mistress gywilydd drosti yn У bath yma; mi fasa gen i over.ADV ynLoc DEF bath DEM.PROX PRT be.COND.3SG by noethlymun felly...' ngweld i'n fy to anyone 1sg.poss see.INF 1SG-yn<sub>PRED</sub> stark\_naked like.DEM.PROX.N ¶ Dechreuodd Elin Gruffydd chwysu ac edrych ar Robin, a sweat.INF and look.INF on PN chymerodd rhyw nerfusrwydd ofnus a disgwylgar afael yn Begw. take.PRET.3SG INDF.SG nervousness fearful and watchful hold yn PN Elin Gruffydd AR DRAWS WINNI. ¶ 'Maen' TORRODD nhw'n break.PRET.3SG PN on cross PN be.PRS.3PL 3PL-yn<sub>CVB</sub> dweud i mi mai dynes ddelicat iawn ydy'ch mistres, say.INF to 1sg NMLz woman delicate very cop.prs.3sg-2pl.poss mistress yn cael lot o gricymalau, dyna pam reit siŵr. ¶ RHOES  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  get.INF lot of rheumatism PRESTT.MEDI why right sure give.PRET.3SG John Gruffydd ei BIG I MEWN. ¶ 'Oedd yna lawer yn 3SG.M.POSS beak to in be.IMPF.3SG MEDI many  $yn_{LOC}$ y frêc neithiwr?' DEF brake last\_night

'What do you think, the master washes the mistress in the bath there, I'd be ashamed for anyone to see me stark naked like that.' °¶ Elin Gruffydd began to perspire, and look at Robin, and a nervous embarrassment came over Begw. Elin Gruffydd CUT ACROSS WINNI. ¶ 'They say that your mistress is a very delicate woman, and has a lot of rheumatism, that's why, I'm sure.' ¶ John Gruffydd PUT his SPOKE IN. ¶ 'Where there many in the brake last night?'

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(256)[Winni:] 'Dew, mae gynnoch chi le glân yma,' MEDDAI. INTERJ be.PRS.3SG by-2PL 2PL place clean PROX GSV.IMPF.3SG 'Mae'n tŷ ni fel stabal.' ¶ 'Well chi be.PRS.3SG-1PL.POSS house 1PL like stable LEN\good.CMP to 2PL at y bwrdd rŵan,' MEDDAI mam Begw gan dorri LEN\come.INF to DEF table now GSV.IMPF.3SG mother PN by break.INF ar ei thraws. on 3SG.F.POSS cross

'God, you have a clean place here,' she SAID. 'Our house is like a stable.' ¶ 'You'd better come to the table now,' Begw's mother SAID, interrupting her.

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 57

While orderly turn-taking is signalled by sequencing dialogue paragraph, each constituting a turn, interruptions and resumptions call for different signalling of the literary dialogue organisation through linguistic means. Fragment 3.4 is an interesting case, which has an almost theatrical feel to it, achieved by the alternating paragraphs (take note of the alternating black and grey of the annotation scheme; § 3.1.3).

As demonstrated in this chapter, the hundreds of instances of reported direct speech in the narrative portions of the corpus fall into three syntactic patterns — QI1, QI2 and QI3 — with structural micro-syntactic signifiers and macro-syntactic signifieds. One example — ex. 257 — is exceptional, as it does not belong in any of the three. Two features are unusual: One is that begins with with a nucleus (Dechreuodd Winni weiddi 'Winni began shouting') that is followed by a quote, both occupying the same paragraph. The other is that the next paragraph (Ac yr oedd ... gan gŵn 'And there was ... by dogs') is concatenated by a conjunction (ac) and seems to continue it, as if they make a single compound sentence. This is neither QI1, nor QI2 nor QI3. This anomalous structure might have to do with the fact that the turns are incomplete: Rhoswch to.1SG finish.INF imi orffen 'Let me finish' that opens the next quote suggests that Winni's shouts interrupted Begw's mother, and the inchoative Dechreuodd '(She) began' suggest an unfinished turn. The existence of such an exception does not weaken the theory proposed in this chapter. In fact, this is an exceptio firmans regulam. Language is systematic in the sense it is governed by systematic structural interrelationships, but this does not means it is rigid and users of the language are not free to make use of rare or extraordinary constructions, a fortiori when language is made use by authors, who craft literature<sup>153</sup>.

<sup>153</sup> Cf. Crefft y Llenor 'The Craft of Author' (J. G. JONES 1977), a series of lectures printed in a volume that discusses the essence of literature and deals specifically with the works of Kate Roberts and R. W. Parry.

#### Fragment 3.4:

#### Dramatic exchange in Pryder Morwyn

[Mrs. Hughes (y feistres):] 'A beth ddywedsoch chi?'

[Winni:] 'Mi tafodais o yn iawn a dweud wrtho am fynd adre at 'i fam. Mi wnes bob dim ond ei regi.'

#### Gwenodd y meistr. AETH Mrs. Hughes YMLAEN.

'Oeddach chi wedi'i weld o o'r blaen? Mae'n edrach yn beth rhyfedd iawn i mi fod o'n gofyn hynna os [sic]dynna'r tro cynta i chi ei weld o.'

[Winni:] 'Ia'n wir, Mrs. Hughes.'

#### TORRODD y meistr I MEWN.

'Mi alla i'n hawdd gredu hynny. 'Rydw i'n nabod 'i deulu o. Rêl ciaridýms.'

#### AETH y feistres YMLAEN.

'Ydach chi'n gweld, Winni, mi alla i'n hawdd ych gyrru chi adre oddi yma.'

#### Ar hyn, torrodd Winni i grio.

'Ond wir, Mrs. Hughes, 'doedd gen i ddim o'r help[sic], A plis, peidiwch â ngyrru fi adre. Mi rydd fy nhad gweir i mi, ac ella fy nhroi dros y drws. Mi 'rydw i mor hapus yma efo Robert bach.'

#### MEDDAI'r meistr

'Peidiwch â bod yn rhy gas wrthi, Mary. [...]'

[Mrs Hughes (the mistress):] 'And what did you say?'

[Winni]: 'I gave him a proper telling off and told him to go home to his mother. I did everything except swear at him.'

#### The master smiled. Mrs. Hughes WENT ON.

'Had you seen him before? It seems strange to me that he should ask that if it was the first time you'd seen him.'

[Winni:] 'Yes, indeed Mrs. Hughes.'

#### The master BROKE IN.

'I can easily believe that, I know his family. Real scum.'

#### The mistress WENT ON.

'You see Winni. I could easily send you home from here.'

#### At this Winni burst into tears.

'But honestly, Mrs. Hughes, I couldn't help it. And please don't send me home. My father would give me a hiding and perhaps throw me out. I'm so happy here with little Robert.'

#### The master SAID.

'Don't be too cross with her Mary. [...]'

(257)'Rŵan,' MEDDAI dra awdurdodol, 'ewch chi adre. hi yn GSV.IMPF.3SG 3SG.F  $yn_{ADV}$  very authoritative go.IMP.2PL 2PL home.ADV tempar.' ¶ DECHREUODD Winni Tomos, i oeri tipyn ar eich to cool.INF a\_little on 2PL.POSS temper begin.PRET.3SG PN WEIDDI, "D ydw i ddim am fynd efo fo, shout.INF NEG be.PRS.1SG 1SG NEG about go.INF with 3SG.M NEG be.PRS.1SG ddim am fynd adre.' ¶ Ac yr oedd golwg arni fel on.3SG.F like and PRT be.IMPF.3SG look 1SG NEG about go home.ADV anifail wedi ei ddal ar ôl ei goethi drwy'r animal(M) after 3SG.M.POSS catch after 3SG.M.POSS pursue.INF through-DEF dydd gan gŵn. ¶ 'Rhoswch imi orffen, Winni,' EBE'r fam. dog.PL wait.IMP.2PL to.1SG finish.INF PN QP-DEF mother PRT gewch chi aros vma heno, [...]' get.PRS.2PL 2PL stay.INF PROX.LOC tonight

'Now,' she [Begw's mother] SAID, very authoritatively, 'go home, Tomos, to cool off your temper a bit.' ¶ Winni BEGAN SHOUTING, 'I don't want to go with him, I don't want to go home.' ¶ And there was a look on her like an animal caught after being harried all day by dogs. ¶ 'Let me finish, Winni,' Begw's mother SAID. 'You may stay here tonight, [...]'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 76

#### 3.5.2 Resumption

For resumption after a pause, preposed aeth ymlaen<sup>154</sup> 'went on'

154 The infinitival dictionary form is mynd (ymlaen); mynd 'go' is an irregular, suppletive verb.

is the most prevalent form; see fragment 3.3 (Aeth Dafydd Siôn ymlaen) and fragment 3.4 (Aeth Mrs. Hughes / y feistres ymlaen) above. See also §§ B.2.1 and B.2.2, where it occurs both in preposed QI2 form (ex. 258) and intraposed QI1 form (ex. 259), without a clear functional distinction between the two (in all cases the resumption is after a short narrative or descriptive break that stands between quotes of the same speaker). aeth ymlaen and similar construction marks the textual cohesion between the quotes before and after the break; see Halliday and Hasan (1976, p. 265 ff.).

- (258) [Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Chwarddodd Winni, am y tro cyntaf er pan laugh.PRET.3SG PN about DEF time early.SUP since when gyraeddasai. ¶ AETH YMLAEN wedyn: ¶ 'Q' arrive.PLUP.3SG go.PRET.3SG in\_front after.DEM.PROX.N
- (259) [Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Rhythai Begw arni gydag edmygedd, a'r fam stare.IMPF.3SG PN on.3SG.F with admiration a-DEF mother gyda thosturi. ¶ 'Q,' AETH Winni YMLAEN, 'Q' with compassion go.PRET.3SG PN in\_front

An interesting case can be seen in ex. 260 (from § B.2.1 as well), where in addition to the preposed Aeth Winni ymlaen 'Winni went on' we have an intraposed meddai, dan grensian ei dannedd. A reasonable contributing factor for the intraposed quotative index is so it can be a structural anchor for the modification component in this position within the quote (see ex. 221b in § 3.3.4.1.1.4 above). Whether it is preferable to analyse Aeth Winni ymlaen 'Winni went on' as a quotative index or not depends on what is deemed less important: failing to account the similarities of this resumptive formula to other cases where it acts as a quotative index, or failing to account to a case there there are two quotative indexes for one dialogue paragraph (and thus this examples joins ex. 257 in not falling to any of the three patterns, adding up to two examples in total). Both alternatives are not optimal, but both do not diminish the validity or the explanatory power of the theory.

[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Winni laughed, for the first time since she'd arrived. ¶ °SHE WENT ON after that: ¶ 'Q'

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 60

[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Begw was staring at her with admiration, and her mother with compassion. ¶ 'Q,' Winni went on, 'Q'

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 61

(260)ffrog heb [Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Edrychai Mair i lawr ar ei look.impf.3sg pn to floor on 3SG.F.POSS frock without ddweud dim, a Begw a holai. Cafodd say.INF anything and PN REL.DIR ask.IMPF.3SG get.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS gan yr ateb olaf. ¶ Aeth Winni ymlaen. ¶ 'Tendiwch hurt.INF by DEF answer last go.PRET.3SG PN in front tend.IMP.2PL chi, MEDDAI, dan grensian ei dannedd, 'mi fydda' 2PL GSV.IMPF.3SG under grind.INF 3SG.F.POSS tooth.PL PRT be.FUT.1SG mynd fel yr awal ddiwrnod, [...]' ryw 1SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> go.INF like DEF light\_wind ADV\INDF.SG day

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[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Mair was looking down at her frock without saying anything, and it was Begw asked the questions. She was hurt by the last answer. ¶ Winni went on. ¶ 'Mind you,' she SAID, grinding her teeth, 'I'll be going like the breeze some day, [...]'

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 44

Another phrasal construction, mynd rhag- is used in a very similar manner (ex. 261). KLONOWSKA-LISTEWNIK (2018, § 3.3.2.3) describes mynd rhag- as a variant of of mynd ymlaen.

(261)[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Dechreuodd Begw grynu, gan ofn yr begin.PRET.3SG PN tremble.INF by fear NMLZ go.IMPF.3SG-DEF waeth. ¶ AETH Winni RHAGDDI. ¶ 'Q' rhegi yn swear.INF yn<sub>PRED</sub> bad.CMP go.PRET.3SG PN PREP.3SG.F

[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ Begw began to tremble, for fear the swearing would get worse. ¶ Winni WENT AHEAD. ¶ 'Q'

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 58

Another resumptive phrasal verbal construction is attested in the corpus, dechrau arni wedyn 155. In ex. 262 the paragraph separating the two quotes by the same speaker is longer, and the resumption is tied up with it temporally; see the final sentence in the paragraph, beginning with Pan and ending with dyma Winni yn dechrau arni wedyn 'Winni started again' 156.

155 The feminine morphology of arni 'on.3sg.F' is frozen and nonreferential; cf. it in the English set about it and see also n. 91 on p. 83 and GPC 2014-, § dechreuaf: dechrau.

(262)[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ [paragraff disgrifiadol]. Pan oedd Begw yn meddwl  $yn_{CVB}$  think.INF when be.IMPF.3SG PN bryd y ddechrau ar eu ра caent te, DYMA which time REL.OBL get.IMPF.3PL begin.INF on 3PL.POSS tea PRESTT.PROX Winni YN DECHRAU ARNI wedyn. ¶ 'Q' yn<sub>CVB</sub> begin.INF on.3SG.F after.DEM.PROX.N

[Winni:] 'Q' ¶ [a descriptive paragraph]. As Begw was thinking when they might start on their tea, Winni STARTED again. ¶ 'Q'

In one case (ex. 263) mynd ymlaen 'go on' (in the conservative spelling *myned*) is used as the object of *methu* in parenthesis within a quote in order to indicate a momentary pause.

156 Take note of the parallelism: (d)dechrau ar eu te 'start on their tea' and dechrau arni.

(263)'Q.' (Methai fyned ymlaen gan chwerthin.) 'Q' fail.IMPF.3SG go.INF in\_front by laugh.INF

'Q.' (He couldn't go on, with laughing.) 'Q'

In ex. 264 the mynd ymlaen construction is used for encapsulating the content of speech in a narrative paragraph, avoiding to reveal the content directly. The reason for this is extralinguistic: the author chose not to refer to the *newid mawr* 'big change' (puberty and menstruation) explicitly due to puritan societal norms. Although mynd ymlaen is often resumptive, in this case there is no interruption or pause to resume speech after, and it is used as a literary-linguistic means of avoiding direct reference.

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(264)
        [Gwen:] 'Gyda hyn,
                                  Winni, mi fydd
                                                                newid mawr
                with DEM.PROX.N PN
                                         PRT be.FUT.3SG MEDI.LOC change big
                       corff chi.' ¶ Yna
                                               aeth
                                                          Gwen ymlaen i
        yn<sub>LOC</sub> 2PL.POSS body 2PL
                                     MEDI.TMP go.PRET.3SG PN
                                                                 in_front to
                   wrth Winni am y newid hwn
                                                             yn
                                                                   ei
         explain.INF with PN
                                about DEF change DEM.PROX.M ynLoc 3SG.F.POSS
         bywyd yn fanwl heb
                                    guddio dim,
                                                    [...]
               yn<sub>ADV</sub> precise without hide.INF anything
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[Gwen:] "It's like this, Winni, there'll soon be a big change in your body.' ¶ Then Gwen went on to explain to Winni about this change in her life in detail, without hiding anything, [...]

#### **RELATED TOPICS**

This penultimate section bundles together three topics which do not make the core of the chapter but are related to it: reciting verses and singing (§ 3.6.1), reported thoughts (§ 3.6.2), and the use of speech verbs outside of quotative indexes (§ 3.6.3).

#### 3.6.1 Reciting verses and singing

Several verses are embedded in the running text of the corpus, four in Te yn y Grug and one in Haul a Drycin. These are distinguished from regular speech not only in their internal form (rhyming, short lines, typographic indentation, etc.) but also in other ways, as discussed in this subsection. They are always introduced with a preposed reference and paragraph break, but this cannot be regarded as QI2, for three reasons:

- QI2 is structurally defined in opposition to QI1 and QI3<sup>157</sup>. Since the formal properties which are similar to QI2 are obligatory (meaning intraposed or postposed forms, or integration into a narrative paragraph do not co-occur with verses) there is no structural opposition, and therefore no structural valeur.
- Verses are not turns in the turn-taking of dialogue. There are texts which present conversation in verse form<sup>158</sup>, but our

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup> See § 1.1.5.1.2.1 for theoretical background.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup> See, for example, HELSINGER (2017) regarding English poetry. Many works of epic poetry have dialogue portions in them.

corpus is not one of them, and the embedded verses are alien to the general flow of the text, dialogue included.

• The way in the verses (except ex. 265) are introduced and function within the text is distinct from QI2.

The verse which is most similar to the quotes in dialogue is that of ex.  $265^{159}$ , which occurs as an extension of the quote (cited for co(n)text), describing the social inequality in the community in a verse form, introduced by *Dechreuodd lafar-ganu* 'She began to chant'.

 $^{159}$  As described in § 3.1.3, a  $\langle / \rangle$  marks a line break, and  $\langle > \rangle$  marks indentation.

(265)"R ydw i yn rhy flêr. 'D oes gin i ddim PRT be.PRS.1SG 1SG  $yn_{PRED}$  too untidy NEG be.PRS.3SG.DEP.EXST by 1SG NEG o gwbl. A meddylia sut y dynes y basa clothes.col of all and think.IMP.2SG how REL.OBL be.COND.3SG woman DEF pregethwr yn edrach arna 'i. [...].' ¶ Dechreuodd lafar-ganu: ¶ > yncvb look.INF on.1SG 1SG begin.PRET.3SG say-sing.INF 'Gosod seti i bobol fawr, / > Gadael tlodion ar y llawr'. put.INF seat.PL to people big let.INF poor.PL on DEF floor

'I'm too shabby. I haven't any clothes at all. And think how the preacher's woman would look at me. [...]' ¶ She began to chant: ¶ > 'Setting seats for all the big folks, / > Leaving poor folks on the floor.'

TG, Dianc i Lundain (ch. 6), p. 71

Similar verses which are sung or recited by characters in the course of the narrative and are introduced through independent clauses can be seen in ex. 266, from other texts (K. ROBERTS [1936] 1988, [1972] 2001a).

(266) a. Canent dan fynd, neu'n hytrach adroddent i dôn: ¶ sing.IMPF.3PL under go.INF or-yn<sub>ADV</sub> rather recite.INF to tune [cÂN]

As they went they sang, or chanted to a tune:  $\P$  [VERSE]

TC, ch. 6, p. 32

- b. Yr oedd y falwen yn yr ardd, un dew a bol PRT be.IMPF.3SG DEF slug.SGV(F) yn<sub>LOC</sub> DEF garden one fat and belly gwyn ganddi. Dyma hi'n adrodd uwch ei white by.3SG.F PRESTT.PROX 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> recite above 3SG.F.POSS phen: ¶ [CÂN]
- There was a slug in the garden, a fat one with a white belly. Here she recites above its head: ¶ [VERSE]

Gobaith, Dychwelyd (ch. 10), p. 89

C. Syllodd arno'n hir; yna torrodd allan i gaze.PRET.3SG on.3SG.M-yn<sub>ADV</sub> long MEDI.TMP break.PRET.3SG out to ganu dros bob man: ¶ [CÂN] sing.INF over every place

She gazed on it for a long time; then she broke out singing all over:  $\P$  [VERSE]

Gobaith, Dychwelyd (ch. 10), p. 91

The verse in ex. 267 is also an extension of the quote. This time the association to the quote is lexical,  $tirsia/tirsia^{160}$ . Syntactically, the verse is introduced though the modification component of the

<sup>160</sup> With the mutated forms *dirsia* (soft mutation) and *thirsia* (spirant mutation); see GPC (2014–, §§ turs, tursiaf: tursio) for dictionary forms.

under say-sing.INF-DEF rhyme quotative index (dan lafar-ganu'r rhigwm 'chanting the thyme'), acting as a bridge between the two.

(267)'[...] Oho, fel yna, Mair, aiê, gollwng dy dirsia am fod INTERJ like DEM.MEDI PN INTERJ let\_go 2SG.POSS frown.PL for be.INF cael sylw, 「ebe」 Twm Huws 「dan lafar-ganu」'r  $yn_{CVB}$  get.INF attention QP PN under say-sing.INF-DEF rhigwm: ¶ > 'Mwnci ciat a mwnci ciatas / > Tirsia mul a and monkey grimace.PL mule and rhyme monkey thirsia mulas'. grimace.PL donkey.PL

Oho, it's like that, is it, Mair, giving sulky looks because Begw's getting attention, Twm Huws said, schanting the rhyme: ¶ > 'Monkey see and monkey do; / > When one mule sulks, the others do too.'

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 18

The remaining three verses (exx. 268–270) are not sung or recited by any character in the course of the narrative.

The verse in ex. 268 acts as the complement of the comparative construction mor wirion  $\hat{a}$  'as silly as' in a descriptive, commentative portion of the text.

(268)fawr o bleser mewn edrych ymlaen at y Nadolig Nid oedd look.INF forward to DEF Christmas NEG be.IMPF.3SG big of pleasure in rhaid i chwi fynd ar ben llwyfan ac adrodd when be.IMPF.3SG  $yn_{PRED}$  need to 2PL go.INF on head stage hen beth mor wirion â ¶ '[cân]' ¶ old thing so silly

There wasn't much pleasure in looking forward to Christmas when you had to get up on a stage and recite such a silly old thing as: ¶ '[VERSE]' ¶

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 27

In ex. 269 it is inserted within a sentence which describes something a character was about to do but was not doing in actuality (thus, it is a non-event).

(269)agos i Begw ddweud: ¶ > 'Amen, dyn pren, / > Hitio be.PST.3SG near to PN say.INF amen man wood hit.INF mochyn yn ei ben,' ¶ ond cofiodd fod gan pig.sgv(M) ynLoc 3sg.M.Poss head but remember.PRET.3SG be.INF by Dafydd Siôn gyfleth yn ei boced. yn<sub>LOC</sub> 3SG.M.POSS pocket

Begw almost said: ¶ > 'Amen, man of wood, / > Hit a piggy on his head,' ¶ but she remembered that Dafydd Siôn had toffee in his pocket.

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 33

In ex. 270 the *rhigwm* is referred to in the previous co-text (cited in the example), but there is no syntactic link between it and the verse, which is externally 'pasted'.

(270)[...] yr un fath â'r rhigwm y buasai DEF one kind with-DEF rhyme(M) REL.OBL be.PLUP.3SG yncvb 3SG.M.POSS adrodd wrth ei hanner brawd lawer gwaith i'w recite.INF with 3SG.F.POSS half brother ADV\many time gadw'n ddiddig, ac yntau'n gweiddi 'Eto' o hyd. ¶ > 'Y keep-yn<sub>PRED</sub> content and 3SG.M.CONJ-yn<sub>CVB</sub> shout.INF again of length uchel tua'r mul a gododd i ben / > Yn mule REL.DIR raise.PRET.3SG 3SG.M.POSS head  $yn_{ADV}$  high towards-DEF bobol sy'n gorfoleddu, / > 'Haleliwia and-DEF people be.REL.PRS.3SG- $yn_{CVB}$  triumph.INF hallelujah byth, Amen.' always amen

[...] just as in the rhyme which she would recite to her half-brother so often to keep him happy, and he would shout 'again' all the time. ¶ > 'The donkey lifted his head / > High up towards the sky, / > All the people gave a great cry / > Halleluiah, for ever and aye.'

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 50

# 3.6.2 Reported thoughts

The linguistic representation of speech and thought exhibits some similarities, especially in syntax. Due to these similarities they are often grouped together in linguistic treatments, under the umbrella term *reported discourse*; see § 3.1.1.1, as well as GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 1.2.1) and many of the publication referred to in GÜLDEMANN, RONCADOR, and WURFF (2002). As heavily discussed in this chapter, reporting of speech has many unique features; most of its particularities are not shared with the representation of thoughts in the text.

# 3.6.2.1 Free indirect speech

One special kind of thought representation which shows very little semblance to reported speech is the *free indirect speech* (*discours indirect libre*; *erlebte Rede*). This important literary-linguistic technique has been exhaustively treated in the scholarly literature; some key publications, which are especially relevant to our linguistic discussion are Banfield (1982, 1973), Fleischman (1990, § 7.3), and Fludernik (1993)<sup>161</sup>. Free indirect speech is heavily employed in Roberts's works, which explores the inner world of the characters, who often face social and personal hardship. Some works, like *Stryd y Glep* (K. Roberts 1949) and two different pieces titled *Gwacter* (K. Roberts 1981, ch. 4, [1972] 2001a), are centred around the thoughts of the protagonist, being fictional diaries, but most of her common narrative writing still offers

Unwaith neu ddwy roedd hi wedi edrych dros ysgwydd ei chwaer ar y llyfr a ddarllenai, ond doedd ynddo ddim darluniau na sgwrsio, 'a pha werth,' meddyliodd Alys, 'ydi llyfr heb ddarluniau na sgwrsio?'

[...] once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversation?'

— Anturiaethau Alys yng Ngwlad Hud, ch. 4 (CARROLL [1953] 2010)

<sup>161</sup> See also PASCAL (1977), whose focus is more on stylistics and literary criticism.

ample glimpses to the thoughts of the focalising protagonists, mainly though free indirect speech. In our corpus, Begw is the focalising protagonist of Te yn y Gruq and Winni is the one of Haul a Drycin: the stories are told through their eyes.

For clarity, let us examine ex. 271a as an example of free indirect speech: after Begw finds out in the story it was her father who killed Sgiatan the cat, the report of her thoughts understanding this is not presented in the explicit manner of ex. 271b (my own rephrasing of ex. 271a) but without any framing (ex. 271a): the cn 3sg.f.poss father REL.Dir do.PRET.3sg ei thad a wnaeth 'So it was her father had bare thought Felly done it' is plainly presented in the text without any subordination of quoting frame. Take note of the use of use of the discourse marker felly 'so' and the person marking: free indirect speech combines elements which belong to the discursive sphere (felly in our case) with elements which belong to the narrative sphere (third-person reference in our case, as opposed to first person in the rephrasing, ex. 271b). Forms similar to ex. 271b are also found in the corpus, as exemplified in ex. 272 and discussed below.

- (271) a. <sup>r</sup>Felly thad a wnaeth. Cododd like.DEM.PROX.N 3SG.F.POSS father REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG raise.PRET.3SG Begw ac aeth i ben y soffa ac edrych allan. and go.PRET.3SG to head DEF sofa and look.INF out
  - 「(')Felly fy wnaeth,(') meddyliai nhad a 1SG.POSS father REL.DIR do.PRET.3SG think.PRET.3SG PN Cododd i ben y soffa ac edrych allan. raise.PRET.3SG and go.PRET.3SG to head DEF sofa and look.INF out
- (272)Sgiatan wedi dŵad yn ôl, meddyliai Begw wrthi after come.INF back think.IMPF.3SG PN with.3sg.F 3sg.F ei hun. 3SG.F.POSS REFL

In ex. 273 the spheres of the narrator and the protagonist's mental processes are combined — similarly to ex. 271a — and in fact collapse into one sentence. About a page before this young Begw learns a new word — gollyngdod 'release, relief'. Ex. 273 begins and ends as a plain narrative sentence (A chafodd hithau, Begw, [...] ollyngdod wrth daflu ei dymuniad i fyny yn gelwydd twt cyfa 'And she, Begw, got [...] relief, in throwing up her wish as a

So it was her father had done it. Begw got up and went to the end of the sofa and looked outside.

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 10 \(\('\)\)So it was my father had done it,\('\) thought Begw. She got up and went to the end of the sofa and looked outside.

(rephrasing for explanatory purposes) Sgiatan's come back, Begw thought to herself.

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 11

total lie'), but in the middle another segment is inserted: [...] beth RELDIR\say.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS mother also interpolated dwedodd ei mam hefyd? O ie, [...] '[...]—what had her mother said again? Oh yes—[...]' $^{162}$ . Interestingly, a feature of Welsh syntax marks the juncture between the two parts separated by the inserted segment: the direct object of the finite transitive verb cafodd is gollyngdod, and it is marked by lenition (ollyngdod, with  $g- \rightarrow \emptyset$ - mutation; see table 1.2 in § 1.3.1.1), which is the direct object marker of finite verbs  $^{163}$ .

(273)chafodd hithau, Begw, beth ddwedodd and get.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.CONJ PN what REL.DIR\say.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS hefyd? 0 ie, ollyngdod wrth daflu mam ei INTERJ OBJ\release with throw.INF 3SG.F.POSS dymuniad i fyny yn gelwydd twt cyfa. wish to up  $yn_{PRED}$  lie neat whole

<sup>162</sup> The English translation presents the parenthetic status more clearly, using dashes.

<sup>163</sup> As opposed to infinitival forms, whose direct object marking does not involve lenition.

And she, Begw, got—what had her mother said again? Oh yes—relief, in throwing up her wish as a total lie.

*TG*, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 25

Discourse markers and interjections are common in free indirect speech segments in the corpus, as demonstrated in ex. 274, as well as the previous example.

- (274) a. 「O, diar」, yr oedd bywyd yn galed. [...] INTERJ INTERJ PRT be.IMPF.3SG life yn<sub>PRED</sub> hard
  - b. Yr oedd Bilw'n rhy ffeind, ond <code>FO\_J!</code> i beth oedd PRT be.IMPF.3SG PN-yn<sub>PRED</sub> too nice but INTERJ to what be.IMPF.3SG eisiau iddo sôn am yr hen gwarfod yma?

    need to.3SG.M mention about DEF old meeting DEM.PROX

Oh, dear, life was hard. [...]

TG, Gofid (ch. 1), p. 9 Bilw was too kind, but 「Oh」! why did he need to mention the old meeting here and now?

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 35

#### 3.6.2.2 Verbs of cognition

While cases of indirect *speech* are rare in the studied corpus, it is more common for verbs of cognition to take indirect complements, as demonstrated in ex. 275, with *mai*-nominalisation of nominal predication in ex. 275a and *y*-nominalisation in exx. 275b–c.

(275) a. Wrth iddynt droi oddi wrth y drws, meddyliai with to.3PL LEN\turn.INF from DEF door think.IMPF.3SG

Elin Gruffydd mai 'slebog' oedd y gair iawn am PN NMLZ slob COP.IMPF.3SG DEF word right about Lisi Jên.

°As they turned from the door, Elin Gruffydd thought that 'slob' was the proper word for Lisi Jên.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 63

- b. [...] Credai Begw y byddai rhywbeth siŵr o believe.IMPF.3SG PN NMLZ be.IMPF.HAB.3SG something sure of dorri ym mrest Bilw. [...]
- C. Gobeithiai y medrai hwnnw wneud rhywbeth i hope.IMPF.3SG NMLZ can.IMPF.3SG DEM.DIST.M make.INF something to atal ei thad rhag ei gorfodi i fynd adref. stop.INF 3SG.F.POSS father PREP 3SG.F.POSS oblige.INF to go.INF ADV\home

[...] "Begw believed that something was sure to break in Bilw's chest. [...]

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 34

She hoped that he would be able to do something to stop her father from forcing her to go home.

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 22

Direct verbalisation of the thoughts of characters does also occur, as demonstrated in ex. 272 above and ex. 276. No quotation marks are used with verbs of cognition in the corpus, but this combination is attested in other works by Roberts.

- (276) a. Mae lot o'i dad yn y bwli bach yma, be.PRS.3SG lot of-3SG.M.POSS father  $yn_{LOC}$  DEF bully small DEM.PROX meddyliai Winni.
  - b. [...] Yr oedd yn gas ar Mair debygai Begw, PRT be.IMPF.3SG  $yn_{PRED}$  hateful on PN LEN\suppose.IMPF.3SG PN ei thad yn dweud gras bwyd ac yn tyfu barf. 3SG.F.POSS father  $yn_{CVB}$  say.INF grace food and  $yn_{CVB}$  grow.INF beard [...]

There's a lot of his father in this little bully, thought Winni.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 56

[...] It was horrid for Mair, Begw supposed, her [Mair's] father saying grace at meals and growing a beard. [...]

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 14

With regard to the relative position of the direct reported thought and the verb of cognition, at least in the studied corpus both *meddyliai* (as in ex. 276a) and *debygai* (as in ex. 276b) are never preposed. Preposed forms seem to collocate with *indirect* complements (as in ex. 275). The intraposed or postposed status of *debygai* has a syntactic implication which does not affect *meddyliai*: the  $t-\to d-$  lenition of *debygai* (dictionary form *tebyg*) has to do with this parenthetic status. The lenition-triggering pre-verbal particle *mi* co-occur with verbs in parenthetic epistemic verbs, such as *mi gredaf* '..., I believe (...)', *mi dybiaf* '..., I suppose (...)', *mi wn* '..., I know (...)' and *mi wranta* '..., I'm sure (...)'; this syntactic feature is discussed in Shisha-Halevy (2005, § 7)[§ 1.3.4.b]. The parenthetic *debygai* may be analysed as a form with *zero* pre-verbal particle which triggers lenition 164.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>164</sup> Such particles are discussed by AW-BERY (2004), although with other type of data: spoken Welsh of north Pembrokeshire.

#### 3.6.2.3 *meddai wrth- ei hun 'said to oneself'*

Four examples in the corpus (exx. 277–280) have the idiomatic reflexive construction *meddai wrth-ei hun* 'said to oneself', which does not indicate actual speech but *thinking*. These are different from the superficially-similar ex. 164 in § 3.2.3.1.5.1 above ([...] day.pret.3sg 3sg.f.poss mother with.3sg.f 3sg.f.poss refl adv/more than anyone ddywedodd ei mam wrthi ei hun fwy na neb '[...] her mother said, to herself more than anyone'), which does represent speech (not thoughts which are not shared) and has a different verb in a different tense 165, a different configuration and different 'addressee' (wrthi ei hun fwy na neb 'to herself more than anyone').

<sup>165</sup> Structurally speaking, *meddai* has no tense in the environments it is used here and normally (see § 3.3.1.1.1.2).

In three of the examples (exx. 277–279) occur right after a line of dialogue, and represent a response the character chose not to utter. Take note of the allocutive second-person forms *gweitiwch* chi 'wait!' and *gwelwch chi* 'you (will) see' in ex. 277, which are used without actual addressing of the imagined allocutor (Begw's mother) by the 'speaker' (Begw).

(277)[Mam Begw:] '[...], a neb fyta llawar o and NEG\can.PRS.3SG anyone eat.INF much efo crempog.' ¶ 「'Gweitiwch chi nes gwelwch chi frechdan bread\_and\_butter with pancake wait.IMP.2PL 2PL until see.PRS.2PL 2PL Winni yn byta,' meddai Begw wrth hi ei hun. yn<sub>CVB</sub> eat.INF GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with 3sg.f 3sg.f.poss Refl

[Begw's mother:] '[...], and nobody can eat much bread-and-butter with pancakes.' "'Wait until you see Winni eat,' Begw said to herself.

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 57

'Cymerwch ragor.' A chododd Elin Gruffydd dair arall ar y take.IMP.2PL more and raise.PRET.3SG PN three other on DEF fforc. 'Dyna'r nawfed, meddai Begw wrthi ei fork PRESTT.MEDI-DEF ninth GSV.IMPF.3SG PN with.3SG.F 3SG.F.POSS hun. REFL

'Have some more.' And Elin Gruffydd lifted another three on the fork. That's the ninth, Begw said to herself.

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 58

(279)i ddim i beth mae eisiau hen gwarfodydd NEG know.prs.1sg 1sg neg to what be.prs.3sg need old meeting.pl llenyddol.' ¶ 「'O! Bilw annwyl, yn meddwl yr un fath â  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  think.INF DEF one thing with 1SG literary INTERJ PN dear meddai Begw wrthi hun. with.3sg.F 3sg.F.Poss REFL GSV.IMPF.3SG PN

'I don't know why there's a need for old literary meetings.' ¶ 「'Oh! Dear Bilw, thinking the same as me,' Begw said to herself.」

TG, Marwolaeth Stori (ch. 3), p. 34

In ex. 280 the construction is used within the course of a narrative paragraph, right after the author refers to the quality

of one character's thoughts in response to recent events in the narrative.

(280)rhywbeth heblaw 「meddyliau」 balch na difalch [...] Yr oedd PRT be.IMPF.3SG something beside thought.PL glad nor ABE.glad chalon, 「meddyliau」 digalon oedd yn<sub>LOC</sub> 3SG.F.POSS heart thought.PL disheartened COP.IMPF.3SG DEF wrth weld y tri yn troi am y ffordd. 「'Pam?' DEM.DIST.PL with see.INF DEF three  $yn_{CVB}$  turn about DEF road meddai wrthi ei hun. 'Pam?', [...] GSV.IMPF.3SG with.3SG.F 3SG.F.POSS REFL why

There was something besides pleased or displeased thoughts in her heart, they were depressed thoughts as she saw the three turn towards the road. ""Why?" she said to herself, "why?" [...]

TG, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 64

The reflexive construction in question is used in other works by Kate Roberts and others. The only attestations of ebe instead of meddai in the first slot I could find in works of Kate Roberts are from her first collection of short stories, O Gors y Bryniau (K. ROBERTS [1925] 1932). As discussed in § 3.3.1.1.1.1 above, the use of ebe and meddai in this early publication is strikingly different from that of her later works, in which ebe is restricted to actual quotative QI1 constructions.

#### *Speech verbs outside of quotative indexes* 3.6.3

Speech verbs are commonly used as nuclei of quotative indexes, but are used in other environments as well. The figurative use of meddai wrth- ei hun 'said to oneself' has been just discussed, but there are other, nonfigurative uses.

One is to encapsulate parts of the dialogue without explicitly writing it in as direct-speech dialogue paragraphs. Such is ex. 264 from § 3.5.2 above, in which the author avoids writing the dialogue paragraphs of what Gwen says to Winni. Other examples are ex. 281, where a nominal reference (helynt, sqwrs and hanes) spares repeating events the readers are familiar with or providing information which the author chooses not to include.

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(281)
              [dyn yn dod at Winni:] 'Be sy'n
                                                                    Winni?' ¶
                                    what be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn_{CVB} be.INF PN
               Dywedodd hithau [=Winni] ei
                                                     helynt.
               say.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.CONJ
                                          3SG.F.POSS trouble
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am sgwrs Gwen wrth ei meistres. mention.PRET.3SG about talk PN with 3sg.F.Poss mistress

[a man coming up to Winni:] "What's the matter, Winni?' ¶ She [=Winni] told him her troubles.

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 51 She mentioned Gwen's talk to her mistress.

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 20

[...] Dywedasant bob un ei hanes wrth ei gilydd. say.PRET.3PL every one 3SG.F.POSS history with 3.POSS RECP

In addition to dweud, sôn am and other speech verbs, other verbs can take communicative sense, including the general rhoi:

(282)Rhoes Winni'r hanes a Begw'n gwrando, ei cheg give.PRET.3SG PN-DEF account and PN-yn<sub>CVB</sub> listen.INF 3SG.F.POSS mouth llygaid yn rhythu.  $yn_{PRED}$  open and-3sg.f.poss eye.pl yn<sub>CVB</sub> stare.INF

Nominal reference object is one option to avoid explicit direct dialogue; indirect speech is another (ex. 283). Interestingly, while indirect speech is commonly dealt in tandem with direct speech in the grammatical literature, it is quite rare in our corpus. Indirect speech is distinct from direct speech not only in its syntax, but also in its textual function: it is a wholly narrative form, whereas direct speech (in QI1 and QI2) bridges between narrative and dialogue.166

- (283) a. [...] Dywedodd Robin nad aros oedd ef am NMLZ.NEG be.IMPF.3SG 3SG.M about stay.INF i gael te efo Winni Ffinni Hadog, a dechreuodd Rhys to get.INF tea with PN and begin.PRET.3SG PN grio wrth ei glywed yn dweud. [...] cry.INF with 3SG.M.POSS hear.INF yncvb say.INF
  - [...] Ond mi gafodd ei mam afael ar hen gôt but PRT get.PRET.3SG 3SG.F.POSS mother hold.INF on old coat(F) ddu dri-chwarter a choler gyrlin cloth arni, black three-quarter and collar curling cloth on.3SG.F and PRESTT.PROX hi'n datod a dweud y dechrau ei gwnâi 3SG.F-yn<sub>CVB</sub> begin.INF 3SG.F.POSS undo.INF and say.INF NMLZ do.IMPF.3SG godre. [...] gôt iawn i Winni at ei coat proper to PN to 3sg.F.Poss fringe

There are functions direct speech in dialogue do not cover, such as avoidance from speaking (ex. 284) and a hypothetical act of speaking (ex. 285).

[...] They both told each other their life history.

HD, Haul a Drycin (ch. 2), p. 19

Winni told her story, and Begw listened, her mouth open and her eyes

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 14

- <sup>166</sup> Keeping with the bridge metaphor, QI1 stands closer to the dialogue side and QI2 to the narrative side.
- [...] Robin said that he didn't want to stay and have tea with Winni Ffinni Hadog, and Rhys began crying when he heard him say that. [...]

*TG*, Ymwelydd i De (ch. 5), p. 57

[...] But her mother got hold of an old black three-quarter-length coat with a curling cloth collar, and she began to take it apart, saying it would make a fine full-length coat for Winni. [...]

(284)Ni soniodd yr un o'r ddau air am yr helynt ar y NEG mention.PRET.3SG DEF one of-DEF two.M word about DEF trouble on DEF gywilydd, a Robin am y Begw o tro yn ADV\home PN from shame and PN about DEF time  $yn_{CVB}$ deall teimladau ei chwaer. understand.INF feeling.PL 3SG.M.POSS sister

Neither of the two said a word on the way home about the trouble, Begw from shame, and Robin for once understanding his sister's feelings.

TG, Te yn y Grug (ch. 4), p. 47

(285)Penderfynodd fynd i'r lôn trwy lidiart y drws nesa', ac os decide.PRET.3SG go.INF to-DEF lane through gate DEF door next gallai Mrs. Huws i gyfarfod â hi, to meet.INF with 3SG.F can.IMPF.3SG say.INF mai dyfod i alw ar Mair yr oedd. NMLZ come.INF to call.INF on PN REL.OBL be.IMPF.3SG

She decided to go to the road through the next door's gate, and if Mrs. Huws came to meet her, she could say that what she was doing was coming to call on Mair.

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 14

Speech verbs are in use within the speech of characters in dialogue as well, when they speak about speaking (e.g. ex. 286). The grammar of the dialogue portions of the text — as opposed to the *interface* between narrative and dialogue — lay outside of the limits of this chapter.

- (286)a. siarad. Dwedwch [Mrs. Huws:] 'Rŵan, Winni, nid fel yna mae now PN NEG like MEDI be.PRS.3SG talk say.IMP.2PL "Mrs. Jones," nid "y Mrs. Jones yna sy'n NEG DEF Mrs PN MEDI be.REL.PRS.3SG-yn<sub>CVB</sub> come.INF i llnau." [...] yma PROX.LOC to clean.INF
  - [Begw:] '[...] Mi glywais i Mr. Huws yn deud – "trwy PRT hear.PRET.1SG 1SG Mr PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> say.INF through Iesu Grist. Amen.' PN amen

[Mrs Huws:] 'Now, Winni, that's no way to talk. Say — "Mrs. Jones" not "that Mrs. Jones who comes here to clean." [...]

HD, O! Winni! Winni! (ch. 6), p. 46

[Begw:] '[...] I heard Mr. Huws saying—"through Jesus Christ. Amen."

TG, Y Pistyll (ch. 2), p. 16

#### 3 7 CONCLUSION

This chapter delineates the seam between two primary modes of narrative (see § 1.1.6.1): the dialogue portions and the narrationproper portions of narratives. It portrays the micro- and macrosyntactic signs which have to do with the integration of *mimetic* speech into diegetic narration. These signs are described with regard to their structural properties — their signifiers, their signifieds and the systematic relationships that define them. Complex, intricate and interesting linguistic patterns emerge from the text

through the lens of structural text linguistics. A key notion in this chapter is that of *quotative index*, the linguistic expression which signals, embeds and introduces a *quote* (direct reported speech) into the broader discourse.

Three distinct types of quotative indexes are attested in the corpus, showing distinct syntagmatic, paradigmatic, systematic and textual-functional features (§ 3.2). The first, QI1 (§ 3.2.2), is the basic, conventionalised type of quotative index in the corpus, which unmarkedly tags turns in dialogue. It may be followed by a special narrative addendum (§ 3.2.2.1) and may split the quote in two parts (§ 3.2.2.2). Formally QI1 begins with a paragraph break and a quote, which may be followed by an overt quotative index (QI1<sup>+</sup>) or stand on its own, occupying its own paragraph (QI1<sup>-</sup>, with a zero quotative index). The second type, QI2 (§ 3.2.3), is strictly preposed, located at the coda of a previous narrative paragraph and has a paragraph break between it and the quote. Functionally, it marks the act or manner of speech as an event with narrative significance. While QI2 is much rarer than QI1, the third type, QI3 (§ 3.2.4), is even less prevalent; while QI1 operates essentially in the domain of dialogue and QI2 in both the domain of dialogue and narrative, QI3's function lies strictly within narrative, with no dialogue component. Formally, QI3 is embedded within the flow of a narrative paragraph. 167

Next the internal structure of the quotative indexes is analysed (§ 3.3). Four basic components are recognised: the nucleus, the speaker, the addressee and the modification. The different types of nuclei attested in the corpus (§ 3.3.1) are diverse in terms of their form and syntax, and include: generic speech verbs <sup>169</sup>, specific speech verbs (which bear specific lexical meaning, such as gofyn or gweiddi), the compound prepositional phrase oddi wrth SP, and nominal predication patterns. Speakers (§ 3.3.2) are indicated pronominally or nominally; the syntactic role of the speaker component depends on the nucleus. Addressees (§ 3.3.3) are rarely indexed explicitly in the quotative index, but when needed they are within the quote (as a vocative phrase, for example). The modification component (§ 3.3.4) intersects with QI-type in complex ways that involves syntactic and textual factors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> Some aspects of phonetics and prosody in an audiobook produced for *Te yn y Grug* (one work which is used as a part of the corpus) are cursorily explored in § 3.2.4.4.

 $<sup>^{168}</sup>$  Each intersects with the type of quotative index, making 3 imes 4 paradigms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> meddai and ebe for QI1 (§ 3.3.1.1.1), which arguably are not verbs synchronically, or at least not fully verbal. QI2 has meddai and dweud as generic forms (§ 3.3.1.1.2).

The quotative index of QI1 can be either overt (QI1<sup>+</sup>) or zeroed (QI1<sup>-</sup>), leaving only the typographical devices of quotation marks and paragraph breaks as markers (§ 3.4). The distribution between the two forms can be described by the following rule of thumb (simplified here): unless the identification of the speaker is not unambiguous at that point in the text or the author wishes to describe something specific regarding the speech<sup>170</sup>, QI1<sup>-</sup> is used; otherwise, QI1<sup>+</sup> is used. Several conversations are examined as case studies (§ 3.4.1): very long conversations between two characters are carried out using QI1<sup>-</sup> almost exclusively, while conversations between three characters exhibit complex use of QI1<sup>+</sup> and  $QI1^{-171}$ . The special cases of rapid narrative-dialogue alternation (§ 3.4.2) and stories which open with speech (§ 3.4.3) are also considered, in order to provide a fuller picture. The corpus is not a record of actual real-life occurrences and conversations, but an artificial, literary construct that mimics such records. The author presents several situations in which characters violate social conventions and interrupt one another (§ 3.5); these interruptions and resumptions — have linguistic consequences.

Finally, § 3.6 is dedicated to three issues which are related to the topic in question but fit nowhere in the other sections. One is reciting verses and singing (§ 3.6.1), which have linguistic characteristics that are different from those which normal speech has. Another is reported thoughts: § 3.6.2 covers similarities and dissimilarities between the linguistic representation and reporting of speech and thought<sup>172</sup>; a number of strategies and syntactic constructions are described. The third is the use of speech verbs outside of quotative indexes (§ 3.6.3); while speech verbs are commonly used as nuclei of quotative indexes, they are used in other environments as well, for several purposes.

<sup>170</sup> Through the modification component or — marginally — through a lexical choice of specific speech verb.

<sup>171</sup> As complementary evidence, two such conversations are annotated and commented upon in an appendix (§ B.2).

172 Both fall under the umbrella term reported discourse and are often grouped together in linguistic treatments.

# 4

# Stage directions

of narrative within memoirs, and chapter 3 charted the interface between the narrative and dialogue portions of stories. The current chapter continues with the general theme of the thesis, and depicts the (text-)linguistic system of a particular textual constituent within an encompassing text: this time, it is *stage directions within plays*. Two short plays serve as the corpus: the stage play Y Fam 'The Mother' (B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920) and the radio play Y Cynddrws 'The Outer Door' (K. ROBERTS [1954] 2014b).

Chwareufa ydyw'r byd, A chwareuyddion yw'r trigolion oll, Hwy ddeuant yn eu tro, ac ânt bob un; Amrywiol ranau chwery pob dyn byw;

All the world's a stage, / And all the men and women merely players: / They have their exits and their entrances, / And one man in his time plays many parts:

Jaques in Shakespeare's As You
 Like It; translated into Welsh in
 SPURRELL (1853, p. 73)

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

#### 4.1.1 Background

While memoirs and short stories are texts which are meant to be *read* by the audience<sup>1</sup>, plays are texts which can be deciphered, interpreted, comprehended, enjoyed and analysed either directly as written texts to be read, or through spectating a performative dramatic actualisation made by a collaborative effort of a director, a cast of actors and a production team.<sup>2</sup> Situated within the field of linguistics, and aiming at text-linguistic analysis of written Literary Welsh, the current study takes the first route, and examines the corpus — from the point of view of the *reader* — as a written literary object, independent of any particular per-

- <sup>1</sup> Or listened to in the case of the radio episode upon which *Atgofion* is based (§ 2.1.2). The published version, which chapter 2 uses as a part of its corpus, is strictly meant to be read, and has no performative or production directions.
- <sup>2</sup> If one is to apply GENETTE's (1972) terms liberally, the read text and the spectated performance share *discours* or *récit* (the narrative text) but not *narration* (the act of narration); see n. 41 on p. 14.

formance. Even though the portions of the text this chapter deals with contain instructions originally meant for *production*, they can be linguistically analysed as a special kind of text.

HELBO (1987, § 2.3.1) distinguishes between two subsets which together make the *theatrical text*:

- The *dramatic text*, which is spoken aloud by the actors.
- The production text (or stage directions), which 'comprises the scenic annotations destined particularly for actualisation through staging ("didascalies")'<sup>3</sup>. He distinguishes between four types, according to their target audience:
  - *Meant for the actor.* These make the majority of stage directions in our corpus.
  - *Meant for staging* (set, costumes, lighting, sound effects, music, etc.). In our corpus these are absent from the auditory *Y Cynddrws*, and in the theatrical *Y Fam* are found mainly in the *GOLYGFA* section at the beginning, and sporadically throughout the play.
  - *Meant for the reader* (of the published play), and have no concretisation on stage. These are not found in our plays.
  - *Meant for the implied spectator.*<sup>4</sup> These are not found in our plays, as well.

Thus, this chapter deals with the (text-)linguistic structure of the production text, most of which directs the actors and some of which describes the staging.

INGARDEN ([1931] 1973, p. 208) formulates a distinction between *Haupttext* 'primary text' and *Nebentext* 'ancillary text'. The two constitute two parallel signifying systems, where the former constitutes the dialogue of the characters (Helbo's (1987, § 2.3.1) *dramatic text*) and the latter constitutes the stage directions which frame that dialogue (Helbo's (ibid.) *production text*). Ingarden offers a hierarchical structure, but this view is not shared by all scholars; see ASTON and SAVONA ([1991] 2013, p. 72 ff.) for discussion. Thomasseau (1984), for example, rejects Ingarden's terms and the hierarchy they suggest, and para-text dialogué 'dialogue(d) text' and *para-texte* 'para-text', which are distinguished on typographical basis in the

<sup>3</sup> Cf. PAVIS's (1998, § stage directions) definition: 'Stage directions (*indications scéniques*; *Bühnenanweisungen*) include any text [...] which is not spoken by the actors and is meant to clarify the understanding or mode of presentation of the play for the reader. Examples include names of characters, indications of entrances and exits, descriptions of space, notations on acting.'

<sup>4</sup> I must admit I do not fully understand what Helbo (1987) means by this: how can such production text can be directed at an (implied) spectator if it does not have an effect on acting or the stage?

Perhaps examples like SD 206 (discussed below) fit under this type, as they are worded in a way that refers to the listeners, with the impersonal finite present form -ir. Nevertheless, even though it indirectly and impersonally refers to the audience, it is the audio engineer (as a part of the production team) and/or the voice actors who have to interpret that instruction and act accordingly: it is presented 'through the audience's ears', but in actuality it is meant for others to perform.

printed play<sup>5</sup> — an approach the present study shares. Similarly, Veltřuský (1977) acknowledges stage directions as integral to the literary structure of the play.

Theatre and drama have received scholarly attention in a wide range of fields, and theatre studies (theatrology, dramatics) is an inherently interdisciplinary field. Beyond other studies of the language of plays, the interdisciplinary intersection most akin to the structuralist methodology of the present study (§ 1.2.2) is the semiotic (or semiologic) analysis of theatre and drama; notable publications include ASTON and SAVONA ([1991] 2013), ELAM (2005), and Helbo (1987), as well as CARLSON (1989)6. Two relatively recent doctoral theses have been dedicated to Welsh language drama: one explores the interrelationship between Welsh language and drama (MORRIS 2018), and one focusses on Kate Roberts as a playwright and her dramatic works (D. JONES 2014). Both treat language and playwriting as cultural, social, literary and historical phenomena, and do not deal with grammatical matters, which are our focus here. Similarly to the other topics covered in the present thesis, to the best of my knowledge no scholarly attention has been given hitherto to the (text-)grammatical features of Kate Roberts's plays<sup>7</sup>, let alone the more specific topic of the grammar of stage directions.

Similarly to the above chapters, the present discussion is language-specific in focus and aim. While it does not attempt at studying stage directions in a generic language-agnostic manner, some aspects of the results, presentation and methodology might be helpful for the description of this textual unit — which is little studied *linguistically*<sup>8</sup> — in other languages.

The stage directions are marked in the studied corpus using the commonplace parentheses and italic letters (ASTON and SAVONA [1991] 2013, p. 72). Thus, together with the explicitly designated introductory specifications (§ 4.2), the delimitation and definition of the textual unit in question is given by the author(s). This is in contrast with the anecdote, whose structural definition had to be derived from analysing the text, identifying recurring text-linguistic patterns. Another factor which distinguishes the dramatic text from the production text is the form of the language used in each: the first is characterised by a markedly colloquial

- <sup>5</sup> Le para-texte est ce texte imprimé (en italiques ou dans un autre type de caractère le différenciant toujours visuellement de l'autre partie de l'œuvre) qui enveloppe le texte dialogué d'une pièce de théâtre. 'The para-text is that printed text (in italics or in another typeface, always differentiating it visually from the other part of the work) which envelops the dialogue(d) text of the play'.
- <sup>6</sup> Which moves away from the text *per se* and treats the related topic of the semiotics of spatial, architectural arrangement.

<sup>7</sup> Or Welsh language plays in general, as far as I could find.

- <sup>8</sup> Linguistic treatments of the special grammar of stage directions include NIKIFORIDOU (2021, English), URYSON (2019, Russian) and MURPHY (1974, pp. 199–210, Serbo-Croatian).
- <sup>9</sup> This term is adopted from SMILEY (2005, p. 282).

language — in structure and orthography $^{10}$  — while the latter is closer to the contemporary standard literary form.

The different components which make a play are broadly comparable with the ones which make a commonplace non-performative linguistic narrative (discussed in § 1.1.6.1 above). Table 4.1 presents a general comparison. The details may vary, but the fundamental common features stem from the fact that both drama and narrative texts are different modalities realising the same core human notion of *narrative*.

#### 4.1.2 Corpus

Although Roberts is primarily recognised as an author of short stories and novels (§ 1.3.2), she has written no less than thirteen plays and translated one (D. JONES 2014, p. 3 f.), and was an active figure in the contemporary scene. For the purpose of this chapter two short plays, one act each<sup>12</sup>, have been chosen:

- Y Fam 'The Mother' (1920; published as B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920), the first original play published by Roberts<sup>13</sup>, and indeed her first published book. It was written together with Betty Eynon Davies, with whom Roberts co-wrote three other plays. The fact it was co-written by two dramatists is not taken into consideration here; the text is taken as is. <sup>14</sup> This does not affect the homogeneity of the data in this thesis at least not to a significant degree as the findings found here generally hold true for other stage plays by Roberts.
- Y Cynddrws 'The Outer Door' (1954; edited in D. Jones (2014, § 4.ii) K. ROBERTS ([1954] 2014b) on the basis of the author's manuscripts), a radio play broadcast that year on Radio Cymru.

- <sup>10</sup> Welsh, in contrast to English, is relatively free when it comes to representing colloquial forms and pronunciations in writing.
- <sup>11</sup> In fact, ESHEL's (2015, § 2.3) *mise-enscène* narrative mode is directly adopted from theatre studies and film theory (ESHEL 2015, n. 27 on p. 29). See VEINSTEIN (1955, p. 9 and passim) for considerations regarding terminology and the history of science.

- <sup>12</sup> Y Cynddrws has five monologues after the LLEN 'CURTAIN', but this epilogue is excluded from the present study as it lacks any stage directions but the English CROSS FADE INTO MUSIC between the monologues.
- <sup>13</sup> According to (D. Jones 2014, p. 3 f.) two plays preceded it: *Y Botel* 'The Bottle' in 1910 (a translation of *The Bottle* by T. P. Taylor) and *Yn Eisiau, Howscipar* 'Wanted: Housekeeper' in 1915 (performed by *Cymdeithas y Ddraig Goch* 'The Red Dragon Society' that year; no copies survived).
- <sup>14</sup> If fact, the exact role of each of the two is debated in the scholarly literature (see D. JONES 2014, p. 64 ff. and passim).

Table 4.1: Comparison of the components that make plays and commonplace narrative texts

Play	Вопнеім 1975, 1982	Shisha-Halevy 1998	ESHEL 2015
introductory specifications	description	(subset of comment mode)	mise-en-scène
dramatic text	speech	dialogue	consciousness mode
(active) stage directions	report	evolution mode	evolution mode

#### 4.1.3 Annotation

Similarly to the two previous chapters, this chapter is also accompanied by an appendix (appendix C). It contains the whole text of Y Fam (§ C.1) and only the stage directions of Y Cynddrws, with minimal necessary co-text (§ C.2), where the symbol  $\langle [...] \rangle$  indicates an omission within the same paragraph and  $\langle [:] \times n \rangle$  an omission of n paragraphs.

To the best of my knowledge, neither of the plays has been translated into English. For this reason, I translated them myself (the whole of Y Fam and the relevant portions of Y Cynddrws). The purpose of this translation is not to be a stand-alone literary translation, but to make the thinnest readable English cover over the Welsh original, sacrificing idiomaticity at times for the sake of reflecting the original as close as possible. One case in which English idiomaticity is abandoned on purpose in favour of servile rendering is the [PRO/NP  $yn_{CVB}$  INF] pattern, which is rendered as [NP V-ing] (e.g. EIRY yn crio mwy as 'EIRY crying more', without 'is').

Each basic stage directions segment (sentence or phrase)<sup>15</sup> is numbered<sup>16</sup> and colour-coded<sup>17</sup> according to a simple scheme described in table 4.2. The colour of each segment corresponds to its syntactic form. The minimal nucleus syntagm which determines the syntactic identity of the whole segment according to the said scheme is marked in bold letters; when a segment has several concatenated nuclei, each is set in bold letters. Like in previous chapters, the annotation is mirrored in the English translation.

<sup>15</sup> Dependent clauses (such as adjunctive converbs or the [a INF] construction) are segmented together with their nucleus. On the other hand, sentences which consist of two segments which make a distinct head syntactic type each are split.

<sup>16</sup> Similarly to the anecdotes in appendix A, the numbering of the second play, *Y Cynddrws*, begins from 201, so references to the two plays can be easily distinguished.

'SD' references throughout this chapter refer to the correspondent stage directions in the appendix. Navigating back and forth can be done using hyperlinks (§ D.3.1); alternatively, two windows can be opened side by side.

<sup>17</sup> A corresponding shorthand is indicated beneath the number, so there is no need to memorise the colouring scheme.

Table 4.2: Syntactic forms of stage directions and their colour codes in appendix C

Col	our	Shorthand	Meaning	Example	e	
•	green	PRS	finite verb in present tense	SD 114	shake.PRS.3SG 3SG.M.POSS head Ysgwyd ei ben	He shakes his head
	blue	$yn_{\text{CVB}}$	$[yn_{CVB} INF]$ converbal form	SD 226	yn <sub>cvB</sub> shout.inf <b>yn gweiddi</b> yn <sub>ADV</sub> quiet	shouting
	cyan	$yn_{\mathtt{ADV}}$	$[yn_{ADV} ADJ]$ deadjectival adverb and related forms	SD 151	yn dawel	quietly
	yellow	NP	stand-alone noun phrase	SD 142	Seibiant byr	A short pause
	red	AD	addressee	SD 17	wrth SIENCYN in voice fearful	to SIENCYN
	grey	other	other forms	SD 146	mewn llais ofnus	in a fearful voice

All stage directions have been collected in a database.<sup>18</sup> Querying it proved helpful for achieving both quantitative and qualitative findings.

# 4.1.4 Overview of the chapter

This chapter is shorter than chapters 2 and 3, and its structure is simpler. Two sections follow this introduction:

- § 4.2 is a short section which describes the syntactic forms found in the *introductory specifications* set before the dramatic text itself begins: *dramatis personae* (in both plays), place and time (*Y Fam* only) and the setting (developed in *Y Fam*; embryonic to non-existent in *Y Cynddrws*).
- § 4.3 is the main section of the chapter. It examines the syntactic forms found in *stage directions* accompanying the dramatic text and their textual functions.

#### 4.2 INTRODUCTORY SPECIFICATIONS

#### 4.2.1 Dramatis personae

Following the standard form, both plays begin with a *dramatis* personae section ((y) cymeriadau). The two plays differ in the type of their cast of characters, which is reflected in language.

The characters in Y Fam (§ C.1) all belong in one household: one servant and several family members. First the 'pater familias' Ifan is listed as y Tad 'the Father', followed by his family in relation to him (with the ei and their term of relation). Last Siencyn the servant is listed, as y Gwas. Two related features stand out:

- The definite article y in front of Ifan and Siencyn's descriptions, and the possessive article ei in the descriptions of the others. <sup>19</sup>
- The use of capital letters in all the descriptions (Tad, Wraig, Ferch, etc.). 20

The two features suggest the status of these characters is similar to that of stock characters. This is in line with the flat nature of the characters in the play: Nano is an archetypical neglecting

18 It is available in a simple tabseparated values (TSV) format online: https://gitlab.com/ rwmpelstilzchen/phdthesis/-/ blob/master/db/drama.csv

The ID field in the database refers to internal labels (the same labels used in the MEX source files), not the sequential ones found in the PDF output of the thesis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The possessive article in Welsh, similarly to English, marks its noun phrase as definite.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> In general, the capitalisation norms of Welsh are more or less the same as in English.

and abusive *wicked stepmother*<sup>21</sup>, Eiry and Gwyn are stereotypical little *girl* and *boy*, etc. This has to do with the folkloristic nature of the play, which reads like a sort of a fairy tale (see D. Jones (2014, p. 66 f.) for discussion on the folk origins of the play), whose final part walks the line between the Otherworld, dream and a child's imagination and interpretation of reality on the one hand, and the down-to-earth adult world on the other hand.<sup>22</sup>

The dramatis personae of Y Cynddrws (§ C.2) are presented in a more typical form: indefinite nouns (bardd, ffermwr, crwydryn, etc.) modified adnominally; cf. the first class (character: identification) in table 5.1 (classification of stage directions) in ASTON and SAVONA ([1991] 2013, ch. 5).

#### 4.2.2 Place and time

These are absent from *Y Cynddrws*, and are minimal in *Y Fam*, where:

- The place (lle) is a noun phrase:  $\stackrel{kitchen}{Cegin}$   $\stackrel{farm\ house-yn_{LOC}\ mountain}{fferm}$   $T\hat{y}$ 'n Mynydd 'The kitchen of a farm (called)  $T\hat{y}$ 'n Mynydd'<sup>23</sup>.
- The time is Saith o'r gloch, Nos cyn G'lan Gaea' 'Seven o'clock, the night before All Saints' Day', foreshadowing an otherworldly atmosphere.

# 4.2.3 Setting

The setting (golygfa) section of Y Fam contains forms which occur in the main stage directions (discussed in § 4.3 below). Nevertheless, these forms bear different functions here and there.

The setting is a special unit, linguistically set apart from the rest of the play in both form and function. With regard to information structure, it is *almost* a *tabula rasa*: not all of the information given in the *dramatis personae*, *scene* and *time* sections is acknowledged as given. ERTESCHIK-SHIR (1997, § 1.4, 2007, § 2.1.4) terms similar structures which do not depend on preceding information as their topic but present all-new information — fittingly enough for our discussion  $^{25}$  — as having *stage topics*. Several nouns are definite, though, as they are assumed as shared knowledge about theatre: y *goleu* (SD 8) and y *goleuadau* (6); y *gynulleidfa* (7) and y

<sup>21</sup> A rounder, more developed take on this trope can be seen later in Roberts's writing, in the character of Lisi Jên in *Te yn y Grug* and *Haul a Drycin*.

<sup>22</sup> Gwyn the child has an otherworldly interpretation of Eiry's death (his and Eiry's dead mother came and took her with her *yn bell—bell—i dyfu yn hogan dda* 'far — far away — to grow up a good girl'), while Ifan the father sees it as a tragic occurrence within the natural world (*Syrthio i lawr y* steps 'nath hi 'What she did was falling down the stairs'). Both scenes and interpretations are played in front of the audience, with no clear judgement by the dramatists which one is 'true'.

Blurring the line between different states of conscious is a recurring theme in Roberts's works.

<sup>23</sup> The name of the farm — literally House in Mountain — encapsulates its most salient feature, namely its remoteness and loneliness. The use of 'n 'yn<sub>LOC</sub>' with an indefinite noun phrase (mynydd) is not unproblematic (in general use mewn 'in' appears with indefinite noun phrases, in complementary distribution). Another possible reading of  $T\hat{y}$ 'n is as a contraction of tyddyn 'homestead' (GPC (2014–, § tyddyn) gives tyn), but then the circumflex (to bach) and the apostrophe are unexplained.

- <sup>24</sup> For example, the place is reiterated in SD 6, the time in SD 12, and Nano and Siencyn are described again in SDs 13 and 14. Ifan is treated as known in SD 15, though.
- <sup>25</sup> ERTESCHIK-SHIR (1997, § 1.4): 'Such topics I call Stage topics using stage in the theatrical sense, the place where events appear before an audience.'

people bobl (8); y mur (SDs 5, 6, 8 and 10); and the directional y dde (6) and y chwith (SDs 8 and 9), which refer to the blocking of the stage. In addition, the definite y t an 'the hearth' (7) and y dresel 'the dresser<sup>26</sup>' are also assumed as shared knowledge, not about theatre but of Welsh kitchens.

The setting section begins with SD 1, a noun phrase which restates the place (lle). Generally speaking, bare syntactically self-standing noun phrases are uncommon in Welsh, but they are found here in the setting section, as well as in the main stage directions (where their function is different; see § 4.3.2.3).

Next (SD 2) there occurs a deontic binomial [rhaid i PRO/NP LEN\INF] 'PRO/NP has to INF' pattern<sup>27</sup> which refers back to the kitchen (now in a definite form, after it has been presented). For comparison, in commonplace third-person prose narrative writing such modal constructions are usually limited to the comment mode or to the content of dialogues<sup>28</sup>. Here the deontic modality is directed at the set designer. This is the only place in both plays where an explicit deontic language is used in the production text; even though we deal with stage directions — that is instructions which tell the theatre personnel how to realise the play in actual performance — all other instances have plain indicative forms, which are instructive only in implication.

The rest of the first paragraph has one of three forms describing the props on set, all fulfilling the same basic function:

- Self-standing noun phrases: a table, dishes and milk (SD 3); a sewing machine (4); a bed (6); the hearth (7); two doors (8).
- An (y) mae NP 'there is NP' existential pattern (SD 9).
- Stative posture verbal constructions, either finite (SDs 10 and 11) or converbal (SD 5).

Stative posture verbs are being used in various languages not only for literal posture predicates but also for denoting location and existence (the second step in KUTEVA's (1999) POSTURE > LOC-ATIVE/EXISTENTIAL > ASPECTUAL path of grammaticalisation)<sup>29</sup>. Even though Welsh has no posture-based grammatical system of location and existence, yn hongian, saif and gorwedd function here in a similar manner, but still bear full lexical (not grammaticalised) force. The difference between the converbal form and

<sup>26</sup> The Welsh dresser is a type of dresser consisting of a cabinet of cupboards and drawers surmounted by rows of shelves, on which plates, dishes, and kitchen utensils are arranged (OED 2000−, § Welsh, *adj.* and *n.* ⇒ Welsh dresser, *n.*). It used to have an important cultural role (BARNWELL and SUGGETT 2014, ch. 5).

<sup>27</sup> Literal approximation: *Necessary for PRO/NP to INF*. The first constituent, *rhaid* 'need', makes the rheme and the clause-content pattern *i PRO/NP LEN\INF* makes the theme in this binomial pattern (SHISHA-HALEVY 1998, § 3.4.1).

<sup>28</sup> See § 1.1.6.1 for the various narrative modes.

<sup>29</sup> See also NEWMAN (2002), a volume dedicated to typological and diachronic aspects of posture verbs.

While Welsh did develop a periphrastic aspectual system which is rooted in a spatiotemporal metaphor (and spatiotemporal paradigmatic commutation), this system is not based on posture metaphor but on existence metaphor (for example, Mae hi'n canu 'she is singing' literally means, approximately, 'she is (exists) in singing'); cf., for example, Ond mae gobaith 'But there is hope' in Roberts's short story Cyfeillgarwch. The forms used in this system ultimately originated from the common Indo-European 'be' roots  $*h_1$ es- (whence come vowelinitial forms such as wyf 'be.PRS.1SG'; cf. English am) and  $b^hueh_2$ - (whence come the b- forms such as bod 'be.INF'; cf. English be). See ZIMMER (1999) and RIX (2001, §§ \*h<sub>1</sub>es-, \*bhueh<sub>2</sub>-) for further discussion.

the finite form cannot be asserted here in this particular environment due to the paucity of examples in the studied corpus.

The second paragraph of the setting proceeds from describing the static set to describing the opening scene. It states the time in a common idiomatic manner (Mae'n saith o'r gloch [...] 'It is seven o'clock [...]'; SD 12). Then each of the characters present on stage is introduced: Nano with a posture verb (SD 13), and Siencyn and Ifan without such syntactic intermediation but as syntactically independent noun phrases (SDS 14 and 15). The setting concludes with SD 16, a sentence whose predicate is a finite verb; it is not an event but a state.

Being a radio play, Y Cynddrws lacks a real setting. The closest thing to an acoustic 'setting' is the first word right after the dramatis personae: Distawrwydd (SD 201), which is immediately broken by two sighs. Although there is no explicit golygfa heading in Y Cynddrws, this first paragraph is set apart typographically, distinguished from the ways both the dramatic text<sup>30</sup> and the production text<sup>31</sup> are set: it is printed in upright letters, with no tabulation and no parentheses.

# entheses, tabulated to the right of the name of the character who is performing the dramatic text.

30 Set with upright letters and no par-

#### 4.3 STAGE DIRECTIONS ACCOMPANYING THE DRAMATIC TEXT

Having described the introductory specifications, we turn now to the type which make the bulk of stage directions: the ones which are interwoven with the dramatic text. First, the basic criteria of classification are presented and the distribution of stage directions is described in a general form (§ 4.3.1). Then, a more zoomed-in description of the various syntactic forms is provided (§ 4.3.2).

Diflanna geiriau, ond erys gweithredoedd

Words vanish, but actions remain

— THORNE (1993, § 423)

# 4.3.1 Distribution of stage directions

In the previous section we have seen that while *Y Fam* has a detailed setting section, *Y Cynddrws* has nothing more developed than one word, *distawrwydd*. A quantitative comparison of the relative portion stage directions make of total text in each play (table 4.3<sup>32</sup>) shows that in general stage directions are much more central and developed in *Y Fam* than in *Y Cynddrws*: their relative

<sup>32</sup> The numbers were obtained from a computerised word count of the text files; a 'word' in this context is any sequence of characters delimited by a white space.

The epilogue monologues of *Y Cynddrws*, which do not contain any stage directions, were not taken into account; if they were, the difference would be even starker.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Set in italic letters within parentheses.

Table 4.3:

The relative portion stage directions make of the text of each play

Play	Total length	Length of SD text	Relative portion
Y Fam	4787 words	1085 words	
Y Cynddrws	6234 words	192 words	<b>3.1%</b> ■

length is more than 7 times longer. A primary reason behind this seems to be the different medium of the two plays: *Y Fam* takes place on a theatre stage, which has visual aspects absent from the auditory *Y Cynddrws*. These visual aspects of the stage play are communicated through stage directions.

In this section the distribution of stage directions is described on two axes: one is textual environment and the other — syntactic form. Three textual environments<sup>33</sup> can be distinguished regarding the relative position of stage directions and the dramatic text, as described in table 4.4: before<sup>34</sup>, within or external to a character's speech.<sup>35</sup> Stage directions in the preposed environment cataphorically modify the dramatic text that follows, by instructing how to perform it or what to do in conjunction with speaking. The intraposed environment is intertwined with the dramatic text, and as such stage directions in this environment are temporally bound to the flow of the dramatic text and indicate what to perform in certain points in that text or how to perform it. The extraposed environment is located between segments of dramatic text, and as such is mostly dedicated to actions and occurrences which take place between sequences of speech.

As shown in table 4.4, stage directions are not distributed the in the same manner in the two plays: *Y Fam* shows a more or less

- <sup>33</sup> I could not find generally-accepted terms for these in theatrology, so I resorted to making new terms: *preposed*, *intraposed* and *extraposed*.
- <sup>34</sup> In *Y Fam* preposed stage directions occur between the character's name and a colon; in *Y Cynddrws* they occur right after the colon, before the speech. This difference is superficial and does not affect the analysis. It might as well merely reflect typographical preferences of the printers of *Y Fam* (Educational Publishing co.) and the editor of *Y Cynddrws* (D. JONES 2014).
- <sup>35</sup> This corresponds to a certain degree with Gabler's (JOYCE 1984, p. 1747) terms *narrative directions* and *speech directions*, which can be generalised beyond Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Table 4.4:

Textual environments in which stage directions occur and their distribution in each play

			Distribution (occ	currences)
Environment	Meaning	Example	Y Fam	Y Cynddrws
preposed intraposed extraposed	before the character's speech within the character's speech in a stand-alone paragraph	SD 56 SD 96 SD 164	57 53 46	22 6 12

even distribution, while in *Y Cynddrws* intraposed stage directions are rarer, and preposed ones are much more common. This seems to stem from the different nature of the two plays. *Y Fam* has non-verbal action played on stage in parallel or in between the dialogue lines of the characters. *Y Cynddrws*, on the other hand, is limited to the purely acoustic performance. Thus, preposed stage directions — a main function of which is to instruct the actors regarding how they should convey the dialogue (tone, manner, etc.) — are common in both plays, but intraposed and extraposed are less common in *Y Cynddrws*.

On the second axis — syntactic form — six classes are distinguished; these have been listed in table 4.2 (in § 4.1.3) and are described in greater detail in § 4.3.2. Table 4.5 provides a more detailed view in comparison to table 4.4: it shows the distribution of stage directions on the intersections of both axes. Several results stand out, such as the paucity of finite present forms in Y Cynddrws and their near non-existence in the preposed environment (in both plays). These and other quantitative facts go hand in hand with their qualitative functional aspects, which are discussed below.

Table 4.5:

Distribution of stage directions by syntactic form and textual environment

	Environment	<b>•</b> [5	n <sub>CVB</sub> INF]	• P	resent	<b>_</b> [5	n <sub>ADV</sub> ADJ]	N	ΙP		Addressee	• C	ther
S	preposed	36		1	I	23		0		5	1	14	
both plays	intraposed	20		33		2	1	2	1	0		2	I
th	extraposed	14		33		0		9		0		2	I
<u>ع [</u>	total	69		67		26	_	11		5	1	18	
Γ	preposed	22		1	I	18		0		4	1	12	
ш	intraposed	18		30		2	1	1	I	0		2	I
Y Fam	extraposed	9		30		0		5	1	0		2	1
L	total	49		61		20	-	6	1	4	1	16	
SN [	preposed	14		0		5		0		1	I	2	1
ldr.	intraposed	2	1	3	1	0		1	1	0		0	
Y Cynddrws	extraposed	5	1	3	1	0		4	1	0		0	
Y C	total	20		6		6	1	5	1	1	I	2	1

# 4.3.2 Syntactic forms

#### 4.3.2.1 Verbal forms

#### 4.3.2.1.1 The two forms and functions

Two verbal forms make the lion's share of the syntactic forms of stage directions.

One is the finite present ( ). For the sake of clarity, a laconic description of three typological features of the Literary Welsh finite verb follows:

- Similarly to finite verbs in other Indo-European languages, Welsh encodes person indication<sup>36</sup> of the subject in fusional inflection, which can occur on its own with no nominal or independent pronominal indication of the subject.<sup>37</sup> For example: *Gesyd* 'She puts' in SD 124 (infinitive dictionary form: gosod).
- If there occurs a nominal or an independent pronominal indication of the subject, it is placed after the verb. <sup>38</sup> For example: Petrusa IFAN 'IFAN hesitates' in SD 46.
- When a plural noun or a plural pronoun other than third-person plural personal pronoun (hwy(nt), nhw, hwythau, ...) follow the verb, the verb occurs in third-person singular form. For example, Rhed y plant 'The children run' in SD 107 vs. Ant 'They go' in SD 136.

The other verbal form is the converbal<sup>39</sup> [ $yn_{CVB}$  INF] from ( $\ \ \ \ \ \$ ). Converbs in Welsh can fill a number of syntactic slots, both adjunctive (ex. 287a, where the converb is an adjunct to the main clause) and predicative (ex. 287b, where the converb is predicated in the existential-statal nexus pattern, with mae in the case in question). By themselves converbs usually do not index the subject<sup>41</sup> This is different from finite verbs, which as stated do index it morphologically.

- (287) a. Moesymgrymodd y meddyg, <sup>r</sup>yn gwerthfawrogi<sub>\_</sub>'r bow.pret.3sg Def doctor yn<sub>CVB</sub> appreciate.INF-Def ymddiheuraf.
  - b. Mae pawb <sup>r</sup>yn chwerthin<sub>J</sub>. be.PRS.3SG everyone yn<sub>CVB</sub> laugh.INF

- <sup>36</sup> Naturally, in stage directions only third-person forms occur.
- <sup>37</sup> 'Pronoun dropping' in certain linguistic frameworks.
- <sup>38</sup> A 'VSO' constituent order (see DRYER (2013a) for typological considerations).
- <sup>39</sup> See appendix E for a definition and examples, and § D.2.2 for terminological discussion.
- <sup>40</sup> The paradigm of the preposition in the [PREP INF] converbal complex is not the same in all of the syntactic slots converbs occur in.
- <sup>41</sup> After certain prepositions (such as wedi 'after' and wrth 'with') a conjugated infinitive (which does index the subject) is possible, but not after yn ' $yn_{CVB}$ ', with which we deal here. See appendix E for a definition of *conjugated infinitive* and a glossed example.

The doctor bowed, 「appreciating」 the apology.

Cysgod y Cryman, § 5.II (ELIS [1953] 2021)

Everyone is "laughing".

*Pigau'r Sêr*, ch. Cwymp y Dail (10), p. 203 (J. G. WILLIAMS 1969)

The core difference between the two verbal forms in question — within the text-linguistic system of stage directions — is this: the converbal forms indicate actions which are progressive and often coincide simultaneously and with the dramatic text or describe the manner of producing it, while the finite present forms indicate actions which are separate from the dramatic text. In other words, the present forms advance the performed time on its own, while the converbal forms co-occur alongside the flow of the time of the dramatic text. A similar relationship between the finite present ('present simple'; e.g. crosses) and the converbal active participle (e.g. crossing) in English can be seen in the stage directions of original<sup>43</sup> as well as translated<sup>44</sup> plays.

Although they are termed *indicative* in grammar, from a performing perspective, both are the finite and converbal forms are verbal *instructions* (directions), whose use and function as such stems from the particular conventionalised text-grammatical properties of the text-type in question; in other scenarios (such as public signs, recipes, printed instructions, daily conversations, etc.) the imperative is used for instructions (commonly in the polite second-person plural form outside of familiar conversations). Another way to look at plays is as a special kind of narrative texts, whose formal conventions are different from commonplace narratives. According to this view, all stage directions are *declarative* in nature, describing the actions indicatively; this way, the forms in question are comparable with the narrative present (touched upon in n. 35 in § 1.1.5.1.2.2).

In multiple places in the text series of present tense finite forms make small narrative sequences, with internal evolution and concatenation. Such are: SDS 89–93, 117–119, 124–126, 127–128, 134–137, 139–144, and 156–157. The narrative *yna* 'then', which has been touched upon before in § 3.2.3.1.2, occurs in our corpus only in conjunction with present forms — SDS 46, 92 and 123 — marking a delimited link in a series of events<sup>46</sup>

The two forms differ in their syntactic constraints as well. One such constraint is that the converbal form is never preceded by a topicalised adverbial construction, but the finite present is attested in such an arrangement (e.g. SD 82, where *gwthia* is

- <sup>43</sup> See, for example, WALES (1994, p. 252), describing *Exiles* (JOYCE [1918] 1918) and the *Circe* episode of *Ulysses* (JOYCE 1984).
- <sup>44</sup> E.g. DOI, VALLS, and MOORE (2007, p. 22 f.).
- <sup>45</sup> See NIKIFORIDOU (2021, § 3) for the use of finite present forms in stage directions in English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> See § 1.1.4 for a short discussion of narrative, performance, dual temporal succession and interdisciplinarity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Cf. SHISHA-HALEVY (2003b, § 3.c), who discusses the place of the related *ac yna* 'and then' in narrative.

preceded by Wedi iddynt ddadwisgo 'Having undressed', as well as SDs 205 and 206).

Each turn in the dramatic text establishes a new theme<sup>47</sup> for the production text around it, namely the character whose turn is (preposed and intraposed), or just has been (extraposed), to speak. If the verbal form in the stage direction refers to the current theme, a theme-maintaining form is used; if it does not (and a new NP takes the role of theme), a theme-switching form is used (see table 4.6). In the preposed environment the theme (the outdented name right before it) is always maintained. The above rule has two exceptional cases (SDS 48 and 88) in which 'theme-switching' patterns are for some reason used when the theme stays the same. There is also a single case (SD 136) where the theme is switched from a third-person singular reference (Eiry in SD 135) to third-person plural reference by the use of third-person *plural* verb form (*Ant* 'They go'), thus not agreeing in number.

As mentioned in § 2.3.1.2.1 (on p. 83), Literary Welsh distinguishes at least three levels of contrastivity by the use of personal pronoun: no independent pronoun > a simplex auxiliary pronoun > a conjunctive pronoun. In our corpus of stage directions, only the first level is being used with verbal constructions, but from a cursory study of other plays<sup>48</sup>, it seems this lack of opposition is incidental and not systemic, as other plays exhibit a fuller system: ex. 288a demonstrates contrasting whose referential scope is within the boundaries of a single stage direction (yntau refers back to Dafydd), while ex. 288b demonstrates contrasting that spans scope of the speaker of the dramatic text (John) and his allocutor (Martha) in the text. Similar cases are

Table 4.6: Theme-maintaining and theme-switching constructions

	Theme-	Pattern	Example	e		Previous		Current
FIN	maintaining	[V] (agreeing)	SD 156	light.prs.3sg goleua come.prs.3sg pn	(He) lights	(Ifan)	=	Ifan
_ [	switching	[V PRO/NP]	SD 157	Daw NANO	Nano comes	Ifan	$\rightarrow$	Nano
CVB	maintaining	$[yn_{CVB} INF]$	SD 34	yn <sub>cvB</sub> hesitate.INF  yn petruso	hesitating	(Ifan)	=	Ifan
	switching	[PRO/NP yn <sub>cvb</sub> inf]	SD 66	Eiry yn crio	Eiry (is) crying	Nano	$\rightarrow$	Eiry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> In the sense used in information structure; see appendix E.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> *Dramâu Cymru* 'Plays of Wales' (DON-NELLY 2020–) and the Internet Archive (https://archive.org) host a number of Welsh-language plays, including contemporary ones from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

found in plays by Kate Roberts as well (e.g. act I, p. 149, and act II, p. 161, of K. ROBERTS [1931] 2014a).

- (288) a. BETSI HUGHES: [...] (Yn troi eto at DDAFYDD, ac "yntau\_"n

  PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> turn again to PN and 3SG.M.CONJ-yn<sub>CVB</sub>

  gwneuthur ysgwydd i gilio.) [...]

  make.inf shoulder to retreat
  - MARTHA: (yn troi ei phen): Ia. ¶ JOHN: Sefwch
     PN yn<sub>CVB</sub> turn.INF 3SG.F.POSS head yeah PN stand.IMP.2PI
     'n ol dicyn bach. ("Hithau" yn ufuddhau.) Dyna fe.
     yn<sub>LOC</sub> back a\_while small 3SG.F.CONJ yn<sub>CVB</sub> obey.INF PRESTT.MEDI 3SG.M

BETSI HUGHES: [...] (Turning to DAFYDD, while 'he\_ [=Dafydd] (is) turning his shoulder to go away.) [...]

Rybeca, act II.2, p. 40 (JENKINS 1920)
MARTHA: turning her head: Yeah. ¶
JOHN: Stand back a little while. (「She」
(「=Martha」) (is) obeying.) Here you go!

Ffrois, p. 26 (D. T. DAVIES 1920)

In a few places the impersonal finite present form -ir is used when there is no clear or visible *agens*:

- When a door opens and by a character who enters from a place on stage the audience cannot see (SD 165, followed by Daw IFAN i mewn 'IFAN comes inside').
- When a door closes behind a character who exits (SD 239<sup>49</sup>).
- As a reference to the presumed audience (SD 206).

This impersonal form has no direct converbal counterpart.

<sup>49</sup> See also § 4.3.2.1.3 regarding 238–239.

#### 4.3.2.1.2 Preposed environment

As listed in table 4.7, finite verbs are generally excluded from the preposed environment (with a single exception, SD 109), leaving converbs as the only verbal form (see table 4.5 for a quantitative comparison). Their two main functions are:

- Describing the manner in which the actor is to perform the following lines of dramatic text.<sup>50</sup>
- Describing a co-occurring action the actor is to perform together with the dramatic text.<sup>51</sup> Understandably, due to the constraints on non-acoustic actions in radio drama, *Y Cynddrws* has fewer examples of this kind.

The single case of a finite present form in the preposed environment is SD 109. Take note it does not open that sequence of stage directions within the parentheses, but follows SD 108, which is converbal (with two converbs coordinated by the conjunction ac). Contrary to SD 108 (and all other similar converbal cases), SD 109 does not describe a continuous action which is co-

- <sup>50</sup> Examples include: *Yn wylo* 'crying' (SD 241), *Yn ochneidio* 'sighing' (220), and *yn galw oddiallan* 'calling from outside' (40).
- <sup>51</sup> Examples include: *yn dyfod i mewn* 'coming inside' (SD 42; Nano says her lines as she is coming inside), *yn siglo i fyny ac i lawr ar y gwely* 'bobbing up and down on the bed' (98), and *yn eistedd* 'sitting' (145).

Table 4.7: Verbal stage directions within the preposed environment (only nuclei are listed)

33	yn ymddiheuro	apologising	112	yn cymryd	taking
34	yn petruso	yn petruso		yn dechreu (brwsio)	beginning (to brush)
39	yn galw	calling	116	yn edrych	looking
40	yn galw	calling	120	yn rhoi	putting
42	yn dyfod	coming	145	yn eistedd	sitting
43	yn dechreu (clirio)	beginning (to clear up)	147	yn eistedd	sitting
45	yn mynd	going	149	yn rhuthro	rushing
	yn gafael	holding	153	yn chwilio	searching
	yn edrych	looking	155	yn treio	trying
68	yn wylo	crying			
	yn tynnu	pulling	203	yn clywed	hearing
76	yn mynd	going	211	yn mynd	going
	yn codi	picking	213	yn mwmian	mumbling
86	yn wylo	crying	216	yn griddfan	groaning
98	yn siglo	bobbing	218	yn wylo	crying
	yn neidio	jumping	220	yn ochneidio	sighing
	yn gafael	holding	223	yn torri	interrupting
108	yn gafael	holding	226	yn gweiddi	shouting
100	yn cusanu	kissing	227	yn griddfan	groaning
100	eistedd	sits	229	yn hanner deffro	half awaking
109			232	yn deffro	awaking
	cymer	takes	236	yn canu	singing
	dyry	puts		yn beichio	crying
				yn wylo	weeping
			_	J - J	1 3

performed with the dramatic text, but an action which is finished before the dramatic text. Compare the telic *Eistedd i lawr* '(She) sits down' of SD 109 with the atelic *yn eistedd* <sup>52</sup> 'sitting' of SD 145 mentioned above as an example (n. 51 on p. 309). Similarly, *cymer* and *dyry* of SD 109 are presented as having an endpoint within the stage direction segment, while the semantically similar *yn* hold.nnf '(SD 108), as well as *yn* (eu) cusanu 'kissing them', is not presented as having such an endpoint, but as a progressive form that progresses with the succeeding text. Thus, while the preposed environment is generally characterised by a close textual cohesion with the dramatic text that follows <sup>53</sup>, SD 109 is an unusual case of a different form in this particular environment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Incidentally *eistedd* as a third-person singular present form and as an infinitive are homonymic. They are distinct syntactically.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Indicating co-occurring actions, or the manner of speaking (with a converb or other forms, as discussed below regarding other syntactic forms).

#### 4.3.2.1.3 Intraposed and extraposed environments

Both forms are found in the intraposed environment, where they are bound to the dramatic text in the sense they are to be performed together with it (converbal) or separately in between sequences of speech (finite). In *Y Cynddrws*, there are only few intraposed stage directions, due to the reasons discussed above in § 4.3.1.

The dependence of converbs on the dramatic text might seem to be in odds with the fact that a few converbs do occur in the extraposed environment (where stage directions are set *between* paragraphs of dramatic text), but in fact they are indeed dependent, on the text in the next dramatic paragraph (as outlined in table 4.8). It is not clear, however, why is it that SDs 20 and 44 are not set as intraposed, or SDs 25 and 171 as preposed.

The use of verbal forms in the paragraph of SDs 59 to 65 is not very clear either.  $^{54}$ 

One stage direction in *Y Fam* stands out as being of a different kind than the others, when after a long *spiel* by Siencyn the stage direction says *Dywed hyn wrth fynd trwy'r drws* 'He says this going through the door'. This one operates on a different — *meta*—level than the other stage directions, and resembles ex. 241 from § 3.3.4.2.1, which also appears after the quote (=our *dramatic text*) and has an anaphoric demonstrative referring back (*Dywedodd hyn gan edrych ar ei llysfam* 'She said this looking at her stepmother'). As such, the finite present form in it does not bear the same structural value as in other stage directions.

The finite present forms in Y Cynddrws are used when an external sound is sounded (daw  $s\hat{w}n$  'a sound comes' in SDs 204 to 206 and 231) and when a character exits (SDs 238 and 239).

<sup>54</sup> Examination of a broader corpus might prove helpful for formulating more refined observations about the exact relationship between the forms in question, even in cases which seem exceptional when examining a narrow corpus.

Table 4.8:

Converbs within the extraposed environment

	Character			
SDS	Previous paragraph	Stage direction	Next paragraph	Function
20, 44	i	j	i	similar to intraposed
25, 171	i	j	j	similar to preposed
66, 69	i	j	k	acted in parallel to next paragraph

The verbal forms are the most numerous and the most complex; the forms which follow are rarer and simpler.

# 4.3.2.2 Deadjectival adverb

Welsh has four homonymic — structurally distinguishable — yn grammatical elements (SIMS-WILLIAMS 2015), as explained and demonstrated in § D.1.2<sup>55</sup>. Of the four, yn has been discussed in the previous subsubsection (§ 4.3.2.1); it precedes infinitives to form converbs ( $\bigcirc$ ), and does not trigger a mutation. In this subsubsection the use of yn is described; it precedes adjectives to form adjunctive adverbs ( $\bigcirc$ ), and triggers limited soft mutation (see table 1.2). It is generally comparable with the English -ly (as in *greatly*, not as in *friendly*); compare mawr 'great' with yn fawr 'greatly'.

Beside plain instances of  $[yn_{ADV} \ ADJ]$ , two other constructions are also included here (see table 4.9 for a complete list of examples in the corpus):

- [braidd  $yn_{ADV}$  ADJ] 'rather ADJ-ly': SDs 23, 24<sup>56</sup>, and 30.<sup>57</sup>
- The more derived  $[yn \ edrych \ braidd \ yn_{ADV} \ ADJ]$  'looking rather ADJ-ly': SDs 38 and 56. Formally, this is a converb (of the  $[yn_{CVB} \ INF]$  type discussed above), but functionally and arguably structurally it behaves more similarly to the deadjectival

- <sup>55</sup> They are discussed there in the context of the labels chosen for them in interlinear glossing.
- <sup>56</sup> Interestingly, SD 24 presents the motivation for Ifan to talk angrily with Siencyn: *am ateb ei briod* 'for answering his spouse'. This explicit indication of motivation bears on the actors' interpretation of the situation and action on stage (directly or through the mediation of the director).
- <sup>57</sup> From a general syntactic point of view this construction is quite interesting, as it breaks the general typological rule of *nucleus-satellite* order in Welsh:  $yn_{ADV}$  is the element which is responsible for the whole construction's adverbial commutation (the nucleus), but it is *preceded* by *braidd* 'rather'.

Table 4.9:

Deadjectival adverbial stage directions

21 yn boeth	fervently	70 yn wawdlyd	mockingly
23 braidd yn boeth	rather fervently	81 yn wyllt	wildly
24 braidd yn flin []	almost angrily []	115 yn dorcalonnus	heartbreakingly
29 Yn ddwys	Seriously	148 Yn arw	harshly
30 braidd yn ddigalon	rather disheartenedly	151 yn dawel	quietly
31 Yn sobor	Soberly	154 yn dawel	quietly
35 yn wyllt	wildly	168 yn arw	harshly
38 yn edrych braidd	looking rather	169 yn llawen	gladly
yn ddu, []	gloomy		
53 yn snaplyd	snappishly	202 Yn awyddus	Enthusiastically
55 yn chwerw	bitterly	210 yn dyner	tenderly
56 yn edrych braidd	looking rather	219 yn greulon	cruelly
yn ddychrynedig	frightened	228 Yn ddistaw	quietly
57 yn ddigalon	disheartenedly	234 Yn siomedig	disappointedly

look INI

adverbial type in question, as *edrych* of the kind discussed here is a copular verb <sup>58</sup>.

Being an adjunctive subordinate form, the deadjectival adverb modifies the way the dramatic text is to be performed (see table 4.9 for the specific lexemes used). These stage directions are almost entirely restricted to the preposed environment, which is characterised by cataphoric reference to the dramatic text that follows it (as stated above in § 4.3.1). In SDs 147 to 148 (preposed) the deadjectival adverb (148) appears just before the dramatic text, after an  $[yn_{CVB} INF]$  converb (147)<sup>59</sup>.

There are two cases of intraposed deadjectival adverbs, SDs 29 and 31 ( ${\stackrel{yn}{N}}{n}{n}{d}{d}{w}{y}{s}$  'seriously' and  ${\stackrel{yn}{N}}{n}{s}{o}{b}{o}{r}$  'soberly', respectively), which occur in proximity and indicate a change in mood in the course of speaking.

There are no attested cases of deadjectival adverbs in the extraposed environment in our corpus (or in other plays I briefly examined).

- 58 Similarly to English look, edrych is used both as a lexical verb (e.g. Yr oedd Siân yn edrych arnaf 'Jane was looking at me') and as copular verb (e.g. Yr oedd Siân yn edrych yn hapus 'Jane was looking happy'). Cf. Yr oedd Siân yn hapus 'Jane was happy', as well as Yr oedd Siân yn teimlo'n hapus 'Jane was feeling happy'.
- <sup>59</sup> A proper broader examination is needed in order to ascertain, but this order might not be accidental; from a cursory examination it seems it might be obligatory for deadjectival adverbs to occur adjacent to the *dramatic text* (i.e. last in the preposed environment).

## 4.3.2.3 Syntactically independent noun phrase

As stated in § 4.2.3, syntactically independent noun phrases ( ) are relatively common in the setting section. They occur also in stage directions accompanying the dramatic text (listed in table 4.10), but their function is different from that of the setting section (where they describe props on set). Three types can be distinguished:

Fam (p. 412) in the colour-coded appendix (§ C.1) reveals much of it is coloured yellow (a).

 $^{60}$  A glance at the setting section of Y

• Sound events (SDs 60, 102, 207, 221 and 233).

Table 4.10:
Syntactically independent noun phrase stage directions

60 Cnoc ysgafn ar y drws	A light knock on the door	207 Yna sŵn fel petai []	Then a sound as if []
102 Curo ar y drws	Knock on the door	221 igian []	a sob []
105 Dynes []	A woman []	233 Sŵn ei draed yn cerdde	d A sound of his feet walking
142 Seibiant byr	A short pause	235 Tawelwch ennyd	Silence for a while
162 Seibiant	A pause	237 Seibiant byr	A short pause
164 Seibiant	A pause		

- Pause (conventionalised *seibiant*; SDs 142, 162, 164 and 237) or lack of sound (*tawelwch*; SD 235), which is practically the same in a radio play.
- Description (SD 105). This single example is an apposition of MAIR in SD 104 (who appears for the first time) in a separate sentence.

As all the examples except SD 105 have to do with sound, it is not surprising that their relative share in the acoustic *Y Cynddrws* is larger<sup>61</sup> than in *Y Fam. Y Cynddrws* has also the recurrent  $daw s \hat{w} n$  'a sound comes' (SDs 204 to 206 and 231; discussed above in § 4.3.2.1.3), which is semantically similar even though its syntax is of a finite verb.

Similar acoustic, atmospheric use of syntactically independent noun phrases can be found in other kinds of writing, e.g. ex. 289, where such a noun phrase<sup>62</sup> serves a similar function within a 'memory picture', a kind of first-person autobiographical narrative told in historical present (see § 2.1.2).

(289) 「Ebwch mawr, tawel」 a llechen yn mynd oddi ar do'r beudy gasp big quiet and slate  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  go.INF from on roof-DEF cowshed ac yn disgyn yn rhywle.

and  $yn_{\text{CVB}}$  fall  $yn_{\text{LOC}}$  somewhere

With regard to textual environment, syntactically independent noun phrases occur only intraposed (SDS 142 and 221) or extraposed (the rest). This is in accordance with the functional characteristics of the three environments: the preposed environment is in closely related to the following dramatic text, while the syntactically independent noun phrase stage directions refer mainly to *external* sounds or lack of sound.

All instances but SD 102 have nouns as their nuclei. SD 102 is different: it has *curo*, which is an infinitive. This seems to be a matter of idiomaticity: a comparable deverbal noun (*curiad*, with nominal derivational suffix  $-iad^{63}$ ) is attested in this sense (e.g. ex. 290), but it might not be as idiomatic as the phrase *curo ar*  $y \, drws.^{64}$  The choice of grouping SD 102 with nouns is based on their function in the text and syntactic similarity: compare *curo* 

A big, quiet gasp, and a slate comes loose from the roof of the cowshed and falls somewhere.

YLW, Darluniau (ch. 1), p. 8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> In comparison to other stage directions in each play.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Ebwch mawr, tawel 'A big, quiet gasp', said of the wind, which is said also to be — anthropomorphically — yn ubain o gwmpas y tŷ ac yn crïo fel plentyn 'moaning around the house and crying like a child'.

<sup>63</sup> See (GPC 2014-, § -iad<sup>1</sup>, -ad<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> The Welsh infinitive share a number of key structural similarities with nouns, and is traditionally called *verbal noun* or *verb(-)noun* (*berfenw* in Welsh, a compound of *berf* 'verb' and *enw* 'name, noun'). See § D.2.1 for terminological discussion.

ary drws 'Knock on the door' (SD 102) with  $\frac{k nock}{Cnoc}$  ysgafn ary drws 'A light knock on the door' (SD 60).

Then comes a knocking on the door [...]

Atgofion (Brinley JONES 1926)

#### 4.3.2.4 Addressee

Not much can be said about stage directions which indicate the addressee of the dramatic text, as only five occur in the corpus (\*\*); table 4.11). Similarly to dialogue within narrative (§ 3.3.3), the addressee of the dramatic text is indicated within the quote or can be easily deduced from the content.

Interestingly, the two cases where an external (not reflexive) addressee is indicated in a stage direction (SDs 17 and 130), it is superfluous as it is also indicated explicitly within the dramatic text<sup>65</sup>.66

The other examples are reflexive (SDS 122, 172 and 214). While in chapter 3 saying to oneself is an indirect way to denote thinking, here speaking with oneself is indeed actualised as speech and has particular dramatic meanings, being directed at the audience in a way.

#### 4.3.2.5 Other forms

In this subsubsection all the cases which do not fall into the above categories are grouped. Certain groups within them can be distinguished, which could be presented using designated colours in the appendix and have their own subsubsections; the choice to have five main types ( ) with a 'miscellanea' group ( ) is practical, in order to avoid an overcomplicated scheme.

<sup>65</sup> Ydach chi am fynd i'r ffair fory, "Siencyn\_? 'Are you going to go to the fair tomorrow, "Siencyn\_?' and Tyd i ddeyd nos dawch wrth Gwyn, "Eiry\_, tan nes cei di weld o eto 'Come and say good night to Gwyn, "Eiry\_, until the next time you'll see him again', respectively.

<sup>66</sup> Y Cynddrws lacks stage directions with external, non-reflective addresses. This can be an incidental lack, but might have to do with the absence of visual-spatial stage and the inability to communicate talking with a particular addressee through moving one's head in a particular direction.

Table 4.11: Addressee stage directions

17	wrth SIENCYN	with SIENCYN
122	wrthi ei hun	with herself
130	wrth EIRY	with EIRY
172	wrthi ei hun	with herself
214	[] wrtho fo i hun	[] with himself

#### 4.3.2.5.1 Prepositional phrase

Similarly to the modification of quotative indexes (§ 3.3.4.1.3), prepositional phrases modify the dramatic text as well (table 4.12). Three preposition are attested, all of which are attested with quotative indexes as well:  $gyda^{67}$ ,  $mewn^{68}$  and ymhen. All occur in the preposed environment; widening the search beyond our corpus (e.g. *Y Canpunt*, B. E. DAVIES, M. PRICE, and K. ROBERTS 1923) reveals they can occur in the intraposed environment as well<sup>69</sup>, but not in the extraposed one in a syntactically independent manner (that is, not as adjuncts of other stage directions). Being attested in these environments but not extraposed has to do with their relation to the dramatic text: gyda and mewn indicate the performative quality of speaking out the dramatic lines, and gymhen (at least in our example) tells when to act after a pause (Seibiant, SD 162).

Several times Gwyn is said to talk *gydag atal dweyd* 'with a stutter' (SDs 67, 95 and 101), which is accompanied by mimetic typographic representation of stutter<sup>70</sup>.

#### 4.3.2.5.2 *Converbs*

Converbs in stage directions (other than yn-converbs, discussed in § 4.3.2.1 above) are listed in table 4.13<sup>71</sup>.

While *yn*-converbs are central in stage directions, they are vanishingly rare in quotative indexes (§ 3.3.4.1.1.9). From the other direction, while gan is relatively common in quotative in-

Table 4.12:
Prepositional phrase stage directions

SD	Welsh	English	Equivalent in QI
32 67 95 101 208	gyda chwilydd, [] gydag atal dweyd gyda thipyn o atal dweyd gydag atal dweyd gan ofn Gyda siom	with shame with a stutter with a bit of a stutter with a stutter from fear With disappointment	§ 3.3.4.1.3.1
146 159	mewn llais ofnus mewn llais dychrynedig	in a fearful voice in a frightened voice	§ 3.3.4.1.3.2 (ex. 230)
163	ymhen tipyn	after a while	§ 3.3.4.1.3.2 (ex. 234)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> gydag and gyda are prevocalic and preconsonantal allomorphs, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Interestingly, *cywilydd* 'shame' occurs here with *gyda* 'with' (SD 208) and there with *mewn* 'in' (ex. 230a in § 3.3.4.1.3.2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> At least *gyda* and *mewn*. In a cursory I could not find such a case of *ymhen*, but this is probably incidental.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Similarly, reduplicated forms occur with *yn petruso* 'hesitating' after SD 34, and with no relevant descriptive stage direction just before SD 87 and three paragraphs before SD 113.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> tan 'under' (SD 160) and dan 'under' (SD 133) are grouped together. The difference between them — if there is any and they are not free variants — is perpendicular to the current discussion. At least historically dan is a softmutated form of tan.

Table 4.13: Converbal stage directions (excluding [yn<sub>CVB</sub> INF])

SD	Welsh	English	Equivalent in QI
18	gan ysgwyd ei phen	shaking her head	§ 3.3.4.1.1.1
139	wrth i MAIR fynd allan	when MAIR goes out	§ 3.3.4.1.1.2
224	Heb gymryd sylw	Without taking notice	§ 3.3.4.1.1.3
133	dan chwerthin	laughing	§ 3.3.4.1.1.4
160	tan nodio	marking	
158	wedi dychryn	frightened	§ 3.3.4.1.1.5
62	EIRY wedi colli ei hesgid, []	EIRY having lost her shoe, []	

dexes (§ 3.3.4.1.1.1), it has only one occurrence in our corpus (SD 18).

These converbal stage directions make a mixed bag with regard to their relation to the dramatic text: for example, SD 18 (gan ysgwyd ei phen 'shaking her head') describes a synchronous action, SD 133 (dan chwerthin 'laughing') describes the manner of speaking, SD 139 (wrth i MAIR fynd allan 'when MAIR goes out') describes the time of speaking in relation to another action and SD 62 (EIRY wedi colli ei hesgid, [...] 'EIRY having lost her shoe, [...]') is not related to the dramatic text but occurs independently in an extraposed paragraph describing a character.

## 4.3.2.5.3 Rare types

Only three examples remain uncategorised, each of which is *sui generis* in our corpus (table 4.14):

- SD 19 is comparable with the  $\stackrel{\text{like}}{fel}$   $\stackrel{\text{IRR}}{pe}$  'as if' of quotative indexes (ex. 236 in § 3.3.4.1.4).
- SD 80 has a predicative converb in the existential-statal nexus pattern<sup>72</sup>. It is preceded by a finite clause (SD 79) and the conjunctive phrase *ac wrth wneud hyn* 'and while (she) does that'. Although it is an  $[yn_{CVB}]$  INF] converb, its syntactic identity

<sup>72</sup> Cf. ex. 287b in § 4.3.2.1.1 above.

Table 4.14:

Rare types of stage directions

19	fel pe mewn breuddwyd	as if in a dream
80	[] mae'n tynnu braich EIRY trwy ei llawes	[] she is pulling EIRY's arm through her sleeve
144	Mae cannwyll oleu ganddo.	He has a candle

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here in this particular predicative construction is different from the  $[yn_{CVB}]$  converbs discussed above.

• SD 144 is a locational predicative possession pattern $^{73}$ . It belongs with the narrative sequence in which it occurs (SDs 140 to 144).

<sup>73</sup> This pattern was touched upon in § 2.3.1.1.3.5 (on p. 76).

#### 4.4 CONCLUSION

This shorter, penultimate chapter examines the linguistic toolbox of text construction and organisation from a third perspective in a third case study: stage directions within plays, which make an interesting and intricate text-type. Two plays of different types have been used as the corpus (one is a stage play and the other is a radio play); the difference between them is pertinent, as it is reflected in the language used in them. The chapter consists of two main sections, according to the structure of the plays.

The first section (§ 4.2) describes linguistic features of the introductory specifications, which are static and preparatory. The *dramatis personae* (§ 4.2.1) interacts with definiteness. The time and place indications (§ 4.2.2) are laconic and not much can be said about them from a linguistic perspective. The setting section (§ 4.2.3) show a number of syntactic features which are rare elsewhere.

The main section is the second one (§ 4.3), which is dedicated to stage directions that accompany the dramatic text in intertwined and interrelated ways. Two axes of analysis have been employed: the textual environment (textual syntagmatics)<sup>74</sup> and the syntactic form of the stage directions (paradigmatics). The distribution of stage directions on this two-dimensional plane<sup>75</sup> (§ 4.3.1) reveals quantitative results which correspond with the qualitative results, exposing a sophisticated web of forms and functions which contribute to the consistency and cohesion of the textual fabric as a whole. Several syntactic forms are attested (§ 4.3.2): two verbal ones (finite present and yn-converbs), deadjectival adverbs, syntactically independent noun phrases, indication of the addressee of the dramatic text, as well as other, rarer forms. The key difference between the two verbal forms in textual context is that while the converbal forms indicate actions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Stage directions appear in three environments in the text: preposed (before the dramatic text), intraposed (within the dramatic text), extraposed (in a stand-alone paragraph).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Or three-dimensional space if we consider the two types of plays as an additional variable or axis.

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which are progressive and often coincide simultaneously with the dramatic text or describe the manner of producing it, the finite present forms indicate actions which are separate from the dramatic text.

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# Conclusion

#### 5.1 THREE TOPICS AND THREE COMMON THREADS

An old parable<sup>1</sup> tells of blind men<sup>2</sup> who have never encountered an elephant. They are presented with an elephant, and each touches a different part of the animal. Then, they are asked by the king of that region to describe what an elephant is (from the *Tittha sutta*, SUJATO 2021):

'Vadetha, jaccandhā, kīdiso hatthī'ti?

Yehi, bhikkhave, jaccandhehi hatthissa sīsam diṭṭham ahosi, te evamāhamsu: 'ediso, deva, hatthī seyyathāpi kumbho'ti. Yehi, bhikkhave, jaccandhehi hatthissa kaṇṇo diṭṭho ahosi, te evamāhamsu: 'ediso, deva, hatthī seyyathāpi suppo'ti. Yehi, bhikkhave, jaccandhehi hatthissa danto diṭṭho ahosi, te evamāhamsu: 'ediso, deva, hatthī seyyathāpi khīlo'ti.

'Then tell us, what kind of thing is an elephant?'

The blind people who had been shown the elephant's head said, 'Your Majesty, an elephant is like a pot.'

Those who had been shown the ear said, 'An elephant is like a winnowing fan.'

Those who had been shown the tusk said, 'An elephant is like a plough-share.'

And so on: each of the blind men perceives an incomplete view of the elephant, and they cannot reach to an agreement on the nature of the elephant as an entity. This parable, which since its inception circulated far and wide beyond the Indian subcontinent and its traditions, has been adapted and adopted in various contexts, including philosophy, science and education.

Figure 5.1: The Blind Men and the Elephant (群盲撫象, 1888), an ukiyo-e (浮世絵) print by Hanabusa Ittyou (英一蝶)



Source: Wikimedia Commons (https://w.wiki/52Vm).

- <sup>1</sup> One of the earliest version which came down to us in a fully-fledged form is from the Pāli Canon of Theravada Buddhist scriptures (*Tittha sutta, Udāna 6.4*, *Khuddakanikāya*, *Suttapiṭaka*). The parable probably predates that Buddhist version; see ZLOTNICK (2001) and IRELAND (2007, p. 9) for discussions of its development, suggesting a Jainist origin.
- <sup>2</sup> Or sighted men who being blindfolded, in a dark room or on a dark night, depending on the version.

The topic this thesis set out to contribute to its study — namely, the linguistic means of text construction and organisation (in Literary Welsh) — is not unlike an elephant, which we cannot comprehend as one whole but in parts: as linguists we have only an *indirect* access to the abstract linguistic system (langue; § 1.1.1) and language is vast and complex. Each of the partial linguistic examinations, despite being incomplete on its own, sheds light on the whole from a different direction.

Three case studies have been chosen, each making one part of the proverbial elephant: anecdotes (chapter 2), reporting of speech in narrative (chapter 3) and stage directions (chapter 4). Each of these is interesting as an object of study and deserves description on its own right, but the combined study of them results in a better understanding of the whole, which is greater than the sum of its parts. Three general themes thread through the three chapters, as outlined schematically and laconically in table 5.1 and depicted in more detail below.

One theme is the linguistic expression of structural regularities of textual functions. Each of the textual units described in the three topics exhibits regular text-linguistic structure. Anecdotes have a recurring structure (§ 2.2), consisting of five ordered segments (ABSTRACT, EXPOSITION, DEVELOPMENT, EPILOGUE and CONCLUSION) and two smaller-scale phrases which are contained within any of the first three sections (INTEGRATING ANCHOR and TEMPORAL ANCHOR), all of which are linguistically characterisable.

Table 5.1:

An overview of the common themes shared by the three topics of the thesis

Topic	Structural regularities	Interrelation and interconnectivity	Narrativity
Anecdotes	five sections and two anchors	inherently embedded within a broader text	anecdotes are narratives
Reporting of speech in narrative	internal structure and QI-types	three QI-types as three types of textual interconnectivity	bridge between narrative and dialogue
Stage directions	syntactic forms	intermixed with the dramatic text	the narrative spine of the play

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Quotative indexes also show in internal structure (§ 3.3), consisting of several components whose identity and arrangement are crucial for their function in the text. Stage directions (§§ 4.2 and 4.3.2) have a number of micro-syntactic forms which correspond with textual functions within the plays.

The second theme is the linguistic expression of the interrelation and interconnectivity of textual units or components. None of the units treated in this thesis operates in vacuo; all are intertwined within other components of a broader text. As mentioned in § 3.1.1, texts are - in etymology and in actuality - made of constituents which are woven together into a complex fabric. Anecdotes are by their very nature embedded within the broader text, in which they commonly function as an illustrative device (§ 2.4). Quotative indexes in narrative are situated at the meeting point of the narrative portions per se and the dialogue portions of the text, and make the 'connective tissue' between them. The three QI-types (§ 3.2) mark three types of interconnectivity between the textual components they connect. Stage directions occur intermixed with the dramatic text, in one of three distinct textual environments (§ 4.3), or set apart in the setting section of the introductory specifications (§ 4.2).

The third theme is the linguistic expression of the multifaceted nature of narrative. Narrative is a complex phenomenon that is central to many expressions of language, including those around which this thesis revolves. Anecdotes are an intriguing kind of narrative, owing to the fact that many of them are rather basic (embryonic even, at times), which invites examination of narrative under 'controlled conditions'. The quotative indexes of chapter 3 bridge between narrative and dialogue and seam them together into a cohesive textual whole. Stage directions fill multiple functions (or *modes*), one of which is to depict the narrative spine of the events which unfold on stage.

#### 5.2 DATA AND THEORY

The approach of this thesis is empirical and corpus-based ( $\S$  1.2.3). While linguistic variability between speakers is a fascinating topic in its own right, limiting a study to a single speaker offers a clearer,

simpler and more consistent system to describe. Thus, in order to cancel the effects of linguistic variability between speakers, the data consists of writings of one author<sup>3</sup>, Kate Roberts, whose œuvre includes a variety of forms, genres and media. The range of works taken as data spans over her whole career, from her earliest published work (1920) to the last one (1981). For each topic two works have been chosen: two memoirs, two collections of short stories and two plays, respectively. This has the advantage of being able to obtain more precise and more strongly valid findings through more refined analysis, in comparison to one textual specimen of each topic.

On the one hand one cannot formulate and sustain any general description without sufficient concrete data in which it is grounded, but on the other hand any particular piece of data cannot be fully comprehended without a general description in light of which it is understood as a part of a greater picture. In order to cater for both ends of this seeming 'paradox', the thesis zooms in and out, discussing particular examples where it is beneficial but always with the intention of seeing the forest for the trees.

#### 5.3 THE AIM FULFILLED IN THE THESIS

If I were to try to encapsulate the core of the whole thesis in one long sentence, it could be something like this: a study which describes the linguistic means of text construction and organisation in Literary Modern Welsh, as manifested in the language of one author, through the lenses of structural and text linguistics, by exploring the linguistic expression of structural regularities of textual functions, the interrelations and interconnectivity of textual units or components and the multifaceted nature of narrative, focusing on the case studies of anecdotes in autobiographical texts, reporting of speech in short stories and stage directions in plays. These have not been studied in Welsh before, and elegant text-linguistic systems emerge, systems which reflect the use of the language by an author who utilised the artistic potential of Welsh to the fullest.

<sup>3</sup> With the exception of the co-author of Y Fam (see  $\S$  4.1.2).

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#### 5.4 FURTHER RESEARCH

It is the nature of science that every new finding or answer opens a dozen of new questions. Given that the field of text linguistics in Welsh is underresearched, much is yet to be studied. Of the plethora of potential avenues for further research, I would like to focus on two, which share the common idea of *application*.

#### 5.4.1 Other authors

One avenue is the question of the applicability of the findings described here for similar writings by other authors. The present study limits itself to one author on purpose. This allows it to be 'fine-grained' enough to describe the system in a manner that is both adequately minute and founded. When a study indiscriminately mixes the linguistic output of multiple individuals it might yield more general conclusions, but at the expanse of possible loss of details. This is a question of resolution — a lower resolution allows covering the linguistic norm of a larger part of the speech community, while concentrating on one or a handful of speakers allows a higher resolution. Both ends of the spectrum and any point in between are valid and complement the others.<sup>4</sup> It seems interesting to determine how much of what is described here is unique to Kate Roberts, and how much is shared with other contemporary authors. The only way to ascertain this is to conduct similar 'high-resolution' studies on the basis of corpora by other authors and compare the results. 5 A cursory examination and my own acquaintance with Welsh language and literature suggest that much, but definitely not everything, is shared.

Chapter 2. As discussed in § 2.2.5.1, our anecdotes share some key features with the Labovian model, which has been applied with varying degrees of compatibility to various narratives from different languages and cultures. It is not implausible that Welsh anecdotes in similar kinds of memoirs will display similar text-linguistic behaviour. Not all autobiographical writings are of the same nature; for example Pigau'r Sêr (J. G. WILLIAMS 1969) is markedly different from Y Lôn Wen and Atgofion, as it reads more like a first-person novel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See n. 59 on p. 20 regarding theory by Hjelmslev, Coşeriu and Barthes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This way, of conducting studies on several authors and comparing the results, may result in a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, as the differences and similarities that are bound to emerge from the comparison are a worthwhile object of research for its own sake.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Fortunately, numerous such writings have been published. The category Atgofion a Hunangofiannau 'Reminiscences and autobiographies' on gwales.com, a website operated by Cyngor Llyfrau Cymru 'Books Council of Wales', contains no less than 467 Welsh language titles (as of August 2022). For a speech community the size of Welsh (§ 1.3.1.1) this seems to me an impressive number.

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Chapter 3. As mentioned in § 3.3.1.1.1.1, other works<sup>7</sup> behave differently than our corpus, at least with respect to the use of *meddai* nad *ebe*. How much is shared between the system described in chapter 3 and other literary works is yet to be determined by a comparative description. Some of the features are without doubt common to Literary Welsh in general, but some may characterise certain preferences, norms and traditions. Trying to generalise over Literary Welsh as an abstract entity cannot avoid loss of details which result in a more blurry image.

Chapter 4. Even though I have not conducted a thorough examination, on the whole the use of stage directions in the studied corpus seem to conform with other contemporary Welshlanguage plays I have looked at. This might stem from contemporary conventions of how plays are written.

# 5.4.2 Other text-types

This thesis focusses on three text-types: anecdotes, short story narratives (reporting of speech therein), and plays (stage directions therein). These were chosen for their broader theoretical implications and structural interest. Nevertheless, they are only three of many other text-types which merit description. Four others caught my attention as well:

Diary-like narrative writing. Roberts explored this literary form of fiction in several works<sup>8</sup>, which exhibit unusual linguistic features (including but not limited to their use of infinitives and [PRO/NP  $yn_{CVB}$  INF]).

Memory pictures. The first chapter of Y Lôn Wen (Darluniau 'Pictures') consists of twenty-two 'memory pictures' from the author's reminiscences of her childhood and adolescence. Here the use of language is notable as well, and some aspects are reminiscent of the tableaux vivants which occur within Roberts's short stories and novels.

Description of children's games. The sixth chapter of Y Lôn Wen (Chwaeron Plant 'Children's Games') is dedicated to a semi-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> DAFYDD (2009), LLYWELYN (1997), K. ROBERTS ([1925] 1932), and ROWLING (2003) are referred to there.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Stryd y Glep 'Gossip Street' (K. ROBERTS 1949), subtitled stori hir fer ar ffurf dyddiadur 'a short long story in the form of a diary', and two different shorter pieces named Gwacter 'Emptiness': one in the collection Gobaith a Storïau Eraill 'Hope and Other Stories' (K. ROBERTS [1972] 2001a) and one in the collection Haul a Drycin 'Sun and Storm' (K. ROBERTS 1981).

anthropological or -folkloristic description of games from the author's childhood. Although they have some superficial affinities with narratives — chiefly chronological concatenation — these descriptions differ from narratives in a number of aspects (verbal forms<sup>9</sup>, syntactic structures, etc.). Some of these games described by Roberts are also described in the booklet *Teganau gwerin plant Cymru* 'Folk toys of Welsh children' (T. V. JONES 1987), a fact which invites a comparative examination.

<sup>9</sup> For example, the extensive use of the impersonal.

Cookbooks. In § 1.1.6 cookbooks and recipes have been mentioned in the context of sub-textual composition. These might be interesting to describe linguistically, because their form is usually rather strict and conventionalised. How much is set, how much is free, and what are the structural linguistic implications of that?<sup>10</sup> Another question tackles information status: if the ingredients appear before the instructions in a special section, what implications does that have on the given-new organisation of information?

<sup>10</sup> See JESPERSEN (1924, ch. 1) regarding the tension between formulas and free expression.

An analytic approach, tools and framework similar to those which have been used here can be applied to these and other text-types. Apart from some charted islands, Welsh text linguistics is for the most part a *terra incognita* waiting to be explored; I hope I did manage to make it somewhat *cognitior* (§ 1.3.1.2).

On this note of looking forward into the unknown, I would like to conclude by quoting the very last words of *Y Lôn Wen*:

Fe ddaw yfory eto, a chaf ddal i ofyn cwestiynau.

Tomorrow will come, and I can go on asking questions.





# Appendix to chapter 2: Anecdotes

#### A.1 ANNOTATION

The following typographical convention is used for annotating the anecdotes in this appendix:

- The portion of the text to which the anecdote relates and a short fragment of the text after it share an annotation are typeset in grey letters (like this) before and after the black letters of the anecdotes, respectively. The shared 'signifier' should not cause any confusion, as all anecdotes in the corpus are anaphoric and none is cataphoric.
- Paragraph breaks before the preceding fragment or after the succeeding one are marked with pilcrow symbol (¶), while cases in which the text continues before or after the cited context in the same paragraph are marked with an ellipsis symbol ([...]).
- Textual sections (§§ 2.3.1 to 2.3.5) are marked at their beginning like this: **EPILOGUE**.
- INTEGRATING ANCHORS (§ 2.3.6) are marked in bold burgundy letters (Cofiaf / I remember). Their complements are marked in bold black letters (ei fod yn pregethu ar bwnc o athrawiaeth / that he was preaching on a point of doctrine). For the sake of graphical clarity and legibility, if the complement is long only its initial part is marked.
- The first group of TEMPORAL ANCHORS (see § 2.3.7) are marked using a burgundy underline (un tro / one time), while other group is marked by a black one (pan oedd i lawr yn y pwll / when he went to the mine).
- Meta-references are indicated using small capitals (Y STORI HON / THIS STORY).
- Comment mode utterances within the DEVELOPMENT are optionally marked like this: {ceci n'est pas un commentaire}.

#### A.2 Y LÔN WEN

# A.2.1 3: Diwylliant a Chymdeithas 'Culture and Community'

(1) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 31 ¶ Credaf fod chwarelwyr fy hen ardal i yn ddibynnol iawn ar ei gilydd. [PARAGRAFF]

ABSTRACT Rhof un enghraifft, a dim ond un o lawer ydyw, o gymwynas a gawsom ni mewn pryd. **EXPOSITION** Diwedd 1897 ydoedd, a thri ohonom o dan y clefyd coch (scarlet fever). Cefais i ef yn drwm iawn, fy mrawd Richard yn ysgafn, DEVELOPMENT a'r diwrnod dan sylw daeth fy nhad adref o'r chwarel wedi ei daro â'r un clefyd yn weddol drwm. Yr oeddem ein tri yn ein gwahanol welyau gyda'r nos, a'm brawd John yn dioddef oddi wrth dân iddwf ar ei lygad. Yr oedd hyn ryw bum mis cyn geni fy mrawd ieuengaf. Aeth fy mam i odro, ac oherwydd ei nerfusrwydd, mae'n debyg, oblegid mae gan wartheg reddf i deimlo peth felly, rhoes y fuwch gic iddi yn ei choes. Yr unig un iach yn y tŷ ar y pryd oedd fy mrawd Evan, yn ddyflwydd a thri chwarter oed, ac yn rhy ifanc i fynd allan i'r tywyllwch. Dyna le'r oeddem heb neb i fynd i alw ar gymydog, a chan nad oedd neb o'n cwmpas ni yn gweithio yn yr un chwarel â nhad, ni wyddai neb ei fod ef yn sâl. Toc galwodd ein cymydog agosaf, William Williams, Tŷ Hen, gwyddai ef ein bod ni blant yn cwyno. Llawenychodd pawb. Gwnaeth bob dim a allai i'n helpu, {ond ni chofiaf pa un ai ef ai ewythr imi a alwodd wedyn,} a gynghorodd mam i roi powltris bran bras a finegr ar ei choes, yr hyn a wnaeth, ac yr oedd hi, a dendiai arnom i gyd, yn holliach erbyn y bore, ac wedi cysgu drwy'r nos ar glustogau ar lawr y siambar orau. CONCLUSION Allan o GYD-YMDDIBYNIAETH fel YNA y tyfodd rhyw fath o ffyddlondeb a theyrngarwch a chyfeillgarwch. Wrth edrych ar dorf o chwarelwyr ar Faes Caernarfon yn yr amser a fu, [...]

¶ I think the quarrymen of my old neighbourhood were very dependent on each other. [PARAGRAPH]

ABSTRACT I offer AN EXAMPLE, one of many, of timely help we received. **EXPOSITION** It was the end of 1897 and three of us with scarlet fever. °I had it very badly, my brother Richard less so, **DEVELOPMENT** and the day in question my father came home from the quarry very ill with the same infection. There were three of us in our beds by nightfall, and my brother John suffering from an inflammation of the eye. It was about five months before the birth of my youngest brother. My mother went to do the milking, and probably due to her anxiety, and because cows are sensitive to such things, the cow kicked her on the leg. The only one in the house who wasn't ill was my brother Evan, two and three quarter years old and too young to go out in the dark. There we were with no one to go and fetch a neighbour, and as no one near us worked in the same quarry as Dad, nobody knew he was ill. Then, our nearest neighbour, William Williams, Tŷ Hen, called in, knowing the children were ill. He did everything he could to help, {but I don't remember if it was he, or my uncle who called later,} who advised Mam to put a poultice of coarse bran and vinegar on her leg, which she did, and she, who tended us all, was completely well by morning having slept all night on cushions on the floor of the best room. **CONCLUSION** °From INTER-DEPENDENCE like THIS grew a kind of trust, loyalty and friendship. Looking at the quarrymen together on the Maes in Caernarfon in the old days, [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 34 ¶ Cofiaf yn dda am un ymwelydd diddorol a ddeuai'n gyson i'n tŷ ni, Wmffra Jones, Bryn Golau, un o bartneriaid nhad yn y chwarel. [...] EXPOSITION Troai nhad heibio i alw amdano i fyned i'r chwarel bob dydd yn y dyddiau hynny, DEVELOPMENT ac un bore, pan alwodd, yr oeddynt wedi cysgu'n hwyr, peth anghyffredin iawn. Nid oedd dim amdani ond i bawb helpu, a job fy nhad oedd chwythu'r tân efo'r fegin, a'r wraig yn torri brechdanau. Yn sydyn, ynghanol yr holl frys, dyma Wmffra Siôn yn gweiddi nad oedd carrai yn yr un o'i ddwy esgid. {Nid oedd rhai newydd ar gael ychwaith.} Felly, yr oedd yn rhaid troi'r tŷ a'i benucha'n isaf i chwilio am y careiau, ac wedi gorffen y tŷ, dechrau ar y beudy. Ac yno yr oeddynt, {y bechgyn wedi eu cymryd i'w rhoi'n sownd wrth gynffon barcud}.

[STORI: ANEC. 3]

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[STORI: ANEC. 2]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 34

ABSTRACT Edmygwn yn fawr UN PETH a wnaeth Wmffra Siôn yn hollol ddirybudd. **EXPOSITION** Ers talwm, cyn amser y bysiau, byddai chwarelwyr yn cerdded yn orymdaith drefnus o'r chwarel, a chas beth ganddynt fyddai gweled merched ar bennau'r tai yn edrych arnynt. Ac os buoch erioed yn cerdded mewn gorymdaith, gwyddoch pa mor hunan-ymwybodol y gellwch fod, a pha mor gas gennych fydd teimlo fod llygaid pobl arnoch. I chwi sydd yn yr orymdaith, mae beirniadaeth ym mhob llygad a fo yn eich gwylio. Cyn cyrraedd Rhos y Cilgwyn, ar ôl pasio Pen yr Inclên, mae rhes o dai o'r enw Glasfryn, a bob nos byddai merched o'r tai hyn ar ben y drws yn chwedleua pan âi'r chwarelwyr adref. **DEVELOPMENT** Un noson, yn hollol ddirybudd, dyma Wmffra Siôn yn troi at fy nhad ac yn bygwth ei leinio a'i alw'n bob enw. {(Cofier nad oedd nhad yn gwybod dim am hyn ymlaen llaw)}, a dyma yntau, wedi gweld fel fflach beth oedd yr amcan, yn neidio i'r abwyd, ac yn ymosod yn ôl ar Wmffra Siôn. 'Tyst ohonoch chi!' Tyst ohonoch chi!' meddai Wmffra Siôn ar dop ei lais. 'Mae'r dyn yma wedi ymosod arna i.' Fe ddiflannodd pob dynes fel llygoden i'w thŷ, **EPILOGUE** ac ni phoenwyd chwarelwyr y Cilgwyn WEDYN gan ferched yn eu gwylio ar bennau'r tai. [STORI: ANEC. 4]

¶ I well remember one interesting visitor who often came to our house, Wmffra Jones, Bryn Golau, one of my Dad's partners in the quarry. [...] EXPOSITION

Dad called for him every day to go to the quarry then, DEVELOPMENT and one day when he called they had overslept, a rare event. There was nothing for it but everyone helping, my father blowing up the fire with the bellows, his wife cutting sandwiches. Suddenly, in the midst of the rush, there was Wmffra Siôn shouting that neither of his shoes had laces. {There were no spare laces either.} So the house had to be turned upside down in search of laces, and after searching the house they began on the 'beudy' (cowshed). And there they were, {the boys had taken them to tie to the tail of a kite}.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 3]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 2]

ABSTRACT °I admired ONE THING very much that Wmffra Siôn did quite unexpectedly. **EXPOSITION** °In the old days, before the time of the buses, quarrymen would process in an orderly fashion home from the quarry, and it was hateful for them seeing the women on their doorsteps watching them. °If you have ever walked in a procession, you know how self-conscious you can be, and how hateful it is to feel people's eyes upon you. To you in the procession, there is judgement in every eye watching you. Before reaching Rhos y Cilgwyn, after passing Pen yr Inclên, there's a row of houses called Glasfryn, and every night the women from these houses would be on their doorsteps talking when the quarrymen went home. **DEVELOPMENT** °One night, quite unexpectedly, Wmffra Siôn turned to my father threatening to beat him up and calling him names. {(°Remember my father knew nothing of it in advance).} °And here he, having seen the point in a flash, took the bait and attacked Wmffra Siôn back. °'You are a witness! You are a witness!' shouted Wmffra Siôn at the top of his voice. 'This man here attacked me.' "The women all vanished like mice into their houses, **EPILOGUE** and the quarrymen of the Cilgwyn were never bothered AFTER THAT by women watching them from their doorsteps.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 4]

[STORI: ANEC. 3]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 36 EXPOSITION Prin iawn fyddai tripiau yn y dyddiau hynny, ond fe âi chwarelwyr weithiau i Fanceinion, a mynd i'r Sw yno. DEVELOPMENT Fe aeth Wmffra Siôn unwaith, a'i wraig, ac wrth sefyll o flaen cawell y myncwn, dyma un o'r creaduriaid hynny yn rhoi ei bawen allan reit slei ac yn cipio het Nani oddi am ei phen i'r cawell. {Yr oedd pluen estrys gwerth tua phymtheg swllt i bunt ar yr het, a gellir dychmygu faint oedd profedigaeth y wraig.} Ond yr unig gydymdeimlad a gafodd gan ei gŵr oedd, 'Tendia, Nani, dy ben di eith nesa'! [STORI: ANEC. 5]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 36 [STORI: ANEC. 4] EXPOSITION Llawer stori gyffelyb a glywais i tan y simdde fawr yng Nghae'r Gors, a'r 'ebra fi' fel cyrraints yn y stori, a llithrai'r oriau heibio'n rhy gyflym. DEVELOPMENT Mor gyflym unwaith fel y cododd Wmffra Siôn oddi ar y gadair yn sydyn wedi sylweddoli beth oedd hi o'r gloch, a tharo ei ben o dan y silff ben tân a disgyn yn glewtan yn ei ôl i'r gadair.

Mi alwn ni'r cymeriad nesaf yn XY. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 36 ¶ Mi alwn ni'r cymeriad nesaf yn XY. [PARAGRAFF] EXPOSITION Yn ystod rhyfel 1914–18 caewyd y rhan fwyaf o chwareli bychain Dyffryn Nantlle, ac aeth y rhan fwyaf o'r dynion i weithio i Lerpwl, fy nhad ac XY yn eu plith. Arhosai fy nhad yn nhŷ fy mrawd yn Bootle, a lletyai XY yn Birkenhead. Cai'r gweithwyr docyn rhad i fynd adref dros y Sul bob tair wythnos, ac oherwydd hynny nid aeth neb â'i docyn aelodaeth gydag ef i eglwysi Lerpwl, neb ond XY. DEVELOPMENT Fe ddarllenwyd ei bapur ef yn y seiat ar noson waith yn un o gapeli Birkenhead, a dyma'r stori a ddaeth dros yr afon i nhad i Bootle. Wedi darllen y papur a rhoi'r croeso arferol i XY, cododd yr olaf ar ei draed yn y seiat i siarad amdano'i hun yn ei eglwys gartref, a diweddu fel hyn: 'Yr hyn sy'n golled iddynt hwy yn — (ei eglwys gartref) sydd yn ennill i chwi yma yn Birkenhead.' EPILOGUE Byddai nhad yn chwerthin nes byddai'r dagrau yn powlio o'i lygaid wrth ddweud Y STORI YNA. CONCLUSION Wrth reswm, rhaid oedd adnabod XY yn drwyadl, fel y gwnâi ei gyd-weithwyr, i allu gwerthfawrogi'R STORI. Rhywdro tua diwedd y rhyfel collodd XY ei briod, [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 3]

EXPOSITION In those days trips were very rare, but sometimes the quarrymen went to Manchester, and to the Zoo. DEVELOPMENT Wmffra Siôn went once with his wife, and they were standing in front of the monkey cage when one of the creatures slyly put out its paw and pulled Nani's hat from her head and into its cage. {There was an ostrich feather on the hat worth between fifteen shillings and a pound and you can imagine what a loss it was to Nani.} "But the only sympathy she got from her husband was, 'Look out, Nani, it's your head that will go next'! [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 5]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 4] EXPOSITION of I heard many a similar story by the hearth at Cae'r Gors, 'ebra fi' dotting the story like currants, and the hours used to pass too quickly. Development So quickly that once Wmffra Siôn noticed the time and jumped out of his chair so suddenly that he banged his head on the mantelpiece and was knocked straight back down into his chair. We will call the next neighbour XY. [...]

¶ We will call the next neighbour XY. [PARAGRAPH]

**EXPOSITION** During the 1914–1918 war, most of the smaller Dyffryn Nantlle quarries were closed, and most of the men went to find work in Liverpool, my father and XY among them. My father stayed in my brother's house in Bootle, and XY lodged in Birkenhead. The workers were given a cheap ticket to go home for the weekend every three weeks, and because of this none belonged to any of the Liverpool chapels, except XY. **DEVELOPMENT** 'His paper was read in the *seiat* on weekday evening in one of the chapels in Birkenhead, and this story reached Dad across the river in Bootle. After reading the paper, and giving the usual welcome to XY, the latter got on his feet in the *seiat* and spoke about himself in his home chapel, and ended thus: 'Their loss (his home chapel) is Birkenhead's gain.' **EPILOGUE** My father would laugh till he had tears in his eyes when he told THIS STORY. CONCLUSION Of course, you'd need to know XY thoroughly, as his fellow workers did, to appreciate THE STORY.

Towards the end of the war XY lost his wife, [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 37 ¶ Un arall a ddeuai i'n tŷ ni yn aml gyda'r nos oedd Mos, [PARAGRAFF AMDANO]

ABSTRACT Digwyddodd un PETH ynglŷn â Mos a fu'n loes fawr i mi. **DEVELOPMENT** Daethai acw un noson ac yr oedd yn dywyll iawn arno yn cychwyn adref. Rhoddwyd menthyg llusern newydd a gawsom at y beudy iddo. {Dyfais newydd mewn llusern oedd hon, gelwid hi yn Saesneg yn 'Storm lamp'. Goleuid hi gyda wic ac oel lamp, ac yr oedd math o ffram weiran am y gwydr i'w gadw rhag torri. I godi'r gwydr a diffodd y lamp, yr oedd yn rhaid gafael yn rhywbeth yn y top a godai'r gwydr a'r ffram gyda'i gilydd. Ni feddyliodd neb am egluro iddo sut i ddiffodd y lamp.} Wedi mynd adref, ni fedrai yn ei fyw ei diffodd, nid oedd ei wynt yn ddigon cryf, a gorfu iddo ddefnyddio'r fegin dân, a rhoi ei thrwyn gorau y medrai ar waelod y gwydr. Pan ddaeth â'r llusern yn ôl dyna'r stori gawsom, a chwerthin mawr, wrth gwrs. Drannoeth, yn yr ysgol, dywedais innau'r hanes wrth fy ffrind pennaf, Apo, Tŷ'n Llwyn. {Yn awr, partner Mos, yn chwarel Pen y Bryn, oedd Richard, brawd Apo.} Dywedodd hithau'r stori gartref, a'r canlyniad, wrth gwrs, oedd pryfocio mawr ar Mos yn y chwarel. {Nid oes y fath bryfocwyr yn bod â chwarelwyr.} Pan ddeuai Mos i lawr y lôn bach o'i dŷ fore trannoeth, yr oedd Richard yn y ffordd arall yn ei ddisgwyl, ac yn dynwared chwythu megin. Pan ddaeth Mos acw wedyn, gwyddwn ei fod wedi teimlo, a'm bod innau wedi ei frifo dipyn. **EPILOGUE** Bu'R PETH yn boen fawr i mi am ddyddiau, fy mod wedi ei frifo ef, yn fy niniweidrwydd (y pryd hwnnw, beth bynnag). Nid yn unig hynny, poenwn am y gallwn gael fy ystyried 'yn hen hogan straegar' (un hoff o siarad clecs), tebyg i ferched a heliai straeon ar bennau tai, pobl a ddirmygid gennym. Ond fe aeth hynny heibio a daeth hapusrwydd i deyrnasu.

Y Sadwrn o flaen Nadolig 1912, [...]

 $\P$  Another man who often came to our house in the evenings was Mos, [PARAGRAPH ABOUT HIM]

ABSTRACT ONE THING happened involving Mos, that made a great agony for me. **DEVELOPMENT** He came over one night and it was very dark when he set off home. He borrowed a lamp we had got for the cowshed. {It was a new kind of lamp, known in English as a 'hurricane lamp'. Its light came from a wick in lamp oil, and there was a wire frame around the glass to prevent it from breaking. To remove the glass and extinguish the lamp you had to use something that would lift the glass and the frame together. Nobody remembered to explain to him how to extinguish the lamp.} When he arrived home he had no idea how to put out the flame. His breath was not strong enough, so he used the fire bellows, putting its end at the base of the glass. When he returned the lamp that was the story he told us, and there was much laughter of course. °Next day, at school, I told the story to my best friend, Apo, Tŷ'n Llwyn. {Mos's work mate at Pen y Bryn quarry was Richard, Apo's brother.} She told the story at home, and as a result of course Mos was teased in the quarry. {There are no greater teasers than quarrymen.} When Mos walked down the small lane from his house next morning, Richard was waiting for him in the other lane, miming the blowing of bellows. When Mos came over later, I understood how he felt, and I knew I had caused him pain. **EPILOGUE** °THE THING was a great worry to me for days, about unwittingly hurting him, that one time anyway. Not just that, but I worried I could be thought an old gossip, like women clecking on doorsteps, people we held in contempt. But it passed, and happiness returned.

The Saturday before Christmas 1912, [...]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 39 [...] Un o'r rhai hyn oedd dyn a elwid yn 'Richard Jones yr hen grachan'. 'Rhosgadfan' oedd enw'r tŷ lle yr oedd R. Jones yn byw. [GWEDDILL Y PARAGRAFF]

DEVELOPMENT Un tro âi Owen Roberts o gwmpas y gwaith i gael rhyw wybodaeth neu'i gilydd, a daeth at Richard Jones yn ei dro. Dylwn ddweud fod Owen Roberts yn siarad mor gywir â geiriadur, a bod gan Richard Jones arferiad o snyffian ei atebion, yn enwedig pan na byddai pethau yn ei blesio. A dyma'r sgwrs a fu y tro hwn:

'Ym mha le'r ydych chi'n byw, Richard Jones?' 'Rhosgadfan' (snwff).

'Ie, mi wn i mai yn Rhosgadfan yr ydych chi'n byw, ond ym mha le yno?'

'Rhosgadfan' (snwff).

'Ie, ond beth ydyw enw eich tŷ chi yn Rhosgadfan?' 'Rhosgadfan' (snwff).

'Felly' (yn dra gramadegol ac urddasol), 'mae eich tŷ chi yn cynrychioli'r pentref yr ydych yn byw ynddo.' 'Iesu Dduw, 'dwn i ddim be' ma' fo'n gynrychioli, 'blaw

mai dyna ydi enw fo.' Exit Owen Roberts yn ddi-seremoni.

[STORI: ANEC. 9]

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[STORI: ANEC. 8]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 39

Jones, ein dydd

DEVELOPMENT Fe anwyd efeilliaid i briod Richard Jones, {peth na ellid mo'i ragfynegi yn y dyddiau hynny, fel yn ein dyddiau ni,} a bu'n rhaid i'r hen wron gychwyn ar unwaith i dŷ ei chwaer i chwilio am ragor o ddillad bach. {Dynes falch, drwsiadus oedd ei chwaer na wyddai beth oedd bod heb ddim, nac heb ychydig o ddim ychwaith.}

'Oes gin ti ddillad bach yma, Geini, mae acw ragor o deulu?'

'O' (o syndod), 'oedd Elin ddim wedi paratoi ar gyfar peth fel hyn?'

'Oedd, mi'r oedd hi wedi paratoi ar gyfar un' (snwff). 'Faint sy''cw felly?'

"R oedd cw ddau pan o'n i'n cychwyn, dwn i ddim faint sy" cw erbyn hyn."

Trwy glywed y gwn i am y cymeriad nesaf hefyd, sef Owen Jones, a elwid gan bawb yn Owan Tyrpaig. [...] [...] One such was known as 'Richard Jones the old scab'. 'Rhosgadfan' was the name of the house where Richard Jones lived. [THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH]

DEVELOPMENT Once Owen Roberts was gathering such information, and he reached Richard Jones. I ought to mention that Owen Roberts talked as correctly as a dictionary, and Richard Jones was in the habit of sniffing his replies, especially if he didn't like the questions. Here is the conversation on this occasion:

'Where do you live, Richard Jones?'

'Rhosgadfan.' (sniff)

'Yes, I know that you live in Rhosgadfan, but where?'

'Rhosgadfan.' (sniff)

oʻYes, but what is the name of your house in Rhosgadfan?'

"Rhosgadfan." (sniff)

'So,' (in a formal and correct style) 'your house represents the village in which you live?'

'Jesus God! I don't know what it represents, only that that is its name.'

Exit Owen Jones unceremoniously.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 9]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 8]

**DEVELOPMENT** Richard Jones' wife gave birth to twins, {an event that couldn't be predicted in those days as it can in our time,} and the old hero had to set off at once to his sister's house for more baby clothes. {His sister was a proud, smart woman who did not know what it was like to go without anything or to have very little.}

'Have you any baby clothes, Geini? The family's increased in our house.'

'Oh?' (surprised) 'Did Elin not prepare for this?'

'Yes, for one.'

'How many are there then?'

'There were two when I left, I don't know how many there are by now.'

Through hearing about him I know the next character too. Owen Jones, known as Owan Tyrpaig. [...]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 3, p. 40 ¶ Trwy glywed y gwn i am y cymeriad nesaf hefyd, sef Owen Jones, a elwid gan bawb yn Owan Tyrpaig. Dyn a yfai yn lled helaeth hyd ganol ei oes oedd ef. Ond yr oedd ganddo un gwron yn y pulpud, sef Dr. Hugh Jones, Lerpwl, ac âi i wrando arno pan ddôi i'r cyffiniau.

**DEVELOPMENT** 'Ga'i ddwad efo chdi i'r Sasiwn?' meddai Owen Jones wrth fy nhad <u>un tro</u>, <u>pan bregethai</u>'r Doctor yn Sasiwn Caernarfon.

'Cei, os bihafi di.'

Ac fe fihafiodd.

Bob tro yr âi'r Doctor i hwyl, rhôi Owen Jones bwniad i nhad yn ei asennau, a dweud, 'Duw, Owan, gwrando ar y Doctor', ac felly trwy'r oedfa.

'Fuoch chi yn y Sasiwn 'leni, Owen Jones?'

'Do

'Pwy glywsoch chi yno?'

'Ond y Doctor.'

'O, Doctor Hugh Jones?'

'Ia.'

Wedyn Owen Jones yn dechrau, ac yn mynd trwy bregeth y Doctor, Alafon yn symud i mewn i'r wal, ac eistedd ar y blocyn, ac Owen Jones ar y drafel. Wedi traethu am sbel, a chodi i hwyl, estynnai ei law at Alafon, 'Ac Owen, yn y fan yna yr oedd y Doctor yn ddiawledig.'

'Beth ydach chi'n feddwl wrth 'ddiawledig', Owen Jones?'

'O, yn fendigedig, Owen (yn codi ei lais), yn fendigedig, yn fendigedig.'

{[Rhaid egluro mai 'Owen' oedd enw cyntaf Alafon yntau.] }

EPILOGUE Wedi HYN, cafodd Owen Jones droedigaeth,
un o'r troedigaethau mawr, syfrdanol y mae sôn
amdanynt, a daeth yn un o bobl dduwiolaf Dyffryn
Nantlle. Byddai pobl yn sôn am ei weddïau ymhen
blynyddoedd wedi iddo farw. [DIWEDD Y BENNOD]

¶ Through hearing about him I know the next character too. Owen Jones, known as Owan Tyrpaig. A man who drank a fair bit until halfway through his life. But he had a hero in the pulpit, one Dr Hugh Jones of Liverpool, and whenever he was in the area Owen Jones would go and listen to him.

**DEVELOPMENT** 'Can I come to the Session with you?' he said to my father <u>once</u> when the Doctor was preaching in the Caernarfon Session.

'Yes, if you behave yourself.'

And he did behave himself.

Whenever the Doctor raised his voice to a dramatic 'hwyl', Owen Jones would nudge my father and say, 'God, Owen, listen to the Doctor,' and so on throughout the service.

'Did you attend the Session this year, Owen Jones?'

'Yes.'

'Who did you hear?'

'Just the Doctor.'

'Oh. Doctor Hugh Jones?'

'Yes.'

Owen Jones began, going over the Doctor's sermon, Alafon moving into the wall and sitting on the block, and Owen Jones sitting on the cutting-machine. After talking for a while and raising his voice in *hwyl*, he extended his hand to Alafon, 'And Owen, at that moment the Doctor was devilish.'

'What do you mean, devilish, Owen Jones?'

'Oh, wonderful, Owen,' (raising his voice), 'wonderful, wonderful.'

 $\{\mbox{`[It should be explained that 'Owen' was the first name of Alafon as well.]}$ 

EPILOGUE After THIS Owen Jones underwent a conversion, a great, spectacular conversion such as people speak about, and he became one of the most devout people in Dyffryn Nantlle. People would talk of his prayers for years after his death. [THE END OF THE CHAPTER]

# A.2.2 4: Diwylliant a'r Capel 'Culture and the Chapel'

(11) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 43 [...] Ond gallwn ddweud fod cyd-gynnull yn beth diddorol i bawb, a'r pryd hwnnw, nid oedd cynulliadau eraill i'n tynnu oddi wrth gyfarfodydd y capel. Ni fedrai dim ein tynnu o'r ysgol Sul. ABSTRACT Cofiaf, fodd bynnag, i un drasiedi rwystro fy mrawd ieuengaf rhag mynd i'r ysgol Sul unwaith.

brynhawn Sadwrn, un bach gron, dew fel powlen.

DEVELOPMENT Rhowd hi yn y beudy mewn gwair dros nos. Ond, erbyn y bore, yr oedd wedi diflannu, ac ni wyddai neb yn iawn sut, heblaw mae'n siŵr, mai o dan y drws. Cyn wyth o'r gloch y bore, yr oedd Dei wedi curo ar bob drws yn y pentref i holi am ei gath, ond i ddim pwrpas. Yr oedd mam wedi mynd i huno cysgu wrth y tân ar ôl cinio, a dyma hi'n deffro yn sydyn a gweld ei bod yn ddau o'r gloch ar y cloc. Neb yn y gegin ond Dei, 'Wel O,' meddai hi, wedi dychryn, 'dyma hi'n ddau o'r gloch a chditha ddim yn yr ysgol Sul.' 'Fasa chitha ddim yn mynd yno 'chwaith tasa gynnoch chi gimint o boen â fi,' meddai yntau.

A'u cymryd drwodd a thro, byddai gennym athrawon deallus. [...]

[...] But I can say that being sociable is attractive to us all, and in those days there was nothing else to tempt us from the chapel meetings. Nothing could draw us away from Sunday school. ABSTRACT °I remember, however, that one tragedy kept my youngest brother from going to Sunday school once.

EXPOSITION Dei had got a kitten as a present some Saturday afternoon, one small, round and fat as a bowl.

DEVELOPMENT She was put in the byre in the hay over night. But by morning she had disappeared, and no one knew exactly how, except that it must have been under the door. By eight o'clock in the morning Dei had knocked on every door in the village to ask about his cat, to no avail. Mam had fallen asleep by the fire after lunch, and here she woke suddenly and saw that it was two o'clock. No one in the kitchen but Dei. Well! Oh! said she, surprised, 'It's two o'clock and you're not at Sunday school.' You wouldn't go either if you were as worried as I am,' he said.

On the whole we had bright teachers. [...]

(12) Y Lôn Wen,

ch. 4, p. 46

¶ Fe hysbysid cystadleuthau'r cyfarfod plant bythefnos ymlaen llaw, a rhoid hwy i fyny wedyn ar y bwrdd rhybuddion yn lobi'r capel. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf un tro iddynt hysbysu mewn un cyfarfod plant fod cystadleuaeth hel enwau adar yr ardal i fod yn y cyfarfod nesaf, dim ond hel yr enwau dyna'r cwbl, a'u dweud ar goedd yn y cyfarfod. Wedi inni gyrraedd y tŷ y noson honno, cyn inni gael tamaid o fwyd, dyma Richard, fy mrawd, yn dechrau arni, ac yn ysgrifennu enwau adar i lawr fel y cofiai hwynt. O hynny ymlaen am bythefnos, ni ellid ei gael at ei fwyd, nac i'w wely, nac i wneud dim ond hel enwau adar. Yr oedd fel dyn ar dranc, a bod ei fywyd tragwyddol yn dibynnu ar gael yr enwau. Wrth weld y brwdfrydedd yma, dyma'r gweddill ohonom yn penderfynu nad oedd yn werth inni gystadlu, ac y byddai'n well inni hel enwau i Richard. Ond nid oedd angen inni, byddai ef wedi cael pob un o'n blaenau. Yr oedd nhad a mam yn y gêm hefyd, ac yn gofyn o hyd, 'Faint wyt ti wedi gael rŵan, Dic?' Wel, fe ddaeth tipyn o dawelwch cyn diwedd y pythefnos, a'm brawd erbyn hynny wedi eu hel at ei gilydd, a'u cael i drefn y wyddor, ac yn eu dysgu a'u dweud yn uchel ar dafod-leferydd. Wrth gwrs, dysgem ninnau hwy wrth ei glywed. Yr oeddem wedi synnu fod cynifer o adar yn Rhosgadfan, tros ddeugain ohonynt, ni wyddwn i fod cymaint o wahanol fathau o adar yn y byd! Beth bynnag, fe ddaeth noson y cyfarfod plant, a ninnau i gyd yn gynhyrfus iawn, wedi cadw oddi wrth bawb fod Richard wedi hel cymaint o enwau. Willie, brawd Richard Hughes-Williams, y storïwr, oedd y beirniad, ac wedi i ryw ddau neu dri cystadleuydd fod wrthi, ac enwi rhyw hanner dwsin neu ddwsin o adar, dyma dwrn fy mrawd. Aeth ymlaen a dechrau arni cyn i neb gael ei wynt, ac wrth ei fod wedi eu dysgu ar ei gof, âi trwyddynt fel cyfri' llyfrithen. Dyma Willie yn codi ei ddwylo i fyny ac yn gweiddi, 'Stopia, stopia, imi gael siawns i'w rhoi i lawr.' Ond ymlaen fel sgyrsion yr âi fy mrawd. Bu'n rhaid iddo ail fynd drostynt, ond ni chredaf ei bod yn bosibl atal y llif ofnadwy o enwau a fyrlymiai allan. Nid oedd gan neb siawns i ennill wrth ei ymyl. **EPILOGUE** Bu'R GYSTADLEUAETH HON yn destun difyrrwch yn ein cartref am flynyddoedd lawer, a thra fu fy mrodyr fyw.

Byddem yn mynd i'r seiat bob wythnos. [...]

¶ The children's meetings were publicised a fortnight in advance, and put on the board in the chapel porch. DEVELOPMENT °I remember one time that they announced in one children's meeting a competition on the names of birds to be held at the next meeting, just to list the names of birds and to recite it at the next meeting. When we got home that night, before having something to eat, my brother Richard started writing down the names of birds as he remembered them. For the next two weeks it was impossible to get him to a meal, or to bed, or to do anything but list the names of birds. He was like a man facing death, his eternal salvation depending on collecting the names. Seeing his enthusiasm, the rest of us decided it wasn't worth competing, and it would be better for us to collect names for Richard. It was unnecessary as he got there before us every time. Dad and Mam were in the game too, and kept asking, 'How many have you got now, Dic?' Well. There was a bit of quiet at the end of the fortnight, as my brother had collected and listed them in alphabetical order, and had learned to say them aloud. Of course, we learned them too through hearing them. We were surprised that there were so many birds in Rhosgadfan - over forty - I didn't know there were as many birds in the world! However, the night of the children's meeting arrived, and all of us excited, having kept secret from everyone that Richard had collected so many names. Willie, brother of the storyteller Richard Hughes-Williams, was the judge. After two or three competitors had finished, naming half a dozen to a dozen birds, it was my brother's turn. He went up and began before anyone could draw breath, and as he had learned them by heart he dashed them off as if it were a spell to charm a stye. Willie raised his hands, saying, 'Stop, stop so I've a chance to write them down.' But on went my brother like an express. He had to recite it again, but I don't think he was capable of stemming the headlong flow of names that bubbled out. Nobody had a hope of beating him. **EPILOGUE** °THE COMPETITION was a source of amusement in our home for many years, and while my brothers were alive. We attended the *seiat* every week. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 48 Nid oedd dim i'w wneud ond ei rwystro rhag ei dweud yn y seiat. ABSTRACT Ond DRO ARALL, fe roes Evan sioc heb ei disgwyl inni yn y seiat ei hun. EXPOSITION Nid oedd wedi gwneud y camgymeriad wrth ddweud yr adnod yn y tŷ. DEVELOPMENT Yr adnod oedd, 'Y rhai a ymddiriedant yn yr Arglwydd a ânt rhagddynt ac a ffynnant', eithr dyma a gawsom, 'a ânt rhagddynt ac a fygant', a'r gweddill o'r teulu yn chwysu yn eu sêt. Weithiau caem ein holi ar ôl dweud ein hadnodau, [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 48 ¶ Weithiau caem ein holi ar ôl dweud ein hadnodau, a byddai gan ambell flaenor ddawn nodedig at wneud hynny, a byddwn i wrth fy modd gyda'r holi hwn. [...]

DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf un waith pan oedd un o'r blaenoriaid yn holi ar yr adnodau, iddo ofyn yn sydyn i un bachgen, Evie, Llwyn Celyn, 'Oes gynnoch chi adnod i brofi?' 'Oes,' meddai Evie, "'Yr hen a ŵyr a'r ifanc a dybia".' 'Nid adnod ydy honna,' meddai'r holwr. 'Ia,' meddai Evie, a bu'n daeru am ychydig funudau rhwng y ddau. Nid Evie a roes i mewn ychwaith. [STORI: ANEC. 15]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 48 [STORI: ANEC. 14] EXPOSITION Yr un bachgen a fyddai'n rhoi ffug-enwau doniol wrth gystadlu, a hynny mewn cystadleuthau y tu allan i'n hardal ni. Fe gynhelid cymanfa blant bob blwyddyn i ryw chwech o ysgolion Sul Dosbarth Uwchgwyrfai, a chynhelid hi un ai yn Rhostryfan neu yng Ngharmel. Byddai arholiadau ysgrythurol wedi digwydd ymlaen llaw, DEVELOPMENT ac un tro fe ddaeth y ffug-enwau digrif hyn i fyny, 'Dyfrgi o Rosgadfan', a 'Draenog flewog', ac fe'u holrheiniwyd i Evie.

Gwerth diwylliannol oedd i hyn i gyd ac nid gwerth crefyddol, oni ddeuai'r olaf yn anuniongyrchol. [...]

All we could do was to stop him saying it in the seiat.

ABSTRACT \*But ANOTHER TIME Evan gave us an unexpected shock in the seiat itself. EXPOSITION \*He had not made the mistake when he said his verse at home.

DEVELOPMENT The verse was, 'Y rhai a ymddiriedant yn yr Arglwydd a ânt rhagddynt ac a ffynnant' (He that putteth his trust in the Lord shall go forth and prosper), but this was how it came out, 'a ânt rhagddynt ac a fygant', (go forth and suffocate), and the rest of the family sweating in their seat. Sometimes we were questioned after saying our verses, [...]

¶ Sometimes we were questioned after saying our verses, and some of the deacons were very good at it, and I relished the questions. [...] DEVELOPMENT °I remember once when one of the deacons was questioning us on the verses, that he suddenly asked a boy, Evie, Llwyn Celyn, 'Have you a verse to test?' 'Yes,' said Evie, 'The old know and the young assume.' 'That's not a verse,' said his interrogator. 'Yes it is,' said Evie, and the argument continued for a few minutes, and it wasn't Evie who gave in either. [STORI: ANEC. 15]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 14] **EXPOSITION** It was that same boy who thought up comic *noms de plume* when competing in events outside our neighbourhood. Every year a children's festival was held in Rhostryfan or Carmel for about six Sunday schools in the Uwchgwyrfai district. "Scripture exams would be held in advance, **DEVELOPMENT** and one time the comic *noms de plume* "Otter from Rhosgadfan' and 'Hairy Hedgehog' came up, and they were traced to Evie.

All this was of cultural rather than religious value, unless it brought in religion indirectly. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 51 ¶ Felly yr edrychwn i ar David Williams bob amser, Cymro heb fod yn ymwybodol ei fod yn Gymro o gwbl. [PARAGRAFFAU AMDANO]

**DEVELOPMENT** Cofiaf un nos Sul ei fod yn pregethu ar bwnc o athrawiaeth, ac yn mynd ymlaen yn ei lais dwfn, yna yn codi ei lais a dweud 'Da chi, y mhobol i, os oes arnoch chi eisiau pesychu, pesychwch yn gall, peidiwch â phesychu pan fydda i ar ganol gair, neu ar ganol sentans.' Eisteddai teulu o ŵr a gwraig a thri o blant o'n blaenau ni, a dyma'r bachgen wrth ddrws y sêt yn chwerthin dros y capel, a'i fam, a oedd wedi anghofio ei phlant wrth ymgolli yn y bregeth, yn rhoi sbonc. Finnau yn cael ambell bwff o chwerthin, wrth feddwl petai pawb yn dechrau pesychu ar ôl pob atalnod a *comma*. [STORI: ANEC. 17]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 [STORI: ANEC. 16] **DEVELOPMENT Clywais amdano yn pregethu yn y Dwyran**, Sir Fôn, wedi croesi Afon Menai yn y Stemar Bach, yn gorffen gweddill y daith mewn brêc. Gan mai ar y Sadwrn y cynhelid marchnad Caernarfon, yr oedd moch bach mewn sachau yn gymysg â'r teithwyr yn y frêc. Ceisiai David Williams ddal y moch draw â'i ambarel. Trannoeth edliwiwyd y moch i'w wrandawyr drwy'r dydd. [STORI: ANEC. 18]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 [STORI: ANEC. 17] **EXPOSITION** Yn yr un capel arferai'r plant eistedd gyda'i gilydd yn y bregeth yn y seti blaen, a chymryd nodiadau o'r bregeth mewn llyfrau. Nid da gan yr hen bregethwr mo hyn. Yr oedd arno eisiau sylw ei holl gynulleidfa. **DEVELOPMENT** 'Da chi 'mhlant i, edrychwch arna' i,' meddai, ac wrth y blaenoriaid, 'Pa sens sy' mewn dŵad â rhyw rigmant o blant i le fel hyn?' [STORI: ANEC. 19]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 [STORI: ANEC. 18] **DEVELOPMENT** Ef hefyd a ddywedodd wrth y fam a âi allan o'r capel pan grïodd ei babi, am ddyfod ag ef i'r sêt fawr, y byddai'n siŵr o gysgu yn y fan honno.

Ni wn gymaint am y pregethwyr eraill a enwais, ond teip y storïwr oeddynt.

¶ That is how I always saw David Williams, a Welshman who was not conscious of being a Welshman.

[PARAGRAPHS ABOUT HIM]

DEVELOPMENT "I remember one Sunday night that he was preaching on a point of doctrine, continuing in his deep voice, then he raised his voice saying, 'For heaven's sake, my people, if you must cough, cough sensibly, don't cough when I'm in the middle of a word, or halfway through a sentence.' There was a family sitting in front of us, a man, his wife and three children, and the boy by the pew door laughed out loud across the chapel, and his mother, who had forgotten her children in her absorption in the sermon, gave a start. I had a few fits of the giggles as I thought of everyone coughing after every full stop and comma. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 17]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 16] DEVELOPMENT I heard how he went to preach in Dwyran in Anglesey, crossing the river Menai in the Little Steamer, completing the journey in a brake. As it was Saturday when Caernarfon market was held, there were piglets in sacks among the passengers in the brake. David Williams tried to fend off the pigs with his umbrella. Next day his listeners were reminded of the pigs all day. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 18]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 17] **EXPOSITION** In the chapel the children used to sit together in the front pews during the sermon, and took notes in their books. The old preacher did not like that. "He had to have the full attention of the congregation. **DEVELOPMENT** 'For goodness sake, children, look at me,' he said, and to the deacons, 'Where's the sense in bringing such a gang of children to a place like this?' [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 19]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 18] DEVELOPMENT of It was he who also told the mother leaving the chapel when her baby cried, to bring him to the big pew in the front as he'd be sure to fall asleep there. I don't know as much about the other preachers I named, but they were of the storytelling kind.

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 ¶ Ni wn gymaint am y pregethwyr eraill a enwais, ond teip y storïwr oeddynt. DEVELOPMENT Clywais Hywel Tudur yn cymryd ei destun o lyfr Esther a dyna'r sylw olaf a gafodd yr adnod honno. Dechreuodd yn yr adnod gyntaf yn y llyfr ac aeth ymlaen i'r diwedd gan roddi fersiwn yr ugeinfed ganrif o'r stori, ac 'Amen' ar y diwedd. {Un nodyn a oedd ganddo ef o'r dechrau i'r diwedd, a nodyn sgwrs oedd y nodyn hwnnw. Siaradai'n ddifyr â'r blaenoriaid, ac yr wyf yn sicr pe cymerid tôn ei lais gyda *pitchfork* ar unrhyw fan o'i bregeth, mai'r un fyddai.} [STORI: ANEC. 21]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 [STORI: ANEC. 20] ABSTRACT Digwyddodd PETH digrif pan bregethai un nos Sul braf o haf yn Rhosgadfan. **EXPOSITION** Capel â'r sêt fawr wrth y drws oedd ein capel ni, **DEVELOPMENT** ac yn y tawelwch hafaidd a sŵn undon (heb fod yn undonog) y pregethwr, cerddodd iâr i mewn yn hamddenol i'r capel.

Teip gwahanol iawn oedd y Parch. Henry Rawson Williams, Betws-y-Coed. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 52 Teip gwahanol iawn oedd y Parch. Henry Rawson Williams, Betws-y-Coed. ABSTRACT Dywedai ef bethau a gyrhaeddai'n o ddwfn, megis, DEVELOPMENT megis, pan ddywedodd yn Rhosgadfan nad oedd gan y blaenoriaid yno ddim gwell i siarad amdano na'r tywydd. Digiodd hyn fy nhaid, ac ni roddodd gyhoeddiad iddo wedyn. Ond fe ddaeth Mr. Williams i Rosgadfan ym mlwyddyn cyhoeddiadau fy nhaid er hynny, ac ni chafodd ef ei hun byth wybod sut. Ond fe aethai blaenor ieuanc i'r cyfarfod misol gyda'm taid ac aeth i'w boced am ei ddyddiadur. Aeth at Mr. Rawson Williams a chael cyhoeddiad ganddo, a medru rhoi'r dyddiadur yn ôl yn ei boced heb i'm taid sylwi dim. [STORI: ANEC. 23]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 4, p. 53 [STORI: ANEC. 22] **DEVELOPMENT** Aeth rhyw ddyn at yr hen bregethwr o Fetws-y-Coed unwaith, ar ddiwedd yr oedfa, a dweud na chyd-welai â'i osodiadau. 'Wyt ti'n credu hanner yr hyn ddywedais i?' meddai. 'O ydw,' ebe'r dyn. 'Wel,' meddai'r pregethwr, 'os caf i bawb i gredu hanner fy mhregethau, mi fyddwn i'n reit dawel.' Yr oedd ei wisg ef yn wahanol i bawb; gwisgai gôt a chêp ar ei rhan uchaf (Inverness) a het a chantel crwn, yr un fath â Daniel Owen. [DIWEDD Y BENNOD]

¶ I don't know as much about the other preachers I named, but they were of the storytelling kind. **DEVELOPMENT** I heard Hywel Tudur take his subject from the book of Esther, and that was the last time it was mentioned. He began with the first verse in the book, continued with a twentieth-century version of the story, and an 'Amen' at the end. He used one tone from start to finish, the tone of conversation. (He conversed interestingly with the deacons, and I am certain that wherever you took the tone of his voice with a pitchfork in any part of the sermon, it would be the same tone.} [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 21]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 20] ABSTRACT °SOMETHING funny happened when he preached one fine summer evening in Rhosgadfan. **EXPOSITION** Ours was a chapel where the Big Pew was by the door, DEVELOPMENT and into the summery stillness and the one-toned (though not monotonous) sound of the preacher, a hen walked calmly into the chapel.

The Reverend Henry Rawson Williams, Betws-y-coed, was quite a different sort. [...]

The Reverend Henry Rawson Williams, Betws-y-coed, was quite a different sort. ABSTRACT He said things that cut deep, **DEVELOPMENT** such as when he said in Rhosgadfan that the deacons had nothing better to talk about than the weather. This offended my grandfather, and he did not offer him an engagement after that. Even so, Mr Williams did come to Rhosgadfan the year my grandfather was arranging the engagements, and he never understood how. But a young deacon had attended the monthly meeting with my grandfather, and he took his diary from his pocket. He approached Mr Rawson Williams and fixed an engagement, and managed to put the diary back in my grandfather's pocket without his noticing. [STORI: ANEC. 23]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 22] DEVELOPMENT °A man once went up to the old preacher from Betws-y-coed once, at the end of the service, and said he didn't agree with what he had said. 'Do you agree with half of what I said?' 'Oh, yes,' said the man. 'Well,' said the preacher,' if I can get everyone believing half my sermon I'd be content.' His clothes were unusual. He wore a coat with a cape on the shoulders, (an Inverness), and a hat with a round brim like Daniel Owen. [THE END OF THE CHAPTER]

# A.2.3 5: Mathau Eraill o Ddiwylliant 'Other Kinds of Culture'

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 54 ¶ Yr wyf wedi sôn am ein cylchwyl lenyddol ni yn Traed Mewn Cyffion, felly byr fydd ei hanes yma, er ei bod yn rhan bwysig o ddiwylliant ardal. 'Eisteddfod' y gelwir peth tebyg iddi heddiw, peth llawer llai. [PARAGRAFF] **EXPOSITION** Ni chofiaf o gwbl faint oedd fy oed yn cystadlu y tro cyntaf — credaf mai oddeutu saith. Ni chofiaf ychwaith beth oedd yr arholiad, ond mae'n sicr mai arholiad llafar ar y maes llafur ydoedd. DEVELOPMENT Ond cofiaf yn iawn mai grôt a gefais, a chofiaf imi redeg adref y filltir sydd rhwng Rhosgadfan a Rhostryfan â'm gwynt yn fy nwrn, a rhoi'r grôt ar y bwrdd i mam a dweud, 'Dyna nhw i chi, digon i brynu torth a chnegwarth o furum.' {Yr oedd rhywun acw, fy Modryb Ann, mae'n debyg, a ddeuai bob noson cyn y Nadolig efo anrhegion inni.} Chwarddodd pawb, gan ei fod yn gyfuniad mor anghywir. {Tair ceiniog oedd pris torth go fechan y pryd hynny, ond anaml y prynem dorth siop. Ond digon tebyg mai'r hyn a gofiwn i oedd, y byddai mam yn fy anfon i i'r siop i nôl torth a burum, os digwyddai fod yn brin o fara cyn y diwrnod yr arferai hi bobi arno, oblegid yr oedd diwrnod i bob dim y pryd hynny.} Dau beth yr edrychid ymlaen atynt ym mhrif gyfarfod y gylchwyl nos Nadolig fyddai'r araith bum munud ac anerchiadau'r beirdd. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 55 [...] Byddai un cystadleuydd cyson bob blwyddyn, sef Evan Williams, y Gerlan. Am wn i mai ei gystadleuaeth ef oedd hi erbyn y diwedd. DEVELOPMENT Dyma ddiwedd ei araith ar 'Ffair Gaeaf' un tro, 'a dyna lle byddan nhw bora Sul yn chwys dyferyd yn llnau eu sgidiau'. {Brawddeg gynhwysfawr y pryd hynny.} Âi nifer o'r beirdd ymlaen i'r llwyfan i adrodd penillion ar bynciau'r dydd yn y pentref. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 55 ¶ Ni chofiaf yn iawn beth oedd cyfrwng ein haddysg — credaf mai hanner yn hanner o Gymraeg a Saesneg. Byddai'n anobeithiol i neb allu dysgu dim inni yn Saesneg yn gyfangwbl, gan na ddeallem ddim o'r iaith honno. Development Cofiaf i'r prifathro geisio am un wythnos ein rhwystro rhag siarad Cymraeg, drwy ein curo os gwnaem hynny. {Ond dim ond am wythnos y parhaodd hynny. Mae'n debyg iddo weld ei bod yn anobeithiol ein rhwystro.} Fe ddysgid y Gymraeg inni fel pwnc, gramadeg a chyfieithu yn unig, allan o ryw lyfr coch. [...]

¶ I have written about our literary festival in *Traed Mewn Cyffion* (Feet in Chains), so its mention here will be brief, even though it is an important part of neighbourhood culture. A similar event today is called an 'Eisteddfod', a much smaller event.

**EXPOSITION** I don't remember at all how many of my age were competing for the first time — about seven, I think. Nor do I recall what exam it was, but it must have been an oral exam on the set subject. **DEVELOPMENT** But I remember well that it was a four-penny piece that I got and I remember running the mile home between Rhosgadfan and Rhostryfan with my breath in my fist, and putting the four-penny piece on the table and saying to Mam, 'There you are, enough to buy a loaf and a pen'orth of yeast.' (Someone was in the house, my aunt Ann, probably, who came every Christmas with presents for us.} Everyone laughed because it was an incongruous combination. {Threepence was the price of a small loaf. Probably what I remembered was  $\mbox{\sc Mam}$  sending me to the shop to fetch a loaf and some yeast, if she happened to be running low on bread the day before baking day, because in those days there was a day for everything.}

Two things to look forward to in the main festival meeting on Christmas night were the five-minute speech and the poets' address. [...]

[...] There was one regular competitor every year, Evan Williams, Gerlan. I suppose in the end it became his own competition. DEVELOPMENT o'This is the conclusion of his speech one time on 'The Winter Fair': 'and there they were Sunday morning dripping with sweat cleaning their shoes.' (A comprehensive sentence at the time.) A few poets went onto the stage to recite verses on the subject of the day in the village. [...]

¶ I don't quite remember which language was the medium of our education. I think it was half Welsh and half English. It would have been useless for anyone to teach us anything wholly in English, as we did not understand that language. Development I remember the headmaster trying for one week to stop us speaking Welsh by beating us when we did. {It lasted just a week. He probably saw that it was useless to stop us.} Welsh was taught as a subject, just grammar and translation, out of a red book. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 60 ¶ Anamliawn y deuai dim i amrywio ar undonedd bywyd yr ysgol. Caem lawenydd mawr pan ddoi Mr. Hughes, y Post, Rhostryfan, i rannu orennau inni cyn y Nadolig. Development Cofiaf unwaith i ddyn ddyfod i'r ysgol efo arth ac i daflu ei lais. Gwnaed llwyfan bach iddo yng nghornel yr ystafell fawr. Ni chofiaf fawr am y perfformiad, ac y mae'n rhaid na fwynheais ddim arno. Aethai'r stori ar led y gallasai'r arth ein bwyta, a chofiaf na theimlais yn ddiogel nes imi gyrraedd adref y noson honno.

[STORI: ANEC. 28]

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[STORI: ANEC. 27]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 61

ABSTRACT DRO ARALL y tynnwyd y partisiynau i lawr oedd i gael araith ymadawol y plismon plant. EXPOSITION Daethai ei dymor i ben, DEVELOPMENT a chafodd yntau annerch yr holl ysgol. Wedi iddo gyrraedd ei berorasiwn gofynnodd yn rheithegol, 'A oes yma unrhyw blentyn a fedar ddweud mod i wedi gwneud cam â fo yn ystod yr amser y bûm i'n treio eich cael i'r ysgol?' Ar hynny dyna law yn saethu i fyny o ganol y dyrfa plant. Llaw Griffith Jones, a alwem yn 'gwas bach', bachgen bach heb fod yn gryf ei iechyd. Yn hollol hunanfeddiannol, gofynnodd Eos Beuno, 'Wel, Griffith Jones, 'y machgen i, pa gam wnes i â chi erioed?' 'Dim byd,' ebe G. Jones, 'dyn ffeind iawn gwelis i chi bob amser.' Ond ni chafodd Eos Beuno afael ar ei berorasiwn wedyn. Byddai'n dda gennyf bob amser weld prynhawn yn dyfod i'w ddiwedd. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 63 [...] Byddem ni'n siomedig iawn mai ar ddydd Iau Dyrchafael y cerddai clwb fy nhad, gan fod mwy o hwyl a riolti yn y dref ar y Llungwyn. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf imi gael mynd unwaith ar y Llungwyn, drwy garedigrwydd pobl Tŷ Hen, y tyddyn nesaf, a oedd yn berchenogion car bychan dwy olwyn a merlen. {Yr oeddynt newydd gael rhwber am yr olwynion a chloch am wddf y ferlen, a'r boddhad mwyaf a gefais y diwrnod hwnnw oedd clywed y ferlen yn tuthio, a minnau fel ledi yn y tu ôl.} I wneud iawn am ein siom o beidio â myned i'r dref y dydd hwn, âi mam â ni am dro weithiau. [...]

¶ °It was very rarely that anything came and made a change in the monotony of school life. We enjoyed it when Mr Hughes, the Post, Rhostryfan, came to give out oranges before Christmas. DEVELOPMENT I remember once a man came to school with a bear, and to throw his voice. A small stage was erected for him in a corner of the big room. I don't remember much about the performance, so I can't have enjoyed it. A rumour went around that the bear could eat us, and I remember I didn't feel safe until I got home that night.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 28]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 27]

ABSTRACT °ANOTHER TIME when the partitions were taken down was for the truancy officer's farewell speech.

EXPOSITION His term of service had come to an end,

DEVELOPMENT and he was allowed to address the whole school. As he approached his conclusion, he asked rhetorically, 'Can any child say that I ever treated him unfairly when I tried to get him to school?' At that a hand shot up in the middle of the crowd of children. The hand of Griffith Jones, 'gwas bach' (little servant) we called him, a small boy whose health wasn't good. Absolutely confident, Eos Bowen asked, 'Well, Griffith Jones, my boy, what ill did I ever do to you?' 'Nothing,' said Griffith Jones, 'you were always kind.' But Eos Bowen didn't get to grips with his conclusion after that.

I was always glad to see the afternoon come to an end.  $[\ldots]$ 

[...] We were very disappointed that my father's club walked on Maundy Thursday, as there was more fun and festivity in the town on Whit Monday. DEVELOPMENT

I remember going once on Whit Monday through the kindness of the people at Tŷ Hen, the neighbouring smallholding, who owned a small two-wheel cart and a pony. {They'd just had rubber put on the wheels, and a bell on the pony's neck, and what I enjoyed most that day was hearing the trotting of the pony, and me like a lady behind.} To make up for our disappointment at not going to town that day, Mam sometimes took us for a walk. [...]

(30) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 5, p. 63 ¶ I wneud iawn am ein siom o beidio â myned i'r dref y dydd hwn, âi mam â ni am dro weithiau. Development Cofiaf unwaith inni gael y tro amheuthun o fynd gyda hi i hel danadl poethion i'r moch. Daeth ddannodd loerig arnaf fi, a bu'n rhaid imi droi'n ôl. Wrth ffrwcsio gyda'r goriad yn y drws, torrais y clo, a gorweddais â'm boch ar lawr oer y tŷ llaeth i dorri'r boen. Daeth nhad adref o rywle ddiwedd y prynhawn a berwodd wlydd dom a dal yr anger o dan fy wyneb. Cysgais y cwsg melysaf a gefais erioed. [DIWEDD Y BENNOD]

¶ To make up for our disappointment at not going to town that day, Mam sometimes took us for a walk.

DEVELOPMENT °I remember once that we had a rare occasion of going with her to collect nettles for the pigs. I got a bad toothache, and I had to turn back. Because I was flustered with the key in the door I broke the lock, and laid with my cheek on the cold floor of the dairy to ease the pain. Dad came back from somewhere at the end of the afternoon and he boiled chickweed and held the steam under my face. I slept the sweetest sleep I had ever known. [THE END OF THE CHAPTER]

### A.2.4 6: Chwaraeon Plant 'Children's Games'

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Y Lôn Wen,
ch. 6, p. 64

[...] Ar ddiwedd tymor byddai gan rai lond warpaig fawr o farblis, a choleddai hwynt yn hollol yr un fath ag y coleddai cybydd ei bres. Development Cofiaf fod gan Dei, fy mrawd ieuengaf, lond warpaig go fawr ar ddiwedd un tymor, a dweud y gwir yn ddistaw bach, yr oedd fy mam yn cymryd diddordeb mawr ynddi, a chadwyd hi'n ofalus yng nghwpwrdd y palis. Ond rhwng hynny a'r tymor nesaf diflannodd y warpaig a'i chynnwys, a mam a oedd fwyaf ei helynt yn ei chylch. Holai a stiliai, a Dei ei hun yn bur ddigynnwr', ac yn osgoi pob holi.

ABSTRACT Modd bynnag, yr oedd gwraig ein gweinidog acw ryw ddiwrnod, a dyma hi'n dweud stori bach dlos iawn am Dei a'i merch Dilys. Exposition Plant rywle rhwng wyth a deuddeg oed oeddynt ar y pryd.

DEVELOPMENT A STORI Mrs. Curig Williams oedd, ei bod yn edrych allan drwy ffenestr y parlwr ryw ddiwrnod a gweled bechgyn o'r ffordd yn lluchio topis i'w gardd at ei genethod a chwaraeai yno. Ni allai hi weled pwy oedd y bechgyn a luchiai'r topis, ond yn y man fe hitiwyd Dilys yn ei phen â thopen, ac aeth i grïo. Toc, daeth Dei, fy mrawd, i'r ardd a rhoi ei fraich am wddw Dilys i geisio ei chysuro. Amlwg ei fod yn credu mai ei dopen ef a'i hitiodd. Drannoeth, aeth â'i warpaig a'i farblis iddi, fel iawn dros ei bechod.

Chwarae a thipyn o farddoniaeth yn perthyn iddo oedd Pont y Seïri. [...] [...] By the end of the season some would have a large warpaig full of marbles which they would cherish as a miser cherishes his money. DEVELOPMENT 'I remember that Dei, my youngest brother, had a large, full warpaig at the end of one season, and, to whisper the truth, my mother took a great interest in it and it was kept carefully in the partition cupboard. But between then and the next season the warpaig and its contents disappeared, and the most concerned was Mam. She questioned and enquired, and Dei, quite unconcerned, avoided all questions.

ABSTRACT 'However, our minister's wife was in the house one day, and there she is telling A SWEET LITTLE STORY about Dei and her daughter Dilys. EXPOSITION They were children between eight and twelve years old at the time. **DEVELOPMENT** °And Mrs Curig Williams's STORY was that she was looking out of the parlour window some day when she saw boys on the road throwing clods of earth at her daughter playing in the garden. She couldn't see who the boys throwing the clods were, and in a while Dilys was struck on the head by a clod and she began to cry. My brother Dei went into the garden and put his arm round Dilys's neck to try and comfort her. Obviously he thought it was his clod that had struck her. Next day he took her his marbles to pay for his sin. A game with a bit of poetry in it was Pont y Seiri (the Carpenters' Bridge). [...]

# A.2.5 7: Fy Nheulu 'My Family'

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 73 [...] Fy nain oedd yr ieuengaf o dŷaid mawr o blant, a phan oedd hi yn ddyflwydd oed daeth clefyd i Gefn Eithin, a chymerodd ei modryb fy nain ati i Bont Wyled gerllaw. Nid aeth hi byth yn ôl i Gefn Eithin, ond aros gyda'i modryb. ABSTRACT Dywedir stori am fy nain a'i brawd hynaf, Hugh Hughes, taid y John W. Davies uchod. EXPOSITION Mae'n siŵr fod Hugh gryn ugain mlynedd yn hŷn na'm nain, ac ar ôl priodi fe aeth i fyw i Gaernarfon. DEVELOPMENT Un diwrnod daeth dyn at fy nain ar y stryd yn y dref a gofyn iddi, 'Dwad i mi, Cadi fy chwaer wyt ti?' {Nis adwaenai'r ddau ei gilydd, oherwydd ei magu hi ym Mhont Wyled.} Saer maen ar Ystad y Faenol ar hyd ei oes oedd yr Hugh Hughes yma, ac yr oedd yn un o'r rhai a adeiladodd Wal y Faenol rhwng y Felinheli a Bangor. [...]

(33) Y Lôn Wen,

ch. 7, p. 74

¶ Cyn priodi yr oedd fy nhaid yn gweithio yn chwarel Llanberis, a nain yn llaethreg ar fferm yn Sir Fôn. EXPOSITION Yr oedd merch ifanc yn cyd-weini gyda'm nain, ac yn caru gyda ffrind i'm taid, ac yntau'n gweithio yn chwarel Llanberis. Development Lladdwyd y ffrind hwn yn y chwarel, a gorchwyl prudd fy nhaid oedd myned yr holl ffordd i Sir Fôn i dorri'r newydd i'w gariad. {Ar y pryd, yr oedd rhyw ffrigwd yn bod rhwng fy nhaid a'm nain, ac nid oedd Cymraeg rhyngddynt.} Gyda char a cheffyl yr âi Richard Cadwaladr i Sir Fôn, ar ôl caniad, a chyrraedd yno berfeddion o'r nos, a thaflu graean ar y ffenestr. Tybiodd y ferch ifanc arall mai i weld fy nain y daethai, a thrist iawn fu ei ymweliad iddi hi. Ond y noson hon daeth fy nhaid a'm nain yn ffrindiau, EPILOGUE ac ni buont yn hir wedyn cyn priodi.

Yn 1847 y bu hyn, ac aethant i fyw i Bantcelyn, tyddyn ar gwr pentref Rhostryfan, mewn rhan o'r ardal a elwir yn 'Caeau Cochion'. [...]

[...] My grandmother was the youngest in a large household of children, and when she was two years old sickness came to Cefn Eithin, and her aunt took her to her house at Bont Wyled nearby. She never went back to Cefn Eithin, but stayed with her aunt. ABSTRACT A STORY is told of my grandmother and her eldest brother, Hugh Hughes, grandfather of the abovementioned John Davies. EXPOSITION Hugh must have been about twenty years older than my grandmother, and after marrying he went to live in Caernarfon.

DEVELOPMENT One day a man went up to my grandmother in the street in the town and asked her. 'Tell me.

and after marrying he went to live in Caernarfon.

DEVELOPMENT One day a man went up to my grandmother in the street in the town and asked her, 'Tell me, are you my sister Cadi?' {The two did not recognise each other, because she was raised in Pont Wyled.} This Hugh Hughes was a stone mason on the Faenol estate all his life, and he was one of the men who built the Faenol wall between Felinheli and Bangor. [...]

¶ Before marrying, my grandfather worked in Llanberis quarry, and my grandmother was a dairymaid on a farm

quarry, and my grandmother was a dairymaid on a farm in Anglesey. **EXPOSITION** There was a young girl in service with my grandmother, courting a friend of my grandfather who worked in the quarry in Llanberis. **DEVELOPMENT** This friend was killed in the quarry, and it was my grandfather's sad duty to go all the way to Anglesey to break the news to his girlfriend. (At the time, there was some quarrel between my grandfather and grandmother, and they weren't talking. Richard Cadwaladr went by horse and carriage to Anglesey after a day's work, arriving late at night, and he threw gravel at the window. The young girl assumed it was my grandmother he had come to see, and the visit was a very sad one for her. °But that night my grandfather and my grandmother made it up, **EPILOGUE** and it wasn't long AFTERWARDS before they were married.

It was 1847, and they went to live in Pantcelyn, a small-holding on the outskirts of Rhostryfan, in part of the area known as Caeau Cochion. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 75 [...] Gwn i fam fy nain, gwraig Cefn Eithin, fyned i berthyn i gapel Brynrodyn yn ddiweddarach.

DEVELOPMENT Aeth blaenor ati i'r llawr a dweud wrthi, yn ôl dull yr oes honno, 'Mae'n siŵr ych bod chi'n ystyried ych hun yn bechadures fawr.' Dyma hithau'n dweud fel bwled o wn, gan snyffian ei gwrthwynebiad, 'Nac ydw i wir, 'tydw i ddim yn meddwl mod i ddim gwaeth na rhywun arall.'

Yr oedd brecwast priodas fy nain mewn temprans ym Mhen Deitsh, Caernarfon.

(35) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 75

¶ Yr oedd brecwast priodas fy nain mewn temprans ym Mhen Deitsh, Caernarfon. **EXPOSITION** Ar y pryd, yr oedd Owen Jones, Cae Morfudd, gŵr i'w chwaer, yn y carchar. ABSTRACT A DYMA pam (yr wyf yn ddyledus eto i Mr. Gilbert Williams am y wybodaeth): **EXPOSITION** Yr oedd gweithwyr chwarel y Cilgwyn yn 1847 heb eu talu gan y cwmni ers wythnosau, ac er mwyn ennill arian pan oedd y cwmni mewn anawsterau ariannol, penderfynodd nifer o'r chwarelwyr fyned i'r chwarel ar eu cyfrifoldeb eu hunain, er gwaethaf rhybuddion gan gynrychiolydd y Goron. (Mae'n debyg fod y gweithwyr yn gwerthu'r llechi ar eu liwt eu hunain). **DEVELOPMENT** Un diwrnod daeth y cynrychiolydd ar warthaf y gweithwyr, a threfnu i'w gwysio ger bron y llys gwladol. Dedfrydwyd wyth ohonynt i garchar. {Dyma'u henwau: Owen Jones, Robert Griffith, William Hughes, John Davies, Robert Evan Davies, David Jones, Robert Parry a John Lewis.} DEVELOPMENT Am nad oedd eu trosedd o'r math cyffredin cafodd fy nain ganiatâd i anfon peth o'r brecwast priodas i'r carchar i'w brawd-yng-nghyfraith,

Mae gennyf yn fy meddiant lun nodedig iawn, sef llun fy nhaid a'm nain a deuddeg o'u plant, a'r rheiny i gyd wedi priodi. [...]

[...] I know that my grandmother's mother, the woman of Cefn Eithin, later joined Brynrhodyn chapel.

DEVELOPMENT A deacon approached her and said to her, in the manner of those days, 'I'm sure you consider yourself a great sinner.' And she said, quick as a bullet, sniffing her objection, 'Certainly not. I don't think I'm any worse than anyone else.'

My grandfather's wedding breakfast was in the Temperance Hall in Pen Deitsh, Caernarfon.

¶ My grandfather's wedding breakfast was in the Temperance Hall in Pen Deitsh, Caernarfon. **EXPOSITION** At the time, Owen Jones, Cae Morfudd, her sister's husband, was in prison. ABSTRACT And THIS is why (and I'm indebted once again to Mr Gilbert Williams for the information): **EXPOSITION** in 1847 the workers of Cilgwyn quarry had not been paid by the company for weeks, and to earn money while the company was in financial difficulties a number of quarrymen decided to go to the quarry at their own responsibility, despite warnings from the representative of the Crown. (The workers were probably selling slates on their own behalf.) **DEVELOPMENT** One day the representative came in pursuit of the workers and arranged to summon them before a civil court. Eight of them were sentenced to prison. {Their names were Owen Jones, Robert Griffith, William Hughes, John Davies, Robert Evan Davies, David Jones, Robert Parry and John Lewis.} DEVELOPMENT As theirs was not a common crime, my grandmother was allowed to send some of the wedding breakfast to the prison for her brotherin-law, Owen Jones.

I have in my possession a very special picture, a portrait of my grandfather and grandmother with their twelve children, including all the married ones. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 76 ¶ Nid wyf yn cofio llawer am fy nhaid, oblegid bu farw pan oeddwn i yn bedair a hanner oed. DEVELOPMENT
Ond cofiaf ef yn bur dda yn dyfod i'r tŷ lle y ganed fi, Bryn Gwyrfai, ychydig cyn inni symud oddi yno i Gae'r Gors, ac yn dweud wrth mam y byddai ganddo lai o ffordd i ddyfod i edrych amdani y tro wedyn, ac y cai sbario cerdded y gongl heibio i'r capel. EPILOGUE Ond ni chafodd ddyfod, oblegid bu farw'n lled fuan WEDYN, tua 74 mlwydd oed. Dyn gweddol dal, golygus ydoedd, o bryd golau a llygad glas; wyneb llwyd, addfwyn, a rhyw ddifrifwch ynddo. [...]

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*Y Lôn Wen*, ch. 7, p. 78

¶ Yr oedd gan fy nain drwyn synhwyrus, beirniadol, [...]. Efallai bod hynny yn nodwedd oes heb ynddi ormod o lyfrau na phapurau newydd. Yr oedd yn rhaid iddynt edrych ar bethau drwy eu llygaid eu hunain ac nid trwy lygaid neb arall. Development Aeth Lisi, merch Bryn Llwyd, y tŷ nesaf, â'i chariad i weld fy nain cyn iddynt briodi. Gwnaeth yr hen wraig iddo sefyll ar ganol y llawr a throi o gwmpas, er mwyn iddi gael gweld sut un ydoedd! Yr oedd yn gynnil ryfeddol, yr oedd yn rhaid i bawb bron fod yn yr oes honno os oeddent am dalu eu ffordd. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 78 ¶ Er mai cas oedd gwastraff ganddi, eto nid oedd yn llaw gaead. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf iddi roddi sofren felen yn fy llaw pan gychwynnwn i'r coleg. {Yr oedd hynny yn bensiwn pedair wythnos iddi hi y pryd hwnnw,} EPILOGUE ac aml iawn y cefais goron neu hanner coron ganddi WEDYN. [STORI: ANEC. 39]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 78 [STORI: ANEC. 38] EXPOSITION Pan oedd ei mab, f'ewythr Harri, yn y coleg yn y Bala, deuai â myfyriwr arall adref gydag ef i aros dros y gwyliau, rhywun heb dad neu fam, neu heb gartref, a hynny fwy nag unwaith.

DEVELOPMENT Pan ddaeth myfyriwr hollol amddifad yno un tro, fy nain a aeth i'r dref i brynu ei grysau iddo. Diamau gennyf ei bod fel llawer o bobl yr oes honno yn gymdogol yn ei dyddiau cynnar. [...]

¶ I don't remember much about my grandfather, because he died when I was four and a half years old.

DEVELOPMENT But I remember him quite well coming to the house where I was born, Bryn Gwyrfai, shortly before we moved from there to Cae'r Gors, and telling Mam that he would have a shorter distance to come and see her next time, and that he would be spared walking round the corner past the chapel. EPILOGUE

But he never came, because he died soon AFTERWARDS, about 74 years old. He was quite a tall, handsome man with fair hair and blue eyes; a pale gentle face with humour in it. [...]

¶ My grandmother had a sensitive, critical nose, [...]. That might be a characteristic of an age with few books and newspapers. They had to look at things with their own eyes and not through the eyes of others.

DEVELOPMENT Lisi, the daughter of Bryn Llwyd next door, took her fiancé to see my grandmother before they were married. The old lady made him stand in the middle of the floor and turn around, so that she could see what he was like!

She was very thrifty, everyone had to be in those days if they were to make ends meet. [...]

¶ She hated waste but she was not mean.

DEVELOPMENT I remember her putting a gold sovereign into my hand when I started College. {It was four weeks' pension for her at the time,} EPILOGUE and I often had a crown or half a crown from her AFTER THAT. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 39]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 38] **EXPOSITION** When her son, my uncle Harri, was in the college in Bala, he would bring other students home with him to stay for the holidays, someone with no father or mother, or homeless, and it happened more than once. **DEVELOPMENT** °When a student who was totally destitute came there once, it was my grandmother who took him to town to buy him shirts. {I am sure she was very neighbourly in her youth, as many were in those days.} [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 40]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 79 [STORI: ANEC. 39] ABSTRACT Cofiaf un stori a glywais gan fy mam, stori a lynodd yn fy nghof oherwydd ei thristwch. EXPOSITION Yr oedd cymdoges i'm nain yn wael dan y diciâu ers tro. DEVELOPMENT Wedi i'r dynion fyned i'r chwarel yn y bore, rhedodd fy nain yno i edrych sut yr oedd pethau arni, a'i chanfod wedi marw ar lawr y siambar a phlentyn bach pedair oed yn crïo yn y gwely. {Amlwg fod y wraig wedi teimlo'n sâl ar ôl i'w gŵr fyned at ei waith, a'i bod wedi codi, a bod gwaed wedi torri yn ei brest.} Byddaf bob amser yn cysylltu rhyw ffresni oer â thŷ Pantcelyn, ag eithrio'r gwely wenscot yn y siambar ffrynt. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 79 [...] Bu'r gegin honno yn gegin brysur ar un adeg, adeg magu'r plant. [...] DEVELOPMENT Yn yr un gegin y dysgodd fy mam a'i chwaer, Margiad, lyfr Jona drwyddo i gyd a'i ddweud ar un adroddiad. Byddai'r ddwy yn siglo'r crud bob yn ail, cofier mai plant oeddent, a weithiau, er mwyn newid, yn gorwedd ar draws y crud ac yn adrodd yr adnodau. {Rhoddid gwobr yn y Capel Bach (sef capel yr Annibynwyr yn Rhostryfan) i'r un a allai adrodd lyfr Jona drwodd gywiraf o flaen yr ysgol Sul. Hyd y cofiaf, mam a'i chwaer oedd yr unig ddwy a'i dysgasai. Gwrandewid arnynt gan y pregethwr a bregethai yno y Sul hwnnw, 'pregethwr dannedd duon' y galwai fy mam ef.} Twrn fy mam a oedd gyntaf. Pan oedd hi ar fin dechrau, dyma'r byd yn mynd yn ddu o flaen ei llygaid a bu'n rhaid iddi stopio. Yr oedd y pregethwr yn un caredig, y mae'n rhaid, oblegid dyma fo'n dweud wrthi am stopio ac ail-ddechrau. Yr oedd y tywyllwch wedi diflannu erbyn hynny, ac aeth hithau drwyddo o'i ddechrau i'w ddiwedd heb yr un camgymeriad. Ond ni chafodd fy modryb Margiad y clwt o dywyllwch o flaen ei llygaid, ac aeth hithau drwyddo heb yr un camgymeriad. Oherwydd yr anffawd i'm mam, ei chwaer a gafodd

Mae gennyf fi ryw gorneli tywyll a chorneli golau yn fy meddwl ynglŷn â chaeau. [...] [...] I am sure she was very neighbourly in her youth, as many were in those days. ABSTRACT 'I remember one story I heard from my mother, a story that stayed in my mind because it was so sad. EXPOSITION One of my grandmother's neighbours had been ill with TB for some time. DEVELOPMENT 'After the men had left for the quarry in the morning, my grandmother ran to see how she was, and found her lying dead on the bedroom floor with a four-year-old child in the bed crying. {It looked as if the woman had fallen ill after her husband had gone to work, and she had got up, and had suffered a haemorrhage.} I always associate the house at Pantcelyn with a sharp coldness, except for the cupboard bed in the front room. [...]

[...] That kitchen had been a busy place once, when children were raised there. [...] **DEVELOPMENT** It was in that same kitchen that my mother and her sister Margiad learned the whole book of Jonah by heart and recited it all in one go. The two girls would take turns to rock the cradle, and, being children, would sometimes for a change lie over the cradle to recite the verses. {In Capel Bach, the Independent chapel in Rhostryfan, a prize was awarded for whoever could recite the book of Jonah with fewest mistakes in front of the whole Sunday school. As far as I recall Mam and her sister were the only two who learned it. They were heard by the preacher who happened to be there that Sunday, the 'black teeth preacher', as my mother called him.} It was my mother's turn first. As she was about to begin, everything went black before her eyes, and she had to stop. The preacher must have been the kindly sort because he told her to pause and to begin again. The blackness had disappeared, and she recited it from beginning to end without a single mistake. My aunt Margiad did not get the blackness over her eyes, and she too went right through without one mistake. Because of my mother's mishap, it was her sister who won the prize. I have bright and dark corners in my mind about fields. [...]

(42)Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 80

[...] Ni byddwn yn mynd i gynhaeaf gwair Pantcelyn yn aml, ac nid oes gennyf atgof melys o gwbl am yr ychydig droeon y bûm. ABSTRACT Cofiaf gael fy mrifo'n fawr unwaith yno, er na ddaeth neb i wybod hynny. **EXPOSITION** Rhaid mai'r adeg y cafodd fy nain ddamwain ydoedd, oblegid yr oedd ganddi eneth o forwyn ar y pryd, geneth, yn ôl gair pawb, glên a hynaws iawn. **DEVELOPMENT** Gofynnais i Mary pan oedd pawb allan yn y cae gwair, a gawn i un o'r rhosod gwynion a dyfai o gwmpas drws y tŷ i'w roi yn fy mrest. Ni ddywedodd ddim, ond yn lle torri rhosyn imi, aeth allan at wal y cae lle'r oedd pren ysgaw, a thorri blodyn ysgaw imi. Yna chwiliodd am bin a chymerodd drafferth fawr i'w binio yn fy mrest, a dweud y gwnâi hwnnw'r tro llawn cystal. {Rhyw syniad y gwna rhywbeth y tro i blentyn oedd y tu ôl i'w hymddygiad, oblegid ni allaf feddwl y buasai gan fy nain wrthwynebiad i roddi rhosyn i neb.} EPILOGUE Prun bynnag, fe'm brifwyd yn druenus, nid anghofiais y loes byth, ac ni chredaf imi fyned yno i'r cynhaeaf gwair byth WEDYN. Gardd gaeëdig iawn a oedd yno hefyd, na allesid ei gweld o'r lôn a dôr yn myned iddi. [...]

[...] I did not often go to the haymaking at Pantcelyn, and the few times I went have left no pleasant memories. ABSTRACT °I remember getting really hurt one time there, although nobody got to know about it. **EXPOSITION** It must have been when my grandmother had had an accident, because she had a maid at the time, a girl who, according to everyone, was kind and polite. **DEVELOPMENT** When they were all out in the hayfield, I asked Mary if I could have one of the white roses which grew around the door to wear on my chest. She said nothing, but instead of cutting a rose for me, she went out to the wall to the field where there was an elder tree, and she cut a blossom for me. Then she looked for a pin and carefully pinned it to my chest, and said it would be just as good. (Some notion that anything would do for a child lay behind her action, because I don't think my grandmother would have objected to anyone having a rose.} **EPILOGUE** °Anyway I was very hurt, and I never forgot the hurt, and I don't think I ever went there for haymaking AFTERWARDS. There was also an enclosed garden that could not be seen from the road, with a door going to it. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 81 [...] Ar un adeg byddai rhes o gychod gwenyn yn perthyn i'm hewythr Harri ynddi.

ABSTRACT Cyn gadael teulu Pantcelyn mae arnaf chwant adrodd stori am f'ewythr Harri y soniais amdano uchod. **EXPOSITION** Priododd ef â merch yr Hendre Ddu, ger y Bala. Catherine Ellis oedd ei henw morwynol, a daeth, wrth gwrs, yn Catherine, neu Kate (fel y gelwid hi) Cadwaladr ar ôl priodi. Cof bychan iawn iawn sy' gennyf amdani, oblegid bu hi farw ymhen blwyddyn ar ôl fy nhaid. DEVELOPMENT Ymhen blynyddoedd lawer iawn yr oedd fy ewythr yn yr Hendre Ddu pan oedd ei dad-yng-nghyfraith yn rhoi'r gorau i ffarmio (credaf mai dyna a ddigwyddai) yr oedd yno symud dodrefn, beth bynnag. Yr oedd yno dwll mawn o dan y simnai fawr wedi ei orchuddio â phapur. Tynnwyd y papur, ac yn y twll fe ddowd o hyd i un o'r cyfieithiadau cyntaf o'r Testament Newydd, a'r enw ar ei glawr oedd 'Catherine Cadwaladr'. {Bûm yn sôn am hyn wrth Mrs. Elena Puw Morgan — yr oedd ei mam hi yn gyfnither i wraig f'ewythr Harri — a'i hesboniad hi ydoedd, fod yr un teulu yn yr Hendre Ddu ers rhai canrifoedd, a bod Cadwaladr yn enw yn y teulu, a bod cymryd yr enw cyntaf yn gyfenw fel yr oedd yn arferiad y pryd hwnnw. Yr oedd yno Elis Cadwaladr ar un adeg.}

Mae gennyf stori bur wahanol i'w dweud am deulu fy nhad. [...]

[...] Symudodd fy hen daid a'm hen nain o du fy nhad o ochr Garn Fadryn, yn Llŷn, i Lanllyfni i gychwyn, ac

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oddi yno ymhen tipyn, ni wn faint, i ochr Moeltryfan, y cwbl ohonynt. DEVELOPMENT Clywais ddywedyd fod fy nhaid yn bedair oed ac ar ben y llwyth mud pan fudent, {ond ni wn pa un ai ar y llwyth mud o Lŷn i Lanllyfni ai ar y llwyth mud o Lanllyfni i Foeltryfan}. {Egluraf, er mwyn y rhai nad ydynt gyfarwydd â'r ardal, mai Moeltryfan y gelwir y rhan uchaf o'r ardal, sydd yn agos i'r chwarel o'r enw hwnnw, ac yn wynebu

Bron y Foel, neu Cesarea, fel y gelwir ef heddiw. Mae Rhosgadfan ei hun ychydig yn is i lawr ac ychydig yn nes i'r Waun-fawr.} Bu fy hen nain yn byw wedyn (ni allaf ddweud a oedd fy hen daid yn fyw yr adeg hon) yn Hafod y Rhos, Rhosgadfan. [...]

[...] At one time there was a row of beehives in there belonging to my uncle Harri.

ABSTRACT Before parting with the subject of the Pantcelyn family, I want to tell a story about my uncle Harri that I mentioned above. **EXPOSITION** He married the daughter of Hendre Ddu, near Bala. Her maiden name was Catherine Ellis, and of course she became Catherine, or Kate (as she was known), Cadwaladr after her marriage. I have very little recollection of her, as she died the year after my grandfather. DEVELOPMENT °After many years my uncle was at Hendre Ddu when his father-in-law was retiring from farming (I think that is what was happening) and the furniture was being removed. Below the big chimney there was a peat hole covered up with paper. The paper was removed, and in the hole was discovered one of the earliest translations of the New Testament into Welsh, and the name inside the cover was Catherine Cadwaladr. {I mentioned this to Elena Puw Morgan — her mother was my uncle Harri's wife's cousin — and her explanation was that the same family had lived at Hendre Ddu for centuries, and that Cadwaladr was a family name, and that taking a first name as a surname was traditional at the time. There was an Elis Cadwaladr at one time.} I have quite a different story to tell about my father's

[...] My great-grandfather and great-grandmother on my father's side moved from near Garn Fadryn to Llŷn, first to Llanllyfni, and after a while they moved again.

DEVELOPMENT I heard it said that my grandfather was four years old and on top of the load when they moved, {but I don't know whether it was the removal load from Llŷn to Llanllyfni or the load from Llanllyfni to Moeltryfan}. {For the sake of those unfamiliar with the area, I will explain that the upper part of the district is known as Moeltryfan, close to the quarry of that name, and opposite Bron yr Haul, or Cesarea as it is called today. Rhosgadfan itself is a bit lower down and closer to Waun-fawr.} My great-grandmother then lived (I don't know if my great-grandfather was alive then) in Hafod

family. [...]

y Rhos, Rhosgadfan. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 82 [...] Bu fy hen nain yn byw wedyn (ni allaf ddweud a oedd fy hen daid yn fyw yr adeg hon) yn Hafod y Rhos, Rhosgadfan. Development Y rheswm dros imi gofio hyn ydyw imi glywed fy nhad yn dweud iddo fynd i dŷ ei nain i Hafod y Rhos, yn llaw ei fam, pan oedd yn blentyn rywle rhwng pedair a chwech oed, a thra oedd ei fam a'i nain yn sgwrsio wrth y tân, iddo ef fynd i'r drôr yn y bwrdd mawr (bwrdd cwpwrdd, fel y gelwir ef gan rai) a bwyta pwys o fenyn cyfa fesul tamaid. Modd bynnag, ym Mryn Ffynnon, tyddyn bychan yn agos i chwarel Cors y Bryniau, yr oedd fy nhaid a'm nain yn byw. [...]

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[...] Siaradai yn fyr ac i bwrpas bob amser. Ond weithiau medrai yntau sodro pobl a'i chyrraedd hi yn bur annisgwyl. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf unwaith fod rhai ohonom wedi bod yn cadw twrw tua'r festri mewn cyfarfod darllen. Yr oedd y sawl a'n cymerai ar ôl ei amser, aethom ninnau i chwarae ymguddio tu cefn i'r festri, a phan ddaeth yr athro, cymerasom arnom nad oeddem yno, ac yna godi fesul un a rhoi ein hwynebau ar y ffenestr. Nid edrychai'r peth yn ddigon i godi helynt yn y seiat yn ei gylch. Ond fel arall y bu, a dywedodd un blaenor hi'n hallt ofnadwy, yn gïaidd o gas. Twrn fy nhaid oedd olaf, ac ni ddywedodd lawer, ond diweddodd fel hyn, 'Gofaled y rhai sy'n dysgu'r plant ddyfod yno mewn pryd.' {Wrth gwrs, dyna oedd gwraidd y drwg i gyd.} Fe'i dywedodd yn hollol ddistaw ond fe aeth yr ergyd adref. Bob tro y bûm ym Mryn Ffynnon gyda'r nos, ni welais fy nhaid yn gwneud dim ond darllen yn ei gadair freichiau wrth y tân, ac âi ymlaen i ddarllen fel pe na bai neb yno. [...]

[...] My great-grandmother then lived (I don't know if my great-grandfather was alive then) in Hafod y Rhos, Rhosgadfan. Development The reason I remember this is that I heard my father say that he went to his grandmother's house, to Hafod y Rhos, hand in hand with his mother, when he was a child of between four and six years old, and while his mother and grandmother were talking by the fire he went to the drawer in the big table (a cupboard table as some called it then) and ate a whole pound of butter morsel by morsel. However, it was at Bryn Ffynnon, a smallholding near the Cors y Bryniau quarry, that my grandmother and grandfather lived. [...]

[...] "He used to speak short and to the point. Though sometimes he would bring someone to heel, and quite unexpectedly. DEVELOPMENT I remember once that some of us were noisy in the vestry at a reading meeting. The person who took us was late, and we hid behind the vestry, and when the teacher arrived we pretended we weren't there, then stood up one after another and peered through the window. The matter did not seem bad enough to be an issue in the seiat. But on the contrary, one deacon was very judgemental, very nasty. My grandfather's turn to speak about it came last, and he said little, ending thus, 'Those who teach the children should take care to arrive on time.' {"Of course, this was the root of the whole problem.} He said it quietly, but the shot went home.

Whenever I went to Bryn Ffynnon in the evening I never saw my grandfather doing anything but read in his armchair by the fire, and he would go on reading as if no one were there. [...]

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¶ Bob tro y bûm ym Mryn Ffynnon gyda'r nos, ni welais fy nhaid yn gwneud dim ond darllen yn ei gadair freichiau wrth y tân, ac âi ymlaen i ddarllen fel pe na bai neb yno. Gallaf ei weld yrŵan efo'i farf wen, ei wefus uchaf lân, lydan, a'i lygaid tywyll, pell oddi wrth ei gilydd, ei lyfr ar fraich y gadair, ac yntau yn ei fwynhau gymaint nes gwenu wrtho'i hun. DEVELOPMENT Un tro, pan oedd nain yn rhoi dŵr oer yn y boiler wrth ochr y tân collodd y piseraid am ben traed taid, a gwaeddodd yntau dros y tŷ gan godi ei draed bron at ei ben, 'Dyna chdi wedi i gneud hi, Cadi, wedi fy sgaldian i.' (Dyna faint ei ddiddordeb yn ei lyfr a'i angofusrwydd o bethau y tu allan.} Ychydig sy' gennyf i'w ddweud am fy nheidiau a'm neiniau oherwydd imi eu hadnabod yn eu henaint pan nad oedd ganddynt hwy ddiddordeb ynom ni na ninnau ynddynt hwythau. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 85 [...] Bob dydd Llun byddent yn codi am bedwar o'r gloch y bore i olchi (mae'n siŵr na byddai'n llawer hwyrach arnynt yn codi y dyddiau eraill), ond ar ddydd Llun dalient i weithio ymlaen yn hwyr. Development Rhyw nos Lun, pan ddaeth un o'r gweision i mewn i nôl ei swper a chael y morynion wrthi'n dal i weithio, aeth ar ei liniau ar lawr yn y fan a'r lle, a gweddïo, 'Diolch iti o Dduw,' meddai, 'na wnaethost mona' i'n ferch, achos mae diwrnod merch cŷd â thragwyddoldeb.' Priododd yn ugain oed, ac ni chafodd lawer o bethau'r byd hwn wedyn, wrth fagu tŷaid o blant, colli llawer ohonynt, a hynny yn nhrai a llanw cyflog y chwareli. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 7, p. 88 [...] Felly, diflannu a wnaeth nain druan oddi ar wyneb y ddaear, heb salwch, dim ond gwisgo allan yn denau, ac erbyn y diwedd ei chof wedi mynd hefyd. EXPOSITION
Bu farw fy ewythr Robert, tad Robert Alun Roberts, Bangor, DEVELOPMENT a nhad â aeth â'r newydd i'w fam. Ond erbyn hynny ni wyddai pwy ydoedd ei mab, a dyna a ddywedodd wrth fy nhad, nad oedd hi yn ei nabod. Ffaith greulon a roes ddiwedd stori fer i mi, er nad yw gweddill y stori yn wir o gwbl am fy nain. [...]

 $\P$  Whenever I went to Bryn Ffynnon in the evening I never saw my grandfather doing anything but read in his armchair by the fire, and he would go on reading as if no one were there. I can see him now, with his white beard, his clean wide upper lip and his dark wide-apart eyes, his book on the arm of his chair and he enjoying it so much that he smiled to himself. **DEVELOPMENT** Once, when Nain was filling the boiler beside the fire with cold water she spilt the water in the pitcher on Taid's feet, he shouted to raise the house, and lifted his feet nearly as high as his head, 'Now you've done it, Cadi, you've scalded me.' {This was how much interest he took in his book, and how absent-minded he was about external things.} °I have a little to tell about my grandfathers and grandmothers because I knew them in their old age when they had no interest in us nor we in them. [...]

[...] Every Monday they had to rise at four in the morning to do the washing (they probably didn't get up much later on other days) but on Mondays they worked on till it was late. Development One Monday night, when one of the men came in to get his supper and found the girls still working, he went down on his knees and prayed, 'Thank you, Oh God,' he said, 'that you did not make me a girl, because a girl's day is as long as eternity.' She was married at twenty, and she did not have many worldly things after that, with raising a houseful of children, losing many of them, and all that in the ebb and flow of quarry wages. [...]

[...] So poor Nain disappeared off the face of the earth, not through illness but just fading away, and by the end her memory had quite gone. EXPOSITION My uncle Robert died, father of Robert Alun Roberts of Bangor, DEVELOPMENT and it was my father who took his mother the news. But by then she did not know who her son was, and said so to my father, that she did not know him. The cruel fact gave me the ending for a short story, though the rest of the story is not true at all of my grandmother. [...]

# A.2.6 8: Fy Nhad 'My Father'

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 89 ¶ Ni chafodd ysgol ar ôl pasio ei naw mlwydd oed. EXPOSITION Cedwid ysgol yn Rhostryfan y pryd hynny, tua 1860, gan ryw ddyn a fedrai ychydig Saesneg, mae'n debyg, DEVELOPMENT ond aeth yn sgarmes rhyngddo ef a'm tad, a hitiodd fy nhad ef yn ei ben efo riwler, gan brin fethu ei lygad. Dywedodd fy nhaid wrth nain y noson honno am iddi chwilio am drywsus melfaréd iddo, er mwyn iddo fynd i'r chwarel drannoeth. {Ni wn ar y ddaear sut y bu i nain gael trywsus yn barod iddo yr adeg honno ar y dydd — torri hen un i'm taid, neu un ar ôl ei frawd hynaf reit siŵr.} Ond bore trannoeth ar doriad y dydd, yr oedd fy nhad yn cychwyn gyda'i frawd dyflwydd yn hŷn, a'i dad am chwarel y Cilgwyn. EPILOGUE Bu'n gwneud y daith honno am yn agos iawn i hanner canrif.

Priododd fy nhad y tro cyntaf yn ifanc iawn yn ôl arfer y dyddiau hynny, yn ei het silc. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 90 [...] Ymweliad cyfeillion a'i cadwai [sic] ar ei draed yn hwy na hynny. DEVELOPMENT Unwaith y cofiaf iddo fod yn amhrydlon yn y capel, a hynny wedi dechrau'r drefn o gau'r drysau yn ystod y darllen a'r gweddïo, pan gafodd ei gau yn y lobi. EPILOGUE Bu'R PETH yn ei boeni am amser hir, ac nid oedd fiw ei bryfocio yn EI gylch.

Fel y gwyddys, mewn partneriaeth y bydd chwarelwyr yn gweithio, tri, efallai, yn gweithio yn y graig yn y twll, yn tyllu, a thri yn y sied yn llifio, naddu a hollti. [...] ¶ He had no education after he was nine years old. EXPOSITION There was a school in Rhostryfan at the time, around 1860, kept by a man who had a little English, it seems, DEVELOPMENT but it became a battle between him and my father, and my father hit him on the head with a ruler, narrowly missing his eye. That night my grandfather told Nain to find him some corduroy trousers so that he could go to the quarry next day. {I don't know how on earth my grandmother managed to have trousers ready for him at that time of day — almost certainly by cutting down an old pair of my grandfather's or one of his older brother's.} But next morning at daybreak my father was setting out with his brother, who was two years older, and his father for the Cilgwyn quarry. EPILOGUE He made that journey for almost half a century.

My father married for the first time when he was very young, as was the custom in those days, in his silk hat. [...]

[...] Visits from friends kept him on his feet later than that. DEVELOPMENT °(Only) once I remember him late for chapel, and that at the time when they had begun closing the doors during the reading and prayers, and he was shut in the lobby. EPILOGUE °THIS THING worried him for a long time, and we dared not tease him about IT.

As is well known, quarrymen work as a team of, possibly, three working on the rock face in the pit, and three in the shed, sawing, hewing and splitting. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 90 [...] Gweithiai ef heb feddwl amdano'i hun, ac ni chlywid ef yn cwyno llawer ar y rhai gwannaf ychwaith. Mynd ymlaen â'i waith a wnâi ef.

**DEVELOPMENT** Un tro, cyn fy ngeni i, aeth i wneud rhywbeth uwchben y twll yn yr awr ginio, llithrodd y trosol o'i law a syrthiodd yntau i lawr i'r twll. Ond bu'n ddigon hunanfeddiannol i geisio gafael mewn darn o graig, ac fe lwyddodd. Cryn orchest oedd gallu dal ei afael felly â'i ddwylo, hyd oni ddeuai rhywun i'w waredu. Ond fe wnaeth, er y tystiai ei fysedd beth a gostiodd yr ymdrech iddo. Modd bynnag, nid ei fysedd a ddioddefodd eithr ei gefn. Diamau iddo ei daro wrth ddisgyn. {Y pryd hwnnw eid â chwarelwyr a gai ddamwain adref mewn bocs tebyg i arch ond heb gaead arno.} Dyma gychwyn fy nhad adref, nifer o ddynion a'r bocs. Gwrthododd yntau'n bendant fynd i'r bocs, ond daliodd y dynion i gerdded gydag ef a chario'r bocs. {Yr oeddynt yn ddigon call i wybod y gallai fod wedi brifo'i ben hefyd.} Ymlaen y cerddai fy nhad, ac ni roes i mewn hyd onid oedd o fewn ychydig ffordd i'w gartref, ac yntau wedi diffygio'n llwyr erbyn hynny. EPILOGUE Bu gartref am un mis ar ddeg wedi'R DDAM-WAIN HON, a bu ei heffaith ar ei gefn am byth.

Yr oedd yn ddyn twt gyda phob dim. [...]

[...] He worked without considering himself, and he was not heard to complain much either about the weaker men. He just went on with his work.

**DEVELOPMENT** Once, before I was born, he went to do something above the pit in the dinner hour and the crowbar slipped from his hand and he fell towards the pit edge. But he had enough presence of mind to try and grasp a rock, and it worked. It was some feat to grab that rock and hold on until someone came to rescue him. But he did it, and his fingers bore witness to the effort it cost. However, it was not his fingers which were really injured, but his back. He must have struck it in falling. {At the time injured quarrymen were carried home in a box like a coffin but without a lid.} So here is my father, on his way home, with a number of men and the box. He absolutely refused to get into the box, but the men continued to walk with him, carrying the box. {They had the sense to realise he may also have hit his head.} On walked my father, and he did not give in until he was a short distance from home, and absolutely exhausted. EPILOGUE "He was home for eleven months after THIS ACCIDENT, and suffered with his back ever after.

He was a tidy man in all he did. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 91 ¶ Yr oedd yn ddyn twt gyda phob dim. Byddai'n rhaid cael y beudy, y tŷ gwair a phobman yn dwt. [GWEDDILL Y PARAGRAFF]

DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf am fy nhad yn trwsio to'r beudy: {yr oedd yn ddigon hawdd neidio oddi ar lawr ar do'r beudy yn y cefn o ochr y gadlas.} Pan oedd newydd osod llechi newydd ar y to, daeth Dei, fy mrawd ieuengaf, heibio o rywle — {yr oedd yn wyliau ysgol}: neidiodd ar y to a rhedeg ar hyd-ddo yn ei esgidiau, a nhad ei hun wedi tynnu ei esgidiau rhag gwneud drwg i'r llechi. Gwylltiodd fy nhad yn gudyll, ac aeth Dei i'r tŷ at mam wedi torri ei grib yn arw, oblegid yr oedd ef a nhad yn ffrindiau mawr. Toc, aeth fy mrawd i dorri'r gwrych yn y cae gyferbyn â'r beudy, a daliai nhad i weithio ar y to, y ddau'n gweithio'n wyllt, ond heb air o Gymraeg yn croesi'r llwybr a oedd rhwng y ddau. Bob hyn a hyn byddwn i'n mynd ar hyd y llwybr i nôl dŵr o'r pistyll neu rywbeth felly, a phob tro yr awn i'r tŷ byddai mam yn gofyn a oeddynt wedi dechrau siarad â'i gilydd. 'Dim eto,' fyddai fy ateb innau bob tro, hyd at amser te. Daeth heddwch y pryd hynny. Pan wnâi fy nhad ryw swydd o gwmpas y tŷ neu'r caeau, fe'i gwnâi ar gyfer y ganrif nesaf, gan mor solet y byddai. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen,
ch. 8, p. 92

¶ Pan wnâi fy nhad ryw swydd o gwmpas y tŷ neu'r caeau, fe'i gwnâi ar gyfer y ganrif nesaf, gan mor solet y byddai. ABSTRACT Yr oedd yn rhaid rhoi sylfaen hyd yn oed i fwgan brain. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf ei fod wrthi un dechreunos, ar y Sadwrn, yn gwneud bwgan brain yn y cae tatws, a minnau yn y tŷ ar fy mhen fy hun yn ceisio gwneud fy Lladin ar gyfer y Llun. Daeth yntau i'r tŷ a gofyn a wyddwn lle i gael rhywbeth i wisgo'r bwgan brain. Neidiais yn awyddus i helpu gan mor falch oeddwn o adael Cicero a'i fygythion. Cefais hyd i hen het a chôt iddo ef ei hun, a darn o hen gyrten les. Wedi mynd i'r cae yr oedd yn werth gweld ffram y bwgan brain, ni fuasai corwynt yn ei daflu, gan mor ddwfn oedd y sylfaen yn y ddaear. Gwisgwyd ef yn barchus, a rhoddais yr het am ei ben ar fymryn o osgo, ar ongl yn union fel y gwisgai nhad ei het. Yr oedd y cae hwn yn wynebu'r capel, a bore trannoeth, wrth fynd i'r gwasanaeth, meddai mab un o'r cymdogion, 'Ylwch Owen Roberts, Cae'r Gors, yn trin ei gae ar ddydd Sul'!

Yr oedd gan fy nhad ddigon o synnwyr digrifwch i allu chwerthin am ei ben ei hun. [...]

¶ He was a tidy man in all he did. The 'beudy', the hay shed and everywhere must be kept tidy. [THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH]

DEVELOPMENT I remember my father mending the beudy roof. (It was easy to jump onto the back of the cowshed roof from the side of the yard.} When he had just put new slates on the roof, my youngest brother Dei appeared out of nowhere — {it was in the school holidays} — jumped onto the roof and ran along it in his shoes, Dad having removed his shoes to avoid damaging the slates. My father completely lost his temper, and Dei went into the house to Mam, quite crestfallen, as he and Dad were great friends. Then my brother went out to cut the hedge opposite the beudy, and Dad went on with his work on the roof, both working frenetically, with not a word of Welsh passing between them across the path. Every now and again I went along the path to fetch water from the spring, or some such task, and every time I returned to the house Mam would ask were they speaking yet. 'Not yet,' was my answer every time, until teatime. Then peace returned.

If my father did a job about the house or the fields, it would serve for a hundred years, so sound would it be. [...]

¶ If my father did a job about the house or the fields, it would serve for a hundred years, so sound would it be. ABSTRACT There had to be a foundation even for a scarecrow. DEVELOPMENT °I remember him at it one evening on Saturday making a scarecrow on the potato field, and I on my own in the house trying to do my Latin for Monday. He came into the house and asked if I knew where he could get something to dress the scarecrow. I leapt up, keen to help, and glad to abandon Cicero and his threats. I found him an old hat and an old coat of his, and a scrap of old lace curtain. I went out to the field, and the frame of the scarecrow was worth seeing; a hurricane would not bring it down, so deeply sunk into the earth was its base. It was dressed respectably, and I put the hat on its head at a slight tilt, the angle just the way Dad wore his hat. This field faced the chapel, and next morning, on their way to the service, a neighbour's son said, 'Look! Owen Roberts, Cae'r Gors, working his field on a Sunday!'

My father had enough of a sense of humour to laugh at himself. [...]

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¶ Yr oedd gan fy nhad ddigon o synnwyr digrifwch i allu chwerthin am ei ben ei hun. ABSTRACT Oherwydd hynny, yr wyf am ddweud stori amdano na buaswn yn ei dweud efallai oni bai mai ef ei hun a'i dywedodd yn ei erbyn ei hun. Byddai'n chwerthin nes byddai'r dagrau yn powlio o'i lygaid wrth ddweud y stori hon. Mwy na hynny, yr oedd ei synnwyr digrifwch mor gynnil fel y gwyddai'n iawn beth oedd gwir golyn stori. EXPOSITION Digwyddodd HYN pan oedd yn briod y tro cyntaf. Bu ei wraig gyntaf yn wael ei hiechyd am amser hir cyn marw. Oherwydd hynny, byddai fy nhad yn mynd, ar ben mis, i lawr i Gaernarfon i dalu am lo, blawd, etc., gan nad oedd fawr o siopau yn yr ardal y pryd hynny. Byddai'n rhaid cerdded y pedair milltir yno ac yn ôl. DEVELOPMENT Y nos Sadwrn tan sylw, yr oedd wedi gorffen talu'r biliau, ac wedi prynu popeth yr oedd arno ei eisiau, ac yn cychwyn adref o'r Maes. Pan oedd gyferbyn â'r Britannia, pwy a welodd ond ei gyfaill Wmffra Siôn. 'Hei, Owan, lle'r wyt ti'n mynd?' 'Adra,' meddai nhad. 'Tyd am un bach efo mi i mewn i fanma, ac mi ddo i efo chdi wedyn.' {(Dylwn egluro na byddai fy nhad yn hel diod, ond os âi i gwmni, ni wrthwynebai gymryd glasiad o gwrw gyda chyfaill. Credaf fod llawer iawn o chwarelwyr yr un fath yn y cyfnod y soniaf amdano.)} Wedi mynd i mewn i'r Britannia, yr oedd llawer o'i hen gyfeillion yn y fan honno. 'Hylo'r hen Owan, sut wyt ti ers talwm?' meddai lot o leisiau ar draws ei gilydd. Cyn y gwyddai ei fod yno, yr oedd wedi ei dretio i wyth glasiad. Canlyniad naturiol hyn, gan nad oedd yn arfer yfed, oedd iddo fynd yn sâl, yn rhy sâl i gerdded adref. Tra fu'r perchennog yn ceisio cael ganddo ddyfod ato'i hun, aeth y lleill adref. Tŷ caeëdig oedd y Britannia ar y pryd, felly ni allai aros yno. Modd bynnag, aeth y perchennog i chwilio am lety iddo ac fe gafodd un yn rhywle yn y stryd sy'n troi ar y chwith o Stryd y Llyn. Yr oedd y wraig honno yn onest iawn, a mynnodd i berchennog y dafarn dynnu allan hynny o arian a oedd gan fy nhad yn ei boced a'u cyfrif cyn eu rhoi ar v bwrdd glas.

Erbyn bore trannoeth, yr oedd fy nhad yn iawn, a chychwynnodd adref fel y boi. Ar ben Allt Twll Gro, dyma ddyn ato a dweud, 'Welis di dy dad?' (Yr oedd y dyn yma yn byw ar yr allt, yn gweithio yn chwarel y Cilgwyn, yn cysgu yn y barics ar hyd yr wythnos ac yn mynd adref dros y Sul.) 'Naddo, ymhle mae o?' meddai nhad. 'Mae o newydd fynd i lawr fforna.' Aethai fy nhaid i lawr drwy'r ffordd gul sy'n arwain at y cei llechi, a'm tad wedi dyfod ar hyd y briffordd, ac oherwydd hynny wedi mynd yn wrthgefn i'w gilydd. Modd bynnag, ni thrafferthodd fy nhad fynd i gyfarfod â thrwbl wrth fynd i chwilio am fy nhaid, eithr canlynodd ymlaen ar ei daith. Wedi cyrraedd y Bontnewydd, troes ar y chwith, wrth y lle y mae'r pentref i blant amddifad yn awr. Â'r ffordd hon ymlaen drwy'r Bicall. Troes ar y dde wedyn drwy gae sy'n codi'n allt sydyn. Wedi iddo droi i'r cae, gwelodd nifer o ddynion ar ben y cae allt, ac fe ddeallodd ar unwaith wrth eu gweld yn chwalu yn ddwy garfan i wahanol gyfeiriadau, ar ôl ymgynghori, mai chwilio amdano ef yn fyw neu yn farw yr oeddynt. 'Hoi!' meddai yntau, nerth ei ben. Ni bu erioed

y fath falchter nag ymhlith y dynion hynny o'i weld yn ddiogel. Y prynhawn hwnnw daeth degau o bobl i edrych am ei wraig glaf, mwy o lawer nag arfer, ond gwyddai fy nhad nad i'w gweld hi y deuai llawer ohonynt. Yn eu plith yr oedd cefnder iddo a oedd yn flaenor, dyn diwylliedig, rhy hoff o'i lyfr i fynd allan i edrych am neb sâl. Ond fe ddaeth yntau. {Dyna un colyn i'r stori y sylwodd fy nhad arno.} Yn ystod y dylifiad hwn o bobl, eisteddai fy nhad yn y gadair freichiau wrth y tân, ei wyneb yn syllu i'r tân, a'i law tan ei ben, heb edrych ar neb. {Ac O! fel y gallaf weld mynegiant y llepen a oedd at y bobl. Nid mynegiant o gywilydd, ond o ystyfnigrwydd a gwrthwynebiad iddynt i gyd.} Yn y diwedd daeth fy nhaid, yntau yn flaenor, yno, wedi cyrraedd yn ôl o'r dref, a'r cwbl a ddywedodd oedd, 'Mi'rwyt ti wedi gwneud smonath ohoni hi yn do?' Dyna ail golyn y stori. Ni ddeallai'r un o'r bobl hyn mai damwain a ddigwyddasai i ddyn yng nghanol helbulon bywyd. Ond gallaf ddychmygu bod llygaid y rhai na ddaethant i'w weld y prynhawn hwnnw yn pefrio yn y chwarel bore drannoeth wrth ofyn yn llawn cydymdeimlad, 'Wel, sut y doth hi arnat ti,

Byddai fy nhad yn darllen cryn dipyn, ond yn fwy araf na mam. [...]

(56)Y Lôn Wen. ch. 8, p. 94 [...] Cymerai arno nad oedd y nofel a redai yn y papur yn ddim ond sbwriel. ABSTRACT Ond fe'i daliwyd ryw ddiwrnod. DEVELOPMENT Fy mam ac un o'm brodyr yn dadlau ynghylch rhyw Geraint yn y nofel a'm tad yn torri'r ddadl iddynt! Un o'r pethau mwyaf digalon yn ei fisoedd olaf ydoedd ei fod wedi mynd yn rhy ddihwyl i ddarllen hyd yn oed y papur, er ei fod yn codi ar y soffa i'r gegin bob dydd. [...]

 $\P$  My father had enough of a sense of humour to laugh at himself. ABSTRACT Because of that I am going to tell a story about him that maybe I would not tell if he had not told it against himself. He would laugh till the tears ran from his eyes as he told THIS STORY. °More than that, his sense of humour was so subtle that he knew what was the true 'sting' of a story. EXPOSITION IT happened when he was married for the first time. His first wife was ill for a long time before she died. Because of this at the end of the month my father would go to Caernarfon to pay for coal, flour etc, because there were not many shops in our neighbourhood at the time. He had to walk four miles there and back. DEVELOPMENT °On the Saturday night in question he had finished paying the bills, and had bought all he needed, and had set off home from the town square. Opposite the Britannia, who did he see but his friend Wmffra Siôn. 'Hey! Owan, where are you going? 'Home,' said Dad. 'Have a little one with me in here, then I'll come with you.' {(I should explain that my father was no drinker, but in company he did not mind having a beer with a friend. I think many quarrymen were the same in the period I am talking about.)} He went into the Britannia, and many of his old friends were there. 'Hello, old Owan. How've you been this long time?' called many voices across each other. Before he knew it he had been treated to eight glasses. Naturally the result was, as he wasn't used to drinking, that he became ill, too ill to walk home. While the publican tried to revive him the others went home. At the time the Britannia was a closed house, so he could not stay there. So the publican went out to look for lodgings, and found somewhere in the street that turns left off Stryd y Llyn. The woman there was completely honest, and she made the publican take all my father's money from his pocket and count it before putting it on the glass-topped dressing table.

By next morning my father was better, and he set off for home in fine fettle. At the top of Allt Twll Gro, a man approached him and said, 'Have you seen your father?' (The man lived on the hill and worked in the Cilgwyn, sleeping in the barracks during the week, and going home for the weekend.) 'No. Where is he?' said Dad. 'He's just gone down there.' My grandfather had gone down the narrow road that leads to the slate quay, and my father had come along the main road, so they had not passed each other. My father wasn't going to look for trouble, so instead of going after my grandfather he continued on his way. When he reached Bontnewydd he turned left, by the place where the orphanage is today. That road continues through Bicall. He turned right through a field which rises steeply. Once he had turned into the field he saw a group of men at the top of the slope, and seeing the group divide into two and walk in opposite directions after consulting among themselves, he at once realised they were looking for him, dead or alive. 'Hoy!' he shouted at the top of his voice. There was never such relief among those men, seeing him alive.

That afternoon his sick wife had scores of visitors, far more than usual, but my father knew that many of them had not come to see her. In their midst was one of his cousins, a deacon, a cultured man too fond of his books to go out to visit the sick. Even he came too. {My father stressed this moment in the story.} During this flow of people, my father sat in his armchair by the hearth, his face staring into the fire, his head in his hand, not looking at anybody. {And Oh! I can see the look on his face on the profile presented to the people. Not an expression of shame, but of stubbornness and hostility to them all.} At last my grandfather, also a deacon, returned from town, and all he said was, 'You've really made a mess of it this time, haven't you?' And that was the story's climax. None of these people understood that an accident can befall a man in the midst of life's troubles. But I can imagine that the eyes of those who did not come that afternoon twinkled in the quarry on the following day as they enquired, full of sympathy, 'Well, what came over you, old chap?'

My father read quite a lot, but more slowly than Mam. [...]

[...] He pretended that the novel serialised in the paper was just rubbish. ABSTRACT But he was caught out one day. **DEVELOPMENT** My mother and one of my brothers arguing about some Geraint in the novel, and my father settling the argument for them! One of the saddest things about his final months was that he became too low-spirited even to read the paper, though he still got up and came to the sofa in the kitchen every day. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 94 [...] Mwynhâi ddadlau er hynny, a gwrando ar bregeth a darlith. Yn wir, cai fwy o fwynhad o'r pethau hyn nag a ddangosai i neb. Development Cofiaf yn dda yn ei salwch olaf ei fod yn eistedd yn y gegin un nos Sul braf yn yr haf adeg capel. Yr oedd wedi gwisgo ei ddillad gorau, ond nid oedd am fentro i'r capel rhag ofn na allai gerdded yr allt a âi i fyny tuag ato. Wrth eistedd yn y gegin, ac edrych allan drwy'r lobi a'r portico gallai weld y bobl yn mynd i'r capel i fyny'r allt honno. (Soniais yn y dechrau fod golwg brudd iawn arno pan fyddai'n brudd. Felly'r noson hon. Yr oedd hiraeth annisgrifiadwy yn ei lygad.) EPILOGUE Cysur, er hynny, yw cofio iddo gael mynd i'r capel unwaith neu ddwy ar ôl HYNNY. Nid oedd ein teulu ni fawr o ganwrs. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 95 ¶ Ni churodd fy nhad mohonom erioed, ond byddai arnom ofn gwneud dim rhag ofn iddo ein curo. Yr oedd ganddo besychiad arwyddocaol iawn a'n rhagrybuddiai rhag inni fynd yn rhy bell. Byddai'r pesychiad yma yn digwydd weithiau wrth y bwrdd bwyd, a thawelem i gyd. Development Clywais fy hanner chwaer yn dweud iddi hi a ffrind iddi, pan oedd yn blentyn, fynd i'r capel hanner awr yn rhy gynnar ar noson seiat, er mwyn cael dynwared rhai o aelodau'r capel yn cerdded i'w seti. Pan oeddynt ar hanner, dechreuodd rhai o'r bobl a ddynwaredid ddyfod i mewn, a chuddiasant hwy eu hunain yn y sêt nesaf i'r mur pellaf, sêt lydan, ryfedd iawn ei ffurf am fod y seti eraill ar letraws. Yno y buont yn gorwedd ar lawr drwy'r gwasanaeth. [Stori: ANEC. 59]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 95 [STORI: ANEC. 58] **DEVELOPMENT** Rhywdro, adeg i'r plant ddweud eu hadnodau, clywodd besychiad arwyddocaol ei thad, arwydd a adwaenai'n rhy dda. [STORI: ANEC. 60]

[...] But he enjoyed a debate, and listening to a sermon or a lecture. He got more enjoyment from such things than he ever showed anyone. DEVELOPMENT 'I remember well during his final illness that he was sitting in the kitchen one fine Sunday evening in summer at chapel time. He had put on his best clothes, but couldn't risk going to chapel in case he could not take the hill that led to it. Sitting in the kitchen, watching through the lobby and the porch, he could see people going to chapel up that hill. {I said at the start that when he looked sad he looked very sad. So it was that evening. There was in his eyes an indescribable yearning.} EPILOGUE It is a comfort to know nevertheless that he did manage to get to chapel once or twice more after THAT.

Our family were not great singers. [...]

¶ Our father never beat us, but we were afraid of doing anything for fear that he would beat us. He had a meaningful cough which forewarned us not to go too far. This cough happened sometimes at mealtimes, and we would all fall silent. Development °I heard my half sister telling that she and a friend, when she was a child, went to chapel half an hour early on seiat night, to mimic some of the chapel members walking to their seats. When they were in the middle of this, some of the people being mimicked began to come in, and they hid in the pew nearest to the far wall, a wide seat, and oddly placed as the other pews were set diagonally. There they lay, on the floor throughout the service. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 59]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 58] DEVELOPMENT Once, when the children went to say their verses, she heard her father's meaningful cough, a signal she knew too well. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 60]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 96 [STORI: ANEC. 59] DEVELOPMENT Dro arall, dywedodd hi ei hadnod fel hyn, 'Cofia yn awr dy Greawdwr yn nyddiau dy ieuenctid, cyn dyfod y dyddiau blin a'r llesg flynyddau maith.' Clywodd y pesychiad wedyn, ond ni wn sut y bu hi arni wedi iddi fynd adref yr un o'r ddau dro. Ni buasem am unrhyw bris yn y byd yn mynd yn hy arno, yn enwedig y rhai hynaf ohonom. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 96 [...] Glynai fel gelen wrth ei gyfeillion, a chredaf ei fod yn teimlo'n sicrach ohono'i hun yng nghwmni cyfeillion. Nid dyn i fod ar ei ben ei hun ydoedd. Hoffai gael rhywun i ddibynnu arno. ABSTRACT Cofiaf yn dda ddiwrnod yr arwerthiant pan ymadawem â Chae'r Gors. **EXPOSITION** Nid oedd gan yr un ohonom y syniad lleiaf beth oedd ocsiwn, a syniai fy nhad fod yn rhaid gwerthu pob dim. DEVELOPMENT Dyna lle'r oedd ben bore wedi hel pob rhyw hen gêr diwerth a'u gosod yn bentyrrau bychain hyd y cae. Y fo o bawb, yr haelaf a'r lleiaf crintachlyd o blant dynion. Ond meddyliai ef mai peth fel yna oedd ocsiwn. Gwnâi hyn oll yn berffaith ddi-ysbryd a digalon — bore Sadwrn ydoedd ac nid oedd yr un o'm brodyr ar gael. Toc i chwi, pwy a ddaeth ar draws y caeau dan chwibanu ond John Jones, Tŷ Weirglodd, cymydog inni. {Nid oedd ef yn gweithio y bore hwnnw.} Fflonsiodd fy nhad drwyddo wrth ei weld, yr oedd wedi cael cefn ac amddiffyn a chyngor. Lluchiodd John y gêr diwerth, er mawr foddhad i bawb, ac aeth yr ocsiwn yn ei blaen yn rhwydd. [STORI: ANEC. 62]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 8, p. 96 [STORI: ANEC. 61] DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf mor brudd yr oedd fy nhad wrth ymadael â Chae'r Gors, er mor falch oedd o adael y gwaith, a'r rheswm am hynny oedd, meddai ef, ei fod yn gwybod mai dyma'r symud olaf a fyddai yn ei hanes am byth. Dangosodd fy mam iddo y gallesid dweud hynny yn hawdd am y tŷ cyntaf yr aethai i fyw ynddo erioed. Cafodd brofedigaeth fawr yn ei flwyddyn olaf, collodd ei fab, fy hanner brawd, mewn ffordd drychinebus iawn. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 59] DEVELOPMENT Another time she said her verse like this, 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh', which should have been, 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them.' She heard the cough again, but I don't know how it went for her when she got home on those two occasions. We would not for the world have been cheeky to him, especially we older ones. [...]

[...] He stuck like a leech to his friends, and I think he felt more confident in their company. He was not a man to be alone. He enjoyed having someone to rely on. ABSTRACT 'I remember well the day of the auction when we were leaving Cae'r Gors. **EXPOSITION** None of us had any idea what an auction was, and my father thought that he had to sell everything. **DEVELOPMENT** There he was first thing in the morning having collected up every bit of useless old gear to put in little piles about the field. He of all people the most generous and the least miserly of men. But he thought that was what an auction was. He did all this quite dispirited and sad - it was a Saturday morning and none of my brothers was available. Then, who came whistling over the fields but John Jones, Tŷ Weirglodd, one of our neighbours. {He was not at work that morning.} My father cheered up no end when he saw him; he now had his support, guidance and advice. John threw out the useless stuff, to everyone's delight, and the auction went smoothly. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 62]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 61] DEVELOPMENT °I remember how sad my father was when leaving Cae'r Gors, though he was glad to leave the work behind, and he said the reason for his sadness was that he knew it would be the last time he would ever move in his life. My mother said this could easily have been said of the first house he ever went to live in. In his final year he had a great loss. He lost his son, my half brother, in a very terrible way. [...]

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*Y Lôn Wen*, ch. 9, p. 99

[...] Er nad oedd ond plentyn, gwnâi bob gwaith yno, hyd yn oed wyngalchu cyrn y tŷ. Rhaid nad y tŷ presennol oedd Bryn Llwyd y pryd hynny, mai tŷ bychan, isel ydoedd, oblegid gallai fy mam fynd ar ei do efo phwced galch. Development Un o'r troeon hyn, pan oedd ar ben y to, dechreuodd ddawnsio efo'r bwced yn un llaw a'r brws gwyngalchu yn y llaw arall. Yr oedd yno gynulleidfa o blant ar lawr, plant Bryn Llwyd a phlant Pantycelyn, ei brodyr a'i chwiorydd iau na hi. Gellwch ddychmygu gorfoledd y plant wrth weld y fath gampau. Wrth glywed y sŵn daeth fy nain allan, a chymerodd ei phlant ei hun adref a dweud, 'Dowch i'r tŷ, ne mi laddith hi 'i hun wrth ddangos i gorchast.'

Nodwedd arall a berthynai i'm mam oedd tosturio wrth y dyn ar lawr, neu rywun anffodus. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 101 [...] Byddai gennym un pot pridd fel hyn i gadw'r bara hefyd, ond bod caead pren a handlen wrtho ar y pot bara, a llechi crynion, wedi eu gwneud yn y chwarel, ar y potiau llaeth cadw. Development Cofiaf un tro fod fy nhad wrthi yn cadw'r llestri ar ôl te, ar ddiwrnod poeth yn yr haf, a'r llechi wedi eu tynnu oddi ar y potiau, a'r un pren oddi ar y pot bara dros amser te. Anelodd fy nhad y dorth at y pot bara, ond fe ddisgynnodd i ganol y pot llaeth cadw, nes oedd hufen tew hyd y wal.

Rhoid y llaeth i gyd felly yn y corddwr i'w gorddi, a

gwaith trwm oedd troi'r handlen am dri chwarter awr o

amser nes iddo droi'n fenyn. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen,
ch. 9, p. 102

¶ Yn ychwanegol at y gwaith arall, byddai gwaith gwnïo mawr a thrwsio. [...] Yr oedd yn rhaid gwneud y crysau gwlanen â llaw. [...] DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf, ar un adeg, pan oedd ei chwaer yn wael, y byddai mam yn gwneud crysau i'w genethod hithau, bedair ohonynt. {Crysau calico a fyddai yn y ffasiwn y pryd hynny i ferched.} Troediai sanau fy nhad hefyd yn bur aml, ac yn niwedd ei hoes, pan oedd ganddi fwy o amser, byddai yn eu gwau i gyd. [...]

[...] Although she was just a child, she did all the work there, even whitewashing the chimneys. It cannot have been the house currently on the Bryn Llwyd site, but a small, low house, because my mother could get onto the roof with a bucket of lime wash. Development

"On one of these occasion when she was on the roof, she began to dance with the bucket in one hand and the whitewash brush in the other. There was an audience of children below, Bryn Llwyd children and Pantcelyn children, her younger brothers and sisters. You can imagine the children's delight seeing such tricks. Hearing the noise, my grandmother came out, taking her own children home and telling them, 'Come into the house or she'll kill herself showing off.'

Another of my mother's qualities was her compassion to anyone who was down, or anyone unfortunate. [...]

[...] There was a similar earthenware crock to keep bread, but there was a wooden lid with a handle on the bread crock, and circular slates, made in the quarry, on the milk-storage crocks. DEVELOPMENT I remember once my father putting the dishes away after tea on a hot summer day, and the slates were removed from the crocks and the wooden lid from the bread crock during teatime. My father aimed the loaf at the bread crock, but it landed in the middle of a milk crock, and there was cream all over the wall.

So the whole milk was put into the butter churn for churning, and it was heavy work, turning the handle for three quarters of an hour until it had turned into butter. [...]

¶ On top of the other work, there was a great deal of sewing and mending to do. [...] The woollen shirts had to be made by hand. [...] DEVELOPMENT I remember at one time, when her sister was ill, Mam would make shirts for her girls too, four of them. {Calico shirts were in fashion for girls at the time.} She would also quite often darn my father's socks, and at the end of her life, when she had more time, she knitted them all. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 102 [...] Troediai sanau fy nhad hefyd yn bur aml, ac yn niwedd ei hoes, pan oedd ganddi fwy o amser, byddai yn eu gwau i gyd. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf o'r gorau, pan oeddwn gartref am dro o Donypandy, iddi ddangos llond trôr o sanau newydd a rhai wedi eu troedio imi, yn perthyn i'm tad i gyd, a dweud fod yno ddigon iddo petai'n byw i fynd yn gant. {ond gwau rhagor a wnaeth.} Fe'i cofiaf ar lawer gyda'r nos yn dyfod â baich o sanau a'u gosod ar grud fy mrawd ieuengaf a'u trwsio, yr oeddwn i yn rhy fechan i helpu dim y pryd hynny. ¶

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 103 ¶ Yr oedd ganddi ddeheurwydd at wneud pethau fel hyn, a gallu i godi calonnau pobl. DEVELOPMENT Clywais ddynes ifanc yn dweud, pan oedd ei mam newydd fod yn sâl, y byddai'n sirioli drwyddi pan welai fy mam yn dyfod yno ar draws y caeau, y byddai'n bleser edrych arni yn trin y claf, ac yn ei symud, ac yn fwy na dim gwrando arni'n siarad ac yn trin y byd. 'Bron na theimlwn,' meddai, 'y byddai'n beth braf bod yn sâl, er mwyn i'ch mam fy nghodi yn ei breichiau.'

[STORI: ANEC. 68]

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[STORI: ANEC. 67]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 103 **EXPOSITION** Yr oedd dyn ifanc 38 oed yn sâl dan y diciâu, ac yn gorfod treulio'r dyddiau hirion yn gorwedd ar wastad ei gefn. **DEVELOPMENT** Dywedodd wrth ei fam ryw ddiwrnod, 'Biti na ddôi Catrin Roberts o rywle inni gael tipyn o hwyl, ynte?' Ac yn wir, fe ddeuai C.R. i chi, a hithau tua'r pedwar ugain, a byddai yno hwyl. [STORI: ANEC. 69]

[...] She would also quite often darn my father's socks, and at the end of her life, when she had more time, she knitted them all. DEVELOPMENT I well remember when I was home for a visit from Tonypandy, she showed me a drawer full of new socks and some that had been darned, all belonging to my father, and said there were enough to last him if he lived to be a hundred. {But she knitted more.} I remember her on many evenings bringing a pile of socks and placing them on my youngest brother's cradle, and mending them. I was too small to help at all then. ¶

¶ She had a skill for such things, and could lift people's spirits. DEVELOPMENT °I heard one young woman say, when her mother had recently been ill, that she was cheered up by the mere sight of my mother coming across the fields, and that it was a pleasure to watch her treating the patient, and turning her, and more than anything to hear her talk and discuss the world. 'I almost felt,' she said, 'that it would be good to be ill just to have your mother lift me up in her arms.'

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 68]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 67]

EXPOSITION There was a young man, 38 years old, who fell ill with tuberculosis and had to spend the long days lying flat on his back. DEVELOPMENT 'He said to his mother one day, 'A pity Catrin Roberts doesn't turn up from somewhere so that we can have a bit of fun, isn't it?' And indeed, Catrin Roberts would come, I tell you, and fun there would be, and she nearly eighty.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 69]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 104 [STORI: ANEC. 68]

**EXPOSITION** Cofiaf yn dda wyliau Nadolig 1917, a minnau gartref ar fy ngwyliau. Neb arall gartref ond fy mam ac Evan fy mrawd a glwyfasid yn ddifrifol ar y Somme yn 1916. **DEVELOPMENT** Rhywdro yn oriau mân y bore, dyma gnoc ar ffenestr y siambar ffrynt, lle y cysgai mam a finnau, a rhywun yn galw, 'Ddowch chi ar unwaith, Mrs. Roberts, mae Wiliam ar yn gadael ni.' {I'r cyfarwydd, hawdd gwybod nad dyn o Rosgadfan oedd y sawl a alwai, gan nad fel yna y buasai brodor yn ei chyfarch. Yr oedd nith i'r gŵr hwn wedi priodi Wiliam, Tŷ Hen, ein cymydog, ac wedi dyfod i fyw at ei nith.} Mi gododd hithau yn syth o'i gwely, ac fe aeth allan i'r oerni heb feddwl am gymryd llymaid na thamaid. {Yr oedd yn 63 mlwydd oed ar y pryd. Ychydig wythnosau cyn hyn buasai'n codi Wiliam i'w wely ar ôl iddo syrthio allan ohono, gyda help rhywun a alwyd oddi ar y ffordd, gan fod y claf yn ddyn mawr, a'i salwch wedi ei wneud yn drwm.}

[STORI: ANEC. 70]

[STORI: ANEC. 69]

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DEVELOPMENT Clywais hi'n dweud iddi gael ei galw unwaith am bedwar o'r gloch y bore i dŷ lle'r oedd gwraig yn marw o'r cancr. Nid adwaenai'r wraig hon yn dda, gan mai dyfod at ei chwaer i dreulio ei misoedd olaf a wnaeth. {Yr oedd golwg mawr ar y druan, wedi cael cystudd poenus, hir}, a dyna'r unig dro, meddai hi, iddi bron

Ar achlysuron geni plant deuai i gysylltiad â meddygon, yn naturiol. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 68]

EXPOSITION °I remember well the Christmas holidays of 1917, and I home on holiday. Nobody else at home except Mam and my brother Evan who had been seriously injured on the Somme in 1916. **DEVELOPMENT** °Sometime in the early hours of the morning, there came a knock on the front bedroom window, where Mam and I slept, and somebody calling, 'Will you come at once, Mrs Roberts? William is about to leave us.' (To those familiar with her, the caller was obviously not a Rhosgadfan man, as that was not the way a local would address her. A niece of this man had married our neighbour, William T $\hat{y}$ Hen, and he had come to live with his niece.} Mam got up from her bed at once, and went out in the cold without thinking about having a drink or a bite to eat. (She was 63 years old at the time. A few weeks earlier she had been lifting William into bed after he had fallen out of it, with the help of someone called in from the road, as the patient was a big man, and his illness had made him heavy.}

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 70]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 69]

**DEVELOPMENT** I heard her say that she had a call once at four in the morning to a house where there was a woman dying of cancer. She did not know this woman well, as she had come to spend her final months with her sister. {The poor woman looked terrible, having endured a long and painful illness, and this was the only time}, she said, that she felt she was going to be sick.

Naturally, at the birth of children she came into contact with doctors.  $\lceil ... \rceil$ 

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 105 [...] Daeth fy mam i'w adnabod yn dda, a phob tro y byddai wedi bod ar ei thraed y nos efo'r meddyg, deuai adref efo llond sach o straeon am hen gymeriadau Dyffryn Nantlle.

ABSTRACT Ar un o'r achlysuron hyn cafodd STORI ARALL yn ychwanegiad. **EXPOSITION** Buasai ef a mam ar eu traed trwy'r nos gyda'm chwaer-yng-nghyfraith. DEVELOPMENT Yn y bore dyma'r ddau i lawr yn eu sliperi i frecwast, a Margiad Huws, mam fy chwaer-yngnghyfraith a'm brawd wedi bod wrthi yn hel brecwast. Wrth agor drws y gegin orau o'r lobi, dyma beth a glywsant, 'Dyna fo, Owan, mae yna ddigon o steil iddo fo.' 'Oes, wir,' ebe'r meddyg wrthi, ac ymhellach ymlaen, 'Mae'n biti fod hen gymeriadau gonest fel hyn yn darfod o'r tir.' {Gwraig hollol onest a diddichell oedd yr hen Fargiad Huws.} [STORI: ANEC. 72]

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[STORI: ANEC. 71]

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**DEVELOPMENT** Dywedodd y meddyg wrth mam ar un o'r achlysuron hyn: 'Os bydda i byw ar ych ôl chi, mi ofala i y cewch chi gofgolofn ar ych bedd.' **EPILOGUE** Ond bu ef farw flynyddoedd lawer o flaen mam. Gwaith oedd hwn na byddai neb yn talu am ei wneud. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 105 ¶ Ar achlysuron fel hyn, os digwyddai fod yn wyliau ysgol, pan oeddwn yn blentyn, rhoddid gofal y tŷ arnaf fi. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf unwaith i mam orfod mynd ar hanner pobi. Nid oedd dim i'w wneud ond i mi gario ymlaen: yr oeddwn yn rhyw dair ar ddeg oed ar y pryd. Gwyliwn y bara a'u tynnu allan o'r popty pan fyddent yn barod. {Cofier mai bara mawr mewn padelli haearn oeddynt. Am yr un rheswm dysgwyd i mi yn gynnar sut i dylino, ac nid pobiad bach mohono, ond llond padell fawr.}

Ni chafodd crwydryn erioed fyned o'r drws heb rywbeth ganddi, [...]

[...] My mother came to know him well, and whenever she had been on her feet all night with the doctor she came home with a sackful of stories about the old characters of Dyffryn Nantlle.

ABSTRACT On one of these occasions she had AN-OTHER STORY as well. **EXPOSITION** °He and Mam had been on their feet up all night with my sister-in-law. **DEVELOPMENT** In the morning both came down in their slippers to breakfast, and Margiad Huws, my sisterin-law's mother, and my brother had been preparing breakfast. As they opened the hall door to the living room this is what they heard, 'There we are Owan, there's enough style with him.' 'Yes indeed,' said the doctor to her, and later, 'It's a pity that honest old characters like this are disappearing from the land.' {Old Margiad Huws was completely frank and guileless.}

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 72]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 71]

**DEVELOPMENT** The doctor said to Mam on one such occasion, 'If I outlive you I'll make sure you have a monument on your grave. **EPILOGUE** But he died many years before Mam.

This was work nobody paid you to do. [...]

¶ On such occasions, when I was a child, if it happened to be a school holiday, looking after the house was up to me. DEVELOPMENT I remember once Mam had to go out in the middle of baking. There was nothing for it but for me to get on with it; I was about thirteen at the time. I kept an eye on the bread and took it out of the oven when it was done. {Remember, they were very large loaves in iron pans. For the same reason I was taught very early how to knead bread, and it was not a small bake but a huge, full

No tramp could ever leave the door without something from her, [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 106 [...] Ond ni byddai Lisi Blac, y wraig bach a fyddai'n gwerthu Siôn a Siân, yn gwneud dim ond rhoi tro ar ei sawdl wrth y drws. [...] (EXPOSITION Bu gennym gath a alwem yn 'Lisi Blac' unwaith — cath ddu i gyd, a'i hoff le i orffwys fyddai'r bwced lo. DEVELOPMENT Daeth mam adref o'r dre un diwrnod ar ôl bod yn gwerthu moch tewion. Yr oedd y tŷ yn dywyll ar ôl yr haul tanbaid allan, a'r tân bron wedi diffodd. Taflodd mam lo ar y tân isel, a beth a ddaeth allan o'r grât ond Lisi Blac. Ond nid oedd ddim gwaeth. ) Mynn rhai mai swcro segurdod yw rhoi o'r math yna, ond buasai fy mam yn cytuno efo John Cowper Powys mai gwell yw methu drwy roi, na thrwy beidio â rhoi. ¶

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 106 [PARAGRAFFAU AM FFYRDD MAM KATE ROBERTS O DRUGARHAU] EXPOSITION Cofiaf unwaith i berthynas imi golli bachgen pedair ar ddeg oed yn sydyn iawn. ([...]) Yr oedd y teulu yn ddigon tlawd, ac yr oedd llawer iawn o'r bai ar y fam am hynny, rhaid imi ddweud, er ei bod yn perthyn imi. DEVELOPMENT Beth bynnag, ddiwrnod y claddu, fe ganfu mam ar ôl mynd i'r cynhebrwng nad oedd yno gerbyd o fath yn y byd, cario'r corff ar ysgwydd, a phawb gerdded. Wedi canfod hynny, {er nad oedd hi wedi meddwl mynd i'r fynwent, oblegid yr oedd yn bur hen}, dyma mam yn gafael ym mraich mam y plentyn, ac yn cyd-gerdded â hi i'r fynwent. CONCLUSION Mae HONYNA cystal ENGHRAIFFT â'r un o'i ffordd o drugarhau.

Ni buasai'n ceisio gwneud neb o ddimai. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 107 [...] Yn niwedd ei hoes prynai lawer o hetiau, ond ychydig iawn a wariai ar ddillad. DEVELOPMENT Pan euthum i adref rywdro a synnu wrth weld yr holl hetiau mewn cwpwrdd, meddai hi, 'Mi 'rydw i'n gweld pob het yn gwneud imi edrach yn hen, ac yn prynu un arall i dreio.' {Yr oedd hi dros ei phedwar ugain ar y pryd.}

Yr oedd fy mam yn ddynes blaen iawn ei thafod, os cynhyrfid hi gan rywbeth. [...]

[...] But Lisi Black, the little woman who was selling Siôn a Siân, did nothing but turn on her heel by the door. [...]

(EXPOSITION) We once had a cat we called Lisi Black—a completely black cat whose favourite place to sleep was the coal bucket. Development Mam came home from the town one day after selling fattened pigs. It was dark in the house after the bright sunlight outside, and the fire had almost gone out. Mam threw coal onto the low fire, and what came out of the grate but Lisi Black. And none the worse for it.) Some would say that such giving supports idleness, but my mother would agree with John Cowper Powys that it is better to fail by giving than by not giving. ¶

[PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH THE SYMPATHEIC WAYS OF KATE ROBERTS'S MOTHER] EXPOSITION 'I remember once a relation of mine losing a boy, fourteen years old, quite suddenly. ([...]) The family was quite poor, and although she was a relation of mine I have to say that much of the blame for it falls on the mother.

DEVELOPMENT 'However, (on) the day of the burial Mam discovered after going to the funeral that there was no carriage of any kind, the body being borne on shoulders, and everyone walking. After learning this, {even though she was not expected to go to the cemetery, being quite old}, my mother took the arm of the boy's mother and walked with her to the cemetery. CONCLUSION THAT is as good an EXAMPLE as any of her sympathetic ways.

She would never try to do anyone out of a halfpenny. [...]

[...] Towards the end of her life she would buy a lot of hats, though she spent very little on clothes.

DEVELOPMENT When I went home once and was surprised to see so many hats in a cupboard, she said, 'Every hat seems to make me look old, so I try buying another one.' {She was over eighty at the time.}

My mother was a woman with a quick tongue if she were upset by anything. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 107 ¶ Yr oedd fy mam yn ddynes blaen iawn ei thafod, os cynhyrfid hi gan rywbeth. Pan fyddai wedi ei chynhyrfu y dywedai'r gwir plaen, ac nid mewn gwaed oer. [GWEDDILL Y PARAGRAFF] ABSTRACT Mae UN ENGHRAIFFT o'i phlaendra yn fyw iawn yn fy nghof. EXPOSITION Yr oeddwn i gartref ar fy ngwyliau yn haf 1917, pan ddaeth y newydd am farw fy mrawd ieuengaf ym Malta. Fel y crybwyllais mewn lle arall, clwyfasid ef yn Salonica ym mis Chwefror, torrwyd ei goes i ffwrdd, cychwynnodd adref. Torrwyd ei daith ym Malta, ac yntau yn gwella'n dda erbyn hynny, cafodd 'dysentery', a bu farw. Buasai o bared i bost, o ysbyty i ysbyty am bum mis o amser. **DEVELOPMENT** Yr wythnos y cyrhaeddodd y newydd, galwodd dau o flaenoriaid y capel i edrych amdanom (nid oedd gweinidog ar yr eglwys ar y pryd), a dyma un ohonynt yn dweud eu bod wedi galw ynghylch trefnu cyfarfod coffa i'm brawd y nos Sul dilynol. Digwyddwn i fod yn y tŷ llaeth ar y funud, a dyma a glywais gan fy mam, 'Cyfarfod coffa i bwy? Os cofio, mi allasech gofio fy hogyn i pan oedd o'n fyw. Mi fuo ar wastad ei gefn am bum mis o amser, a ddaru'r un ohonoch chi anfon cimint â gair iddo fo, er i fod o cystal â neb o'r fan yma am fynd i foddion gras. Mi gwelodd James Jones, Croesywaun, o unwaith yn Bebbington, ac mi anfonodd o lythyr iddo fo wedi clywed i fod o wedi i glwyfo.' Yr oeddwn i wedi glynu wrth lawr y tŷ llaeth, ac yn methu gwybod sut yr awn i'r gegin ac wynebu'r blaenoriaid, ond ar yr un pryd yn edmygu gwroldeb fy mam o waelod fy nghalon, ac yn teimlo am unwaith, beth bynnag, fod y gwir wedi ei ddweud yn y lle iawn. {Dylwn egluro mai'r Parchedig James Jones oedd y gweinidog y cyfeiriai fy mam ato, tad y meddyg enwog, Dr. Emyr Wyn Jones, Lerpwl, ac am fod fy modryb yn aelod yn ei eglwys, aethai i weld fy mrawd pan oedd yng ngwersyll Bebbington.} {Ni wn a gafwyd cyfarfod coffa yn y capel, ond digwyddodd РЕТН rhyfedd i mi y nos Sul dilynol.} Buasai degau o bobl yn edrych amdanom y diwrnod hwnnw, nes oeddwn bron â mygu yn y tŷ. Yn union wedi i bawb glirio euthum am dro i'r caeau y tu uchaf i'r tŷ, a wynebai'r capel. Deuai'r canu i'm clyw trwy ddrysau agored y capel, canu yr oeddynt, 'Disgwyl pethau gwych i ddyfod, Croes i hynny maent yn dod.' Meddwn innau wrthyf fi fy hun, "Sgwn i ar ôl pwy y maen' nhw'n canu honna?' {Gall gofid gymryd cymaint o feddiant ohonom nes ein parlysu a methu gennym sylweddoli bod neb yn cyfeirio ato.} [STORI: ANEC. 78]

¶ My mother was a woman with a quick tongue if she were upset by anything. She spoke plainly when she was upset, and not in cold blood. [THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH] ABSTRACT ONE EXAMPLE of her plain speaking is very much alive in my memory. | EXPOSITION | I was at home on holiday in the summer of 1917, when news came of the death of my youngest brother in Malta. As I mentioned elsewhere, he was wounded in Salonica in February, his leg was amputated and he set off for home. His journey was broken in Malta, and he was recovering well, when he caught dysentery and died. He had been moved from pillar to post, from hospital to hospital, for five months. **DEVELOPMENT** °The week the news came, two of the chapel deacons called to see us (there was no minister there at the time) and one of them said that they had called about a memorial meeting they were arranging for my brother for the following Sunday night. I happened to be in the dairy at that moment, and this is what I heard from my mother, 'A memorial service for whom? If you're remembering, you could have remembered my boy when he was alive. He was flat on his back for five months, and neither of you sent so much as a word to him, though he was as good as anyone round here at attending services. James Jones, Croesywaun, visited him once in Bebbington, and he sent him a letter when he knew he was injured.' I was glued to the dairy floor, not knowing how I could go into the kitchen and face the deacons, at the same time admiring my mother from the bottom of my heart, feeling that for once the truth had been spoken in the right place. {I should explain that the Reverend James Jones was the minister to whom my mother referred, father of the famous doctor, Doctor Emyr Wyn Jones of Liverpool, and because my aunt was a member of his chapel he went to see my brother when he was in the camp at Bebbington.}

{I don't know if a memorial service was held in the chapel, but a strange THING happened to me the following Sunday night.} Scores of people had come to see us that day, so I was almost suffocating in the house. As soon as everyone had gone I went for a walk in the fields above the house. I could hear singing through the open doors of the chapel, and they were singing, 'Expect great things, the opposite will come, and I said to myself, 'I wonder who are they singing that for?' {Grief can so take possession of us that it paralyses us and we don't realise that anyone else mentions it.}

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 78]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 108 [STORI: ANEC. 77]

ABSTRACT Cofiaf AMGYLCHIAD ARALL pan ddywedodd fy mam bethau pur hallt wrth ryw ddyn. EXPOSITION

Pan euthum i i'r coleg, ychydig iawn o help a geid gan bwyllgor addysg nac arall, a bu'n rhaid i mam ofyn am fenthyg, gan ŵr yr oedd ganddo bob siawns i wybod am ei gonestrwydd. Yn wir, ni buasai gan y gŵr hwn arian i'w rhoi oni bai am mam a rhai tebyg iddi.

DEVELOPMENT Ond fe wrthododd. Fe wylltiodd wrtho, a dweud ei barn amdano yn ei wyneb. Edifarhaodd yntau a chynnig wedyn. Ond nid dynes i dderbyn dirmyg fel yna oedd hi. Modd bynnag, ni chymerodd mo'i gorchfygu, ac fe gafodd yr arian mewn dull a'i bodlonai yn well o lawer, dull mwy amhersonol a thebycach i fenthyg o fanc, EPILOGUE ac fe allodd eu talu fesul tipyn erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn.

[STORI: ANEC. 79]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 109 [STORI: ANEC. 78]

ABSTRACT Cofiaf AMGYLCHIAD ARALL ychydig cyn ei marw pan orweddai ar wely cystudd. DEVELOPMENT Gweinidog o eglwys gyfagos wedi dyfod i edrych amdani, a dyma fo'n dweud, ''Dewch i mi gael tipyn o adnodau 'rhen wraig.' Gwyddai mam gymaint o'i Beibl ag yntau petai hi'n mynd i hynny, ond dyma a ddwedodd hi wrtho, 'Na 'na i wir, well gen i gael sgwrs efo chi o lawar.' {Nid oedd ragrith yn perthyn iddi.}

Yr oedd gan fy mam feddwl ymchwilgar. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 77]

ABSTRACT of remember another occasion when my mother said some rather sharp things to some man. **EXPOSITION** When I went to college there was very little assistance given by the education committee or anyone else, and Mam had to ask for a loan from a man who had every reason to be aware of her honesty. Indeed, the man would have had no money to give were it not for my mother and others like her. **DEVELOPMENT** But he refused. She lost her temper with him, and told him what she thought of him to his face. He was sorry, and then he made an offer. But she was not a woman to accept such an insult. However, she was not defeated, and she got the money in a manner which pleased her better, more like borrowing from a bank, **EPILOGUE** and she managed to pay it back bit by bit by the end of the year.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 79]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 78]

ABSTRACT I remember ANOTHER OCCASION a little before her death when she was lying on her sickbed.

DEVELOPMENT A minister from a nearby church came to see her, and this is what he said, 'Let me have a few verses, old woman.' Mam knew as much of her Bible as he if it came to it, but this is what she said to him, 'Indeed I won't. I'd prefer to have a conversation with you.' {She was no hypocrite.}

My mother had an inquisitive mind. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 111 Beirniadai rai pregethwyr, y pregethwyr distaw, ac ni allai ddeall pam na phregethent yn ôl disgrifiad y Parch. Robert Jones, Llanllyfni, 'nes byddai pechaduriaid yn gweiddi fel perchyll mewn llidiart'.

ABSTRACT Cafodd hi UN PROFIAD a yrrodd bregethwyr yn is fyth yn ei golwg. **EXPOSITION** Ni chlywsai erioed mo'r Parch. John Williams, Brynsiencyn, yn pregethu, **DEVELOPMENT** a rhyw Basg, pan oedd y Parch. John Williams yn un o bregethwyr y cyfarfod pregethu yn Rhostryfan, penderfynodd fyned i wrando arno. Aeth pethau o chwith o'r cychwyn. Arhosai Mr. Williams yn Llanwnda, cyrhaeddodd y capel am 6.10, ac yr oedd y myfyriwr a oedd i ddechrau'r gwasanaeth wedi aros nes iddo gyrraedd. Yn lle cwtogi'r gwasanaeth dechreuol, cymerodd y myfyriwr yr hanner awr arferol. Pregethodd yr Athro David Williams gyntaf, yn nerthol ac o ddifrif. Oherwydd hynny, ni allai yntau gwtogi ei bregeth. Cododd y Parch. John Williams i bregethu. Rhoes ei ragymadrodd yn hollol ddieffaith, ac ymhen ugain munud eistedd, er siom i bawb. EPILOGUE Ni bu diwedd byth ar edliw mam ynglŷn a'r bregeth yna. Nid oedd wiw i neb sôn am YR AMGYLCHIAD yn ei chlyw.

[STORI: ANEC. 81]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 111 [STORI: ANEC. 80]

**DEVELOPMENT** Cofiaf un tro ei bod yn traethu yn arw ar sefyllfa'r byd, a dyma hi'n dweud reit sydyn. 'Petawn i wedi cael addysg, mi faswn i'n troi Ewrob a'i gwynab yn isa.' Yr oedd y dywediad mor ysgubol fel y cymerwyd y gwynt o'n hwyliau am y tro. Yr oedd gan fy mam rai plant a oedd cyn ffraethed â hithau, ond y tro hwn buont yn fyr iawn, ac ni allodd yr un ohonynt ateb, 'Lwc na chawsoch chi ddim addysg', neu 'Piti na fasach chi wedi cael addysg.' Yn ei dychymyg hi ei hun, yr oedd hi ar hyd ei hoes yn arwain gwrthryfel yn erbyn anghyfiawnder. [...]

She was critical of some preachers, the quiet preachers, and she could not understand why they did not preach as the Reverend Robert Jones, Llanllyfni, described it, 'until the sinners shout like piglets in a gate'.

ABSTRACT She had ONE EXPERIENCE that drove preachers even lower in her estimation. **EXPOSITION** She had never heard the Reverend John Williams, Brynsiencyn, preaching, **DEVELOPMENT** and one Easter, when the Reverend John Williams was one of the preachers at the preaching meeting in Rhostryfan, she decided to go and listen. Things went wrong from the start. Mr Williams was staying in Llanwnda and he arrived at the chapel at 6.10, and the student due to start the service waited until he arrived, and then instead of curtailing his opening words he took the full half hour. Professor David Williams preached first, powerfully and in earnest. Consequently he could not cut his sermon short. The Reverend John Williams rose to preach. He gave his introduction ineffectively, and within twenty minutes sat down, to everyone's disappointment. **EPILOGUE** 'There was no end ever to Mam's complaining about that sermon. °No one dared bring THE EVENT up in her hearing.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 81]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 80]

**DEVELOPMENT** "I remember once her railing hard about the state of the world, and suddenly she said, 'If I'd had an education I would turn Europe upside down.' This statement was so sweeping that it took our breath away for a moment. Some of Mam's children were as sharp-tongued as she was, but this time they were very slow, and none could answer, 'Lucky you *didn't* get an education.' As she saw it she was leading a lifelong rebellion against injustice. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 112 Nid â geiriau gochelgar y datganai ei barn. Llwynogod y galwai hi bobl a ddatganai eu barn felly, neu na ddatganai mohoni o gwbl. Yr oedd yn rhaid iddi gael ysgubo pob dim ymaith o'i blaen. DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf ryw nos Sul fod fy nai, Griffith Evans, acw i swper, a dyma Griffith yn dweud, er mwyn cychwyn sgwrs: 'Wedi gwrthod yr alwad i'r Rhos (sef Rhostryfan) y mae Hwna-Hwn.' (Yr oedd y gŵr dan sylw yn ŵr galluog iawn a chanddo radd ddisglair.) 'Ia debicini wir,' meddai mam, 'os oes gynno fo rywfaint o garitor.' {Dyna i chi ysgubo Rhostryfan oddi ar wyneb y byd. Rhyfedd hefyd a hithau yn un o'r Rhos, ond ni faliai mam lawer am y Methodistiaid, Annibynreg oedd hi yn y bôn.}

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[STORI: ANEC. 82]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 112 DEVELOPMENT Dyma hi'n dweud ryw ddiwrnod am ryw wraig a oedd yn gryn dipyn o swel, wedi adeiladu tŷ, ond heb ddigon o arian i wneud cwt glo: 'Hy, ac y mae hi'n ysgwyd 'i charpads, byth a beunydd, ac yn cadw'i glo yn y twll tan grisiau.' 'Siŵr iawn,' ebe Evan fy mrawd, 'dyna pam mae hi'n gorfod ysgwyd 'i charpads.' {(Rhaid imi egluro yn y fan yma mai dim ond gan y dosbarth uchaf yn ein hardal ni yr oedd carpedi, ni allai'r rhan fwyaf fforddio cymaint ag oelcloth, ar y carped yr oedd pwyslais fy mam, ac nid ar yr ysgwyd.)} {Byddai Evan yn ffraethach na hi yn aml, ac ni hoffai hi hynny.} 'O,' meddai, wedi cael ei gwneud, ''d oes dim rheswm ar Evan.' CONCLUSION

Fel yna y byddem, pawb y pryd hynny yn gallu chwerthin. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 84]

She did not choose her words carefully in expressing her opinion. 'Foxes' she called those who did so, or those who said nothing at all. She had to sweep all before her.

DEVELOPMENT I remember one Sunday night that my nephew, Griffith Evans, was having supper with us, and Griffith said, making conversation: 'So-and-so has turned down the calling in Rhos (that is, Rhostryfan). (The man in question was a very able man with a brilliant degree.) 'Yes, I should think so too,' said Mam, 'if he has an *iota* of character.' (\*There you have sweeping Rhostryfan off the face of the earth. Oddly enough, and she from Rhos herself, but Mam did not care much for the Methodists. She was an Independent at heart.}

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 83]

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DEVELOPMENT °She was talking one day about a woman who was rather posh, who had built a house but had insufficient means to add a coal house. 'Hm. She is forever shaking her carpets, yet keeps the coal in the cupboard under the stairs.' 'Of course,' said my brother Evan, 'That's why she has to shake the carpets.' {(I should explain that only the well-off in our neighbourhood had carpets, and most could not even afford lino. My mother was stressing the carpets, not the shaking.)} {°Evan would be often quicker-tongued than she, and she didn't like that.} 'Oh,' she said, after being defeated, 'there's no reasoning with Evan.' CONCLUSION

°It was like that that we were, we could all laugh then. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 84]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 112 [STORI: ANEC. 83] ABSTRACT Rhof ENGHRAIFFT ARALL o'r ysbryd hwn. **EXPOSITION** Daeth mam i aros yma atom i Ddinbych am wythnos yn 1936. DEVELOPMENT Ymhen tipyn o ddyddiau dyma lythyr iddi oddi wrth Richard fy mrawd. 'Darllen di o imi,' meddai wrthyf fi, ''rydw i wedi gadael fy sbectol yn y llofft.' Dechreuodd fy mrawd drwy ddweud nad oedd ganddo newydd o fath yn y byd. Wedyn aeth ymlaen i ddweud fod Hwn-a-Hwn wedi priodi efo Hon-a-Hon (y ddau dros eu 80 mlwydd oed); fod Hwn-a-Hwn wedi dengid efo gwraig rhywun arall — yr oedd y bobl a enwai yn bobl go iawn o'r ardal; bod Hon-a-Hon wedi cyflawni rhyw weithred erchyll. Wedi cyrraedd y fan yna, dyma hi'n dweud, 'Celwydd i gyd, be sy haru'r hogyn?' Aeth y llythyr ymlaen beth yn yr un dull, a diweddodd trwy ddweud, ''Roeddwn i'n dweud nad oedd gen i ddim newydd, felly dyma fi'n gwneud rhai, er mwyn llenwi papur'!

Yr oedd ganddi gryn graffter i adnabod pobl a dadelfennu eu cymeriad, a naw gwaith o bob deg, os digwyddai newid ei barn, ei barn gyntaf a oedd yn iawn. [...]

(85) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 113 [...] Yr oedd ei chraffter yr un fath hyd ei bedd, ynglŷn ag ymddangosiad personol. Sylwai mewn eiliad ar rywbeth. EXPOSITION Cofiaf y byddai fy modryb Elin, a oedd yn byw yn ei blynyddoedd olaf yn y Rhyl, yn dyfod i edrych amdani. Gwisgai fy modryb ddillad da, trwsiadus bob amser, ond, os byddai'n trafaelio, fe ddôi â rhyw hen ambarel gyda hi rhag ofn ei golli. DEVELOPMENT Pan gyrhaeddodd hi'r drws un tro, dyma mam yn dweud, heb gymaint â gofyn sut yr oedd, 'Ble cest ti'r hen ambarél blêr yna?'

Yr oedd yn sgut am ddarllen. [...]

AMPLE of this spirit. EXPOSITION Mam came to stay for a week with us in Denbigh in 1936. DEVELOPMENT

In a few days a letter arrived for her from my brother Richard. 'You read it to me,' she said, 'I've left my spectacles upstairs.' My brother began by saying there was no news of any kind. Then he went on to say that so-and-so had married what's-her-name (both over 80); that so-and-so had run off with someone else's wife — those mentioned were real people from the neighbourhood; that so-and-so had committed some terrible act. At this point she said, 'All lies. What's the matter with the boy?' The letter continued in the same vein, and finished by saying, 'I told you I had no news, so I've made some up to fill the paper.'

She was perceptive when it came to knowing people and their character, and nine times out of ten, if she happened to change her mind, her first impression was proved right. [...]

[...] Her sharp eye for personal appearance was with her to the grave. She would notice something in a second.

EXPOSITION °I remember that my aunt Elin, who lived in her last years in Rhyl, would come to see her. My aunt always wore good, neat clothes, but, if she was travelling, she would bring some old umbrella with her in case she lost it.

DEVELOPMENT ° When she arrived at the door one time Mam said, without even asking her how she was, 'Where did you get that shabby old umbrella?'

She was a great reader. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 9, p. 116 ¶ Yr un fath â phregethau Dafydd Ifans, darllenai hwynt drosodd a throsodd. Y darn pregeth ar bläau'r Aifft a hoffai hi fwyaf. EXPOSITION Ar un cyfnod deuai nith garedig, Jane, Glyn Aber, â'i chinio iddi bob Sul, a byddai ganddi hithau, felly, amser i ddarllen yn y bore.

DEVELOPMENT Buasai'n darllen y bregeth ar y pläau un bore Sul, a phan ddaeth ei chinio, yn cynnwys clun cyw iâr hyfryd, yr oedd Dafydd Ifans wedi cael cymaint gafael ar ei dychymyg, meddai hi, fel y meddyliodd mai llyffant Ffaro oedd y glun am eiliad!

Gallwn ysgrifennu llawer rhagor am fy mam, ond credaf imi ddweud digon i ddangos pa mor llawn oedd ei bywyd a chymaint o waith a wnaeth hi yn ei hoes, a hynny o dan lu o anfanteision. [...]

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ch. 9, p.

[...] Fel gyda phob dim arall, ymdrechodd yn galed gyda'i hanhwylder. Nid arhosai yn ei gwely ond pan na allai symud. Development Cofiaf yn yr amser yma, {a hithau mor wan a thenau fel ei bod yn boen edrych arni}, fod Jac y Do wedi dyfod i lawr simnai'r gegin orau. {Ni allai fyned i fyny yn ei ôl na dyfod i lawr.} Ceisiodd pawb ei gael allan. Clywem ef yn symud bob hyn a hyn, a gwyddem ei fod yn mynd yn wannach ac yn wannach. Y trydydd diwrnod, dywedasom fod yn rhaid mynd i nôl rhywun i wneud rhywbeth i'r corn, oblegid yr oeddem bron â gwallgofi. Ond dyma mam yn gwneud un cynnig arall, a chyda'i braich hir, denau, gwnaeth un ymdrech ddidroi'n-ôl, a chael y Jac Do i lawr.

Yr wyf yn hollol ymwybodol o wendidau fy nheulu, [...]

¶ The same with the preachings of Dafydd Ifans, she read them over and over again. The sermon on the plagues of Egypt was her favourite. EXPOSITION °At one period a kind niece, Jane, Glyn Aber, used to bring her dinner every Sunday, so she had time to read in the morning.

DEVELOPMENT She had been reading the sermon on the plagues one Sunday morning, and when her dinner arrived, including a lovely chicken thigh, Dafydd Ifans had got such a hold of her imagination that for a moment she said she thought the thigh was Pharaoh's frog!

I could write much more about my mother, but I think I have said enough to demonstrate how full her life was and how much work she did over a lifetime, and that under great disadvantage. [...]

[...] As with everything else she strove hard with her illness. She did not stay in bed except when she could not move. Development I remember at this time, {and she so weak and thin that it was painful to look at her}, that a jackdaw came down the chimney of the best kitchen. {It could not get back up or come down.} Everybody tried to get it out. We could hear it moving every now and again, and knew that it was getting weaker and weaker. On the third day we said we'd have to go and get someone to do something to the chimney, because we were all almost going mad. But there was Mam making one final effort, and with her long, thin arm she had one all-or-nothing go, and got the jackdaw down.

I am quite aware of my family's weaknesses; [...]

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Y Lôn Wen,
ch. 10, p. 119

[CYCHWYN Y BENNOD] Yr oedd gan fy nain Bryn Ffynnon chwaer, Neli, yn byw ar ochr Alltgoed Mawr, rhyngom a'r Waun-fawr, mewn tyddyn bychan o'r enw 'Regal'. [GWEDDILL Y PARAGRAFF] ABSTRACT Adroddid UN STORI gwerth EI hail-adrodd amdani. EXPOSITION Yr oedd hi a'm nain yn gweini mewn ffarm tua Chaeathro, ni wn pa un ai ym Mhrysgol (cartref Wiliam Owen) ai yn rhywle yn ymyl. Yr oedd gan y wraig frawd, a drafaeliai o gwmpas ynglŷn â'i swydd, a phob tro y dôi i'r gymdogaeth, arhosai gyda'r chwaer. Cai'r brawd hwn yr enw ei fod yn dipyn o dderyn. Fel y byddai'r arfer y dyddiau hynny, yn aml iawn, troid un o'r parlyrau ar y llawr, yn ystafell wely, a hon oedd yr ystafell wely orau yn y tŷ hwn. **DEVELOPMENT** Un tro pan ddaeth y brawd i aros gyda meistres yr hen fodryb, aeth i'r llofft a cheisiodd gusanu un o'r morynion neu rywbeth. Certiodd Neli ef i lawr y grisiau ac i'w ystafell. Yna aeth i chwilio am gortyn a chlymodd glicied drws y siambar wrth bostyn isaf y grisiau. Mewn carchar felly y bu'r gŵr hyd y bore. Mae'n siŵr mai Neli oedd y gyntaf i godi, a chyn gwneud tân na dim, aeth allan i'r ardd a thorrodd wroden (ffon) o'r coed. Dadfachodd ddrws y siambar, aeth i mewn, a chwipiodd y dyn cyn iddo gael amser i ddeffro. CONCLUSION Mae'R HANES yn fy atgoffa am stori a glywsom ganwaith gan fy nhad am ryw ddyn a arferai roi cweir i'w fab am wneud drwg, ac adrodd y fformiwla hon uwch ei ben bob tro, "R wyt ti'n cael cweir nid am y drwg wnest ti, ond rhag iti wneud drwg eto.' Gwers ar gyfer y dyfodol a roes Modryb Neli, mae'n sicr!

Dengys Y STORI HON amdani gymaint o'r Piwritan a oedd ynddi, er gwaethaf ei hystyried yn dipyn o bagan.

[STORI: ANEC. 89]

[BEGINNING OF THE CHAPTER] My Bryn Ffynnon grandmother had a sister, Neli, who lived near Alltgoed Mawr, between us and Waun-fawr, in a little smallholding called 'Regal'. [THE REMAINDER OF THE PARAGRAPH] ABSTRACT ONE STORY was told about her, which is worth repeating. **EXPOSITION** She and my grandmother were in service in a farm near Caeathro, I don't know whether it was in Prysgol (the home of William Owen) or somewhere nearby. The wife had a brother who travelled about with his work, and whenever he was in the neighbourhood he stayed with his sister. °This brother used to be known as a bit of a ladies' man. As was the custom in those days, very often one of the parlours on the ground floor was turned into a bedroom, and this was the best chamber in this house. **DEVELOPMENT** Once, when the brother was staying with my greataunt's mistress, he went up to a bedroom and tried to kiss one of the maids, or something. Neli carted him off downstairs to his room. She went to fetch a cord and tied the latch of the chamber door to the newel post at the bottom of the stairs. The man was thus in prison until morning. Neli must have been first up, and before lighting the fire or doing anything she went out to the garden and cut a stick from a tree. She unhooked the chamber door, went in, and beat the man before he had time to wake up. **CONCLUSION** °THE STORY reminds me of a story we have heard a hundred times from my father about a man who used to give his son a beating for wrongdoing, reciting this formula over his head, 'You're having a beating not for the wrong you have done but to stop you doing wrong again.' It was a lesson for the future that Neli gave, certainly!

THIS STORY about her shows how much of the Puritan was in her, despite being thought a bit of a pagan.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 89]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 120 [STORI: ANEC. 88]

**EXPOSITION** Yn ei blynyddoedd olaf pan oedd fy nain yn byw gyda'i merch yn y Bontnewydd, deuai i fyny atom ni am ychydig amser yn yr haf, DEVELOPMENT ac un o'r troeon hynny anfonasom i'r Alltgoed Mawr at yr hen fodryb i ofyn iddi ddyfod drosodd atom am brynhawn. {Mae'n siŵr mai anfon neges efo rhywun o'r chwarel a wnaethom. Ni chofiaf o gwbl glywed neb yn ei galw wrth ei henw llawn, ni wyddwn ar y ddaear beth oedd ei chyfenw, ac felly ni wn sut y buasem yn cyfeirio llythyr ati. Yr oedd ganddi ryw ddwy filltir i gerdded, dros ddarn o fynydd, ond nid oedd y ffordd yn serth ag eithrio'r darn cyntaf o'i thŷ i lidiart y mynydd. O weithio allan ei hoedran hi a'm nain ar y pryd rhaid bod fy hen fodryb tua 86 i 88 mlwydd oed, a'm nain tua 82 i 84.} Fe ddaeth yr hen wraig yn ei dillad arferol a ddisgrifiais o'r blaen. {Cofiaf, er mai haf ydoedd, nad oedd y diwrnod yn hafaidd iawn.} Ar ôl te eisteddem o gwmpas y tân, a sylweddolais, wedi i'r ddwy chwaer ddyfod at ei gilydd fel hyn, nad oeddem ni yn bod iddynt, ddim i Modryb Neli, beth bynnag. Siaradent am flynyddoedd eu hieuenctid a'r pethau a ddigwyddasai iddynt hwy y pryd hynny – credaf i'r ddwy fod gyda'i gilydd bron ar hyd yr amser hyd oni phriodasant. {Gwn eu bod yn gweini efo'i gilydd yng Nghaeathro, rywle yn ymyl Prysgol, os nad yn y Prysgol ei hun. Pentref rhyw ddwy filltir o Gaernarfon yw Caeathro, a dwy filltir o'r Waun-fawr ar yr ochr arall.} Y prynhawn hwn sonient lawer am 'fwgan Prysgol'. {Yr oedd rhyw ysbryd enwog yn y fan honno pan oeddent hwy yn ifanc, ac yr oeddent wedi ei weld un noson.} Wrth sôn amdano y prynhawn yma, sonient amdano fel peth nad oedd amheuaeth am ei fodolaeth o gwbl, fel petaent yn siarad am aelod o'r teulu. Weithiau, deuent i fyd y presennol, a chofiaf i'm nain wneud sylw fel hyn, 'Meddwl am Owen bach y bydda i pan a'i i'r capel.' {(Fy nhaid oedd Owen bach.)} A meddai modryb Neli mor galed â'r callestr, 'Duw, Duw, beth sydd arnat ti eisio meddwl am beth felly.' (Credaf mai pwnc oedd y 'peth', ac nid fy nhaid.} Aeth nain i ddanfon ei chwaer gam i fyny'r ffordd ac heibio i'r capel. Wedi cyrraedd y ffordd wastad, ebe'r hen fodryb, 'Dyna chdi rŵan, Cadi, dos yn d'ôl er mwyn i mi gael rhedeg.'!! A ffwrdd â hi yn ei dwy glocsen, mor chwim â phîoden. Yr oedd mor onest â'r dydd. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 88]

**EXPOSITION** °In her last years, when she was living with her daughter in Bontnewydd, my grandmother would come up to us for a while in the summer, **DEVELOPMENT** and on one of those occasions we sent to Alltgoed Mawr to the old aunt to invite her over for an afternoon. (We probably sent a message with someone from the quarry. I never remember anyone calling her by her full name, and I didn't know what on earth her surname was, so I don't know how we would have addressed a letter to her. She had about two miles to walk across part of the mountain, but the road was not steep except for the first part from her house to the mountain gate. Calculating her and my grandmother's age, she must have been about 86 to 88 years old, and my grandmother about 82 to 84 years old.} The old lady arrived in her usual clothes which I have already described. {I remember, although it was summer, it was not a very summery day.} After tea we sat around the fire, and I realised, once the two sisters were together like this, we did not exist for them, not for Aunt Neli anyway. They talked about the years of their youth and the things which had happened to them then — I believe they were both together most of the time until they married. {I know they were in service together in Caeathro, somewhere near Prysgol if not in Prysgol itself. Caeathro was a village about two miles from Caernarfon and two miles from Waun-fawr in the other direction.} That afternoon they talked a lot about 'bwgan Prysgol', the Prysgol bogeyman. {There was a famous ghost in that place when they were young and one night they had seen it.) As they spoke about it that afternoon, they talked of it as if there was no doubt at all that it existed, as if they were talking about a member of the family. °From time to time they returned to the world of the present, and I remember my grandmother remarking, 'It's Owen bach I think about when I go to chapel.' {(Owen bach was my grandfather.)} And Aunt Neli said, hard as flint, 'Good God, why would you want to think of something like that?' {I believe the topic was the 'something', not my grandfather.} My grandmother accompanied her sister a little way up the road and past the chapel. When they reached the flat road the great-aunt said, 'There you are now, Cadi, you go back so that I can run'!! And off she trotted in her clogs, quick as a magpie.

She was as honest as the day. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 121

¶ Yr oedd mor onest â'r dydd. [...] DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf glywed fy mam yn dweud unwaith ei bod yn cerdded o Rosgadfan i'r Waun-fawr, a gweled yr hen fodryb Neli ar y ffordd. {Yr oedd hi newydd golli ei merch, Jane, y pryd hynny. Buasai'n byw efo'r ferch hon cyn ei marw, h.y. cyn marw'r ferch. Nid oedd gan Jane blant, yr oedd ganddi dŷ glân a chai'r enw o fod yn ddynes flin.} 'Mi gawsoch chitha brofedigaeth fawr wrth golli Jane yn 'do?' meddai mam. 'Do,' meddai'r hen wraig yn araf a phwyllog, 'do, ond cofiwch, hen gythral oedd Siani.' (Ni wn i am neb heddiw a allai fod mor onest â dweud y gwir am ei merch ei hun.} Yn aml iawn mae hen bobl wedi mynd o'r byd hwn ymhell cyn marw. [...]

¶ She was as honest as the day. [...] DEVELOPMENT °I remember hearing my mother saying once that she was walking from Rhosgadfan to Waun-fawr, and she saw old Aunt Neli on the road. (At the time Neli had just lost her daughter, Jane. She had been living with her daughter before her death, before her daughter's death, that is. Jane had no children, she had a clean house and a reputation for being a bad-tempered woman.} 'You've had a great loss, losing Jane, haven't you?' said Mam. 'Yes', said the old woman slowly and deliberately, 'yes, but remember, Siani was an old devil.' {I can't imagine anyone today who could be honest enough to tell the truth about her own daughter.} Very often old people have already left this world before

dying. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 122 ¶ Yn aml iawn mae hen bobl wedi mynd o'r byd hwn ymhell cyn marw. Felly fy hen fodryb. Yr oedd y gorffennol yn sefydlog a disymud, ac wedi ei argraffu mor ddwfn ar y cof, fel y deuai i fyny unrhyw adeg. [GWEDDILL Y PARA-GRAFF] ABSTRACT Cofiaf y tro olaf y gwelais hi yn dda iawn. Mae'r TRO HWNNW yn fyw iawn ar fy nghof i, beth bynnag. **EXPOSITION** Gwyliau Pasg 1917 oedd hi. Dydd Mercher cyn Gwener y Groglith, daethai'r newydd i mi yn Ystalyfera, fod fy mrawd ieuengaf yn ddifrifol wael yn Salonica. Clwyfasid ef yn drwm iawn ym mis Chwefror, ac er treio pob dim, methwyd gwella ei glwyfau heb dorri ei goes i ffwrdd. Dyna oedd y newydd a dderbyniais gan y nyrs y diwrnod cyn i'r ysgol dorri am y gwyliau, a'r newydd y bu'n rhaid imi ei dorri i'm rhieni wedi cyrraedd gartref. Rhywdro yn ystod y gwyliau, awn i lawr i'r Waun-fawr i dŷ fy modryb, yn ddigon trwm fy nghalon. {Dylwn egluro fod Alltgoed Mawr hanner y ffordd o'm cartref i'r Waun-fawr. Dylwn egluro hefyd mai allt ofnadwy yw'r allt. Nid âi ceir i lawr hyd-ddi y pryd hynny, beth bynnag. Ar ei gwaelod mae tro ar groes-gongl a gwal ddigon isel hefyd ar y tro. Yr ochr arall i'r wal rhed y tir i lawr ar rediad syth at Afon Wyrfai. Tir fferm y Cyrnant yw'r tir

**DEVELOPMENT** Y diwrnod dan sylw, deuwn i lawr yr allt, a gwelwn goes yn dyfod dros y wal, yna biser a dŵr ynddo, yna goes arall. {Modryb Neli ydoedd wedi bod yn nôl un o'r pisereidiau dŵr hynny nad oedd dim o'u heisiau. Yr oedd hi yn byw erbyn hyn yn y Regal, ei hen gartref, gyda'i mab a'i merchyng-nghyfraith. Yr oedd y tŷ ar waelod yr allt ar y llaw chwith i mi.} Stopiodd a gadael y piser ar lawr, ac ar y foment âi rhyw ddyn heibio, a gofynnodd rywbeth i mi. Atebais innau ef. Pan ddeuthum ati, gwelwn ar unwaith na chawn fyned heibio heb iddi gael gair efo mi, er y gwyddwn ar y gorau nad adwaenai fi. I dorri'r garw, meddai hi, 'Pwy oedd y dyn yna?' 'Dwn i yn y byd,' meddwn innau, 'rhyw ddyn diarth oedd o.' 'O,' meddai hithau, ac edrych ym myw fy llygad, a meddwl, debygwn i, beth a gai hi ei ofyn nesaf. {Mae'n sicr fod cyfarfod â rhywun ar y ffordd yn ddigwyddiad mawr yn ei bywyd, ac nid oedd am fy ngollwng.} Daliai i edrych arnaf fel ci ffyddlon ar ei feistr. 'Wyddoch chi ar y ddaear pwy ydw i,' meddwn i. 'Na wn,' meddai hi, mor eiddgar â phetai hi'n mynd i glywed stori antur. 'Merch Owen Bryn Ffynnon,' meddwn i. Nid anghofiaf fyth y mynegiant ar ei hwyneb. Petai hi wedi codi canpunt ar y ffordd, nid edrychasai'n fwy balch-gynhyrfus. {Yr oedd fy nhad yn dipyn o ffefryn gyda'i deulu, a golygai 'Owen Bryn Ffynnon' rywbeth i'r hen wraig,} Dyma hi'n rhoi ei llaw ar fy ysgwydd, ac yn wir tybiais na chawn symud. Yr oedd hi mor falch o'm gweld fel y daliai i afael ynof. Ond toc, dyma hi'n dweud, 'Rhoswch chi, ngenath i, oes 'na ddim brawd i chi wedi brifo'n o arw yn yr hen ryfal yna?' Bron na allech weld y peth yn dyfod i fyny o ddyfnderoedd ei chof o rywle. {Yr oedd hi wedi gallu cofio hynny, beth bynnag, er ei bod rhwng 92 a 93 mlwydd oed. Byth nid anghofiaf ei hanwyldeb. Fy mrawd heb gyrraedd ei 19, hithau yn 92, y fath agendor rhyngddynt mewn oed. Y fo filoedd o filltiroedd o'i gartref, ac heb allu symud. Y hi yn niwedd ei hoes ar ochr hen fynydd unig, wedi gorffen ei bywyd i bob pwrpas, yn dal i gario dŵr o ran arferiad, ei chof wedi mynd, ac eto o waelod yr ango' mawr hwnnw, yn medru codi un ffaith i fyny a ddeuai â hi i gysylltiad â'r presennol agos, nad oedd yn ddim iddi. Yr oedd y peth yn ddigon i wneud i rywun orwedd ar ei wyneb ar y ddaear a griddfan ei ing i'w mynwes. Yr oedd hi wrth ei bodd ei bod wedi cael gafael ar rywun i gael sgwrs, ac yn fwy wrth ei bodd wrth fy mod yn un o'r teulu. Sylwais wrth siarad â hi mor debyg yr oedd fy nhad iddi. Yr un llygad yn union.} EPILOGUE Bu farw yn 1919, rhwng 94 a 95 mlwydd oed. [STORI: ANEC. 92]

¶ Very often old people have already left this world before dying. So too my great-aunt. The past was fixed and unmoving, and printed so deeply in her memory that it would return at any time. [THE REMAINDER OF THE PARA-GRAPH] ABSTRACT °I remember the LAST TIME I saw her very well. THAT TIME at least is very alive in my mind. **EXPOSITION** It was the Easter holidays, 1917. On the Wednesday before Good Friday the news reached me in Ystalyfera that my youngest brother was seriously ill in Salonica. He had been very badly injured in February, and although everything was tried, they had failed to heal his wounds without amputating his leg. That was the news I heard from the nurse the day before school broke up for the holidays, and the news I had to break to my parents when I arrived home. Sometime during the holiday I went down to Waun-fawr to my aunt's house, with a very heavy heart. {I should explain that Alltgoed Mawr is halfway between my home and Waun-fawr. I should also explain that the hill is a terrible hill. °Cars did not went down it then, anyway. At the bottom there is a right angle turn and rather a low wall on the bend. On the other side of the wall the land runs straight down to the river Gwyrfai. This land belongs to Cyrnant farm.}

DEVELOPMENT of the day in question, I came down the hill and saw a leg coming over the wall, then a pitcher of water, then another leg. (It was Auntie Neli, who had been to collect one of those unnecessary pitchers of water. By this time she was living in the Regal, her old home, with her son and her daughter-in-law. The house was at the bottom of the hill on my left-hand side.} She stopped and put the pitcher on the floor, and at that moment a man passed and asked me something. I answered. When I reached her I realised at once that I would not be allowed to pass without her having a word with me, though I well knew she did not recognise me. To break the ice she said, 'Who was that man?' 'I don't know,' I said. 'He was a stranger.' 'Oh,' she said, looking me straight in the eye, wondering, I suppose, what she could ask me next. {I am sure that meeting someone on the road was a big event in her life, and she was not going to lose me.} She went on gazing at me like a faithful dog at his master, 'Do you have any idea who I am?' I asked. 'No I don't,' she replied, as eager as if she were about to hear an adventure story. 'Owen, Bryn Ffynnon's daughter,' I said. I will never forget the expression on her face. If she had picked up a hundred pounds from the road she could not have looked more pleased-thrilled. {My father was a bit of a favourite with the family, and 'Owen Bryn Ffynnon' meant something to the old woman.} Then she put her hand on my shoulder and I thought I would not be allowed to move. She was so happy to see me that she went on holding me. But in a moment she said, 'Wait, my girl, hasn't a brother of yours been badly wounded in that old war?' You could almost see the thing rising from the depth of her mind, remembered from somewhere. (She had been able to remember that at least, though she was between 92 and 93 years old. I will never forget how dear she was. My brother not yet 19 years old, and she 92, such a gap of years between them. He thousands of miles from home and unable to move. She at the end of her life on the side of a lonely mountain, her life to all intents and purposes over, yet still carrying water out of habit, her memory gone, and yet from the bottom of that great forgetting, being able to capture one fact which brought her into contact with the close present which meant nothing to her. It was enough to make one lie face down on the ground and groan with pain and anguish on its breast. She was so glad that she had found someone to talk to, and thrilled that I was one of the family. While talking to her I noticed how like my father she was. Exactly the same eyes.} EPILOGUE She died in 1919, between 94 and 95 years old. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 92]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 123 [STORI: ANEC. 91] DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf fod fy nhad mewn byd garw, ofn na chai ddyfod adref o Lerpwl i'w chladdu. Ond fe gafodd. CONCLUSION Mor dynn yw'r llinynnau sy'n dal llawer teulu wrth ei gilydd. Mae arnaf awydd sôn am un chwaer i mam, [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 127 [...] Mynd wedyn, heb arwydd brys ar neb, a stopio bob hyn a hyn i roddi pwyslais ar sgwrs. DEVELOPMENT

Cofiaf un tro i'm cyfnither yn unig ddyfod i'm danfon, ar noson olau leuad ym mis Medi. Wedi cyrraedd canol yr allt yn Alltgoed Mawr, eisteddasom ar ymyl y dorlan, yr oedd hi sbel wedi deg. Daeth rhyw chwarelwr heibio efo'i gi, 'Noson braf, genod,' meddai, a dyna'r cwbl. Dechreuasom ninnau chwerthin, nes bron fynd i sterics o chwerthin am ddim, ond bod y dyn wedi dweud y gair 'braf' mewn rhyw dôn ryfedd, a'i ymestyn rywbeth tebyg i hyn, 'br-a-a-a-f'. {Yr oedd gennyf fi waith hanner awr o gerdded wedyn ar hyd y Lôn Wen unig, a byddai'n rhaid i Katie fynd drwy bant tywyll y Cyrnant a'i goed cyn cyrraedd y lôn bost. Ond yr oeddem yn ifanc, ac yr oedd golygfeydd godidog o'n cwmpas ymhobman.}

[STORI: ANEC. 94]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 91] DEVELOPMENT I remember that my father was upset, afraid that he would not be allowed home from Liverpool to bury her. But he was. CONCLUSION How strong the ties are that bind a family together.

I have a notion to talk about one of Mam's sisters, [...]

[...] Then leaving, with no sign of haste, pausing every now and then to stress a point in the conversation.

DEVELOPMENT I remember once that my cousin came on her own to escort me, one moonlit night in September. Halfway up the slope of Alltgoed Mawr we sat down at the edge of the bank, and it was a little after ten. A quarryman came by with his dog. 'A fine night girls,' he said, and that was all. We started laughing until we were almost hysterical and laughing about nothing, except that the man had said 'fine' in an odd way, drawling it something like this, 'f-i-i-i-ne'. {I still had a half-hour walk along the lonely Lôn Wen, and Katie had to go down the dark hollow of the Cyrnant and its woods before reaching the lane. But we were young, and there were wonderful views all around us.}

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DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf aros dros nos unwaith yn y 'Rala, fel y gwnawn yn aml, a'r bore hwn, siarsiodd Katie fi nad oeddwn i godi yn rhy fore, ac y deuai hi i alw arnaf. Gwyddwn fod gan fy modryb waith mawr tua'r beudai, ond ni ddeallwn y pwyslais ar aros yn hir yn fy ngwely. Disgwyl a disgwyl am oriau debygwn i. O'r diwedd, blino a chodi. Yr oedd pob man yn ddistaw pan ddisgynnwn i lawr y grisiau. Agorais ddrws y gegin yn araf, ac er fy mawr syndod yr oedd dyn yn eistedd yn y gadair wrth y tân, mewn hen ddillad reit flêr, a'i law dan ei ben yn edrych i'r tân. Ochr ei ben oedd ataf fi, ac oddi wrth ei osgo yr oedd golwg ddigalon arno. Sefais yn stond, yn methu gwybod beth i'w wneud, gan y gwyddwn nad oedd dyn i fod o gwmpas y tŷ, yr oedd fy ewythr yn ddigon pell yn y chwarel. Sefais felly yn y lobi am funudau. Toc, dyma'r dyn yn dechrau gwegian dros ei holl gorff fel petai'n crïo, ond canfûm mewn eiliad mai chwerthin yr oedd, a'r pryd hwnnw y gwawriodd arnaf mai fy modryb oedd y dyn, wedi gwisgo hen ddillad i'm hewythr. {Yr oedd yna gynllwyn rhwng y ddwy i'm dychryn i ar yr awr fore honno o'r dydd.} **CONCLUSION** Fel YNA, er y gweithio caled yn y 'Rala, yr oedd amser hefyd i chwarae drama ar ganol gwaith. Cafodd y tri flynyddoedd fel yna o fywyd di-dramgwydd a di-ffwdan. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 10, p. 131 [...] Ambell ddiwrnod byddai'n ddigalon iawn, a pha ryfedd, a cheisiai mam wneud popeth i godi ei galon.

DEVELOPMENT Ar un o'r dyddiau tywyll hynny, dywedodd wrth Huw, er mwyn codi ei galon, ei bod am gymryd arni mynd o'i cho a rhedeg fel peth gwyllt o gwmpas y caeau a oedd tu cefn i'r tŷ. Yr oedd y caeau hyn yn wynebu'r capel, y siop a'r rhes tai a oedd yn ganolfan i'r pentref, ac yng ngolwg pwy bynnag a safai yn y fan honno. Felly, ni byddai'n waeth i mam wneud ei champau lloerig ar Faes Caernarfon mwy nag ar y caeau hynny ddim, gan mor gyhoeddus oeddynt. Gwenodd Huw'n ddifrifol gynnil, a meddai, 'Beth fasa Evan Griffith y Siop yn i ddeud?' Un o berchenogion y siop oedd Evan Griffith, a blaenor yn ein capel ni. Mam a chwarddodd fwyaf, {oherwydd i Huw weled golwg ddigrifach i'r peth nag a

Wrth feddwl am salwch Huw, byddaf yn meddwl peth mor ddianghenraid oedd ei farw cynnar. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 93]

DEVELOPMENT °I remember staying overnight once in the 'Rala, as I often did, and that morning Katie warned me not to get up too early, and that she would come and call me. I knew my aunt had a lot of work in the cowsheds, but I didn't understand the emphasis on staying longer in bed. I waited and waited for what seemed like hours. At last, tired of it, I got up. Everything was quiet when I went downstairs. I opened the kitchen door slowly, and to my surprise there was a man sitting in a chair by the fire, dressed rather untidily, his hand under his head, looking into the fire. The side of his head was towards me, and from his bearing he appeared to be sad. I stood still, not knowing what to do, because I knew there wasn't supposed to be a man around the house, as my uncle was far enough away in the quarry. I stood like this in the hall for minutes. Then, the man's whole body began to rock as if he were crying, but in a moment I knew he was laughing, and then it dawned on me that the man was my aunt, wearing my uncle's old clothes. {There had been a plot between the two of them to give me a fright at that early hour of the day.} CONCLUSION °Like THAT, in spite of the hard work at the 'Rala, there was always time to play-act in the midst of work. The three of them had years like this of uneventful and untroubled life. [...]

[...] Some days he would be very sad, not surprisingly, and Mam did everything to raise his spirits.

DEVELOPMENT On one of those dark days, she said to Huw, to cheer him up, that she was going to pretend to be mad and run like a wild thing around the fields behind the house. These fields faced the chapel, the shop and a row of houses that were in the middle of the village, and in full view of everybody standing there. So, Mam might as well have performed her antics on the Maes in Caernarfon as in those fields, as they were so public. Huw smiled rather solemnly, and said, 'What would Evan Griffith the shop say?' Evan Griffith was one of the owners of the shop and a deacon in our chapel. It was my mother who laughed most, {because Huw had seen a funnier side of it than she had}.

Thinking of Huw's illness, I realise how unnecessary his early death was. [...]

# A.2.9 11: Hen Gymeriad 'An Old Character'

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 133 [...] Yn ôl yr hyn a glywais hefyd, nid oedd Mary Williams yn olygus, ond gwisgai'n grand. Yn wir, llawer iawn a glywsom ni am ei dillad ganddi hi ei hun. EXPOSITION Yr oedd ganddi siwt liw hufen unwaith, a het i gyd-fynd â hi, a phluen estrys hanner piws a hanner melyn ar yr het. DEVELOPMENT Dywedodd wrthym i bobl capel y Waun stopio canu i edrych arni pan gerddodd i mewn i'r capel yn y siwt hon. Modd bynnag, syrthiodd hi a Lewsyn (fel y galwai hi ef) mewn cariad a phriodasant. [...]

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Wylo dros y brithyll yn y dŵr oer y byddwn i.

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 135 ABSTRACT Digwyddodd YCHYDIG DRYCHINEBAU ar yr achlysuron hyn pan âi mam oddi cartref. EXPOSITION Yr oedd gennym gath gloff — ei throed wedi mynd i drap ers blynyddoedd. Er hynny daliai i allu neidio cystal ag erioed. Byddem yn rhoi ein dwylo wrth ei gilydd, estyn ein breichiau allan, a dweud, 'Cym pic', a byddai'r gath yn neidio dros ein breichiau. DEVELOPMENT Y tro hwn neidiodd drostynt ac ar silff y cwpwrdd gwydr, a dymchwel peth a elwid gennym ni yn 'bot fflwar', sef cas gwydr am flodau ffug a dol. Mary Williams a boenai ynghylch y peth ac nid y ni. Ond ni ddywedwyd fawr ddim wedi i mam ddyfod adre. [STORI: ANEC. 98]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 136 [STORI: ANEC. 97] DEVELOPMENT Dro arall, rhoes bwys o gaws rhwng pedwar ohonom i'w fwyta adeg te. Yr oedd mam wedi ei syfrdanu pan ddychwelodd, nid oherwydd gwerth y caws, ond wrth feddwl am ei effaith ar ein cylla, a'n gweld i gyd yn sâl yn y nos. 'Tw,' meddai Mary Williams, 'lles wnelo fo yn 'u bolia nhw.' [STORI: ANEC. 99]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 136 [STORI: ANEC. 98] DEVELOPMENT Dro arall yr oeddem i gyd, ac eithrio un, yn ein gwely dan y frech goch pan gychwynnai mam i'r Groeslon. Yr oedd Evan, yr unig un iach, o gwmpas tair neu bedair oed. Meddyliodd yr hen wraig ei fod yntau yn clwyfo am y frech, a rhoes bwnsyn cryf o wisgi iddo. Erbyn i mam ddychwelyd y tro hwn, yr oeddem i gyd yn y gwely, ac Evan yn cysgu'n drwm. Erbyn bore trannoeth, modd bynnag, yr oedd ef fel y gog, ac yn amlwg wedi cael sbri hollol ddialw amdani y diwrnod cynt.

Ychydig grap a oedd gan Mary Williams ar wnïo, ond da oedd cael pob help, a byddai'n helpu efo thrwsio. [...]

[...] And also according to what I heard, Mary Williams was not good-looking, but she dressed well. In fact, much of what we heard about her clothes came from Mary herself. EXPOSITION °She had a cream suit once, with a hat to match, with an ostrich feather half purple, half yellow. DEVELOPMENT She told us that the congregation of Waun chapel stopped singing to look at her as she walked into the chapel in this outfit. However, she and Lewsyn (as she called him), fell in love and married. [...]

°I used to cry for the little trout in the cold water.

ABSTRACT There were A FEW DISASTERS on occasions when Mam was away from home. EXPOSITION We had a lame cat — her foot had been caught in a trap years ago. Despite this she could leap as well as ever. We would put our hands together, stretch out our arms and say, 'Cym pic', and the cat would jump over our arms.

DEVELOPMENT o'This time she leaped over onto a shelf of the glass cupboard, and knocked over something we called a 'flower pot', which was a glass bell covering artificial flowers and a doll. It was Mary who worried about it, not us. But not a lot was said about it when Mam came home. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 98]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 97] DEVELOPMENT Another time, she gave us a pound of cheese between the four of us to eat for our tea. Mam was shocked when she heard, not because of the cost of the cheese, but the effect on our stomachs, and us being ill in the night. 'Tw!' said Mary Williams, 'it will do good in their stomachs.' [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 99]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 98] DEVELOPMENT Another time we were all but one in bed with measles when Mam left for Groeslon. Evan, the only one who was well, was about three or four years old. The old woman thought he was starting measles too, so she gave him a strong slug of whisky. By the time Mam got home we were all in bed, and Evan fast asleep. By next morning, however, he was as bright as a button, having obviously had too much to drink the day before.

Mary Williams had little idea of sewing, but any help was good, and she would help with the mending. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 136 ¶ Ychydig grap a oedd gan Mary Williams ar wnïo, ond da oedd cael pob help, a byddai'n helpu efo thrwsio. Ond digon surbwch y byddai fy nhad a'm brodyr wrth fynd i'r chwarel a chlwt ar ffurf gellygen ar ben glin eu trywsus melfaréd. Development Un tro, rhoes glwt ar le nad oedd ei eisiau yn nhrywsus Evan, ac yntau drannoeth yn rhedeg adref o'r ysgol dan grïo a gweiddi, oherwydd yr anghysur corfforol a ddioddefasai oherwydd hynny. Yr oedd yn rhy fychan i ddeall, neu heb feddwl y gallai ddatod ei fresus. [Stori: Anec. 101]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 11, p. 136 [STORI: ANEC. 100] DEVELOPMENT Ar ei chyfaddefiad hi ei hun prynasai gôt hogan i Huw ei bachgen unwaith, a Lewsyn a ddangosodd hynny iddi. Ond er gwaethaf ei bwnglera gyda chlytio a phethau felly, nid oedd dim a amharai ar ein hoffter ohoni, yn wir, testun hwyl fyddai'r pethau uchod, wedi iddynt fyned heibio. ¶

¶ Mary Williams had little idea of sewing, but any help was good, and she would help with the mending. But my father and brothers would sulk a bit about going to the quarry with a patch on the knees of their corduroy trousers shaped like a pear. DEVELOPMENT Once she put a patch on Evan's trousers where one wasn't needed, and next day he ran home from school crying and shouting because of the discomfort his body had suffered from it. He was too little to know, and didn't think of undoing his braces. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 101]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 100] DEVELOPMENT °By her own confession, she had bought a girl's coat for her son Huw once, and that it was Lewsyn who pointed it out. But the bungle she made of the patching and things like that, did not dent the affection we felt for her; indeed, such things were a subject of amusement once they had passed. ¶

## A.2.10 12: Amgylchiadau'r Cyfnod 'The Circumstances of the Time'

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 137 [...] Pobl lawen oeddynt, ac yn aml fe droent y byd gwan yn destun digrifwch. EXPOSITION Cofiaf am un teulu mawr wedi cael cryn dipyn o golledion a salwch ac yn methu talu'r rhent. DEVELOPMENT Fe orfododd perchennog eu tyddyn, gweinidog yr Efengyl gyda llaw, iddynt dalu'r rhent drwy iddynt werthu un o'r gwartheg. Yr wythnos wedyn yr oedd cyfres o benillion yn un o bapurau Cymraeg Caernarfon yn gwneud hwyl am ben y perchennog, yn gynnil mae'n wir, ond yn ddigon amlwg i'r neb a wyddai'r amgylchiadau. EPILOGUE Dysgwyd y gân gan lanciau'r fro, a buwyd yn ei chanu am amser hir. ¶ Nid arbedid stiward ychwaith, yn enwedig stiwardiaid a allai fod dipyn yn ddihidio. [...]

[...] They were cheerful people, and often turned their frail world into a subject for laughter. EXPOSITION I remember one big family that had suffered quite a few losses and could not pay the rent. DEVELOPMENT The owner of their smallholding, a minister of the Gospel by the way, made them pay by selling one of their cows. The following week there was a series of verses in one of the Welsh papers making fun of the landowner, subtly it is true, but sufficiently obvious to anyone who knew the circumstances. EPILOGUE The song was learnt off by the lads in the neighbourhood and it was sung for a long time. ¶ Nor were stewards spared, especially stewards who could be a bit indifferent. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 140 ¶ Nid arbedid stiward ychwaith, yn enwedig stiwardiaid a allai fod dipyn yn ddihidio. Dyna Robert Williams, Blaen-y-waen, a'i ffraethineb yn gyrhaeddgar.

DEVELOPMENT Ar yr adeg pan ddigwyddai llawer o ddamweiniau yng Nghors y Bryniau, gweithiai Robert Williams yn y twll, a darn bygythiol iawn o graig uwch ei ben. Aeth y stiward i ben y twll a chwibanu arno i ddyfod i fyny oblegid y perygl. Ond ni chymerai'r hen ŵr yr un sylw ohono ef na'i chwibanu. O'r diwedd, gwylltiodd y stiward a chwibanu'n fwy egnïol. Pan ddaeth Robert Williams i'r lan, meddai'r stiward, 'Robert Williams, oeddach chi ddim yn fy nghlywad i'n chwibanu?' 'Oeddwn,' meddai yntau, 'ond wyddwn i ddim fod gynnoch chi leisans i gadw ci.'

A chofiaf am gymeriad arall, mwy diniwed, yn chwarel Cors y Bryniau.

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 141 [...] Âi i siarad â John yn fynych, ac yn wir, nid oedd Cymraeg y ddau yn wahanol iawn i'w gilydd, am wahanol reswm, wrth gwrs. DEVELOPMENT Un diwrnod aeth Mr. Menzies ati i ddysgu tipyn o foesau da i John, yn wir, heb i chwi ei adnabod, fe swniai atebion sydyn, ffwrbwt yr olaf dipyn yn amharchus. 'Eisio ti galw "Syr" arna i,' meddai Mr. Menzies. 'Be fi gwbod Syr enw di,' meddai John.

Mae'n debyg fod â wnelo fy mreuddwydion golau dydd i rywbeth â'r amgylchiadau anodd.  $\P$ 

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 142 Cofiaf yn dda am ddyn ifanc o Rostryfan, a ddaeth wedyn i fyw i Rosgadfan, yn ymfudo i ardaloedd chwareli Poultney, ond a ddychwelodd ymhen blwyddyn union am fod hiraeth yn ei ladd, a'r un faint yn union yn ei boced ag a oedd ganddo yn cychwyn. ABSTRACT Clywais ef yn adrodd stori dda amdano ei hun ar fwrdd y llong. **EXPOSITION** Yr oedd William Jones yn ddyn tal, glandeg, bob amser yn drwsiadus ei wisg, ac yn lân. **DEVELOPMENT** Ar fwrdd y llong cymerodd rhyw Sais ddiddordeb mawr ynddo, gellir yn hawdd ddychmygu hynny. {Ychydig iawn o Saesneg a oedd ganddo, ac yr oedd ymarfer yr ychydig hwnnw yn dreth drom arno ac yn ei flino.} O'r diwedd, pallodd ei amynedd, a dyma fo'n dweud wrth y Sais, 'O dam, why don't you speak Welsh to me.' ¶ Gellid ysgrifennu llyfr ar y rhai a ymfudodd o'm hen gartref i Lerpwl. [...]

¶ Nor were stewards spared, especially stewards who could be a bit indifferent. There was Robert Williams, Blaen-y-waen, and his incisive wit. Development °At the time when a lot of accidents occurred in Cors y Bryniau, Robert Williams was working in the pit with a very dangerous piece of rock above him. The steward came to the top of the pit and whistled to him to come up because of the danger. But the old man took no notice of him or his whistling. In the end the steward lost his temper and whistled more fiercely. When Robert Williams came up the steward said, 'Robert Williams, did you not hear me whistle?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'but I didn't know you had a licence to keep a dog.'

And I remember another character, more innocent, in Cors y Bryniau quarry.

[...] He often went to talk to John, and indeed the Welsh of the two was not so different, for different reasons of course. DEVELOPMENT One day Mr Menzies went to teach John some good manners, for indeed, if you didn't know him, the sudden, abrupt answers could sound a little disrespectful. 'I want you to call me "Sir",' said Mr Menzies. 'How I know Sir your name?' said John.

Probably my daydreams had something to do with the harsh conditions.  $\P$ 

I remember well a young man from Rhostryfan, who later came to live in Rhosgadfan, emigrating to the quarrying areas of Poultney, but who was back by the end of the year because homesickness was killing him, with exactly the same sum in his pocket as he started off with.

ABSTRACT I heard him tell a good story about himself on board the ship. EXPOSITION 'William Jones was a tall, handsome man, always neatly dressed and clean. DEVELOPMENT On board ship an Englishman took a great interest in him, which is understandable. {He had very little English, and practising it was a great strain and tiring for him.} In the end his patience failed and he said to the Englishman, 'Oh damn, why don't you speak Welsh to me.' ¶ You could write a book about those who emigrated from my old home to Liverpool. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 143 [...] Aent ddrib-drab cyn rhyfel 1914-18, ond yn ystod y rhyfel hwnnw dylifasant yno, i Bootle gan mwyaf. Daeth y mwyafrif o'r rhai hynny'n ôl, ond nid y cyfan. ABSTRACT Clywais lawer stori ddigri gan fy mrawd. **EXPOSITION** Aeth William Jones y soniais amdano uchod i Bootle, a chai'r un drafferth gyda'i Saesneg yno, gan iddo fod mor anffortunus â chael llety gyda Saeson. **DEVELOPMENT** Digwyddodd fy mrawd alw yn ei lety ryw brynhawn Sul, a dyna lle'r oedd William Jones a'i wallt i fyny'n syth gan gynnwrf yn methu cael gan ei wraig lety ddeall yr hyn yr oedd arno ei eisiau, a'r wraig lety hithau bron mewn dagrau am na fedrai ei ddeall. Yr oedd ar William eisiau benthyg 'case' meddai hi, ond er dangos iddo fag dal dillad a phob dim, ni wnâi dim y tro. 'Be sydd arnat ti eisio, Wil?' meddai fy mrawd. 'Eisiau benthyg cas llythyr i sgwennu i Maggie!!' meddai yntau. (Yr oedd yn briod erbyn hyn.) Yr oedd yn ormod o Gymro i allu troi'r cas llythyr yn envelope. **EPILOGUE** Ni bu byw'n hir ar ôl dychwelyd o Lerpwl, yr oedd yn un o'r degau a fu farw o'r adwyth anwydog a ddaeth dros y wlad ar ôl y rhyfel.

Byddai un arall o'r rhai a aeth i Bootle, mab Cae Cipris, Rhostryfan, yn myned i'r capel bob bore Sul. [...]

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ch. 12, p. 144

¶ Un arall o'r bobl hyn oedd un a elwid yn John James gan bawb, er mai Owen oedd ei gyfenw, mi gredaf. **EXPOSITION** Aethai ef cyn y rhyfel i weithio i'r pyllau glo yn Sir Gaerhirfryn. Fe aeth nifer i'r fan honno hefyd tua 1912 a 1913. DEVELOPMENT Un diwrnod pan oedd i lawr yn y pwll, dyma fo'n edrych i fyny, a daeth arswyd arno, ac meddai wrtho ef ei hun, 'Wel, mi rydw i'n fyw rŵan.' Dyna'r cwbl, ond mae'r awgrym am beth oedd ei syniad ef am y dyfodol yn amlwg. Cododd ac aeth i fyny o'r pwll. Aeth i'w lety a chychwynnodd am Sir Gaernarfon, ond nid heb weld rhai o'i gyfeillion. Dywedasant hwythau wrtho am gofio newid trên yng Nghaer. Nid oedd ganddo fawr Saesneg. Fe newidiodd yng Nghaer, ac aeth i'r trên cyntaf a welodd, a glanio yng Nghaerdydd. Mae'n rhaid bod rhywun wedi deall yn y fan honno a'i roi ar drên y Gogledd, a phapur mawr ar ei gefn gydag ysgrifen fras arno yn gorchymyn i bwy bynnag a'i gwelai ei gyfeirio i Gaernarfon.

[STORI: ANEC. 108]

[...] They left in dribs and drabs before the 1914–18 war, but during that war they flooded there, mainly to Bootle. Most of them returned, but not all. ABSTRACT I heard many funny stories from my brother. **EXPOSITION** °William Jones, referred to above, went to Bootle, and he had the same trouble with his English there, as unfortunately he got lodgings with English people. **DEVELOPMENT** My brother happened to call at his lodgings one Sunday afternoon, and there was William Jones, his hair sticking straight up with agitation, unable to get the landlady to understand what he wanted, and the landlady almost in tears because she could not understand him. She said that William wanted to borrow a 'case', but though he had been offered a holdall for clothes and all manner of other things, nothing would do. 'What is it you want, Wil?' asked my brother. 'I want to borrow a letter case to write to Maggie!' he said. (He was married by now.) He was too much of a Welshman to be able to turn the letter case into an envelope. | EPILOGUE | He did not live long after he returned from Liverpool, but was one of the scores who died of the 'flu that swept the country after the war.

Another of those who went to Bootle, the son of Cae Cipris, Rhostryfan, went to chapel every Sunday morning. [...]

¶ Another of those people was known by everyone as John James, though his surname was Owen, I believe. **EXPOSITION** Before the war he went to work in the Lancashire coal mines. Others also went around 1912 and 1913. **DEVELOPMENT** One day when he went to the mine, he looked up, and was struck with terror, and he said to himself, 'Well, I am alive at the moment.' That's all, but it's clear how he saw his future. He got up and left the pit. He went to his lodgings and set off for Caernarfonshire, but not before he had seen some of his friends. They told him to remember to change trains in Chester. He did not have much English. He changed trains in Chester and caught the first train he saw, and ended up in Cardiff. Somebody there must have understood him and put him on the north-bound train, with a notice on his back written in bold letters telling whoever found him to direct him to Caernarfon.

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**EXPOSITION** Aeth John James wedi hynny i weithio i Bootle, ac yr oedd yno ym misoedd olaf y rhyfel. Yr oedd pethau'n ddrwg iawn gyda'r Cynghreiriaid, **DEVELOPMENT** a rhywdro yng ngwanwyn 1918 penderfynodd eglwysi Lerpwl roi un Sul i weddïo am ddiwedd y rhyfel. Cyhoeddwyd y cyfarfodydd gweddi y Sul cynt. Bore trannoeth daeth John i'w waith yn llawen iawn, a mynegi ei lawenydd i'w gyfeillion. 'Mi gewch chi weld y bydd y rhyfal drosodd gyda hyn,' meddai, 'achos mi fydd Lerpwl i gyd yn gweddïo y Sul nesaf.' 'Ia,' meddai cyfaill o'r Waun-fawr, William Peter, 'ond tydi'r Germans yn gweddïo hefyd.' 'Tw,' meddai John, 'pwy ddiawl dalltith nhw?' CONCLUSION Gwn y tadogir Y STORI YNA ar rai eraill erbyn hyn, ond yr wyf mor sicr â'm bod yn ysgrifennu rŵan, fod y STORI wedi digwydd fel YNA. Wrth gwrs, nid yw'n amhosibl iddi fod wedi digwydd yn rhywle arall hefyd. Nid wyf yn siŵr ai John James a ddywedodd pan weithiai yn y pwll glo, wrth glywed crynfeydd yn y ddaear, 'Clyw, mae hi'n bwrw glaw y tu allan.' Rhaid imi sôn am un peth arall ynglŷn â'r byd gwan. [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 145 [...] Cofiaf yn dda mai Daniel Owen, o Rostryfan, a ddeuai atom ni, hen ŵr tawel nobl, a hollol wahanol i un arall a âi o gwmpas, sef un a elwid yn 'Wil Huws ddigartre'. Buasai hogiau tref Gaernarfon yn ei alw yn 'rêl sgolar', hynny yw, yn un cyfrwys. [MWY AMDANO] ABSTRACT Dysgodd un wraig sut i gadw ei drwyn ar y maen. EXPOSITION Gwnâi iddo wagio ei boced o'r ychydig sylltau a fyddai ynddi, rhoddai hwynt mewn jwg ar y dresel, a dywedai y cai hwynt yn ôl a rhai eraill wedi eu hychwanegu atynt wedi gwneud bore o waith, ond na chai na'r rhain na'r ychwanegiad os na weithiai. Nid heb lawer o ymliw ac erfyn yr âi Wil i'r cae, DEVELOPMENT ac unwaith aeth oddi yno heb weithio, a bu'r arian yn ei ddisgwyl ar y dresel am wythnosau.

[STORI: ANEC. 110]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 107]

**EXPOSITION** John James went to Bootle after that, and he was there in the last months of the war. Things were going badly for the Allies, **DEVELOPMENT** and some time in the spring of 1918 the churches of Liverpool decided to devote one Sunday to pray for the end of the war. The prayer meetings were announced the previous Sunday. Next day John James came to work very happy, and he expressed his happiness to his friends. 'You'll see, the war will soon be over,' he said, 'because the whole of Liverpool will be praying next Sunday.' 'Yes', said William Peter, a friend from Waun-fawr, 'but won't the Germans be praying too?" 'Tut,' said John, 'but who will understand them?' **CONCLUSION** I know THIS STORY has been attributed to others by now, but I'm as sure as I'm writing now that THE STORY did happen like that. Of course it's not impossible that it happened somewhere else too. But I am not certain whether it was John James who said, when working in the pit and hearing earth tremors, 'Listen, it's raining outside.' I must mention something else about the world in recession. [...]

[...] I remember it was Daniel Owen from Rhostryfan who came to us, a quiet, fine old man, and quite different from another casual worker, one known as 'homeless Wil Hughes'. The Caernarfon town lads called him a 'real scholar', meaning he was a crafty one. [MORE ABOUT HIM] ABSTRACT One woman discovered how to keep his nose to the grindstone. EXPOSITION She made him empty his pocket of the few shillings in it, and she put them in a jug on the dresser, and said he could have them back and more when he'd done a morning's work, but that he wouldn't get them or the extra if he did not work. Only after much argument and pleading would Wil go to the field, DEVELOPMENT and once he left without doing any work, and the money waited weeks on the dresser for him.

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[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 109]

Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 145

DEVELOPMENT Daeth Wil Huws i weithio i dŷ Owen Williams, Plas Ffynnon, ryw ddiwrnod. Gwelsai ef yn rhywle y noson gynt a dywedodd wrth ei wraig y byddai yno fore trannoeth, a rhybuddiodd hi ar boen ei bywyd am gadw ei drwyn ar y maen. Fe ddaeth Wil Huws. Cafodd frecwast campus, ac aeth ati i ddyrnu â ffust. Toc, daeth i'r tŷ ac egluro i Maggie Williams nad oedd y ffust yn un dda iawn, gan ddangos ei gwendidau. Ond yr oedd gan Elis Jones yn y Gaerwen ffust dderw gampus, ac ni byddai fawr o dro yn rhedeg yno i nôl ei benthyg — yr eglurhad hwn i gyd yn glên iawn ac yn berffaith resymol. Dyna'r olwg ddwaethaf a welodd Maggie Williams arno y diwrnod hwnnw. Pan ddaeth ei gŵr adref o'r chwarel, yr oedd yn lloerig, a thynghedodd y mynnai gael gafael arno y noson honno. Aeth i lawr i'r Gaerwen, ac yr oedd ar y trywydd iawn. Sbeciodd drwy dwll clicied rhagddor y sgubor, ac yno yr oedd Wil Huws yn gorwedd mewn sach ar swp o wair glân. Dyrnodd Owen Williams y drws fel dyn cynddeiriog, gan fygwth mwrdwr a phethau gwaeth. Neidiodd Wil Huws ac allan o'i sach yn noeth lymun {(tystiai O.W. wedyn na welsai neb cyn laned)}, brysiodd wisgo amdano gan hanner crïo'n edifeiriol. "Rydw i yn dwad rŵan, Owen bach, ydw wir.' Mi gafodd ddigon o fraw y tro hwn i gyflawni ei addewid i ddyrnu yn bur fuan.

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 146 DEVELOPMENT Dro arall cyfarfu Owen Williams â Wil Huws ar y Maes yng Nghaernarfon, a daeth yr olaf ymlaen ato yn wên o glust i glust a dal deuddeg swllt ar gledr ei law. 'Yli'r hen Owan,' meddai, 'mae gin i ddigon o bres, tyd efo mi, mi tretia i di i ginio.' Ni theimlai Owen Williams ddim pang cydwybod wrth dderbyn ei gynnig, gan fod ar Wil Huws fwy iddo ef na fel arall. Aethant i demprans y Ceiliog Ffesant yn Stryd Twll-yn-Wal, a chael cinio ardderchog. Aeth Owen Williams i'r cefn wedi bwyta. Erbyn iddo ddychwelyd i'r lobi yr oedd Wil Huws wedi diflannu ac wedi dweud wrth y wraig mai Owen Williams a fyddai'n talu am y ddau ginio! Ffromi eto a chymryd y bws cyntaf a welodd a disgyn ohono yn y Bont-newydd, ond ni chafodd afael arno i gyflawni ei fygwth o hanner ei ladd.

Daeth y diwedd a ddisgwyliech i un o'i fath, [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 109]

**DEVELOPMENT** °Wil Hughes came to work at the house of Owen Williams, Plas Ffynnon, one day. He had seen Wil somewhere the previous night and had told his wife he would be there the next morning, and warned her on pain of her life to keep the man's shoulder to the wheel. Wil Hughes arrived. He had an excellent breakfast, and went to begin threshing with a flail. 'Soon he came into the house and explained to Maggie Williams that the flail was not a very good one, and showed her its faults. But Elis Jones in the Gaerwen had an excellent oak flail, and it wouldn't take long to run there and borrow it this whole explanation was very agreeable and perfectly reasonable. That was the last that Maggie Williams saw of him that day. When her husband came home from the quarry he was livid, and swore he'd get hold of him that night. He went down to the Gaerwen to sniff him out. °He spied through the latch hole in the half door of the barn, and it was there that Wil Hughes was lying in a sack on a pile of clean hay. Owen Williams banged on the door like a madman, threatening murder and worse things. Wil Hughes jumped out of his sack naked {(O.W. swore he'd never seen anyone so clean)}, rushed to get dressed half crying and sorry, 'I'm coming now, Owan bach, really I am.' He had enough of a fright this time to keep his promise to do the threshing soon.

[STORI: ANEC. 111]

DEVELOPMENT Another time Owen Williams met Wil Hughes on the Maes in Caernarfon, and the latter came up to him smiling from ear to ear and holding twelve shillings in the palm of his hand. 'Look, old Owan,' he said, I've got enough money, I'll treat you to dinner.' Owen Williams felt not a pang of conscience in accepting his offer, as Wil Hughes owed him more than he owed Wil. They went to the Cock Pheasant Temperance in Hole-in-the-Wall Street, and had an excellent dinner. Owen Williams went to the back after eating. By the time he returned to the lobby Wil Hughes had disappeared, and had told the patroness that Owen Williams would pay for both meals! Raging again and taking the next bus he saw and getting off in Bontnewydd, he did not catch him to carry out his threat to half kill him.

The end you would expect for such a one did come: [...]

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Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 146 ¶ Yn nechrau cyfnod fy mhlentyndod, pladur a ddefnyddid i ladd gwair, a phleser oedd edrych ar bladurwyr profiadol (ein cymdogion cymwynasgar oeddynt) yn lladd, a rhithm eu symudiadau'n berffaith. [...] | ABSTRACT | Cofiaf am UN

AMGYLCHIAD DONIOL ynglŷn â thorri gwair. EXPOSITION Yr oeddwn yn eneth go fawr erbyn hynny, ac yn yr Ysgol Sir, ond gartref ar wyliau, y cynhaeaf gwair braidd yn hwyr oherwydd tywydd gwlyb. Yr oedd John Jones, y torrwr, i fod i ddyfod yn y bore, ond ni ddaeth. DEVELOPMENT Felly, gan feddwl na ddôi yn y prynhawn, aeth mam i Fryn Ffynnon, tŷ fy nhaid a'm nain, i helpu gyda'r gwair yno. Mynnodd Dei, fy mrawd ieuengaf, gael myned gyda hi. Yr oedd Mos, fy mrawd-yng-nghyfraith, y soniais amdano mewn pennod flaenorol, i fod i ddyfod acw yn y prynhawn i helpu gyda'r chwalu gwneifiau, am ei fod yn gweithio stemiau, ac felly yn rhydd yn y prynhawn ('gweithio stemiau' yw'r term sy'n gyfystyr i weithio shifft yn y pwll glo, ond mai ar adegau neilltuol yn unig y gweithid stemiau). Ond rhwystrodd rhywbeth ef rhag dyfod. Fe ddaeth John Jones yn y prynhawn, a neb ond y fi gartref. Yr oedd y torrwr heb gael amser i roi min ar gyllyll ei beiriant, a dyma fynd ati i'w rhoi ar y maen, a finnau'n troi'r handlen. Yr holl amser y bûm yn troi, y cwbl a gefais gan John Jones oedd, 'Yn tydi'r Dei yna'n un rhyfadd, yn mynd i Bryn Ffynnon yn lle aros gartra i helpu? Yn tydi'r Mos yna yn un rhyfadd na basa fo'n dŵad fel yr oedd o wedi gaddo?' Fel yna ugeiniau o weithiau. Yr oedd hi'n ddiwrnod oer, gwyntog, dim byd tebyg i dywydd cynhaeaf gwair. Yr oedd John Jones i fod i ladd hen weirglodd fawr a oedd gennym, gryn bellter oddi wrth y tŷ. Gan ei bod ar dipyn o ar-i-fyny, lleddid ei hanner ar y tro, rhag blino'r ceffyl. Wedi i John Jones ei hel ei hun a'i injian a'i geffyl at ei gilydd, a dechrau ar ei waith, dyma fo i'r tŷ mewn dim, a gofyn i mi a ddown i'r weirglodd efo chribin i gribinio'r gwair, gan fod y gwynt ar ddwy ochr i'r darn tir, yn ei chwythu yn ôl i ddannedd y peiriant. Felly, byddai'n rhaid imi ei ddilyn efo chribin a chribinio'r gwair yn ôl ar y ddwy ochr lle y chwythai'r gwynt. Stop wedyn, a gofyn a gai Dic (y ceffyl) lith. Minnau'n gorfod gadael y cribinio i fyned i'r tŷ a gweled bod dau degell mawr o ddŵr ar y tân, a chael a chael bod yn ôl yn y weirglodd mewn pryd i gribinio'r gwair cyn iddo ef ddyfod yn ôl i'r ochr honno efo'r injian. Gan fod y ddaear mor wlyb, yr oedd yn rhaid imi wisgo clocsiau, ac nid tipyn o beth oedd rhedeg yn ôl a blaen i'r tŷ ac yn ôl. Wedi gwneud llith i Dic, yr oedd yn rhaid i John Jones a minnau gael te, a pharatoi'r pryd hwnnw wedyn mewn cromfachau. Nid anghofiaf fyth y prynhawn hwnnw o redeg a rasio. Mwynhaodd John Jones ei de yn fawr, fel y tystiolaethodd lawer gwaith wedyn wrth bobl. Dim ond un a allai wneud te yn well na mi meddai ef, a Mary Jones, ei wraig, oedd honno. **EPILOGUE** Ond ni bu'r hen gyfaill yn lladd gwair i lawer WEDYN. Dechrau ei salwch oedd ei ymddygiad rhyfedd y prynhawn hwnnw. Yr oedd ei ymennydd yn dechrau darfod. Un o Sir y Fflint ydoedd, ac wedi treulio llawer o flynyddoedd yn America. Pan af i fynwent Rhosgadfan ac edrych ar ei garreg fedd, byddaf yn dychryn wrth ddarllen nad oedd ond 42 mlwydd oed pan fu farw. Edrychai yn llawer nes i drigain. Digwyddai damweiniau yn aml yn y chwareli bychain yn y cyfnod hwn, ¶ At the time of my early childhood a scythe was used to cut the hay, and it was a pleasure to watch the experienced scythers (our obliging neighbours) mowing, and the rhythm of their movements perfect. [...] | ABSTRACT | I

remember one funny incident to do with mowing hay. **EXPOSITION** I was quite a big girl by then, and at the County School, but home on holiday, haymaking rather late because of wet weather. John Jones the mower, was expected in the morning, but he didn't come. | DEVELOPMENT So, thinking that he would not come in the afternoon, Mam went to Bryn Ffynnon, my grandparents' house, to help with the hay there. Dei, my youngest brother, insisted on going with her. Mos, my brother-in-law, mentioned in an earlier chapter, should have come over to our place to help with the tedding, because he was working shifts and was free in the afternoons. ('gweithio stemiau' is a phrase which corresponds with working a shift in a coal mine, but it was only at specific times that 'stemiau' were worked). But something prevented him coming. John Jones arrived in the afternoon, and no one at home but me. The mower had not had time to sharpen the blades of his machine, and we set about putting them to the whetstone, with me turning the handle. Throughout the time I was turning all I had from John Jones was 'Isn't that Dei an odd one, going to Bryn Ffynnon instead of staying home to help? Isn't that Mos an odd one, not coming as he promised?' Like that scores of times. It was a cold day, windy, not at all like haymaking weather. John Jones was intended to cut a big old hayfield quite a long way from the house. As it was on quite a slope, half would be moved at a time, so as not to tire the horse. When John Jones had got himself and his machine and the horse together and started on the work, he came into the house in no time to ask me to come to the hayfield with a rake to rake the hay, because the wind from both sides of the piece of land was blowing the hay back into the teeth of the machine. So I would have to follow him with a rake and comb the hay back on both sides where the wind was blowing it. Then there was another stop, and a request for mash for Dic (the horse). Then I had to leave the raking to go to the house to see that there were two big kettles of water on the fire, just about getting back to the hayfield in time to rake the hay before he reached that side with the machine. As the ground was so wet I had to wear clogs, and it wasn't an easy matter to run back and fore to the house and back again. After making mash for Dic, John Jones and I had to have tea, and then I had to prepare that tea bracketed between everything else. I will never forget that afternoon of running and rushing. John Jones enjoyed his tea very much, as he told people many times afterwards. Only one person could make tea better than me he said, and that was Mary Jones, his wife. EPILOGUE But our old friend did not cut hay for many people AFTER THAT. The start of his illness was his strange behaviour that day. His brain was beginning to go. He was from Flint, and had spent many years in America. When I go to the Rhosgadfan cemetery and look at his gravestone it frightens me to read that he was only 42 years old when he died. He looked closer to sixty. Accidents happened often in the small quarries at that time, [...]

(113) Y Lôn Wen, ch. 12, p. 150 [...] Yn y cyfamser, tyrrai pobl yno o bob man i weld lle'r ddamwain, er na allent weld fawr ddim arall. Felly y gwna pobl o hyd. DEVELOPMENT Rhyw brynhawn Sadwrn, daeth cefndyr i'm tad o Lanrug i edrych amdano (yr oedd ef wedi priodi erbyn hynny), a gofyn iddo fyned gyda hwynt i weld twll Dorothea. Dyma gychwyn a thros Ros y Cilgwyn yr eilwaith y diwrnod hwnnw i'm tad. Pan oeddent ar y Rhos dyma fachgen bach yn rhedeg i gyfarfod â hwy a gweiddi, 'Hei, mae 'na hogyn wedi syrthio i'r olwyn ddŵr.' Rhuthrasant tuag yno, a dyna lle gwelsant hogyn bach saith oed wedi ei ladd, a threuliwyd y prynhawn ganddynt hwy yn myned ôl a blaen at ei deulu a dwyn ei gorff adre. [DIWEDD Y BENNOD]

[...] In the meantime, people flocked to see the site of the disaster, though there was not much to see. That is how people always behave. DEVELOPMENT One Saturday afternoon, cousins of my father from Llanrug came to visit him (he was married by then) and asked him to go with them to see the Dorothea pit. They set off across Rhos y Cilgwyn, for the second time that day for my father. When they were on the Rhos a little boy ran towards them shouting, 'Hey, a boy has fallen into the waterwheel.' They rushed towards it, and there they saw that a little seven-year-old boy had been killed, and they spent the afternoon going to and fro to his family and bringing his body home. [THE END OF THE CHAPTER]

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[...] Llestri a gedwid yn y cypyrddau hyn yn y rhan uchaf, a dillad, megis dillad gwlâu, yng ngwaelod un, a siwtiau a hetiau yn y llall. ABSTRACT Bu TRYCHINEB yn un o'r cypyrddau hyn un tro. DEVELOPMENT Rhaid bod rhywun wedi gadael drws y cwpwrdd yn agored, a bod y gath wedi mynd i mewn, rhywun wedi cau'r drws arni heb ei gweld. Pan ollyngwyd hi allan o'r diwedd yr oedd fy het orau i wedi ei difetha am byth. {Roedd hi'n het wellt dda o liw hufen ac ymyl ddwbl o wellt melyn arni, a rhuban o sidan symudliw o gwmpas ei chorun.} [STORI: ANEC. 202]

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[STORI: ANEC. 201] ABSTRACT Digwyddodd TRYCHINEB ARALL EXPOSITION pan oedd mam wedi mynd i edrych am ei chwaer oedd yn wael, a hen wraig, Mary Williams, yn ein gwarchod. Yr oedd gennym gath gloff a allai neidio'n uchel. Byddem yn rhoi ein dwylo efo'i gilydd, dal ein breichiau allan, a'r gath yn sefyll tu mewn i gylch ein breichiau.

Dim ond gweiddi, "Cym pic," ac fe neidiai'r gath dros ein dwylo. Development Y tro hwn neidiodd reit i ganol bwrdd y cwpwrdd gwydr a thaflu rhyw ornament nes disgynnodd ar y llawr yn deilchion. {Dol mewn cas gwydr oedd yr ornament; gwyddoch amdanynt, byddai rhai ohonynt yn rhoddi miwsig allan, dim ond tynnu mewn llinyn.}

Ar yr ochr arall, o dan y ffenestr, yr oedd soffa fawr gref a chefn a breichiau rhawn iddi. [...]

[...] Dishes used to be kept in these cupboards in the upper part, and clothes, like bedclothes, in the bottom one, and suits and hats in the other one. ABSTRACT

There was a DISASTER in one of these cupboards one time. DEVELOPMENT It must be that someone had left the cupboard door open, and that the cat had come in, someone had closed the door on it without seeing it. When it was let out at last my best hat was destroyed forever. {It was a good cream coloured straw hat with a double brim made of yellow straw, and with a ribbon made of multicoloured silk around its crown.} [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 202]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 201] ABSTRACT ANOTHER DISASTER happened EXPOSITION when my mother had gone to look after her sister who was ill, and an old woman, Mary William, was keeping watch over us. We had a lame cat that could jump high. We would put our hands together, extend our arms out and the cat would stand inside the circle of our arms.

Just calling, 'Cym pic', and he would jump over our hands. DEVELOPMENT This time he jumped right to the middle of the table of the glass cupboard and threw some ornament until it fell down (and broke) into pieces. {The ornament was a doll in a glass case; you know about them, some of them would produce music, just (by) pulling a string.} In the other side, below the window, there was a large, strong soffa that had a back and arms made of coarse animal hair. [...]

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[...] Yma y byddem pan fyddem yn sâl, ac mae gennyf gof hoffus am gael bwyd yn y gwely yn y siamber hon pan fyddwn yn dechrau mendio.

**EXPOSITION** Cofiaf unwaith fod tri ohonom o dan y clefyd coch, fy nhad, brawd iau na mi a minnau, ac nid oedd dim i'w wneud ond ein rhoi efo'n gilydd. Rhwng chwech a saith oed oeddwn i. **DEVELOPMENT** Y noson gyntaf ni wyddai fawr neb ein bod yn sâl, ac ni ddaeth neb i ofyn sut yr oeddym hyd tua naw o'r gloch pan droes cymydog i mewn. Yr un pryd yr oedd tân iddwf ar fy mrawd hynaf, a thua saith o'r gloch pan aeth mam i odro cafodd gic gan y fuwch (mam yn gynhyrfus mae'n debyg). A dyna sut y gwelodd y cymydog ni, tri ohonom yn y gwely, a mam yn gorwedd ar glustogau ar lawr y siamber mewn poen mawr, fy mrawd hynaf yn y daflod, a neb ond Ifan, fy mrawd ieuengaf y pryd hynny'n dair oed, i estyn a chyrraedd. Cynghorodd y cymydog mam i roi powltis o fran bras a finegr ar ei choes, ac erbyn y bore yr oedd hi'n iawn. {Mae'n debyg fod y meddyg wedi bod rywdro.} Modd bynnag, y fi a gafodd y clefyd drymaf, a chofiaf amdanaf fy hun yn dechrau codi; tân yn y siamber, a mam yn gadael i mi godi heb help, er mwyn ymarfer. Llithrais i lawr y gwely i'r traed, a dyfod trosodd yn y fan honno. Cododd fy nghoban, a phan welodd mam fy nghoesau tenau caeodd ei llygaid. Yr oedd arni ofn eu gweld yn torri'n gratsien gan mor denau oeddynt. Wedi mynd i eistedd ar lin mam torrodd gwaed yn fy ffroenau neu yn fy mhen, a dyna lle'r oedd yn pistyllio a mam wedi dychryn am ei bywyd. Ond fe ddaeth yn well, a gorfu i minnau fynd yn ôl i'm gwely.

Yr oedd gennym daflod hefyd, [...]

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[...] Dyrnid yr ŷd yn y gongl ar sachau glân efo ffust.

DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf yn iawn unwaith i'm cefnder R.

Alun Roberts a Hughie ei frawd ddyfod acw ar brynhawn Sadwrn braf ym mis Medi, a dyna lle buom i gyd yn cymryd twrn i ffustio, a chael hwyl braf. Defnyddid y gwellt o dan y moch a'r ceirch yn fwyd i'r ieir. [...]

[...] Here we were when we were sick, and I have a nice memory of having food in bed in this room when I used to begin to recover.

EXPOSITION I remember once that three of us had the scarlet fever, my father, my younger brother and me, and there was nothing to do but to put us together. I was between six and seven years old. **DEVELOPMENT** The first evening no one knew we were sick, and no one came to to ask how we were until around nine o'clock when a neighbour came in. At the same time my oldest brother had erysipelas, and about seven o'clock when my mother went to milk, she got a kick from the cow (my mother was agitated, so it seems). And that is how the neighbour saw us, three of us in bed, and my mother lying on pillows on the room's floor in a great pain, my oldest brother in the gallery, and no one but Ifan, my youngest brother who was that time three years old, to fetch and carry. The neighbour suggested my mother to put a poultice of coarse bran and vinegar on her leg, and by the morning she was fine. {It seems the doctor had been somewhere.} Anyway, it was me who had the disease most severely, and I remember that I began to get up; there was fire (in the hearth) in the room, and my mother let me to get up without help, in order to practice. I fell down from the bed unto my feet, and came over in that place. My night-dress raised, and when my mother saw my thin legs she closed her eyes. She feared to see them break in a crashing sound, because they were so thin. After I went to sit on my mother's knee my nostrils or head began to bleed, and that is where it was flowing and my mother feared for her life. But it did become better, and it was necessary for me to go back to my bed.

We had a gallery as well, [...]

[...] The grains were threshed in the corner on clean bags with a flail. DEVELOPMENT I remember well once that my cousin R. Alun Roberts and Hughie his brother came there on a nice Saturday afternoon in September, and there is where we were together, taking turns to thresh and having fun. The hay was used under the pigs and the oats as food for the chickens. [...]

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[...] Y Seiat a'n diddorai leiaf, a chan na fyddai gwres yn y capel na'r festri, pan gawsom un, byddem yn dyheu am gael rhedeg adref at y tân. [MWY AMDANI] ABSTRACT

Cofiaf am RAI PETHAU DIGRIF yn digwydd yn y seiat.

DEVELOPMENT Evan Griffith, y Siop, blaenor, yn ein holi ar ôl inni ddweud ein hadnodau, ac yn gofyn am adnod i brofi rhyw bwnc, ac Evie Llwyncelyn yn rhoi, "Yr hen a ŵyr a'r ifanc a dybia." Y blaenor yn ei gywiro a dweud nad oedd honno ddim yn adnod, ac Evie yn dal ato ac yn dweud ei bod. [STORI: ANEC. 206]

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[STORI: ANEC. 205] **DEVELOPMENT** Fy mrawd, Evan, yn dweud ei adnod fel hyn <u>un noson</u>, "Y rhai a ymddiriedant yn yr Arglwydd a ânt rhagddynt ac a *fygant*" — yn lle *ffynnant*.

Byddai llawer o bethau eraill i'n diddori ar dymhorau neilltuol megis, [...]

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[...] Yr oedd hi a'i gŵr yn rhai glân eu clonnau ac yn ddigri, y ddau ohonynt, y hi yn ffraeth iawn ei thafod.

ABSTRACT Byddai ganddi STORÏAU am yr amser yr oedd yn gweini yn Llanwnda mewn ffarm, a'r Parch. Richard Humphreys, Bontnewydd, hen lanc yn lletya ar y ffarm.

DEVELOPMENT Un bore prysur aeth Mr. Humphreys i'r gegin i ofyn yn wylaidd iawn a oedd ei esgidiau yn barod.

"Nac ydyn, Mr. Humphreys," meddai hithau, "mae ar yr hen gythral hen ddynas yma eisio gweld y piseri llaeth yn sgleinio ar ben y wal yna o flaen y ffenast, a ches i ddim amser i llnau nhw."

Y Parch. R.H. yn ymgilio dan wenu i'r parlwr. Byddai bob amser yn rhoi ticed iddi os byddai rhyw gyngerdd neu rywbeth yn yr ardal.  $\P$ 

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[...] Fo fyddai cydymaith nhad wrth fynd a dŵad i'r chwarel. ABSTRACT UN STORI yr eid drosti yn amal oedd HONNO DEVELOPMENT pan alwodd nhad yno yn y bore a hwythau wedi cysgu'n hwyr, a nhad yn helpu drwy chwythu'r tân efo'r fegin. Wmffra Jones yn methu cael hyd i'w gareiau sgidiau, y plant wedi eu tynnu. [STORI: ANEC. 209]

[...] It was the *Seiat* that interested us the least, and since there was no heating in the chapel nor the vestry, when we had one (*seiat*) we used to desire to run home to the fire. [MORE ABOUT IT] ABSTRACT I remember SOME AMUSING THINGS happening in the *seiat*.

DEVELOPMENT Evan Griffith, the Shop, a deacon, examining us after we said our verses, and asking for a verse to prove some point, and Evie Llwyncelyn saying, 'The old know and the young assume'. The deacon correcting him and saying that was not a verse, while Evie insisting to say it was. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 206]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 205] **DEVELOPMENT** My brother, Evan, saying his verse like this <u>one evening</u>, 'They who put their trust in the Lord shall go forth and *suffocate'* — instead of *prosper*.

There used to be many other things to entertain us on specific times, [...]

[...] She and her husband were clean of heart and amusing, the two of them; she was very sharped-tongued.

ABSTRACT She used to have STORIES about the time she was in service in Llanwnda in a farm, while Rev. Richard Humphreys, of Pontnewydd, was an old bachelor lodging in the farm.

DEVELOPMENT One busy morning Mr. Humphreys went to the kitchen to ask very shyly whether his shoes were ready.

'They aren't, Mr. Humphreys,' she said, 'this old devil of an old woman wants to see the milk pitchers shining on the top of that wall in front of the window, and I had no time to clean them.'

Rev. R.H. departing to the parlour, smiling. He used to give her a ticket if there was some concert or something in the area.  $\P$ 

[...] It was he who used to be my father's walking companion, going to and returning from the quarry.

ABSTRACT ONE STORY that was frequently repeated was THAT, DEVELOPMENT when my father called there in the morning while they had been sleeping late, and my father helped by blowing on the fire with a pair of bellows. Wmffra Jones failing to find his shoelaces; the children having pulled them. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 209]

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[STORI: ANEC. 208] ABSTRACT A'R STORI ARALL HONNO wedyn EXPOSITION wrth ddyfod adre o'r chwarel, DEVELOPMENT pan ddaru'r ddau smalio cwffio o flaen rhyw res o dai, lle'r oedd y merched ar ben drws bob pnawn pan basient, a hwythau yn gwrthwynebu hynny. Wedi i un ohonynt weiddi ar y merched, "Tyst ohonoch chi fod y dyn yma wedi ymosod arna i," diflannodd pob un i'w thŷ, EPILOGUE ac ni welwyd mohonynt ar ben drws WEDYN. [STORI: ANEC. 210]

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[STORI: ANEC. 209] ABSTRACT UN ARALL O'R STRAEON fyddai HONNO amdano ef a Nani, ei wraig, yn mynd i'r Sŵ yn Belle Vue, Manceinion. EXPOSITION Yr oedd plu estrys yn ffasiynol ar hetiau y pryd hynny, ac yn eitha drud.

**DEVELOPMENT** Cafodd mwnci afael ar bluen estrys Nani, a'i thynnu i mewn i'w gawell, ac ni welwyd byth moni. Yr unig gŵyn a gafodd y wraig gan ei gŵr oedd, "Tendia Nani ne dy ben di eith nesa." [STORI: ANEC. 211]

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[STORI: ANEC. 210] **EXPOSITION** Fel yna y treulid gyda'r nos, **DEVELOPMENT** ac <u>un noswaith</u> fe aeth mor hwyr nes cododd Wmffra Jones mor sydyn nes taro ei ben yn y simdde fawr a disgyn yn ôl i'w gadair yr un mor sydyn. Un arall y byddem yn hoff iawn o'i weld yn galw fyddai fy mrawd-yng-nghyfraith, Mos, [...]

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¶ Chwarddwr mawr oedd Mos, am ben ei storïau ei hun neu am ben storïau pobl eraill, un o'r ychydig y gellid ei oddef yn chwerthin am ben ei storïau ei hun. DEVELOPMENT Y fo a adawodd i'r pwdin Nadolig ferwi'n sych nes oedd y pwdin yn golsyn. Bob amser sôn am y troeon digri yn y chwarel y byddid, [...]

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[...] Bob amser sôn am y troeon digri yn y chwarel y byddid, am ryw gymeriad od, megis y bachgen diniwed, glân ei galon y byddent yn ei bryfocio o hyd am ei fod yn credu pob dim a ddywedid wrtho, DEVELOPMENT megis dweud wrtho nad oedd yna ddim tîm pêl droed yn Llundain. "Chlywis di rioed am dîm o'r enw 'London United?" meddai chwarelwr wrtho. "Wel, naddo, erbyn meddwl," meddai'r bachgen diniwed. A'r straeon am gymeriad o'r enw "Ned Ryd." [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 208] ABSTRACT And THAT OTHER STORY after that, EXPOSITION coming home from the quarry, DEVELOPMENT when the two faked a fight in front of some row of houses, where the women were by the door every afternoon when they used to process, and they opposed it. After one of them shouted at the women, 'You are a witness that this man here has attacked me,' every one of them disappeared into their house, EPILOGUE and they were not seen by the door AFTER THAT. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 210]

[STORI: ANEC. 209] ABSTRACT ANOTHER OF THE STORIES would be THAT ONE about him and Nani, his wife, going to the zoo in Belle Vue, Manceinion. EXPOSITION Ostrich feathers were fashionable on hats that time, and extremely expensive.

**DEVELOPMENT** A monkey got hold of Nani's ostrich feather and pulled it into the cage, and it was not ever seen after that. The only pity the wife had from her husband was, 'Look out, Nani, or it's your head that will go next'. [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 211]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 209] **EXPOSITION** The evenings were spent like this, **DEVELOPMENT** and one evening it became so late that Wmffra Jones stood up so suddenly that he hit his head on the large chimney and fell back to his chair just as suddenly.

Another one whom we liked very much to see calling would be my brother-in-law, Mos, [...]

¶ Mos was a great laugher, laughing at his own stories or at stories of other people, one of the few one could bear to laugh at their own stories. DEVELOPMENT It was him who let the Christmas pudding boil dry until it became a cinder. Every time funny incidents in the quarry were mentioned, [...]

[...] [...] Every time funny incidents in the quarry were mentioned, about some odd character, like the innocent boy, clean of heart, who they would provoke all the time because he would believe everything that he was told, <code>DEVELOPMENT</code> like telling him that there is no football team in London. 'Have you ever heard about a team called "London United"?" said a quarryman to him. 'Well, I haven't, now that I think about it,' said the innocent boy. And the stories about a character called 'Ned Ryd'. [...]

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[...] A'r straeon am gymeriad o'r enw "Ned Ryd."

ABSTRACT UN STORI am y gŵr hwnnw oedd HON.

EXPOSITION Byddai Ned ar ôl yn cyrraedd y chwarel o hyd ac o hyd, DEVELOPMENT ac un bore yr oedd yn hwyrach nag arfer, a'r stiward, John Evans, Dorothea, yn cyfarfod ag ef ar y bonc. "Ple buost ti heddiw?" gofynnodd y stiward. "Wel, mi ddweda i ichi, Mr. Evans," meddai Ned. "Mi ges hen freuddwyd cas iawn. Mi freuddwydis fy mod i wedi marw, ac wedi mynd i uffern, a honno yn llawn dop o Gristionogion a phobol barchus, a faswn i ddim yma eto onibai i rywun ddweud bod yn rhaid i mi fynd allan er mwyn gneud lle i John Evans, Dorothea." Neu byddent yn trafod cymeriadau â rhyw hynodrwydd ynddynt, [...]

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¶ Ond i fynd yn ôl i'r Ysgol, Saesneg oedd iaith pob gwers.

DEVELOPMENT Rhyw ddiwrnod a ninnau'n cael gwers

Ladin, cerddodd gŵr bychan gwargam i mewn, ei gorff
wedi ei gamystumio gan gricymalau. {Mr. Owen Owen, prif
arolygwr y Bwrdd Canol, ydoedd.} Gofynnodd yn fonheddig
iawn i'r athro a gâi gymryd y wers. Byth nid anghofiaf
ei lygaid hardd wrth egluro inni yn Gymraeg gystrawen
Ladin, peth a ddangosodd imi mewn munud y buasai'i
well pe caem ddysgu Lladin trwy'r Gymraeg. Eto yr oedd
yr athro hwn yn athro da petai mewn ysgol yn Lloegr,
ac yn rhoi inni ddiwylliant. [...]

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[...] Nid eglurai hon ddim o dermau'r pwnc inni, dim ond darllen nodiadau inni, bob yn ail a darllen rhywbeth o dan y bwrdd yn y lab. DEVELOPMENT Un diwrnod aeth allan o'r ystafell: rhedodd un o'r genethod a rhoi ei chefn ar y drws, ac un arall i weld beth oedd ganddi i'w ddarllen dan y bwrdd. {Copi o nofel oedd ganddi yno a chopi o'r Beibl.} Ni wyddech ar y ddaear beth a ddigwyddai i'ch marciau. [...]

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[...] Dim ond dwy blaid oedd yn bod y pryd hynny, y Blaid Ryddfrydol a'r Blaid Dorïaidd. EXPOSITION Cofiaf am un ferch yn gwisgo botwm â llun Lloyd George arno; yr oedd ei thad yn Rhyddfrydwr mawr. DEVELOPMENT Un bore pan ddaeth i'r ysgol, rhuthrodd merch i Dori rhonc iddi a thynnu'r botwm oddi ar ei gwisg. Aeth yn gwffio gwyllt rhwng y ddwy.

Byddwn yn mynd i gyfarfodydd gwleidyddol yn y dref. [...]

[...] And the stories about a character called 'Ned Ryd'.

ABSTRACT ONE STORY about that man was THIS ONE.

EXPOSITION Ned used to come late to the quarry all the time, DEVELOPMENT and one morning he came later than usual and the steward, John Evans of Dorothea, met him on the 'gallery' [a kind of a step in a slate quarry]. 'Where were you today?" asked the steward. 'Well, I will tell you, Mr. Evans,' said Ned. 'I had a terrible dream. I dreamt I had died and went to hell, and it was full to the brim with Christians and respectable people, and I wouldn't be here were it not for someone who said I must leave in order to make a place for John Evans of Dorothea.' And they used to discuss characters that had some peculiarity, [...]

¶ But returning back to the school, the language of every class was English. DEVELOPMENT One day when we had a Latin class, came a small humpbacked man in, his body curved by muscular rheumatism. {He was Mr. Owen Owen, the chief inspector of the Central Board [the Central Welsh Board for Intermediate Education in Wales].} He asked the teacher in a very gentleman-like manner whether he may take the class. I will never forget his beautiful eyes when he explained to us Latin syntax in Welsh, a thing which showed me in a minute that it would be better if we had been taught Latin through the medium of Welsh. Yet again, this teacher would be a good teacher were he in a school in England, and he gave us culture. [...]

[...] She did not explain to us any of the terms of the subject, only read us notes, or alternatively read something under the lab table. Development One day she went out of the room: one of the girls ran and leaned her back on the door, and another went to see what was there for her to read under the table. {She had a copy of a novel and a copy of the Bible.} You would not know what on earth would happen to your marks. [...]

¶ There were only two parties that time, the Liberal Party and Tory Party. EXPOSITION I remember one girl wearing a pin with a picture of Lloyd George; her father was a great Liberal. DEVELOPMENT One day when she came to school, a daughter of a proud Tory and pulled the pin off her garment. It became a wild fight between the two.

I used to go to political meetings in the town. [...]

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¶ Byddwn yn mynd i gyfarfodydd gwleidyddol yn y dref. EXPOSITION Cofiaf am un cyfarfod arbennig yn y Guild Hall (gresyn ei thynnu i lawr) gan y Rhyddfrydwyr, a'r bobl hyn yn siarad: Syr Ellis Jones Griffith, Y Parch. Stanley Jones, Salem, Y Parch. Evan Jones, Moreia, a'r Parch. J. E. Hughes, Seilo, pobl athrylithgar i gyd. DEVELOPMENT Dywedodd Mr. Stanley Jones fod Lloyd George wedi gwneud pobl yn Annibynwyr drwy roi pensiwn i hen bobl. {Chwi gofiwch mai coron yr wythnos ydoedd.}

Dwy wers a gaem yn y prynhawn yn Ysgol Sir, Caernarfon, [...]

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¶ Dysgid inni ddigon o hanes Cymru yn y chweched dosbarth. Cymraes heb Gymraeg oedd yr athrawes.

DEVELOPMENT Un wythnos rhoes draethawd inni i'w ysgrifennu ar Edward I fel gwladweinydd. {Gwyddwn y disgwylid inni ganmol doethineb y brenin hwnnw am uno Cymru a'r Alban â Lloegr.} Ond cymerais i yr olwg arall, a dweud ei bod yn amhosibl cyfuno'r Alban a Chymru efo gwlad mor annhebyg â Lloegr. Pan gefais y traethawd yn ôl, gwelais mai pedwar marc allan o ugain a gawswn amdano. Galwodd yr athrawes fi i'r llawr, rhoes dafod iawn imi am ddweud ffasiwn beth. Doedd gen i ddim hawl i'w ddweud. Torri i grïo wnes i.

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[...] Yr oedd ganddi'r dychymyg i ddyfeisio drygau. EXPOSITION Eisteddai y tu ôl i mi wrth y ffenestr yn y wers Ladin un tro, DEVELOPMENT a dyna lle'r oedd hi yn chwarae efo cordyn bleind y ffenest. {Gwyddoch am yr hen fleinds hen ffasiwn efo cordyn ar y canol, rhowch blwc ar y cordyn ac mae'n neidio i fyny.} Toc dyma hi'n rhoi'r cordyn o gwmpas fy ngwddw. {Nid oeddwn innau yn hoffi ei dynnu rhag galw sylw'r athro at y peth.} Y peth nesa a wyddwn oedd ei bod wedi rhoi cwlwm rhedeg ar y cordyn, a dyma hi'n rhoi plwc sydyn nes syrthiodd fy mhen i'n ôl. Gwelodd yr athro y peth, ac meddai, "Never mind, Kate, you'll never come to that." EPILOGUE Wel, ni chafodd yr un ohonom ein crogi.

[STORI: ANEC. 221]

[...] I used to go to political meetings in the town. EXPOSITION I remember a special meeting in the Guild Hall (it's a pity it was taken down) by the Liberals, and these people spoke: Sir Ellis Jones Griffith, Rev. Stanley Jones of Salem, Rev. Evan Jones of Moreia, a'r Rev. J. E. Hughes of Seilo, all very talented people. DEVELOPMENT Mr. Stanley Jones said that Lloyd George had made people Independent by giving pensions to old people. {Do remember he was the crown of the week.}

We had two classes in the afternoon in the County School, Caernarfon, [...]

¶ We were taught plenty of Welsh history in the sixth year. The teacher was a Welsh woman who had no Welsh.

DEVELOPMENT One week she gave us an essay to write about Edward I as a statesman. {I knew it was expected of us to praise that king's wisdom for uniting Wales and Scotland with England.} But I took the other view, and said that it is impossible to bring together Scotland and Wales with so dissimilar of a country like England. When I got the essay back, I saw that it was only four points out of twenty that I received. The teacher called me down, and gave me a proper talk for saying such a thing. I had no claim to say. I broke into tears.

And considering [...]

[...] She had the imagination for devising mischiefs. EXPOSITION She was sitting behind me by the window in Latin class one time, DEVELOPMENT and that is where she was playing with the window blinds' cord. You know about the old-fashioned blinds with a cord in the middle: you pull the cord and they jump up.} Soon here she puts the cord around my neck. {I would not like to pull it, for the fear of calling the teacher's attention to that.} The next thing I know was that she made a running knot in the cord and here she gives a sudden pull so my head fell back. The teacher saw it, and said, 'Never mind, Kate, you'll never come to that'. EPILOGUE Well, neither of us got hanged.

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**EXPOSITION** Yr oedd ein hystafell ddosbarth fechan ar y trydydd llawr ym mhen uchaf yr adeilad. **DEVELOPMENT** Un bore oer yn y gaeaf pan oedd pob dim wedi rhewi'n gorn, dyma'r gofalwr i'r ystafell, yn codi'r linoleum i fyny, ac yn tynnu darn sgwâr o'r llawr allan, darn tua llathen ysgwâr. Aeth i lawr drwy'r twll i nenfwd yr ystafell oddi tanom. Daeth i fyny a rhoi'i pethau yn eu holau. Edrychasom ar ein gilydd a gwelsom ar unwaith fod gan G. ryw gynllun yn ei phen. 'Roedd hyn yn y bore ar ôl y pader cyn dechrau ar y wers neu'r awr wag. Dyma G. â'i chynllun allan, mynd i lawr i'r nenfwd yn yr awr ginio a rhoi cath y gofalwr yno, fel y byddai'n mewian yno yn un o wersi'r pnawn. Methwyd cael gafael yn y gath, ond cafwyd cloc larwm a'i roi i fynd ar ganol y wers Ladin rhyw brynhawn. Fe wnaeth y cloc ei waith yn iawn. (Yr oeddym yn crynu gan ofn cyn i'r amser ddyfod.) Fe aeth y larwm ar ei hyd a ninnau'n gwrando â'n pennau i lawr yn disgwyl taran o dafod gan yr athro. Ond wnaeth o ddim ond gwenu. {Yr oedd o yn gallach na ni.}

Digwyddai pethau trist weithiau. [...]

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([STORI: ANEC. 221]) ¶ ABSTRACT Digwyddai pethau trist weithiau. EXPOSITION Yr oedd gan wyth ohonom arholiad mewn trigonometry ar bnawn Sadwrn.

DEVELOPMENT Yn y bore daeth un o'r wyth, Bobi Roberts o'r Waun-fawr, â menyn i'r dref, a rhwng hynny a'r arholiad aeth i ymdrochi i Afon Saint a boddwyd ef. Daeth y newydd i'r ysgol ychydig amser cyn inni fynd i mewn i'r arholiad. {Ni wn sut y medrodd neb o'r saith gweddill roi ateb ar bapur.}

[STORI: ANEC. 223]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 220]

**EXPOSITION** Our small classroom was on the third floor, at the top of the building. **DEVELOPMENT** One cold morning in the winter, when everything had frozen solid, here comes the keeper to the room, lifting the linoleum up, and pulling a square of the floor out, a piece of about a square yard. He went down through the hole to the ceiling of the room beneath us. He came up and put things back. We looked at each other and saw at once that G. had some scheme in her head. This was in the morning, after saying the Lord's Prayer and before the beginning of the lesson or the free hour. Here G.'s out with her plan: going down to the ceiling at lunchtime and putting the keeper's cat there, so it would mew there in one of the afternoon classes. The cat could not be got hold of, but an alarm clock was fetched and set to go off in the middle of Latin class some afternoon. The clock did do its job well. (We were shaking in fear before the time came). The alarm sounded until it finished and we listened with our heads down, expecting a storm of words from the teacher. But he did nothing but smiling. {He was more clever than us.}

Sometimes sad things happened. [...]

([ANECDOTE: ANEC. 221]) ¶ ABSTRACT Sometimes sad things happened. EXPOSITION Three of us had an exam in trigonometry on a Saturday afternoon.

DEVELOPMENT In the morning one of the eight, Bobi Roberts of Waun-fawr, brought butter to the town and between that and the exam he went to bathe in the Afon Saint river and drowned. The news came to the school a little while before we entered the exam. {I don't know how any of the remaining seven managed to put an answer on the exam paper.}

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DEVELOPMENT Rhyw fore Llun, dyma'r prifathro yn dweud wrth yr ysgol ar ddiwedd y pader am aros ar ôl am ychydig funudau. Dyma fo'n torri'r newydd inni fod bachgen oedd yn yr ysgol y flwyddyn cynt, ac a aeth i'r Coleg Normal, Bangor, wedyn, sef R. H. Williams, wedi ei ladd y Sadwrn cynt mewn gêm bêl droed rhwng y Coleg Normal a Choleg y Brifysgol. {Byddai ymladdfeydd ffyrnig rhwng y ddau goleg bob amser. Damwain hollol oedd hi; rhoes bachgen o'r Brifysgol gic yn ddamweiniol i'r bachgen o'r Normal.} Y bachgen o'r Brifysgol oedd Tom Elwyn Jones, mab y Parch. S. T. Jones, y Rhyl. [...]

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¶ Byddai gennym barchedig ofn o J. Morris-Jones, [...] [MWY AMDANO] ABSTRACT Cofiaf imi ei chael yn iawn ganddo unwaith. DEVELOPMENT Gofynnodd am darddiad y gair cant, a dyma finnau'n rhy awyddus i ddangos fy ngwybodaeth yn dweud mai o'r Lladin centum y deuai. "Yes — NO," meddai. Yna aeth ymlaen i ddangos nad tarddiad oedd cant o centum ond bod y ddau yn tarddu o'r un gwreiddyn. Yna symudodd yn ôl, sefyll o'm blaen a dweud yn geryddgar wrthyf am beidio â dweud wrth neb byth wedyn fod cant yn tarddu o centum.

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[STORI: ANEC. 224] ¶ EXPOSITION Byddai bob amser yn hwyr yn ei ddarlithiau, yn enwedig y ddarlith gyntaf yn y bore. DEVELOPMENT Un tro penderfynasom ddysgu gwers iddo yn y dosbarth anrhydedd. Aethom i ymguddio i'r llyfrgell. Toc dyma fo'n dŵad, ac yn edrych yn bur edifeiriol. "It was the east wind, you know," meddai, a dyna'r cwbl. {Ar gefn beic cyffredin y byddai'n dyfod o Lanfair Pwll i'r Coleg.} Fe sgrifennodd Dafydd Elis Penyfed barodi ar ddull Syr John o ddarlithio yn fy Album, [...]

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[...] Y siaradwr mwyaf huawdl oedd R. J. Jones, Bwlchgwyn, Y Parch. R. J. Jones, Caerdydd. DEVELOPMENT
Un tro pan oedd Mr. Jones yn siarad, digwyddai Miss
Steele, warden yr hostel, fod yn eistedd wrth fy ochr i, ac meddai hi, "Mae arna i ofn bob amser pan fydd y dyn yma'n siarad."

Yn gysylltiedig â'r Gymdeithas Gymraeg caem eisteddfod. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 222]

DEVELOPMENT Some Monday morning, here's the headmaster telling the school after the end of the Lord's Prayer to stay for a few minutes. Here he breaks the news for us that a boy who was in school the year before and went to the Bangor Normal College afterwords, namely R. H. Williams, has died the Saturday before in a football game between the Normal College and the University College. {There used to be fierce fightings between the two colleges all of the time. It was a complete accident; a boy from the University gave a kick by accident to the boy from the Normal.} The boy from the University was Tom Elwyn Jones, the son of Rev. S. T. Jones from Rhyl. [...]

¶ We used to have a respectful fear of J. Morris-Jones, [...] [MORE ABOUT HIM] ABSTRACT I remember that I got it right from him once. DEVELOPMENT He asked about the origin of the word cant ['hundred' in Welsh], and here I was too eager to show my knowledge, saying that it is from Latin centum that it comes. "Yes — NO," he said. Then he went on to show that it was not an origin that cant was in relation to centum but the two originate from the same root. Then he moved back, stood before me and told to me reprovingly not to say to anyone ever again that cant originates from centum.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 225]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 224] ¶ EXPOSITION He used to be late to his lectures all the time, especially the first lecture in the morning. DEVELOPMENT One time we decided to teach him a lesson in the class of honours. We went to hide in the library. Soon here he comes and looks fairly repentant. 'It was the east wind, you know,' he said, and that's all. {It was on a regular bicycle that he used to come from Llanfair Pwll to the College.} Dafydd Elis of Penyfed wrote a parody about Sir John's way of lecturing in my Album, [...]

[...] The most eloquent speaker was R. J. Jones of Bwlchgwyn (Rev. R. J. Jones of Cardiff). DEVELOPMENT One time when Mr. Jones was speaking, Miss Steele, the hostel keeper, happened to be sitting by my side, and she said, 'I have a fright every time when this man speaks.' In connection with the Welsh Society we had an eisteddfod [a Welsh literary festival]. [...]

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[...] Tipyn yn ddadleugar oedd Gwenallt. Byddai'n amau'r peth yma a'r peth arall. Development "Pam ych chi'n dweud bod dwy n yn hwnnw?" meddai wrthyf un diwrnod mewn gwers, "Un sydd yn y Beibl." "Am mai J. Morris-Jones sy'n dweud," meddwn i. EPILOGUE Cofier mai 24 oed oeddwn i ar y pryd, a gallasai cwestiwn o'r fath fy nrysu am foment. Ond yr oedd J. M. Jones yn gymorth hawdd ei gael Y MUNUD HWNNW, ac ar lawer munud WEDYN. Yr oedd Islwyn Williams tua phedair blynedd yn ieuengach a newydd ddyfod i'r ysgol. [...]

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[...] Yr oedd Gwenallt yn ddisglair iawn ac yn gwybod y cynganeddion a rheolau barddoniaeth y pryd hwnnw.

DEVELOPMENT Un tro pan oedd yr athro Cymraeg yn wael am ddeufis a gorfod ad-drefnu'r dosbarthiadau cymerai'r prifathro ddosbarth Gwenallt. Pwy ddaeth i'r ysgol ac i'r dosbarth dan sylw ond Mr. Robinson, prif arolygydd y Bwrdd Canol. Rhoddodd y prifathro wers ar y cynganeddion yn Saesneg er mwyn Mr. Robinson. Gwnaeth gamgymeriad wrth esbonio rhyw gynghanedd a chywirodd Gwenallt ef.

Tu allan i'r ysgol yr oedd digon o bethau [...]

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[...] Yr oedd Silas Evans a edrychai ar ôl y llwyfan yn Gomiwnydd ac yn Gomiwnydd ymarferol. DEVELOPMENT

Cofiaf inni fynd i Gwmllynfell unwaith i actio, ac yr oedd rhyw soffa bach simsan y gallai dau eistedd arni yn perthyn i'r neuadd. Gan fod eisiau lle i dri eistedd wrth ochrau ei gilydd yn Y Canpunt, cymerodd S.E. forthwyl a hitio un pen o'r soffa i ffwrdd, rhoi bocs lemonêd wrth y pen a gorchuddio'r cwbl efo darn o ddefnydd cyrten.

[STORI: ANEC. 230]

[...] Gwenallt was a little bit disputatious. He used to question this and that. DEVELOPMENT 'Why do you say there are two n in hwnnw [DEM.MEDI.M]?' he said to me one day in a lesson, 'One is being used in the Bible.' 'Because J. Morris-Jones says so,' I said. EPILOGUE Remember that I was 24 years old at the time, and a question of this kind could perplex me for a moment. But J. M. Jones was an easily-obtainable help THAT MOMENT, and many other moments AFTER THAT. Islwyn Williams was about four years older and has just came to the school. [...]

[...] Gwenallt was very brilliant and knew the *cynghanedd* forms [*cynghanedd* is the basic concept of sound-arrangement within one line of Welsh poetry, using stress, alliteration and rhyme] and the rules of that period's poetry.

DEVELOPMENT One time when the teacher of Welsh was sick for two months and it was necessary to re-organize the classes the headmaster took Gwenallt's class. Who came to the school and to the class in question but Mr. Robinson, the chief inspector of the of the Central Board. The headmaster gave a lesson about the *cynghanedd* forms, in English for the sake of Mr. Robinson. He made a mistake while explaining some *cynghanedd* and Gwenallt corrected him.

Outside of school there was plenty of things [...]

[...] Silas Evans, who looked after the stage, was a communist, and a practical communist. DEVELOPMENT I remember that we went to Cwmllynfell once to act, and there was some unsteady small sofa belonging to the hall, on which two could sit. Because it was necessary for three to sit one by each other's side in *Y Canpunt* [a 1923 play], S.E. took a hammer and hit one end of the sofa away, put a box of lemonade by that end and hid everything with a piece of the curtain cloth.

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 230]

(230) [STORI: ANEC. 229]

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DEVELOPMENT Y tro hwnnw hefyd yr oeddem wedi mynd i fyny yn gynnar, a buom ni'r merched yn gwneud ein hunain yn barod. Aeth y dynion o gwmpas yr ardal i gasglu'r dodrefn benthyg. Buont allan oriau, a phrin gyrraedd yn ôl cyn i'r llen fynd i fyny. Yr oeddynt wedi cael te yn y tai lle galwasant, rhai wedi cael te ddwywaith. Gwnaeth Mrs. Morgan Y Post swper ardderchog inni i gyd ar ôl y perfformiad. Yr oedd Silas Evans yn ŵr ffraeth iawn a byddai'n dyfynnu o'r dramâu wrth ergydio ei atebion atom. [...]

(231) Atgofion, p. 28 [PROFIADAU O'I HAMSER YN YSTALYFERA] ABSTRACT

Cofiaf Niclas Glais yn dyfod i bregethu i un o'r capeli rhyw brynhawn Sul. DEVELOPMENT Ataliwyd yr

Ysgol Sul ymhob un o'r capeli er mwyn i bawb gael ei
glywed. Yr oedd y capel yn llawn, a Niclas yn taranu
yn erbyn y rhyfel ac yn ymosod ar Arglwydd Kitchener.

{Safai plisman wrth y drws, ond ni ddigwyddodd dim.} Yr oedd
gennyf ddosbarth Ysgol Sul o ddynion ieuanc yn Jeriwsalem, [...]

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[...] O mor dda fyddai'r paned te ar ei ôl, wedi ei pharatoi gan Mr. Morgan, yr athro ffiseg. DEVELOPMENT Fe rois i fy nhroed ynddi un tro wrth gynnig gwneud y te yma. {Braint Mr. Morgan oedd hynny.} Yn fy llety byddwn yn hanner byw ar ryw café au lait, [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 229]

DEVELOPMENT That time we also we had gone up early, and we the women were making ourselves ready. The men went around the district in order to collect the borrowed furniture. They were out for hours, and hardly arrived back before the curtain was raised. They had had tea in the houses they went to, and some had had tea twice. Mrs. Morgan the Post made a splendid supper for us all after the performance. Silas Evans was a very sharp-tongued man and used to quote from the plays when he was shooting his answers at us. [...]

[EXPERIENCES FROM HER TIME IN YSTALYFERA]

ABSTRACT I remember Niclas Glais [the bardic name of Thomas Evan Nicholas] coming to preach in [lit. to] one of the chapels some Sunday afternoon.

DEVELOPMENT Sunday School was postponed in all of the chapels so that everyone will get to hear him. The chapel was full, and Niclas was thundering against the war and attacking Lord Kitchener. {A policeman was standing by the door, but nothing happened.} I had a Sunday School class of young men in Jeriwsalem, [...]

[...] Oh, the tea after it was so good, (tea) that Mr. Morgan, the physics teacher, had made. DEVELOPMENT I did put my foot in it one time by offering to make tea there. {It was Mr. Morgan's position.} In my accommodation I lived more or less on some sort of café au lait, [...]

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¶ Pan gaem noson gylchgrawn yn y gymdeithas byddai'r talentau yn gwreichioni gan bobl fel T. Rowland Hughes ac E. J. Williams. ABSTRACT Gwnês i ffŵl ohonof fy hun yn fuan iawn wedi mynd i Aberdâr. EXPOSITION Yr oeddwn i fynd gyda ffrind i'r Cymrodorion, DEVELOPMENT ond ychydig amser cyn cychwyn dyma athrawes Saesneg yr ysgol yn galw ynghylch rhyw ysgrif Gymraeg oedd i fod i ymddangos yng Nghylchgrawn yr Ysgol. Daliodd i siarad a minnau ddim yn hoffi dweud fy mod yn mynd allan. Galwodd fy ffrind Miss Phoebe Jones amdanaf, ond er hynny dal i siarad yr oedd yr athrawes Saesneg.

Modd bynnag, fe aeth o'r diwedd, a dyna ninnau ein dwy yn rhedeg trwy bob stryd gefn i ysgol y Gadlys. Yr oedd yn rhaid inni gerdded i flaen y cynulliad, a dyma ni'n cael bonllef o gymeradwyaeth. Yr oedd y ddarlith gan y Parch. Aerwyn Jones, Cwmdâr, drosodd. Nid anghofiaf fyth yr olwg chwareus ar wyneb y llywydd, y Parch. H. M. Stephens, a'i lygad od. Rhoesom ein dwy ein pennau i lawr mewn cywilydd, a phan gododd Mr. John Griffith, Ysgol y Comin, ar ei draed dywedodd, "Er mwyn Miss Jones a Miss Roberts, mi ro'i grynodeb o'r ddarlith." {Drwy drugaredd, darlith fer oedd hi.} EPILOGUE Bu llawer o bryfocio am Y DIGWYDDIAD. Efallai mai'r peth pwysicaf a ddigwyddodd i mi yn Aberdâr oedd imi ddechrau sgrifennu straeon byrion. [...]

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[...] Weithiau cynhelid carnifal i helpu'r di-waith.

DEVELOPMENT Un tro daeth yn law taranau mawr pan âi'r orymdaith trwy'r dre nes oedd y dillad lliwgar yn glynu yng nghyrff y perfformwyr. Ar yr achlysur hwn y cyfansoddodd Ap Hefin yr englyn yma,

[YR ENGLYN]

¶ When we had a Periodical evening in the Society the talents of people like T. Rowland Hughes and E. J. Williams used to shine. ABSTRACT I made a fool of myself very soon after moving to Aberdâr. EXPOSITION I was to go to the Cymrodorion society, DEVELOPMENT but a little time before setting off here calls the English teacher in about some Welsh piece that was to appear in the School Magazine. She kept speaking and I did not like to say that I was going out. My friend Miss Phoebe Jones called on me, but the English teacher kept on talking nevertheless.

Anyway, she did go at long last, and there we two ran through every back street to the Cadlys school. We had to go in front of the gathering, and here we got a cheer of applause. The lecture by Rev. Aerwyn Jones of Cwmdâr was over. I will never forget the amused look on the president's face, Rev. H. M. Stephens, and his odd eye. We bowed our heads down in shame, and when Mr. John Griffith of the Common School stood up, he said 'For the sake of Miss Jones and Miss Roberts, I will give a summery of the lecture.' {Thankfully, it was a short lecture.}

EPILOGUE There was much teasing about THE INCIDENT. Perhaps the most important thing that happened to me in Aberdâr was that I began to write short stories. [...]

[...] Sometimes a carnival was held in order to help the unemployed. DEVELOPMENT One time it became to rain and thunder heavily when the procession went through the town, until the colourful cloths clung to the performers' bodies. About this event Ap Hefin composed this <code>englyn</code> [a traditional Welsh short poem form], [THE ENGLYN]

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[...] Yr oedd yr ymateb yn rhai o'r tai yn ddigri.

DEVELOPMENT "Wrth gwrs, fe fotiaf iddo fe," meddai un ddynes, "beth wi ond Cymraes."

DEVELOPMENT Un arall yn dweud wrth ganfasiwr ifanc a edrychai tua 16 oed (yr oedd yn 24, ond o bryd golau a chyda bochau pinc), "Beth mae'r blaid a'r blaid wedi'i wneud i'ch plant chi na mhlant innau?"

DEVELOPMENT Dywedodd gwraig arall nad oedd am bleidleisio i neb gan mai Duw oedd yn rheoli popeth.

DEVELOPMENT Bûm yn ceisio troi rhyw ddyn ar y ffordd, yntau'n gwrando ar fy nhruth i gyd, ac yn y diwedd yn dweud mai ef oedd yr ymgeisydd o blaid arall. Deuai Mr. Trefor David o Ewenni i'n helpu weithiau, [...]

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[PARAGRAFF AM WLEIDYDDIAETH A CHANFASIO]

DEVELOPMENT Cofiaf un nos Sadwrn fy mod yn dyfod i fyny o'r dref, ac ar yr allt i fyny at Kenry Street gwelwn dyrfa oedd newydd ddyfod allan o gapel a fuasai'n wag ers talwm.

Wedi bod yn gwrando ar ryw Bastor neu'i gilydd yr oeddynt, a phwy oedd yn annerch y dyrfa tu allan ond Kitchener Davies. Dyma a glywn pan gyrhaeddais y dorf. "Back to the land" ar dop ei lais. "Jiw, jiw, another Lloyd George," meddai rhyw wraig dew wrth f'ochr. Nid oeddwn yn hoffi llawer ar y bobl o'r pleidiau eraill a eisteddai gyda mi wrth y bwth pleidleisio ddydd yr etholiad, yn enwedig y Comiwnyddion. [...]

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[...] Er mwyn gorffen eu rhannu cyn y Nadolig, byddai fy ngŵr a minnau yn gwneud y gwaith ar wahân neu gyda'n gilydd. ABSTRACT Cofiaf alw mewn un tŷ lle'r oedd gŵr a gwraig a phedwar o blant yn byw mewn dwy ystafell. EXPOSITION Yr oedd ef yn dioddef oddi wrth silicosis, a newydd ddyfod adref o'r Cartref ym Mhorthcawl, heb wella dim yno. DEVELOPMENT "Dewch chi," meddwn i, "mi ddaw'n wanwyn ymhen tipyn, a chewch fynd yno eto a gwella." "Na," meddai yntau, "gwaethygu yr wi." Dangosodd y wraig esgidiau'r plant i mi wedi eu prynu yn un o'r siopau gweigion lle y byddai Iddewon o Gaerdydd yn dyfod i werthu esgidiau ar ddiwedd wythnos yn unig. {Sgidiau rhad, sâl oeddynt a dim ond tair wythnos a barhaent.} [STORI: ANEC. 238]

[...] The answer in some of the houses was funny.

DEVELOPMENT 'Of course, I will vote for him,' said one woman, 'what am I but a Welsh woman.' [the party Roberts canvassed for is called Plaid Cymru 'the Party of Wales']

DEVELOPMENT Another one saying to a young canvasser that looked about 16 years old (he was 24, but he was of light complexion and had pink cheeks), 'What has this party and that party done for your children or mine?' DEVELOPMENT Another woman said that she was not going to vote to anyone because it is god who rules everything. DEVELOPMENT I tried to turn some man on the road; he listened to my whole spiel and in the end said that he was the candidate of another party. Mr. Trefor David of Ewenni came to help sometimes, [...]

[A PARAGRAPH ABOUT POLITICS AND CANVASSING]

DEVELOPMENT I remember one Saturday night that

I came up from the town, and on the road up to Kenry

Street I saw a crowd that had just came out of a chapel that had been empty for a long time.

They had listened to some Pastor or another, and who was addressing the crowd outside but Kitchener Davies. That is what I heard when I approached the crowd. 'Back to the land' at the top of his voice. 'Phew, phew, another Lloyd George,' said some fat woman by my side. I did not like much the people from the other parties that stood with me at the pooling station on election day, especially the Communists. [...]

[...] In order to finish distributing them before Christmas, my husband and me used to do the work separately or together. ABSTRACT I remember calling in one house where the husband and wife and four children lived in two rooms. EXPOSITION He was suffering from silicosis, and had just come home from the Home in Porth-cawl, not improving there at all. DEVELOPMENT 'Come,' I said, 'the spring comes in a bit, and you will get to go there again and improve.' 'No,' he said, 'I will become worse.' His wife showed me the children's shoes, which she had bought from one of the empty shops where Jews from Cardiff came to sell shoes on weekend only. {They were cheap, bad shoes, and they lasted for three weeks.} [ANECDOTE: ANEC. 238]

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[STORI: ANEC. 237] DEVELOPMENT Aeth fy ngŵr i un tŷ lle'r oedd geneth fach deirblwydd oed yn ddall, a mynnai ei thad mai tlodi'r Dirwasgiad oedd wedi'i achosi.

CONCLUSION Trwy'R YMWELIADAU HYN cawsom weld dyfnder dioddef rhai o bobl y Rhondda. Cofiaf y noson hefyd pan ddaeth y newydd fod pump o ddynion wedi eu lladd ym mhwll yr Ocean a chofiaf y dyrfa barchus yn eu hebrwng i fynwent y Llethr Ddu.

Gallaswn ddweud llawer rhagor am fy arhosiad yn y De, ond mae'r cloc yn fy erbyn. [...]

[ANECDOTE: ANEC. 237] DEVELOPMENT My husband went to one house where there was a small girl, three years old, who was blind, and her father insisted that it was the poverty of the Depression that caused it. CONCLUSION Through THESE VISITS we got to see the depth of suffering of some of people of Rhondda. I remember also the evening when the news came that five men had died in 'the Ocean' coal mine and I remember the respectful crowd walking with them to the Llethr Ddu graveyard.

I could say much more about my stay in the South, but the clock is against me. [...]

# B

# Appendix to chapter 3: Reporting of speech in narrative

## B.1 ACOUSTIC DIAGRAMS

Figure B.1:
An acoustic diagram for ex. 127

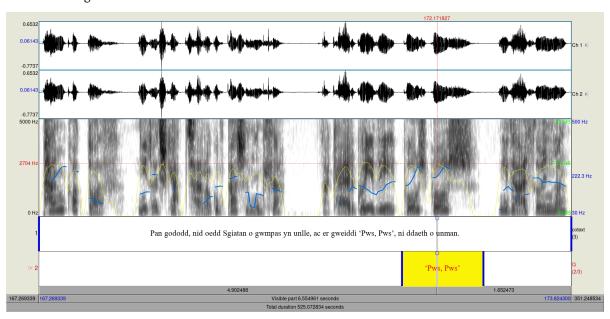


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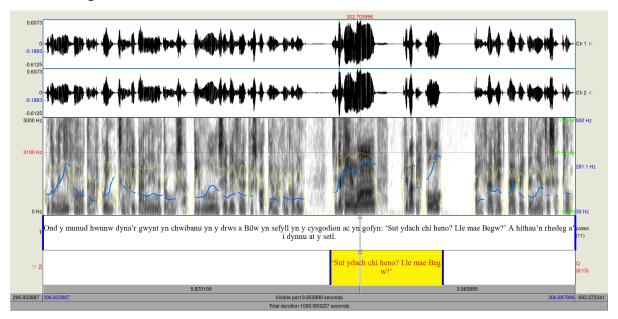


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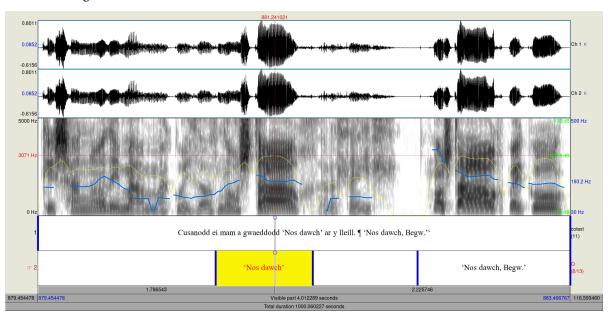


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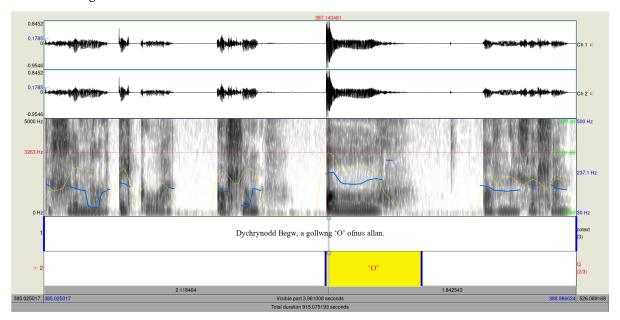


Figure B.5: An acoustic diagram for ex. 172



Figure B.6: An acoustic diagram for ex. 175

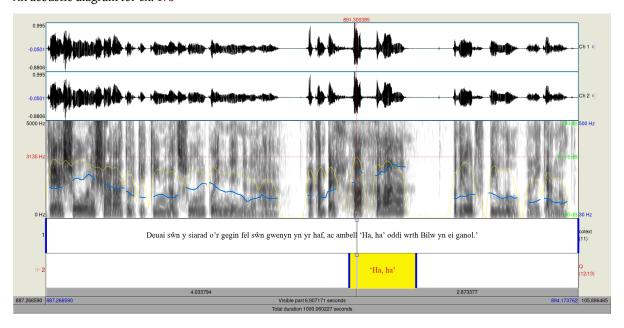


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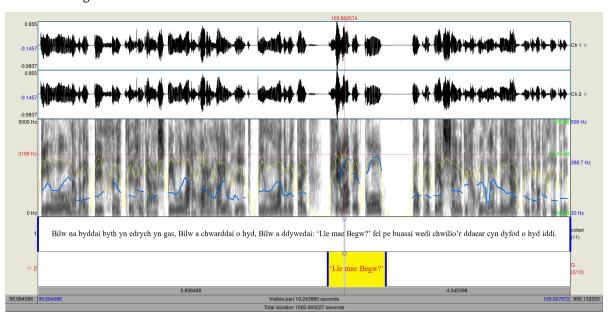


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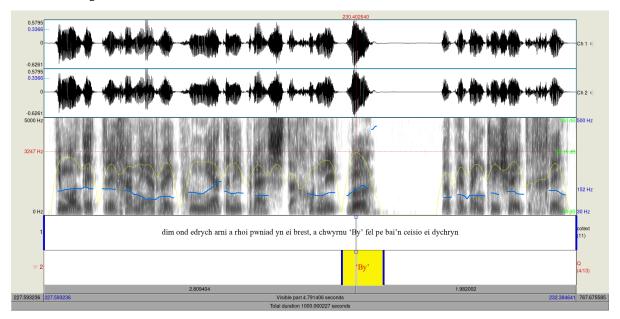
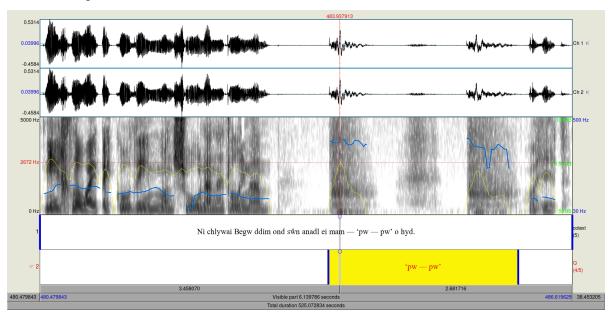


Figure B.9: An acoustic diagram for ex. 184



## B.2 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MULTIPLE PARTICIPANTS

This section of the appendix presents two conversations between multiple participants, with annotations (both those which were specified in table 3.3 and additional ones, specified in table B.1). The degree symbol (°) in the Welsh text indicates an unquestionable typo in the edition used (K. ROBERTS [1959] 2004). A running commentary follows the paragraphs it refers to and is marked with a grey vertical line on the left side.

Table B.1:
Legend for the annotations used in § B.2

Symbol	Meaning	Graphic motivation
Ψ	QI1 <sup>+</sup> (overt quotative index) used for disambiguation	Three options are reduced to one. (It also looks like the $\langle m \rangle$ Younger Futhark rune $\Psi$ ma $\delta r$ , the first sound of meddai)
Ψ	Like \(\psi\) but with anaphoric speaker indication instead of a proper name; used after narrative paragraphs	Likewise but with one option pointing upwards
誓	QI1 <sup>+</sup> with modification of the quotative index	Settings UI icon
Ø	QI1 <sup>-</sup> (only typographical markers)	Zero symbol
$\emptyset^{A}$	QI1 $^-$ in answers (a special case of $\emptyset$ )	Zero symbol with A for Answer
*	Noteworthy or exceptional case	Asterisk

Abbreviation	Character
B E	Begw Elin Gruffydd, Begw's mother
M	Mair, a neighbour of Begw's, about the same age
W	Winni

## B.2.1 Te yn y Grug

(The context is that Begw and Mair go to the heather mountain (y mynydd grug) in order to have there a tea party together.)

Ychydig bach cyn troi i'r mynydd, pwy a welsant ar y ffordd ond Winni Ffinni Hadog, yn sefyll â'i breichiau ar led fel petai hi'n gwneud dril.

A little bit before turning to the mountain, who did they see on the road but Winni Ffinni Hadog, standing with her arms spread as if she were doing drill.

 $\Psi$  = W: 'Chewch chi ddim pasio,' MEDDAI hi yn herfeiddiol.

'You can't pass,' she SAID defiantly.

The auxiliary personal pronoun hi 'she' refers to Winni — who has just been mentioned — as opposed to the other two.

A dyma'r ddwy arall yn ceisio dianc heibio iddi, ond yr oedd dwy fraich Winni i lawr arnynt fel dwy fraich sowldiwr pren. Wedyn dyna hi'n gafael yn llaw rydd pob un ac yn eu troi o gwmpas. And the other two were trying to escape past her, but Winni's two arms were down on them like the two arms of a wooden soldier. Then she was taking each of them by the free hand and turning them around.

Y W: ''R ydw i yn dwâd efo chi i'r mynydd,' MEDDAI.

'I'm coming with you to the mountain,' she SAID.

Y M: 'Pwy ddeudodd y caech chi ddŵad?' MEDDAI Mair.

'Who said that you could come?' Mair SAID.

Y B: 'Sut ydach chi'n gwbod mai i'r mynydd ydan ni'n mynd?' OEDD CWESTIWN Begw.

 $\mathcal{Q}^{A}$  W: 'Tasat ti yn fy nabod i, fasat ti ddim yn gofyn y fath gwestiwn.'

'How do you know that we're going to the mountain?' WAS Begw'S QUESTION.

'If you knew me, you wouldn't be asking such a question.'

The zero quotative index correlates with this quote being an answer in this environment.

♥ B: 'Ydy o'n wir ych bod chi'n wits?' EBE Begw.

'Is it true you're a witch?' Begw SAID.

Without explicitly indicating it is Begw who is speaking, this could have been Mair as well.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Ddyla hogan bach fel chdi ddim holi cwestiyna'.'

Edrychodd Begwn arni. Gwisgai ryw hen ffrog drom amdani, a brat pyg yr olwg heb ddim patrwm arno, dim and dau dwll llawes a thwll gwddw, a llinyn crychu drwy hwnnw. Ei gwallt yn gynhinion hir o gwmpas ei phen ac yn disgyn i'w llygaid. Yr oeddynt wedi troi i'r mynydd erbyn hyn, a rhedai awel ysgafn dros blu'r gweunydd gan chwythu ffrog ysgafn Mair a dangos y gwaith edau a nodwydd ar ei phais wen. Fflantiai godre cwmpasog ffrog Winni o'r naill ochr i'r llall fel cynffon buwch ar wres. Tarawodd ei chlocsen ar garreg.

Y ™ W: 'Damia,' MEDDAI hi yn ddistaw, ac yna yn uwch, 'yn t ydy o'n beth rhyfedd ych bod chi'n gweld sêrs wrth daro'ch clocsan ar garrag?'

> Ni allai Begw gredu ei chlustiau, ac wrth na chlywodd Mair yn rhyfeddu na gwrthwynebu, penderfynodd nad oedd wedi clywed y rheg. Hefyd, yr oedd penbleth rhannu'r jeli yn mynd yn anos. Byddai'n rhaid iddi gynnig peth i Winni rŵan.

❤ቹ W: 'Mi 'r ydw i wedi blino'n lân, mae arna'i eisio bwyd,'

MEDDAI Winni, gan dynnu ei dwylo o ddwylo'r ddwy

arall

\* W: 'Mae'r clwt glas yma wedi'i neud ar yn cyfar ni.' Ac eisteddodd ar glwt glas o laswellt yng nghanol y grug.

\*≅ W: 'Rŵan, steddwch,' MEDDAI fel swyddog byddin.

'A little girl like you shouldn't ask questions.'

Begw looked at her. She was wearing an old heavy frock, and a raggedy-looking pinafore with no shape to it, just two armholes and a neck-hole, with a drawstring through it. Her hair in long hanks on her head, and falling into her eyes. They had turned to the mountain by now, and a light breeze was running across the cotton grass, blowing Mair's light frock and showing the needlework on her white petticoat. It flaunted the fallen hem of Winni's frock from side to side like the tail of a cow in heat. Her clog struck a stone.

'Damn,' she SAID quietly, and then more loudly, 'isn't it a strange thing that you see stars when you bump your clog on a stone?'

Begw couldn't believe her ears, and as she didn't hear Mair express surprise or protest, she decided that she hadn't heard the swear-word. Moreover, the perplexity about sharing the jelly was becoming urgent. Now she would have to offer something to Winni.

'I'm clean worn out, I need food,' *Winni* SAID, pulling her hands from the hands of the other two.

'This patch of grass is made for our hide-out.' And she sat down on a patch of green grass in the middle of the heather.

'Now sit,' she SAID like an army officer.

The last three paragraphs are spoken by the same character, Winni. Staging the scene like this gives it a dramatic effect: three short staccato-like quotes by the wild Winni, with the other two dumbfounded. The rhythm is very clear in the audiobook production (DWYFOR and PIERCE JONES 2004).

	Ni allai'r ddwy arall wneud dim and ufuddhau, fel petaent wedi eu swyngyfareddu.	The other two could only obey, as if they'd been spellbound.
¥≉ W:	'Fuoch chi 'rioed yn sir Fôn?' MEDDAI Winni, gan edrych tuag at yr ynys honno.	'Have you ever been to Anglesey?' Winni SAID, looking towards that island.
Ψ M:	'Mi fuom i efo'r stemar bach,' <b>MEDDAI</b> <i>Mair</i> .	'I've been, on the little steamer,' <i>Mair</i> SAID.
Ψ В:	'Fuom i 'rioed,' MEDDAI Begw.	'I've never been,' Begw SAID.

Were it not for the overt quotative index, indicating the speaker as Begw, a zero quotative index would have signal a thread of conversation between Winni and Mair.

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Ψ W:	'Na finna,' <b>MEDDAI</b> <i>Winni</i> , 'ond mi 'r ydw i am fynd ryw ddiwrnod.'	'Nor I,' Winni SAID, 'but I mean to go some day.'		
Each answers the question, including Winni, who asked it.				
Ψ M:	'Yn lle cewch chi bres?' GOFYNNODD Mair.	'Where will you find the money?' Mair ASKED.		
Ø <sup>A</sup> W:	'Mi 'r ydw i'n mynd i weini, wedi imi adael yr ysgol y mis nesa'.'	'I'm going into service, after I leave school next month.'		
Ψ В:	'I b'le?' GOFYNNODD Begw.	'Where?' Begw ASKED.		
Ø <sup>A</sup> W:	"D wn i ddim. Ond mi faswn i'n licio mynd i Lundain, yn ddigon pell."	'I don't know. But I'd like to go to London, quite far away.'		
Ø B:	'Fasa arnoch chi ddim hiraeth ar ôl ych tad a'ch mam?'	'Wouldn't you feel homesick for your father and your mother?'		
The use of a zero quotative index marks a thread of conversation as taking place between Begw and Winni.				
Ø <sup>A</sup> W:	'Na fasa, 'd oes gin i ddim mam iawn, a ma gin i gythral o dad.'	'No, I don't have a proper mother, and I have a devil of a father.'		
	Caeodd Mair ei llygaid a'u hagor wedyn mewn dirmyg. Gwnaeth Begw ryw sŵn tebyg i sŵn chwerthin yn ei gwddw, gall edrych yn hanner edmygol ar Winni.	Mair shut her eyes and then opened them in disdain. Begw made a sound like the sound of laughter in her throat, looking half-admiringly at Winni.		
Ψ M:	'Mi wneith Duw ych rhoi chi yn y tân mawr am regi,' MEDDAI <i>Mair</i> .	'God is going to put you in the big fire for swearing,' Mair SAID.		

Ø W: 'Dim ffiars o beryg. Mae Duw yn ffeindiach na dy dad

'No fear of that. God is kinder than your father, and more sensible than the fool of a father I have.'

ti, ac yn gallach na'r ffŵl o dad sy gin i.'

'Oh,' Mair SAID, frightened, 'I'll tell Dada.'

ቹ M: 'O,' MEDDAI Mair, wedi dychryn, 'mi ddeuda i wrth

'How many da's do you have then?'

Ø W: 'Sawl tad sy gin ti, felly?'

Y B: 'Tada mae hi'n galw'i thad, a finna yn 'nhad,' MEDDAI Begw. 'Dada is what she calls her father, and I call mine 'dad," Begw SAID.

It is not Mair who answers this question, which was originally directed at her, but Begw. For this reason we have  $\Psi$  and not  $\emptyset$ <sup>A</sup>.

From this point the conversation goes on between Begw and Winni.

Y W: 'A finna yn lembo,' MEDDAI Winni.

'And I call mine numbskull,' Winni SAID.

Ø B: 'Bedi lembo?'

'What's 'numbskull'?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Dyn chwarter call yn meddwl i fod o'n gallach na neb. Tasa fo'n gall, fasa fo ddim wedi priodi'r cownslar dynas acw.' 'A dimwitted man who thinks he has more sense than anyone. If he'd had sense, he wouldn't have married her nibs there.'

Ø B: 'Nid y hi ydy'ch mam chi felly?'

'She isn't your mother then?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Naci, mae fy mam i wedi marw, a'i ail wraig o ydy hon. Ffŵl oedd fy mam inna hefyd. Ffŵl diniwad wrth gwrs.' 'No, my mother's dead, and this one's his second wife. My mother was a fool as well. An innocent fool, of course.'

\* B: 'O,' MEDDAI Begw, 'bedach chi'n deud peth fel yna am ych mam?'

'Oh,' Begw SAID, 'why are you saying a thing like that about your mother?'

This is one of the few exceptions in the corpus where an overt quotative index appears when there is no apparent reason for it to do so: the current thread of the conversation is already established between Begw and Winni, and there seems to be no motivation for indicating the identity of the speaker explicitly.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Wel, mi'r oedd hi'n wirion yn priodi dyn fel nhad i gychwyn, ac wedi'i briodi fo, yn cymryd pob dim gynno fo. Mi'r oedd yn dda i'r gryduras gael mynd i'w bedd. Ond mae yna fistar ar Mistar Mostyn rŵan.' 'Well, she was foolish to marry a man like dad to start with, and after she married him, to put up with everything from him. It was good that the poor thing could go to her grave. But Mister Mostyn has a master now.'

Ø B: 'Pwy ydy Mistar Mostyn?'

'Who's Mister Mostyn?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: "D wn i yn y byd. Rhyw stiward chwarel reit siŵr."

'I don't know at all. Some quarry steward, for sure.'

Ocheneidiodd Begw, ac edrychodd ar wyneb Winni. Yr oedd ei hwyneb yn goch erbyn hyn, ac edrychai dros bennau'r ddwy leiaf i gyfeiriad y môr. Yr oedd natur camdra yn ei cheg, a chan ei bod yn gorfod taflu ei phen yn ôl i daflu ei gwallt o'i llygad, yr oedd golwg herfeiddiol arni. Pan oedd Begw yn meddwl pa bryd y caent ddechrau ar eu te, dyma *Winni* YN DECHRAU ARNI wedyn.

Begw sighed, and looked at Winni's face. Her face was red by now, and she was looking over the heads of the two smaller ones in the direction of the sea. Her mouth was crooked by nature, and since she was forced to fling her head back to toss her hair away from her eyes, she had a defiant look. As Begw was thinking when they might start on their tea, *Winni* STARTED again.

QI2 W: 'Fyddwch chi'n breuddwydio weithiau?'

'Do you dream sometimes?'

This is an instance of QI2, which is dependent on the previous narrative paragraph and is located at its coda. For discussion regarding pauses, interruptions and resumptions of dialogue, see § 3.5.

♥ B: 'Bydda' yn y nos,' MEDDAI Begw.

'Yes, at night,' Begw SAID.

Mair could have answered this question as well. The narrative break resets the indication of participants in the dialogue.

Ø W: 'O na, yn y dydd ydw' i'n feddwl.'

'Oh no, it's in the day I mean.'

Ø B: 'Fedrwch chi ddim breuddwydio heb gysgu.'

'You can't dream without sleeping.'

\* W: 'Mi fedra' i,' MEDDAI Winni.

'I can,' Winni SAID.

This is another exceptional case where QI1<sup>+</sup> is used with no clear cause. Possible contributing factors can be the contrastive nature of the content (as if saying 'I, Winni, can'; take note of the *nynégocentrique* clause-initial particle *mi* and the added personal pronoun *i*, although in the colloquial language it is more or less obligatory) and perhaps being a preparatory step to the next line, where Mair steps in after a long silence and tells Begw not to listen to Winni.

Y M: 'Peidiwch â gwrando arni'n deud clwydda,' MEDDAI Mair. 'Don't listen to her telling lies,' Mair SAID.

Mair rejoins the conversation.

Ond yr oedd Begw yn gwrando â'i cheg yn agored, a Winni fel rhyw fath o broffwyd iddi erbyn hyn, yn edrych yr un fath â'r llun o Daniel yn ffau'r llewod. But Begw was listening with her mouth open, with Winni like a kind of prophet to her by now, looking just like the picture of Daniel in the lions' den.

\*W: 'Fydda' i'n gneud dim ond breuddwydio drwy'r dydd,'
MEDDAI Winni, 'dyna pam mae gin i dylla yn fy sana,
a dyna lle bydd gwraig y 'nhad yn achwyn amdana'i
wrtho fo cyn iddo fo dynnu'i dun bwyd o'i boced
wedi cyrraedd adra o'r chwaral. A mi fydda'i yn cael
chwip din cyn mynd i 'ngwely.'

'I don't do anything but dream all day,' Winni SAID. 'That's why I have holes in my stockings, and that's the reasons my father's wife complained to him about me before he took his food tin out of his pocket after arriving home from the quarry. And I got my arse whipped before going to bed.'

♥ M: 'O-o-o,' MEDDAI Mair gydag arswyd.

'Oh-oh-oh,' Mair SAID, in horror.

Chwarddodd Begw yn nerfus.

Begw laughed nervously.

Ø W: ''D oedd o ddim yn beth i chwerthin i mi. Ond un noson mi drois i arno fo, a mi gyrhaeddis i glustan iddo fo. 'R ydw i bron cyn dalad â fo erbyn hyn.' 'It wasn't a laughing matter to me. But one night I turned on him, and I fetched him a clout on the ear. I'm almost as tall as he is by now.'

Mair becomes silent, and the conversation is again between two participants, ergo Ø.

Ø B: 'A beth wnaeth o?'

'And what did he do?'

The identity of the person who asks the questions in this part is explicitly referred to in a few paragraphs (*Edrychai Mair i lawr* [...] *gan yr ateb olaf* ).

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Fy nghloi fi yn y siambar heb ola na dim, a ches i ddim swpar. Ond mi'r oeddwn i wedi cael i dalu fo yn i goin. Ond chysgis i fawr am fod gwanc yn fy stumog.' 'Locked me in the bedroom without light or anything, and I didn't get any supper. But I'd got to pay him in his own coin. But I didn't sleep much because my stomach was ravenous.'

Ø B: 'Bedi gwanc?'

'What's 'ravenous'?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Miloedd o lewod yn gweiddi eisio bwyd yn dy fol di. Ond mi'r ydw i am ddengid ryw ddiwrnod i Lundain. Wedi dechra dengid yr ydw i heddiw, am fod Lisi Jên wedi bygwth cweir imi bora.' 'Thousands of lions roaring for food in your belly. But I mean to escape some day to London. I've started escaping today, because Lisi Jên threatened me with a thrashing this morning.'

Ø B: 'Pwy ydy Lisi Jên?'

'Who is Lisi Jên?'

ØA W: 'Ond gwraig 'y nhad.'

'Only my father's wife.'

Ø B: 'Be wyddwn i?'

'How could I know?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Dyna chdi'n gwbod rŵan.'

'There then, you know now.'

Edrychai Mair i lawr ar ei ffrog heb ddweud dim, a Begw a holai. Cafodd ei brifo gan yr ateb olaf. Mair was looking down at her frock without saying anything, and it was Begw asked the questions. She was hurt by the last answer.

See the discussion about ex. 244 in § 3.4.1.2.

Aeth Winni ymlaen.

Winni went on.

Y W: 'Tendiwch chi,' MEDDAI, dan grensian ei dannedd, 'mi fydda' i'n mynd fel yr awal ryw ddiwrnod, a stopia' i ddim nes bydda'i yn Llundain. A mi ga' i le i weini a chael pres.'

'Mind you,' *she* SAID, grinding her teeth, 'I'll be going like the breeze some day, and I won't stop until I'm in London. And I'll find a place to serve and I'll make money.'

As discussed in § 3.3.1.1.1.2, *meddai* has third-person singular morphology. Thus, it can stand on its own syntactically (*'pro-drop'*). No additional anaphoric pronoun *hi* 'she' is used, as this would signal contrast, whereas here *meddai* maintains the same referent noncontrastively.

 $\Psi$  W: "T ydy morynion ddim yn cael fawr o bres," MEDDAI Mair.

'Maids don't make much money,' Mair SAID.

Ø W: 'O, nid at grachod 'r un fath â chdi yr ydw' i'n mynd i weini, ond at y Frenhines Victoria 'i hun. A mi ga'i wisgo cap startsh gwyn ar ben fy shinón, a barclod gwyn, a llinynna hir 'dat odra fy sgert yn i glymu. A mi ga'i ffrog sidan i fynd allan gyda'r nos a breslet aur, a wats aur ar fy mrest yn sownd wrth froitsh aur cwlwm dolan a giard aur fawr yn ddau dro am fy ngwddw fi. A mi ga'i gariad del efo gwallt crychlyd, nid un 'r un fath â'r hen hogia coman sy fforma. A ffarwel i Twm Ffinni Hadog a'i wraig am byth bythoedd.'

Yna dechreuodd dynnu ym mhlanhigion y corn carw a dyfai gan ymgordeddu'n dynn am fonion y grug. Tynnai a thynnai yn amyneddgar â'i llaw wydn, ac yna wedi cael digon, rhoes ef o gwmpas ei phen fel torch.

Y W: 'Dyma i chi Frenhines Sheba,' MEDDAI.

Ar hynny, dyma hi'n lluchio ei dwy glocsen ac yn dechrau dawnsio ar y grug, ei sodlau duon yn ymdangos fel dau ben Jac Do drwy'r tyllau yn ei sanau. Dawnsiai fel peth gwyllt gan luchio ei breichiau o gwmpas, a throi ei hwyneb at yr haul. Gafaelodd yng ngodre ei sgert ag un llaw a dal y fraich arall i fyny. Sylwodd Begw nad oedd ond croen noeth ei chluniau i'w weld o dan ei sgert. Toc dyna hi'n stopio, ac yn disgyn gan led-orwedd ar y ddaear.

Ø W: 'O, mae'r bendro arna' i.'

Y B: 'Cymwch lymad o de oer, Winni,' MEDDAI Begw, 'mi wneith hwn les i chi.'

> Yr oedd wedi cael y gair 'Winni' allan o'r diwedd, ac wedi symud cam ymlaen yn ei chydymdeimlad â hi.

Ar hynny cododd Winni ar ei heistedd.

Ø W: 'Doro'r fasgiad yna imi, 'd ydw i ddim wedi cael tamad o ginio.'

Ac fel person wedi colli ei synhwyrau dyma hi'n gafael yn y gwydr jeli a'r llwy ac yn ei lowcio i gyd ac yna yn slaffio'r brechdanau. Yr oedd Begw wedi ei hoelio wrth y ddaear, a'r dagrau wedi neidio i'w llygaid. Gwenai Mair yn oer.

'Oh, it isn't snobs like you I'm going to serve, but Queen Victoria herself. And I'll have a white starched cap on my chignon, and a white apron, and long strings down to the hem of my skirt to tie it. And I'll have a silk frock for going out at night and a gold bracelet, and a gold watch on my breast fastened to a bow-knot brooch and a great gold chain in two twists around my neck. And I'll have a handsome sweetheart with curly hair, not one like these common old boys around here. And farewell to Twm Ffinni Hadog and his wife forever and ever.'

Then she began to pluck a tendril of the staghorn that was growing tightly twined around the stalks of the heather. She patiently plucked and plucked with her tough hand, and then, when she had enough, she put it around her head like a wreath.

"'Here she is for you, the Queen of Sheba,' she SAID.

At that, here she was, flinging off her two clogs and beginning to dance on the heather, her black heels looking like the heads of two jackdaws through the holes in her stockings. She was dancing like a wild thing, flinging her arms about, and turning her face towards the sun. She grasped the hem of her skirt with one hand and held the other arm up. Begw noticed that there was only the bare skin of her haunches to be seen under her skirt. Presently she stopped, and fell half-sprawling on the ground.

'Oh, I'm dizzy.'

'Have a sip of cold tea, Winni,' *Begw* SAID, 'this will do you good.'

She had got the word 'Winni' out at last, and had moved a step forward in sympathy for her.

At that, Winni sat up.

'Give me that basket, I haven't had a morsel of dinner.'

And like a person who's lost her senses, she went and took the jelly glass and the spoon and gulped it all down, and then scoffed the slices of bread-and-butter. Begw was nailed to the earth, and the tears leapt into her eyes. Mair was smiling coldly.

₩: 'A rŵan,' MEDDAI Winni, gan godi a lluchio'r gwydr i'r fasged, ''r ydw i am ych chwipio chi.'

'And now,' WINNI *said*, getting up and tossing the glass into the basket, 'I mean to thrash you.'

# B.2.2 Ymwelydd i De

(The context is that Begw and her mother Elin Gruffydd wait for Winni, whom they invited for tea.)

Toc clywsant sŵn clocsiau ar lechi'r drws, ac yr oedd mam Begw yno o'i blaen YN DWEUD:

Presently they heard the sound of clogs on the doorstep, and *Begw's mother* was there before her, SAYING:

QI2 E: 'Dowch i mewn, Winni,' yn groesawus.

'Come in, Winni,' welcomingly.

Gwisgai Winni yr un dillad ond bod y brat yn wahanol, ac yr oedd sodlau ei sanau fel pe baent wedi eu tynnu at ei gilydd efo edau. Yr oedd ei hwyneb yn bur lân ac yn disgleirio, ond darfyddai'r lle glân yn union o dan ei gên, mewn llinell derfyn ddu. Yr oedd y cynhinyn gwallt a ddisgynnai i'w llygad ar y mynydd wedi ei glymu'n ôl gyda darn o galico. Safodd ar flaenau ei thraed ar garreg y drws, ac yna cerddodd ar flaenau ei thraed i'r tŷ.

Y W: 'Dew, mae gynnoch chi le glân yma,' MEDDAI. 'Mae'n tŷ ni fel stabal.'

Y ≠ E: 'Well i chi ddŵad at y bwrdd rŵan,' MEDDAI mam Begw gan dorri ar ei thraws.

Ø W: 'Mae gynnoch chi jeli eto — mae hi'n de parti arnoch chi bob dydd, mae'n rhaid.'

Y B: 'Nac ydi,' MEDDAI Begw. 'I chi mae hwn wedi'i wneud.'

Ø W: 'Fyddwn ni byth yn cael peth, 'r ydan ni fel Job ar y doman.....'

Y E: 'Twt, 'd oes dim llawer o ddim ynddo fo heblaw dŵr,' MEDDAI Elin Gruffydd.

W: 'Ches i ddim crempog er pan oedd mam yn fyw,' MEDDAI Winni; 't ydi Lisi Jên byth yn gneud sgram.' Winni was wearing the same clothes except that the pinafore was different, and the heels of her stockings were as if they'd been drawn together with thread. Her face was very clean and shone, but the clean place ended precisely under her chin, in a black boundary line. The hanks of hair that were falling into her eyes on the mountain had been tied back with a scrap of calico. She stood on tiptoe on the doorstep, and then walked on tiptoe into the house.

'God, you have a clean place here,' she SAID. 'Our house is like a stable.'

'You'd better come to the table now,' *Begw's mother* SAID, interrupting her.

'You have jelly again—you must be having a tea party every day.'

'No,' Begw SAID, 'this was made for you.'

'We never have a thing, we're like Job on the dunghill...'

'Tut, there isn't much of anything in it besides water,' Elin Gruffydd SAID.

'I haven't had a pancake since mam was alive,' Winni SAID. 'Lisi Jên never makes treats.'

Winni and Elin Gruffydd talk in the next part of the conversation, and Begw does not participate actively. The shift to zero quotative index is not immediate, with  $\emptyset^A$  (as in the paragraph beginning with *Gwraig fy nhad* below) more readily used than zero not in the context of answers.

♥ E: 'Pwy ydi Lisi Jên?' GOFYNNODD mam Begw.

'Who is Lisi Jên?' Begw's mother ASKED.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Gwraig fy nhad. 'D ydi hi ddim yn fam i mi, trwy drugaredd. Mi fasa gin i gwilydd bod yn perthyn iddi hi.' 'My father's wife. She isn't my mother, mercifully. I'd be ashamed to be related to her.'

Y E: 'Wel, mi ddylach i pharchu hi,' MEDDAI Elin Gruffydd, 'a hitha wedi priodi efo'ch tad.' 'Well, you ought to respect her,' Elin Gruffydd SAID, 'since she married your father.'

Ø W: 'Parchu, wir. Sut medrwch chi barchu slebog? Hen gythral ydi hi.....'

"Respect, indeed. How can you respect a slob? She's an old devil..."

Dechreuodd Begw grynu, gan ofn yr âi'r rhegi yn waeth.

Begw began to tremble, for fear the swearing would get worse.

# AETH Winni RHAGDDI.

# Winni WENT AHEAD.

QI2 W: 'Mi faswn i'n medru byw yn iawn efo hi tasa hi'n gadael i mi llnau. Ond mae'r tŷ mor fudr nes mae arni hi ofn i mi weld pob man sydd ynddo fo, a neith hi ddim gadael i mi. Mae'r cwt mochyn yn lanach na'r tŷ.'

'I'd be able to live with her all right, if she'd let me clean. But the house is so filthy that she's afraid of my getting a good look at it, and she won't let me. The pigsty is cleaner than the house.'

#### See § 3.5.

Ø E: 'Ond, Winni, fedrwch chi ddim twtio tipyn arnoch chi ych hun?'

'But Winni, can't you tidy yourself up a bit?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Y fi ddaru olchi'r brat yma bore heddiw, a'i roi fo ar yr eithin i sychu, ond 'r oedd raid i mi neud yn slei bach ne faswn i ddim yn cael sebon. O, mae'r crempoga yma'n dda.' 'I'm the one washed this pinafore this morning, and put it on the gorse to dry, but I had to do it on the sly, or I wouldn't have had soap. Oh, these pancakes are good.'

Ø E: 'Cymerwch ragor.' A chododd Elin Gruffydd dair arall ar y fforc. Dyna'r nawfed, meddai Begw wrthi ei hun.

'Have some more.' And Elin Gruffydd lifted another three on the fork. That's the ninth, Begw said to herself.

The narrative addendum operates on a different level from the mechanism of speaker indication and zero:overt quotative index. Neither *meddai Begw wrthi ei hun* 'Begw said to herself' is related to the conversation (see § 3.6.2.3).

Ø W: 'A rêl lembo ydi 'nhad. Mae o wedi gwirioni i ben ar Lisi Jên. Tasa Mam yn fudr fel'na mi fasa wedi cael cweir gynno fo. Ond 'd ydi Lisi Jên yn gneud dim yn rong.' 'And my father's a real numbskull. He's besotted with Lisi Jên. If mam had been filthy like that she'd have got a thrashing from him. But Lisi Jên can do no wrong.'

Ø E: 'Faint sy er pan maen nhw wedi priodi?'

'How long is it since they were married?'

 $\emptyset^A$  W: 'Rhyw ddwy flynadd. Fuo fo fawr fwy na blwyddyn ar ôl i mam farw.'

'Some two years. It wasn't much more than a year after mam died.'

Ø E: 'Dowch eto, Winni.'

'Come, one more helping, Winni.'

A chymerodd hithau dair crempog arall.

And she took another three pancakes.

Ø W: 'Neith Lisi Jên ddim codi i neud brecwast iddo fo cyn iddo fo fynd i'r chwaral. Mi orfeddith yn braf yn 'i gwely tan tua naw. A 'd ydi o yn cwyno dim fod yn rhaid iddo fo neud 'i frecwast. Mi gododd Mam tan aeth hi i fethu, a mi fydda'n griddfan gin boen wrth dorri brechdana i'w rhoi yn 'i dun bwyd o, a fynta'n deud: 'Be ddiawl sydd arnat ti?' Mi fyddwn i yn codi weithia' ac yn gneud tân ond fedrwn i ddim torri brechdan.'

Yr oedd y sgwrs yn mynd i gyfeiriad gwahanol i'r hyn a obeithiasai Begw. Nid oedd Winni yn herfeiddiol fel yr oedd ar y mynydd, ac nid oedd golwg dawnsio arni heddiw.

Y E: 'Fedrwch chi ddim dŵad i'r capal weithia', Winni?' GOFYNNODD mam Begw.° 'Lisi Jên won't get up to make breakfast for him before he goes to the quarry. She'll lie nicely in bed until nine. And he doesn't complain that he has to make his breakfast. Mam got up until she wasn't able, and she'd moan in pain as she sliced bread-and-butter to put in his food tin, with him saying: "What the devil's wrong with you?" I'd get up sometimes and make a fire but I couldn't slice bread-and-butter.'

The talk was going in a different direction than Begw had hoped. Winni wasn't defiant as she'd been on the mountain, and there wasn't a sign of dancing on her today.

'Can't you come to chapel sometimes, Winni?' Begw's mother ASKED.

The paragraph relating Begw's thoughts (*Yr oedd y sgwrs* [...] arni heddiw) makes a boundary, a seam after which the indication of speaker has to be re-established. Without an explicit indication it would not be clear who is asking.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: ''D oes gin i ddim dillad, a 'd oes arna' i ddim eisio dŵad at ryw hen grachod fel dynas drws nesa' yma.'

Ø E: 'T ydi pawb ddim yn grachod, wyddoch chi.'

Ø W: 'Mae pawb yn troi 'i trwyna arna' i fel tawn i'n faw. Cytia clomennod ydi tai lot o'r rheini hefyd.'

Ø E: 'Eisio i chi ddŵad a pheidio â malio ynddyn' nhw. 'D ydyn 'nhw' ddim gwell na chithau.'

Ø W: 'Nac ydyn', wir Dduw, faswn i ddim yn sbio drwy gwilsyn ar rai ohonyn' nhw. Dyna i chi fodryb Lisi Jên, efo'i bwa plu a'i sgidia mroco a jiwals fel pegia moch wrth i chlustia', a mae hi'n fyw o ddled.'

♥ B: 'A mae hi'n mynd i'r dre' bob Sadwrn, MEDDAI Begw.

'I haven't any clothes, and I don't want to come near any old snobs like this woman next door.'

'Everybody isn't a snob, you know.'

'Everybody turns their nose up at me as if I were dirt. Their houses are dovecotes, a lot of them, too.'

'You want to come and pay them no mind. They aren't any better than you.'

'No, honest to God, I wouldn't look through a quill at some of them. There's Lisi Jên's aunt, with her feather boa and her morocco shoes and jewels like pegs for pigs in her ears, and she's living in debt.'

'And she goes to town every Saturday,' Begw SAID.

Begw enters the conversation, after a period of silence.

♥ W: 'Sut gwyddost ti?' MEDDAI Winni.

'How do you know?' Winni SAID.

Now that there are three active participants, an explicit indication of the speaker is needed. Either Winni or Elin Gruffydd could have asked this question.

Ø<sup>A</sup> B: 'Mi fydda' i yn cael dima gynni hi am gario'i pharseli hi oddi wrth y frêc.'

Ø W: 'Dyna hi i'r dim, dima i ti, dim i siop y pentra yma a'r cwbwl i siopa'r dre'. Dyna i chi bedi ledi.'

'I get a halfpenny from her for carrying her parcels from the brake.'

'That's her to a T, a halfpenny for you, nothing for the shop in the village here, and everything to the shops in town. That's what you mean by a "lady".' Chwarddodd Elin Gruffydd.

Elin Gruffydd laughed.

Ø W: 'Dyna'r unig amser y bydda' i yn licio Lisi Jên, pan fydd 'i modryb hi yn troi 'i thrwyn arni hi. Mi fasa tynnu llun Lisi Jên a hitha' efo'i gilydd yn gwneud pictiwr da.' 'That's the only time I like Lisi Jên, when her aunt turns up her nose at her. Taking a photo of Lisi Jên and her together would make a good picture.'

This paragraph continues the previous paragraph quoting Winni's rant; Elin Gruffydd's laughter is in parenthesis.

Chwarddodd Winni, am y tro cyntaf er pan gyraeddasai.

Winni laughed, for the first time since she'd arrived.

#### AETH YMLAEN wedyn:

#### °SHE WENT ON after that:

QI2 W: 'Crachod ydi'r rhan fwya' o bobol y lle yma, a maen' nhw'n medru edrach reit barchus ddydd Sul yn y capal. Ond biti na fasach chi'n 'i gweld nhw hyd y mynydd yna yn y nos.'

'Snobs, that's what most of the people are here, and they can look quite respectable on Sunday in chapel. But it's a pity you couldn't see them up on that mountain at night.'

An explicit resumption of the rant; see ex. 258 in § 3.5.2.

Meddyliodd Elin Gruffydd y byddai'n well *iddi* DORRI AR EI THRAWS yn y fan yma.

Elin Gruffydd thought that *she*'d better INTERRUPT at this point.

QI2 E: 'Pryd y byddwch chi yn gadael yr ysgol, Winni?'

'When will you be leaving school, Winni?'

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Dipyn cyn y Nadolig, mi fydda' i yn dair-ar-ddeg yr adeg honno. A mi 'r° ydw i am fynd i Lundain i weini — mynd yn ddigon pell.' 'A bit before Christmas, I'll be thirteen then. And I want to go to London into service—go quite far away.'

Ø E: 'Fasa dim gwell i chi fynd i'r dre' ne' rywla yn nes adra? Rhaid i chi gael dillad crand iawn i fynd i Lundain.' 'Wouldn't you rather go to town or somewhere closer to home? You need to have very grand clothes to go to London.'

Once again the conversation is between Winni and Elin Gruffydd, until the next time Begw speaks.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Llundain ne' ddim i mi. Mi gawn olchi llestri a chap startsh gwyn am fy mhen. Mae yna selerydd mawr yn Llundain a gias yn 'i goleuo nhw, a phetha'r un fath â bocs yn cario'r bwyd i fyny i'r byddigions heb i neb 'i gario fo. A mi gawn i noson allan, a mi awn i i'r capel wedyn. Fasa neb yn fy 'nabod i yn fanno, na neb yn gwybod 'mod i'n ferch i Twm Ffinni Hadog.'

'London or nothing for me. I could wash dishes with a starched white cap on my head. There are great cellars in London with gas lighting them, and things like a box carrying the food up to the high-and-mighty without anyone carrying it. And I'd have an evening off, and I'd go to chapel then. Nobody would know me there, and nobody would know I'm Twm Ffinni Hadog's daughter.'

'How do you know all these stories about London, Winni?' *Begw's mother* SAID, putting another spoonful of jelly on her plate.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Wedi darllan amdanyn' nhw yn slei bach yr ydw 'i. Mi faswn i'n gwybod mwy onibai fod Lisi Jên fel gelan ar fy ôl i. Yn fy ngwely tua phump yn y bora y bydda' i'n cael y siawns ora', a mi fydda' i yn cuddio'r llyfr o dan y gwely peswyn. Dim peryg' i Lisi Jên 'i ffeindio fo yn fanno. 'D ydi hi byth yn cweirio'r gwely.'

 Y B: 'Ydach chi'n medru darllan Saesneg?' GOFYNNODD

 Begw.

'I've read about them, on the sly. I'd know more if Lisi Jên weren't after me like a leech. It's in bed at five in the morning I have the best chance, and I hide the book under the chaff-bed. No danger of Lisi Jên finding it there. She never makes the bed.'

'Can you read English?' Begw ASKED.

Begw rejoins the conversation as an active participant.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Dipyn bach, digon i ddallt sut le ydi Llundain.'

Rhythai Begw arni gydag edmygedd, a'r fam gyda thosturi.

₩ W: 'Ydach chi'n gweld,' AETH Winni YMLAEN, ''taswn i yn mynd i weini i'r dre', mi wn i sut y basa hi. Mi fasa 'nhad yn dŵad i lawr i fenthyca fy nghyflog i fesul swllt er mwyn hel diod i'r hogsiad bol yna sy gynno fo, a faswn i yn gweld dim dima. Peth arall, crachod sydd yn y dre' hefyd. Pryfaid wedi hedag oddi ar doman ydyn' nhwytha 'r un fath â modryb Lisi jên.'

'A little bit, enough to understand what sort of place London is.'

Begw was staring at her with admiration, and her mother with compassion.

'You see,' Winni WENT ON, 'if I were to go into service in town, I know how it would be. My father would be coming down to borrow my wages shilling by shilling to get drink for that hogshead of a belly of his, and I wouldn't see a halfpenny. Another thing, they're snobs in the town as well. Flies hatched from a dung-heap, that's what they are, the same as Lisi Jên's aunt.'

The quotative index *Aeth Winni ymlaen* is discussed in § 3.5. It marks the resumption of Winni's speech after the paragraph that is inserted in parenthesis (*Rhythai Beg* [...] *gyda thosturi*).

Ella bydd arnoch chi hiraeth wedi mynd i Lundain, MENTRODD Begw yn ochelgar. Bu Winni yn ddistaw am eiliad, yn syllu yn ddifrifol ar ei phlât.

Ø<sup>A</sup> W: 'Basa, mi fasa arna' i hiraeth ar ôl un, Sionyn ydi hwnnw. Mae o'n hen beth bach annwyl, ond 'd oes neb yn malio dim ynddo fo ond y fi. Mae'ch babi bach chi fel y nefoedd o lân, a Sionyn bach fel toman dail. 'D ydi o byth yn cael mynd i'r lôn, mi fuaswn i'n cael i weld o weithia' taswn i'n mynd i'r dre'.'

\* E: 'Eisio i chi fynnu cael golchi 'i ddillad o a'ch dillad ych hun, Winni, dim ods beth ddyfyd ych mam, er mwyn i chi gael mynd o gwmpas yn o ddel. Gymwch chi ragor o grempog?'

'Maybe you'll be homesick after going to London,' *Begw* VENTURED cautiously. Winni was silent for a moment, gazing earnestly at her plate.

'Yes, I'd be homesick for someone, that's Sionyn. He's a dear little old thing, but no one takes any notice of him but me. Your little baby is heavenly clean, and Sionyn's like a dung-heap. He never gets to go to the road; I'd be able to see him sometimes if I went to the town.'

'You want to insist on being allowed to wash his clothes and your own clothes, Winni, no matter what your mother says, so that you can go around looking nice. Will you have more pancakes?'

This is the third time in this appendix where the rule of thumb described in § 3.4 does not hold (the other two times are in § B.2.1); according to the rule, there should have been indication of Elin Gruffydd as the speaker here, as her identity as the speaker is not unambiguous from the co-text. The content of the quote (the signature Gymwch chi ragor o grempog? 'Will you have more pancakes?' in particular) gives Elin Gruffydd away as the speaker, but in general it does not seem as if the content plays a major role in the distribution of QI1 $^+$  and QI1 $^-$ .

 $\emptyset^A$  W: 'Mi orffenna i efo brechdan. Mi neith hyn wledd imi am fis. Biti na fasa Sionyn wedi cael tamaid.'

'I'll finish with bread-and-butter. This will make a feast for me for a month. A pity that Sionyn couldn't have had a bite.'

Ψ В: 'Mi ddaru' mi ofyn i chi ddŵad â fo,' MEDDAI Begw. 'I did ask you to bring him,' Begw SAID.

Ψ E: 'Mi ro i dipyn o grempoga i chi fynd iddo fo,' MEDDAI Elin Gruffydd.

'I'll give you a few pancakes to take to him,' Elin Gruffydd SAID.

Ψ W: 'Fiw imi,' MEDDAI Winni, 'ne' mi ga' i gweir gan Lisi Jên am fynd i hel tai.'

'I don't dare,' Winni SAID, 'or I'll get a thrashing from Lisi Jên for going around gossiping.'

# C

# Appendix to chapter 4: Stage directions

# C.1 Y FAM

CYMERIADAU:

IFAN, y Tad. NANO, ei ail Wraig.

EIRY, ei Ferch fach.

GWYN, ei Fab.

MAIR, ei Wraig gyntaf.

SIENCYN, y Gwas.

LLE:

Cegin fferm Tŷ'n Mynydd.

Amser:

Saith o'r gloch, Nos cyn G'lan Gaea'.

CHARACTERS:

IFAN, the Father.
NANO, his second Wife.

EIRY, his small Daughter.

GWYN, his Son.

MAIR, his first Wife.

SIENCYN, the Servant.

Scene:

The kitchen of a farm called *Tŷ'n Mynydd* 'House in a

Mountain'.

TIME:

Seven o'clock, the night before Hallowe'en.

#### GOLYGFA:

 $_{
m NP}^{1}$  **Cegin** mewn ffarm unig, Ty'n Mynydd. <sup>2</sup><sub>other</sub> **Rhaid** i'r gegin awgrymu unigedd. <sup>3</sup><sub>NP</sub> **Bwrdd** swper, dysglau i fwyta uwd, a llaeth. Ar y dresel injian wnio a defnydd pinc yn hongian oddiwrthi.  $_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}^{5}$  Gwn, darluniau pregethwyr, ac almanac neu ddau **yn hongian** ar y mur. 6 <mark>Gwely</mark> bychan a chwrlid coch drosto wrth y mur ar y dde, yn agos i'r goleuadau. 7 Y tân ar yr un mur, ond ymhellach oddiwrth y gynulleidfa. 8 Dau ddrws, un yn arwain allan ynghanol y mur sydd yn wynebu'r bobl, ac un yn arwain i fyny'r grisiau ar y mur sydd ar y chwith, ac ymhell oddiwrth y goleu. other Ar y chwith i'r drws allan, ac ar yr un mur, **y mae** ffenestr a choeden ffenestr yn tyfu arni. Saif tresel ar y mur chwith. 11 Gorwedd llestri llaeth heb eu golchi yn afler o gwmpas y dresel.

12 other Mae'n saith o'r gloch noson cyn G'lan Gaea'.
13 Eistedd NANO, gwraig dlos ond afler ei gwisg, yn edrych yn anfoddog; 14 SIENCYN, gwas mewn oed yn gwisgo'n blaen; 15 ac IFAN wrth y bwrdd. 16 Edrych IFAN ar NANO yn serchus.

- I (<sup>17</sup><sub>AD</sub> wrth SIENCYN</sub>): Ydach chi am fynd i'r ffair fory, Siencyn?
- S: Na, 'dwi ddim yn meddwl. Ma amsar mynd i'r ffeiria wedi pasio arna i rwan. Tydi ffeiria ddim beth oeddan nhw pan o'n i'n hogyn. Rwan 'does dim byd yno ond yr hen betha troi *round* 'na, a rhyw hen genod penchwiban yn mynd arnyn' nhw ac yn sgrechian. Ond yn fy amsar i 'roedd merchaid ifanc yn mynd i'r ffeiria y bydda'n werth i chi fynd cyn bellad a'r Borth i gweld nhw. Daear bach! dyna i chi ferchaid ifanc glandag, mewn ffrogia *Scotch plaid*! 'Does dim genod felly i'w cael rwan.
- N (18 gan ysgwyd ei phen): Chi sy'n meddwl hynny, Siencyn.
- S (19 fel pe mewn breuddwyd): Mae cystal co' gen i a ddoe am genod y Felin yn dwad i Ffair y Borth yn 'u ffrogia sidan du, a boneti a phlu mawr. Fydda i byth yn gweld plu felly rwan—hannar piws a hannar melyn.

 $\binom{20}{yn_{CVB}}$  NANO **yn troi**'i thrwyn.)

#### SETTING:

A kitchen in a lonely farm, Tŷ'n mynydd. 2 The kitchen has to suggest loneliness. 3 A kitchen table, dishes for soup, and milk. 4 On the dresser a sewing machine with pink matter hanging from it. 5 A gun, pictures of preachers, and an almanac or two hanging on the wall. A small bed with a red coverlet by the wall on the right, close to the lights. 7 The hearth on the same wall, but farther from the audience. 8 Two doors, one leading out in the middle of the wall which is facing the people, and one leading up the stairs on the wall which is on the left, and away from the light. other On the right to the door out, and on the same wall, there is a window with a window-plant growing on it.  $^{10}_{PRS}$  A dresser stands on the left wall.  $^{11}_{PRS}$  Milk bottles lie unwashed, untidily around the dresser.

12 other It is seven o'clock the night before All Saints' Day. 13 NANO sits, a pretty woman but with untidy clothes, looking displeased; 14 NEW AND SIENCYN, an adult servant plainly dressed; 15 NP and Iran by the table. 16 PRS IFAN looks on NANO lovingly.

- I (<sup>17</sup><sub>AD</sub> with SIENCYN): Are you going to go to the fair tomorrow, Siencyn?
- S: No, I don't think so. My time going to the fairs has passed now. Fairs are not what they used to be when I was a lad. Now there is nothing there but those old things turning round, and some old frivolous girls going on them and screaming. But in my time there were young girls going to the fairs, which were worth for you to go as far as the Porth to see them. My goodness! There were comely young girls, in scotch plaid frocks! There are no such girls to get now.
- N (18 cother shaking her head): It's you who thinks so, Siencyn.
- S (19) as if in a dream): I have a memory, as good as it was yesterday, of the girls of Y Felin(heli) coming to the Fair of Porth in their black silk frocks, with bonnets with a large feather. I'll never see a feather like this half puce half yellow.

 $\binom{20}{vn_{CVB}}$  NANO **turning** her nose.)

- S: Diar, mi roeddan nhw yn genod glandag, hefyd! Sarah—mi briododd hi, ac mi aeth i'r 'Merica. A Jane—'dwi'n credu fod dy dad wedi bod yn 'i chanlyn hi am dipyn, Ifan. A Nans—mi gafodd hi beg pan briododd hi'r hen dwrna 'na o'r dre. A dyna Mary druan—y lana' ohonyn' nhw i gyd—mi fuo hi farw pan oedd hi'n ddim ond deunaw, o'r hen salwch diarth. 'Toedd doctoriaid yr adag honno ddim yn gwbod dim am dano fo.
- N: Rydach chi'n siarad byth beunydd am Mary'r Felin. Faswn i'n meddwl y basach chi wedi 'i anghofio hi erbyn hyn.
- S (21 ym boeth): Anghofio Mary'r Felin! Na, amhosib, y ngenath i! Fasa chitha ddim yn anghofio chwaith, tae' ch chi yn 'i gweld hi! Mi fasach chi yn rhoi'r byd am gal hannar 'i gwallt melyn hi ar ych pen. A 'doedd ar Mary'r Felin ddim eisio hen liwia pinc i gal sylw dynion.
- I: 'Rhoswch chi am funud, Siencyn. Rhaid i chi gyfadda bod merchaid glân i'w cael rwan. Ma rhosod gwynion newydd i câl bob blwyddyn.
- S: Tydi rhosod gwynion rwan ddim mor glws ag oeddan nhw pan oeddwn i'n llanc. Toedd dim rhosyn tlysach na Mary'r Felin pan odd hi'n fyw. (22 yncvb Yn ocheneidio.) Nid dyma lle baswn i heno, pe bae hi'n fyw!
- N: Mi allach fod mewn rhywla gwâth, wedi'r cwbl. Falla y galla Mary'r Felin bigo fel pob rhosyn arall.
- S  $\binom{23}{yn_{ADV}}$  braidd yn boeth): Dim gair am y marw!
- I  $\binom{24}{yn_{ADV}}$  braidd yn flin wrth SIENCYN am ateb ei briod): Falla bydda'n well i chi fynd i swpera'r gwarthag, rwan, er mwyn i chi gal mynd adra yn o gynnar.
  - $_{yn_{CVB}}^{(25)}$  NANO **yn codi** ac **yn mynd** â'r piseri llaeth allan drwy'r drws.)
- N: O'r hen dacla 'ma! 'Toes dim diwadd ar ddwrnod gwraig ffarmwr. (26 (yncv) Yn mynd â hwy allan.) Ond o ran hynny, tai ddim i draffarth 'i golchi nhw heno. (27 (yncv) Yn mynd allan drwy'r drws. 28 (yncv) yn codi i fynd allan.)
- I: 'Does dim angan i chi ddwad fory os byddwch chi'n teimlo ar ych calon i fynd i'r ffair. 'Does 'ma ddim byd neillduol i neud. 'Ro'n i'n meddwl mynd fy hunan fory cyn belled a'r Crib Du i edrach ydi'r defaid yna'n iawn.

- S: Oh dear, they were comely girls, too! Sarah she got married, but she went to America. And Jane I believe your father has pursued her a bit, Ifan. And Nans she was deceived when she married that old attorney from town. And there's poor Mary the fairest of them all she died when she was only eighteen, from that old strange illness. The doctors that time knew nothing about it.
- N: You talk all the time about Blonde Mary. I would thing you would have forgotten her by now.
- S  $\binom{21}{y_{N_{\text{ADV}}}}$  *fervently*): Forget Blonde Mary?! No, impossible, my girl! You wouldn't forget her either, had you seen her! You would give the world for having half her blonde hair on your head. And Blonde Mary had no need of old pinc colours for catching men's attention.
- I: Wait a minute, Siencyn. You have to admit there are fair girls now. There are new white roses every year.
- S: There are no white roses now which are as beautiful as when I was a lad. There was no rose fairer than Blonde Mary when she was alive. ( $^{22}_{yn_{CVB}}$  Sighing.) It isn't here I would be tonight, had she been alive!
- N: You could be somewhere worse, after all. Maybe Blonde Mary could prick like any other rose.
- S  $\binom{23}{yn_{any}}$  rather fervently): No word about the dead!
- I (<sup>24</sup><sub>yn<sub>ADV</sub></sub> rather angrily with SIENCYN for answering his spouse): Maybe it's better if you go to give the cows fodder, now, so you can go home quite early.
  - $\binom{25}{yn_{CVB}}$  NANO **getting up** and **going** with the milk pitchers out through the door.)
- N: Oh, these old things! There is no end to the day of a farmer's wife. (26 yncve Taking them out.) But for that matter, nothing would take the trouble to wash them tonight. (27 yncve Going out through the door.

  28 yncve SIENCYN getting up to go out.)
- You don't have to come tomorrow if you feel like going to the fair. There's nothing specific to do. I was thinking to go myself tomorrow as far as the Crib Du to see if the sheep there are good.

- S: Na, mi ddoi i fyny fel arfar, er ma dyma'r tro cynta' i mi golli'r ffair am hannar cant o flynyddodd.

  (29 Yn ddwys.) Mae llawar o betha' yn mynd drwy 'meddwl i heno, Ifan. Wyt ti'n cofio pa noson ydi hi?
- I  $\binom{30}{yn_{ADV}}$  braidd yn ddigalon): Wel, ydw.  $\binom{31}{yn_{ADV}}$  Yn sobor.) Mae hi'n nos cyn Glan Gaea'.
- S: Ia. Mi gollis di un annwl flwyddyn i heno, a mi gollis inna un annwl iawn gin inna ddeugian mlynadd i heno. Ac er bod deugian mlynadd er y dydd hwnnw, 'dw i ddim wedi anghofio, Ifan.
- I  $\binom{32}{other}$  gyda chwilydd,  $^{33}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  ac yn ymddiheuro): Ia, ond 'rodd ych amgylchiada chi yn wahanol i'n rhai i. 'Rodd rhaid i mi gâl rhywun i edrach ar ol y plant.
- S: A lle mae'r plant, gyda llaw?
- I  $\binom{34}{yn_{CVB}}$  yn petruso): Ma'—ma'—nhw wedi mynd ar negas.
- S: Allan ar noson fel heno? Gwarchod pawb! Na, Ifan, nid i gâl neb i edrach ar ol y plant y priodis di hon. Wyr hi ddim am drin plant. Ma' hi'n gwbod mwy am dapio cwrw, a chwerthin yng ngwyneba rhyw hogia gwirion i lawr tua'r "Cart and Horses" 'na! A ma stori ne ddwy go gas am dani. Chlywis di ddim am dani hi
- I  $\binom{35}{yn_{ADV}}$  **yn wyllt**): Tewch! Os 'dach chi'n mynd i siarad fel yna am fy ngwraig i yn fy nhŷ fy hun—
- S: 'Rydw i wedi bod yma am ddeugian mlynadd, Ifan, hefo dy dad o dy flaen, a'i daid o'i flaen ynta. A chlywis i ddim geiria tebig i rheina hyd nes dath honna yma, hannar blwyddyn yn ol, i gymryd lle un mor annwl a Mair. Throediodd dim hogan well na Mair y ddaear 'ma erioed. Roedd y tŷ yma bob amsar cyn lanad a'r lamp, a'r plant bach 'ma mor ddel yn y dillad o'i gwaith hi 'i hun, i fynd i'r Ysgol Sul bob Sul. Mi alla i 'i gweld hi'r funud yma fel bydda hi yn 'u gwatchiad nhw ar riniog y drws, hyd nes aethan nhw o'r golwg dros ochr yr hen Foel 'na. Nid y hi oedd yr un i adal y piseri 'llaeth heb 'u golchi hyd yr adag yma o'r nos.
  - (36 PRS) **Dywed** hyn wrth fynd trwy'r drws. 37 Saif IFAN gyda'i ben i lawr a'i ddwylo yn 'i boced, a'i gefn at y drws.)

- S: No, I'll come up as usual, even though this is the first time I miss the fair for half a century. ( $^{29}_{yn_{ADV}}$  Seriously.) There are many things going through your mind tonight, Ifan. Do you remember what night is it?
- I  $\binom{30}{y_{n_{ADV}}}$  rather disheartenedly): Well, I do.  $\binom{31}{y_{n_{ADV}}}$  Soberly.) It is the night before All Saints' Day.
- S: Yeah. You lost a dear one a year ago this night, and I lost one very dear to me forty years ago this night. And even though it is forty years since that day, I have not forgotten, Ifan.
- I ( $^{32}_{other}$  with shame,  $^{33}_{yn_{CVB}}$  and apologising): Yeah, but your circumstances were different to mine. I had to get someone to look after the kids.
- S: And where are the kids, by the way?
- I  $\binom{34}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  *hesitating*): They-they had gone on an errand.
- S: Out on a night like this one? My goodness! No, Ifan, it's not for looking after the kids that you married this one. She knows nothing about taking care of kids. She knows more about tapping beer, and laughing in the faces of some silly lads down that 'Carts and Horses'! And there is a nasty story or two about her. I never heard about her and —
- I  $\binom{35}{yn_{ADV}}$  wildly): Be quiet! If you are going to speak like that about my wife in my own house —
- S: I have been here for forty years, Ifan, with your father before you, and with your grandfather before him. I never heard words like those until that one came here, half a year ago, to take the place of one as dear as Mair. No girl better than Mair ever walked the earth. This house was always as clean as a new penny, and the small kids so pretty in the clothes she made herself, going to the Sunday School every Sunday. I can see her this minute like she used to watch them on the doorstep, until they went out of sight beyond that old Moel. She wasn't one to leave milk pitchers unwashed until this time of the night.
  - $\binom{36}{PRS}$  He **says** this going through the door  $^{37}_{PRS}$  IFAN **stands** with his head down and his hands in his pockets, his back to the door.)

- I (38 yn edrych braidd yn ddu, 39 yn galw ar ol SIENCYN): Ma'n well i chi fynd â'r lantarn, Siencyn. Mae hi'n dywyll ac yn unig iawn i chi fynd dros Foel y Grug ych hunan.
- S  $\binom{40}{yn_{CVB}}$  yn galw oddiallan): Mi cymra i hi o'r beudy.  $\binom{41}{yn_{CVB}}$  Yn mynd allan.)
- N  $\binom{42}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  **yn dyfod** *i mewn*): Ath yr hen swnyn adra, hefo'i Mary'r Felin, a Mary'r Felin o hyd?
- I: Lle mae'r plant, Nano?
- N  $\binom{43}{yn_{CVB}}$  **yn dechreu** clirio): Ma' nhw wedi mynd i Siop y Becws i nol bara. Fethis i'n glir a châl amsar i bobi heddyw.
- I: Wedi mynd yr holl ffor' i'r Becws yr adag yma o'r dydd? Rhaid imi fynd i cyfarfod nhw. Alla i ddim meddwl am danyn nhw yn pasio'r fynwant yr adag yma o'r nos, a dwad dros yr hen gors yna adra.
- N: Peidiwch a phryderu. Mae'n hen bryd iddyn nhw ddechra edrach ar ol 'u hunan.
  - $\binom{44}{yn_{CVB}}$  IFAN **yn gwgu** ac **yn cymryd** ei gôt.)
- N (45 yncvb yn mynd ato, ac yn gafael yn ei law, ac yn edrych i'w wyneb i'w fwytho): Dowch chi, 'nghariad i, peidiwch a ngadal i yma wrth f'hun; mae hi mor unig yma. (46 Petrusa IFAN, yna try, ac â gam tua'r drws.) Ydi'n well gynoch chi'r plant na fi? (47 yncvb Yn gwneud iddo eistedd i lawr, ac yn ei dynnu i'r gadair freichiau.) 'Toes dim sens bod chi'n mynd allan heno wedi bod yn gweithio'n galad drwy'r dydd. Eistadd i lawr a chymar fygyn. (48 yncvb NANO yn estyn ei bibell a'i faco iddo, yn llenwi ei bibell, ac yn ei goleuo. 49 yncvb Yn mynd ymlaen gyda chlirio'r bwrdd. 50 yncvb IFAN yn smocio, yn troi wrth weld y bwrdd yn wag.)
- I: Ydach chi ddim yn cadw dim swpar i'r plant?
- N: Nag ydw i, wir! Os na fedra nhw ddwad adra mewn pryd, mi gân fod hebddo.
- I: Na, ma'n rhaid iddyn nhw gael bwyd. Ma plant ar 'u prifiant eisio rhywbath i fwyta. Peth arall, mi fyddan just â llwgu wedi bod yr holl ffor'.

- I  $\binom{38}{y_{NADV}}$  looking rather gloomy,  $\frac{39}{y_{NCVB}}$  calling after SIENCYN): You'd better take the lantern, Siencyn. It is dark and quite lonely for you to go over Moel y Grug yourself.
- S  $\binom{40}{yn_{CVB}}$  *calling from outside)*: I'll take it from the cowshed.  $\binom{41}{yn_{CVB}}$  *Going* out.)
- N  $\binom{42}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  **coming** in): Did the old complainer go home, with his Blonde Mary and Blonde Mary all the time?
- I: Where are the kids, Nano?
- N  $\binom{43}{yn_{CVB}}$  **beginning** to clear up): They have gone to the bakery to get bread. I didn't manage to get time to bake at all today.
- I: They have gone the whole way to the bakery this time of the day? I have to go to meet them. I can't think about them passing the cemetery this time of the night, and going across that old swamp on their way home.
- N: Don't worry. It's about time they begin to look after themselves.
  - $\binom{44}{yn_{CVR}}$  IFAN **frowning** and **taking** his coat.)
- $\binom{45}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  going towards him, holding him by the hand, and looking at his face, to caress it): Come, my love, don't leave me here alone; it is so lonely here.  $\binom{46}{PRS}$  IFAN hesitates, than he turns and goes a step towards the door.) Do you prefer the kids over me?  $\binom{47}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  Making him sit down, and pulling him to the armchair.) There's no sense for you to go out tonight after you worked hard all day. Sit down and take a smoke.  $\binom{48}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  NANO handing him his pipe and his tobacco, filling the pipe and lighting it.  $\binom{49}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  Going on with clearing the table.  $\binom{50}{y_{n_{CVB}}}$  IFAN smoking, turning when seeing the table is empty.)
- I: Don't you keep some supper for the kids?
- N: I don't indeed! If they can't come home in time, they'll have to do without it [This is a pun: in Welsh *pryd* means both 'time' (as in *mewn pryd* 'in time') and 'a meal'].
- I: No, they have to have food. Growing children need something to eat. Another thing, they'll be just starving having walked the whole way.

- N: O, o'r gora. Mi gan damad o frechdan yn 'u llaw. (51 A at ymyl ei gadair, a **chwaraea** gyda'i wallt. 52 **Smocia** IFAN ac **edrych** i'r tân.)
- I: Ydi'r piseri wedi 'u golchi yn barod erbyn y bora?
- N (53 ym snaplyd): Nag ydyn nhw ddim. Ches i ddim amsar. (54 yn<sub>cvB</sub> Yn stopio gwneud ei wallt, ac yn sefyll o'i flaen.) Beth ydi'r mater arnoch chi heno, Ifan, ddaru chi 'rioed ofyn hynna o'r blaen?
- I: O—dim. Rydw i wedi blino heddyw, ac mi taflodd Siencyn fi oddiar fy echal dipyn heno.
- N: O, boddar yr hen swnyn! Rydw i wedi blino 'i glywad o'n sôn am 'i brofedigaetha, a'r amsar 'roedd o'n ifanc. Gyrrwch o'i ffwr', Ifan, 'dwn i ddim pam 'dach chi'n gadal i hen gradur felna y'ch poeni chi.
- I: Na, fedra i byth neud hynny. 'Roedd o yma cyn fy ngeni i, ac 'roedd gin fy nhad a fy nhaid feddwl mawr ohono. Mi fasa arna i ofn i ryw farn ddwad ar fy mhen i pe gyrrwn i Siencyn i ffwr'.
- N: Barn, yn wir! Peidiwch a bod ddigon gwirion i gredu ffasiwn lol.
- I: A pheth arall. Alla i byth gâl dyn gwell na Siencyn. Os ydi o wedi troi 'i drugian, mae o'n werth y byd, a fedrach chi byth gael un o'r hogia ifanc yn was ffarm mewn lle anghysball fel hyn.
- N (55 yn<sub>ADV</sub> yn chwerw): Dyna fo! Sut ydach chi'n disgwyl i mi fyw yma ynta, ym mhen draw'r byd o le fel hyn—yn clywad dim o fora hyd nos ond rhyw hen gornchwiglod pan fyddwch chi allan—a'r griciad yn y nos?
- Ond ma'r plant hefo chi.
- N: Hy! Y plant, yn wir! Cornchwiglod erill! Ma'n hwyr gin i weld yr amsar yn dwad iddyn nhw fynd i'r ysgol. Tasa ni'n byw yn ymyl 'y nheulu i, mi fasan yn mynd i'r ysgol rwan, a mi gawn innau weld tipyn o fywyd.
- I: Ydach chi—wedi blino ar Dŷ'n Mynydd yn barod, Nano?
- N (56 yn<sub>ADV</sub> yn edrych braidd yn ddychrynedig): O, tydw i ddim wedi blino, ond mi fasa'n dda gin i tasa Ty'n Mynydd yn nês i'r pentra nag y mae o, imi gael gweld rhai o fy hen ffrindia weithia.

- N: Oh, very well. They'll get a piece of bread and butter.

  (51 | She goes to the edge of the chair, and plays with his hair. 52 | IFAN smokes and looks at the fire.)
- I: Will the pitchers be washed by the morning?
- N (53 snappishly): They will not. I don't have time.
   (54 yn<sub>CVB</sub>)
   Stopping playing with his hair, and standing in front of him.) What is the matter with you tonight, Ifan? You've never asked me this before.
- I: Oh nothing. I'm tired today, and Siencyn put me off my stride tonight.
- N: Oh, the old complainer talks nonsense! I'm tired of hearing him talking about his experiences, and the time he was young. Get rid of him, Ifan, I don't understand why you let old creature like that bother you.
- I: No, I can never do that. He was here before I was born, and my father and grandfather thought highly of him. I'm afraid that some divine sentence will be upon me if I get rid of him.
- N: Judgement, really! Don't be so silly to believe such nonsense.
- I: And something else. I'll never be able to get a better man than Siencyn. Even if he is turning sixty, he's worth the world, and you can't ever get one of the young lads as a servant in a remote place like this one.
- N ( $^{55}_{yn_{ADV}}$ ): Here it is! How do you expect *me* to live here, in a place like this, in the far end of the world hearing nothing from morning till night but some lapwings when you're out and the cricket at night.
- I: But the kids are with you.
- N: Ha! The kids, really! Other lapwings! I yearn to see the time when they go to school. Had we lived by my family, they would have gone to school by now, and I would get to see a little bit of life.
- I: Are you tired of Tŷ'n Mynydd already, Nano?
- N  $\binom{56}{yn_{ADV}}$  **looking rather frightened**): Oh, I'm not tired, but I'd prefer if Tŷ'n Mynydd would be closer to town than it is, so I can see some of my old friends sometimes.

- I: Ond rydw i gynoch chi.
- N: Ond rydach chi allan hyd y caea yna ar hyd y dydd, ac ma' rhaid i finna slafio o fora tan nos. Wyddoch chi ddim bedi'r holl waith sy gin i hefo'r holl odro a chorddi, a phobi, a llnau'r tŷ. A fydd Siencyn yma byth yn sychu 'i draed wrth ddwad i'r tŷ o'r tomeni tail.
- I (57 ym, not digalon): Rydw i'n cydnabod fod yma lot o waith, Nano bach. Tasa'r amserodd yn well, mi fasan yn cael morwyn. Ond fel ma' petha rwan, ma' arna i ofn na allwn ni ddim fforddio'r un.
- N: Yn lle cewch chi hogan wnaiff aros mewn rhyw hen le fel hyn, i weld neb ond Siencyn o fora Llun hyd nos Sadwrn? Mi faga'r felan a rosa hi ddim yma wnsos. A welwn i ddim llawer o fai arni hi, chwaith.

  (58 | Lleinw'r ddysgl â dŵr poeth o'r tecell mewn tymer, ac â ymlaen i olchi'r llestri tan gadw sŵn.)
- I: Nano bach, cadwch y llestri yn gyfan.
- N: Dyna'r unig fiwsig sydd i gael mewn rhyw bendraw byd o le fel hyn. I lawr yn y "Cart and Horses" rwy'n siwr fod Wil y Ffidlar a Deio'r Crydd wrthi'n canu'r piano, ac yn canu baledi. Dyna lle liciwn i fod!
- I: Os ma' felna rydach chi'n teimlo, ma'n dda fod Ty'n Mynydd y lle y mae o. Gora po bella boch chi oddiwrth Wil Ffidlar a'i siort!
- N: Rydw i'n cofio amsar pan oeddach chitha'n licio dwad yno.
- I: Ond fuo mi byth yno wedi'ch cael chi. Mi ddown i ar ych hol *chi* i waeth llefydd.

 $\binom{59}{yn_{CVB}}$  NANO **yn cadw** sŵn efo'r llestri o hyd.  $^{60}_{NP}$  **Cnoc ysgafn ar y drws.**  $^{61}_{yn_{CVB}}$  GWYN ac EIRY **yn dyfod** i °mewn yn wlyb ac yn garpiog eu dillad.  $^{62}_{other}$  EIRY **wedi colli** ei hesgid,  $^{63}_{yn_{CVB}}$  ac **yn sychu** ei llygaid.  $^{64}_{PRS}$  **Edrychant** ar NANO yn ofnus.  $^{65}_{PRS}$  **Ymdroant** o gwmpas y drws.)

N: Yn lle buoch chi cyd, y cnafon bach drwg?

 $\binom{66}{yn_{CVR}}$  EIRY **yn crio** mwy.)

- I: But you have me.
- N: But you are out at the fields during the day, and I have to work like a slave from morning till night. You don't know what's the whole work I have with the whole milking and churning, and baking, and cleaning the house. And that Siencyn never dries his shoes when he comes to the house from the dung heaps.
- I  $\binom{57}{yn_{ADV}}$  disheartenedly): I recognise you have a lot of work, dear Nano. Had the times been better, we would get a maid. But as the things are now, I fear we can't afford one.
- N: Where are you going to get a girl to stay in an old place like this, seeing no one but Siencyn from Monday morning to Saturday night? She'll get depressed and not stay here a week. And I wouldn't blame her for that either. (58 PRES She fills the cup with warm water from the teapot in anger, and goes on to wash the dishes while making noise.)
- I: Dear Nano, keep the dishes intact.
- N: That's the only music one can get in a desolate place like this. Down in the 'Cart and Horses' I'm sure Will the Fiddler and Deio the Shoemaker are playing the piano, and singing ballads.
- I: If that's how you feel, it's a good thing that Tŷ'n Mynydd is where it is. The farther you are from Will Fiddler and it sorts, the better.
- N: I remember a time when you liked to go there.
- I: And I've never been there after I got you. I followed you to worse places.

 $\binom{59}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  NANO still **making** noise with the dishes.  $\binom{60}{NP}$  A light **knock** on the door.  $\binom{61}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  GWYN and EIRY **coming** in wet and with ragged clothes.  $\binom{62}{other}$  EIRY **having lost** [lit. after loosing] her shoe,  $\binom{63}{y_{\text{TCVB}}}$  and **drying** her eyes.  $\binom{64}{P_{\text{RS}}}$  They **look** on NANO fearfully.  $\binom{65}{P_{\text{RS}}}$  They **stay** by the door.)

N: Where have you been so long, you little bad rascals?

 $\binom{66}{yn_{CVB}}$  EIRY **crying** more.)

- G (67 other gydag atal dweyd): R—r—roedda ni ofn pasio'r fynwant, a mi aethon ni rownd heibio'r Manllwyd, a mi ddaru ni golli'r ffordd.
- N: Mi roi i chi "fynd rownd y Manllwyd"! Esgus ydi hynna. Wedi bod yn chwara rydach chi. A finna wedi bod yn disgwl yn fanma am y bara! Lle mae'r ddwy dorth?
- E: 0, tada-
- I: Am be' wyti'n crio, mach i?
- G: Mi ddaru Eiry bach syrthio i ryw hen bwll dŵr wrth y Manllwyd, a cholli'r dorth, a 'rodd hi'n rhy dywyll ini ffeindio hi, *odd wir, mam*!
- N: Paid a deud dy glwydda, y lleidar bach. Wedi bod yn prynu fferis hefo'r arian rydach chi. Colli'r dorth yn wir! Ydach chi'n meddwl mod i ddigon gwirion i gredu hyna?
- G: 'Dydw i ddim yn lleidar.
- I: Nano, Nano, mae'r plant wedi gwlychu, a 'drychwch, ma Eiry wedi colli 'i hesgid.
- N: Dyna chi yn cymryd 'u part nhw eto! Sut ydach chi'n meddwl iddyn nhw wrando arna i? Cerwch chi i'r llofft, a mi ro inna'r plant yn 'u gwlâu. Mae'n hen bryd iddyn nhw fod yma ers oriau.
- I: A pheidiwch anghofio rhoi rhywbath iddyn nhw i'w fwyta.
- N: Peidiwch chi a phoeni. Mi ro i rywbath iddyn nhw i fwyta.
- E  $\binom{68}{yn_{CVB}}$  **yn wylo** ac **yn tynnu** yng nghôt ei thad): O tada, peidiwch a mynd.
  - $\binom{69}{vn_{CVR}}$  IFAN **yn petruso**.)
- N  $\binom{70}{yn_{ADV}}$  **yn wawdlyd**): Ydach chi'n meddwl mod i'n mynd i *ladd* ych plant chi?
- I: Byddwch dynar ohonyn nhw, Nano. Ma nhw'n ifanc iawn.
  - (71 <sub>PRS</sub> Cusana'r plant, a hwythau'n dal eu gafael ynddo.
    72 <sub>PRS</sub> Rhydd far ar y drws allan. 73 <sub>PRS</sub> Cymer gannwyll, ac
    â i fyny'r grisiau. 74 <sub>PRS</sub> Edrych y plant ar NANO yn ofnus.)
- N: Rwan, tynnwch ych dillad mewn dau funud i chi fynd i'ch gwlâu.

- G (67 other with a stutter): W-w-we feared to pass the cemetery, and i went around by Manllwyd, and we lost the way.
- N: I'll give you 'go round Manllwyd'! This is an excuse. It's playing what you did. And I have waited here for the bread! Where are the two loafs?
- E: Oh, father —
- I: Why are you crying, my little one?
- G: Little Eiry fell to some old water pool by Manllwyd and lost the loaf, and it was too dark for us to find it, that's the truth, mom!
- N: Stop lying, you little thief. It's buying sweets with the money what you did. Losing the loaf really! Do you think I'm stupid enough to believe that?
- G: I am not a thief.
- I: Nano, Nano, the kids are wet, and look, Eiry has lost her shoe.
- N: Here you take their side again! How do you think they are going to listen to me? Go to the loft, and I'll put the kids in their beds. They should have been here ours ago.
- I: And don't forget to give them something to eat.
- N: Don't worry. I'll give them something to eat.
- E  $\binom{68}{yn_{CVB}}$  crying and pulling in her father's coat): Oh, father, don't go.
  - $\binom{69}{yn_{CVB}}$  IFAN **hesitating**.)
- N  $\binom{70}{yn_{ADV}}$  mockingly): Do you think I'm going to kill your kids?
- I: Be tender with them, Nano. They are very young.
  - $\binom{71}{PRS}$  He **kisses** the kids, and they keep holding him.  $^{72}_{PRS}$  He **bars** the door out.  $^{73}_{PRS}$  He **takes** a candle, and **goes** up the stairs.  $^{74}_{PRS}$  He **looks** on the kids and NANO fearfully.)
- N: Now, take your clothes in two minutes so you go to your beds.

- (75 Pechreu y plant ddatod eu dillad yn frysiog, a'u tynnu oddiamdanynt.)
- G: Gawn ni swpar, mam? Mae arnon ni eisio bwyd.
- N (<sup>76</sup><sub>yn<sub>CVB</sub></sub> yn mynd at y badell fara, ac yn codi rhyw grystyn o dorth o'i gwaelod): Hwdiwch, mae hwn yn ddifai i chi. (<sup>77</sup><sub>yn<sub>CVB</sub></sub> Yn torri darn o fara sych iddynt.) Mi gewch 'i fyta fo yn ych gwely.
  - (78 PRS A'r plant ymlaen i ddadwisgo tra NANO yn eu gwylio yn wyllt. 79 Rhydd eu gwisg nos dros eu pen, 80 ac wrth wneud hyn mae'n tynnu braich EIRY trwy ei llawes.)
- N  $\binom{81}{y_{n_{ADV}}}$  **yn wyllt**): Dyro dy law trwadd. Rwyt ti mor stiff a phocar!
  - $\binom{82}{PRS}$  Wedi iddynt ddadwisgo **gwthia** NANO'r bara i'w dwylo.  $\frac{83}{PRS}$  **Rhydd** GWYN ei law tu ol i'w chefn.)
- E: Mae arna i eisio bara a menyn. (84 Gollynga'r bara ar lawr. 85 Rhydd NANO slap iddi.)
- E ( $_{yn_{CVR}}^{86}$  yn wylo): O mami, mami!
- G: Pe bae mami yn fyw, mi-mi-mi-( $^{87}_{yn_{CVB}}$  *yn cau ei ddyrnau*).
- N: Tewch a chrio mewn dau funud, newch chi—ne mi ddaw'r bwgan atoch chi drwy'r drws yma.
  - (88 <sub>PRS</sub> **Gwthia** NANO hwy i'w gwely, a **gedy** eu dillad ar lawr: **chwyth** y lamp, ac **â** i fyny'r grisiau.)
- E: O, mae arna i ofn, mae arna i ofn!
- G: Aros di funud, Eiry bach. (89 PRS) Cyfyd o'i wely ac aiff at y dresel. 90 Estyn gannwyll o'r drôr, ac wedi ei goleu, dyry hi ar gornel y dresel. 91 PRS Gwna iddi lynu drwy ddiferu tipyn o wêr ar y gornel. 92 Yna aiff yn ol i'w wely. 93 Eistedd y ddau i fyny, a gafael EIRY yn dynn yn ei brawd.)
- E: Mae arna i ofn yr hen fo-lol 'na, Gwyn. (94 yncvb Yn edrych tua'r drws.) Mae o'n siwr o ddwad drwy'r drws a nal i!

- (75<sub>PRS</sub> The children **begin** to untie their cloths hastily, and take them off.)
- G: Do we get supper, mom? We are hungry.
- N  $\binom{76}{yn_{CVB}}$  going to the bread pan, and picking up some piece of crust from the bottom of it): Take, this is perfect for you.  $\binom{77}{yn_{CVB}}$  Cutting a piece of dry bread for them.) You can eat it in your bed.
  - (78 PRS The children **go** on undressing, while NANO watching them wildly. 79 She **puts** their night dress over their head, 80 other and while she does that **she is pulling** EIRY's arm through her sleeve.)
- N  $\binom{81}{yn_{ADV}}$  wildly): Put your hand through. You are as stiff as a poker.
  - (82 PRS Having undressed, NANO **pushes** the bread in their hands. 83 GWYN **puts** his hand behind his back.)
- E: I want bread with butter. ( $^{84}_{PRS}$  He drops the bread on the floor.  $^{85}_{PRS}$  NANO slaps him.)
- E  $\binom{86}{vn_{CVB}}$  *crying*): Oh mummy, mummy!
- G: If mummy were alive, sh-sh-sh-  $\binom{87}{yn_{CVB}}$  closing his fists).
- N: Stop crying right now, do that or the hobgoblin will come to you through this door.
  - $\binom{88}{PRS}$  NANO **pushes** them to their beds, and **throws** their cloths on the floor: she **blows** the lamp, and **goes** up the stairs.)
- E: Oh, I'm afraid, I'm afraid!
- G: Wait two minutes, little Eiry. (89 He gets up from his bed and goes to the dresser. 90 He takes a candle from the drawer, and having lighting it, he puts it on the corner of the dresser. 91 He makes it stick by dripping some candle wax on the corner. 92 Then he goes back to his bed. 93 The two sit up, and EIRY holds tightly in her brother.)
- E: I'm afraid of that old goblin, Gwyn ( $^{94}_{yn_{CVB}}$  **Looking** at the door.) I'm sure it will come through the door and catch me.

- G (95 other gyda thipyn o atal dweyd): P-p-paid a chrio, bach, 'd-d-does arna i ddim ofn. Mi helia i o i ffwrdd hefo ffon. Gwrando, mae gin i rywbath i ddeyd wrthat ti! Mae tada yn mynd â Gweno'r llo bach coch allan fory. Mi gawn ni hwyl iawn! Mi gei di weld Gweno yn mynd ar 'i phen, ac yn dragio tada rownd Cae Hir.
- E: Alla na naiff hi ddim yn gadal ni.
- G: Mi ofynnwn i tada, a mi ofynnwn gaiff Sarah Jane a Myfanwy Glan Gors ddwad, a Johnny Robart.
- E: Ond, O! Gwyn, ma'n nhw'n mynd i'r ffair. Faswn inna'n licio cal mynd i'r ffair hefyd.
- G: O hitia befo, bach—hen le annifyr ydi ffair. Ma Siencyn yn deyd na tydi ffair yn lle i blant bach fel ni, ond i bobol fawr. Clyw! (<sup>96</sup><sub>yncvB</sub> Yn cau un llygad.) Mi awn ni i'r sgubor, a mi nawn ni siglan fawr, fawr, fel hyn (<sup>97</sup><sub>yncyB</sub> yn dangos â'i ddwylo).
- E  $\binom{98}{yn_{CVB}}$  yn siglo i fyny ac i lawr ar y gwely): O! Gwyn, mi fydd hynny'n hwyl iawn!  $\binom{99}{yn_{CVB}}$  Yn stopio ac yn newid ei llais.) O! tro dwaetha wna hi mo'n gadal ni.
- G: Wn i be' nawn ni—mi ddengwn i ffwr' hefo'n gilydd—i— ffwr' yn bell bell. Gorfadd i lawr, Eiry bach.
- E: I lle gawn ni fynd, Gwyn?
- G: Yn bell—bell—yn bellach na deng milltir. A mi nawn ni fyw mewn tŷ bach hefo'n gilydd. Mi na i weithio i ddwad ag arian inni gael bwyd.
- E: A mi 'na i llnau'r tŷ, a gneud y bwyd yn barod—
- G: A mi 'na i balu'r ardd—
- E: A mi 'na i olchi'r dillad—
- G: A mi gawn ni boni bach fel Bess, a—a—a—
- E: A llo bach fel Gweno, a—a—a—
- G: Ac oen bach llywath fel Jinw, a-
- E: A chath hefo tair coes fel Twmi—i mi—i mi gael i nyrsio hi—

- G (95 other with a bit of a stutter): D—d—don't cry, dear, I—I—I'm not afraid. I'll chase it away with a stick. Listen, I have something to tell you! Daddy is going with Gweno the little red calf out tomorrow. We'll have a great fun! You'll see Gweno going on her own, and dragging daddy around Cae Hir.
- E: Maybe she'll not let us.
- G: We'll ask daddy, and we'll ask if Sarah Jane and Myfanwy Glan Gors can come, and Johnny Robart.
- E: But, oh! Gwyn, they are going to the fair. I'd like to get to go the fair as well.
- G: Oh never mind, little one the fair is an old tiresome place. Siencyn says the fair is not a place for little kids like us, but for grown-ups. Hear! ( $^{96}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Closing his eyes.) We'll go to the barn, and we'll make a big, big sickle(?), like this ( $^{97}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  showing with his hands).
- E (98 yncve bobbing up and down on the bed): Oh! Gwyn, this will be a great fun! (99 yncve Stopping and changing her voice.) Oh! Last time she didn't let us.
- G: I know what we'll do we'll run away together far far -a way —. Lie down, little Eiry.
- E: Where will we go, Gwyn?
- G: Far far farther than ten miles. And we'll live together in a small house. I'll work to bring money so we can get food.
- E: And I'll clean the house, and prepare food —
- G: And I'll dig the garden —
- E: And I'll wash the clothes —
- G: And we'll get a small pony like Bess, a—a—a—
- E: And a small calf like Gweno, a—a—a—
- G: And a small pet lamb like Jinw, a—
- E: And a cat with three legs like Twmi for me for me to take care of —

- G: A chi mawr fel Tobi, i gadw'r bo-lol i ffwr'—
- E (100 yn neidio i fyny yn ei gwely, ac yn gafael yn dynn):
   O, Gwyn, ma rhywun yn dwad trwy'r drws! O! O!
- G (101 aydag atal dweyd gan ofn): P-p-paid a chrio, bach, d-d-does yna neb. Fedar neb ddwad drwy'r drws, achos mi ddaru tada i gloi o cyn mynd i'w wely. Gwrando, mae gin i stori-
- E: 'Does arna i ddim eisio stori. Mae arna i eisio mami.
- G: Ond mae mami yn bell, bell, a ddaw hi byth yn ol, Eiry.
- E: Ond mae arna i eisio mami, nid yr hen fam yna. Mae hi yn fy nghuro fi o hyd.
- G: Hitia befo, Eiry bach, mi nawn ni redag i ffwr', a mynd i fyw i dŷ bach wrthyn yn hunain— a mi gawn ni fara llefrith i swpar bob nos, fel fydda'n ni'n gâl gin mami.
- E: Ond mae arna i eisio mami—i roi y bara llefrith imi.
  - $\binom{102}{ND}$  Curo ar y drws.)
- E: Mami, mami, dyma chi wedi dwad!
  - (103 Rhed at y drws a thŷn y bar. 104 PRS Daw MAIR i mewn. 105 Dynes oddeutu deg ar hugain, welw, yn ei gwisg waith, a ffedog wen, a shawl wen dros ei phen. 106 PRS Dyry ei shawl ar y bwrdd. 107 Rhed y plant ati.)
- M (108 yn gafael am danynt, ac yn eu cusanu.
  109 PRS Eistedd i lawr ar y gwely; cymer EIRY ar ei glin, a dyry ei braich am GWYN): O mhlant bach i! Sut ydach chi? Ond tydi Gwyn yn hogyn mawr!—a mae Eiry bach bron rhy fawr i fod yn fabi mam rwan.
- E: Mi oeddach chi'n hir yn dwad, mami.
- M: Wel, nghariad i, mae'n cymryd amsar hir i ddwad dros y mynydd o'r Llan.
- G: Lle 'dach chi wedi bod, mami?

- G: And a big dog like Tobi, to keep the goblin away —
- E (100 jumping up and down in her bed, and holding tight): Oh, Gwyn, someone is coming through the door! O! O!
- G (101 with a stutter from fear): D—d—don't cry, little one, th—th—there's no one there. No one can come through the door, because daddy locked it before he went to bed. Listen, I have a story —
- E: I don't want a story. I want mummy.
- G: But mummy is far, far away, and she's not coming back, Eiry.
- E: But I want mummy, not that old mother. She's always hitting me.
- G: Never mind, little Eiry, we'll run away, and go to live in a small house together — and we'll have bread and milk for supper every night, like we used to have from mummy.
- E: But I want mummy to give the bread and milk to me.
  - $\binom{102}{MD}$  **Knock** on the door.)
- E: Mummy, mummy, here you come!
  - $\binom{103}{PRS}$  She **runs** to the door and **pulls** the bar.  $^{104}_{PRS}$  MAIR comes in.  $^{105}_{NP}$  **A woman** about thirty years old, pale, in her work cloths and a white apron, a white shawl over her head.  $^{106}_{PRS}$  She **puts** her shawl on the table.  $^{107}_{PRS}$  The children **run** to her.)
- M ( $^{108}_{yn_{CVB}}$  holding them, and kissing them.  $^{109}_{PRS}$  She sits down on the bed; she takes EIRY on her knee, and puts her arm around GWYN): Oh, my little children! How are you? Gwyn is a big boy, isn't he! and little Eiry is almost too big to be mummy's baby now.
- E: It took a long time for you to come, mummy.
- M: Well, my love, it takes a long time to come over the mountain from the Graveyard.
- G: Where have you been, mummy?

- M: Yn bell, bell, y mach i—ond nid yn rhy bell i'ch clywad chi bob tro y byddwch chi yn chwerthin ne' yn crio—ond crio fydda i'n glywad amla.
- G: 'Roedd Eiry'n crio heno, mami—ond 'doeddwn i ddim!
- M: Dyna hogyn da! Mi glywis Eiry yn galw arna i, a dyna pam y dois i.
- G: Ma'r llo bach coch yn mynd allan fory, mami, am y tro cynta.
- M: Ydi o wir, bach? ( $^{110}_{PRS}$  Tyn ei llaw hyd wallt EIRY  $^{111}_{yn_{CVB}}$  ac yn ei gusanu.) Lle ma' cyrls Eiry bach wedi mynd?
- E: 'Does gin i ddim cyrls rwan, mami.
- M (112 yn cymryd brws a chrib budr oddiar y dresel, ac yn dechreu brwsio gwallt Eiry, a'i wneud ef yn fodrwyau o amgylch ei bys): Ma gin Eiry wallt clws.
- G: Ydan ni ddim yn câl cyrls rwan i fynd i'r Ysgol Sul.
- M: Fyddwch chi'n mynd i'r Ysgol Sul rwan?
- G: Byddwn, withia, ond amball dro fydd cinio rhy hwyr, a fydd gyni *hi* ddim amsar i wisgo am danon ni.
- M: Ydach chi wedi dysgu llawar o adnoda newydd er pan es i?
- G: Na, fyddwn ni ddim yn dysgu llawar o adnoda rwan.
- M: 'Dach chi ddim yn cofio "Yr Arglwydd yw fy Mugail"?
- G: "Yr Arglwydd yw fy Mugail. Ni bydd eisieu arnaf. Efe—Efe a wna i mi orwedd mewn porfeydd gwelltog. Efe—Efe—"
- M: "Efe a'm tywys gerllaw y dyfroedd." Sut ma' un Eiry?
- E: "Duw cariad yw."
- M: Dyna blant da! (113 Cusana hwy, a mwmian ganu "Crug y Bar" gan siglo EIRY yn ol a blaen.)
- M: Dwedwch wrth mami beth fyddwch chi'n chwara rwan. Ydi'r hen geffyl pren gin Gwyn o hyd?

- M: Far, far away, my little one but not too far to hear you every time you laugh or cry — but it crying I hear most often.
- G: Eiry cried tonight, mummy but I did not!
- M: Attaboy! I heard Eiry calling me, and that's why I came.
- G: The little red calf is going out tomorrow, mummy, for the first time.
- M: Is it so, little one?  $\binom{110}{PRS}$  She runs her hand on EIRY's hair and kissing her.) Where have little Eiry's curls gone?
- E: I have no curls now, mummy.
- M  $\binom{112}{yn_{CVB}}$  **taking** a dirty brush and a comb from the dresser, and **beginning** to brush Eiry's hair, and rolling it into rings around her finger): Eiry has beautiful hair.
- G: We don't get curls now to go to Sunday School.
- M: Do you go to Sunday School now?
- G: We are, sometimes, but sometimes breakfast is too late, and *she* has no time to dress us.
- M: Have you learnt many new verses since I went?
- G: No, we don't learn many verses now.
- M: Don't you remember 'The Lord is my Shepherd'?
- G: 'The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He-He makes me lie down in green pastures. He-He-'
- M: 'He leads me to water in places of repose.' How is Eiry's one?
- E: 'God is love.'
- M: Good children! (113 She kisses them, and hums [lit. to hum] 'Crug y Bar' while swinging EIRY back and forth.)
- M: Tell mummy what you play now. Does Gwyn have the old hobby horse?

- G: Na, mi rois i yr hen geffyl pren i Johnny Robart. Mae gin i boni *go iawn* rwan! (114 Ysgwyd ei ben.)
- M: A lle mae Doli Jane rwan?
- E  $\binom{115}{yn_{ADV}}$  yn dorcalonnus): Mae Doli Jane wedi mynd, a rydw i yn magu Twmi rwan.
- G: O ia, 'does gin Twmi ddim ond tair coes rwan, mami.Mi ath i'r trap ryw fora.
- M: Ydi Queen, y gasag frown, yma o hyd?
- G: Na, ma' Queen wedi marw, a mi syrthiodd Mwynig dros yr ochr, a'does gynon ni ddim ond pedair buwch rwan. Mi a'th Siencyn â'r Benwan i'r ffair y dwrnod o'r blaen—a roeddan ni'n crio.
- M  $\binom{116}{yn_{CVB}}$  yn **edrych** ar eu dillad sydd ar lawr): Fyddwch chi ddim yn plygu'ch dillad wrth fynd i'ch gwlâu rwan?
- G: Na fyddwn ni. 'Does dim amsar.
  - (117 Rhydd MAIR EIRY ar y gwely. 118 Cyfyd y dillad carpiog gan syllu arnynt. 119 Gollynga hwynt i'r llawr a chyfyd yr hosanau.)
- M: Bobol bach! Ma'ch 'sana chi'n lyb. Y mhlant bach i! Yn lle buoch chi i wlychu?
- G: Mi ddaru hi syrthio i bwll dŵr yn y Gors, yn ymyl y Manllwyd.
- M: Manllwyd! Beth oeddach chi yn 'i neud yn fanno?
- G: Wedi bod yn ol bara oeddan ni.
- M (120 yn rhoi y dillad wrth y tân i sychu ar gefn cadair):
   Mi fyddan yn sych erbyn y bora. (121 Chwilia'r dillad yn fanylach). A dyna dy ffrog felfat lâs ora di, Eiry?
- E: Ia, ma hi'n gadal imi chael hi i chwara bob dydd.
- M (122 wrthi ei hun): Fy ngenath bach i! (123 Rhydd y ffrog ar gefn y gadair; yna try at GWYN.) Ydi dy draed di yn oer, Gwyn bach?
- G: Ydyn, dipyn.

- G: No, I gave the old hobby horse to Johnny Robart. I have a real pony now! ( $^{114}_{PRS}$  He **shakes** his head.)
- M: And where is Jane the Doll now?
- E  $\binom{115}{yn_{ADV}}$  heartbreakingly): Jane the Doll has gone, and I take care of Twmi now.
- G: Oh yeah, Twmi has now only three legs, mummy. He went to the trap one morning.
- M: Is Queen, the brown mare, still here?
- G: No, Queen has died, and Mwynig fell over the side<sup>(?)</sup>, and we have only four cows now. Siencyn took Penwan to the fair the other day and we cried.
- M ( $\frac{116}{yn_{CVB}}$  **looking** on their clothes on the floor): Don't you fold the clothes when you go to bed now?
- G: No. There is no time.
  - $\binom{117}{PRS}$  MAIR **puts** EIRY on the bed.  $\frac{118}{PRS}$  She **gets** the ragged clothes, while looking at them.  $\frac{119}{PRS}$  She **throws** them to the floor and **takes** the socks.)
- M: Good gracious! Your socks are wet. My little children! Where have to been getting wet?
- G: She fell into a water pool in the Gors, near Manllwyd.
- M: Manllwyd! What did you do there?
- G: We have gone to bring bread.
- M ( $\frac{120}{yn_{CVB}}$  putting the clothes by the fire to dry them on the back of a chair): They will be dry by the morning. ( $\frac{121}{PRS}$  She examines the clothes closely). And that's your best blue velvet frock, Eiry?
- E: Yes, she lets me have it to play every day.
- M (122 to herself): My little girl! (123 She puts the frock on the back of the chair; then she turns to GWYN.) Are your feet cold, little Gwyn?
- G: Yes, a little.

- M: Tyd i ista wrth y tân, 'y nghariad i. (124 PRS Gesyd ef i eistedd ar y gadair siglo. 125 Penlinia o'i flaen, rhwbia ei draed. 126 Saif EIRY gan edrych.) Mi fyddan yn gynnas mewn munud wrth i mami rhwbio nhw.
- E: Rhwbiwch y nhraed i, mami.
- M: Na, rydw i am fynd a chdi hefo mi, Eiry bach, lle cei di dyfu i fyny yn hogan bach dda. (127 Rhydd oreu i rwbio traed GWYN, a charia ef at y gwely. 128 Twtia dipyn ar y dillad, a rhydd GWYN ynddo gan ei gusanu.) Nos dawch rwan, Gwyn bach—a chofia fod yn hogyn da—a mi fydd mami yn edrach ar dy ol di bob amsar. Paid a bod ag ofn.
- G: Nos dawch, mami bach. (<sup>129</sup><sub>PRS</sub> Rhydd ei ddwylo am ei gwddf.) Fydd arna i ddim ofn. Rydw i'n hogyn mawr rwan.
- M (130 wrth EIRY): Tyd i ddeyd nos dawch wrth Gwyn, Eiry, tan nes cei di weld o eto.
  - $\binom{131}{PRS}$  **Rhydd** EIRY ei dwylo am wddf GWYN, a **chusana** ef.)
- E: Nos dawch, Gwyn. Mi gei di Twmi i chwara hefo hi rwan.
- G: O mi na'i chwara hefo fy mhoni. Mae Siencyn am fy nysgu i reidio.
  - $\binom{132}{PRS}$  **Edrych** y tri i fyny yn sydyn—fel pe wedi dychryn.)
- G (133 dan chwerthin): O, dim ond yr hen geiliog sy'na yn canu!
- M: Ma' rhaid imi fynd rwan. Tyd, Eiry. (134 PRS Gafael yn llaw EIRY, 135 PRS A EIRY dan ddawnsio yn llawen. 136 Ant at y drws, 137 Chwifia EIRY ei llaw ar GWYN, 138 a chwardd y ddau ar ei gilydd.)
- G: Nos dawch, mami (139 wrth i MAIR fynd allan.

  140 PRS Caea'r drws ar ei hol. 141 A i orwedd yn ei wely.

  142 Seibiant byr. 143 Egyr IFAN y drws sydd yn arwain
  i'r grisiau yn araf. 144 other Mae cannwyll oleu ganddo.)
- I: Gwyn! ... Gwyn! Pwy oedd 'ma 'n siarad hefo ti?
- G ( $^{145}_{yn_{cyn}}$  yn eistedd): O dada—gesiwch pwy!

- M: Come to sit by the fire, my love. (124 She puts him to sit on the rocking chair. 125 She kneels in front of him, and rubs his feet. 126 PRS EIRY stands, looking.) They will be warm in a minute when mummy rubs them.
- E: Rub my feet, mummy.
- M: No, I'm going to take you with me, little Eiry, where you get to grow up a good little girl. (127 She stops rubbing GWYN's feet, and carries him to the bed. 128 She tidies the clothes a little, and puts GWYN in the bed while kissing him.) Good night now, little Gwyn and remember to be a good boy Mummy will look after you all the time. Don't be afraid.
- G: Good night, dear mummy. ( $^{129}_{PRS}$  He **puts** his hands on her neck.) I will not be afraid. I'm a big boy now.
- M (130 to Eirr): Come and say good night to Gwyn, Eiry, until the next time you'll see him again.
  - (131 EIRY **puts** her hands on GWYN's neck, and **kisses** him.)
- E: Good night, Gwyn. You have Twmi to play with now.
- G: Oh I'll play with my pony. Siencyn is going to teach me how to ride.
  - $\binom{132}{PRS}$  The three **look** up suddenly as if they are frightened.)
- G  $\binom{133}{other}$  laughing): Oh, it's just that old cock calling!
- M: I have to go now. Come, Eiry. (134 She holds Eiry's hand. 135 Eiry goes, while dancing gladly. 136 They go to the door. 137 Eiry waves her hand at GWYN, 138 and the two laugh together.)
- G: Good night, mummy (139 other when MAIR goes out [lit. with for MAIR to go out]. 140 He closes the door after her. 141 He goes to lie in his bed. 142 A short pause. 143 IFAN slowly opens the door that leads to the stairs. 144 other He has a candle.)
- I: Gwyn! ... Gwyn! Who was talking with you?
- G ( $^{145}_{VRCVB}$  sitting): Oh daddy guess who!

- I (146 other mewn llais ofnus): Wn i ddim, wir. Alla neb fod yma'r adag yma o'r nos. Mae'n amhosib fod neb wedi bod yma.
- G: O dada, mi fuo mami yma.
- I (JHZ) yn eistedd yn drwm ar gadair, yn edrych yn syn ac yn ddychrynedig ar GWYN. JHAB YN ARW): 'Dwyt ti 'rioed yn deyd y gwir. Mae dy fam wedi marw.
- G: Do, wir, mi fuo 'ma. Drychwch ar y dillad wrth y tân. Y hi roth nhw yna o achos 'u bod nhw'n 'lyb, a mi gyrliodd wallt Eiry, a mi ddaru rwbio fy nhraed i, a chanu inni, a mae hi wedi mynd ag Eiry hefo hi yn bell—bell—i dyfu yn hogan dda.
- I (149 yn rhuthro at y gwely): Y nefoedd fawr! (150 yncys Yn ysgwyd GWYN.) Beth wyt ti wedi neud hefo Eiry? Lle mae hi? Dwad wrtha i mewn munud!
- G  $\binom{151}{yn_{ADV}}$  **yn dawel**): Wel, mae mami wedi mynd â hi i ffwr' fforna  $\binom{152}{yn_{CVB}}$  **yn pwyntio** at y drws).
- I  $\binom{153}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **yn chwilio** o dan y gwely, tu ol i'r dresel, ac o gwmpas y tân): Eiry—Eiry, tyd yma, Eiry bach.
- G  $\binom{154}{yn_{ADV}}$  **yn dawel**): Waeth i chi heb. Ddaw hi byth yn ol yma.
- I  $\binom{155}{yn_{CVB}}$  yn treio'r drws): Mae'r drws yn y gorad.
  - ( $_{PRS}^{156}$  Goleua lusern, ac a allan ar frys.  $_{PRS}^{157}$  Daw NANO i mewn yn ddistaw iawn, ei hwyneb yn wyn, ac yn gwisgo côt fawr dros ei gwisg nos.)
- N (158 wedi dychryn): Be' sy'n bod, Gwyn? Pwy oedd yn siarad hefo ti?
- G: Ond mami!
- N (159 mewn llais dychrynedig): Mami... wyt... ti wedi... wedi bod yn breuddwydio?
- G (160 other tan nodio): Drychwch ar 'n dillad glybion ni. Mami roth nhw wrth y tân i sychu. A mae hi wedi mynd ag Eiry i ffwr' a mae hi yn edrach ar fy ol i.
- N (163 ymhen tipyn): Mi gei di fynd i'r ffair fory, Gwyn bach, a mi ro i swllt i wario i ti ac Eiry.

- I (146 other in a fearful voice): I don't know, really. Nobody can be here this time of the night. It's impossible somebody has been here.
- G: Oh daddy, mummy was here.
- I  $\binom{147}{y_{NCVB}}$  **sitting** heavily on the chair, looking astonished and frightened at GWYN.  $\binom{148}{y_{NDDV}}$  harshly): You never tell the truth. Your mother has died.
- G: She was, really, she was here. Look at the clothes by the fire. It was her who put them there because they were wet, and curled Eiry's hair, and rubbed my feet, and sang to us, and she has took Eiry far far away to grow up a good girl.
- I  $\binom{149}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  rushing to the bed): Good heavens!  $\binom{150}{y_{n_{\text{CVB}}}}$  Shaking GWYN.) What have you done with Eiry? Where is she? Tell me this minute!
- G  $\binom{151}{yn_{ADV}}$  **quietly**): Well, mummy has taken her away there  $\binom{152}{yn_{CVB}}$  **pointing** at the door).
- I  $\binom{153}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **looking** under the bed, behind the dresser, and around the hearth): Eiry Eiry, come here, little Eiry.
- G ( $\frac{154}{y_{n_{ADV}}}$  quietly): There's no use. She is never going back here.
- I  $\binom{155}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **trying** the door): The door is open.
  - (156 He **lights** a lantern, and goes out hastily. PRS NANO **comes** in very quietly, her face is white, and wearing a greatcoat over her night dress.)
- N (158 frightened): What's happening, Gwyn? Who is talking with you?
- G: Mummy!
- N (159 in a frightened voice): Mummy... are you... have you... have you been dreaming?
- G (160 marking): Look at our wet clothes. Mummy put them by the fire to dry. And she has taken Eiry away and the is looking after me.
  - $\binom{161}{pps}$  NANO sits on the chair terrified.  $\binom{162}{pps}$  A pause.)
- N (163 after a while): You can go to the fair tomorrow, little Gwyn, and I will give you and Eiry a shilling to spare.

G: Fedar Eiry ddim dwad. Mae hi wedi mynd hefo mami.

(164 Seibiant.)

N: O Dduw! bedi peth fel hyn?

(165 <sub>PRS</sub> **Agorir** y drws ar ruthr. 166 <sub>PRS</sub> **Daw** IFAN i mewn gan gario EIRY; **eistedd** ar gadair, a **deil** ei afael ynddi.)

I: Fy hogan bach i! Fy hogan bach i!

(167 **Rhuthra** NANO ato, ac edrych i lawr ar wyneb EIRY.)

- I  $\binom{168}{yn_{ADV}}$  yn arw): Peidiwch a thwtsiad ynddi. Neith hi byth ych poeni chi eto.
- G: Pam ddaru Eiry ddwad yn ol, tada?
- I: Tydi hi ddim wedi dwad yn ol. Syrthio i lawr y *steps* 'nath hi. Welwn ni byth mo Eiry bach eto.
- G  $\binom{169}{yn_{ADV}}$  *yn llawen*): O gnawn, mi ga i gweld hi eto. Mi ddeudodd mami.
  - $\binom{170}{PRS}$  Rhydd IFAN gorff EIRY ar y gwely, ac  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$  ar ei liniau.  $^{171}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  NANO **yn mynd** yn ol i'w chadair, gan guddio ei hwyneb yn ei dwylo, a'i siglo ei hun yn ol a blaen.)
- N (172 wrthi ei hun): Fydda i byth yn unig yn y lle 'ma eto. Mi fydd hi hefo mi bob amsar. Pan fydd Ifan ar gefn y caeau, a phawb arall ym mhen 'i helynt, mi fydd hi hefo mi yn corddi ac yn godro. A phan fydda i yn ista yma wrthaf fy hun ar nos-weithia hir y gaea', mi fydd hitha yn ista hefo mi fel y bydda hi ers talwm, yn gwnio dillad i'r plant. (173 yncyb Yn cuddio ei hwyneb yn ei dwylo.)

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G: Eiry can't come. She has gone with mummy.

 $\binom{164}{NP}$  A pause.)

N: Oh God! What is that?

(165 | The door **is opened** suddenly. 166 | IFAN **comes** in carrying EIRY; he **sits** on the chair, and **keeps** holding her.)

I: My little girl! My little girl!

 $\binom{167}{PRS}$  NANO **rushes** to him, and looks down on EIRY's face.)

- I  $\binom{168}{yn_{ADV}}$  harshly): Don't touch her. She will never bother you again.
- G: Why did Eiry came back, daddy?
- She didn't come back. What she did was falling down the stairs. We will never see little Eiry again.
- G  $\binom{169}{yn_{ADV}}$  **gladly**): Oh we will, I'll see her again. Mummy said.
  - $\binom{170}{PRS}$  IFAN **puts** EIRY's body on the bed, and **kneels**.  $^{171}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  NANO **going** back to the chair, hiding her face in her hands, and swinging back and forth.)
- N ( $^{172}_{AD}$  with herself): I will never be alone here again. She will be with me all the time. When Ifan will be in the fields, and everyone else in the thick of things, she will be with me churning and milking. And when I will be sitting by myself on the long winter evenings, she will sit with me like she used to do in times past, sewing clothes for the children. ( $^{173}_{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Covering her face with her hands.)

**CURTAIN** 

# C.2 Y CYNDDRWS

Y CYMERIADAU:

	Goronwy Owen Wmffra'r Geulan Sion Llwyd Miss Citi Leusa Huws	bardd o'r ddeunawfed ganrif ffermwr cefnog crwydryn digartref hen ferch a chyn-athrawes gweddw a gollodd ddau fab yn y rhyfel		Goronwy Owen Wmffra'r Geulan Sion Llwyd Miss Citi Leusa Huws	a bard from the 18 <sup>th</sup> century a wealthy farmer a homeless wanderer an old maid and a former teacher a widow who lost two sons in the war
		na <b>ochenaid</b> isel, laes oddi wrth <b>id</b> uchel ddiamynedd oddi wrth		Silence, then a q a loud, impatient sign	uiet, long <b>sigh</b> from Leusa Huws, g <b>h</b> from Sali.
		[:]×14			[:]×14
SS:	$\binom{202}{yn_{ADV}}$ Yn awyddus) [	]	SS:	$\binom{202}{yn_{\mathrm{ADV}}}$ Enthusiastical	<i>ly)</i> []
		[:]×1			[:]×1
SS:	(204 PRS Daw sŵn heb foo isel yn rowlio o dan ys diwedd. (205 Wedi i'r sŵn daea rhywun yn canu'r fal daw'r sŵn yn nes ac sy'n sôn am sofrins etc	n o flaen neb) Ust. Gwrandewch dyn drwm, megis sŵn daeargryn tafell) Dyma rywun yn dwad o'r gryn orffen, daw sŵn canu o bell, ed, 'Pentre Pen-y-groes', 206 Fel y yn nes, deëllir y geiriau, y rhai o yn rowlio hyd bentre Pen-y-groes. rhywun yn neidio dros ben wal.)		Listen. (204 A sound sound of a minor ear Someone is coming (205 After the earthque singing comes from a 'Pentre Pen-y-groes'. 2 nearer, the words becatalk about sovereigns	comes not a heavy sound, like a thquake rolling under the room) at last.  Make sound is finished, a sound of far, someone is singing the ballad, as the sound comes nearer and the understandable, those which [a gold coin] rolling again in Pen-yasound as if someone is jumping
		[:]×1			[:] × 1
SS:	(208 other Gyda siom) []		SS:	(208 With disappoin	tment) []
		[:]×2			[:] × 2
SLl:	Ddim ar y ddaear? L	le'r ydw i ynta?	SLl:	Not on earth? Wher	e am I, then?
	(209 Neb yn dweud o	dim)		$\binom{209}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$ No one saying of	nything)
MC:	$\binom{210}{yn_{ADV}}$ yn dyner) Rwy	t ti wedi marw.	MC:	$\binom{210}{yn_{ADV}}$ <b>tenderly</b> ) You	have died.

THE CHARACTERS:

SLl:  $\binom{211}{yn_{CVB}}$  **Yn mynd** yn ei flaen) Deud dy fod ti'n SLl:  $\binom{211}{yn_{CVB}}$  **Going** before him) You say you are an honddyn gonest, hael, yn tosturio wrth y tlawd est man, generous, compassionate to the poor  $\binom{212}{yn_{CVB}}$  **yn chwerthin**). Ac O mi'r oedd yna ganmol arnat ti am fod yn ffyddlon i'r moddion. Lol-mi-lol.  $\binom{211}{yn_{CVB}}$  **laughing**). And oh, there was praise upon you for being faithful to the means of grace. Nonsense.

G: 
$$\binom{213}{\gamma n_{CVB}}$$
 Yn mwmian  $\binom{214}{AD}$  wrtho fo i hun) [...] G:  $\binom{213}{\gamma n_{CVB}}$  Mumbling  $\binom{214}{AD}$  to himself) [...]

each other.

expecting.

SLl: Dydy o ddim yn amhosibl ein bod ni wedi ei dwyn SLl: hi oddi ar ein gilydd.

 $\binom{215}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **Yn siarad** yn fawreddog ramadegol)

Mae gan gynghanedd fel hanes yr arferiad anffortunus o'i hailadrodd ei hun. Ond yr oeddech chi Miss yn mynd i ddweud wrtha i am beth yr oeddwn i'n disgwyl.

LH:  $\binom{216}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **Yn griddfan**) A'r mamau yn gorfod dioddef eto. LH:  $\binom{216}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  **Groaning**) And the mothers have to suffer again.

SLl: 
$$\binom{217}{V_{I_{CVB}}}$$
 yn chwerthin) SLl:  $\binom{217}{V_{I_{CVB}}}$  laughing)

WG: Hawdd iti chwerthin, y fi oedd yn gorfod talu am y WG: It's easy for you to laugh, it was me who had to pay bwyd. for the food.

SS: (218 yn wylo) Ond pam na ddaw o? Pam mae'r SS:
Brenin Mawr yn ein cadw ni ar wahân mor hir? Dyma
fi yn fan'ma er pan oeddwn i'n ddynas ifanc, a dyna
Wil yn hen ddyn hen. Mae arna i ofn na wnaiff o mo
fy nabod i

SLl:  $\binom{219}{yn_{ADV}}$  **yn greulon**) Ydy mae'r bwlch ar ôl y marw yn SLl: cau yn bur gwit.

$$\binom{218}{y_{N_{CVB}}}$$
 **crying**) But why does he not come? Why is the Big King keeping us apart so long? Here I am in this place since I was a young woman, and there's Wil an old man. I fear he will not recognise me.

It is not impossible that we have stolen it one from

 $\binom{215}{yn_{CVB}}$  Speaking in a majestically grammatical manner)

Cynghanedd [the basic concept of sound-arrangement within

one line of Welsh poetry, using stress, alliteration and rhyme],

like history, has the unfortunate habit of repeating itself. But you, Miss, was going to tell me what I was

marw yn SLl:  $\binom{219}{y_{M_{\rm ADV}}}$  cruelly) The gap left after the dead closes very quickly.

LH:	Mi fûm i yna am flynyddoedd.	LH:	I was there for years.
WG:	$\binom{220}{yn_{CVB}}$ Yn ochneidio) Mi glywn yr un truth eto.	WG:	$\binom{220}{yn_{CVB}}$ <b>Sighing</b> ) I hear the same nonsense again.
	[:] × 25		[:]×25
SS:	[] Rydw i'n cofio'n iawn am ddau hen bererin wrth fymyl i, wedi byw efo'i gilydd fel ci a chath am dros ddeg — mlynedd — a thri — ugain ( $^{221}_{NP}$ <b>igian</b> — ei dynnu allan fel yna). 'Roedd o'n ddigon o wers i neb.	SS:	[] I remember well two old travellers near me, having lived with each other like a dog and a cat for over thir — teen — years — twenty ( $^{221}_{NP}$ a sob — pulling [lit. to pull] it out like that). It was a lesson for anyone.
	[:] × 34		[;]×34
GO:	[]	GO:	[]
SLl:	(222 yn chwerthin)	SLl:	(222 Jaughing)
MC:	[]	MC:	[]
	[:]×5		[:]×5
СН:	[] Merched clws yn mynd yn hagar, a hen arferion ffiaidd	СН:	[] Pretty girls going ugly, and old disgusting habits
MC:	$\binom{223}{yn_{CVB}}$ <b>Yn torri</b> ar ei thraws) Dyna fo, does arnom ni ddim eisiau clywed rhagor.	MC:	$\binom{223}{y_{\text{MCVB}}}$ <b>Interrupting</b> her) Here it is, we don't want to hear any more.
	[:]×8		[:]×8
LH:	Ydy, mae o'n ofnadwy. Ond mi fedrais i anghofio hwnna am fod gin i ddau hogyn bach i weithio er eu mwyn nhw.		Yes, it is terrible. But I could forget that because I had two little kids to work for their sake.
GO:	Pam roeddech chi'n gweld bai arna i am anghofio ynta? Doedd gen i ddim byd?	GO:	Why do you find fault in me for forgetting, then? Didn't I have anything?
LH:	$\binom{224}{\text{other}}$ <b>Heb gymryd</b> sylw) a doedd gin i mo hynny wedi dwad o'r seilam, dim byd na neb i weithio er ei fwyn. []	LH:	(224 without taking notice) and I had nothing of that having come from the asylum, not a thing or somebody to work for their sake. []
	$\binom{225}{yn_{CVB}}$ Sion Llwyd <b>yn agor</b> ei geg mewn diflastod.)		$\binom{225}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$ Sion Llwyd <b>opening</b> his mouth in boredom.)
	[:]×3		[:] × 3
SS:	$\binom{226}{yn_{CVB}}$ yn gweiddi) O.	SS:	$\binom{226}{yn_{CVB}}$ shouting) Oh.

	[:]×1		[:]×1
SS:	(227 yn griddfan) []	SS:	$\binom{227}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$ groaning) []
	[ <u>:</u> ] × 11		[:] × 11
SS:	(228 Yn ddistaw) []	SS:	$\binom{228}{yn_{ADV}}$ Quietly []
	[:] × 16		[:] × 16
SLl:	$\binom{229}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$ <b>Yn</b> hanner <b>deffro</b> ) Dyna pam y rhoist ti orau i farddoni Wmffra. []	SLl:	$\binom{229}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$ $Half$ $awaking$ ) That's why you gave up composing poetry, Wmffra. []
	[:]×4		[:]×4
	(230 Sali <b>yn chwyrnu</b> cysgu)		$\binom{230}{yn_{CVB}}$ Sali snoring)
	[:]×4		[:]×4
	$\binom{231}{PRS}$ <b>Daw</b> sŵn daeargryn ysgafn fel o'r blaen, a sŵn drws yn agor.)		( $^{231}_{PRS}$ A sound of a minor earthquake <b>comes</b> like before, and a sound of a door opening. )
SS:	$\binom{232}{yn_{CVB}}$ Yn deffro) Mae rhywun yn dwad eto. []	SS:	$\binom{232}{yn_{CVB}}$ <b>Awaking</b> ) Someone is coming again. []
	[:]×3		[:]×3
SLl:	[]	SLl:	[]
	$\binom{233}{NP}$ Sŵn ei draed yn cerdded)		(233 A sound of his [=Sion Llwyd's] feet walking )
MC:	Nid y ffordd yna Sion. Yn dy flaen yr wyt ti'n mynd nid yn d'ôl.	MC:	Not that way, Sion. You go forward, not backward.
SLl:	$\binom{234}{yn_{ADV}}$ <b>Yn siomedig</b> ) Dydw i ddim yn cael mynd yn f'ôl i Gymru?	SLl:	$\binom{234}{yn_{ADV}}$ <b>Disappointedly</b> ) Don't I get to go back to Wales?
GO:	Does neb yn cael mynd yn ôl i Gymru o fan'ma.	GO:	Nobody gets to go back to Wales from this place.
SLl:	Wela i byth mo Gymru eto?	SLl:	Will I ever see Wales again?
GO:	Na weli byth.	GO:	Not ever.
	(235 Tawelwch ennyd)		$\binom{235}{NP}$ Silence for a short while )

SLl:  $\binom{236}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Yn canu a bron â thorri i lawr)  $\binom{236}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Singing and almost breaking down) [cân fer, wedi'i gadael allan yma. J. R.] [a short verse, omitted here. J. R.]  $\binom{237}{NP}$  Seibiant byr)  $\binom{237}{NP}$  A short **pause**) SLl: Wel, ffarwel gyfeillion, a diolch i chi am sgwrs ddifyr SLl: Well, farewell friends, and thank you for the pleasant ac adeiladol. A gobeithio y ca i dy weld ti'n o fuan and constructive conversation. And I hope I'll get to Wmffra. Rydw i bron wedi dwad i dy hoffi di. (238 🔏 see you soon, Wmffra. I've almost come to like you. ymaith, 239 a **chaeir** y drws)  $\binom{238}{PRS}$  He **goes** away,  $\frac{239}{PRS}$  and the door **closes**) LH:  $\binom{240}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Yn beichio wylo) Does yna ddim cyfiawnder yn LH:  $\binom{240}{yn_{CVB}}$  Crying her eyes out) There is no justice here y fan yma ychwaith, ddim mwy nag yn y byd. [...] neither, no more than on earth. [...] [:] × 3 [:] × 3  $\binom{241}{yn_{CVB}}$  Weeping) [...] LH:  $\binom{241}{yn_{\text{CVB}}}$  Yn wylo) [...] [:] × 3 [:] × 3

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# Appendix: Meta

#### D.1 ACCESSIBILITY

In order to make the results of research as accessible as possible to all scholars, regardless of previous familiarity with Welsh, I followed these guidelines, aiming at removing any language-specific possible obstacles:

- Clearly and concisely explaining non-trivial language-specific features and key concepts whenever needed. This is done along the text, in a way that binds the explanation to the specific discussion in question.<sup>1</sup>
- Defining in a glossary (appendix E) terms that may not be necessarily familiar to all in the particular sense used in this thesis.
- Including translations for cited examples (see § D.1.1).
- Glossing Welsh words according to the accepted standard (see § D.1.2).
- Annotating the examples in the appendices, highlighting relevant structural properties, both in the original text and the translation<sup>2</sup> (see § A.1 regarding the anecdote text-type, for example).

In addition, whenever colour is used (in tables and fragments or for highlighting the stage directions in appendix C), it follows Paul Tol's colour schemes<sup>3</sup>, which should be are distinct for colour-blind people, to the best of my knowledge.<sup>4</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> In order to avoid the clutter of unrelated explanations, only directly pertinent features which cannot be adequately understood without such explanations are explained.
- <sup>2</sup> This annotation has a dual function. While its primary goal is to demonstrate the (text-)linguistic structure, it has a secondary purpose as well: one can navigate the source text with the aid of the mirrored annotation in the translation.
- 3 https://personal.sron.nl/~pault/
- <sup>4</sup> Colour almost always accompanied by textual indications (e.g. green cells with +, red cells with -), for better legibility.

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### D.1.1 Translations

As a general rule, whenever an existing literary translation into English is available, it is used as is for accompanying the cited examples; see table D.1. Where the translation departs from the text in ways that may be misleading with regard to constructions under discussion it is altered so that it fits our needs better (even at the cost of idiomaticity and flow); these are marked with the degree symbol (°) at the beginning of the sentence.

To the best of my knowledge *Y Fam* (B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS 1920) and *Atgofion* (K. ROBERTS 1972) have never been translated into English. The translations of the examples from them are mine.<sup>5</sup>

# D.1.2 Interlinear glossing

All Welsh syntagms in the main text are glossed according to the Leipzig Glossing Rules (BICKEL, COMRIE, and HASPELMATH 2015). This includes cited examples and in-line Welsh text, but not examples in the appendices or marginalia.

A list of abbreviations is available on p. xxiv. All are in common use or explicitly explained whenever pertinent to the topic under discussion.

Given the macro level of investigation, the glosses indicate only basic morphological and morpho-syntactic information, avoiding detailed morphological analysis for the sake of better readability and accessibility. A practical, minimalist approach is adopted, following these guidelines:

• The glossing of inflectional categories is consistent regardless of morphological particularities<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> These are by no means a literary translation, and should not be read as such, as if they were independent texts to be read on their own. Rather, they is direct and simple, not aiming at having artistic value but serving as means for making the original texts more accessible. The English and Welsh systems of syntax are quite dissimilar; in order to make the translation readable I chose not to reflect Welsh structures in a servile manner but to render them in a (hopefully) intelligible way, even at the cost of failing to represent grammatical distinctions in the original that have no direct equivalence in English.

<sup>6</sup> For example, *cathod* 'cats' (plural of *cath* 'cat', marked by a suffix), *cerrig* 'stones' (plural of *carreg* 'stone', marked by vowel apophony) and *cewri* 'giants' (plural of *cawr* 'giant', marked by both a suffix and apophony) are all glossed using '.PL'. For simplicity, singular number of nouns is left unmarked, singulative forms are marked (SGV).

Table D.1:

Translations used for cited examples

Original title	Reference	Translator	Translated title	Reference
Traen mewn Cyffion	K. ROBERTS ([1936]	John Idris Jones	Feet in Chains	K. ROBERTS (1977)
Te yn y Grug	K. ROBERTS ([1959] 2004)	Joseph P. Clancy	Tea in the Heather	K. ROBERTS (1991)
Y Lôn Wen	K. ROBERTS (1960)	Gillian Clarke	The White Lane	K. ROBERTS (2009)
Haul a Drycin a storïau eraill	K. ROBERTS (1981)	Carolyn Watcyn	Sun and Storm and other stories	K. ROBERTS (2001b)

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• Idiosyncracies of Welsh grammar that are not directly related to the topic under discussion are not indicated in the glosses. For example, despite the syntactic difference between the negators na(c) \*MIX (in RSPV or followed by IMP.IMPRS), ni(d) \*MIX and nid not triggering a mutation (see THOMAS 2006, § 6.165) all three are simply glossed 'NEG'.

- As a rule, initial consonant mutations are not marked in the glosses on purpose, as indicating them would be benefactory to a limited degree but would make the glosses unmanageably cluttered. Wherever distinctive, the *effect* of the different mutations is indicated; e.g. *ei* and sing.PRET.3SG cat chath 'her cat' versus *ei* gath 'his cat' (radical cath) or a chanodd 'and sang' versus a ganodd 'that sang' (radical canodd). For convenience, a summary of the Welsh mutations is provided as table 1.2.
- The choice of glosses is adaptive, and may differ depending on the specific usage in a particular example<sup>7</sup> or the focus in the given context. Whenever gender agreement is helpful for understanding the example, it is indicated within round parentheses (rule 7 in BICKEL, COMRIE, and HASPELMATH 2015).

The distinction between the four superficially homonymic *yn* grammatical elements follows SIMS-WILLIAMS (2015):

- $yn_{LOC}$  precedes definite or proper nouns and functions as a locative preposition; triggers nasal mutation: e.g. yn Nhwrci 'in Turkey' (radical Twrci).
- $yn_{ADV}$  precedes adjectives to form adjunctive adverbs<sup>8</sup>; triggers limited soft mutation: yn fawr 'greatly' (radical mawr).
- $yn_{PRED}$  precedes adjectives and nouns and signals their predicative status; triggers limited soft mutation as well: Mae ef yn gawr 'He is a giant' (radical cawr).

- <sup>7</sup> For example, *dim* is glossed *nothing*, *anything* or *NEG*, depending on the particular case. Similarly the preposition *am* is glossed either *for* or *about* and *o* is glossed either *from* or *of*. In general prepositions are often impossible to render directly in a one-to-one correspondence between languages.
- <sup>8</sup> All four types are *adverbial* in the broad structural sense of adverbial commutability. The use of the ADV here is for practical purpose.

# D.1.3 Transcription

Throughout the text there are sporadic typological comparisons with other languages (see the language index on p. 490), including languages written in non-Latin scripts. These are transcribed according to common scholarly transcription methods. Japanese in transcribed using the

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Nihon-siki romanisation system (GOTTLIEB 2010) and Coptic using the Leipzig-Jerusalem transliteration (GROSSMAN and HASPELMATH 2015).

#### D.2 TERMINOLOGY

The terminology in this thesis does not deviate far from the common practice and conventions among linguists. Welsh has its own traditions with regard to terminology, both native and in other languages (primarily English and German).

Siven these traditions, two terms used here call for an explanation (§§ D.2.1 and D.2.2). Another term stems from traditional grammar due to the lack of a better alternative although it is non-descriptive when interpreted nominally (§ D.2.3), and a fourth necessitates an explanation (§ D.2.4).

# D.2.1 Infinitive

One is *infinitive* (INF), applied to forms like *gweld* 'to see'. Although *infinitive* is a very common general linguistic term, the Celtic grammatical tradition uses *verbal noun* or *verb(-)noun* (*berfenw* in Welsh, a compound of *berf* 'verb' and *enw* 'name'). Both *verb(al) noun* and *infinitive* are used by contemporary scholars, referring to the same linguistic entity by different names. For example, the grammars of KING (2015, §§ 198–209), THOMAS (2006, §§ 2.1 and 3.1) and THORNE (1993, §§ 315–317) use the first, while SHISHA-HALEVY (1997, § 1), BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS (2007, §§ 3.1.1 and 3.1.2) and D. G. MILLER (2004) use the latter. Arguments that can be made for the use of *infinitive* include<sup>10</sup>:

- The common use of the term in linguistics makes it readily accessible for linguists outside Celtic Studies (Astudiaethau Celtaidd; Keltologie). Choosing a prevalent term also makes typological comparison more straightforward: although comparative concepts and language-specific descriptive categories should not be confused (HASPELMATH 2010a), the term infinitive not only suits the Welsh case well, but also lends itself better for comparison.
- This term avoids the dependence *verb(al)* noun has on traditional parts of speech. This theoretical advantage also allows us to bypass issues like the question regarding its identity as a noun or a verb (cf. P. WILLIS 1988). *Infinitive* on the other hand only suggests the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See MORRIS-JONES 1913, § 171.iv.2, being one of the most influential works of the Welsh grammatical tradition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See SHISHA-HALEVY (1997, n. 1 on p. 85) and BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS 2007, § 3.1.2 for further discussion.

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non-finite nature of the form (and implies structural affinity with infinitives of other languages, as claimed above).

• There are actual verbal nouns in Welsh, and they should be distinguished in terminology. For example, the infinitive dehongli 'to interpret' is to be kept apart from the (de)verbal noun dehongliad '(an) interpretation' in the terms used for describing them. For a general discussion on this point, see YLIKOSKI (2003).

#### D.2.2 Converb

The other term is converb (CVB), applied to constructions like yn canu 'singing<sup>11</sup>' and dan wenu 'smiling<sup>12</sup>'. The term originated from Ramstedt's writing on Khalkha Mongolian (RAMSTEDT 1902), seeing a constant growing recognition and use over more than a hundred years, first to 'Altaic' or 'Ural-Altaic'<sup>13</sup> languages and then to other, unrelated languages such as Gurage (Semitic; POLOTSKY 1951) or Kurtöp (Tibeto-Burman; GWENDOLYN 2017). The publication of HASPELMATH and KÖNIG (1995) proved important to the expansion of the term, not only thanks to the language-specific articles in it but also HASPELMATH (1995), which provided a solid foundation to its typological and crosslinguistic validity and applicability.

Definitions of the term vary in terms of specificity and foci; see YLIKOSKI (2003, § 3.2), SHISHA-HALEVY (2010, p. 269ff.) and SHISHA-HALEVY (2022, § 1) for discussion of different definition. In its most general definition, it refers to adverbial verb forms. For our consideration is should be stressed that *form* does not imply a morphological, synthetic nature<sup>14</sup>; converbs can be of analytic (periphrastic, syntactic) nature as well. Indeed, so are the converbs in Welsh, constructed as a *[PREP INF]*<sup>15</sup> complex.

Adoption of the term to Celtic languages <sup>16</sup> varies among scholars. For example, Shisha-Halevy (2010, includes a general and methodological discussion), Eshel (2015, § 1.5.3) and Stifter (2009) adopt it. Poppe (2012a) considers the term but chooses to postpone its adoption until more research has been conducted on the said construction within a larger typological framework (p. 59). Concerning [yn + INF] (that is, in the terms used here, a converb with yn as its preposition), SIMS-WILLIAMS (2015, § 5) mentions *converb* among other terms (*participle* and *progressive*), but does not take a stance on terminology and simply calls it  $[YN^R + VERBAL\ NOUN]$  (R stands for *radical*, meaning it does not trigger a mutation). On the other end of the spectrum, NEDJALKOV

<sup>11</sup> English singing can be misleading. yn canu does not correspond to the nominal singing in Singing is my hobby but to that of She is singing (predicative, primary), I heard him singing (predicative, secondary) and He went home singing to herself (adjunctive).

A side note: it has been claimed the development of the progressive (or converbal) constructions of English has to do with Celtic influence (FILP-PULA, KLEMOLA, and PAULASTO 2008, §§ 2.2.5 and 4.2.2.1).

- <sup>12</sup> Here English proves problematic as a metalanguage, for another reason: prepositional slot (filled by *yn* and *dan* in these examples) in Welsh shows a richer paradigm that cannot be reflected by the English *V-ing* form.
- <sup>13</sup> '(Ural-)Altaic' being disciplinary terms here, referring to the history of the field (as opposed to a linguistic descriptive realities as language families).
- <sup>14</sup> As they are in the languages that forms the historical core of the use of the term, that is 'Altaic' or 'Ural-Altaic': usually an oblique case form of a deverbal form.
- <sup>15</sup> [newydd INF] is an exception, albeit a relatively marginal one.
- <sup>16</sup> Analogous construction are found in both Brythonic and Goidelic branches.

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(1998, § 2.5) uses a much stricter definition of *converb* and rejects its use for such constructions in Welsh (and other languages), which he describes as 'free phrases consisting of two more or less independent elements' 17, naming them *converb-like*. In my opinion it is best to define *converb* according to its *syntactic structural features*, i.e. its paradigmatic commutation and syntagmatic slotting as a linguistic sign.

Similarly to *infinitive*, the term *converb* has a clear *designatum* when compared to the alternatives  $^{18}$  and invites general and typological consideration within a larger framework.

# D.2.3 'Genitive of respect'

While *infinitive* and *converb* make good terms in that they are both descriptively suitable and cross-linguistically meaningful, 'genitive of respect' (GOR) is neither. Nevertheless, due to the lack of better alternatives I chose to stick with the traditional name, which stems from classical terminology and was applied to Welsh by Morris-Jones (1931). Although the Welsh 'genitive of respect' construction was described by various scholars coming from different schools and using diverse frameworks, all seem either to avoid naming it or comment on terminology; see, among others, MAC CANA (1966), SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, § 3.4.3), BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS (2007, § 5.6.7), and MITTENDORF and SADLER (2008).

The construction denoted by this term consists of an adjective followed by an inalienably possessed noun, as demonstrated in ex. 291, where cryf ei galon 'strong of heart (=whose heart is strong)' adnominally refers back to dyn (gwydn) 'a tough man' <sup>19</sup>.

(291) Yr oedd yn ddyn gwydn, 'cryf ei galon, [...]

# D.2.4 Conjunctive pronouns

Welsh has a rather complex personal pronoun system, involving several series of pronouns. One of them is the conjunctive personal pronouns (CONJ; rhagenw personal connective of them is the conjunctive personal pronouns (CONJ; rhagenw personal cysylltiol in Thomas 2006, § 4.129). As Morris-Jones (1913, § 159.iii) observes, pronouns of this series are 'always set against a noun or pronoun that goes before (or is implied) [...]. The series is in common use in M[oder]n W[elsh]; sometimes the added meaning is so subtle to be untranslatable'. When glossed in English, which has a dissimilar pronoun system, they are usually given as 'PRO too', 'even

<sup>17</sup> It is noteworthy that he does consider the Irish analogous construction a *converb*, although they are equivalent in almost every aspect (see SHISHA-HALEVY (2010) for a description of converbs in the two languages). I must admit I do not understand this discrepancy, which may stem from misinterpretation of the questionnaire data (p. 452) or difference in *conceptualisation* of the linguistic reality, and from not actual linguistic difference.

These include: (adverbial-, conjunctive- or Ø-) participles, progressives (with respect to the said yn + INF converb), gerund and gerundive. The historical baggage of these term, which have been used in wholly different meanings by different scholars over the years, makes them confusing and potentially misleading.

He was a tough man, strong of heart, [...]

YLW, Fy Nhad (ch. 8), p. 90

19 Affinities with strikingly similar constructions in Afroasiatic languages have been noted and discussed; see SHISHA-HALEVY (2003a, § 3.1.III.e, 1998, § 3.4.3.2.Obs.4) for comparison with Egyptian and Arabic and AL SHARIFI and SADLER (2009) for comparison with Arabic. The Arabic term parison with Arabic. The Arabic term is occasionally used as a general linguistic term for such constructions (GOLDENBERG 2012, § 14.15.1).

PRO', 'PRO for PRO.POSS part', 'but PRO', 'while PRO', 'PRO on the other hand' or 'PRO on the contrary' (see also GPC 2014–, § minnau, finnau). Functionally, setting against an actual or implied (pro)noun means these pronouns signal a comparison (by either *contrasting* or *likening*, which at first glance might seem contradictory) and often indicate a change of topic (BORSLEY, TALLERMAN, and D. WILLIS 2007, § 1.4.5).

The term *conjunctive* stands here for their connective function. Grammatical terminology has at least three unrelated uses for *conjunctive*: the *conjunctive* mood (related or identical to *subjunctive* mood, depending on terminology), relating to a *conjunction* (part of speech), and *conjunctive* pronouns in other senses<sup>20</sup>.

#### D.3 TECHNICAL NOTES

# D.3.1 Internal connectivity

This thesis is produced in a digital-first manner, meaning that while it can be fully read and understood in its hard copy form, the intended way to read it is in a digital PDF form. Apart from slight typographic details, the main difference is the way internal connectivity is implemented.

In the digital format, references are hyperlinked.<sup>21</sup> This includes references to sections, examples, tables, figures, bibliography items (where the hyperlink is on the year of publication), etc.; text coloured dark scarlet is hyperlinked. In addition, an interactive machine-readable table of contents is included in the file.<sup>22</sup> The page numbers in the human-readable table of contents (p. vi ff.) are hyperlinked to their respective destinations.

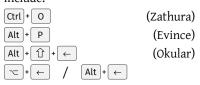
Doctoral theses by their very nature are complex documents. Communicating the findings in a comprehensible, readable and hopefully enjoyable way calls for the suitable presentation. In addition to the interactive table of contents discussed above, four indices are included (from p. 488): by subject (p. 488), by languages (p. 490, mostly referred to for comparative purposes), by Welsh elements and constructions (p. 491), and by location in the text (an *index locorum*, p. 493). A name or author index is rendered unnecessary by the use of backreferences in the references section (p. 444 ff.)

# D.3.2 Digital resources

Some of the source materials are available online in digital text format for research purpose, as listed in table D.2.

<sup>20</sup> Such as the conjunctive pronouns in the English terminology for Irish grammar, where the term is to be understood in terms of micro-syntactic juncture and is differentiated from *disjunctive pronouns*, appearing immediately after a verb or not, respectively.

<sup>21</sup> The exact usage of hyperlinks differs among PDF viewer, but usually a single or double click on a hyperlink follows it. Returning to the previous position, before following the hyperlink, is done using a back button (←) or a keyboard shortcut, depending on the software used; please refer to the PDF viewer's documentation. Keyboard shortcuts include:



(PDF.js, Sumatra, Adobe Reader).

22 Accessing it is inconsistent among PDF viewers: (Zathura); F9 and pressing the *outline* button (Evince); F7 and pressing the *contents* button (Okular); F4 and pressing the *show document outline* button (PDF.js); F12 (Sumatra); View Navigation Panels Bookmarks (Adobe Reader).

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Table D.2:
Source materials in digital text format

Title	Translated?	URL
Atgofion		https://gitlab.com/rwmpelstilzchen/atgofion-i-raw/-/blob/master/ 01-Kate%20Roberts.xml
Haul a Drycin	•	https://gitlab.com/corpws-cymraeg/kate-roberts/haul-a-drycin
O Gors y Bryniau		https://gitlab.com/corpws-cymraeg/kate-roberts/o-gors-y-bryniau
Te yn y Grug	•	https://gitlab.com/corpws-cymraeg/kate-roberts/te-yn-y-grug
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## Appendix: Glossary of terms

This glossary covers only terms that are may not be necessarily familiar to all in the particular sense used in this thesis. See COHEN (2012, § 0.7) and SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, p. 233 ff.) for similar glossaries.

**comment mode:** It is extrinsic to the plot (but often internal to the narrator, in the sense of 'internal information'), and elaborates, comments, resumes, explains, gives reasons for acts and states of the plot and information on prior and anterior action, or metanarrative statements, such as reasons for narrative statements made or summing-ups.

**conjugated infinitive:** Plain infinitives in Welsh do not encode their agent (*agens*) or subject, but the conjugated infinitive is a special syntactic form  $-\begin{bmatrix} i & PRO/NP & LEN & INF \end{bmatrix}$ —that does encode it. It corresponds to nominalised (substantivised) 'that' forms in some languages.

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Teimlai'r Stiward yn siomedig wedi \lceil i \rceil Ifan fynd feel.Impf.3sg-def steward yn golinf disappointed after to pn len golinf allan o'r swyddfa. out of-def office
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**converb:** In the most general definition, an adverbial verb form. Broadly speaking, the two primary syntactic status converbs can be in are predicative (rhematic) and adjunctive. In Welsh, converbs are not synthetic but analytic, consisting of a [PREP INF] complex in almost all cases.

This definition is taken verbatim from SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, p. 233). See § 1.1.6.1. See also **evolution mode** and **narrator's channel**.

For syntactic description of this construction see Thomas (2006, § 6.93) and Shisha-Halevy (1998, p. 264); for diachronic considerations, see D. G. MILLER (2004).

°The Steward felt disappointed after 「Ifan had left」 the office

TC, ch. 8, p. 56

Discussed in § D.2.2.

a. Mae hi 'wedi canu'. be.PRS.3SG 3SG.F after sing.INF (predicative)

She 'has sung' [lit. She is 'after singing ].

b. Ymgiliodd Richard dan wenu. depart.PRET.3SG PN under smile.INF

Richard departed, smiling (adjunctive) Richard departed under smiling].

evolution mode: A major constituent of the macro-structure of narrative. Markedly diegetic, dynamic and vectored, it carries the course and unfolding of the plot as a succession or sequelling of narrative events (the 'foreground'), or concomitant information on situational or eventual framework of such succession.

This definition is taken verbatim from SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, p. 234). See § 1.1.6.1. See also comment mode and narrator's channel.

focalisation (narratology): A selection or restriction of narrative information in relation to the experience and knowledge of the narrator, the characters or other, more hypothetical entities in the storyworld.

This definition is taken verbatim from NIEDERHOFF ([2011] 2013).

initial consonant mutation: Welsh, along with other Celtic languages, has a consonant mutation system what marks various grammatical categories and relations by apophonic distinctions on the initial consonants of morphemes. In spite of having a phonological realisation, the mutations in Welsh operate in the (micro-)syntactic level.

See § 1.3.1.1 for more information and table 1.2 for an overview of the mutations in Welsh.

cath; ei chath; ei nghath gath; eu cath; fy 3SG.M.POSS cat 3PL.POSS cat; 1SG.POSS cat 3SG.F.POSS cat (the pronunciation of ei and eu is the same in all Welsh varieties, meaning that c-, g- and ch- are in opposition in that environment in the spoken language)

a cat; her cat; his cat; their cat; my cat

macro-syntax: Syntax of large-scale, textual scope units, not limited to a single sentence.

See § 1.1.2. See also micro-syntax.

micro-syntax: Syntax of small-scale scope, limited to the relationship between small-scale entities (e.g. morphemes combining to form words or words combining to form sentences).

See § 1.1.2. See also micro-syntax.

**narrator's channel:** A constituent of the **comment mode**, where the narrator presents non-narrative information, typically referable to the narrator's present or to his privilege of omniscience, and intervening in the narration proper.

This definition is taken verbatim from SHISHA-HALEVY (1998, p. 235). See § 1.1.6.1. See also comment mode and evolution mode.

**nexus:** The relation linking the **theme** and the **rheme**; the predicative link.

See JESPERSEN (1924, ch. 8).

See also satellite.

nucleus: According to BARRI's (1975) definition: the part which is responsible for the appurtenance of the construction to a given substitution class. In other words: within an (endocentric) construction, the nucleus is the constituent that is responsible to the inclusion of the construction as a whole within a paradigm. Also called a head. For example, within derived adjectival construction *rhewllvd* the adjectival derivational suffix -llyd is the nucleus, as it is responsible for the whole construction's adjectival commutation.

**paradigm:** A commutation (or substitution) class — in which a member of a set of alternatives is selectable — within a specific environment.

**pattern:** A sequence of **paradigms**, each constituting a slot within the pattern.

For example, the basic converbal pattern (see converb) in Welsh is a sequence of two paradigms: one is a specific set of prepositions and the other is infinitival ([PREP INF]). In a predicative position, the following two paradigms constitute the pattern; the first one is closed class, while the second one is open.

$$\begin{bmatrix} & yn & `yn_{\text{CVB}}' & cysgu & `sleep.\text{INF}' \\ wedi & `after' & ysgrifennu & `write.\text{INF}' \\ i^{\text{+LEN}} & `to' & meddwl & `think.\text{INF}' \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \end{bmatrix}$$

By selecting members of the two paradigms syntagms can be derived, such as Rwyf wedi cysgu 'I have slept' Rwyf yn ysgrifennu 'I am writing' or Rwyf wedi ysgrifennu 'I have written'.

Pattern can be micro-syntactic, as in the above example, or textual (macro-syntactic), such as the anecdote (chapter 2).

**predication pattern:** Similarly to other languages<sup>1</sup>, the syntactic **pat**tern of predication in Welsh varies according to the predicate. Welsh differentiate syntactically between adverbial (a-c), verbal (d) and nominal (e) predication. Nominal predication — also called nominal sentence — is thoroughly discussed in Shisha-Halevy (1998, § 3).

Different paradigms are discussed in the § 1.1.5.1.2.1 as an exercise. See also syntagm and pattern.

Note that despite the similarity in name, a paradigm in the structurallinguistic sense is a wholly different entity than a paradigm in traditional grammar. The first is a commutation class in a given environment (slot), in which different alternatives are selectable; the latter is a conventional way for representing inflectional forms of a word in a morphological co(n)textindependent manner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including but not limited to Afro-Asiatic languages (SATZINGER 2002), and some Indo-European — such as Irish (SHISHA-HALEVY 1998, § 3.7; CARNIE 1997) and constructions in Sanskrit (BREUNIS 1990) - and Uralic languages (such as Hungarian, KÁROLY 1972).

be.PRS.3SG PN

see.PRET.3SG 3SG.M 3SG.F

here

He has seen her [lit. He is after her seea. Mae ef wedi ei gweld. (converbal) ing]. be.PRS.3SG 3SG.M after 3SG.F.POSS see.INF

h. The dragon is red. Mae'r ddraig yn goch. (deadjectival ADV) be.PRS.3SG-DEF dragon yn<sub>PRED</sub> LEN\red

Mae Siân yma. (locative) Jane is here.

He saw her. Gwelodd ef hi.

Lleusa ydi hi. She is Lleusa. COP.PRS.3SG 3SG.F

quotative index: [is] a segmentally discrete linguistic expression which is used by the reporter for the orientation of the audience to signal in his/her discourse the occurrence of an adjacent representation of reported discourse.

This definition is taken verbatim from GÜLDEMANN (2008, § 1.2.2). See chapter 3.

**reported discourse:** is the representation of a spoken or mental text from which the reporter distances him-/herself by indicating that it is produced by a source of consciousness in a pragmatic and deictic setting that is different from that of the immediate discourse.

This definition is taken verbatim from GÜLDEMANN (ibid., § 1.2.2). See chapter 3.

**rheme:** Within the basic information structure of a clause, the constituent that conveys the message (the predicate).

See also theme and nexus.

「Gardd ryfedd」yw hi. garden(F) strange COP.PRS.3SG 3SG.F It is a strange garden.

satellite: A constituent of a construction which does not act as a nuc**leus** but expands one. Also called a dependent.

See also nucleus.

For example, within derived adjectival construction *rhewllyd* the nominal element *rhew* is a satellite.

**syntagm:** A sequence of linguistic elements in a text.

See also paradigm.

theme: Within the basic information structure of a clause, the (given, presupposed or taken for granted) constituent that forms the basis about which the message is predicated (rheme).

See also **rheme** and **nexus**.

Gardd ryfedd yw 「hi」. garden(F) strange COP.PRS.3SG 3SG.F 'It\_ is a strange garden

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גישתה המחקרית משלבת את הכלים התיאוריים של הבלשנות המבנית (סטרוקטורלית) ובלשנות הטקסט. הבלשנות המבנית מתארת את השפה כמערכת של סימנים (המצמדים מסמנים פורמליים עם מסומנים פונקציונליים) אשר ערכם המבני נגזר מהתחלפותם הפרדיגמטית בסביבות סינטגמטיות. בלשנות הטקסט עוסקת בטקסטים כאובייקטים לשוניים, מעבר לטווח המסורתי של המשפט הבודד. בפרט, העבודה מתמקדת במערכות הדקדוקיות הנבדלות בסוגי טקסט שונים והדרכים המגוונות בהן אלה בנויים מבחינה לשונית, הן כלפי פנים והן ביחסם עם מרכיבים טקסטואליים אחרים בטקסט הכולל.

הנתונים עליהם מתבססת העבודה הם כתביה של הסופרת הוולשית בת המאה העשרים קייט רוברטס (נאד (1985–1891). רוברטס היתה סופרת פורה במגוון סוגות וצורות: (עליהם יצאה תהילתה), רומנים, נובלות, כתיבת זכרונות, מכתבים, מחזות, מאמרים וכתיבה עתונאית. מגוון זה מזמן תיאור של סוגי טקסט שונים בעוד המשתנה של תכונות לשוניות אידיוסינקרטיות נותר קבוע. מתוך שפע האפשרויות שלושה נושאים נבחרו, כאשר כל אחד מהם בוחן מרכיב טקסט־לשוני אחד על בסיס שתי יצירות (דבר אשר לא רק מחזק את תוקפם של הממצאים, אלא מאפשר גם ניתוח מדוקדק יותר):

פרק 2 מתאר אנקדוטות המשובצות בטקסטים אוטוביוגרפיים. אנקדוטות אלה מהוות יחידות תת־טקסטואליות מובחנות ותחומות, המציגות מבנה מקרו־תחבירי חוזר הבנוי מחמישה מקטעים סדורים ושני יסודות המוטמעים בתוכם ("עוגנים"). לכל אחד ממרכיבים אלה תכונות לשוניות מאפיינות ומבנה מסויים. מתוקף היותן נרטיבים תמציתיים — מינימליים לעתים — אנקדוטות מעניקות לחוקר ּת מעין הצצה אל מהותם של הנרטיביות ושל דקדוק הנרטיב.

K. Roberts ופרק זכרונות (K. Roberts 1960) הקורפוס לפרק זה הוא ספר זכרונות (ספר זכרונות (אורפוס לפרק זה הוא ספר זכרונות (1960).

פרק 3 מוקדש לדיכור כתוך נרטיכ, ומתמקד ב"חוט התפירה" הלשוני שבתפר שבין שני מרכיבים (או מודוסים) ראשיים הנמצאים במרבית הנרטיבים: דיאלוג, והסיפור שבו הוא משובץ. בפרק נעשית הבחנה בין שלושה דגמים תחביריים שבעזרתם מושם דיבור בפי דמויות (גוסחאות ציטוט), ולהם מסומנים מקרו־תחביריים. מבנם הפנימי זוכה לאפיון, ומתוארת התפוצה שבין נוסחאות ציטוט להן ביטוי בחומר הלשוני וכאלה שצורתן "אפס".

K. Roberts ([1959] 2004) הקורפוס לפרק שני קבצים של סיפורים קצרים: (1959] Roberts (1981).

פרק 4 עוסק בהוראות כימוי במחזה. אלה מציגות תכונות לשוניות יחודיות ומערכת יחסים מעניינת עם הטקסט הדרמטי (דהיינו, הטקסט הנקרא על ידי השחקניות והשחקנים בקול), אשר בו הן שלובות. נעשית הבחנה בין שלוש סביבות טקסטואליות ראשיות בהן מופיעות הוראות הבימוי ביחס אל הטקסט הדרמטי. הקשר ההדדי שבין הסביבות הטקסטואליות והצורה והתפקיד התחבירי של הוראות הבימוי שונה בין שני המחזות המהווים את הנתונים לפרק, אשר נבדלים בפרפורמטיביות ובמודליות (האחד נכתב לתיאטרון והאחר לרדיו).

K. B. E. DAVIES and K. ROBERTS (1920) הקורפוס לפרק זה הוא שני מחזות: (1920) .ROBERTS ([1954] 2014b)

הבחירה בנושאים אלה אינה מקרית, שכן לשלושתם השלכות תיאורטיות רחבות ושלוש תימות עוברות כחוט השני בשלושתם. אלו הן הכיטוי הלשוני של הבאים:

• הסדירויות המבניות של פונקציות טקסטואליות.

הפרקים עוסקים במבנים אשר להם התנהגות סדירה ברמת הטקסט, לרוב באופן הקשור בארגונו.

- קשרי הגומלין וְהַחִבְרוּרִיּּת (interconnectivity) בין יחידות ומרכיבים בטקסט. אנקדוטות מטבען משובצות בטקסט הכולל, הכנסת ציטוט מתַווכת בין שני מרכיבים טקסטואליים, והוראות במה שלובות בטקסט הדרמטי.
  - טבעו מרובה־הפנים של הנרטיב.

שלושת הנושאים עוסקים בהיבטים שונים של הנרטיב: אנקדוטות הן נרטיביים בסיסיים, מבני הציטוט מגשרים בין נרטיב ובין שיח המוטמע בו, והוראות במה מהוות את עמוד השדרה הנרטיבי של האירועים הנפרשים על הבמה.

כתיבתה המגוונת והענפה של רוברטס מעניקה לנו הזדמנות לפתוח צוהר אל המערכות הלשוניות העומדות ביסוד בניית הטקסט וארגונו בשפת מיעוט אשר עוד רב בה הנסתר על הגלוי בתחום בלשנות הטקסט. אף לא אחד מהנושאים דלעיל נחקר עד כה בוולשית מבעד לנקודות המבט שמציעה עבודה זו, וממצאים חדשים רבים מוצגים בה. בעוד שממצאים אלה תורמים להבנתנו את הנושאים הנדונים המסויימים בשפה המסויימת, יש בהם גם כדי לשפוך מעט אור על סוגיות יסוד בבלשנות הטקסט.

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