I hate gossip.She proceeded to tell me allthe "news" about people I knew, and people that I had never heard of. None of it washarmful on its own but it was infinitely boring and awkward. I honestly felt I was wastingmy time and hers for no obvious reason. I also became very reluctant to share any of my"news" because I felt that it would very likely become public property.She then told me about someone else whocarried on like me–someone I knew–and how sick she had gotten through overworkthat she had to be hospitalized for about four months.

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