Stumli for: Morality constrains the default representation of what is possible

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1 Context 1

Heinz's wife has recently fallen ill and needs an expensive medication that is not covered by her medical insurance. They do not have the money needed to purchase the expensive prescription medication, but they know that it is vital for her to have it if she is going to recover.

1.1 Ordinary Events

1. sell some of his stocks or bonds
2. use a generic medication instead
3. buy a different insurance plan
4. enroll in federal healthcare
5. borrow the money from a bank
6. be given the money by a friend
7. loan the money from his family
8. sell an extra car for the money

1.2 Impossible Events

9. be given the money by a turtle
10. make the money time traveling
11. grow the money on a tree
12. get the money by clapping

1.3 Immoral Events

13. steal the money from his work
14. blackmail someone for the money
15. commit credit card fraud
16. get the medicine by stealing

1.4 Improbable Events

17. be given the medicine by a doctor
18. inherit money from a close relative
19. receive the money from a stranger
20. discover a cheap new medicine

1.5 Irrational Events

21. sell his own medication
22. sell all his clothes for money
23. go on strike until wages increase
24. try random other medicines

2 Context 2

Josh is on the way to the airport to catch a flight for a hunting safari in Africa. He leaves with plenty of time to make it there, but his car breaks down on the highway. Now Josh is sitting in his car near a busy intersection, and knows he needs to get to airport soon if he is going to catch his flight.

2.1 Ordinary Events

25. reschedule for a later flight
26. ask the gas station clerk for help
27. take the public bus there

28. request airport shuttle pickup
29. ask a relative to pick him up
30. hail a taxi at the intersection
31. call a friend for a ride
32. take public transportation

2.2 Impossible Events

33. get a new car by thinking
34. ride a cat to the airport
35. teleport himself to the airport
36. levitate and fly to the airport

2.3 Immoral Events

37. steal another person's car
38. take a taxi without paying
39. take another driver hostage
40. sneak onto public transportation

2.4 Improbable Events

41. beckon a friend passing by
42. convince airport to delay flight
43. get a stranger to drive him
44. arrange for a private plane

2.5 Irrational Events

45. book a flight for next year
46. sell car for ride to airport
47. pay 1000 dollars for a ride
48. try to run there in time

3 Context 3

Brian is the evening manager at a bakery. Near the end of the day, he realizes that $50.75 is missing from the register and that he is responsible for accounting for the money at the end of the day. Brian knows he has to make sure the register is balanced or he might lose his job.

3.1 Ordinary Events

49. explain the situation to his boss
50. ask other employees what to do
51. get a payday advance loan
52. sell something he owns for money
53. use money from his own wallet
54. add in money from his daily tips
55. borrow money from a friend
56. write a check for $50.75

3.2 Impossible Events

57. turn the cash register invisible
58. use some monopoly money instead
59. take pictures of missing bills
60. get the money by sneezing a lot

3.3 Immoral Events

61. overcharge the next customers
62. steal money from a coworker
63. lie about how much the bakery sold
64. give new customers incorrect change

3.4 Improbable Events

65. find the money on the ground
66. discover the money is in his pocket
67. get a child to donate the money
68. receive a 100 dollar tip

3.5 Irrational Events

69. close the store five hours early
70. pay with his retirement fund
71. try to invent new pastries
72. discount food to encourage tipping

4 Context 4

Liz decides to go to the gym on her lunch break because she is going to have to work late tonight and won't have time during the evening. When she gets to the gym, she realizes that her membership has expired since she last went.

4.1 Ordinary Events

73. wait to go to the gym tomorrow
74. go for a run outside instead
75. decide to lift weights at home
76. eat lunch instead of working out
77. use a friend's guest pass
78. pay for a one-day gym pass
79. be allowed in just this once
80. renew her gym membership

4.2 Impossible Events

81. turn invisible and go in
82. wish all gyms to be free forever
83. renew her membership by blinking
84. turn her hat into a gym pass

4.3 Immoral Events

85. take someone else's gym card
86. claim she left her wallet inside
87. sneak past the gym attendant
88. go in the back door without paying

4.4 Improbable Events

89. learn the gym stopped checking IDs
90. receive a free lifetime membership
91. find a one-day pass in purse
92. discover the gym is free today

4.5 Irrational Events

93. decide to never exercise again
94. try again in three minutes
95. complain in a foreign language
96. run back and forth across lobby

5 Context 5

Mary is about to go to her final class of the day when she remembers that there is a homework assignment that is due. Mary's mom accidentally took her homework assignment out of her backpack when she was making room for her lunch. Now Mary has nothing to turn in for credit.

5.1 Ordinary Events

97. run home to get her homework
98. bring in her homework tomorrow
99. ask for an extra-credit assignment
100. ask her mom what she should do
101. explain what happened to her teacher
102. quickly redo the homework assignment
103. ask her mom to bring the homework
104. have her parents call the teacher

5.2 Impossible Events

105. have her homework teleported
106. remind herself yesterday evening
107. turn in several socks instead
108. erase the teacher's memory

5.3 Immoral Events

109. quickly copy someone's homework
110. put her name on a friend's homework
111. forge an excuse note
112. lie about being sick to go home

5.4 Improbable Events

113. discover her teacher is absent
114. learn school is canceled today
115. remember she has an extra copy
116. be given an A by mistake

5.5 Irrational Events

117. ask her mom to FedEx the homework
118. look under the lunchroom tables
119. turn in a completely blank page
120. turn in last week's homework again

6 Context 6

Brad and some friends are hiking through the mountains in the Canadian wilderness. A couple of days into their hike, Brad realizes that they are lost. He knows that a rescue crew could arrive before long, but it is extremely cold and they don't have much food or water left.

6.1 Ordinary Events

121. stay put and wait for help
122. follow a river out of the wilderness
123. alert rescuers with emergency flares
124. find a river for fresh water and fish
125. get more food by hunting and fishing
126. build a large fire to alert rescuers
127. create a shelter to stay warm
128. be found by the rescue crew

6.2 Impossible Events

129. use his mind to keep everyone warm
130. make new jackets from pine trees
131. alert airplanes overhead by yelling
132. grind up rocks for food and water

6.3 Immoral Events

133. secretly take his friends' food
134. leave the weakest people behind
135. rob other hikers they meet
136. kill his friend's pet dog for food

6.4 Improbable Events

137. find thermal vent to keep warm
138. find stream showing the path out
139. meet a former expedition guide
140. find an abandoned bear cave

6.5 Irrational Events

141. go hunting for water buffalo
142. eat random berries and leaves
143. venture off independently
144. eat all his food immediately