

DAN: Hello, listeners!

BEN: (mumbling) Hello, too! Sorry for not speaking properly, I'm eating a burger.

JAMES: Very professional.

DAN: Yeah, well what kind of profession is eating burgers for a LIVING?

JAMES: First up, I was going to get paid in the speed eating event and that's all that matters, second, I didn't eat the burger, I choked, which is why I'm so annoyed with you. Where's your compassion??

DAN: And how many burgers did your rivals eat?

JAMES: I have lots of rivals.

DAN: Your speed eating rivals?

JAMES: I think about 50 each.

DAN: Why did you think it was a good idea for you to be a speed eater? And don't say 'because I was hungry'. Because there has to be a deeper reason.

JAMES: I wasn't just hungry, I was really hungry. Because I went on hunger strike in my mental home.

DAN: Wow. Go well? Or did the staff take away even more of your freedoms by monitoring you even more?

JAMES: Yes, it did get worse for me. It sounds obvious, but I apologised and here I am, allowed to have an off day and host this podcast.

BEN: (mumbling) Why did you go on hunger strike?

JAMES: I was hungry.

DAN: Dear God.

JAMES: I didn't like the food, I mean.

DAN: Why?

JAMES: Oh look at me, look at me! I'm Dan and I'm really clever! I've never done ANYTHING stupid in MY life because I'm so special!

DAN: What was that?

BEN: Ignore him. Have a burger.

DAN: Alright, I will.

JAMES: I'll have a burger, too.

BEN: No you won't. You clearly haven't mastered the art of chewing.

JAMES: I can chew, just not 50 burgers. That's too much. Vinnie and Liam think they beat me, but who had the worst constipation?

BEN: You?

JAMES: That's more than possible because of my med's side effects, but who had the worst heartburn?

BEN: You?

JAMES: No! Them, surely.

DAN: So you don't get heartburn?

JAMES: Not really.

DAN: Wow. I'm James and I don't really get heartburn. That's the best thing about me.

JAMES: No, it's not the best thing about me.

DAN: What's the best thing about you, then?

BEN: Listeners, James is getting a mobile from his pocket.

JAMES: Wait a sec...

BEN: James is doing some tapping...

JAMES: The best thing about me is... outside. Or penny.

DAN: Ah. An online random word generator.

JAMES: Yep.

DAN: Why do you feel so uncomfortable giving me your genuine answer?

JAMES: Would it make me sound arrogant if I said my best feature is being better than you?

DAN: No you're not.

JAMES: I am better than you, actually.

DAN: Why do you say that?

JAMES: Oh, I wasn't expect you to reply to that.

DAN: Why?

JAMES: I thought I won.

DAN: James, why do you think you're better than me?

JAMES: Just a vibe.

DAN: I see.

BEN: Are you better than me, James?

JAMES: Sure.

BEN: Just a tiny bit better or huge?

JAMES: Oh huge, huge.

BEN: And why do you say that?

JAMES: Errr...

BEN: It's just that a person who gets special treatment in a mental home, goes on hunger strike and makes everything worse sounds like someone who isn't doing too well in life.

JAMES: I feel important though.

BEN: Because the other patients are more trusted and don't get as much attention?

JAMES: Yeah.

DAN: And you never won any mental home competitions?

JAMES: Such as?

DAN: I don't know. Maybe the biggest mouth contest? And you took that literally and that gave you the delusion you could be a champion eater? Something like that?

JAMES: No...

DAN: Maybe you won the coolest person contest awarded to you by one of the more troubled and deranged patients?

JAMES: No again.

BEN: Hang on... If you went on hunger strike, why did the hospital let you leave?

Because you apologised? I don't buy it.

JAMES: Ummmmm...

BEN: You've escaped, haven't you?

JAMES: Ahem.

BEN: I'll take that as a yes, then. I should report you to the police!

JAMES: Look, I'll voluntarily go back to the home after this podcast...

(A phone rings)

DAN: Hello caller?

CALLER: Hello. It's the local mental home. Keep James where he is. A team will be picking him up, shortly.

JAMES: Hellooo.

DAN: Wow, how did you find him so quickly? You're not a fan of his are you?

CALLER: What?? No, I just assumed he'd be on your podcast because he said he wants to keep hosting it!

DAN: Oh. That makes sense. So you're not a crazy person?

CALLER: It's easy to become a paranoid schizophrenic when you hang around James for a long time, but if one nurse deals with him for a couple of minutes, then another nurse deals with him, another nurse deals with him, and so on, being around someone like him is doable.

DAN: How many nurses deal with him then?

CALLER: How many minutes are there in a day?

DAN: Err... 60 times 24 is... Wait a sec...1,440 minutes.

CALLER: That would be 720 nurses.

BEN: No way...

DAN: No. Surely not.

CALLER: Afraid so.

DAN: 720?!

CALLER: Yeah...

JAMES: And that's why I feel special.

DAN: How the hell did you escape a mental home with at least 720 nurses dealing with you??

JAMES: With a paintbrush.

DAN: What??

JAMES: I put a paintbrush in the lock and twisted it around.

DAN: Is that true?

CALLER: This is extremely embarrassing.

DAN: Oh my word...

BEN: Maybe keep him away from paintbrushes?

CALLER: Fantastic idea. Really, that has been noted.

JAMES: But how will I paint?

CALLER: James, all you paint is you holding a paintbrush and you laughing. It puzzled the staff for a while, but at very least the mystery is now over.

JAMES: Hahahaha.

(Sirens are heard from outside)

DAN: It's over James. The police are here.

JAMES: No, no, it's only just begun.

DAN: What does that mean?

JAMES: I don't know.

DAN: Great. Well tell that to the police, I'm sure they'll love that.

CALLER: Thanks for keeping him here. Now I have to deal with mass theft in the art room. Everyone is going crazy.

DAN: Oh dear God no.

CALLER: Exactly. Horror. Bye.

JAMES: Bye listeners. Perhaps for a good few days.

DAN: Bye.....