

BEN: Welcome to yet another podcast featuring me and Dan. And of course, James. Who could forget James? Believe me, I've tried. This podcast has been going on for a while now, and I've never quite managed it.

JAMES: I could bash you on the head, if you like.

BEN: Can I bash you?

JAMES: But I don't want to forget anything.

DAN: No, I disagree.

JAMES: What's that supposed to mean?

DAN: James, how are you recovering from that strange pigeon dream you complained about?

JAMES: I'm fine. It just seemed so real...

BEN: It happens to all of us.

JAMES: Ok, fair enough. I do want to forget about that.

DAN: Shall I punch you then?

JAMES: Er...

BEN: It would be good for the ratings... But don't punch him too hard. Remember, this podcast is largely aimed at children. Please remember that.

JAMES: Are you sure it would work?

DAN: I've never been surer about anything in my life.

(THUDDING SOUND)

JAMES: Ow! Screw you, Dan!

DAN: Still remember the pigeon attack, I mean dream?

JAMES: Yes...

DAN: Rats.

JAMES: I never told you this, but in my dream I remember you and Ben holding the bird to my face, and you letting it peck me. What do you think that's about?

BEN: Is that really what you think of us?

DAN: Sounds to me like James is paranoid...

JAMES: But the dream was so vivid. Ben kept saying stuff like 'Let this pigeon expletive up his face.' That really never happened?

BEN: James! That's abuse!

JAMES: Ok.

BEN: Anyway! Today's topic! Maybe James would like to choose one, since he's so... special.

JAMES: How come curry smells delicious, yet it's never used as deodorant? In fact, deodorant often gets used to HIDE the smell of curry.

BEN: Would you like to answer that, Dan?

DAN: James has actually made a good point. Curry should attract people, especially if they're hungry.

BEN: Well done James, you made a good point! How do you feel?

JAMES: I feel pretty good!

BEN: Maybe you could start your own franchise?

JAMES: Where I pour curry on people?

BEN: That's such a good idea, it's almost unbelievable.

JAMES: Thanks for giving me a thumbs up, Dan. You can be very supportive sometimes.

BEN: Just make sure pigeons don't start licking the poor people wearing it, right James?

DAN: James?

BEN: James, you just keep staring blankly...

JAMES: Sorry about that. I was in my own world for a moment, there.

BEN: What were you thinking about? Pigeons?

JAMES: Actually, no. You'd think so, but no. I was at an auction, the other day...

BEN: And?

JAMES: The auctioneer said 'We are 40, we are 45, we are 50,' etc., all in one sentence and the numbers kept getting higher. In hindsight I realise he was talking about prices, but at the time I thought he was talking about everyone's age. I was

thinking 'we're all going to be old then dead in seconds!'

BEN: Why were you thinking that?

JAMES: Well time goes by quicker as people age. That's why the guy was so believable.

DAN: So let me get this straight. When people are aged forty, they feel their whole lives go by in seconds? I'm using your own words, there...

JAMES: That's what scared me.

DAN: But you're not 40, you're 32.

JAMES: Well the auctioneer said, well implied we were ALL 40 and such, and auctioneers are respected. So people listen to them.

DAN: You're an idiot. I mean I always thought you were, but it seems like you keep getting stupider and stupider. It's quite ridiculous.

BEN: Why were you thinking about that, when you zoned out?

JAMES: I don't know. I guess because it sticks with you when you celebrate numerous birthdays and Christmases in the blink of an eye...

BEN: You celebrated your birthdays? Did everyone else?

JAMES: That's the thing. They didn't, but you'd expect them to, right? I didn't know why they didn't at the time.

DAN: What you must have looked like... How did the auctioneer react to you?

JAMES: He just scratched his head.

DAN: They must have been the most intense seconds of your life...

JAMES: You'd think so. Actually, they were pretty disappointing.

DAN: No one showed up to your birthday parties AGAIN?

JAMES: Well they did, but they didn't want to be there.

(RINGING SOUNDS)

BEN: Ok, let's leave things there and answer this phone call. Remember, this is a special podcast where any listener can phone at any time, but few do because of the fear of interacting with James.

JAMES: Lol.

BEN: Hello, caller! What's on your mind?

CALLER: I'm the auctioneer James was talking of. I just want to warn him never to go to one of my auctions again, or I'll call the police!

BEN: Wow... You have some really strong feelings about James?

CALLER: Damn right I do!

BEN: What else did he do?

CALLER: What else?? He screamed 'We're all gonna die! Make him stop saying the numbers!!'

JAMES: Whoops.

CALLER: The police were called!

DAN: And then what happened?

CALLER: James accused me of trying to kill everyone! In his words he said 'The auctioneer is trying to kill us through numbers!'

JAMES: Now everything has been cleared up, that's the end of the matter?

CALLER: I don't want to see you again.

DAN: Wow.

JAMES: Eek.

DAN: I have to say, it doesn't sound like you respect him...

JAMES: Believing people is a form of respect.

DAN: I guess believing others shows a SORT of respect...

JAMES: Yes!

DAN: Do you like the man?

JAMES: No, he's a bellend.

DAN: Ah. That's not respect.

JAMES: Oh. Not a little bit?

DAN: No, I don't think so.

JAMES: So what would be implied if said I didn't respect someone?

DAN: That would suggest you thought such a person was a complete asshole.

JAMES: Good, because I don't respect you.

DAN: You what?

BEN: Guys, guys! We need to get along! We're supposed to be working together in harmony!

JAMES: You know I respect you, don't you Ben?

BEN: Get lost.

JAMES: You're not going to end this podcast early again are you? I'm sensing a bad atmosphere.

BEN: I think me and Dan need some time. That's all.

JAMES: Not again! How's this making me look? This podcast is supposed to last an hour!

BEN: Good.

JAMES: You won't get your full pay cheques!

BEN: You can't put a price on peace of mind.

JAMES: Please! First the auctioneer, now you two? I'll look like a freak!

DAN: You are a freak!

JAMES: Fine! I'll host this podcast on my own!

BEN: Byeeee.

(A DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES)

JAMES: Eek. Can't believe this has happened again. Let's just put some music on... What will make me look good? Ah 1000 bpm speedcore. Exciting James.