

Dan: Hello, listeners! Here's a question that will sum up the whole of this show rather nicely: Who's more mental, James or the Dominant Egg? Because we'll have the Egg on the phone shortly. From jail!

James: Is this a competition?

Dan: No...

James: Because I like to think of it as a competition. I don't THINK I've heard of a mental competition, even though deep down I really think there should be one. I done lots of pondering as to why there seems to be no competition, but I haven't go anywhere. MAYBE... there is.

Dan: I'll save you some time: There's no competition.

James: Ok, but WHY?

Dan: You really are a lunatic aren't you James?

James: Yes and that's how I win. Loser.

Ben: You really have no idea where you got such an idea?

James: I guess I've had psychiatrists that would say stuff like 'I think you're really cool, James. Do you know what cool people do? They tell psychiatrists what's going on in their minds.' In hindsight I realise I was tricked.

Ben: And did they trick you with mental competitions?

James: Now that I think of it, yes.

Ben: Your memories are blurry?

James: It's all coming back to me now...

Ben: Is there anything else that's coming back to you?

James: The laughter... Psychiatrists rolling around on the floor...

Ben: I'm so sorry.

Dan: How well did you do in the contests?

James: I did pretty well...

Dan: Did you win any prizes?

James: I got to choose them!

Dan: And what were your options?

James: Beanie Babies or pens.

Dan: And what happened in the contests?

James: The winner was the person who was nicest to the staff.

Dan: Well I can't see how that's mental...

Ben: Another trick?

James: I think so, yes.

Ben: Why was it called a mental competition, though? Why not a 'cool competition'. I can see how someone like you would like to be thought as cool. It's hard for me to see how that would work, but you could try...

James: Because all the contestants were mentally ill?

Ben: Ahh.

Dan: Isn't it funny how 'mental' is an offensive term but 'mentally ill' isn't. As much, I mean. The phrases are almost the same...

James: Well I like both of them, so neither phrase gets to me.

Ben: On the contrary, you love them?

James: Yeah, fantastic.

Ben: That's what I thought.

(A phone rings)

Dan: Hello, Egg!

Egg: Hello.

Dan: Doing well?

Egg: Afraid not. I'm in jail.

James: I've been in jail too, you know? I know what you're going through.

Egg: It's really boring. I'm really good at the mental competitions, though.

Dan: In those competitions, do you have to be nice to the staff?

Egg: That was creepy.

James: He's no mind reader, you've been tricked. So have I.

Egg: What do you mean?

James: The contests? They have no value. All you'll be getting are Beanie Babies or pens.

Egg: I was told the winner would be getting presents, but when I asked what, I was told it would be a surprise...

James: You want my advice? Take the pens. If you choose the Beanie Babies, you'll get laughed at.

Egg: But they're so cute.

James: I know. Sorry. And you have to think of the welfare of the Beanie Babies. Do you think they'll like the prison environment? Probably not.

Egg: You think I should steal all the Beanie Babies and set them free?

James: Errrr....

Ben: I'd leave it if I were you.

Egg: Ok...

James: Agreed.

Dan: Wow, that was genuinely good advice from James, there. I'm surprised he hasn't told you to try and buy the other prisoners.

James: No, that didn't go well at all.

Egg: What do you mean?

James: I don't know, I heard stories of prisoners buying other prisoners, and it seems I completely misunderstood what it meant. I don't really like to dwell on it.

Egg: The other prisoners don't respect me...

James: Oh no, why not?

Egg: They don't see me as one of them. They seem to see me as food. That's what I've heard them say...

James: I'm sure they don't mean it...

Egg: They've been saying things like 'If I ever see the Dominant Egg when I'm feeling hungry, I'm not sure if I'll be able to control myself.'

James: Harmless jesting.

Egg: I get really scared when the other prisoners are nice to me. The smiles. The rubbing of stomachs. It's really disturbing...

James: I'm sure it will all blow over.

Egg: You should see what it's like when I work in the canteen...

James: Oh dear God, no.

Egg: THAT'S when I feel like in danger...

Dan: What happens?

Egg: Everyone just stares at me in silence...

Dan: What do you cook?

Egg: I only cook things that are vegan, but the other prisoners? I can just sense something is wrong.

Ben: To lighten the mood, do you have any funny prison stories?

Egg: No.

James: Yeah, neither do I.

Ben: Do you any prison stories at all?

Egg: The guards are really mad at how Henry the Sneaky Salmon's gang has been broken free...

Ben: Did you ever meet Henry?

Egg: No, he escaped before I entered the jail. Also he's in England, whereas I'm in America.

Ben: Ah. Of course.

Egg: The stories about him get around, though. He is really strange.

Ben: Go on...

Egg: He just really really likes fish. Sure eat lots of the stuff, but naming yourself after fish? You have to wonder what his life has been like. Has he ever had any meaningful experience? Is it really ALL fish with him? And he's such a serious person! Judging by his name, you'd expect him to be really goofy. Not true at all. The other prisoners were actually quite scared of him.

Ben: I hear he's literally a fish now...

Egg: Yes he was a fish for a while. Strange times. Imagine hardened criminals being scared of a fish. THAT'S strange.

Ben: What did he do all day?

Egg: Just swim around in a bowl...

Ben: And that was scary?

Egg: Yes! Now he's free, people are scared. Other fish can sense something is wrong, they just don't know what to do.

Dan: Well, that's all very interesting, but we're out of time...

James: If you were to mention Lego just the once, that would be appreciated...

Egg: Buy Lego.

James: Perfect.

Ben: Bye, listeners! Stay safe, Egg.

Egg: Bye!