

The Psychoanalyst

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INT: MI5 OFFICE - DAY

In this flashy, spotless space, a dozen or so TV screens hang on the black walls. Each focuses on a different person going about their business in the sun/indoors, and all suspects look shifty. A casually dressed SPY (25) is thoughtfully observing the screens, one by one. In the center of the room is a control panel, operated by a concentrating, suited I.T. SPECIALIST (50).

Knocking is heard on the door.

SPY

Come in...

A suited PSYCHOANALYST (50) enters the room. He shakes the SPY'S hand with a firm grip.

PSYCHOANALYST

Hello, Sir. Let's cut to the chase; we don't have much time.

SPY

Of course. I'm fully aware something big is going down.

PSYCHOANALYST

Right. So I'm here to psychoanalyse you, to see if you're fit to undertake your mission. First, I just want to get to know you.

The SPY nods.

SPY

Please go ahead.

PSYCHOANALYST

Your strong handshake suggests a need to take control. You most likely grew up in a large family and felt you weren't getting enough attention.

SPY

Aha?

PSYCHOANALYST

Your very brief response shows a need to get work done quickly. You were moved from home to home regularly as a child and had to act fast to adjust to your new surroundings.

SPY

Go on...

PSYCHOANALYST

Your immediate use of the word 'go' suggests you're extremely impatient and have a hard time concentrating.

The SPY scratches his forehead.

SPY

I have to be honest, all of that was completely wrong.

PSYCHOANALYST

Really? I've been working here for decades and haven't been incorrect once...

SPY

Do the I.T. guy...

PSYCHOANALYST

Of course.

The PSYCHOANALYST shakes the SPECIALIST'S hand.

PSYCHOANALYST

The fact you didn't greet me with any words suggests you have a deep rooted need to conserve your energy. You came from a very deprived background where food was scarce.

The SPY turns to the I.T. SPECIALIST.

SPY

Well?

I.T. SPECIALIST

Er...

The PSYCHOANALYST coughs awkwardly.

PSYCHOANALYST

Let me try again. Say the first word that comes to mind...

I.T. SPECIALIST

Jacket.

PSYCHOANALYST

Too easy. That's a pun on the word 'jack'. As you want to car jack someone.

The I.T. SPECIALIST stares at the PSYCHOANALYST.

I.T. SPECIALIST
That's extremely offensive to me. You know I try my hardest to fight the evils of the world.

The PSYCHOANALYST tuts.

PSYCHOANALYST
Yes, but subconsciously you want to jack someone. Only subconsciously.

The I.T. SPECIALIST clenches his fists.

I.T. SPECIALIST
I'm telling you, you're wrong. Have another go.

PSYCHOANALYST
Say the first number that comes to your head.

I.T. SPECIALIST
Five.

PSYCHOANALYST
(quickly)
You have five children.

I.T. SPECIALIST
Come on. You know that isn't true.

PSYCHOANALYST
You WANT to have five children?

I.T. SPECIALIST
I have six.

PSYCHOANALYST
But you wish you just had five.

I.T. SPECIALIST
Again, that was quite insulting. Are you feeling ok?

The PSYCHOANALYST narrows his eyes on the I.T. SPECIALIST. The SPY looks concerned.

PSYCHOANALYST
You're very defensive right now. What have you got to hide?

The I.T. SPECIALIST widens his eyes.

I.T. SPECIALIST
What are you suggesting?

PSYCHOANALYST
What's your favourite colour?

I.T. SPECIALIST
(nervous)
Blue...

The PSYCHOANALYST stamps his foot.

PSYCHOANALYST
Blue language, huh? What swear words
are you thinking about when you look
at me?

I.T. SPECIALIST
Ok, you were right that time.

PSYCHOANALYST
I'm ALWAYS right! And quite frankly I
have no desire to work with
megalomaniac criminals!

The HEAD OF MI5 bursts into the room.

HEAD OF MI5
What's going on in here??

Everyone turns to the BOSS.

PSYCHOANALYST
The spy and I.T. specialist have gone
bad!

HEAD OF MI5
What are you on about?

PSYCHOANALYST
They're thugs! They like offensive
colours!

HEAD OF MI5
Not blue?

PSYCHOANALYST
Right!

HEAD OF MI5
Well unfortunately, due to the gravity
of our situation, we need every man on
the job. As long as the spy here knows
what he has to do, everything should
be fine...

The HEAD shakes the SPY'S hand.

HEAD OF MI5
Know what you have to do?

SPY
Get the psychoanalyst sectioned?

HEAD OF MI5
Good man.