

Dan: Hello, listeners! This podcast will be extra EXTRA special as after all these years, we've finally found James's trigger!

James: Drop it, Dan.

Dan: And we have Simon Wiedemann here again, who comes from a parallel universe.

Simon: Hello.

Dan: And he has the exact same trigger as James!

Simon: Drop it, Dan.

(A mobile phone beeps)

Ben: Huh, that's funny. I've just received a text message. I thought my phone was turned off.

Dan: What does it say?

Ben: it says 'Whatever you do, Ben, don't turn your phone off. This should be fun'.

James: I'm going to kill you.

(A phone beeps)

Dan: Wow, what a coincidence. My phone has just rung and I thought it was turned off as well. How about that?

Ben: What's it say?

Dan: It says 'This will be so funny, hahaha.'

(Thudding sounds are heard)

Dan: For the listeners, Simon and James have fallen off their chairs and are staring at the ceiling in a daze.

James: The beeps... what do they mean??

Ben: I think we should explain James and Simon have a phobia of hearing mobile phones ping.

James: Terrifying... Absolutely terrifying.

Ben: We've just had a couple of text messages, that's all.

Simon: Sure we know what they're saying now, but what will the next message say?

Ben: What are you scared of?

Simon: The phone could say it needs to be topped up... Then what?

Dan: You see, I'd think getting the abuse from us would be much worse than a top up message...

(Multiple beeps are heard)

Dan: Wow, I've just had a ton of messages!

Ben: Me too!

Dan: It should be pointed out that James and Simon are foaming at the mouths and look possessed. Anyway one message says 'Dan' the next says 'this' the next says 'is' the next says 'really' and the last one says 'funny.'

Ben: Mine says more or less the same thing. If we were being really cruel, we'd say our phones need topping up...

Dan: Agreed.

James: NO!

Ben: Right, NOW I've had a message telling me I need to top up my phone.

James: I didn't hear a beep though...

(A beeping sound is heard)

Ben: There you go.

James: Can I see it?

Ben: I don't think you're ready for that, are you?

James: I need to see it.

Simon: No, you don't know what you're doing James!

James: No, I need to see it.

Ben: Fine, there you go.

James: It was a fake message, wasn't it? It was sent to you by the producer of this show as a prank.

Ben: Ok, fine it was a prank...

Dan: No!

Ben: ... but you need to accept the fact topping up phones is just a part of life!

James: What's topping up mean then?

Ben: Adding money to your phone so you can use it more.

James: It really is that simple?

Ben: It's that simple.

James: It has nothing to do with death, then?

Ben: What?? No!

Dan: Why would your mobile phone kill you?

James: I don't know. Why would anyone kill someone?

Dan: Oh come on, a mobile phone trying to kill its customers would be EXTREMELY bad for business!

Simon: Everyone who kills someone has to face very severe consequences...

Dan: You don't actually agree with James, do you??

Simon: There are bad people everywhere, so there are bad phone companies, too.

(A phone rings)

Caller: Hello, I'm the CEO of a mobile phone company that wants to kill its customers, and as I'm considered crazy, I really was hoping for other crazy people to promote my company, and I think James and Simon are a good fit.

James: See this is exactly what I mean. No I don't want you to sponsor me.

Caller: Please. Business is really bad right now and we need someone to advertise for us. Someone like you.

James: No!

Caller: We're going to have to declare bankruptcy! Not one person has subscribed to my company, no one!

Ben: I'll hang him up for you.

Dan: It seems we need to apologise to James and Simon for saying text messages are harmless...

James: Told you.

Dan: I'm glad you told a homicidal phone company CEO to leave you alone, by the way. We all know how hard it is for people to sponsor you.

James: Thank you.

(The phone rings again)

Caller: Look, I'll make a deal. No murder, you're against it, I get that. How about me and my employees go around hitting people? THAT'S ALL.

Ben: Well, how's that sound James? Simon?

Simon: I think what we're all wondering is... why?

Caller: A gap in the market...

Simon: Is it a gap people are talking about a lot?

Caller: Oh believe me, lots of people are talking about my phone company!

Simon: But no one wants to do business with you?

Caller: That's what I'm trying to wrap my head around...

Ben: I'll hang him up again.

James: See the darkness of mobile phones, now?

Ben: Now, now, don't put other people out there off buying from 100% trustworthy companies...

James: They're all shady!

Ben: Where did you get your phobia of phones? I mean, have you ever got a text message about topping up phones that you perceived as threatening?

James: No.

Ben: Come on, you must have a reason for being so crazy...

James: I didn't do very well at school. I can't understand simple sentences, so when I read something I don't understand, such as 'please top up your phone', I get really confused and scared and have a mental breakdown. I think that's what it is.

Dan: Ohhhhhhhhhh....

James: Yeah.

Dan: Now why are you such an asshole?

Ben: Well?

James: Because I missed the first second on the year 2,000, you know that.

Simon: Interestingly I too missed the first second of that year. I have a version of me from another alternate universe called Fred who didn't miss the start of the year 2,000 and he's an extremely nice and mentally healthy person. He's actually a CEO of his own pizza company.

Dan: I don't believe you.

Simon: It's true.

Ben: And on the unbelievable (and most likely untrue) note.... Bye!