

BEN: Hello, listeners! For this show, we have something special. We THINK we've found a way to turn James from a pigeon to a man again...

DAN: Ha. Man.

JAMES: Yes.

BEN: Here's the plan: James was a prick when he was a quote, unquote 'man', right?

DAN: Right...

JAMES: That's all just theory.

BEN: SO, what we do is prick him with a needle...

DAN: Should be fun...

BEN: ... all whilst chanting the Latin for 'prick', which everyone knows is a mysterious language. That should turn him back to normal. It's difficult to explain, as... well it's just a weird concept, isn't it?

JAMES: It makes sense to me. So, what's the Latin word?

BEN: Let's do some Googling... Ok, apparently 'prick' in Latin is 'Punctum'. But punctum also means 'point'.

DAN: But James was a prick, not a point.

JAMES: Ah, but I've made lots of interesting points though, no?

DAN: Nope.

BEN: Doesn't matter, punctum also means prick and that's enough. Well, it means 'jab'.

DAN: James was a jab?

BEN: Look, we both know jab kind of means prick and that's enough. Here's the fun part, let's go...

JAMES: Ow!

BEN: Punctum, punctum, punctum...

JAMES: This is really painful...

BEN: Punctum, punctum...

DAN: Look!

BEN: Oh my word...

JAMES: I don't feel so good...

BEN: It's working!

JAMES: Blueeeegh...

BEN: Don't be sick, James, you'll be back to normal in a jiffy!

DAN: If only you could see this listeners, this really is quite spectacular!

BEN: Who's going to clear the feathers off the floor?

JAMES: I want you to burn them. I never want to see them again.

DAN: Don't do it, Ben. Store them in a jar and hide it.

JAMES: Don't give a thumbs up, Ben.

BEN: He's a 'man' again!

JAMES: Stop doing the quotes with your fingers, I'm sick of it!

DAN: Hang on, James WAS a prick when a 'man', but he was ALSO a prick when he was a pigeon. So what's the difference? Why did he change 'back to normal' when you called him a prick in Latin, when really there was no change at all?

BEN: That's Latin for you. It's a complex language.

DAN: Huh.

JAMES: This is awesome!

DAN: You have a weird look in your eye, James...

JAMES: Oh, I have a weird look in my eye? That's because I'm about to do THIS!

BEN: He's hit him! He's hit him!

DAN: What the HELL was that for???

JAMES: For you treating me like... OW!

BEN Stop this madness!

DAN: OW!

JAMES: OH (expletive)!!

BEN: Can you stop???

DAN: All done.

BEN: You know what? Out of all the podcasts we've done, this HAS to be one of the weirder ones.

JAMES: Agreed.

DAN: You don't think people will go around trying to turn people into pigeons or vice versa now?

BEN: Oh my God, that would be complete anarchy...

(A phone rings)

BEN: Hello, caller?

CALLER: Someone chanted weird Latin phrases to me and now I'm a pigeon. What the HELL am I supposed to do, now?

BEN: Oh my word, I'm so sorry!

CALLER: Being sorry isn't enough. I was once a policeman. Now when I try to work a taser with my claws, I just shoot myself. Making things worse, I got filmed on someone's mobile phone. Apparently it's 'the best thing ever' and I'm going 'straight to Youtube'.

JAMES: You could be a spy. Picture the scene: You flying in the sky as you gather information on drug gangs...

CALLER: Woo.

JAMES: Oh should you say 'cool'!

DAN: Hang on, how are you working your phone?

CALLER: It's not easy. I pecked buttons and stuff like that. I'm being filmed right now and I'm not happy.

BEN: Who turned you into a bird?

CALLER: A no good punk.

BEN: Can't you get someone to turn back into a human?

CALLER: I shouldn't have to!!

BEN: I'm so sorry, but I'm going to have to end the call. There are tons of people

trying to get through...

CALLER: Assho...

BEN: Hello! You're not another pigeon are you??

CALLER 2: I was a pigeon, now I'm a man.

DAN: Feel better now?

CALLER 2: No. Who's going to feed me bread, now?

JAMES: A lunatic?

CALLER 2: YOU'RE a lunatic. The only thing I'm grateful for now is the fact people like you can't kick me.

JAMES: That was a problem for you?

CALLER 2: YOU kicked me!

JAMES: I apologise, really I do!

CALLER 2: Yeah, well when I find out how, I'm turning you into a goldfish.

JAMES: Who turned you into a man?

CALLER 2: A twat.

JAMES: And how will you turn me into a goldfish, exactly?

CALLER 2: I know some Latin phrases of my own. Here goes: Hippurus...

JAMES: Cut him off, Ben!

DAN: Why did you do what James said, Ben?

BEN: Sorry. Impulse.

JAMES: The world's REALLY going to go crazy, now...

BEN: I think online translators will have to be banned.

DAN: And people who speak Latin will have to be deported.

JAMES: I've never trusted people who speak Latin, anyway. It's a strange thing to want to learn. Unless you're in contact with Roman armies.

DAN: Do the conversions only work with Latin?

JAMES: I'd have thought so. It's a mystical language.

(The phone rings. A thudding sound is heard).

DAN: Don't smash the answer button, James.

JAMES: Come on. Do you really think people will be polite to us, in these circumstances?

BEN: (Cheerfully) Ok! That's all we have time for, today. Be excellent to each other, bye!