

Off Menu – Ep 248 – Huge Davies

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu Podcast. Taking the grated cheese of humour, putting it onto the plate of the internet, sticking it under the grill of chat. Cheese on a plate.

James Acaster

Charlotte Church.

Ed Gamble

Charlotte Church. Cheese on a plate. Shout out.

James Acaster

Shout out. That is Ed Gamble. My name is James Acaster. We own a dream restaurant-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, we do.

James Acaster

And we invite a guest in every week and ask them their favourite ever starter, main course, dessert, side dish and drink. Not in that order. And this week our guest is Huge Davies.

Ed Gamble

Huge Davies.

James Acaster

Davies.

Ed Gamble

Davies. Huge Davies. Brilliant comic.

James Acaster

Not very funny.

Ed Gamble

Does musical stuff on stage as well.

James Acaster

He does some of my favourite comedy songs ever.

Ed Gamble



James Acaster

I love it. The dry wit of this boy.

Ed Gamble

Very dry boy, but, yes, his musical comedy is my favourite sort of musical comedy because it's perfectly intertwined with the stand up. It just feels like a proper good stand up performance.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Like the closest person I can think of is, Bill Bailey.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Who does, like, amazing stand up and is very proficient.

James Acaster

It all flows into the songs-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Which then flows into the next routine.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Fantastic stuff.

Ed Gamble

Really good stuff.

James Acaster

Not sure what Huge's eating habits are.

Ed Gamble

No.



James Acaster

What he likes to eat, so, very excited to hear, get some answers to our questions.

Ed Gamble

Yes. He has a poddy.

James Acaster

He has a poddy to be fair.

Ed Gamble

Slime Country, that he does with Ed Night and Sunil Patel.

James Acaster

Yes, and he also does the Film Quiz Podcast with Nick Helm as well.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, do listen to that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, look, we will kick him out though if there's a secret ingredient which we've decided upon now.

James Acaster

Yes, if he says the secret ingredient we're kicking him out.

Ed Gamble

And the secret ingredient this week is cubed feta.

James Acaster

Cubed feta.

Ed Gamble

Pre cubed feta.

James Acaster

Pre cubed feta.

Ed Gamble

This of course comes from our chat with Florence Pugh that we had-,

James Acaster



Where we laid into pre cubed feta.

James Acaster

Yes. The two of you hated it. I didn't know you could get feta in any other form.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

But, you know, really glad when stuff comes up on the pod in the chats now when a guest says they really hate something because we can use that as a secret ingredient in the future.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Use it as a future ingredient. Exactly. Yes.

James Acaster

It's very important. So, I guess, you know, if he says pre cubed feta do we get Florence Pugh to kick him out?

Ed Gamble

I think so. We'll get Pugh in.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

She can kick out Huge.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And then take over his episode?

James Acaster

Yes, and then she gets another meal.

Ed Gamble

Absolutely fine. Without further ado this is the Off Menu menu of Huge Davies.

James Acaster

Huge Davies.



Welcome, Huge, to the dream restaurant.

Huge Davies

Good evening.

James Acaster

Huge. Huge Davies. Oh, ah, I want to know what food do you like?

Ed Gamble

Now, you've not actually come out the lamp yet, so.

Huge Davies

Oh, is that the door where the genie comes out on this one, in this version?

James Acaster

Welcome to the dream restaurant, Huge Davies. We've been expecting you for some time.

Huge Davies

Oh. Okay, goodness. What's the genie look like?

James Acaster

However you want me to look actually.

Ed Gamble

It's your dream. It's your dreamland, so.

Huge Davies

Don't say that.

James Acaster

Why?

Huge Davies

You don't want to know why I want the genie to look like.

James Acaster

I do. I do want to know.

Ed Gamble

I think I do definitely.

James Acaster



Kind of, like-, like loads of-, like too many arms, like a spider.

James Acaster

So, eight arms.

Huge Davies

No, three spiders altogether. Maybe, like, what, 32 legs?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Great.

Ed Gamble

32 legs.

Huge Davies

Big mouth, as large as the spider's body.

James Acaster

Okay.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Horrible. Really greasy too.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Dripping full of grease.

James Acaster

What colour am I?



Like a jet black, but there's, sort of, like, pink in there. You can't tell if it's flesh, or-

Ed Gamble

Can you see pink in the mouth?

Huge Davies

No, the mouth is also black as night.

Ed Gamble

Oh, right, yes, that is bad.

Huge Davies

Yes, it's a void. It's almost hypnotising-, Like you look into it and you're, like, it's like looking into forever.

Ed Gamble

Great.

Huge Davies

Do you know what I mean.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And the genie says-, it just can't even speak English. Can't even make out what it is, it's like a rough wind.

Ed Gamble

Yes, so, it's, sort of, like-, like, a, sort of, Pennywise's real form sort of thing?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Oh.

Huge Davies

And that's what I want.



Yes.

James Acaster

Am I wearing any clothing?

Huge Davies

What the spider? Don't be mad.

James Acaster

No.

Huge Davies

Don't be stupid.

Ed Gamble

Yes, what clothing are you finding for eight arms and 32 legs?

James Acaster

I guess stuff that has eight arms and 32 legs-,

Ed Gamble

It's not off the rack. It's not off the rack, mate.

James Acaster

No, it's not, probably not off the rack actually.

Huge Davies

Been to TK Maxx? They've got loads of that there.

Ed Gamble

Yes, they do actually, yes. You've got to go the back of TK Maxx and you've got all that stuff, yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, I mean, it's a disturbing beginning.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies



It's not often this early in the podcast where someone says, 'When you're looking into the mouth it feels like you're looking into forever.'

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

It's a disturbing podcast, man. People don't know-, this is not being filmed is it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Oh, okay. Well, you know, if you're listening you won't believe what it looks like in here.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

It's crazy.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

The podcast studio is in, like-, it's in the top of a warehouse, like an office, and the podcast-, there's a big window here and we're looking out over the warehouse.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And there's just loads of kids in there making Off Menu merch.

James Acaster



And then-,

James Acaster

All of them look like Benito.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

They're all clones. They're all little clones.

Huge Davies

In the breaks, Acaster, goes down and screams at them.

Ed Gamble

Yes, he really does.

James Acaster

My spider form.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Like Mrs Tweedy in Chicken Run.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

That's pretty mad.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I mean, yes, one or the other. Spider form or Tweedy in Chicken Run.

Huge Davies

Yes. It's horrible isn't it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

It's really screaming, but you can't hear it through-,



So, it's good merch. Check it out on the website.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, check it out on the website actually, all the merch.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you have much?

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Oh, okay.

Ed Gamble

Yes, we've got merch.

Huge Davies

Just know that it's made by small children.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Maybe we've sold-, is it sold out?

Ed Gamble

I don't know.

James Acaster

-and yell at those kids again.

Huge Davies

Yes. I'm one of the kids. I break free. This is a bit like the Hunger Games-,

Ed Gamble



I won and I get to go on the pod.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You're Katniss.

Huge Davies

I'm Katniss.

James Acaster

Yes. That's the only thing I know about Hunger Games.

Huge Davies

Yes. Cool.

Ed Gamble

I love Hunger Games.

James Acaster

Yes?

Huge Davies

You love the Hunger Games?

Ed Gamble

I love the Hunger Games.

James Acaster

This podcast could have been called Hunger Games actually.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It would have still made sense.

Ed Gamble

I love Hunger Games.

Huge Davies

You couldn't have called it though.



James Acaster

What?

Huge Davies

You couldn't have called it that.

James Acaster

Why?

Huge Davies

You'd have to explain every single episode.

Ed Gamble

Well, we have to explain off menu quite a lot-,

Huge Davies

Oh, yes.

Ed Gamble

Because a lot of people say off the menu.

Huge Davies

Yes, because it does sound-, I mean, we've already breached the genie and not got past that yet, so, it is a strange one, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It's confusing. The whole thing is confusing.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I mean, we did it independently because we wouldn't have got this commissioned.

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

No-one would have got this past -,



What if someone asks what the genie looks like? Oh, never mind.

James Acaster

Yes. Huge has got some sketches he'd like to show you for ideas about genie. No. I mean, are you a foodie, Huge?

Huge Davies

Yes, I love food. I got quite foodie during lockdown because I lived alone for, like, a long time, and then basically as a comedian, all I was doing, I was basically every day I would get up and I would delete the things out of my calendar and then I'd check my emails, see what they'd cancelled inevitably, then I'd delete them off my calendar, and then I'd have the whole day basically.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, I ended up making, like, so much food, like I tried to make so much food so then the next day I'd have something to clean up.

James Acaster

What?

Ed Gamble

Oh, so, you were basically giving yourself a chore for the next day?

Huge Davies

Yes, so, a job.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, clean- no dishwasher. I had a dishwasher. Not doing that because then it's just deleting events off your calendar.

James Acaster

Even more.

Huge Davies



James Acaster

I've never-, I don't think we've ever had anyone on the podcast who cooks in order to clean.

Ed Gamble

No, but also I'm worried about the next day. So, you're cooking one day, eating the food, and then you've got the cleaning up the next day. Are you then cooking on the same day as the cleaning or were you only eating every other day?

Huge Davies

Yes, so, what I'll do is I'll clean in the morning, have a nice long four hour break.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Start cooking again.

Ed Gamble

In order to then clean the next morning.

Huge Davies

Yes, clean again the next day. Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes. What sort of food were you making? Was it specifically dirty food or things that crusted on to pans?

Huge Davies

No, stuff that I thought I couldn't do, I think. I made dumplings from scratch-,

Ed Gamble

Wow.

Huge Davies

Which I was, like, 'I don't know if I could do that.' But it was really good. I did it-, I made-, and also each time I'm obviously making way too much because you can't just cook a portion for one person.

Ed Gamble

No.

Huge Davies

Actually, interestingly I will have lunch every-, so, there was-, I'd have my meals with a spider actually.

James Acaster

What?



Interestingly. So, like, there was a spider that started making a web on the table-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And initially it was, like, 'Let's get rid of that.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

But I was, like, 'If the spider goes then there won't be anyone else.'

James Acaster

Jesus Christ.

Huge Davies

So, I had lunch with the spider every day. It's Simon. No, sorry, sorry, Dennis. Simon was a different thing.

James Acaster

What was Simon? Was it the butternut squash that you drew a face on?

Huge Davies

No, that was Lloyd.

Ed Gamble

Hang on, what?

James Acaster

Huge, in lockdown, got so lonely that he drew a face on a butternut squash, like Wilson, and he called it Lloyd, and he hung out with it all the time, and he pushed it around in a pram.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

In a pram?

Huge Davies

Yes, in a pram.



What, outside of your house?

Huge Davies

Yes, well, you can get away with any-, well, I was saying, you know, 'You can get away with anything if you put it in a pram.'

Ed Gamble

I really don't think that's true.

Huge Davies

No, you can.

Ed Gamble

I think you're less likely to get away with it if you put it in a pram.

Huge Davies

Go to the park and see someone with a pram, walking around with a pram.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Look at it, right.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

It could be anything. If, like, a dog is in there you go, like, 'That's fine.'

Ed Gamble

Fine, yes, okay.

Huge Davies

Yes. Fine. If you saw someone with a squash in there you'd be, like, 'That's fine. Leave that person alone. Don't talk to that person.'

Ed Gamble

No, if they had a face drawn on it, yes, I would-, oh, there's something very different between saying, you're getting away with it and no-one wants to talk to you because you look mad.

Huge Davies



James Acaster

Yes. Also you're saying they're going, 'That's fine, leave that person alone.'

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I believe they will definitely think, 'Leave that person alone.' I don't think they're thinking, 'I'm going nowhere near that person. Leave them alone. They're pushing a butternut squash around in a pram.'

Huge Davies

You're asking a lot of questions about this. It worked-,

Ed Gamble

It helped you. It helps.

Huge Davies

Yes, it helped me through, man.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And now, so, where's Lloyd now? I know obviously we're out and about again now.

Huge Davies

I buried him in the park.

Ed Gamble

You are joking?

Huge Davies

No.

James Acaster

What?

Huge Davies

I took my niece to learn about death. I can show you photos of it, yes.

James Acaster

He took his niece to learn about death.



Yes.

James Acaster

In the park.

Huge Davies

She was loving it though.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

She was digging that hole like it was Christmas morning.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

How old is your niece?

Huge Davies

She was at the time she was about two and a half years old.

Ed Gamble

Right, so, livid that someone else is in the pram I'd imagine.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, you've got to walk to the park.

Ed Gamble

You've got to walk. Lloyd is going in the pram, but you can have a lift back.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Get out of the pram, it's a god damn funeral.

James Acaster



Use your legs.

James Acaster

Lloyd is dead as well.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Getting to ride in the pram.

Huge Davies

Yes, we all-,

Ed Gamble

Was Lloyd dead when you buried him?

Huge Davies

Yes, he had a what we called-, at the time he was rotting. I think medically, what is it you say, well, if you keep a squash for three months it rots.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Three months.

Ed Gamble

I couldn't do that, man. If I'd drawn a face on something I couldn't buy it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Well, that's the thing, I initially didn't draw the face on for a friend, I drew it on because it was so big I thought it would be comical to-, and when you're living alone, you know, you've got to-, drew the face on it-.

James Acaster

For a laugh.

Huge Davies

Yes. Put a nappy on it, for a laugh.



Hang on.

James Acaster

I forgot that detail.

Ed Gamble

So, you were living alone?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Why have you got a pram and nappies in your house?

James Acaster

Such a good question. That's a good question that I hadn't even thought to ask because the rest of it is so weird anyway.

Huge Davies

So, I was staying at my brother's house who has children.

Ed Gamble

Right, yes.

Huge Davies

He moved with his, like, his mother-in-law's house because they have a bigger house and they have a dog and two kids.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

He was, like, 'I need someone to water the plants.' I said I would live there.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I did kill all the plants.

Ed Gamble



Every single one, including the ones they had kept from their marriage. They were, like, furious. They were absolutely furious, and then even more furious when they were, like, 'I can't believe you spent so much time-,' Because the squash was there when they were there too.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

That's why we went to the park.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Okay.

Huge Davies

Because I didn't want to go alone, you know.

James Acaster

Yes, so, your responsibility was to water the plants-,

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

But you didn't do it?

Huge Davies

No, I killed every single one of them. Every single one. They have, like, honestly they have over 50.

James Acaster

And instead you were hanging out with a butternut squash?

Huge Davies

I was raising a squash I'd say. I wouldn't say hanging out a squash. I'm not-,

James Acaster

Raising it, and the spider was in the same house as you?



Spider, yes. Yes, we all had lunch-, we had dinner together.

James Acaster

The three of you.

Huge Davies

We had dinner together eating dumplings.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

The dumplings sound great though.

Huge Davies

We sat around dumplings on three separate plates.

James Acaster

Yes. So, Lloyd has got a nappy on, a face on it, and you're pushing it around in a pram-,

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Then it starts rotting.

Huge Davies

Yes. I put the squash in a bed too. There's photos of that.

James Acaster

You put it into bed.

Huge Davies

Well, it's got-, I can't just leave it in the-, you know, I can't leave it alone.

James Acaster

Can't you? You can.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

No.



James Acaster

What will happen? The spider is going to eat it?

Huge Davies

Get tired the next day.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Oh, yes, it's got to have sleep.

Ed Gamble

You can't have that. You can't have the butternut squash whining.

James Acaster

Yes, that's true.

Huge Davies

I feel like this always, like, comes up, but, you know what, it's just lockdown, man-,

Ed Gamble

No.

Huge Davies

It's normal.

James Acaster

No-one else on here did it. Can you eat butternut squash now, or, is it, like, you can't do it because you had it-,

Huge Davies

You know what, I actually haven't had it since.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I don't think-, it wasn't like I'd-, I actually haven't had any.

James Acaster

Yes. Do you think you could? Or do you just think of Lloyd and-,



I don't think I could eat, like-, if you liquefy it in a soup maybe, but I couldn't have a piece of it, you know.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because you'd feel like you were eating Lloyd's family.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I can't believe you brought up the death of my squash like that without even-, when this episode comes out I'm sure people will want-, I will post the pictures when-, if people want the pictures of it.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Oh, people will want the pictures, yes. People will want-,

Huge Davies

You can see it right from when I bought it at the supermarket.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

It was huge, this boy.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I saw this boy and I was, like, 'You're mine.' Because I went initially to pick a-, oh god, god, what a time. As you can tell I've not recovered in terms of socially.

James Acaster

Yes. Yes. Fully.

Ed Gamble

I think it's better that you took photos. I think it's less weird that you took photos. If you'd done all that and not taken any photos that would be truly odd.



Well, the photos initially were for a laugh, and then I had the squash for three months-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Caring for it.

James Acaster

Did you talk to it?

Huge Davies

Yes, sure. I mean, of course.

James Acaster

Yes. What, did you tell it your secrets?

Huge Davies

The Last of Us 2. I would play through that and then discussing some of the after, because it's a hard play through.

James Acaster

Emotional. Yes.

Ed Gamble

I wish The Last of Us TV show, instead of Joel and Ellie, it was you and Lloyd the squash.

James Acaster

I'd watch that, going around with the-, you're, like, 'Lloyd's immune.' Yes, he's a fucking squash. I'd imagine he is.

So, we always start with still or sparkling water, Huge.

Huge Davies

Still. I'm not mental. I honestly think people who have sparkling water are insane.

James Acaster

Yes?



Yes.

Ed Gamble

What about the sparkling water do you think-,

Huge Davies

It just tastes like nothing and everything at the same time.

James Acaster

Oh, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you know what I mean, you want nothing and everything. Just have water. It's nice.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Tastes of absolutely nothing and there's-, just have water.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I just don't understand-, I used to go out with someone who had one of those-, you know, you make-,

Ed Gamble

SodaStream?

Huge Davies

Yes, SodaStream, yes, and she'd have, like, a bottle of it every day.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

She was quite nice but honestly I disliked the-, it really pushed me over the edge.

Ed Gamble



You know, like when we-,

James Acaster

She was quite nice.

Huge Davies

Yes, she was-,

Ed Gamble

Can I just check-,

James Acaster

Your girlfriend.

Ed Gamble

I don't normally have to do this. Can I just check this was a human and not a courgette with eyelashes stuck on it?

James Acaster

That you would kiss every night.

Huge Davies

I'd take her out on my motorcycle, put her in the sidecar.

James Acaster

Holding hands in the park.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But, yes, looping back to she was quite nice. Fucking hell, Huge.

Huge Davies

But it's more than, like-, but I think-,

James Acaster

She was quite nice.

Huge Davies

She was quite nice.



James Acaster

He talks about-, even an ex-girlfriend who talks about them like that.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Surely there was a-,

Huge Davies

It's more that it's my own fault because I asked to taste it every time, because, you know, you go, 'Can I have some of that.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Every single evening.

James Acaster

But, no, we're talking about you saying, 'She was quite nice.' Not the-, we get that you didn't like the fizzy water, but-,

Huge Davies

No, I think she was really nice. She was really nice. It was more the SodaStream, I was, like-,

Ed Gamble

Was that a red flag? Could you tell that it wasn't going to last?

James Acaster

Can't sustain that.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, I couldn't. I just couldn't.

James Acaster



Sorry, I'm just having flashbacks now.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So-,

Huge Davies

Even if I was like-, I was like, 'We could put something else in there, make it taste of something.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

She'd be, like, 'No, I just want everything and nothing at the same time.' It's too much. It's too much going on. It's not a relaxing drink. It's intense.

Ed Gamble

It is intense. I do understand that.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But some people want that level of intensity, you know.

Huge Davies

No, not for me, no.

Ed Gamble

Not for you, yes.

James Acaster

If you had to choose a vegetable to be your girlfriend, what vegetable would you choose? He's really thinking about it. For the listener. He's really thinking about this.



Well, ideally you'd want-, I'd say squash again because I did look up-,

James Acaster

Not squash again. You can't do squash again, Huge.

Huge Davies

Because if you-, I actually looked up what vegetables last the longest without rotting.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, I knew that there was an end to Lloyd.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I don't want a vegetable that rots within, like, a few weeks. You know, even a potato is going to go in like a month.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

You know, I think butternut squash lasts the longest and ideally I'd like the longest-,

James Acaster

Relationship.

Huge Davies

Yes, I could gather, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you want the long relationship and the one that ages well, yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, and also, you know, it's also difficult to-, the squash is a lot to-, you have to get rid of-, you have to really cut it up and get all the crap out of it and stuff.

James Acaster



You don't want to keep getting a new one. You don't want to be the Leonardo DiCaprio of vegetables. That guy would say avocado.

Huge Davies

No, because he-,

James Acaster

Wouldn't care. Every day a new one.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

When he comes on and he says avocado.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

People are going to think you're really weird if your girlfriend vegetable is also a squash, after you've had, like, a-,

Huge Davies

What because it resembles the mother?

James Acaster

Because you had, like, a squash as your son, was it, Lloyd?

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

And then you have a squash, like, girlfriend later on, they're going to think, 'Oh, he's really got a thing with squashes.'

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

Whereas, if you have a marrow-,

Huge Davies

Well, I have a type. Sure.



Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But that makes sense, because if the squash is your son then the mother must be a squash.

Huge Davies

Well, yes, it can't be, like, a tomato can it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes. But I guess-, yes, okay, so, this is-, but it's happening afterwards is all I was thinking.

Huge Davies

And I've also got-, the pen is too big for any smaller fruit, you couldn't draw a face on a grape, could you?

James Acaster

No, no, that's true.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you need a-

James Acaster

Even still, yes.

Huge Davies

I appreciate you not calling me out for that, yes, because that was easy.

James Acaster

Yes. Poppadoms or bread? Poppadoms or bread, Huge Davies? Poppadoms or bread?

Huge Davies

Bread.

Ed Gamble

Yes?



Yes.

Ed Gamble

Nice.

Huge Davies

I'm having dough balls from Pizza Express.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Okay. Cool.

Ed Gamble

Don't you chuck bread off your balcony you told me?

Huge Davies

Yes, I hoof it.

Ed Gamble

And this is not in a lockdown situation by the way.

Huge Davies

No, this was last week-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

When we were hanging out last week.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I hoof bread off my balcony. I hoof it.

James Acaster



I buy bread rolls and sometimes if it gets a bit stale instead of chucking it in the bin I hoof it, hoof it from my balcony. It goes into-, I live by, like, a lock of water and there are loads of animal in there and I like watching them fight over it.

James Acaster

They all fight over the bread.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

And what kind of animals are we talking, birds or?

Huge Davies

Yes, all kinds of birds. The fish, the fish have a go as well. They have a try.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

The smaller ones comes in, like, the little duckies. Then the geese come in, and then the swans come in. The swans are like-, because the swans they don't-, they approach very slowly-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Sort of, like a big, kind of, like Bowser-, you know, like those big ship.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

They can see it coming in. And then when the bread gets small enough they'll take it to the air.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then they'll fight in the air. And I'm watching this all from my sofa, man. I don't have the doors open.

James Acaster

Yes, you're watching it-,



You know, this is like twenty minutes, and there's also hoofing as well. I love the hoof.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you've got to hoof it.

James Acaster

You've got to hoof it. What makes it a hoof rather than a throw?

Huge Davies

Every time I want to kick it my foot goes all the way back to the back of my head.

James Acaster

Oh, sorry, you kick?

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I really didn't-

Huge Davies

What did you think hoof was?

James Acaster

I didn't put that together. I thought you were just throwing it so hard that it was, like-, but, yes, okay, so, you kick it out of your window.

Huge Davies

Yes, like a cartoon character.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Like, I'll do a full 360 swing, like a golf swing but with my leg.

Ed Gamble

It's because hoof is a horse's foot.

James Acaster

Yes. I should have known. That's on me.



And then the horses come and they have a go at the bread too.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes. So, you're putting them on the floor, the bread, and kicking them off the floor?

Huge Davies

No, I'm taking it from the air.

James Acaster

So, you throw it, spin, kick it.

Huge Davies

Or my flatmate will tee it up for me and I'll smash it.

James Acaster

And then-,

Ed Gamble

Sounds quite dangerous in terms of getting on one leg, spinning the other leg round and you're about-,

James Acaster

Not the way I hoof, baby.

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

No.

Huge Davies

Not the way I do it.

Ed Gamble

Safe hoof.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Plus it's going to either go straight out the window or just hit the ceiling. I'll just pick it up again, hoof it again.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I will say that I've never not hoofed-, I've always done it first time.

James Acaster

Always?

Huge Davies

Always.

James Acaster

How far do you think you could hoof a dough ball, a Pizza Express dough ball?

Ed Gamble

Oh, gosh.

Huge Davies

Oh, that's hard actually.

Ed Gamble

Because they're quite light aren't they?

Huge Davies

You'd have to wait for it to get a bit drier because-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then also you'd have to have so many of them that you wouldn't immediately go through them at one time. You know, you wouldn't save a dough ball, you'd have to have so many that you couldn't shove any more down your gullet.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.



Because a fresh dough ball, if you hoof that, it's not flying straight is it?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

It's going to be like a wiffle ball.

Huge Davies

Yes. I actually might do the dough ball because the birds would have never had anything that good.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you know what I mean.

Ed Gamble

Would you dip in garlic butter before you hoofed?

Huge Davies

Yes, actually, yes, I would.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, just ruin my flat. Just explode-, horrible dough ball explodes on my foot in my flat.

James Acaster

Then if you could, what if you could, like, fill the lock with garlic butter and then kick the dough balls into that.

Huge Davies

Mmmm.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but that's too good for the birds.

Huge Davies

Too good for the birds, they'd be slipping and sliding all over the place.



Yes.

Huge Davies

Be like Shell all over again.

James Acaster

It would be.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it would be videos of people cleaning birds, get, like, crumbs of garlic off.

Huge Davies

Pizza Express having to make their third statement of the year. 'I'm sorry.' Coming out the restaurant getting everyone cups of tea.

Ed Gamble

I love those dough balls obviously.

James Acaster

Yes, I'm trying to think if someone's chosen them as their bread course before.

Ed Gamble

I think they have.

James Acaster

But, like, people love him, Ivo Graham chose it apparently.

Huge Davies

Oh, okay. Of course.

Ed Gamble

That was the highlight of his menu.

James Acaster

Would you share dough balls with Ivo Graham?

Huge Davies

Yes, sure, man.

James Acaster

Would you ever?



I mean, he's always asking me about the squash deal, so, maybe not.

James Acaster

He is? No, no, he's not.

Huge Davies

No, I'd share dough balls with-, you can't really-, I mean, I was on a date with someone who's from Australia and they'd never had the dough balls before, and I took them to Pizza Express and they were blown away.

Ed Gamble

Was she quite nice?

Huge Davies

Yes, she was quite nice.

James Acaster

Yes. Ivo Graham had a double portion. How do you feel about that?

Ed Gamble

A doppio.

James Acaster

A doppio.

Huge Davies

I'm not going to say it's wrong. Just by himself, not sharing?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Apparently, yes.

Huge Davies

Are these menus, like, are they just realistically you eat them in one sitting?

Ed Gamble

It's up to you really because we've had guests who-,

James Acaster

Up to you, yes.



What do a batch cook?

Ed Gamble

Who say part of their dream in the dream restaurant is that they won't get full.

Huge Davies

Oh, okay.

Ed Gamble

So, they can eat, like-,

Huge Davies

Oh, I forgot it's a dream restaurant too.

Ed Gamble

Yes, piles of stuff.

Huge Davies

And, so, I can do that as well, can I?

Ed Gamble

Yes if you want, yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Okay.

James Acaster

If it's your dream.

Ed Gamble

How many dough balls can you get through as a starter realistically, and then how many do you want in the dream restaurant?

Huge Davies

I've never tried to get as-, because, you know, I'm not made of money. I'm not going to see how many I can get.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



I reckon I could do double as well actually.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Thinking about it I probably could-,

James Acaster

Go toe to toe with Graham.

Ed Gamble

Let's get you a doppio.

James Acaster

Okay, we'll get you a doppio.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

The doppio comes with other dips as well.

Huge Davies

This thing with the bread though, I feel like it's going beyond bread now. You could be, like, technically you could have a pizza now couldn't you?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Feel like that's the-, have people said pizza?

Ed Gamble

I had the garlic bread with cheese and marmite from Yard Sale which is in a pizza format.

Huge Davies

Oh, okay.

Ed Gamble

So, I had a pizza.



Ed found a hack. I mean, we're open to hacks.

Ed Gamble

We're open to hacks.

James Acaster

You know, but I think the dough balls is a good shout with the-,

Ed Gamble

I think it's good. I think it's a great idea.

Huge Davies

I did think of that on the way here. I was going to say poppadoms initially, but then I thought of the dough balls on the way and I was pretty proud of myself.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Your dream starter?

Huge Davies

Dream starter. I don't know if you've had this before. I couldn't think of anything better. It's crispy aromatic duck pancakes.

James Acaster

Yes. I thought Russell Howard chose these.

Huge Davies

Oh really.

James Acaster

If you want to share them with Russell Howard.

Huge Davies

Yes, I would. Nice little get together actually.

James Acaster

Yes. You're having a nice time aren't you?

Huge Davies

Yes. I just think there's no better combination of flavours.



Yes.

Huge Davies

I just think there's no better combination of flavours.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I was trying to think of a better one and I cannot think of a single one. I'm always in the mood. I'm never not in the mood. I'm going to try and make an aromatic duck.

Ed Gamble

Are you?

Huge Davies

Yes, from scratch soon. I'm going to tempt them in with bread, like, a line of bread rolls.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Crispy aromatic duckies?

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Or you just go down to where they are-,

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Hoof the roll into your house.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Opposite hoof, and then they all fly in there, and then you've got your-,



I think there's a bit in my flat as well where you go in and it's like an airlock. So, you have to go in there, and then you go into my flat through another door. That will be where you get most-, that's the aromatic bit, you know.

James Acaster

Fill I with aroma.

Huge Davies

Just steam it in there for a bit.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then through to the main kitchen.

James Acaster

Very clever.

Huge Davies

Yes. Thought about this, man. I mean, I hate to bring up Pizza Express again, but I went to Pizza Express not too long ago with some friends, not a squash, with some friends, and I saw the menu and there was a crispy duck hoisin pizza on the menu and I was, like, 'That's incredible. They had a restaurant that's managed to spit on two cultures at the same time.'

Ed Gamble

Yes, I've had one of those, but not from Pizza Express. I had one from Bella Italia when I was at university.

Huge Davies

Yes. How did you find it?

Ed Gamble

It was fucking filth.

Huge Davies

I mean, yes, of course.

Ed Gamble

I mean, obviously I loved it.



Yes, well, that's the thing, I ordered it as, kind of, like try and bring me this.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Let's so how bad this can get. And then they brought it, but before they came up to me and went, 'We're out of duck.' Because it's so popular obviously.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And they said, 'Do you mind if we replace the duck with chicken?' I went, 'Yes, you make it worse.'

James Acaster

Yes, wow.

Huge Davies

Yes, go on, make it worse.

James Acaster

Hoisin chicken.

Huge Davies

Yes, hoisin chicken, and this thing came out and it was, like, it was charring. And then they also put, get this, the raw cucumber and raw spring onions on the top of the pizza-,

James Acaster

Oh god.

Huge Davies

With a hoisin drizzle.

James Acaster

Can't believe that.

Huge Davies

And I was sitting there. I was laughing. I was laughing at this pizza. We were all laughing at the pizza, and then I had a bite and I was, like, 'It still works.'

James Acaster

Oh, yes, you liked it?



It still works.

Ed Gamble

Was it like a normal tomato base pizza?

James Acaster

Can't be. Can't be. I refuse to believe that.

Ed Gamble

Because obviously the one I had was hoisin-,

James Acaster

A hoisin base.

Huge Davies

I think it was a hoisin base.

Ed Gamble

Yes, hoisin base.

Huge Davies

Yes, with hoisin on the top.

Ed Gamble

But duck and cheese, man, it works.

Huge Davies

But I honestly think-,

James Acaster

Yes?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I think it's one of the only Asian, like, kind of, things you can have on a pizza, surely, like a dish you can have-, think of another Asian dish you can put on a pizza?

James Acaster

Oh, I mean, you're putting me on the spot here.



Chicken Katsu curry.

James Acaster

Wontons. I'd have a wonton pizza.

Huge Davies

Yes, that's not a meal is it? It's not a flavour combination of wonton.

Ed Gamble

Chicken katsu curry.

Huge Davies

On a pizza?

Ed Gamble

Yes, you can put, like, the friend chicken on there.

James Acaster

Come on.

Huge Davies

Don't be disgusting Gamble.

Ed Gamble

And then drizzle over curry sauce. I'd have it.

James Acaster

I'd have it.

Huge Davies

I know you'd have it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I'd have it.

Ed Gamble

James would have it.

Huge Davies

Okay, fine.



I don't think I would.

Huge Davies

No, yes.

James Acaster

It's funny to say I'd have it.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Let's talk more about this duck though because I think it's a great choice.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

We need to know how you're building it. So, you start with a pancake.

Huge Davies

Start pancake in the mouth.

Ed Gamble

Pancake.

Huge Davies

In the mouth. No, so, pancake on the floor.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, I eat them on the floor. Be respectful. Be respectful, have it on the floor, and then I'm covering it in sauce, and I like-, you know like when you order it sometimes and they give you, like, a really measly-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I finally found a place where they just-, they overload you with the sauce.



Great.

Huge Davies

And I actually have bought it-, you can buy the paste and you can make it yourself. I have it as a backup in case they don't provide enough.

James Acaster

You take it with you in a little vial?

Huge Davies

Bring it with me, I'm having this at home.

James Acaster

Oh, sorry.

Huge Davies

I'm not eating duck in public, you know.

James Acaster

Interesting.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

So, what are you ordering, because obviously you can get quarters, you can get halves?

Huge Davies

Yes, I'm getting a lot. I'm getting a full duck.

Ed Gamble

You'll get a full duck?

Huge Davies

Like, if I've rewarded myself-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I'll get like a full duck and not order anything else.



Yes.

Huge Davies

Like I normally will have other things, but if I've had a big day, and by big day I mean I've completed a gig.

James Acaster

Yes, well done.

Huge Davies

Yes, I've managed to carry the keyboard back and forth and I'll get the whole-, I'm in so much debt.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I'm in a lot of debt. Yes, I will sometimes just have a full crispy duck by myself.

Ed Gamble

Great.

James Acaster

For one, how many pancakes are you talking for a fully crispy?

Huge Davies

Well, you normally get a packet per quarter, so, there are four packets.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, and I will demolish that.

James Acaster

And we're going, pancake, cover it in sauce.

Huge Davies

Yes, and then two, like, maybe-, again, it depends on how many cucumbers they give you. I always buy a spare cucumber so I'm having-, this thing is disgusting by the time you've wrapped it up. It's a lot. I'm having two blocks of cucumber per half side of the pancake, so, it's, like, four big bits of cucumber, loads and loads of spring onions. Like jam pack it full of duck. This thing is, like, you almost can't close it.



Yes.

Huge Davies

You know.

Ed Gamble

And you're doing that maybe sixteen/seventeen times-,

Huge Davies

A week, yes.

James Acaster

Yes. It's more like a pasty by the sound of things.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Are you doing them all individually when you get a whole duck, or are you lining up all the pancakes, making them all, and then going to town like you're working in a restaurant?

Huge Davies

No, I'm making them one by one.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I used to pride myself as a kid that I could-, I felt like I was-, you know when you see, like, someone make a crepe Suzette in a restaurant and they bring out the guy and then he does the thing.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

That's what I thought I looked like when I was making pancakes. I would make pancakes for my family.

James Acaster

As a kid-,

Huge Davies

Yes, like if I got Chinese takeaway-,



You'd be the pancake guy.

Huge Davies

Yes, I'd be the pancake guy and I would dish out the pancakes to people.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I'd do it.

James Acaster

How old were you, like, when you say as a kid?

Huge Davies

Probably, like, seven-years-old.

James Acaster

Seven-years-old and you make the duck pancakes and pride yourself on it?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Even though, if I may say, your technique at making the pancakes sounds dreadful.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

What do you mean?

Ed Gamble

Well, you're putting too much stuff in it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Too much cucumber-.

James Acaster

You're handing them out.

Huge Davies

Yes, sorry, immediately, yes. Sorry, just forgot how many pancakes for a second there.



Yes.

James Acaster

It makes sense for a seven-year-old to make them like that to be fair.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

To not alter your technique at all into your, what, forties now-,

Huge Davies

You can barely get in the trap.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Is bad.

Huge Davies

I have to unhinge my jaw like a boa constrictor.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Eat it as whole as it is. It's disgusting.

Ed Gamble

I want duck pancakes now.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I didn't have breakfast. It's a nightmare.

James Acaster

I haven't had breakfast.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



And this is the second episode we've done today.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

My stomach is starting to go.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Starting to make some noises.

Huge Davies

I did offer to bring in the food. Well, I only said offered-,

Ed Gamble

Well, you didn't. You turned up and you said, 'I thought about bringing the food.'

Huge Davies

Yes, well, that's what an offer is to me.

James Acaster

Google what offer means.

Huge Davies

No. No, I will stick-, I offered it. I'm sticking-,

Ed Gamble

Also interesting what you said was, 'Oh, I was going to make all the food and bring it in.'

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And so far you've got Pizza Express dough balls and crispy duck from a Chinese takeaway.

Huge Davies

Yes, you can buy those things from shops and put-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, but that's not making is it?



I don't know.

Ed Gamble

Well, we'll see. We'll see as the menu moves on.

James Acaster

If anything it would have been easier to get-

Huge Davies

My main course is a microwaveable lasagna. I'd make it from scratch baby. You can make it from scratch.

James Acaster

Let's get onto your main course. What is the main course?

Huge Davies

Spaghetti Bolognese.

James Acaster

Really?

Huge Davies

Really. Yes, I-,

Ed Gamble

You're bringing some absolute classics to the table here.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I was thinking about some of the crazy things that I've eaten and I just think it comes back, like, I do not-, it's like I always think your favourite film is the one you've seen, you've watched the most, and I've probably had the most-, I've had spaghetti bolognese so often because I love it so much.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And I think particularly the way that I make it as well. I love the way that I make it. I've finally got it down to the T. I also have, like-, you know, I don't eat a lot of food apart from duck, right? But I feel like I eat a normal amount of food. I'm not one of those people who's, like, you know, men will say, 'I just eat so much of it,' and they get the spiciest thing. I don't have any of that. But with spaghetti bolognese, I'm



Alan. I'm eating a lot, and I'm, like-, there's something about it that you can just-, you don't have to swallow, like chew, right. You can just pretty much shove it down. I had bolognese last week with my flatmate and she has a normal portion. She automatically put mine into a salad bowl, and then I had three salad bowls of it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, I filled each-, I think there were three portions in a salad bowl, I'd say.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then two more of them-,

Ed Gamble

So, you had nine portions of spaghetti bolognese?

Huge Davies

Yes, we think about ten, because then I eat the rest out of the pot.

Ed Gamble

Yes, well, I mean this is-, you've already gone up in my estimation because I immediately imagine you eating it directly from the pan when you said spaghetti bolognese.

Huge Davies

No, so, the pan is after. That's for dessert.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, yes.

Huge Davies

That's my treat at the end of-,

Ed Gamble

I mean, look, who doesn't love spaghetti bolognese.



But it's not even like-, I don't even realise I'm-, it's not even like I'm trying. It's like I look down and three salad bowls have gone.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And I'm not even full, like, she's, like, 'Stop it, you have to leave some for the week.' Because I do it as a batch cook.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

I end up having all of it.

Ed Gamble

And you eat all of it.

Huge Davies

In the one go, it's so good.

James Acaster

Yes, well, that's what I was like with chorizo broccoli pasta in the lockdowns, man. I'd make that pasta and I was very shocked at how much-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I would just, like, just keep going.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I'm like that with marmite pasta.

James Acaster

Yes. What?

Huge Davies

Marmite pasta?



I must have told you about my marmite pasta.

James Acaster

I didn't know you did marmite pasta.

Huge Davies

Why is there so much marmite all the time?

James Acaster

What.

Ed Gamble

I love marmite pasta.

James Acaster

Has this come up before?

Huge Davies

What do you mean?

Ed Gamble

Look, if you've got nothing in apart from some spaghetti and marmite and butter, bit of cheese if you've got it. It's delicious.

Huge Davies

I feel physically sick.

James Acaster

Oh, mate, there's no way you've told me about this.

Ed Gamble

Boil the pasta-,

James Acaster

Ben, did you know about this? Benito?

Ed Gamble

Boil the pasta.

James Acaster

Benito knows about it.



Get a little pan going. Butter in the pan. As much butter as you like.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Big old, like, serving spoon full of marmite into the pan, sort of, melt it down, emulsify it a bit.

James Acaster

Yes. With the butter.

Ed Gamble

Bit of the pasta water. Bit of cheese if you want.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Sort of, just get that all going.

James Acaster

Cheddar?

Ed Gamble

Bit like a cacio e pepe. That will all go in the sauce and then dump the cooked spaghetti into the pan. Mix it all up. Bellissima.

James Acaster

Bellissima?

Huge Davies

Have you had marmite with marmalade?

Ed Gamble

Marmite with marmite.

Huge Davies

Marmite with marmite, marmite with marmalade, have you had it?

Ed Gamble

I've had marmite with peanut butter. I don't think I've had marmite with marmalade.



Have marmite with marmalade.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

You'll love it. That's my dad, like, thing that he makes people-,

James Acaster

What?

Huge Davies

When I used to have people sleep over at mine, he'd be, like, 'Have a bit of this.' Then they tried it and they love it.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I can imagine it working.

James Acaster

So, hold on-,

Huge Davies

Yes, it's really good.

James Acaster

What's the ratios?

Huge Davies

Like, not a lot of marmite, as you would normally do, and then a normal amount of-, normal, both normal I'd say.

James Acaster

So, is this spread onto, like, toast?

Huge Davies

Yes. Yes, on toast.

James Acaster

This is not just like a-,

Huge Davies

Yes, not out of your hands.



Yes, I thought it was like a spoon-,

Huge Davies

No. Yes, no, it's alright on toast. I will say that. Not a spoon of marmite and then you spoon into the marmalade and eat it like a really-,

James Acaster

Yes, that's what I thought was happening.

Huge Davies

Yes, horrible. Not everything I eat is horrible.

James Acaster

Okay, so far. Is your dad called Massive Davies?

Huge Davies

Oh my god.

Ed Gamble

That's bad stuff.

James Acaster

It's good stuff.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Oh, I love it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Okay, cool.

James Acaster

I'm playing to the room.

Huge Davies

Well, my dad is Ivo Graham.

James Acaster

Yes.



Yes.

James Acaster

Fair enough.

Ed Gamble

Is this your spaghetti bolognese is it that you make?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

So, with the salad bowls, that was one that you made was it?

James Acaster

For the dream meal you want your own?

Huge Davies

Yes, I want my own.

James Acaster

Tall us through it. Talk us through-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, any little signature twists in the Huge Davies bowl?

Huge Davies

I do have a secret ingredient, but I don't think it's that mad.

James Acaster

Come on. You said you've got this down to a fine art.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

People are going to be wanting to make this at home.

Huge Davies

So, first thing I'm doing is I'm cutting up a lot of celery. I'm cutting up a lot of carrots. I'm cutting up a lot of white onions. It takes ages to do it and I'll cut it up in front of, like, a film. I'll do it whilst I'm-, so, when I'm cooking spaghetti bolognese, I put it in the diary. Do you know what I mean?



Yes.

Huge Davies

I'll take out, like, three hours to do this thing.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I cut all that down. I then put that into a big pot, like, a big pot.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then I'm getting that down so it's all, like, you know, I don't know what the word is, but until it gets good.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then I'm shoving in mince. So, it's pork mince and beef mince.

Ed Gamble

Oh, yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Because of the fat, right.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, I read about that, and then I'm putting in-, so, this is controversial, no tomatoes. No canned tomatoes in it.

James Acaster

Okay.



No tinned tomatoes. I put in tomato puree. A whole one of those.

Ed Gamble

A whole tube of tomato puree?

Huge Davies

Yes, man. Have you not seen the pot, man.

Ed Gamble

Right, the pot is huge, right?

Huge Davies

Yes, the pot is big. It's a big boy.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then I always put wine as well, let that-,

Ed Gamble

Knowing you it could be a baby bath or something.

Huge Davies

Lloyd is in there too. I've given Lloyd a bath.

Ed Gamble

Bobbing around in a jacuzzi.

Huge Davies

Marinading Lloyd in the-,

James Acaster

I've just realised that you've got a squash on your t-shirt, Ed.

Ed Gamble

Oh my god, yes. Oh my goodness.

James Acaster

Ed is wearing a t-shirt that has a-,

Huge Davies

Five squashes on it.



Five different squashes on it.

Huge Davies

Let's see what the one that Lloyd most represents. Can I see the other one?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, as you are looking at that and thinking of Lloyd and not thinking about your potential girlfriend.

Huge Davies

Those are, kind of, pumpkins aren't they?

Ed Gamble

Yes. They're winter veg.

Huge Davies

Lloyd is the closest to the right, I think, the pale one.

James Acaster

The pale squash.

Ed Gamble

Yes, this one.

Huge Davies

Yes, but he was longer. Obviously much better.

Ed Gamble

RIP. Yes.

James Acaster

RIP Lloyd. So, you're putting in a whole tube of the tomato puree?

Huge Davies

Yes, tomato-, and then I'm getting it all together. I'm cooking this over, like, a long period. I'm putting also in red wine. A lot of red wine.

James Acaster

Yes.



Want it to taste good. Then once that's all down, yes, I forgot I put garlic in. Well, obviously loads of garlic.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Like too much garlic. I always find when you put the amount of garlic people recommend, it's never enough, so, just-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, because all these things, their recipes are for the most average person, right?

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, so, put in just like a whole thing of garlic.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Cooking that down. Then I put in loads of stock, vegetable or chicken it doesn't matter. Then I'm sticking in some spices like oregano, and then I'm putting a bay leaf in, and then adding tomato ketchup.

James Acaster

Wow.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Is this the secret ingredient?

Ed Gamble

You shunned the canned tomatoes and now you're putting ketchup in?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble



I was with you all the way.

Huge Davies

Because you need a bit of sugar in there.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you put a bit of sugar in there.

Huge Davies

You don't want to put some sugar in, so, I put in tomato ketchup to make it sugary but also a bit tomatoey.

Ed Gamble

You know what adds a natural sweetness? Canned tomatoes.

Huge Davies

No, but I said there are no tomatoes in it because I want to be edgy.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but that's what I'm saying, I'm saying-,

James Acaster

Is it because you want to be edgy, or is it because you just discovered-, I mean, was this something that was, like, someone tipped you off?

Huge Davies

Well, my dad says that you're not meant to put in, like, tinned tomatoes into a bolognese.

James Acaster

Right.

Huge Davies

But I don't know what he knows because I don't think they have that there. I don't think they have a bolognese in-, it's not a thing is it? Didn't we make that?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I'm interested about this bolognese because the tomato thing has spun me out-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble



Not having tinned tomatoes in it.

James Acaster

You can get your head around ketchup though?

Ed Gamble

Ugh, ketchup.

Huge Davies

You know what, I knew that would be your response. I was going to make it as I said.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

But I couldn't be arsed.

Ed Gamble

You just couldn't be arsed.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Fair enough. It's a big pan.

James Acaster

Is that the end of the ingredients now, after the ketchup? The ketchup is the final thing?

Huge Davies

Let me think. Well, you always, you make it-, yes, put it for a long time, but you're putting in loads of pasta water into it to keep it up. So, you just keep cooking it until it becomes like a lovely bolognese sludge.

Ed Gamble

Here's my question and, you know, no judgement-,

Huge Davies

Salt and pepper as well, sorry. Like loads of salt and pepper obviously.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble



No judgement either way, Huge.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

When you eat it-,

Huge Davies

I feel like you're about to say something very judgemental.

Ed Gamble

No, are you putting the spaghetti into a bowl and then putting the bolognese on top, and then just, sort of, eating it like that? Or are you mixing it all up and chopping the spaghetti up and stuff?

Huge Davies

You boil the spaghetti in a big pot as well, and then you spoon in a few spoons of the bolognese. You mix that through with a bit of olive oil as well.

Ed Gamble

What, you're putting the pasta straight into the bolognese and mixing it-,

Huge Davies

No, no, so-,

James Acaster

Or are you putting the bolognese into the pasta?

Huge Davies

The bolognese into the pasta. So, in the pot you've got the pasta in you're putting the bolognese in the pot of the pasta and then you're swilling that around a bit so it, sort of, coats the pasta.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And then because people are fussy, what you do is you put the pasta on the plates and then you put an extra dollop of sauce on top-,

Ed Gamble

Good, okay, good. Phew.

Huge Davies



Because people like having their sauce on top. You finish with parmesan. Oh, yes, you also put parmesan in the sauce as well.

James Acaster

You're putting in-,

Huge Davies

Oh, I forgot basil as well. You're putting basil in the sauce.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, you top with basil, parmesan and that's it.

Ed Gamble

I was worried there wasn't going to be a dollop because I like a dollop.

James Acaster

Oh, yes?

Ed Gamble

If anything I actually prefer plain spaghetti-,

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

With a dollop on the top.

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

And then I have the choice to mix in if I want, and then I can just have just sauce or just a plain bit of spaghetti, you know.

James Acaster

Disgusting. No.

Ed Gamble

I like to be a DJ of my own dinner.

James Acaster



No, I want it all mixed up. I hate, I hate having all the-,

Ed Gamble

Well, of course you are because you're a fucking child.

James Acaster

I hate-, what are you talking about? I hate having the plain spaghetti-,

Ed Gamble

Do you want it all cut up for you as well and get your special Bob the Builder fork?

James Acaster

I would love that.

Huge Davies

I can imagine you having it in, like, a segmented plate.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

What? Why would I need it in a segmented plate, it's all mixed together.

Huge Davies

No, all the different bits so it's-,

James Acaster

I wouldn't like that. Ed would like that.

Huge Davies

Yes. Oh, yes. Maybe, yes.

James Acaster

Ed would like all the different bits and segmented plates.

Ed Gamble

No, on there I like to be able-, I can start at the edge and work my way in. Delicious.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

No, I mean, I want-,



Mix it in.

James Acaster

I want every bit of spaghetti to be covered in that bolognese.

Ed Gamble

No, you're spreading the sauce around.

James Acaster

I don't want any dry spaghetti.

Ed Gamble

You see, you're literally spreading it too thin. That's why I was very on board with the dollop going on top as well.

Huge Davies

People don't like it when you do that, when you mix the sauce in with the spaghetti.

James Acaster

Look, I'm fine with the way Huge is doing it that-,

Ed Gamble

Well, me too.

James Acaster

It's all mixed together and then a dollop on the top.

Huge Davies

Everyone is happy.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Great. The way you just described is revolting, it's the worst thing you have ever said on this podcast.

Huge Davies

Isn't the spaghetti getting quite like-,

Ed Gamble

I don't mind that.



It gets claggy does it not if you just have-,

Ed Gamble

Don't mind that. Don't mind a bit of clag. But then you can also de-clag with the sauce as you wish.

Huge Davies

No, but you can just de-clag with the sauce, but-, no-,

Ed Gamble

No, but I want the option.

Huge Davies

Okay, fine. I don't want to tell you how to.

Ed Gamble

Just like mamma used to make.

James Acaster

Your mamma didn't used to make it like that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, she did.

Huge Davies

Well, your mamma doesn't know how to make spaghetti bolognese, man.

Ed Gamble

Oh, you can tell her that.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Does she listen to the pod?

Ed Gamble

My mamma is the mamma from Mamma Mia.

James Acaster

What? Yes, we know this.

Huge Davies

No, but sounds okay, good stuff.



I'd probably try the way you do it actually.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I think it's the most I've disagreed with Ed on the podcast ever.

Huge Davies

Really? Wow.

James Acaster

The way he has spaghetti bolognese.

Huge Davies

Yes, man (ph 40.34).

James Acaster

I've never heard that before and it's distressing to me.

Huge Davies

Is it because it's like in your-, that's the way a cartoon spaghetti bolognese would be?

Ed Gamble

Maybe.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Maybe.

Huge Davies

You like to live in a cartoon because it's safe in the cartoon isn't it.

Ed Gamble

I'd like to live in a cartoon. Yes.

James Acaster

I mean, I'm getting the sense that the main thing is choice. Ed wants it to be his choice.



Also I don't mind the taste of plain pasta, so, I'd eat-, you get a little bit of that and sometimes I just want to take a big spoonful of ragu off the top.

Huge Davies

If you came to my house and I made you spaghetti bolognese but I did it in a way that wasn't-, if it was, like, all mixed in like James has it-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Would you eat it or would you-,

Ed Gamble

Hoof. I'd hoof in it.

James Acaster

Splat.

Ed Gamble

Splat. The duckies are eating that. No, I'm sure it's lovely.

James Acaster

Would you sit down with your marmite spaghetti and have just bare plain spaghetti and then a dollop of the stuff on top of it?

Ed Gamble

No, because it's not the-, it's too thin a sauce, that's like a cacio e pepe, you've got to mix it all together so you're covering the pasta.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but if it was like a thick-, a lovely thick slow cooked ragu, I want to be able to experience that unadulterated, rather than the thin coverings with bits of mince here and there, I want a mouthful of it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

You're doing it wrong, man.



I also put pancetta in it.

Huge Davies

Okay, fine.

James Acaster

That's good.

Huge Davies

I know, but I don't put pancetta in it. Maybe I should do that, especially-,

Ed Gamble

Nice little try.

Huge Davies

Yes. Well, big ones?

Ed Gamble

The little cubes. The cubed pancetta.

Huge Davies

Yes, okay, fine. Okay, yes, that's a good addition.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I'm not going to lie, I like the sound of that.

Huge Davies

No. I just love it. I think it's the only thing that I can get hoof, you can hoof the spaghetti because then you can hoof down without-, like, there's no end to it.

James Acaster

Well, okay, but now we're talking about hoofing it down.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

And earlier when I didn't know what hoofing meant, it was, like, 'The hoof of a horse, come on man.'



Yes.

James Acaster

But, like, I've never seen a horse with its hoof put food in its mouth and, like, lift the food up with the hoof and feed itself.

Ed Gamble

Huge eat with his feet. He kicks his foot into his mouth.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Huge.

Huge Davies

On the floor, I gather it in again like a spider, I gather it in like a trapdoor spider.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Fair enough then.

Ed Gamble

I'm really happy with that selection though. Bolognese.

Huge Davies

Did you have bolognese before? I was worried because it's such a-,

Ed Gamble

I think we must have done, but I'm so hungry.

James Acaster

I think someone has, and I'll tell you what, when you said it I was, like, 'Boring.' In my head. But then when you described making it-,

Ed Gamble

The way you make it, yes.



And all that, I was, like, 'Yes, this is cool.'

Huge Davies

I also, I think it's so comforting. I just love it. I can't-, I thought of other dishes that I could have maybe said. Like I was going to maybe go for, like, these fish tacos that I do that I really like, but I just think there's nothing I look forward to more than a spag.

James Acaster

You can't go crispy duck pancakes into fish tacos because then you're just, everything is, kind of, like-,

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

It's too many wraps.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

You know, you're making it, and I can only imagine how full you'd make those fish tacos.

Huge Davies

Yes, I know, it's disgusting again.

James Acaster

Yes, absolutely, mad man.

Ed Gamble

Whole fish in each one.

Huge Davies

There's not even, like, a finish to it. I just I tack on, it's like human centipede.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



I tack on the duck pancake straight onto the tacos and the snake continues.

James Acaster

Spilling into one another.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Did anyone pick bolognese?

James Acaster

So, there you go. You're in pretty good company, kind of. So, Joe Thomas-,

Huge Davies

What do you mean, kind of?

James Acaster

Well, Joe Thomas' bolognese that he chose was his own as well, but he added cream to it.

Huge Davies

What?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, so, that was part of his recipe is that you would put cream-,

Huge Davies

God, that's so white.

James Acaster

Cream in the bolognese.

Huge Davies

What, cool this down? It's too spicy for me.

Ed Gamble

Too spicy.

Huge Davies

Yes.



Is this white? He made it for Jonny Sweet and Simon Bird. I mean, Stanley Tucci's mother's lasagne bolognese-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

That's the other end of the scale there. Pretty delicious. Pretty my end. Rosie from Flo and Joan also had it.

Huge Davies

Yes, but all making their own.

James Acaster

And Mary Lynn Rajskub, which I couldn't remember it was Mary Lynn Rajskub option.

Ed Gamble

Yes, there are a lot of things in Mary Lynn Rajskub's interview that, sort of, stand out further than her actual food options.

James Acaster

Yes.

Dream side dish?

Huge Davies

The festive bake from Greggs.

James Acaster

Okay.

Ed Gamble

We always say it doesn't matter if a menu goes together necessarily, it's just all of your favourite things, but this is a funny old combination.

Huge Davies

I was thinking as I was-, this is less of a cohesive menu, more of a tough mudder for your stomach.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you know what I mean? See if you can make it through.



Festive bake from-, which I love the festive bake from Greggs.

James Acaster

Never had it. Never had it, don't even know what's in it.

Ed Gamble

Oh, well, you can imagine-,

James Acaster

Can't wait to hear it.

Ed Gamble

Well, let's guess. Let's let James guess what he thinks is in the festive bake.

James Acaster

So, okay, inside the festive bake. Turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pigs in blankets kind of deal?

Ed Gamble

Right animal.

James Acaster

So, there's, like, pork in there?

Ed Gamble

Ham, right.

James Acaster

Ham.

Ed Gamble

I think there's ham in there, like, gammon.

James Acaster

I mean, are they putting vegetables in there? Is there some, like, carrots and parsnips and stuff.

Ed Gamble

It's like creamy, right, as well?

Huge Davies

I think, yes, from what I remember-,

James Acaster

Gravy?



It's all the things you said. So, cranberry sauce, stuffing, turkey. Those are the three main components anyway, and they put, like, loads of, sort of, Christmassy spices in there. But I go to Greggs every single day for-,

James Acaster

Okay.

Huge Davies

And I don't even live near a Greggs. I'll tell you that.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

How far are you travelling for a Greggs?

Huge Davies

It's an easy half hour walk.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

During the period, during the festive period, I didn't even refer to it as a festive period before.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Now, it's a festive period.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Do you know.

James Acaster

Oh, so, you go into Greggs every day during the festive period?



Yes, I'm not queuing outside like it's a Harry Potter book, do you know what I mean.

James Acaster

So, you're not going ever day for the rest of the year?

Ed Gamble

Year round.

Huge Davies

No.

Ed Gamble

But as soon as the festive bake drops you're going every day?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

When do they tend to drop it?

Huge Davies

I think this time it was mid December. I remember because I was filming a thing and the whole film crew went to go and have lunch somewhere else and I didn't have lunch with everyone else because I wanted to check whether the festive bake was out, and it was out. And that was the worst Greggs ever. It was the Greggs at Tottenham Court Road which is like-, it was busy in there, but the people know what day it was.

Ed Gamble

People knew.

Huge Davies

People knew.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

That Christmas has officially started.

Huge Davies

Yes.



So, how long has the festive bake been going? How long have you been a fan?

Huge Davies

I've been aware of it two years.

James Acaster

Okay.

Huge Davies

So, I'm early into it, but-,

Ed Gamble

It's been going longer than that.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes. It's been going longer. I didn't know about it really because I just-, I don't really go in for, like, the limited edition things that the chain restaurants sell. I don't buy into it. But this I buy into in a big way.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

And in a big way I mean one a day for the whole Christmas period.

James Acaster

So, it's started, like, mid December. So, how many are you having? By the end of the Christmas period how many have you had?

Huge Davies

I've had at minimum one a day.

James Acaster

But how many days are we talking? The twelve days of Christmas?

Huge Davies

No, until they finish.



Yes.

Huge Davies

Until they finish. It's, like, mid January they, kind of, finish.

James Acaster

Okay.

Ed Gamble

So, about a month.

Huge Davies

Yes, about a month.

Ed Gamble

When you say minimum one day, are there only two festive bake days?

Huge Davies

Yes, sometimes I have, like, three.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Oh, okay.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

So, we're talking probably on average fifty festive bakes during that time?

Huge Davies

Well, don't do it like it's, you know, you are what you eat-,

Ed Gamble

No, I just-,

Huge Davies

You know when they put the food on the table and you can see the disgrace-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.



You know what it's like. It's shame.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Don't shame me.

James Acaster

No-one's shaming you, we're just trying to figure it out.

Ed Gamble

I'm not shaming you. I'm actually really proud of you, man.

Huge Davies

Okay.

Ed Gamble

But probably about 50?

Huge Davies

Yes, probably. Yes, I'd say 50, yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Upwards of 50.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

They know me. I used to live in-, like, near Twickenham, and that Greggs I went there every single day. They know me there.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

They knew you, and they knew it was going to be a festive bake?



Yes, they don't even-, they just leave it out.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

You know.

Ed Gamble

When you were buying two at a time did you ever feel ashamed and had to say, 'Oh, one of them is for Lloyd.'?

Huge Davies

Yes, and then they'd have to say, 'Who's Lloyd?' Then I'd be more ashamed.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes

Ed Gamble

Of the squash in the pram.

Huge Davies

Yes

James Acaster

I mean, so, hold on, are you getting-, when you had a, you know, two or even three festive bake day, were you buying those altogether or were you making three or two separate trips?

Huge Davies

I'm making-, no, just one trip.

James Acaster

One trip.

Huge Davies

Yes, that was my walk that was. So, like, the first one was like a lockdown thing. So, I had to do something for the day, so, get up, do the washing up, delete the calendars off the calendar. Watch the news for a bit. Go to Greggs, get myself one to three festive bakes, come back, have your real dinner.



Yes. The deleting stuff off the calendar sounds like it was a real ritual for you.

Huge Davies

Yes, because I'd nothing to do. Other people did what they did, they wrote books and that and they, sort of, like, wrote scripts. What I did was I just deleted stuff off the calendar and just watched it all melt away.

James Acaster

Well, you know when you say you did nothing, you had nothing to do, you know that those people who wrote books and scripts also had nothing to do, so then they wrote a script.

Huge Davies

No, man. No, no, that doesn't sound right at all.

Ed Gamble

No, not true.

James Acaster

Sorry. Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it's not true.

James Acaster

It's not true.

Huge Davies

So, it's your books man?

James Acaster

Huh?

Huge Davies

Did you do a book in-, you did a book in-,

James Acaster

I did a book.

Huge Davies

Yes, man. How sad were the meals around it.

James Acaster

Oh, yes, just this chorizo broccoli pasta. That was it. Chorizo broccoli pasta and writing the book. **Huge Davies**



I almost went with tuna pasta bake for the main because I really like tuna pasta bake.

Ed Gamble

Also a classic, yes.

James Acaster

Yes. You're a man who appreciates the classics.

Huge Davies

Yes, something you can cook.

Ed Gamble

Who was that character?

James Acaster

You're a man who appreciate the classics.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Who the hell was that?

James Acaster

Huge Davies. Oh, a tuna pasta bake.

Huge Davies

Do you think people who don't know who I am, which is a lot of people, do you think people will think that I'm a porn star that you're interviewing because-,

James Acaster

Because you're called Huge Davies and your sexy voice?

Huge Davies

Yes, it does sound like I've got-

Ed Gamble

I mean, we've been chatting for a while now. It would have been a terrible interview if you were a porn star and we'd not brought up anything about porn.

James Acaster

Yes, that would be bad.



Because that's the thing that podcasts like to do, and I see a lot of podcasts now they have porn stars on.

James Acaster

Yes. I mean, I don't know how you do that.

Ed Gamble

Yes

Huge Davies

Have you not had one on? They could leave a comment below the video.

Ed Gamble

We've never had a porn star on because ask them what they eat and then there's inevitable jokes there aren't there?

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, of course. Yes, I mean, fucking-, go into the gutter immediately with them.

Huge Davies

What again is it?

James Acaster

But the porn star just wanted us to talk about food.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Maybe a little.

Ed Gamble

Because you a little grime-, very grimy podcast.

Huge Davies

Yes. I will say, yes, this is actually quite odd being here, quite surreal, because it was only recently that we-, so, I do a podcast called Slime Country. I do it with Sunil Patel and Ed Night and every time we read out, like, a fan fiction that someone has written, it just so happened that week that we found one, an off menu one, and we had to read it out on the podcast. And I have to say it's very very difficult to listen to/read out. Very hard. Very weird. Because they get weird, because there's always ninja turtles and that kind of thing.



James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

But the ones where you know the people in, which is a few, we had one with Uncle Roger last week with Gordon Ramsey. It was translated from Chinese. Gordon Ramsey was-, he was called Laubau for some reason and I think Uncle Roger was-, he was called Little Trout or something. It was quite odd. Anyway your one was very strange.

James Acaster

What happened in our one?

Huge Davies

So, you-,

Ed Gamble

By the way, before Huge read this out on his podcast he did message me to check.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

To get my consent.

James Acaster

Appreciate that.

Ed Gamble

And I gave yours-,

James Acaster

Yes. I mean, no-one asked me about this.

Huge Davies

Yes. I knew that you'd say no-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Because it doesn't-, as you'll find out, doesn't hold you in great esteem.

James Acaster

Oh, what?



Huge Davies

So, I can't remember precisely but I got the main points of it. It starts off, James let's himself into your flat with a spare key.

James Acaster

Okay.

Huge Davies

You're watching some shit on television. They make sure that they say that. You're watching some shit on television.

Ed Gamble

Yes, fair enough.

Huge Davies

You crawl into Ed's lap and break down into tears immediately.

James Acaster

What the fuck. What the-, what? I've let myself in to do this?

Ed Gamble

So far, bang on.

Huge Davies

Yes, and then you're, sort of-,

James Acaster

I can't believe this. Is what people think?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

That's what the fantasy is, because it's an exaggerated version of, like-, so, they think that you come in-,

James Acaster

So, the more emotional I am the better?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Huge Davies

You're crying about how bad your day is. The section where you're talking about your bad day goes on for so long.

James Acaster

Really?

Huge Davies

It's so long.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Where you're talking about all the things you're having-, I think you're having problems with your agent or something like that.

James Acaster

Yes. Yes, that's your fault.

Huge Davies

And Ed's just comforting you, stroking your hair.

James Acaster

Yes. That's your fault. Yes. It's all coming back to me now.

Huge Davies

And then you're weeping, you're crying all the way through this.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

And Ed's just stroking your hair.

Ed Gamble

Yes, nice guy.

Huge Davies

And then you beg him to tie you up. You're, like, you are begging him.

James Acaster

I can't believe this. Someone wrote this.



Ed Gamble

Oh, I'm so happy I'm gay.

Huge Davies

We had to stop because it was like-, it was too hard to read.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

It became difficult.

James Acaster

What, because you were finding it upsetting? Or because it was too hard, you were laughing?

Ed Gamble

I think there's only one other option. Too sexy.

Huge Davies

Because people write these fan fictions, it's always quite funny because you don't really-, because if it's like the teenage mutant ninja turtles, it's like a-, but when it's real people that you know-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

It becomes quite sinister that they would-, you know, there are people in a setting in which they might have come to see you live and the first instance he's going, like, I'm going to write like a sixteen chapter story about how whilst crying Ed has a go on James whilst he's tied to a bed.

James Acaster

So, I'm still crying through the whole thing?

Huge Davies

Yes, you're crying through the whole thing.

Ed Gamble

You've had a really bad day, man.



Yes. But this is, like-, also the way that it's written it's like this is just normal because you've just let yourself in.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Ed's, like, 'Oh, here we go again.'

James Acaster

Yes, I'll have to tie him up and fuck him, because he's crying so much about his bad day.

Huge Davies

I wouldn't recommend you listen to it because it's, like, it's hard to-,

James Acaster

No, I'm not. I'm not going to listen to it all. I'm hearing about it now and it's disturbing. Can't believe I'm just being painted-, that's how the fans see me.

Huge Davies

Yes. Have you not ever read a fan fiction of yourself before?

James Acaster

No.

Huge Davies

There's loads man. That was only one of them. We were going to do a whole month of it because we liked them so-,

Ed Gamble

James Acaster month.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Crying in all of them.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I bet I'm crying in every single one of them. It doesn't sound good.



Ed Gamble

Oh god, I absolutely love it.

Huge Davies

Yes. Obviously we don't often stop. We had to stop. We've never stopped. We had to stop.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It was too much.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes, I mean, we couldn't get to the point where you were starting to go, when you did go for it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, I imagine. Got to happen at some point.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Holy smokes.

Huge Davies

Sorry about that.

James Acaster

I can't believe it, that I crawl in the room.

Ed Gamble

Is that the bit that upset you the most?



Well, all of it is demeaning. Like, I can't believe I'm letting myself in for it as well. I've let myself in with a spare key. You haven't even got up to see who it is and you're just watching TV. So, the fact that you're not even, like, 'Oh, who's coming in? Oh, hi James.' You're just sitting there watching TV and I have to crawl in crying, and then I'm on your lap crying about my bad day. And then I beg you to tie me up.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It's not even your idea.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

There's a lot of nuzzling. I remember Sunil specifically being, like, 'Why is there so much nuzzling?'

James Acaster

Fucking hell. That just sums up, every weirdo who's ever seen me is that they would get turned on by the thought of me nuzzling. That just absolutely doesn't-, god.

Ed Gamble

Thanks to whoever wrote that.

James Acaster

And then what am I, tied to a bed?

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

So, I said, 'Thanks to whoever wrote that.' And Benito put his hand up.

Huge Davies

It's the producer.

James Acaster

Wouldn't be surprised.

Huge Davies

By the way, if you're listening again, the sound guy is David Dimbleby. They won't let him retire.



Can't believe it.

Ed Gamble

I absolutely love that.

James Acaster

Yes, of course you do.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because I'm big strong boy.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Big strong boy watching TV. Doesn't have any feelings.

Huge Davies

They said you were watching garbage.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that's fair.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Fair.

Huge Davies

That's the worst you've come off-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Is when you relax you watch garbage. You've come off worse, I will say that, yes.

James Acaster

I've come off-, I've to all sorts of problems.



Oh, I love that.

Huge Davies

I think that, yes, you've-,

James Acaster

Are they writing this because they find it arousing or are they writing it because it's a laugh-,

Huge Davies

Other people-, so, the comments below will also be, like, 'Great, it's been a great story.'

Ed Gamble

Great stuff. Bang on.

James Acaster

So, they find it sexy.

Huge Davies

Yes, people read it and wank off to it I reckon.

James Acaster

Jeez man. Jeez.

Ed Gamble

James, I know you've not enjoyed talking about this, so, later on when you let yourself in-,

James Acaster

I'm crying about what Huge said.

Huge Davies

When you crawl into his lap-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Make sure you don't get tears all over the TV remote.

James Acaster

Yes.



He uses that to watch his garbage television.

Ed Gamble

Yes, to watch my garbage television. I don't have time for much nuzzling tonight, so, we're just going to get straight to the tying up and fucking, alright?

James Acaster

Yes. No nuzzling for me I guess. Crikey Moses.

Ed Gamble

Does he say that?

Huge Davies

Oh god.

James Acaster

Yes, that will be in the next one. They've made a note of that. Right, and then he says-, at the point of climax he shouts, 'Crikey Moses.'

Huge Davies

But there will be another one, because there are so many. There will be another one of this-,

James Acaster

What do you mean there are so many?

Huge Davies

People-, just look it up.

James Acaster

I'm not looking at that shit.

Ed Gamble

No. No way.

Huge Davies

It's a dark hole you'll never get out of.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I'm not looking it up.



It's about what you're complaining about actually during the dark hole you can't get out of.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Bad day, man. You know, bad day.

James Acaster

Fucking hell. Bunch of creeps, man. That is messed up.

Huge Davies

It's scary. It's a scary world isn't it.

James Acaster

That is scary that that's in someone's head.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Isn't it scary that you can be so good at stand up that people will write that about you, and then you're forced to confront it in your own podcast.

James Acaster

Well, it's scary that if you're even-, if you do have some sort of platform and you're talking about your emotions for a second they're, like, 'And they're crying so much-,' and it becomes this big thing.

Huge Davies

It's hot.

James Acaster

He's fucking crying all the time.

Huge Davies

Yes, come on, keep crying.

James Acaster

Cries all the time crying, begging for it.

Ed Gamble

That's so funny.



Also that you're like this. They referred to Ed as Ed.

James Acaster

Oh no.

Ed Gamble

Oh no.

Huge Davies

They refer to James as the boy. When you read the full-, if you check out the-,

James Acaster

This is the most disturbing thing.

Ed Gamble

The boy.

Huge Davies

This is the biggest plug for the podcast I could do, but you've got to-,

James Acaster

Up until now-,

Huge Davies

But we've read it word for word.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

The most disturbing thing on this podcast was when Ed said he has his spaghetti plain with a dollop on top, but this is absolutely-,

Huge Davies

Immediately drunk.

James Acaster

This is why-, do you know what there's far too many-, I hope some comedians are listening to this. I hope there are some comedians who are my friends who in the past have said to me, 'You should really be more open with your fans, man, and talk to them, and you could-, because sometimes they come up to you and they want stuff from you and you're, like, 'Oh, no, I'm in a rush.' Or whatever. And that really upsets them. You should really give them the time of day.' Fuck that. If this is what they're doing, I don't want to meet a single one of these fucking creeps. Forget it. Just-, the boy.



Yes.

Huge Davies

They boy.

James Acaster

The boy-, if this is out- what's going on in their heads?

Ed Gamble

Wouldn't be annoyed if he wasn't crying in the story.

James Acaster

Yes, if I wasn't crying in the story-,

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, it's a number of things, not just the crying. If I wasn't-,

Ed Gamble

The boy.

James Acaster

If I wasn't being called the boy, if I wasn't crying, if I wasn't begging to be tied up, because you apparently don't want to do it. If I wasn't-,

Huge Davies

It's against his will.

James Acaster

Complaining about my day.

Ed Gamble

I see it as more like, 'Oh, fucking hell, alright then.'

James Acaster

If I didn't crawl into the room on all fours.

Ed Gamble

That's funny, man.



I'm already this subservient, like, lower than you, I don't like this.

Huge Davies

Yes, crawling into the lap, a bit like you know where the cat settles stuff on a bed.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

They're changing-, do you know what, if that is how I did things I'd be fine with it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

But I'm just not that-, and anybody who does like doing that, who wants to be the subservient like that, fair play to you.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I'm not judging you, but that's not how I like to do it. And people putting it on me and making that a thing-,

Ed Gamble

Every room I've ever seen you come into you've walked in.

James Acaster

Thank you.

Ed Gamble

I'll say that. I've got your back.

James Acaster

Thank you.

Ed Gamble

We've never nuzzled. Yes.

James Acaster

Never nuzzled.



Yes.

James Acaster

Wouldn't rule it out. Wouldn't rule nuzzling out. That's the one thing that didn't annoy me as much that says more about them.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

So, dessert then is it?

James Acaster

I guess we were on a dream drink, but, like-,

Ed Gamble

Dream drink.

James Acaster

Dream drink?

Huge Davies

Lilt.

James Acaster

Lilt.

Huge Davies

Like Lilt.

Ed Gamble

Yes?

Huge Davies

Yes. I always had a thing where you know when you-, if you want like a can of something you always go for a coke because it's just like-, I, sort of, realised that that is what advertising has done to me. So, I've been going round other drinks and I think I've settled on Lilt. Lilt is the best one. Very annoyed recently they're going to-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Well, I don't know when this goes out, but they've getting rid of it.

James Acaster

Go on.

Ed Gamble

Well, they're changing it aren't they?

Huge Davies

They're getting rid of it.

Ed Gamble

Aren't they just changing it to-,

Huge Davies

They're changing the name to Fanta, pineapple and thingy, but-,

Ed Gamble

Fanta, Pineapple-, yes.

James Acaster

Yes, grapefruit.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

So, it's going to taste the same. So, it will be the same, just the can is different.

Huge Davies

No, it's not. Not really though.

James Acaster

Why?

Huge Davies

Just because you just want Lilt. It's called Lilt. It's fun to say. It's not fun to say Fanta-,

James Acaster

The boy. I'm not the boy. I'm a man, I'm 38.

Huge Davies

You've never been so far away in a conversation before-,



Huge Davies

You weren't even looking at me.

James Acaster

I don't care if they're replacing Lilt. I don't give a shit.

Ed Gamble

Oh, I don't know. I don't know, it might make you cry.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

It will make me cry. It will be in the next story. So, you think-,

Ed Gamble

Are you worried about totally-,

Huge Davies

I feel like I also don't want to talk about Lilt, you know, I feel like this-,

James Acaster

Actually it is a big issue that they're changing Lilt, and obviously we all remember when they changed Coco Pops to Choco Krispies-,

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

People complained so much that they changed it back to Coco Pops. Are you going to be campaigning for it to be changed back to Lilt?

Huge Davies

No, I've got not a lot of time on my hands. Busy.

James Acaster

Not really.

Ed Gamble

Everything you've said in this podcast would not suggest that.



What, hoofing?

Ed Gamble

Hoofing-,

James Acaster

Yes, that's not-, clearing your diary every day.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I guess it's lockdown stuff. Yes.

Huge Davies

Clearing the diary to prepare my meals.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

First it's spaghetti bolognese that takes five hours.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Then the duck that I have to line up like in a big line so I can eat it like a snake, yes.

James Acaster

I think you've got time to sign a petition.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

To bring back Lilt.

Huge Davies

Let's be honest. I'm starting it. I don't want to sign a petition, I'm making a petition.

Ed Gamble

You're making it, yes.

Huge Davies

I'm making a petition. No, I just really like Lilt.



Huge Davies

I also like, it's alcohol-, I don't really drink but I used to have a big period where I would drink White Russians, when I did drink a lot, and I would bring all the ingredients to, like, parties and that and I looked like a real fucking weird guy. Yes, yes, drinking-, well, because it looks like milk, you're drinking milk out of a glass.

Ed Gamble

Yes, of course.

Huge Davies

But I really like milk.

James Acaster

And if you arrive with the ingredients, so, you are arriving at a party with milk-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, with shopping.

Huge Davies

Minimum a shopping bag full of stuff.

Ed Gamble

Yes, shopping, yes.

Huge Davies

What everyone's got, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You've got what is it, Kahlua, milk, vodka?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Vodka. Ice as well. You've got to bring the ice in case they don't have ice, because I can't have it without ice.



Okay.

Huge Davies

Yes, so, yes, I look pretty mental. I don't get invited to a lot I'd say.

James Acaster

Yes, nothing you've said-

Ed Gamble

Just turned up with two litres of Lilt.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Which is also-

Huge Davies

Well, I can't now. I've just checked, they've already got rid of all the lilts in the shops. There are no Lilts any more now.

Ed Gamble

No way.

James Acaster

Really?

Huge Davies

No, they've got rid of it. It was a quick turnover. When I first heard and then went out to go-,

Ed Gamble

I think people went on a mad Lilt grab though didn't they?

Huge Davies

Yes, well you would, because you'd get to sell them to people like me.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

20 years later for-,



How much would you pay?

Huge Davies

£100,000.

James Acaster

Yes, fair enough.

Huge Davies

What, like, now or in five years?

Ed Gamble

In five years.

James Acaster

Five years for a can of Lilt?

Huge Davies

£1 million.

Ed Gamble

So, £100,000 was now?

Huge Davies

Now.

Ed Gamble

Yes, okay, yes.

James Acaster

A week after.

Huge Davies

I'm gasping. Gasping. I need to hoof that too.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Share it with the lads.



I feel like Lilt-, like, this is how much advertising effects me. So, it's a grey day today, it's been snowing, it's pretty cold.

Huge Davies

It's Christmas Eve by the way on the podcast. Yes, it's 11:30 on Christmas Eve. I'm being pulled away from my family who are about to tuck into their duck, about to cut up the duck.

Ed Gamble

I wouldn't drink a Lilt on a day like today. I need it to be warm because it's totally tropical.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

I would be drinking it today.

Ed Gamble

Yes?

Huge Davies

Yes, three a day.

Ed Gamble

Three a day.

James Acaster

Would you not feel like a bit weird drinking a Lilt in the rain?

Huge Davies

No, man. No, not at all. What are you talking about? Why would it be weird to drink the Lilt in the rain?

Ed Gamble

Because it's totally tropical.

Huge Davies

More the reason to drink it, because if it was miserable then you want a Lilt.

Ed Gamble

Right, and that brightens you up and-,

Huge Davies

Yes, because I need that.



Huge Davies

In podcast they call me the killer, on the podcast, because I really ruin a lot of them, man.

James Acaster

Really?

Huge Davies

Yes. I'm real down. I'm actually I'm quite excited for this one because it's about food, which are one of my two interests.

Ed Gamble

Yes. What's your other interest?

Huge Davies

Hoofing.

Ed Gamble

Hoofing.

Huge Davies

Hoofing.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Spaghetti, bread rolls, whatever I can get my hands on.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Eating food and then-,

Ed Gamble

Kicking and eating food.

James Acaster

Yes.



Ed Gamble

And, no, I didn't say cooking and eating food. Kicking and eating food.

James Acaster

Yes. Okay. So, a can of Lilt, cold?

Huge Davies

Yes, definitely.

James Acaster

Yes, okay, cold can of Lilt.

Huge Davies

I don't want to punish myself with a warm Lilt.

James Acaster

Hey, I don't know, some people like warm soft drinks.

Huge Davies

Okay, so name them.

James Acaster

You know, I don't want to-, huh?

Huge Davies

Name them.

James Acaster

Name people who like them?

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I like them sometimes. I'll have a-,

Huge Davies

What do you mean, you like a warm soft drink?

James Acaster

Sometimes I like it when a soft drink has gone flat.



Yes, we don't keep our soft drinks in the fridge at home.

Huge Davies

This is a disgusting podcast.

Ed Gamble

They're just on the kitchen floor.

James Acaster

Where I can get them.

Huge Davies

Yes, okay.

James Acaster

Crawl over. Help myself.

Huge Davies

'Can you open up the can for me please, Ed?' You cry. You whimper.

James Acaster

Clawing at the cat flap, 'Can I have a can please?'

Ed Gamble

'Open it with your mouth, boy.'

James Acaster

'I've had a bad day, please tie me up.'

Ed Gamble

See, the thing is, you're really angry at the person that wrote that story.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But every time we talk about it like this they are fucking-, can you imagine, they are jizzing everywhere-,

James Acaster

Yes, they're going to pause this podcast so many times to clean up and then come back and play it.

Huge Davies

Can you frame a podcast episode?



Huh?

Huge Davies

Can you frame an episode, because they'll be in that house?

Ed Gamble

Yes, definitely.

James Acaster

Frame it on the fucking wall. They're in prison this person, let's face it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, they did something horrific after all that-,

Huge Davies

It's Charles Bronson that's done this.

James Acaster

And then they wrote that, then they went on some sort of awful sexual spree, and now they're in prison. No-one's telling them about this episode. They haven't got a clue what's going on.

Huge Davies

They'll be playing this through the prison intercom.

James Acaster

Disgusting.

Ed Gamble

I mean, you brought it up again.

James Acaster

Well, because I find it-, good luck hearing it and then not bringing it up all the time. Like, I'm still dealing with it.

Ed Gamble

But this is the exact, sort of, reaction that, you know, has lead you to be the crying boy in the story.

Huge Davies

And you were just more-,



Oh, because I've got fucking feelings.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I'm the crying boy because of that?

Huge Davies

If you just took this on the chin like a normal person maybe they wouldn't write stories about you.

Ed Gamble

I've not read the end of the story.

Huge Davies

Yes. No, I've not either. I couldn't even read-, because I find the stories-,

James Acaster

Take it on the chin joke.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

It's my job to find the stories and I didn't even want to read ahead on this one.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, you're not going to drink Fanta, pineapple and grapefruit?

Huge Davies

No, I won't.

James Acaster

You refuse to drink it?

Huge Davies

I'll be leaving that to coke.



Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

You're not even going to drink it just to see if it tastes similar?

Huge Davies

No, because I want-, no, I'm not having it. It's not about-, it's the whole thing. Like, it's not just the taste of the drink, it's the Lilt. It's the picture on there.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

You know, it's a beautiful picture. The way the Lilt looks on the can.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Look at the shelf of cans. Well, you can't any more. Look at the shelf of cans and Lilt stands out. It's amazing. It look incredible.

James Acaster

Stands out? I don't know if it stands out.

Huge Davies

It does. Stands out to me.

James Acaster

Yes, because it's a-,

Ed Gamble

Because you're looking for a Lilt.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



And it says Lilt on it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

No other drink says Lilt on it.

James Acaster

Your dream dessert?

Huge Davies

So, this isn't-, something I've not had before, but when I used to walk back from football at my old school there was-,

James Acaster

Hold on, did you say this is something you've not had before?

Ed Gamble

Yes, we've had people do that before?

James Acaster

This is amazing. Sorry, carry on.

Huge Davies

So, I'm walking back, right, from football and there was like a chippy and you could go in and you could actually buy-, you would buy a battered Mars Bar from the shop for £1.70. But if you came in with your own chocolate bar they would batter it for £1. Whatever you wanted. And this didn't exist, I think, but KitKat Chunky Peanut Butter are my favourite chocolate bars.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Correct.

Huge Davies

I wold then now take that into that shop, then get battered and then I would have that with ice-cream. But I could only imagine how good that would taste.



That would taste incredible.

James Acaster

Do you reckon?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

What a service.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, what happened? Have you had, like, deep fried chocolate bars before?

Huge Davies

Yes, like, but I would have one every time we came back from there.

James Acaster

So, what happens to-, because I had some deep fried Oreos once and basically the Oreos had pretty much dissolved in the batter and it was like a pretty bad Dinky Donut and it wasn't what I had in my head when I thought of deep fried-,

Huge Davies

Is it batter or was it just deep fried?

James Acaster

It was batter.

Huge Davies

It was batter, okay.

James Acaster

So, they put the Oreos in the batter, deep fried them, but then it was like a little doughnut with a, kind of, Oreo filling, but not really enough, like, this is very disappointing. So, I had it in my head, like, an Oreo that's a bit gooey and soft and covered in batter. So, when I think of deep fried Mars bars and the like, I always think it's still a solid Mars bar size block of all the gooeyness and then outside you've got the batter. But actually is it just that it, kind of, just-,



It's a gooey filling. So, the outside of the batter is the crispy bit you want. So, that's your crisp, and inside it's the chocolate bar but a liquid.

James Acaster

But it hasn't, like, vaporised, because these Oreos-,

Huge Davies

It's not vaporised, it's still in there.

James Acaster

It was like, there was hardly anything in there.

Ed Gamble

Yes, Oreos are quite-,

Huge Davies

That's a biscuit though isn't it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, well, that's why I'm asking with this, do you have like a chocolate bar's worth of the goo and you could go-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, because it's all in there.

James Acaster

And it hasn't just, like, piddled away to nothing?

Huge Davies

No, it's all in there. It's all trapped in there. It's good.

Ed Gamble

Plus there's, like, wafer in there as well, right, in the KitKat Chunky, so-,

Huge Davies

Yes, there's wafer too, so, I assume that's not going away.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



You can't melt a wafer can you?

James Acaster

No.

Huge Davies

No, so, the wafer is staying as it is.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

But, yes, I've tried a lot of different ones. Lion bar I really liked in there because I also like Lion bars in general.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Snickers is good, but, yes, I've never had the opportunity to deep fry a-, and I'd have that with ice-cream.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Vanilla?

James Acaster

What kind of ice-cream, Vanilla?

Huge Davies

Vanilla, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes. What would you do?

James Acaster

Oh, yes, I mean, now you're talking. I mean, that definitely-, like, one of the best chocolate bars is the peanut butter KitKat Chunky. So, I'd join you if you were doing that.

Huge Davies

Yes. I've got a comedian for each course joining me.

James Acaster

Yes.



Got Howard, Graham and now Acaster.

James Acaster

Yes. You've got everyone. I mean, you know-,

Huge Davies

All join on my house, we can all hoof a roll together.

James Acaster

I'll hoof a roll. I was coming over.

Ed Gamble

Do you like hoofing a roll with your feet tied up?

James Acaster

I would want to get an entire big block of Whittaker's, peanut butter Whittaker's, or the jelly tip Whittaker's, or the PB&J Whittaker's, and have that deep fried. Never seen Huge laugh this much. I can't believe it.

Huge Davies

I've never laughed before. Oh, gosh.

Ed Gamble

Creme Egg.

James Acaster

Yes, okay.

Huge Davies

Not a Creme Egg. Creme Eggs are disgusting.

Ed Gamble

Oh, come on mate.

Huge Davies

They're disgusting. If you have a Creme Egg take a look at yourself in the mirror.

Ed Gamble

I mean, I can't eat Creme Eggs.

James Acaster

No.



I mean, medically it would be an absolute disaster.

Huge Davies

Is that what you'd do, you know the equivalent of like a vampire when they're about to go and they look into sun, like in Blade.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Is your version of that like your last day?

Ed Gamble

Yes, I just ate a Creme Egg and explode.

Huge Davies

James, you untie James and then he puts an egg into your mouth.

James Acaster

Revenge.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

If the story ends like that, fine.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Nice.

James Acaster

Then I'm walking out of there. Then it's like the end of Usual Suspects. I was the powerful one all along.

Ed Gamble

No, you start crawling and then you suddenly realise that you can walk, yes.

James Acaster

Yes, and then I'm walking down the street smoking.

Huge Davies

Yes, throwing off the handcuffs.



James Acaster

Yes, ha-ha.

Ed Gamble

Oh brilliant. I love that dessert though.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, that is good. It's a good dessert.

Huge Davies

This whole thing has been over shadowed by the-,

Ed Gamble

It has definitely, yes.

James Acaster

Well, of course it has.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It's, like, you know, I'm leaving this episode knowing that the world is that much worse than I thought it was going in.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

You know, I mean, I knew that there was fan fiction out there. I've been told-,

Huge Davies

Ed, you recommended me to check out some of the Taskmaster ones.

Ed Gamble

Oh, yes, they're mad.



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Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, I knew there was Taskmaster ones and, you know, I knew that there was Off Menu ones because actually a while ago I think someone was saying that they were thinking of doing a podcast with someone else, and they never made it in the end, but they were similar. Like, reading out fanfic. And they went, 'Oh, the pilot is going to be Off Menu because there's loads of it.' And I was, like, 'Oh god.' So, I knew it was there.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

But I didn't ask a follow up question when that person said that and go, 'Oh, what happens in it?'

Huge Davies

Yes.

James Acaster

I mean, I guess I could have predicted-,

Huge Davies

Even in this room I'm feeling shame, and it didn't even happen.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

You know?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Well, okay, because I'll tell you what it was, for me, just then. If you'd said to me, 'What roles do you think you and Ed have in it?' I would have gone, 'Oh, yes, I'm probably the more submissive one.'

Ed Gamble

The boy.

James Acaster

I wouldn't have guessed the boy. But I would have thought-,

Huge Davies

They never refer to you as James. It's always the boy.

James Acaster

I would have thought the audience would have-, you know, that the fans would have seen us if we're-, like with Greg and Alex, it's, like, well, clearly it's going to be Greg banging Alex.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, with this it was, like, 'Yes, no, they'll probably have Ed-,'

Ed Gamble

Yes, maybe, it depends on who's writing it, yes.

James Acaster

'Ed being, kind of, in charge.'

Ed Gamble

Yes, sure.

James Acaster

I would not have guessed it was going to those extremes, that it's, like, completely-,

Huge Davies

At no point are you dry eyed.

James Acaster

At no point. At no point am I dry eyed.

Ed Gamble

Oh, let's read Huge's menu back to him.



Yes, Huge, see how you feel about this. Still water. Poppadoms or bread? Pizza Express dough balls doppio. Starter. Crispy aromatic duck pancakes. Main. Your home made spaghetti Bolognese. Side dish. Greggs festive bake. Drink. Lilt in a cold can. Dessert. Battered KitKat Chunky Peanut Butter with ice-cream.

Ed Gamble

Delicious.

Huge Davies

Delicious.

James Acaster

Yes, to be fair, you said before this, before we started recording, you went, 'I think my menu is pretty disgusting.' But I don't think it-,

Ed Gamble

I think it's great.

Huge Davies

I think it's that, you take away the-, I think it's mostly the Greggs do a lot of the hard work there for the disgusting.

James Acaster

Really?

Huge Davies

Yes, Greggs on the side?

Ed Gamble

No, it's nice.

James Acaster

No, it's quite inspired.

Ed Gamble

I would eat every single thing on your menu I would eat after I've been swimming. Every single thing.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Don't you think?



Why after you've been swimming?

Ed Gamble

Well, swimming food, like, when you're a kid is very specific, right? Things from vending machines.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Chocolate bars.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Bolognese.

Huge Davies

It is quite childish actually.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but, like, posh kid.

James Acaster

Yes.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Bolognese slopping out of a vending machine.

Huge Davies

Scooping it into your towel like that.

Ed Gamble

Well, it's delicious anyway. I'm a fan.

Huge Davies

Yes, okay.



Yes, and also, you know, thanks for sharing the recipe because I wouldn't have guessed there was ketchup in it.

Huge Davies

Yes, that is the secret ingredient. I know someone used to put marmite.

Ed Gamble

Yes, marmite in pasta sauce is good.

Huge Davies

Yes, people say that, yes.

Ed Gamble

Even if it's not just a big spoon of marmite.

Huge Davies

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Thank you very much, Huge.

Huge Davies

Thanks for having me here lads.

James Acaster

Thank you, Huge.

Ed Gamble

Well, James, oh, sorry, the boy.

James Acaster

No, do not call me that. I'm a man.

Ed Gamble

Don't cry. Well, that was a very enlightening chat with Huge Davies.

James Acaster

Yes, enlightening-, what at about who?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Not about Huge, about some of the pervs out there.

Ed Gamble

I loved that. Brilliant. And you know what, his menu, even though-, I mean, he was worried it was disgusting. I guess it was, like, if you read it on a sheet of paper you'd be, like, 'That feels pretty basic.' But then the way he described the spaghetti bolognese-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Obviously crispy duck pancakes always a winner.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Dough balls, a classic.

James Acaster

I think, you know, if I didn't know what was coming-, if I sat down and someone said, 'Do you want some dough balls from Pizza Express?' I'm saying yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I eat them. If they then say to me, 'Oh, do you want some crispy duck pancakes?'

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, I eat those. 'Do you want home made spaghetti bolognese?'

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, like, I'm not-, if I see it all, I'm, like, 'I'm not having that as a meal.' But if you're asking me as we're going along, 'Do you now want a festive pasty from Greggs?' Yes, I'll try that.



James Acaster

So, like, ending on the deep fried chocolate bar?

Ed Gamble

Yes. There you go, can't argue with it.

James Acaster

So, I'd do it.

Ed Gamble

Yes, and he didn't say cubed feta.

James Acaster

He didn't say cubed feta. I don't even know-, I mean, yes, when he said there was a secret ingredient in the spag bol, I was, like, 'I hope it's not the secret ingredient.'

Ed Gamble

Imagine if it was cubed feta. That would be horrible in spag bol to be fair.

James Acaster

Yes, but, you know, so is cream and someone did that.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Someone came on the podcast and chose that didn't they?

Ed Gamble

Quite a weird guy though.

James Acaster

Yes, quite an odd person.

Ed Gamble

Odd person.

James Acaster

Yes.



Huge has two podcasts. Slime Country, which we heard quite a lot about in this episode with Ed Night and Sunil Patel as well, where they obviously have a section where they read fanfic out.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I'd imagine that some people will be going to seek that specific episode out.

James Acaster

Yes, I imagine some people will be seeking that episode out.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Also the Film Quiz podcast with Nick Helm, Huge does that as well.

James Acaster

Love a film quiz.

Ed Gamble

Yes. You do love a film quiz actually.

James Acaster

So, yes, very excited about that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it's-,

James Acaster

I know which one of the two podcasts I'd rather listen to personally.

Ed Gamble

And Huge is a brilliant stand up as we say, so, go and follow him on social media. And James, boy-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Thank you for another lovely episode.

James Acaster

Thank you, Ed, and I guess I'll see you later when I let myself in.



I need my keys back, thank you.

James Acaster

Okay, fair.