



Off Menu – Ep 240 – Killer Mike

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast. Taking the onion of humour, mixing it with the batter of friendship and the spices of conversation and deep frying it in the oil of the worldwide web. James, onion bhaji.

James Acaster

An onion bhaji of a podcast, that is Ed Gamble, my name is James Acaster, together

Ed Gamble

A bhajcast.

James Acaster

Together we own a dream restaurant and every single week, we invite in a guest. We ask them their favourite ever starter, main course, dessert, side dish and drink. And this week, our guest is Killer Mike.

Ed Gamble

Killer Mike from Run The Jewels and a wonderful solo artist.

James Acaster

One of the greatest rappers.

Ed Gamble

Oh yes, he's probably my favourite, probably my favourite James.

James Acaster

Yes. I mean we're beyond excited for this.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It's a bit ridiculous, you know, obviously we're currently recording it in the podcast studio, waiting for Killer Mike to arrive and we didn't think we'd ever say that, when we started this podcast.

Ed Gamble

No, we didn't think that. Also, nerves, just a bit nervous because we really like Killer Mike, we don't want to seem like idiots in front of Killer Mike.

James Acaster

Yes, which is a tricky one because our stock-in-trade is being idiots, so that's going to be quite hard.



Ed Gamble

He's a clever guy.

James Acaster

He's a clever guy, but that will be difficult and it would also be very awkward if we had to kick Killer Mike out of the dream restaurant because there's the secret ingredient, an ingredient which we have deemed to be unacceptable. But those are the rules of the podcast.

Ed Gamble

I'd rather kick myself out of the dream restaurant.

James Acaster

I'd rather kick you out of the dream restaurant too.

Ed Gamble

I'm happy to fall on that sword, but the secret ingredient James, is this one that you've come up with actually?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Because I just went to the toilet and I came back and you said you'd thought of it?

James Acaster

Yes, this week the secret ingredient is a cheesy rat.

Ed Gamble

A cheesy rat. Now explain this a little bit for everyone.

James Acaster

Run The Jewels get their name from a lyric from another rap song by LL Cool J, Cheesy Rat Blues.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, it's associated with Killer Mike, but most likely won't come up.

Ed Gamble

No because it's not his thing.



James Acaster

So we won't have to kick him out of the restaurant, which is like, you know, there are a few food references in Killer Mike's songs and song titles. But stuff like, you know, Southern Fried, I don't want to go, 'Oh yes, we'll choose southern fried chicken.'

Ed Gamble

Because he's rapping about things that he likes.

James Acaster

He's rapping about things that he likes and like, you know, I mean, I think southern fried is mainly about being from the south.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I was going to say and also, these rappers, sometimes they use double meanings.

James Acaster

Which is not our stock-in-trade.

Ed Gamble

No, we're very single meaning guys.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, we're very just-, we say what we mean, mean what we say.

Ed Gamble

Will you be telling Killer Mike about your album?

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

No?

James Acaster

No, no, no. I would be too intimidated.

Ed Gamble

Don't worry man, I'll bring it up for you. I'll say have you heard of Temps, Killer Mike?

James Acaster

And Killer Mike will be like

Ed Gamble

One of the hottest hip hop outfits on the scene.



James Acaster

Yes, but then Killer Mike will say, 'Nope.'

Ed Gamble

Yes, and I'll say, 'They're one of the hottest hip hop outfits on the scene.' And if I do that, will you tell Killer Mike about my book, Glutton?

James Acaster

Yes, okay. I'll say, 'Have you heard about Glutton, the The Multi-Course Life of a Very Greedy Boy, Killer Mike?'

Ed Gamble

This is so weird.

James Acaster

It's one of the hottest books on the scene.

Ed Gamble

Yes, one of the hottest

James Acaster

Oh man, we're lucky if we even get through, it's also for the listener. We've told our friend and comedian, Nish Kumar, to meet us. We haven't told him who we're interviewing, Nish is a massive Run The Jewels fan. And we've just been like, 'Come and meet us at the studio at five.' And he was like, 'I've got an appointment at five, a really important appointment.'

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

We're like, 'Move it.' He's like, 'Tell me what it is. Tell me what is going on at five?' We were like, 'No, you've got to come, it's a surprise. You come and we then tell you, or nothing.' So we've done it, he's moved his very important appointment, he's coming at five, so that's going to be mad when that happens.

Ed Gamble

Well also, Killer Mike's got a busy day, so he's going to be late. So Nish is going to be here for hours.

James Acaster

Yes, so Killer Mike's getting here at like half four.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



James Acaster

So, we're supposed to be finishing at five.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So now Nish is going to get here and he'll be waiting for quite a while. And we've told all the people who work at Plosive, not to tell Nish who we're interviewing.

Ed Gamble

But he will know because he'll walk through here and he'll look.

James Acaster

He'll look and then we'll hear him go, 'Aah,' like that. And then Killer Mike will be like, 'Who's that?' 'Well that's Nish Kumar.'

Ed Gamble

Or, what's going to happen is, Killer Mike's day is going to get later and later and he does have a gig tonight. So, he might just cancel and then Nish will just be here.

James Acaster

Oh that would be funny.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that would be funny too.

James Acaster

We will interview Nish. If Nish turns up and Killer Mike doesn't, we'll interview Nish, we'll get him to imagine the menu of Killer Mike.

Ed Gamble

But also I can't stress this enough, if Killer Mike doesn't show up, or can't make it, you won't be hearing this now.

James Acaster

You won't hear this.

Ed Gamble

No, this is for us. RTJ motherfuckers.

James Acaster

RTJ motherfuckers, this is the Off Menu menu of Killer Mike.



Ed Gamble

Killer Mike. Welcome Michael to the dream restaurant.

Killer Mike

Yes, thanks.

James Acaster

Welcome Killer Mike to the dream restaurant, we've been expecting you for some time.

Killer Mike

Mate, thank you guys, I appreciate you for waiting me out man, I'm glad to be here.

Ed Gamble

We're very, very excited to have you here.

Killer Mike

They tricked me, if you guys may not know, I'm a chubby guy, they were like, 'Mike, it involves food.' I'm like, 'Hell, fucking, yeah.' And then we were coming, it was like, 'Well, they don't actually serve food, you just talk about it.' I was like fair enough.

Ed Gamble

That's the hustle.

James Acaster

Yes, I mean a lot of people leave this podcast very hungry and frustrated, so sorry about that.

Killer Mike

On show days, I don't eat too much before, but I did take my whole production team and my choir and DJ and everybody. I took them to breakfast this morning, I grew up eating an English style breakfast and they know what I was-, I just thought my grandpa like beans in the morning. But I'm assuming whoever owned this family over a year ago were probably people from this side. Because we ate fucking pork and beans, black pudding, or blood pie. You know, two different meats and I didn't know until my first trip here years ago, that that was just actually a thing here. And then I felt normal again because kids thought I was weird eating beans for breakfast in the morning when I was a child.

James Acaster

That must have been mad, so it's coming here for the first time and seeing that breakfast again and putting two and two together?

Killer Mike

Yes. I literally jumped off the plane and saw an advertisement in the airport, 'Like, what the fuck?' And then by the time I got to the hotel, I was like, 'Oh I'm eating this.' And it was as good. It was as good as my grandmother's.



Ed Gamble

Yes, every hotel here as well, you're going to get that for breakfast.

Killer Mike

Yes and that's why my wife and I ate beans this morning and, you know, and bacon and sausage and it's good. But I realised that it probably worked great for them back in the day because they actually went and did work after they ate it. We just went back to sleep, you know.

Ed Gamble

There's so much British food as well that is like clearly designed for people who are going to go and do manual labour afterwards.

Killer Mike

Yes. Yes, yes, yes you can tell working class folks, you know what I mean? They're going to work it off during the day. We're just sitting around, watching fucking reality TV now.

Ed Gamble

Go and sit in a car after eating, yes.

Killer Mike

Smoking weed and shit.

James Acaster

You've got a whole choir to feed as well.

Killer Mike

Yes.

James Acaster

That's a lot of people.

Killer Mike

Yes, the Midnight Revival man. I've got a five person choir on there, shout out to Jory, Jordan, Adonica, Troy and Alicia. And my DJ, of course, Trackstar, the DJ. Thanks for them and then I've just got a great production team too. I mean Conor, you know, my man Penner got my camera guy here, Mike. And my man Barry and my assistant Rondem, my A&R cuz. I didn't make any money I just took a big loss to come here and promote. And I don't have any regrets, I really love coming over here for the enthusiasm of the crowds. And doing cool stuff like this.

Ed Gamble

All we've got is the Great Benito, that's our.



Killer Mike

Benito, you've got a name that says I'm going to have sex with you. There's no way, woman or man could refuse Benito, 'What's your name?' 'Benito.' Well, you're a man of mystery, you know.

Ed Gamble

Yes he is.

Killer Mike

Yes, like Benito. That's a rapper would choose your name as their name.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Killer Mike

You know, I'm Benito, you need finito, you know. I'm not Caucasian, my name is Negro, you know what I'm saying?

Ed Gamble

Don't say that Benito.

Killer Mike

I wouldn't mind, I'd protect him. I wouldn't let anybody jump you Benito. He's with me, it's like a mob movie, he's one of my guys.

James Acaster

So how's the response to the album been in the UK then? And the live shows?

Killer Mike

Man, the live shows sold out in a day, you know. And I was leaving to start doing interviews today and this impeccably well dressed man, I'm in the financial district. Great haircut, I know this motherfucker's rich. Runs up to me and says, 'Are you Big Mike?' And I'm like, 'I'm Killer Mike.' He says, 'Man, that album is mad, man. You've got to take a picture with me.' And I'm like, 'Fucking A.' And we take a picture, I was pleasantly surprised, do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Killer Mike

Especially since the night before security didn't know who the fuck I was and tried to put me out in the lobby.

Ed Gamble

Oh good fun.



James Acaster

I didn't know you could do an English accent and I'm really happy.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that was fantastic.

James Acaster

To hear you do that.

Killer Mike

The south and what's crazy is say originally, America at some point, they get over there, whoever the first Americans were. And they were like, 'You know what, fuck that, we haven't got to send tax money back, we can just stay.' And those cities were of course like Boston, Philadelphia, New York, you know. And they would tell us in the south, 'You guys don't use proper English.' Shit like that. But when I start coming over here, I start realising, 'No, we do.' You know, we don't say, 'Watch your step.' We say, 'Mind your step.' We don't say, 'Either.' We say, 'Neither of you.' The stuff like that, so what I realised is a lot of the colloquial terms that I grew up thinking was not good English is actually proper English.

Ed Gamble

The proper way of saying it, yes.

Killer Mike

Yes, I grew up going back, I grew up going home. Like southerners, we know what we're talking about. New Yorkers, you don't know what the hell you're doing. So I feel a weird kinship to the UK and again I just-, the people here are always kind and nice. And whether we are doing Kingston, or whether we've done Birmingham, what's called Birmingham, you know, in America. Just, it's incredibly similar at different points, so I'm always comfortable here.

James Acaster

Now we always ask at the top of the podcast, if someone is a foodie. You've already told us before the podcast that you are.

Killer Mike

Well I'm fat, I think that explains it for me. I've lost some weight though, I'm 47 pounds now, trying to lose some more. So, I'm still eating food, just eating a little differently, you know.

Ed Gamble

Yes. What's that change been then?

Killer Mike

Just going-, like honestly man, just more toward-, I've always been a little chubby kid, but I always moved around a lot. But just, honestly, more like my grandparents. I realised my grandparents gave me all the answers, you know, my grandpa had to lose weight in '87, he had a mild heart attack, he had to lose weight. Starts saying to me grandmother, 'Feed me out of a saucer, instead of a plate.' So, you



know, when they say portion control and stuff like that, no one had to tell him to do portion control, he'd just say instead of doing a plate, he'd just eat of a saucer. And then the next thing you know, And we ate a lot of game meat, so we ate deer, you know. We ate wild hog, we did a lot of lake fishing, so we ate a lot of lake fish. And my grandma was big on, she'd preserve her own vegetables and stuff like that, so our cupboard was full of jars and stuffed with vegetables she ate. So I just started just doing back to shit that they did, you know, less breads and sugars and stuff. And just drink ice water, if you do drink something that's sweet, just drink one of it. Drink it at the end versus that, so just very simple stuff like that and just moving around more. Like I say, my grandfather would eat an English style breakfast, but he'd go and work twelve hours, you know what I'm saying? I do it, smoke twelve joints. So I'm learning to eat off the saucer, I only smoke one joint, take a ten minute walk, don't go to sleep.

Ed Gamble

So you've cut down on everything really?

Killer Mike

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

It must be nice doing stuff that like, you know, your grandparents did as well. Did it make you feel more connected to them as well?

Killer Mike

It does. They raised me and my sisters, so my middle sister, who's the wild one, who liked clubs and shit like that. She now gardens, helps feed six or seven families from her garden. So she was, I was like, 'Shit, I wasn't paying attention to grandma like this.' But she paid attention, so she gardens, she knows how to can her own food and stuff. My younger sister's in the council, she doesn't have to do shit, she's rich. You know what I'm saying? But yes and I haven't been in a while, but fishing is something I still enjoy because you just get to talk shit, smoke a joint, until the game warden comes by, you've got to hide your weed. Why is it you can't smoke weed on a lake? You know what I mean? How are you policing me on a fucking lake? I'm just trying to catch a bass, get some ass.

Ed Gamble

Also you're just sat there with a rod, it feels like-, that feels like perfect time right?

Killer Mike

It is, yes. And then the game warden comes along, 'I smell marijuana.' How the fuck do you know what marijuana smells like? You know.

James Acaster

Well, we always start the dream meal with still or sparkling water Mike, do you have a preference?



Killer Mike

I'm a still water guy, I like iced water, so I like, that's the only funky thing about Europe for me. You guys are not as ice heavy, but I'm a big fan of iced water and just lemons in my iced water. Sparkling water, if I'm on a date with my wife and I want to feel-, because she drinks, I'm not as much of a drinker. I have like maybe a whisky, three, four times a year. But, you know, I like still water and just with a lot of ice in. And with her, if I want to look fancy, I'll get a sparkling water, you know.

James Acaster

Are we talking crushed ice? Big cubes of ice?

Killer Mike

I like any ice. In my whiskey, I like when they give you the one big cube.

Ed Gamble

I love that.

Killer Mike

Yes because it never melts, but the crushed ice melts quick, so I want to know what's the difference, I've got an ice conspiracy. I think rich people have better ice.

Ed Gamble

Yes?

Killer Mike

You know, when you go to those whiskey bars and shit, their ice never melts. When you go to TGI Fridays, that ice is gone before it even hits the cup good.

Ed Gamble

But those posh bars, they have ice shipped in right? And they get huge blocks and they chop it off.

Killer Mike

They chop the blocks off and they make it a whole thing of it.

Ed Gamble

It's amazing, I love watching those videos of them shaping the ice blocks as well.

Killer Mike

Yes me too, it's pretty cool.

Ed Gamble

It's incredible, yes.



James Acaster

Yes and I definitely think one of those big-, but you can't have a big, those big whiskey cubes, if I saw that in any other drink, I wouldn't be able to take it seriously.

Killer Mike

Yes.

James Acaster

If someone gave me like a Coke and it's got that in it, I'd be like, 'Are you kidding me? I can't drink this.'

Killer Mike

Coke, I've broken an addiction to. I literally just loved Coca Cola and I'm from Atlanta, home of Coca Cola. So I haven't had a Coke since when? Since December 31st, last year.

Ed Gamble

Wow.

Killer Mike

Yes, I haven't had a Coca Cola.

Ed Gamble

So it was a New Year's resolution was it?

Killer Mike

Well I just was like, 'Man, you've got to break the Coke addiction.' So not even a resolution, it was just like, let me see how long I can go. I did cheat once, I had a float, so I do like vanilla ice cream, so I did do that.

James Acaster

Well that's difficult to resist, two of the best things in a glass together.

Killer Mike

Yes, how could you not have a float? Yes.

Ed Gamble

Also, then it's a dessert right so?

Killer Mike

Yes, I did it as a dessert, I did.

James Acaster

That's the equivalent of like, one big ice cube.



Killer Mike

Yes,

James Acaster

In a scoop of ice cream, that's as close as you'll get in a Coke.

Killer Mike

That's it.

Ed Gamble

That's fine. I don't think that even counts as cheating.

Killer Mike

Yes I did that, what I did. Well I felt-, my stomach hadn't had a Coke, or ice cream in a minute. So I spent the rest of the day in the bathroom. Yes, I was literally just looking like this, like damn, it was worth it though. Smoking a joint, on the toilet in a hotel, hoping I don't get charged for it.

James Acaster

The same guy from the lake.

Killer Mike

Hey, I'm going to front, I know Benito, you want problems with me and Benito?

James Acaster

I once didn't have a Coke for five years and then I started drinking Diet Coke and it now, Diet Coke tastes exactly like Coke does to me.

Killer Mike

I won't do Diet Coke, or Coke Zero. Coke Zero, I will say, got the taste of Coke better, but it's like okay Coke is sugar, fructose and that. But then you'll be on the internet and they'll say, 'Diet Coke, even worse than Coke, it makes your balls falls off.' And I'm just like, 'What? Why does diet soda kill us quicker than regular soda?' But you know it.

Ed Gamble

People get weird about artificial sweeteners right?

Killer Mike

Yes they do, they do.

Ed Gamble

I've never heard the theory that it makes your balls fall off.



Killer Mike

Yes, well I mean, basically that's what this one said and I was just like, 'Well, I want my balls, so I'll probably just drink more water, eat watermelon, you know.'

James Acaster

I think your balls fall off and then rich people use them as ice cubes.

Killer Mike

Yes, that's usually how I would imagine, I would imagine, evil bastards.

James Acaster

Poppadums, or bread? Poppadums, or bread, Killer Mike? Poppadums or bread?

Killer Mike

None of that for me to start because my wife's a bread eater to start, I like to start with the meat. So, there's a floor to hole in the wall style bar, when you land in Atlanta, it's called Spondivits. It's built like a-, there's this strip right by the airport called Virginia Avenue. And if you want great Louisiana style food, there's a place called Louisiana Bistro that's right in front of a dive hotel. But the food outside of Louisiana is a great Creole and French based and it's a great place to go. But it's in front of a Motel 6. There's a Spondivits, which is a floor to dive bar style, terribly overpriced on some items, but they have a Cajan Shrimp Appetizer, that's amazing. So, I like meat in the beginning, so the Cajun shrimp is what I-, and I get them done extra, a little crispy, I get those.

James Acaster

Are these big shrimps?

Killer Mike

No, not the big ones, not the big ones.

Ed Gamble

Oh okay.

Killer Mike

The big shrimps, I get to feeling weird about after so long.

Ed Gamble

Yes?

Killer Mike

I'm like this shit's as big as my fucking thumb, you know what I'm saying? So it's not too small, but it's a good go between between the small and the big.

Ed Gamble

Are you suspicious of the big shrimps then?



Killer Mike

I don't know if I'm suspicious, it's just they're so fucking big, like. You're like, 'How long has this shrimp been here? What foul shit has this shrimp done?' Because they always give you, you know what I mean, 'Shrimps and lobster are the cockroaches of the sea.' That's what my cinematographer guy always say and I'm like, 'Shut up, you grew up eating the wild hog.' You know like I did, so. Yes, but I just think they're so god damn big.

Ed Gamble

Lobsters are like, they've been around for ages?

Killer Mike

Yes, lobsters used to be serve to prisoners, they thought it was, you know, just. It's like chitlins right? I'm not a big chitlins eater. But I'm from the south, so chitlins are a thing. Chitlins are essentially the intestines of a hog that are cut out, cleaned and then boiled. And my grandmother would boil them and then fry them, my mum liked them fried. They would do that, so it was something that people looked at as poor people's food for a long time. And then somebody in the south who was rich realised, 'Oh man, black people are eating this and poor people are eating this, poor white folks in the Appalachians. So we should probably oversell, overprice these and sell them during the holidays.' So between Thanksgiving and Christmas, people eat hog intestines and their chitlins, you know. I don't eat them so much, I ate them when I was a young boy, but shrimp and lobster are the same way. People, I hear used to, didn't care much for them and then they realised those prisoners look really happy. Maybe we should serve this lobster and charge people \$100 for them, you know.

James Acaster

It's good to learn what chitlins are because like I've heard them said in like TV shows and I've had no idea what they are because we don't have them in this country.

Killer Mike

Yes, it's the intestines. And the cool shit was about, is my grandpa right, he liked chitlins. He didn't always like when family came to visit because chitlins were a little expensive, so whoever cooked them best, everyone would bring them buckets to them. My grandmother was a great cook of chitlins, so they'd bring her and she'd have to clean them and she'd cook them and then you'd come pick yours up. But there was holidays, my grandfather was just like, he wasn't into a whole bunch of people coming. But too many people were coming, wanting chitlins and he'd tell me, 'Put a piece of corn in the pot.' And I'm like, 'What the fuck are you doing.' He'd say, 'Just take a piece of corn, put it in the pot.' And that made it look like the chitlins didn't really get cleaned well. And that way the chitlins were-, him and my mum's the rest of the night. And my grandmother would get a bad reputation that she didn't clean well. She found out man, she was mad as a motherfucker. My grandfather was happy though, he ate his chitlins.

Ed Gamble

Yes of course, so it was like sabotage, he was sabotaging his own wife.



Killer Mike

Yes, yes. He was making sure no one else ate her chitlins. I get like that about my wife's food and my wife made an amazing lasagna before we left. And she was like, 'If you don't come home and eat it and leave the studio now, I'm going to give it to somebody.' And I was like, 'No, the fuck you aren't.' You know I was like, 'That lasagna will be there when I get there ma'am.' You know what I mean? Within the first two weeks, I asked her to marry me and she was like, 'Get the fuck out of here, you're a Rafa.' And then so after about, I think four or five years, we got really high in Vegas and really drunk. And I pledged my love to her and we went and got married in a fucking drive through marriage thing, where our cab driver was our witness. And then we didn't tell anybody we were married for nine years.

Ed Gamble

Oh wow.

Killer Mike

Yes and so we've been married seventeen years now and for nine years, no one knew. And then we finally had to tell our family because her family is from Hilton Head Island and they're very traditional. Black, you know, just tightly knit, black family, similar to mine and they were just like, 'Are you going to marry our niece? Or are you just going to keep playing with her?' And we had to say, 'We're already married.' 'Oh okay.'

Ed Gamble

Were they okay with that, or-,

Killer Mike

Were they okay with us being married? No, they were not okay with me just fucking on their niece, no. A decade of just fucking on her niece? No, her aunt, I call her my aunt now, my Aunt Penny was definitely not. She says, you know, we were trying to talk about, 'Hey, you know, we want to build on some land here. We'd like to put a house here.' They were like, 'No, you're just fucking on our niece. What are you going to do to take it seriously?' I was like, 'Well, we're already married.'

Ed Gamble

I meant, were they okay about the fact you got married and then had not told them for nine months?

Killer Mike

Yes, they were fine, they were fine with it, you know. No one really likes going to weddings. The food is usually shitty. You know what I'm saying? Like, I have two best friends, one since kindergarten, one since first grade, so it's a trifecta friendship. Me, Robert Hicks, he used to play for the Buffalo Bills, and our man Darius, Darius Guinyard. So, we've been friends, literally since elementary school, and they both got married and neither one of them would let me be the best man. Not even that I wanted to be, but I'm sitting there, I'm the man next to the man, so I'm the man next to the man, and both times, they're like-, hey, when you do your wedding rehearsals, the minister will also say what they say at the wedding, 'If there's anyone who has any objections, if you don't want to, you know.' And I'm standing like, 'Hey, if you don't want to do this, so Benito, you're my man. Benito, if you don't want to do this, you know you don't have to do this.' The bride is literally right where-, 'You don't want to do this, you know



we can fucking walk. We don't have to be here. There's a strip club that's open, great chicken wings at the Blue Flight,' and the fucking wife's looking at me like, 'You fat motherfucker.' You know what I'm saying? So, what are we going to do? And the food is always whack as fuck. You know what I'm saying? They order something, 'Oh, we're going to have grenadine baked corn.' Like get the fuck out of here. Just give us cornbread without sugar in it. Give us some fucking oxtails. The greens his mom makes. They always try to get exotic, it always ends up just being chicken, cold shrimp, or salmon, but now everybody's vegan there's fucking fried cauliflower. Bitch, get the fuck out of here.

Ed Gamble

Yo, are we going straight to the main course or do you have a dream starter dish after that appetiser?

Killer Mike

So, the appetiser, like, the little shrimps. I like home-cooking. I'm big on my wife's cooking, my sister's cooking, so, you know, if I was going to say, the starters, if I'm just doing a starter in a restaurant style, I'd do the Cajun style shrimp. I like meat. I like steakhouses. I like oxtails. You know what I mean? I like stuff that-, and then just give me something, give me a protein, and give me something green. My Grandma's family's from Alabama, so I like a starchy cornbread. I don't like when-, so half my family, my dad's side is from Georgia, my mom's side is from Alabama. Alabama tends to cook a starchier type, so their cornbread doesn't have sugar in it. It is absent sugar. Their pancakes don't have sugar, it's a starchier, and just butter. So, I like a starchier that-, then what I like doing is, so, my grandma will cook collards, and it's interesting, a South African talking about it, she was like, 'You should be eating food with your hands. There should be a connectivity between your hands, your food, and your brain.' You know, eating with knife and fork, sometimes almost the proper thing to do publicly. The first time I went to kindergarten I think, they served at some point, collard greens and cornbread, because I went to all-black public schools, all-black neighbourhood, so the women that were cooking were black. I got the collards on one side, cornbread on the other, I did what I did at home. I put my cornbread in my collards and mashed that shit together, and was eating it with my hands, and the teacher said, 'Baby, I eat like that at home, but that's not how we eat in public, baby.' I looked up like, 'The fuck you talking about?' That's how I learned, you use a knife and fork in public, but I like my collard greens, so if I was at a restaurant for starters, I'd do collards and cornbread. Because, the collards are cooked, there's a turkey neck, or either there's a neck bone or something cooked in it, so you get the meat flavour, you get some strips of meat, but with the good starchy cornbread you get to put it together. That sets you up pretty good.

Ed Gamble

I've never really known what collard greens-, because I've had them, but I didn't know, like, what made the collard greens. I didn't know that there was the turkey.

Killer Mike

Yes, well, they started doing it with turkey, because they deemed with other meats it's not as good, so there was a pivot toward health and people started doing it. But, no, the old stuff, you just throw what you have in it. Essentially, peasant food or poor people's food is not different. If you go around the world, poor people eat beans, they eat rice, they eat some type of protein usually. You know, I say poor, I don't mean, like, distraught and without, just working class folks, folks that are going to have to work a



half a day. They're going to need something nutrient dense to support it, so when you look at collard greens, turnip greens, and cabbage, often times, that's a part of the meal, that's the green thing on the meal. Turnips tend to be a little more tart than collards, collards are a little sweeter. The meats that are in them will give it whatever flavour, so whether it's smoked turkey, whether it's neck bones, stuff like that, and then to me, with a good starchy cornbread and that sweet greens, it's just perfect to start with.

Ed Gamble

Is that all part of the main course?

Killer Mike

Could be, could be.

James Acaster

I like that coming as a little starter.

Ed Gamble

Yes, as a starter, sounds good.

Killer Mike

Yes, I like that. Who does it? I think Kandi Burruss' restaurant, Old Lady Gang, I think they do that as a starter. There's a place called Mary Mac's, when you come to Atlanta too. It was forever owned by one family, a young black guy who went to Moorhouse, went to the same college as me. He just acquired the restaurant, but what I love about it is, they do a cornbread that's a starch cornbread, and it also has bacon bits in it, so you have these pork rinds that are in it, and they have a very good collard greens. So, Mary Mac's is a place that I like to go, if I'm not eating my own family's food at home, but that's just a starter, that's one of the starters you get from them.

Ed Gamble

Wow, and whereabouts is that?

Killer Mike

Mary Mac's is on Ponce de Leon, or 'Ponce de Leon', if you're in Europe.

Ed Gamble

And obviously, this is your dream meal we're creating, so if you don't want to eat with a knife and fork during this, then.

Killer Mike

No, I'm eating with my hands. Yes, I'm going to use my hands, I don't mind.

Ed Gamble

Main course?



Killer Mike

Main course, man, I like a steak. I like the porterhouses, I like the ribeyes, like the bone-in ribeyes. The steak I like, there's a place called Bones in Atlanta, and there's a place called Chops Lobster Bar in Atlanta. It's like a, Ruth's Chris, it's like a national chain in the United States, but they've always got a good steak too, but you could find a Ruth's Chris anywhere, but Bones and Chops are Atlanta-specific. I like the ribeyes there, I like the bone-in ribeyes. I like to do either medium or medium well, the thin line of pink, or serve it so hot that if I reheat it later, I order medium so if I reheat later it doesn't fully cook. I don't like a well-done steak, I don't think that's a proper way to eat steak, and I do a blackening seasoning, with sometimes extra blackening, because it gives it that pop. Meat is, even gamey, people a lot of times-, meat has a sweetness. When you stop drinking coke and doing shit like that, you'll even taste whatever grass this animal was fed, so I'm really into it. I grew up eating deer meat, wild hog meat, stuff like that, so I love a good steak, and depending on where I'm from, I was in a steakhouse here. I actually want to go to tomorrow, and they have steaks that are raised here, and they have some that are directly out of Nebraska. She was telling me that the grass here is smokier, it's a little different, so I'm going to order two steaks for the table, and we're going to have a comparison. I'm a steak guy, I like steak.

Ed Gamble

Great, I love that comparison thing as well. That's the sort of thing I'd do if I go to a restaurant. We're going to get both, and we're going to see what the difference is.

Killer Mike

Absolutely. It's like, because I've tried to convince my wife about other girls. She's not as open to the idea as I am.

James Acaster

So, the places that you just mentioned that are in Atlanta, how long have they been in Atlanta for?

Killer Mike

A long time. Chops is newer, but still been for-, we're a member of the private club, where you join, and you go through the doors and behind the kitchen and there's a speak-easy. That's really cool, because you don't have to be bothered with the whole restaurant, it's just really dimly lit. It's like watching a yakuza mob movie almost, you know what I'm saying? There are pictures of Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis and stuff, like, that's cool.

Ed Gamble

Oh, amazing.

Killer Mike

And the one, Bones, former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, who's also former ambassador of the United States, he was a lieutenant with Dr King, and helped with the civil rights, and just helped my city be a great city, he took me to Bones first, you know. He showed me the difference between regular fork, salad fork, that type of stuff as a little kid. Their place is great because they're a steakhouse but they don't take themselves so seriously. You can still wear sneakers in there, you know what I'm saying? So,



they were very, not kid-friendly, they were before it was cool to walk around in sneakers and a regular t-shirt. They weren't really tripping.

Ed Gamble

Some of the steakhouses in the States are, like, super fancy.

Killer Mike

Oh yeah. Like, I remember going to one, and this is when I learned just great service people, they're irreplaceable. My wife and I are getting ready to open a restaurant, to reopen a 50 year old restaurant that me and TL bought together, called Bankhead Seafood. But, I went to this steakhouse, and this steakhouse required you have a jacket to come in, and I was a big kid. I didn't have a jacket, I didn't know you were supposed to have a jacket. The guy says, 'We're just going to walk you in with your jacket and we'll put it on the back of your chair. That way I'll just tell people you didn't want to get anything on this jacket.' I was just, you know, I'm this little black kid, I'm a little intimidated by the environment, this big burly white guy, he was as nice as anybody's uncle has ever been to him, but he walked me through it and showed me just how to do loopholes, and I like steakhouse service. I think that's a part of the reason I like steakhouses. You still feel very masculine. Your machismo is validated in a steakhouse.

James Acaster

I'd like to know, how you got to be part of this little secret room are Chops? How did that come about?

Killer Mike

So, the man's a guy named Don Perry. He's a guy in the music industry who's mentored, dozens of guys. He likes to meet there, so when I meet and have dinner with him there, he told us that, 'Hey, there's this club and if you want to join, you let me know, I'll get you recommended and we'll get you on there.' We had heard about it, maybe being a thing, but he's the guy that, he pushed a button, and my wife and I joined, and now she goes more than me. My wife eats out more than I do, but, again, I love her cooking. I don't give a fuck if she eats out, I want to eat at home. So, we joined and it's pretty cool. I think we'll probably be lifetime members.

James Acaster

Is LP part of the little secret club? Or does he have to wait at the door.

Killer Mike

Not at Chops. I think LP's a, what is it, Soho House or something? I think he's Soho House guy.

Ed Gamble

Yes, the steak's not as good at Soho House.

Killer Mike

I mean, the environment's cool at Soho House. The food is cool but it's not the same as.



Ed Gamble

Yes, you're not getting that, there's no open fire and the big steaks and stuff.

Killer Mike

New York Prime too is a place that's in Atlanta, but they've got a really good steak and really good service too. What I like, I know when I'm in a good steakhouse when I look at the pictures or the writings on the wall. It's like, you go to New York Prime, it says, 'Any complaints, take to Luca Brasi,' you know, because Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes, you know what I mean? Once you go to Chops in there private room, they have pictures of, like I say, Sinatra, Sam, so you know, Americans love criminals. God bless our souls. You give us a good mafia member man, and we're going to eat there. I enjoy steakhouses for that reason too. There's always this element of, you know, anything can happen, I'm in a scene from The Godfather.

Ed Gamble

And the sides as well, sides in a steakhouse, just, all of those.

Killer Mike

And they're big. You know, when I do a steakhouse, that'll be the only meal I'm eating that day.

James Acaster

Are you having your dream side-dishes from the steakhouse as well?

Killer Mike

Yes. I like the garlic mash potatoes. I tend not to like macaroni and cheese from any restaurant, but I prefer my wife's. If I was doing macaroni and cheese, I'd have my wife make the mac and cheese. Asparagus is something I caught onto in the last few years and I really like it. Asparagus is a vegetable that I can get-, you smell it when you pee, after you're done.

Ed Gamble

You really do.

Killer Mike

But, it lets you know that water's getting through your body quick. Yes, but I don't have to go too crazy, just give me a good steak and potatoes. The baked potatoes are great at steakhouses. One of those big, hardy baked potatoes, you get the sour cream. I'm not so much big on the chives and stuff, but just give me butter, potato, and sour cream. I love a good baked potato with my steak. What I like about Ruth's Chris is, being from the South, we're into yams, with sugar or without. Sweet potatoes are a staple in the South. My grandmother made them, my aunts still make them. So, Ruth's Chris has a great, it's like a sweet potato souffle, so it's sweet potato, there's these pecan choppings on it, pecan choppings, and this sugar that's sprinkled. My wife will take that and add a little more butter and sugar and she tries to fatten me up some more. So, I like that, I like my steak with a sweet potato too, or a white potato. But, yes, I'm a steak guy. What else? Salads. I like a mix. I don't like regular lettuce, I like mixed greens. I like spinach, I like other greens, so I'm big on my salad. Now, I don't like a lot of dressing on my salad. Usually I'll get a salad and I'll just add some type of fruit. Whether it's



clementines, oranges, apples, or grapes, or something, and I let that, kind of, serve as my dressing. I don't even do balsamic vinegar or something. I think the fruit juice pops the flavours. Sometimes it'll smother the taste when you put too much dairy or creamy thing on it, and if I do get, or if I'm sharing a salad with her, I might dip a little bit, but I'm not big on salad dressing. I just like my salads with some fruit on top.

Ed Gamble

I think, especially if you're at a steakhouse, right, and the steak is rich and fatty and meaty, and all the sides have got butter and stuff, you need something to cut through.

Killer Mike

Absolutely.

James Acaster

We've spoke about yams a few times on the podcast, because-,

Killer Mike

You talking about cocaine or are you talking about-, I'm sorry, just where I'm from, it's just yams mean-,

Ed Gamble

Does it? Does that mean-,

Killer Mike

Yes, when you're talking about yams, you're talking about a kilo of cocaine.

James Acaster

I've suddenly just understood a lot more songs.

Killer Mike

Yes, you thought Yeezy was talking about vegetables all the time.

James Acaster

It's just like, I mean literally, a lyric, what's the answer? I understand it now.

Killer Mike

Yams also means ass too.

James Acaster

Does it?

Killer Mike

Yes, yes, so with a girl, you say, 'Man, she got them yams.'



Ed Gamble

I don't know whether I'm coming or going, this is ridiculous.

James Acaster

In King Kunta, by Kendrick, what's he talking about, the yams in that song?

Killer Mike

I don't know the lyric. I'm a little stoned, so I'm blank a little bit, but-,

James Acaster

Yes, he says, 'What's the yams?' They talk about the yams, and Richard Pryor, in the same lyric, is what I know.

Killer Mike

That was cocaine, if he's talking about Richard Pryor.

James Acaster

Richard.

Killer Mike

Shout out to Richard Pryor.

James Acaster

Yes, 'When you got the yams. What's the yams? The yam brought it out of Richard Pryor.'

Killer Mike

Yes, yam's are cocaine.

Ed Gamble

Come on, you can work that out from context.

James Acaster

I can now. I'm going take advantage of this education while I can Ed. We've talked about, just, the sweet potatoes on the podcast, and how as English people, when we first saw it with marshmallows, it blew our mind.

Killer Mike

Oh yes, I've never seen it with the marshmallows.

James Acaster

Couldn't comprehend it.

Killer Mike



I understand it though. You know what I like for breakfast? I like cheese eggs, I like grits, and I like a crisp, fried fish. That's fish and grits, or fish and rice. I mean, my mom would do, my grandma would do fish and cheese grits. So, you get eggs, my grandmother made an egg, it's interesting. My friend who's a co-producer for Run The Jewels, Lil Shalimar, his dad made eggs in a similar way, but it's when you turn it on a low heat, you crack the eggs, and you let the eggs' yolk sit there, and you let the white start to firm up first, and you just leave them. My wife made me some of these actually, before we left too. You let them, and then you scramble so the eggs are this beautiful orangey yolk, with this white, and you can even do cheese. She'll even throw cream cheese in it sometimes. You do that, first she's just mixing it all together, my grandmother would add milk, so it just becomes this base yellow. I like that, and I like the grits, and I like my grits with cheese. Then, you just get a crisp fried fish, or you do rice instead of the grits. That's always a good breakfast to get you going, you're probably not going to need anything the rest of the day because it's going to be so heavy. So, if I was doing breakfast, I'd do that.

James Acaster

What fish are you going for in that?

Killer Mike

Man, oh man, whatever you catch, bass, crappie, catfish, whatever you catch at the lake that day. You know what I'm saying? I'm a catfish fan. A lot of people aren't, but I like catfish because it's firm. It's firm like a beef. Yes, I like it like that. Bass is always clean, always tastes clean, so you know, give me a bass for breakfast. A lot of people wait to get sea bass or bass at night, but I like bass in the morning for breakfast.

Ed Gamble

Have you ever been in with a catfish, trying to catch a catfish with your hands?

Killer Mike

No, I haven't done that. Let me tell you, catfish are strong as fuck. They're hard as hell to clean, and I love catching them, but they're such a big fish. I've seen those people, what do they call it, noodling? Where they bend down and they put Native American thing-,

Ed Gamble

I've done it.

Killer Mike

You've done it?

Ed Gamble

I had to do it for a TV show.

Killer Mike

Come on you bad motherfucker.

Ed Gamble



They are strong.

Killer Mike

Yes, so they're strong, they're strong as shit, right?

Ed Gamble

I ended up with it, it was massive, it was like, and it ended up with its mouth around here, so my arm was just fully inside.

Killer Mike

Did you have hand through gill, pulling it out?

Ed Gamble

Yes. I was just trying to get it up and eventually got it round the mouth and pulled it out the water, yes.

Killer Mike

Even if you're catching a catfish, just, with a fishing line, one of the smaller ones, they're just strong. They feel like a whole muscle, you know what I mean? They're strong. That's crazy. I've always wanted to meet someone who did that.

Ed Gamble

There you go.

Killer Mike

I mean, you're a bad ass guy.

James Acaster

I don't think Ed has ever been happier that his podcast gets filmed, because that was probably the best moment of his life just then, when you called him a bad motherfucker, you shook hands with him, and you said you've always wanted to meet someone who's done that.

Killer Mike

Because it looks so bad ass man, it looks bad ass. You thought it was a dying tradition, because when we hear about it in the States, it's something that, you know, indigenous people used to do, and the next thing you know, some white guy says, 'Hold my beer.' The next thing you know, they're in the fucking lake up to their neck, reaching into a god damn cat cave and pulling it out. I think you're amazing, I think you're awesome.

James Acaster

Earlier, you said, like, what your meals are on this tour with the choir and everyone that you've got. Does that differ from a Run The Jewels tour, if you're going and you're going out for food on that?



Killer Mike

El likes Asian food, so there's a lot of, and here in Trackstar, I just have a theory, white people and Asian food is a quirky thing to me. Like, you guys, you know, in search of spice, you know what I mean? I like Thai food. There was a, man, shout out to Gary. Gary's an engineer at Shangri La, I think it's called Shangri La, Rick Rubin's place up in Malibu. I was like, 'Man, fuck it, man, I've got to expand my taste buds. Gary, what are you eating?' Gary was eating a vegan dish, but I thought there were meatballs, and this rice, and this wonderful peanut sauce over it. No meat in it, me and Gary sat around and ate that shit like my grandpa had just slaughtered a deer and dressed it and we were eating meet. It was amazing. So, Gary got me on the Indian food more, but sometimes it's so spicy. I'm not a fan of spicy food, but when I went out with El, you know, more experimental, more Asian based stuff, and shit is cool, but I'm a back to the basics guy. Get me at a good barbecue place. I like Austin for that reason, I like Dallas, Texas, for that reason. I'm totally into Brazilian restaurants, where you just get so much meat coming around.

Ed Gamble

Love it.

Killer Mike

Yes, I'm a big fan, I'm a big fan of that.

James Acaster

Ed, you going to catch Mike a catfish?

Ed Gamble

Yes, I can catch you a catfish.

Killer Mike

I'm going to eat the fuck out of it.

Ed Gamble

I'd have to fly over to the states.

Killer Mike

Freeze it. Why don't you just come, and we'll just figure out fishin? I'm not going to stick my arm in the water, but-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, I do that, I've never really gone proper fishing before. I've just been-,

Killer Mike

So we'll do it. We'll get it done, no bullshit.

James Acaster

You can be smoking weed out on the boat, and Ed's in the water catching you a fish.



Killer Mike

If the game warden comes, I'm not talking to him, Ed's going to do all the talking.

Ed Gamble

I can do all the talking. I'll say, 'Excuse me Mr Warden. That's not what you smell. That's the local vegetation Mr Warden.'

Killer Mike

That's tobacco.

James Acaster

Your dream drink, Mike?

Killer Mike

Well, I don't drink alcohol a lot, but Johnny Walker Blue is the whisky, it's the scotch I prefer, but it's a of whisky. There's also, this is off market, you guys can't get it, in the South, there's a long history of just brewing your own, what they call corn whisky, or illegal liquor. I found some great, great liquor out of the Carolinas. It's a moonshine, but it's a peach based moonshine, so you're drinking it, and it tastes like something you'd order in a resort, but there's a guy with a long beard and overalls that makes it, and you pick it up, you don't tell anybody.

Ed Gamble

Amazing.

Killer Mike

So, that whisky is one of the best. So, Johnny Walker Blue, if I'm just buying stuff off the shelf, but when I'm at home, I've still got some in my fridge right now, just got an amazingly home-crafted, what my grandfather called corn liquor, corn liquor that tastes like peaches infused. That's one of them.

James Acaster

Do you ever do small talk with the guy with the beard when you go and get the drink from him?

Killer Mike

Yes, of course.

James Acaster

What kind of stuff do you end up talking about when you're?

Killer Mike

Well, my guy's a go-between, but we talk about marijuana, because we have better marijuana, they have better liquor. It's often times, 'Why don't you try this weed?' They're like, 'We're going to give you liquor at a better price.' I'm like, 'Thank you.' Yes, the small talk is usually just about, you know, Southerners are very similar, even though, if we're racially different, we're very similar. We want to be left alone, we don't like the government in our fucking business. We like to grow our own weed or brew



our own liquor. We sin on Saturdays, go to church on Sundays, ask for forgiveness, and work hard the other five days of the week.

Ed Gamble

Nice.

James Acaster

How long will one of those bottles last you then? If you're getting some of that, and you're only having three or four drinks a year, you say?

Killer Mike

Yes, but I have friends, and my friends are drinkers. So, the Johnny Walker goes pretty quick. My wife curses about them, I'm like, 'I don't give a fuck, they're my friends. I don't give a shit if it's \$200 a bottle.' So, you know, with that, it can go quicker because I'll just be smoking marijuana, my friends will be like, 'I want something to drink,' and I'll just bring it out. The moonshine though, in terms of the peach-infused moonshine, we call it Killer Peach. That stuff doesn't last as long, because I actually like it, and so when my friends come over, I'm like, 'Let's drink some of this shit.' So, you know, three to four times might be five to six times with them, and I pour a big cup, not a small cup. I'm going to be drunk, I'm not going anywhere the rest of the day.

Ed Gamble

Does it go down super easy then?

Killer Mike

Super easy, super easy. Corn whisky is not known for going down super easy. It can be smooth, but it still hits you, and usually, if it tastes like something, it usually means it's not good, so they mask it with a taste. This is the first time I've drank-, it's as clear as this, you can see through it, like a glass and the peach infusion is there, and it's absolutely clean and it's beautiful. I just put a cup of ice together, pour it over it, and if I'm watching, say, the American version of football, what, an hour? Hour and a half? That's going to last me the whole thing, because I'm going to sip and put it down because afterwards, I'm not going anywhere. I'm drunk.

James Acaster

You said, that might be when you're smoking weed. What are you pairing with that? What kind of weed would go best?

Killer Mike

Heavy indica, right now, like, right now, I'm smoking Gary Peyton, and drinking peach when I get back home. I found some Gary Peyton over here, interestingly enough, but it's the OG kush, though.

Ed Gamble

We rarely talk to guests about weed pairings with things. I think it's just you and Dan Akroyd who've talked about that.



Killer Mike

Really? Shout out to Dan man, Blue Brothers man, that's essentially part of what Run The Jewels is based on, Blues Brothers. But, no, man, yes, I think marijuana, there's a chef that we use on the holidays especially, at different points of the year, he does a marijuana-infused king crab that I love. It's king crab, it's just fall out of the shell good. I like king crab, because again, like bass, or catfish rather, it's heavier, it's not like a regular crab. My wife taught me how to eat crab. She's from a port city. She's from Savannah, so I grew up eating lake fish, I didn't grow up eating stuff out of the ocean. I didn't even know I liked oysters till I literally went to her house this year, she walked to the water, pulled oysters out, and they were cooking them in her front yard. I was like, 'Well I don't know if I like them,' by that time, she had popped it out and put it in my mouth, and I was like, 'Oh this is fucking amazing. You didn't even have to add salt.' She was like, 'The salt is in the water.' I like marijuana-infused king crab legs that this guy makes for me. I like smoking marijuana. I don't know if you guys, how you do it here, but when my wife, or port cities in America, when they eat crabs, they just put newspaper out, like on a table, and they just dump them all out, and everybody goes for it.

I like marijuana infused in my kind crabs. I like smoking when I eat seafood, because seafood, usually, isn't that heavy on you. So, you can still enjoy your high. With a steak, you've got to smoke before, and after, because a steak's going to sober you up some. I'm pro-marijuana-infused food. My dad ate some cookies, got too fucking high one time at my house, thought he was going to die. My dad used to be a cop too. That was fucking hilarious.

James Acaster

Did he know that the cookies were weed?

Killer Mike

No, of course not. He was just like, 'You're just like you're fucking mother.' I'm like, 'You had a kid by her.'

James Acaster

I'm more of a sweet tooth myself. What's the best, weed cookies or weed brownies?

Killer Mike

Back when you still had to get a marijuana licence in California to get it, so me and my wife set up an appointment with the doctor. So, we go to the doctor, the doctor says, 'Do you smoke cigarettes?' 'No.' 'Smoke marijuana?' 'Yes.' 'Do you eat infused stuff?' 'Yes.' 'No, it's no good for you.' I said, 'For real?' 'Yes, it's no good. You should smoke, drink water.' My wife goes in, 'Do you smoke?' 'Yes.' 'Cigarettes?' 'No.' 'You smoke marijuana?' 'Yes.' 'Good, good. Do you ever eat marijuana?' 'Yes.' 'Good, keep going, keep going.' So, we leave later, and that's when I'm looking like, 'Benito, what the fuck? Why did you tell me not to?' And I'm saying, 'Why'd he tell me not to eat?' She just looks at me, 'Why would he tell you not to eat sweets, Michael?' She says, 'You're a little fat ass.'

Ed Gamble

'There's something scientific interacting with the sugar. That must be why.'



Killer Mike

So that's why I don't do as many edibles, as much as I smoke. I smoke and I drink a lot of water, if I eat edibles, it's like a holiday, but I always think about that little doctor, he's like, 'No, no, you shouldn't eat any more.'

James Acaster

Well we do arrive now, at your dream dessert, the dessert portion of the menu.

Killer Mike

Yes. As you can tell, I'm like you, I have a sweet tooth, I like desserts. I like chocolate cake a lot. But, you know, honestly, my favourite is carrot cake. Carrot cake is amazing. The cream cheese, icing, the nuts on it, the texture of the carrots in it, and the ginger or whatever it is that kind of pops out. I'm a big fan of carrot cake. I like it room temperature though, I don't like my carrot cake cold, I kind of like it room temperature. But, I'm big on carrot cake, and carrot cake pairs well with whisky too. So if you're having dessert, because usually I'm ordering my whisky mid, or at the end of the meal, it's a good thing to have. So, yes, carrot cake is one. I like key lime pie from Spondivits, from the place I told you about, but what I really like, is Edwards, which is just a pie company, a big pie company in America, but they make lemon meringue pie. Probably my all time favourite dessert, would be a tie between carrot cake and lemon meringue pie.

James Acaster

So what makes this particular lemon meringue pie so good?

Killer Mike

So, Edwards, it's because the meringue is sweet, it's firm, it's not loosey goosey. The lemon part of it, the custard is firm, not hard, it's a pie, but it doesn't fall apart. It's a pie, but it has the consistency of a cake.

James Acaster

So what I've got to ask you about desserts is, about where to get the best peach cobbler in Atlanta, because when I-,

Killer Mike

My wife, you can just come to my house and she'll make you some peach cobbler. So, Shay makes a hell of a peach cobbler, and she makes a hell of a lemonade. When I was thinking about what I drink that's non-alcoholic, we're opening-, so there's a 50 year old restaurant called Bankhead Seafood. Everybody's heard of TL Bankhead, that's the street that runs through the community we grew up in. We bought this restaurant, we bought the land, bought the restaurant, bought the recipes from the lady, and we were saying, 'Well what do you want to add?' TI makes a great sweet potato pie, so I think we're going to add that. My wife makes an amazing lemonade. She also makes an amazing peach cobbler that when she asked if she could put in on the menu, I was like, 'Absolutely fucking not. That stays in the family. Fuck giving them a peach cobbler.' So, her peach cobbler is amazing, so you can come to our house, but Bankhead Seafood, we're going to open. It used to be a dive place where you'd just come in and get fish to go and whatnot. Now, it's a proper sit-down restaurant, I'm trying to get a



liquor license and beer license now so you can drink RTJ beer while you're there. We have a rooftop and stuff, so if you guys come to Atlanta, you're going to have to stop by. But, my wife's peach cobbler is fucking amazing, and there's also, I'm trying to think, there's-

Ed Gamble

You went on a quest didn't you?

Killer Mike

For peach cobbler?

James Acaster

Yes, when I was in Atlanta, I was only there for a couple of days. I really wanted a peach cobbler one day, and I didn't do a good job mate. I just put, like, into Google, 'best peach cobbler in Atlanta', came up with a place so I put the postcode in and I followed it. I went there, and then it was just like a store. It was a general store, I went to the back, and they were like, 'Yes, you can heat this up in that microwave over there.'

Killer Mike

No, no, peach cobbler has to come out of an oven. But, I got you, I promise you, I got you.

James Acaster

I knew it had gone bad, you know.

Killer Mike

There are a couple of restaurants, I'm blanking on the names right now, because I don't eat peach cobbler often anywhere. My grandmother, God bless the dead, made an amazing cobbler, and I married a woman who cooks so similar to my grandmother, that it was like I don't really notice the difference. But, my wife makes an amazing peach cobbler. I'll get Shay to make you one.

Ed Gamble

Oh man.

Killer Mike

I got you. That's a promise.

Ed Gamble

So we'll go fishing, and James can eat peach cobbler.

Killer Mike

Absolutely.

James Acaster

Oh, happily. Eat a peach cobbler and watch Ed catch a fish with his bare hands.



Killer Mike

Let's get it.

James Acaster

So happy to do that. So, do you want carrot cake and lemon meringue for dessert? Or just one of them?

Killer Mike

I'm poly, when it comes to food. I'm pro-desserts for the same way, like, we were out, and I just ordered for the table, like, 'Let's just get three or four, we'll just share.' That's it, you know.

Ed Gamble

James does that when we go out, he's like, 'This is for the table,' and you're like, 'It's for you man.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

We'll get all the desserts. Everyone tries some, we have done that before.

Killer Mike

Yes, that's it. I think that's a cool thing to do.

James Acaster

Well then maybe we put Shay's peach cobbler in there as well.

Killer Mike

Yes, I'll have her bring it, I'll have her bring it.

James Acaster

Yes, we can just have them for the table for your dream menu.

Ed Gamble

Would you like a little whisky at the end of the meal?

Killer Mike

I'll do a whisky with you guys.

Ed Gamble

Well, if we all have a drink, Benito? Yes, Benito's nodding his head.

James Acaster

Yes, Benito's going to have a whisky too. Because, also, you're a musician, what music would you like playing for this meal?



Killer Mike

Man, I'm pro-Sinatra and Nat King Cole. I like when you're eating, you know, I rap for a living, so it's not like I want to hear more rap when I'm eating, R+B and stuff, by the third R+B song I'm like, 'God damn, how sad are you?' You know what I'm saying? So, for me, I like stuff that feels like I'm in a Goodfellas movie, so give me Frank Sinatra, give me Nat King Cole, give me Dean Martin. If you want to up it a little bit and have a cool vibe, give me Sade, give me Snow, give me stuff like that. But, really, give me that old jazzy shit, man. There's nothing as cool as having a steak, hearing Nat King Cole, Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Dean Martin, there's nothing as cool as that.

James Acaster

I'm going to read your menu back to you now and see how you feel about it.

Killer Mike

Okay.

James Acaster

You would like still water with lemon and lots of ice.

Killer Mike

Yes.

James Acaster

You would like Cajun shrimp from Spondivits. Starter, you'd like collard greens and cornbread. Main course, a medium steak with black onion seasoning. Ribeye steak we going for in the end?

Killer Mike

A porterhouse or, yes, I'll do the ribeye. I'll do the ribeye, but with the bone.

Ed Gamble

Bone-in.

James Acaster

Bone-in.

Killer Mike

Yes, fatty too, fatty for flavour.

James Acaster

Side dish, we've got, actually we hit a lot of different ones here as well. Garlic mashed potatoes, big baked potato. Drink course, you would like the Killer Peach, which is the infused moonshine, and dessert, you want carrot cake, lemon meringue pie from Edwards, Shay's peach cobbler, and then some Johnny Walker Blue for everyone afterwards



Killer Mike

Absolutely, and also, I'll add this though, for the table. I've heard early that champagne cleanses the palette, and you know, we were young when we were kids, we were trying to be like the older drug dealers who were buying, like, \$100 bottles of champagne, that \$40 bottle of Moet, that White Star, that plain, it really does clean your palette. I will say that, it makes your mouth fresh again, so whatever you're eating next is something new, so I'd order some champagne.

James Acaster

We'll get that for the table, keep it flowing for the whole meal.

Killer Mike

Absolutely. Oh, I'll add this, I'll give this because this is El's favourite restaurant, Peter Luger's. As a steakhouse, I don't think their steaks are the most amazing, it's a decent steak, but their bacon, god damn, the bacon.

Ed Gamble

I've heard about their bacon.

James Acaster

It's that thick.

Killer Mike

It's that thick, so Peter Luger's bacon and New York Prime in Atlanta, both have amazing bacon. I probably, I'd add that to the starter.

James Acaster

Oh yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because they look like-,

Ed Gamble

I've still not been to Peter Luger's because you can't book right? And then it's only cash? So whenever I'm like-,

Killer Mike

So this is what you do, you put a \$100 bill in your hand, you fold it, you shake the concierge's hand and you say, 'You guys got a table for me?' He'll turn round and say, 'Go sit at the bar, give me ten, fifteen.'

Ed Gamble

Okay, we're going to do that next time we're there James.

James Acaster

Yes, let's do it.



Killer Mike

Just be subtle, be subtle.

James Acaster

We'll do it.

Killer Mike

I love it when El tells me, 'Oh, I can't get reservations.' I'm just like, 'I think we can do it.'

James Acaster

Let me do it though, because your hands stink of catfish. No one's shaking your hand.

Killer Mike

That's the way to do it though, at any steakhouse, obviously, that's the way to do it. Make sure you tip well.

Ed Gamble

That's a lovely way to end it, thank you very much.

Killer Mike

Love and respect guys, thank you so much guys.

Ed Gamble

Thank you so much for Killer Mike for coming on the Off Menu podcast. What a chat, James, we were both very excited for that one and I think it lived up to all our hopes and dreams.

James Acaster

Yes, it was great to have Killer Mike on the podcast.

Ed Gamble

It was, it was. A great menu as well, James.

James Acaster

Great menu, very delicious, made me want to go to Atlanta asap.

Ed Gamble

Didn't say cheesy rat as well.

James Acaster

Didn't say cheesy rat, which is fair enough. I mean, it was never going to happen. He's sneezed, he's sneezed, that's a loud sneeze. He jumped up and down on his chair when he did it as well, and his chair went backwards. He bounced up and down on his chair.



Ed Gamble

I was on Claudia Winkleman's show the other day, and she sneezed during the traffic report, but she was still on mic.

James Acaster

Good on her.

Ed Gamble

She's a pro.

James Acaster

Did she interrupt Sally Traffic?

Ed Gamble

Yes, Sally Traffic was so surprised.

James Acaster

Good, good.

Ed Gamble

James has got a feud with Sally Traffic from Radio 2.

James Acaster

Yes, and I'll keep it going.

Ed Gamble

Thank you to Killer Mike, the album 'Michael' is out now.

James Acaster

Yes, make sure you go out and buy it.

Ed Gamble

It's brilliant.

James Acaster

In fact, just get Killer Mike's entire back catalogue.

Ed Gamble

Yes, do it.

James Acaster

All the solo stuff, all of his stuff with Run The Jewels.



Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Every guest appearance he's ever done.

Ed Gamble

Just fantastic.

James Acaster

Starting with that Outkast song he did on Stankonia.

Ed Gamble

One of the best, and he's on tour later this year, so make sure you go and see him on tour as well. I'm sure you'll probably bump into me and James there.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Don't say anything to us.

James Acaster

Don't say anything to us. You stay away from us.

Ed Gamble

Thank you very much for listening. We'll see you again sometime soon, bye bye.

James Acaster

Goodbye.