THE COMPLETE NONSENSUS TRANSCRIPTIONS

A FARNSWORTH FACT FINDING FACILITATION

Welcome MAINDE



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A note from the author.

People often ask me, "Stuart, where do you find these questions?" Well, it's actually the questions that find mel As a casual observer, I like to put my mind into neutral and let it idle away while the universe runs its beautiful, meddling course. During the Nonsensus, I gave myself over to chance, guided by a second-hand copy of the I-Ching picked up early on in the project. Thereafter, I received a bounty of questions from a wide range of sources. Yanis Varoufakis' book *Adults In The Room*, my grandmother's copy of Elaine Paige's 2017 tour programme, conversations overheard on the bus and sometimes the Nonsensus contributors themselves. One question remained constant throughout but the remaining two were subject to flux and the whim of the dice. Those folk not enquiring as to the source of the questions often ask me, "Stuart, where *do* you find your ties?" Well, it's actually in the wardrobe where I hang them up. A selection of the ties worn during the Nonsensus will be available to view, in photographed form, throughout this volume.

In closing, I would just like to disclose that all inconsistencies in grammar, spelling and typography are the author's own and entirely intentional.

Stuart Farnsworth, Farnsworth Fact Finding Facilitator (FFFF), 2018

Nonsensus portraits taken from Farnsworth In The Field by Tamas Sipos.

During the summer of 2017, independent data collector and casual observer Stuart Farnsworth undertook a three-question Nonsensus within the Newport district of Maindee in an effort to reveal the area's subjective truths. Long since conundrummed by prevailing notions of fake news, alternative facts and much other post-truth guff fluff, Farnsworth set about restoring equilibrium with piercing questions such as, "What is your favourite noise?" With each answer, the traders' brays of a frantic fib marketplace ebbed away leaving a soothing stillness upon which Maindee residents floated reassuring notions of peace, love and a keen understanding of the mixed metaphor.

This volume presents the complete transcriptions of those door-to-door questioneerings, as gleaned from audio recordings made throughout the Nonsensus endeavour.

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Facts are simple and facts are straight

Facts are lazy and facts are late Facts all come with points of view Facts don't do what I want them to Facts just twist the truth around Facts are living turned inside out Facts are getting the best of them Facts are nothing on the face of things Facts don't stain the furniture Facts go out and slam the door Facts are written all over your face Facts continue to change their shape

Talking Heads, Crosseyed And Painless. Lyrics used without permission or kindness.

HELLO! MY NAME IS STUART FARNSWORTH AND I AM CONDUCTING A **NONSENSUS** OF THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

I WONDER, COULD YOU HELP ME?

CONTRIBUTOR 0.001

What's it for?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY FOR FARNSWORTH FACT FINDING FACILITATORS. Right. Let's have a look.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Yes.

YOUR FAMILY, ANY PETS ARE SAFELY OUTSIDE ... No.

BUT IS THERE ONE SINGLE ITEM YOU WOULD RETURN TO THE HOUSE IN ORDER TO SAVE? No. I don't think there's anything at all. My life's worth more than that! Ha! Ha Ha!

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Well, when you get to my age it is. See, you make the most of when you are your age. When you're younger you don't, unfortunately. It is too short really, to a certain extent. The thing is, when you're young, especially now, today, like your generation, my generation, you know, you came out of school at ... when I went to grammar school you came out and you had a choice of what you wanted to do. Now you haven't got ... you, you still come out of university but whether you've got a job or not is a different case. It's harder for you youngsters today than it was for my age generation and I think it a little bit shorter now because my daughter, she moved to London, she's working from six, seven o'clock, there's no social life really so I think it is too short for her, for young people, you know? Even if you live until a hundred and twenty, but, you know? When you come to the age when you're, you retired, saved your money up, you're too old to enjoy it really and I surfing! Ha! Ha! Ha! I would say to make the most of it and don't let the opportunities go to waste. If they're there and you can do it DO IT! Don't think, "Well, oh, I'll go and do it tomorrow, I can do it tomorrow", because before you know where you are, you'll find out yourself, once you get over thirty-five or forty, the years go like that. Before you know where you are, no, it's gone, you know? Life's too short really. The thing is, now basically, I mean, when they say the people who work in offices, and the people who work in offices and the people who got, I was a carpenter by trade and, I mean, I finished at sixty-five and I found it hard going climbing up three-storey blocks of ladders to put fascia boards up, you know, but I mean I feel sorry now for the youngsters that are coming into the trade, like brick layers and carpenters because, I don't know, perhaps you never have, had the opportunity, if you ever get the opportunity to lift a concrete block, five by twelve, you'll know what it's like. I mean before I could carry a hundred-weight bag on my shoulder, now I got trouble to pick the bag up. It's got to be half-hundred-weight, you know? I really, honestly feel sorry for them now. OK, so the money's more than what I was getting on the building but it's, it's the same really. I mean, I don't, I mean I'm not political, really, but I mean, I, whatever government you get in, they don't look after, after people, you know, they do it to the youngsters. I was watching them talk to the youngsters on the telly yesterday and they said they don't trust the governments and I think that's a terrible indictment on Britain and the governments that we've had, you know? Whether you vote Conservative, Labour or Liberal, it doesn't make any difference. The trust, I think, is gone. Corbyn doesn't have the push and that's a problem I think and this is where people are thinking, "Well, we need someone strong to take us out of Brexit". The youngsters are getting a raw deal, I think, I really do, you know? But, um, the, and

it's like, you, you see all, you imagine yourself, my daughter, she's a project manager and she's got a mortgage. I mean, she's probably on about fifty thousand a year and she had a hell of a time to get a mortgage. So what about a lad on zero hours, they got no chance have they? Well, it's like they're building houses, they say we're building houses but you got to have money to get on the ladder, even if they are low. So, there you go. I hope things'll get better for you. Any more questions you want to ask me?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Well, that's a very hard question. I would think that every, people of the other races don't talk, the one race I mean. I would have, before they start bombing people they should all get together and talk. Because you talk, it's like Corbyn says, it's better to talk than bomb. But, saying that, how you going to talk to people like ISIS and people like that? That is a problem. And the only way, unfortunately, is, um ... is, I, I don't know, with, with that, I mean, do you get that group together and say, "What do you want?" Now, their attitude is, they want sharia law in all countries in the world. Now, you wouldn't want that. And I mean, if you've got a girlfriend or a wife or a partner or whatever, they wouldn't want that, you know, the wife walking behind with a burka on. But, I mean, I don't think, people should talk ... talk things out before they come to actual saving, "Well, here you are". I mean, they got that one in South Korea - can you talk to him? No, nobody seems to be able to talk to him. I mean, until they, these, er, tin gods come into the real world, I don't think we'll get anywhere. These politicians that think they're better than anyone else and what they say goes and then if it doesn't, it does. It's like, it's like that Teresa May saying, "OK, we going to stop all, all the money for the students". And that "s it! No, um, debate. What's it going to do to the people and the country with, young lads coming up, wanting to earn money and to bring the country up to ... you could have another Einstein in there, you know, like ... I don't know if you've ever bothered to look but a lot of the things that's been invented ... like drugs and things like that, and the internet and things like that, a lot of it's been coming from Britain. You know, quite a lot of it. I mean, as they say, I mean, it really annoys me when all them people up there are getting twelve, fourteen, fifteen and half percent rise every year and the, then all the normal people like doctors and nurses are getting one percent, And some people get nothing at all, you know, but ... that's, that's what it is, it's you've got them as, and then you've got tin, like, the tin gods, "We're in charge, you'll get what we want!" It's like - what was it? I read when I was in history, doing history thing, it's um, theses, like Queen ... was it Queen? Queen Elizabeth? Or ... somebody said, "Let them eat bread!" No. "Let them eat may, let them eat cake!" Something to do with the Queen, it was, I forget now, it was a long time ago, my history theses, but they were saying that, er, people were starving, they couldn't get enough bread, she said, "Let them eat cake!" But that's, that's the tin god. That's ... "We've got it, you haven't, so hard luck!" You've always had them and us. But it hasn't so bad as it has in the last fifteen years. But I mean, I'm older than you, I can remember the, er, good times, you know? When, if you can call it good times, I mean, you never had what you got now. People looked after each other. But now, because people got to be working twenty-four-seven, they haven't got time to look after anyone else, they haven't got time to talk to people. I can always remember on the last couple of years of my job, I mean, I was a building surveyor, I was, I done my training and come to a building surveyor, anyway, we had a big, long corridor from here to say, say there, with the rooms off it? And you'd have a question and I'd go and say, "What, what's, what you going to do about this?" I, I mean, why, why would I, why send an email when he's over there? I'd go and talk to him face to face! This is what is happening. People don't talk face to face. It's like internet banking now, you know, I mean, it's getting more and more, I'd, I, er, I got it but I don't use it, I'd rather go to the cashier. It's not that I can't use it or don't know how to use it. I think, well, if I got a query, I'd rather say to you. I mean, you know, I don't know if you've got, I mean I've got Sky, as you can see. If you've got a query, "Please press one, please press two, please press three", and the questions they ask you, it's not the problem that you have got. You know, so if you've lost the picture, there's nothing on there that says 'lost the picture' or something. Ha! Ha! Ha!

All I would say is that people, well, people in government, then, should need to speak to each other, they need to get together and ... if everybody got together they could fix the world like that! There'd be no starvation, no wars or nothing. More conversations, yeah, yeah. I must be fair because when you look at it, I mean, you know, you get two countries that the, em, the Americans, the British, the Germans and all, they could get around the table, they could cut poverty with one stroke of a pen. 'Cause none of the countries are short, even we're not. I mean, if we're giving what they say, what, thirty-four million pound day away in foreign aid. I mean, you know, if you work that out, if you're a mathematician, how much that is a week? It'll work out at fifty, ooh, er, God, I mean, you know, even half of that would put the National Health right and feed people in this country, and it's the same, if all of them got together they could make everything ... but I don't think it'll happen, it may do in your time perhaps or ... but it won't be in my time, no. There will come a time. Like why were they doing all this when, you know, sending people to the moon in this jet, you know, this rocket, you know, good God! What are they doing there? You know, it's like they're looking at, um, a wide biplane, why do they take off in that when you look at the, you know, the lightnings and the, the things they've got now. But no, I think if people did get together I think they could solve all the problems of the world. You'd have no starvation in ... in Africa or anywhere because, you know, why have you got, why have you got this problem in Africa? Because you've got warlords, you've got tin gods, you know? You know, and stopping the aid going and stopping the country, you know, they could wipe that debt out like that. 'Cause they're never gonna get it back. So they might as well wipe it out and give the country a new start. Let's hope it's better in the years to come, for you.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.002

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

No, there's nothing.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Well, I don't know really, I'm eighty-eight so ... Ha! Ha! Ha! No, I don't think so.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Well, so everybody had enough to eat, so ... enough food and warmth and ... an end to poverty, I think so.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.003

No, I am going to the school, my son is to pick it up now.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.004

What is it, love?

YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING DOWN ...

I haven't got a thing, love. I couldn't care less anyway, I'm dying myself.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

No, it's too long. I'm eighty-four. I've got cancer so ...

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Make it a better place than it is now. I don't know. I don't know, love, 'cause I'm not interested anymore.

CONTRIBUTORS 0.005, 0.006

What's wrong? (Farnsworth explains the Nonsensus, the man volunteers his teenage son.)

YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING DOWN ...

So, er, what? Run that by me again ... if everyone's out I'd leave whatever's in there, to be honest.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Suppose so, yeah. There's a lot to do and not enough time to do it in, is there?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I don't think there's a simple answer to that one, is there? Dunno ... just ... engaging with the community, sort of doing the little things you can, sort of day to day 'cause, you know, help the people you see and meet. Well, I think I, sort of, as an individual, there's really only so much you can do, aside from, you know, trying to give money to help where you can and that sort of thing.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.007

Sorry about that, it's the wife shouting. Just a second, I've left the back door open. Just doing a late lunch, messing about here.

YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING DOWN ...

Well, seeing as the cat is dead, no. I can't really think of anything. Eeeerm, well, I've got a few cars in there (gesturing to garage), old cars. One I've had thirty-seven years so I'd probably risk my life to get that. It was thirty-seven and a half years ago that we moved here. It's a 1955 Standard Eight.

A STANDARD EIGHT? IS THAT A ROVER?

Noocoo! No! No! No! No! Before the Second World War, well, just after actually. Standard, the Standard Motor Company, in 1903, were one of the top five in Britain, biggest companies. Erm, people confuse them with Triumph but Standard bought Triumph out in 1945, just after the Second World War, because they wanted the name for, now! There we are! I'll tell you a car you do know, Triumph, er, Triumph ... er, Triumph, er, let me see ... they used to call it a Triumph Herald, right? Well, that was built by Standard ... er ... you've heard of the TRs? TR6, 7? Well, the Seven was crap but that's, er, but go back to the 33A and 4, they're all built by Standard. The name was Triumph, they called it Triumph because the name Triumph had more appeal abroad. The gentleman that founded the company decided that the cars were built to a standard, a personal standard, quality, and they were some of the best cars built in the early period of motoring in Britain. You missed one this morning, you missed my 1948 drop coupe with a soft top, but not a convertible which were cheap and nasty. I'm very particular because over the years I've been ... I've had a Standard since ... I'm sixty-seven and the first one I had I was seventeen. It was my father's old car. I've other kinds of cars since, you know, but, erm, how can I put it? Yeah! The mascot - whatever you want to call it - it's two things, it started off it was the Union Jack, there was the Union Jack on all Standards, up until 1953 when the post-war vehicles came out and they had what you call the 'Open Book' which is, literally, an open book. And you have your horsepower, which most of the cars were taxed by horsepower, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, sixteen, up to twenty. The Duke of Edinburgh at one time had a Standard! He had a pre-war Flyer! I know a lot about Standards!

THIS WOULD BE YOUR MASTERMIND SPECIALISED CHOSEN SUBJECT, WOULDN'T IT?

Yes, I suppose you could say that. I'd probably get it all wrong 'cause I'm a bag of nerves usually, so, er ...

WELL, YOU'RE VERY COMPOSED TODAY.

Ah! I've just had a good morning. I've been working with my son, well, he's got a day off, he's working in Lydney, he's running two Standards, both post-war, called modified Standards with modern engines in them. So ... right! Question two!

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Oh! Good God, yes! Easily. I'll tell you why. My father died twelve years ago and he was eighty-seven and, and he had all his marbles, as they say, and if you'd said to him when he was very, very ill, you've got another twenty or thirty years, he'd have said "I want to live until I'm a hundred and eighty-seven!" Because there's so much to do in life, literally to do, and yes, you want to live forever. It's tough on the people who die when they're your friends but you make new friends! Er, as long as you're physically able to, er, you know, I work but I'm retired but I still, I've got a part-time job and, you know, that's the way you should look at life. You know? And money is money.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Money is very important to have because with money you can have all the things in life you really want. You can buy the cars you want, er, it's nice to be able to go into town, if you know what I mean, with a few quid in your pocket. If you've got nothing, well, people say, "Oh, money's not important", well, money is important, it doesn't matter what anybody says, because when you haven't got it ... all these people that plead poverty, they've all got money.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Well, Donald Trump is not exactly one of my favourites at the moment. We were over in Ireland last year, on a coach tour, and we were sat in a very, very nice, five star hotel and there was a couple who, God! They must have been well in their eighties, a golfing pair sat next to us, and this lady said to me, they'd come up from Dublin a couple of weeks before to where we'd stayed, and she said (affects Dublin accent), "What do you think of this bloke, Trump?" She said, "Will somebody take him out, do you think?" So, I grabbed my pint and I sat aside. Erm, what was the question again? How would I fix the world? I don't really know, are we capable of fixing the world? I like Teresa May. I love my wife. Go on! Ask me who I'm going to vote for!

I'VE NOTICED THERE'S A LOT OF LABOUR SIGNS IN THIS STREET.

Ah, yeah! Well, they don't like me! Jessica Morden doesn't like me, I can assure you of that! She came here the last election and I said, "No! NO! Don't you ..." I put it on a bit, you know? Then, the next moment, she's stood on the gate, she's looking at me and I said, "You know damn well I'm not going to vote for you!" She give me a look, you know, not nasty, but er, put it this way, we swing, we have the, we swing from the right to the left in this house. Many years ago, Arthur Scargill stood in this area, just after the miners' strike ...,

SCARGILL STOOD HERE?

He stood here in the election, in ... the ... election.

FOR NEWPORT EAST?

Yeah! He had one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two votes, I think. Then we had a massive swing to the left in this house, I can tell you now. This was because ... the gentleman who lives opposite, lived here for thirty-seven years, an ex-mayor of Newport, he doesn't like me, he doesn't like my cars and he doesn't like me and ... Well! I had a pools round for Littlewoods, I've, I've always been self-employed, and I've always had numerous jobs, obviously, to make money, and one of our clients out in Bettws, on the housing estate out there, was a Labour activist and her husband, smashing bloke, looked after Scargill when he stood for election, and, er, he was staying out in Ringland, so, I said, "Oh! Look!" I said (inaudible mumbling) so when I came home that night, my wife said to me, "Someone's been round and left some items over there for you", it was great stack of posters. We had a wooden door on our garage in those days and we went out with clout nails, or felt nails, if you go to a hardware store and ask for clout nails they ask if you mean felt nails, people, when they ask for felt nails, they might mean clout nails, it could be either. It was strewn over my Land Rover - VOTE ARTHUR SCARGILL. Er, I had a contract with a meat processing plant in Leeway, the fella was very, very Conservative, a very rich man, he refused to allow my vehicle to be parked on his property but the carpet people across the way said, "You can park over here!" You know, they didn't mind. Well, it was murder here! One evening, about six Newport councillors, including Harry Jones, he wasn't knighted at that point, see, one slip of the sword - WHOOPS! That could have been his lot! They were all over here, tut-tutting, and I went over and started cleaning my Land Rover!

CONTRIBUTOR 0.008

I CALLED TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP WITH MY NONSENSUS BUT I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE GOT A BABY BIRD ON YOUR PATH. A what?

A BABY BIRD, AN INJURED, BABY BIRD.

Oh.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.009

YOUR HOUSE IN ON FIRE ...

My phone ... it's got all my contacts in.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

No. No, it feels long! Ha! Ha! Ha! Sometimes it feels like it's too long but, yeah, but, life is long, eighty years, ninety years.

SO, HOW FAR ARE YOU INTO YOUR LIFE?

I'm thirty-four, a bit less than halfway.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause) Share the wealth!

I DIDN'T WAKE YOU UP, DID I?

No, no, no.

(Upon his departure Farnsworth knocks over and spills a potted plant)

OH NO! I'M SO SORRY!

It's alright, it's alright, it's alright!

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.

(Dog barks furiously inside) Are you alright?

YES, I'M FINE.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.010

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Um ... probably my phone, yeah.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Hmmm ... um ... I think it's a lot less shorter than it has been, like the last, sort of two centuries, so ... it is, yeah, it is still short, too short.

BUT YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN. IS THAT SOME KIND OF PREDICTION?

Yeah! Ha! Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I think, um, just ... I think ... share out the, sort of, the money and the food and the water more equally instead of all the top dogs, they get the money ... people in poverty are getting less and less money. I think greed, getting rid of greed I think would help. Yeah.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.011

What's it for?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY.

OK.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

There's nothing worth it.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Yes! Ha Ha! Ha! I'm twenty-four and I just feel as though I've done nothing so far. That's twenty-four years of my life gone!

BUT YOU'VE GOT AGES LEFT, HAVEN'T YOU?

You say that but how quickly can it go?

HOW DO YOU FIX THE WORLD?

You can't. Just live your life how you can. There's no way ... no one will live in harmony. There's always one person who is willing to fuck that up,

excuse my language. Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 0.012

[Contributor uses front door to conceal herself, just her head poking around the door.]

About what?

WELL, THE FIRST QUESTION IS: IF YOUR HOUSE WAS ON FIRE ...

Nothing! 'Cause everything's safe!

NOT PEOPLE, AN OBJECT?

Nothing.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Depends on the reason. If I had kids. I can't have any.

SO IF YOU HAD CHILDREN THEN LIFE WOULD BE TOO SHORT?

Yeah.

HAVE I JUST WOKEN YOU UP?

Yeah.

THIS IS A PROBABLY A BIT MUCH FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

No, it's fine, don't worry. Bit random your questions. I don't know why you're asking these questions, they're very random.

TRY THIS ONE: HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I don't know, how would you fix the world?

IS IT BROKEN?

Very broken. Of course it's broken. Look at pollution for a start, look at all the war for a start, this is a very broken world. The explosion in

Manchester, it's extremely broken. Nothing's ...

HAS IT ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS?

Yeah, since the start of time, I reckon. Since the start of time, I think.

I'M REALLY SORRY TO HAVE WOKEN YOU.

That's OK.

CONTRIBUTORS 0.013, 0.014

Wait! (Contributor disappears inside the house to be replaced moments later by a younger contributor.)

No. Take care.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.015

I don't speak English.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.016

About what?

DIFFERENT THINGS. LET ME ASK YOU THIS ONE. YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

One thing? The house is burning? Close all the doors, then. Keep all the doors then closed. Ha! Ha! Ha!

SO YOU WOULDN'T GO BACK INSIDE FOR ANYTHING?

No, no, no, no, no, no. No.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Oh, life is short, yes, it is! It is! Yeah, yeah.

YOU SEEM VERY CONVINCED, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS A LOT?

Oh yes, I've thought about it a lot, yes.

HAVE YOU HAD A FULL LIFE?

Oh yes, I do. I do, yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Why do what? I don't know.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.017

(The front door is open. Contributor is sat on the floor, chiselling tiles off the hallway wall.) I don't understand your talk but I am friendly. It's not my house. I call landlord, you talk to him. (Knocks door at end of hallway but no one appears.)

CONTRIBUTOR 0.018

In? (Long pause) What's it about? Go on then.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ... Well, we, we, we ve already got a box so if there was a fire we'd just grab that box.

SO YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS?

Oh, of course we have.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX?

Well, it's things like, um, birth certificates, um, house insurance, you know, driving, not driving licence, but, em, you know. Personal things like that, all the documentation if we ever need it.

ANYTHING PERSONAL, LIKE PHOTOS?

No. No, because, um, around the family there's enough photos going back right to when my wife and I got married, so ...

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Depends. It really depends how, how healthy you are. I mean, I went, er, well, I'm suffering with deep vein thrombosis at the moment, my wife is suffering from dementia, um, things like that. So, if you're, if you're ... let's put this way, if I was in a wheelchair and I was a vegetable, basically I wouldn't want to carry on.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Now that's a very hard one, isn't it? Um, well you can't worry about the world, that's the whole point. You can't, you can't just ... we live in England ... what happens in other countries we only hear by news, if it's important enough, if not ... we know about, um, the water in the ethnic countries and things, you know, but then, it's all charity and as pensioners you can only do so much. And I think, personally, people living in England, Scotland, Wales, or Ireland come first. Sorry, but I mean, you know ... we, we've got fourteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, um, if they were suffering, yes, but, um, I can't, us, my ... parents, it's got to be family first. As parents. You've got four generations and, er, charity has got to go to them first. We don't know how long we'll live so we don't know how much money we'll want, but, um, you know? That's my answer! Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 0.019

I'm sorry, I don't answer any questions at all.

NONE AT ALL?

No, I'm sorry, no I don't.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.020

OK, I'll answer it if it's only three questions.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Hmm ... Nothing, nothing at all. Safety first.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Yes, well, um, because you, um, grow old straight away and you should make the most of your time because you never know when you'll see people last or you can explore the world, for example, so you just make the most of it straight away. Yeah. That's my response.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... probably distribute the wealth equally. If you look at it from the political system, you see, um, certain parties, you know, they tend to appeal to a specific, um, area or specific group of people so, um, sometimes you see the most well-off put against the, um, less well-off so it be, you see more wealth distributed in terms of, um, the distribution, obviously, of wealth won't be as equal, you know, you always have businesses and etcetera to have more money and that's only right because they create jobs and wealth, etcetera, but it would nice to see the people who are just living on the breadline, um, or on the poverty line having a bit fairer distribution of that. So mainly, particularly the ones who are near the really bottom line, as opposed to the middle class. I think with the election coming up, it's on people's minds. Normally I don't register to vote but I did register this time. You see all these news reports and I like the TV debates and everything so I thought I'd have a go at it this time.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.021

Yes, two seconds (disappears into house to attend to children).

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

(Long pause) Hmm ... only ourselves ... no actual object.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha! I would like to do more with my life but there is still the future.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How to fix the world? I am just living how everyone live. Ha! Ha!.

DO YOU THINK THE WORLD IS BROKEN?

Maybe. No? Maybe. I don't know.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.021

I'm asleep, I'm late nights, I am.

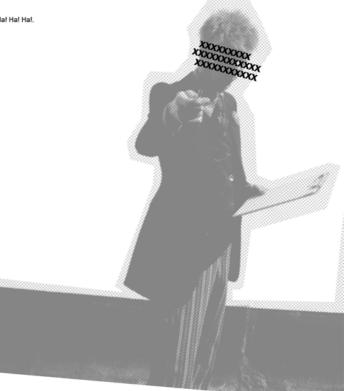
CONTRIBUTOR 0.022

OK. My English is not very good.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

No.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT? What? What? Shorcem?



SHORT.

No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Fix the world? What is the "fix"? I don't understand. What is the ... I don't understand. Sorry. Ha! Ha! The world, yeah, the world. Better place to

live? I don't understand. How could I say? Ha! Ha! Ha!

HA! HA! HA!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

HA! HA! HA!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 0.023

(Contributor opens the front door whilst on the phone.)

Hold on one second, I've just somebody at the door. Can I help you? I'm on the phone. Can you call back? Five minutes?

CONTRIBUTOR 0.024

OK.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

My family is safe ... important documents? Yeah, I don't know, yeah. Birth certificate, photographs, you know? Family things. Photographs, yes. Yeah.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Um, no, I think ... it depends on how ... if it's ... if you got a ... good life, as long as, um, as long as I've seen my kids over twenty then that would be OK ... obviously I would want anything to happen while they were young ... yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, I don't think, um, I think there's so many bad people here now, so, it's just going to be too ... not in a horrible way, it's just no matter what good you do there's always going to be some bad people out there who are always going to still ... you know ... ruin it for everyone, innit ... yeah.

WOULD YOU SAY THE WORLD IS BROKEN?

Um, no, not all of it, though, I think there are some ... you know ... yeah, because even though we're in the twentieth century, you think about poverty, it's still there, people still dying of hunger, so ... you know, we've gone so advanced with technology and still ... still the simple things like that are still there ... yeah. This is for work or something or what?

YES, I'M A DATA COLLECTOR.

Oh, alright, OK, yeah, right ... yeah, OK, yeah.

THANK YOU.

Thank you for ... yeah, bye.

CONTRIBUTORS 0.025, 0.026

About?

GENERAL THINGS. BUT MAINLY YOU.

One minute. (Contributor calls inside and is soon joined by a second contributor.)

Sure, I don't mind.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Hmm, probably not. The house is on fire, though? No.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Depends what you make of it. Um, I don't know. I'm not really philosophical. I am a scientist.

YOU'RE A SCIENTIST?

Yeah, not a philosopher.

IF YOU WERE MORE PHILOSOPHICAL AND LESS SCIENTIFIC, DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT QUESTION?

I don't know. Ha! Ha! Ha! You see, I have maths equations in my head right now, er, it's not like, er, open, er, open answers. I, er, probably, but it's not coming to me right now.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

0.026: Dunno.

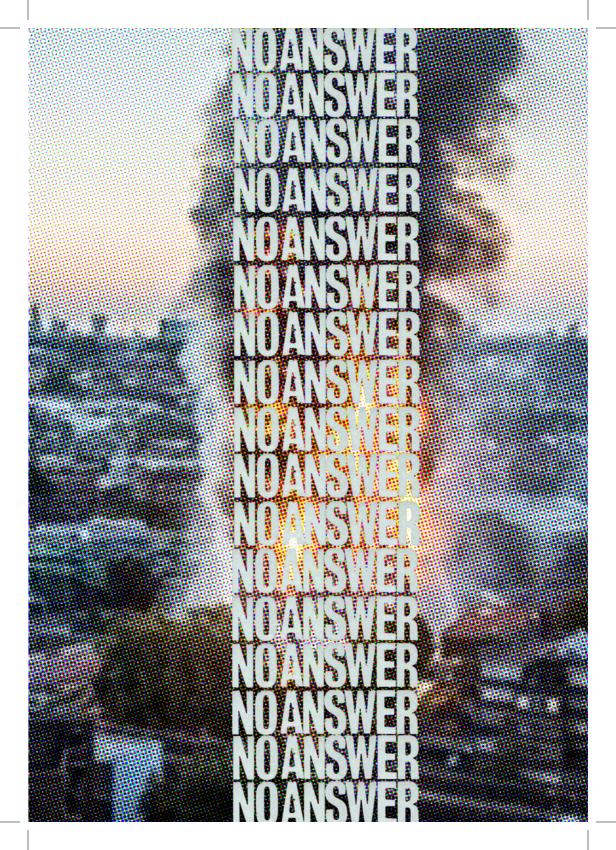
0.025: World?

0.026: I don't know

0.025: Ha! Ha! Ha!

DO YOU THINK THE WORLD IS BROKEN?

Er, there's a few things wrong with the world, but it's like ... er ... many ways you could go about, um, to approach it, so, um, I'd probably say, like, I don't know, er, end hunger first, er, make sure everyone has a, I don't know, honestly, er, I just do research.



CONTRIBUTOR 0.027

I'm cooking, sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.028

Yes, of course.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Er, my house is on fire? I, er, I don't understand your question exactly. Life is very important. There is nothing. Nothing.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Life? Life is exactly like that, too short, yeah. I moved here from Afghanistan ... it's too short. You have to enjoy in everywhere. People there live too short.

WHAT'S THE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN AFGHANISTAN?

Er, life in Afghanistan is very hard ... hardship, war, no facility, no money ... you have to enjoy.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

World? All around the world? Ha! Ha! Ha! I only just, er, I'm a jobless man ... and I have to now say how can I change the world? This is impossible. Ha! Ha! Ha! Er, this depends on higher, you know, the higher leader. To make a decision on how to change the world, like the superpower countries should give a decision like that. US, British, Russia, China, but they cannot change all the worlds because, er, they have, the only thing they have is money, equipment, I cannot do these things! Ha! Ha! I think all the foreign policy is different ... everything is different. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Thank you, I am glad to see you.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.029

Hiya mate, alright? What, what?

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Eh? Tell me again! An item? To return? Yeah, my Qur'an. Yeah.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

(Long pause.) Yeah. Anytime, anytime any people die. Yeah? Anytime many people die. That was short life. Yeah, life is short, it's true.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would you fix the world? Calm. I think and calm. Calmly and think. Yeah. I think if you thinking calmly, you are to fix the world! If you want to think slowly, peacefully. Yeah. My answer done? No problem. Why is that?

I'M COLLECTING DATA.

Yeah. OK.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.030

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

To risk my life for? Ooh, actually risk my life for? It's between my phone and my daughter's cuddly toy. I, I'm probably going to go with the ... oh, I'd probably go with the phone. That's bad isn't it? It's got my photos on it, including photos of my babies so, yeah, yeah.

IN THE DAYS BEFORE MOBILE PHONES WOULD YOU HAVE RE-ENTERED THE HOUSE TO RESCUE A PHOTO ALBUM? No, but only because I wouldn't have had a photo album because I'm not that organised. But, yeah, I guess, yeah, it is my photos that I'm saving though. Yeah. Memories, yeah.

YOU ARE RISKING YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MEMORIES? Hmm, I see what you're saying.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Yes. Sometimes ... not for everybody ... sometimes life is too long. But, yeah, life can be too short. Sometimes life's too long if it goes on and you're ... elderly and unwell, I think, sometimes life is too long. But, yeah, definitely life can be too short. My grandmother is now ... ninety-three? As much as I love her, I think her time has ... she's not there anymore. Her body is there but her mind is ... has ... gone so I think, you know, sometimes life is, I wouldn't want to go like that so sometimes life is too long.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Oh! Everyone would be liberal. Everyone would be nice to each other. Not necessarily politically liberal, just everyone would be, 'live and let live'. Or 'live and help live', even better, just be nicer to each other. I don't know how I would go about doing that. This sort of project, this Maindee Library is so good for it. Just ... it makes communities understand each other better, it makes communities interact better, yeah, it's why things like this are so important and funding places like this are so important. How would I change the world? I would definitely not have a Tory government, that's one of the things. I wouldn't have funding cuts. Yeah. There's practical ways I would do it but, yeah. The dream is, I suppose, that everyone gets along and everyone is nice to each other.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.031

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Hmm ... if it is dangerous to the life then I just leave it.

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Hmmm ... that is the question? Um, I don't know. It depends really, from person to person. It's not, er, right now I'm enjoying life, actually. I'm enjoying it, it's OK. I can't say if it's too short but I'm happy with what I have. So far, so good, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Hmmm ... How would I fix the world? If I had the chance? OK, um, maybe, maybe we see the world and it's in a deteriorating state so we can't go back and, er, get things right. Maybe planting more plants, trying to be more vegetarian, which can help us to reduce the global warming and sort of things. So that, in that way I would like to improve the things so we can ... for example, if the world is like, er, going to expire in thirty years for example, I'd like to manage it in such a way so it would last for a hundred years. That way, if we try to change our ways of life, like using public transport, reducing the amount of pollution and sort of things, so we can try to extend the life, the species. Again, it's like, er, if everyone thinks this way ... Ha! Ha! Ha! So, so, one, one person from the family thinks this way so that results in the whole nation thinking the same way, like, it's not like, er, nobody can change anything, er, like especially for the global perspective, one person, I believe, one position can't change anything, er, because if, if that is the case, for example, so globally, or if you say the UK, we should not sell alcohol and the cigarettes to the underage people, er, that's the rule globally but individually it's their perspective whether to drink or not, whether to sell to the underage people or not, so that makes a difference. We have a responsibility, everyone should look after to make sure that, er, everything works in the right way.

CONTRIBUTOR 0.032

Do you mind if I just spark up one of these while you, er, do your job? What's the questions?

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Yeah? My existential crisis. I would retrieve my existential crisis. Just to keep me happy during those, during those lonely winter nights. It's purely metaphysical. Am I meant to be answering these seriously? Is this like your job or something? I'd probably say, I'd probably say my server. As a, as a, an existential crisis as a not-so-serious response, my, er, PC server as my, er, main response. I'd be fucked without that, so, yeah. Ha! Ha!

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

Time is linear, isn't it?

CAN YOU ELABORATE?

(Long pause.) Of course. We all have a finite life-span, it's what we do with it that counts. I'm answering your question with some, like, em, what's the word I'm looking for? Like, like vague, um, incomprehensible nonsense. Yeah, what was the question again? Ha! Ha! Ha!

IS LIFE TOO SHORT?

It's never too short! A lot of my dreams involve my existential crisis, um, so I guess, um, yeah, I have these, er, completely metaphysical mind-fuck dreams, like, er, straight out of the anus of H.P. Lovecraft and then, er, like, er, yeah, um. Ha! Ha! Ha! But, yeah. Dreams are whatever, you know, when you know, dreams, everyone has dreams - not all of them come true but, er, do you really expect to get that much out of life? I don't feel, like, er, life's a gold-plated toilet seat ...

A WHAT?

A gold-plated toilet seat, complete with rhinestones. And a nice chandelier. Yeah? In my bathroom. But I don't see my dream traffic becoming a reality and then I, I have dreams like, you know, like, erm, if I'm going to go out I treat myself to something nice each day ... and ... yeah, I do. Today I'm going to have chicken supreme, with rice, and asparagus. It's good for you - makes your piss stink but ... but it is good for you. That's my treat for today. I've just moved down here. I have, like, about two months ago now, um, well, just on Corpa Road, I've got a bedsit there. Not the nicest of

places. My neighbour, one neighbour is, um, a complete paranoid schizophrenic. I stayed at my friend's last night and had some cider and vodka and, er, chicken jalfrezi, it's a chicken supreme. Yeah, just enjoyed hanging out with, she lives up, er, by the top of Victoria Avenue, it's a bit of a trek, like, but, er, at least I get a bit of piece and fucking quiet. Ha! Ha! Ha! I mean, I'm pushing forty, man, I don't want to be dealing with like, er, playground drama, like, with my room-mates, you know? Well, what happened yesterday, you got time for a long-winded story?

YES, OF COURSE. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I'M RECORDING THIS.

You're recording this? Is this going on the internet?

NO.

Cock! Arse! Bitch! Fuck! Toss! Anyway, er ...

I WILL BE TRANSCRIBING IT.

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! OK. You see, right, my neighbour, I went, I, I, I finished work yesterday at half four, I was up at 4 o'clock in the morning, woke up real early, like, I'm programmed to work eight-thirty til four-thirty but my brain says, "No, you're getting up at four-thirty in the morning, whether you like it or not and you're staying awake then!" I was like, "Fuck you, brain!" So, er, go to work, do my graft, come home, open the door, realise, "Aw, crap! I need a fucking piss!" Yeah? So, I, er, leave my room, go to toilet and realise I've locked myself the fuck out. I knock on my neighbour's door and he's, er, like, "Yeah, yeah, I'll get the landlord out, he'll do the lock thing for you." And he did. And before that, I said, "Do you mind if I stay in your room, use your internet so I can, er, tell my mate I'm going to be running late for our chicken jalfrezi?" Yeah? He says. "That's not a problem at all" and I'm on voice chat.net, yeah? Telling my mate that I'm running late, I've locked myself out and all that and he says, "Are you talking to her? I don't want you talking to her!" This guy's got jealousy issues, you know? And he starts throwing things at me and, er, screaming at me, telling me he's going to get the police involved and I'm like, "What - the - fuck?" I'm literally just voice-clipping my mate, saying like, "I'm going to be late because of a fuck-up". Anyway, I left and that was that. That was the long story. That was the highlight of my day. vesterday.

WHAT WAS THE LOW POINT?

What was the low point? Waking at four o'clock.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? I don't know. Erm, what's the old adage? "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I think the world's alright, to be honest. I think it's the inhabitants that are the problem. Ha! Ha! Ha! We need to define 'world'. World, world, world could mean, like, er, our, like, er, natural habitat, not like, er, the , er, full, er, the full magnitude of the, er, globe as a whole. I mean, I love Newport, man. This is my world and it's a great world. There's obviously parts about it that, er, aren't that, er, appealing but, you know, it's a nice place to live, and, er, in answer to the original question, my original answer, it's not the place where you live, it's the inhabitants. You're going to get your good eggs, you're going to get your bad eggs. I don't think the world needs fixing. Not at all. I think people could do with fixing. I think people could do with going to the Ludovico Technique Centre to watch some, er, real horror-show, in-out-in-out while they strap the er, er, er, clamps on your glassies, yeah. That's what the world could do with! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! I'm only exaggerating! Only exaggerating! But, yeah. It's not the world that's an issue, we just have like, you know, we, we as a, a, a species have just, sort of, pissed all over it. We've made it our pissing territory and that encapsulates the likes of places like, er, Papa John's and er, Burger Stackers, er, I mean, weren't you, like, like, disheartened, like, when Friars Walk was erected and they tore down that 1970s mosaic, you know, like, er, I mean, like, er, what the fuck does, em, Gourmet Burger have to do with our heritage, man? No, no, of course the council don't care about that, as long as they've got, er, big bucks coming from, er, like, er, foreign investment. They literally came and just pissed over, er, this city's heritage. Like, like, I, I, I personally can't relate to the, er, to what Friars Walk is. It's a fucking eyesore. There's nothing there that, like, er, has any kind of like, er, connotations as being, like, er, this is Newport. NO! This is, em, a corporate, global market, just like pissing wherever it fucking well feels like and at the cost of, er, our history. No, fuck them. Fuck them right in the arse. Do we even have culture now? What, what's the next generation going to have? It's, it's, it's a culture of, like, staring into a cell-phone ... playing video games and ... just meandering about like fucking ... PUPPETS! You know, like a fucking marionette, man, like this is what Big Brother wants them to do, you know? Orwell is spinning in his grave as we speak, at what the next generation is turning out to be like, but what can we do, man? These are the signs of the times. I mean, er, it's impossible to fight the flow. All, all, all I can do as a, as a, as a bystander and, and an observer is, er, just remark upon how, er, absolutely crap it is!

THANK YOU.

No worries.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.033

I'm just a bit busy, I am, I got the children to feed, I got to get to work.

I LOVE YOUR DOOR BELL. WHERE'S IT FROM?

It's from Asia it is, yeah.

CONTRIBUTORS 1.034, 1.035

(Contributor 1.034 hears Farnsworth's opening spiel and calls inside. A younger contributor comes to the door.)

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Um, not anything that I know of ... no.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Death. It's one of those things that, you know, you always ... cross ...

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Eleven.

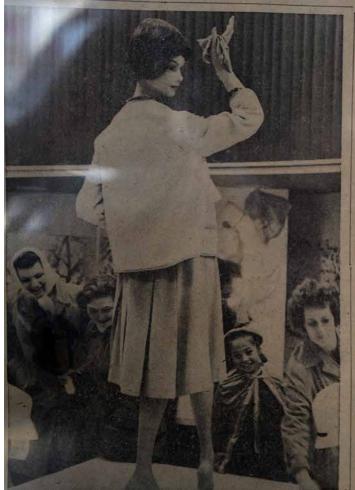
ELEVEN AND YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT DEATH? Yeah, it's one of things that, that your mind crosses.

ARE YOU A PHILOSOPHICAL PERSON?

I like, yeah. It's not typical of people my age, it's more about how I think, it's ... yeah. I'm not like a lot of other people, a lot of other people don't really think like me.



EMPIRE AND FOREIGN DESK Freedom Day barricades go up in ghost town



BELGIANS PLAN AN AIRLIFT TO ESCAPE 'ANOTHER CONGO'

from ROSS MARK USUMBURA

THE 2,400 white people still left in Ruanda-Urundi are building barricades round their homes ready for trouble tomorrow, when the twin territories-"the land of giants and pygmies" - achieve independence.

Officials in Usumbura, capital of Urundi, fear another Congo bloodbath when the territories celebrate their "freedom" after 43 years of Belgian custodianship.

Already more than 4,600 Europeans have left the territories, fearing that independence - and the expected withdrawal of the 900 Belgian troops—will mean a spread of tribal warfare.

warfare. For those who are left an emergency evacuation plan has been worked out colonel Edouard Henniquiau, Belgian High commissioner in Usumbura, said today : "We learned our lesson in the Congo. This time we are ready." He said that more the Europeans wo now concentration for the Europeans wo now concentration for the Europeans wo there was trought in the Europeans would the said that more the European would the said that the European would the said that the said

'No personation' The King of Urundi, Mwami Mwambutsa, has made it plain that he will tolerate no violence to or persecution of Europeans. And Premier Gregolire Kayibanda, of Ruanda, has warned his people in leaflets not to celebrate independence by slaughter-ing whites.

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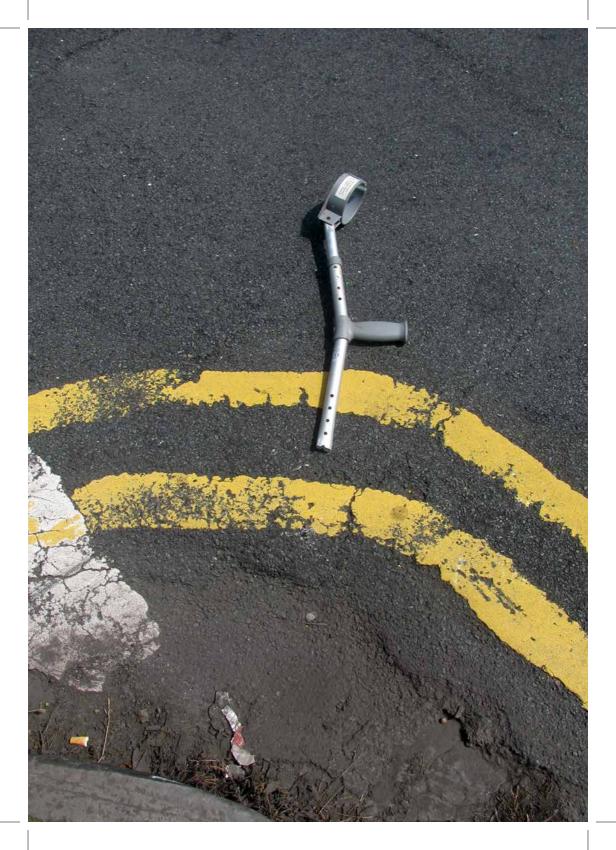
THE SIMPLE NEW LINE FROM MOSCOW

A SKIRT, A cardigan. A printed blouse. Simple, indeed, as fashions go. But this fashion, worn by a dummy model, is new to Russia. And it's raising delighted grins

Love kills five in two shooting tragedies

from ROY RUTTER BARCELONA

OVE has brought tragedy to two Spanish villages, where five people in two families have been shot





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sto W WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

1, (long pause) um, I would ... (long pause) I don't know really, it's, er, try and stop things like global warming and pollution and all that. Try and CON hat, that's how I would try and save the world. Environmental things.

Ah, nJRIBUTOR 1.036

I'LL ASKinglish understand.

NO ENGLIS

OU ANYWAY, YOUR HOUSE IS BURNING ...

CONTRIB UNDERSTAND!

DID I WAK UTOR 1.037

My dad is n

YOU UP? SORRY.

NO PROBIDE Inere.

My family.

1, YOU CAN ANSWER THEM. YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

BUT THEY'RE SAFE ...

I don't know. (Matriar

CONTRIBUTOR shouts from inside the house.) I have to go.

I no understand. .038

CONTRIBUTOR 1.

No, sorry, no.

039

CONTRIBUTOR 1.040

What's it about?

IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE, PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

OK.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

(Long pause.) My wedding ring.

DO YOU NOT WEAR IT?

At night time, no. And our, er, I would come back to ... oh, no. That would be impossible. Um, our like, our, our Bible. But we have so many of them so

I don't think that would be possible.

IS THAT A BIBLE OR THE QUR'AN?

Qur'an.

HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?

Oh ... quite a few. I don't think it would be possible to rescue them all.

YOU HAVE THAT MANY?

Um, yeah.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED?

Years. Is that one of the questions?

NO, I ASK BECAUSE YOU SAID WEDDING RING. WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

(Long pause.) My parents passing away. What's this survey for?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT FACT FINDING EXCERCISE. OK. OK.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Take out the corrupt people. Ha! Ha! Ha!

POLITICIANS?

(Long pause.) Hmm, I don't know. Yeah, I suppose.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.041

I don't understand English. Sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.042

No.



CONTRIBUTOR 1.043

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

What do you mean? Nothing.

WHAT ARE MOST AFRAID OF?

What do you mean? Fire ... it's dangerous. Fire.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Fix the world? (Long pause.) What do you mean? Make the world a better place? Which country? Is Maindee alright? Yeah. I'm looking that everybody is safe. Yeah, that's true, yeah? It's nice here. Nothing is wrong here, no, nothing.

CONTRIBUTORS 1.044, 1.045

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Yeah. (Long pause.)

WHAT WOULD YOU SAVE?

(Long pause.) Saving the life of people, innit?

(Small children gather in the doorway, one child squeezes contributor's hand and she yelps.)

ARE YOU OK?

I got a problem with my hand, innit?

IS THERE AN ITEM YOU WOULD RETURN TO SAVE?

Yeah.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAVE?

(Long pause.) Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't understand! Ha! Ha! Ha! Got really confused, honestly, yeah. Really confused.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Afraid of, is it? Yeah, afraid because, afraid of when you are going outside, afraid someone come in or, you know, say like this, innit? Yeah, I'm afraid. Not much.

YOU'RE AFRAID OF SOMEONE COMING INTO YOUR HOME?

No, no. no. no, no, no, no. When you going outside, you know, there is scary, that's it, really. Not much, innit?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) That's very, very ... hard question you ask. Yeah, very hard, innit? Yes, very hard.

1.045: Everyone is on world so that's why we can't understand your ... 'cause we all over so we can't, you know, feeling like everyone is safe or like

this, really, yeah, yeah, because this time is, you know, everybody is, you know what's going on in here, I don't know!

WELL, I HOPE YOUR HAND GETS BETTER. WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

I broken my, yeah.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.046

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

If it was on fire, no, I wouldn't. No, no.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Er ... I've never thought of it, tell you the truth. I have never thought of anything.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would you fix the world? Er ... (very long pause.) Well ... I ... Ha! Ha! Ha! That's another ... I don't know! Ha! Ha! Er ... well, the thing is, if you,

I, I don't know, I don't know how to explain it ... I really wouldn't know. Honestly, I would be able to answer that, either. It's, er ... I don't know how ...

CONTRIBUTOR 1.047

(Contributor sits on a wall, texting.)

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Sorry? No. (Continues texting)

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Sorry? Nothing. (Continues texting.)

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Sorry? What is that? I don't understand. What is ... what happened here? What happened with all your ...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

What happened?

WHAT AM I DOING?

Yeah. Oh! I know!

CONTRIBUTOR 1.048

I'm busy with this time, sorry, I am with the baby.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.049

I'm going to work now.

CONTRIBUTOR 1.050

Possibly. Depends what they are, I might say no, mightn't I? Fire away!

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

(Long pause.) No. No. If I'd had an animal here I would have said yes but I haven't had one in a couple of years. So no, because I, because I

wouldn't be able to carry what I would most like and that would be my grand piano.

YOU'VE GOT A GRAND PIANO IN THIS HOUSE?

Yes.

ARE YOU A PLAYER?

Yes and I teach voice.

OH! YOU'RE A SINGING INSTRUCTOR!

Hmmm.

HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE FOR A LESSON? Oh, I'm very cheap, actually. £25 an hour. £12.50 for half an hour.

RIGHT. DO YOU DO INTRODUCTORY OFFERS?

No. I'll give you an assessment. For free. I'll do an assessment for free.

OK. SHALL WE ARRANGE THAT NOW?

If you want to. Sometime next week?

EARLY IN THE WEEK I CAN'T DO, THURSDAY I CAN'T DO.

HOW ABOUT EVENINGS?

Yeah, sometimes, it depends what time you would ask me to be here.

SHALL WE DO IT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE?

At my convenience? Well, I could do, um, anytime after you finish work on a Tuesday because I only teach one lesson on a Tuesday and that's

lunchtime. Um ... Wednesday I could do ... after you finish work, whatever time that is.

HOW LONG WOULD THE ASSESSMENT TAKE?

Twenty minutes or so. I just need to hear the voice and, er, you know?

SHALL WE SAY THREE O'CLOCK ON TUESDAY?

Yes, OK, that's fine, yeah. That's fine, that's not, that's not really sort of keeping me in any length of time. I'll finish teaching half one, quarter to two, yeah. That's fine. Then I'll have my lunch. Yeah, fine.

I'LL PUT IT DOWN AS SINGING ASSESSMENT ...

OK. So you're interested in vocal coaching, are you? You enjoy singing? Would you join a choir if the voice came on reasonably well? What's your

favourite type of music, what do you like singing?

I LIKE CROONING.

OK. Get on with your questions now!

SO, GRAND PIANO?

Yeah.

YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING THAT OUT.

Well, I wouldn't be able to, it has to be dismantled. You know, the legs have to come off. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! I'd have to ring someone and say. "Can you come now? The house is on fire!" Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! You know, the legs have to come off. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! I wouldn't blame them! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S GOING TO TOP THAT, ARE THEY?

I shouldn't think so! No.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

(Long pause.) Flooding.

FLOODING?

Yes.

DID YOU SAY FLOODING?

No, no, but my house loves water and if anything's going to leak, it'll be in my house somewhere. I'm not worried about the Usk. It would run down here and into Maindee. You know, it would run, the water would gush down here and into Maindee, so I, I think we're pretty safe here.

IT MAKES YOU WONDER ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN TEWKESBURY WHO ARE FLOODED EVERY YEAR BUT CARRY ON LIVING THERE, OR PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BUT THEY CARRY ON LIVING THERE. It's what you're used to. I've lived here for, um, well, knocking on forty years now and, um, you know, I can't move because I don't think I could find anywhere that would get my piano in. I have looked at a couple of houses, newer ones, newer ones and I went in, I went into the, sort of, type of living room area, which was all that was being offered, really, and I thought, well, if I get my piano in here, which I could, I wouldn't get anything else. And then I'd be living in the kitchen. Hal Ha! Which wasn't very big, either! And the final question?

SO FLOODING?

Ha! Ha! From within! There you are you see, I'm unique!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Shouting across the street to a neighbour.) Hi Sal! Is Fred up? Excuse me, Sal? Sal?! IS. FRED. UP?

Sal the neighbour: Is he?

Is he up?

Sal the neighbour: Yeah, he's putting a kitchen unit together.

Oh, he is, is he? OK!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? (Long pause.) I don't think I'm clever enough to fix the world, but, um (long pause) I think I would work hard on peace.

I would work hard for peace. Don't ask me how I would go about it, it is a tough one. It's very tough. I've no idea. I think I've got to rely on God, to be honest.

ARE YOU A RELIGIOUS PERSON?

Not overly bit I think, I think when things get really bad He's going to step in somewhere along the line. I'm not overly religious but ... He sorted it out once, didn't He, you know? I think, I think perhaps He will do it again.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE FLOOD?

I'm talking about the flood, yes.

YOU LOVE FLOODS, DON'T YOU?

I do! I do! It's uppermost in my mind!

I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT.

World peace, I think so. I think so. We're in a terrible time at the moment. It's really bad.

HAS IT EVER BEEN ANY DIFFERENT?

Possibly not but the fact is, we're told about it all the time. It's, it's, it's news all the time. It was probably going, it was probably going on since time immemorial. The more you learn, the worse it seems. All our politicians, and those across the world, are there to feather their own nest, that's all they're there for. Corbyn? I don't care for him too much. I think he would lead us off the straight and narrow. Ha! Ha! Ha! They would give us

everything, like, you know, as if we're children, you know, like giving us the sweets and then nothing after, you know? Like they'll give us sweets but where's the food that keeps us sustained? No, I don't think so. I don't think ... he's not for me, sorry.

OK. SO, I WILL SEE YOU ON TUESDAY.

Three o'clock and I'll give you a voice test, for free! I won't charge you! Then you can decide whether you'd like to take it up.

DO YOU GIVE PIANO LESSONS AS WELL?

No, I don't. I'm not good enough. I'm a vocal coach, I trained as a singing teacher and a school teacher. I play piano but as I say to my students, if you can sing with me playing for you, you will sing with anyone. I would just consider myself adequate. Not that I didn't have piano lessons but, um, it's not my number one instrument, the voice is.

WELL, I LOOK FORWARD TO IT AND THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. Not at all, I hope I've enlightened you a bit!

CONTRIBUTORS 2.052, 2.052

I'll get the wife. Denise! Someone at the door, love!

(The wife appears) Hello. What's it about?

WELL, MY FIRST QUESTION IS: WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? Happiest? Er ... 198 ... 6, I would say, probably.

THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC AND YOU DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO THINK ABOUT THAT. WHAT HAPPENED IN 1986?

I wasn't living here. I was living in Guernsey.

I HAD A GUERNSEY CARDIGAN ONCE. IT WAS TOO BIG FOR ME SO I GAVE IT TO A FRIEND. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM WEAR IT.

IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE FROM?

No. I was working there, yeah.

WHAT ARE MOST AFRAID OF?

Er ... (long pause) fire, probably.

IN THE HOME?

Just generally. Anywhere, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? I don't know. There's a lot of problems at the moment.

(FARNSWORTH'S NOTES REVEAL THAT THE CONTRIBUTOR HELD EVE CONTACT FOR PROLONGED LENGTH OF TIME, WITHOUT BUINKING, HER EYES GROWING EVER WIDER. SHE HELD A WALKING STICK IN ONE HAND AND AN UNPEELED

BANAVIA IN THE OTHER. THE CONTRIBUTOR'S PARTNER'S EARS WERE STUFFED WITH COTTON WOOL. HE WAS NAKED BUT FOR A PAIR OF GREY FLANNEL SHORTS. SHE WORE A DRESSING GOWN.)

CONTRIBUTOR 2.053

(When the doorbell sounds, Farnsworth hears snarling and growling from inside the house.)

No, I haven't got time, thanks.

YOUR DOG! I THOUGHT IT WAS AN ALARM SYSTEM YOU HAD RIGGED UP.

No.

IT'S A REAL ANIMAL!

Yeah, he'll have your face off.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.054

Three questions? Yep.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Um ... when was I happiest? Probably when I got back from my year abroad, a couple of , weeks ago.

WHERE DID YOU GO?

Paris.

YOU WEREN'T AT YOUR HAPPIEST IN PARIS BUT WHEN YOU GOT BACK?

What, like happiest ever?

YES.

Um, it's a good question, I don't know. Um ... (long pause) let me thi .nk a minute ... um ... probably ... I was happiest in Paris but then ... maybe when I first got to Paris? There was also a lot of stress and that kind o^f , stuff, so ... probably when I got back. When I got home, it was a feeling of like, relief and stuff, so probably then. I think.

WHAT WAS IN PARIS?

Studying.

WHAT WERE YOU STUDYING?

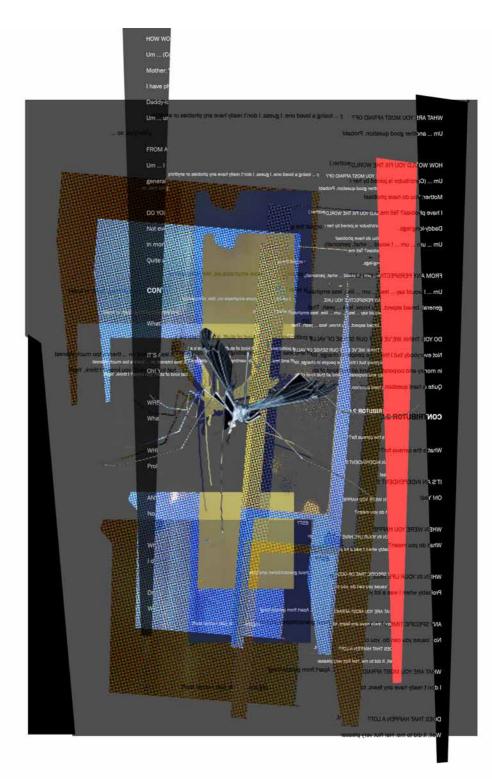
French.

A GOOD PLACE TO GO.

Yeah!

SO, IS THAT THE END OF YOUR STUDIES?

No, I've got one year to go in Manchester.



WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Um ... another good question. Probably ... losing a loved one, I guess. I don't really have any phobias or anything like that, so ...

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... (Contributor is joined by her mother.)

Mother: You do have phobias!

I have phobias? Tell me.

Daddy-long-legs.

Um ... um ... I would ... what, personally or just the general ...

FROM ANY PERSPECTIVE YOU LIKE.

Um ... I would say ... less ... um ... like, less emphasis on money and more emphasis on, like, compassion and that kind of thing. Yeah, in a very general, broad aspect. You know, less ... yeah. That's what I would say.

DO YOU THINK WE'VE LOST OUR SENSE OF VALUES?

Not everybody but I think the people in charge, the politicians and that kind of stuff, it's all, there's a lot less interest on ... there's too much interest in money and corporations and all that kind of stuff and less on actually wanting to help people and that kind of stuff, you know? I think. Yeah. Quite a hard question, but yeah.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.055

What's the census for?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY.

Oh! Yes!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

What do you mean?

WHEN IN YOUR LIFE HAVE YOU FELT HAPPIEST?

Probably when I was a lot younger.

ANY SPECIFIC TIME OR OCCASION?

No, 'cause you can do, you can do stuff without grandchildren and kids.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

I don't really have any fears, to be honest. Apart from people burgling your house, just normal stuff.

DOES THAT HAPPEN A LOT?

Well, it did to me. Ha! Not very pleasant.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Well, I wouldn't. Um, there's too many things, different (inaudible) etcetera. You can't fix it all in one go 'cause then there wouldn't be a world, would there?

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS MAKING THINGS BETTER?

Well, I think there's lots of things, I think people need more jobs, more money to spend on health and if you're an art project to spend on art things. There's not much here.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.056

Um ... OK.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Like, ever?

YES.

(Long pause.) Um, I dunno, um ... (long pause) between the ages of ... twenty-one and twenty ... five. Twenty-one and twenty-three. No. I'm trying to

think of the year I got married. Between the years 2000 and 2013. No. Between the years of 2009 and 2013. There! Done!

SO THAT'S A FOUR YEAR STRETCH OF SHEER HAPPINESS?

Sheer joy, yes. But, I'm pretty happy now. Yes, contentment. There, next question. Bit deep, isn't it? Ha! Ha! Ha! Go on!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Um ... (whispering) my daughter hating me the way I hate my mother.

SOMEBODY'S BEHIND YOU ON THE STAIRS.

That's alright, she knows. Yes, there we go, that's what I'm afraid of most ...

CAN I ASK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?

No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... with a little bit of kindness, one at a time? Yeah, if everybody cared about everyone else instead of about themselves. Everyone should be a

bit nicer, (addressing daughter who is now on the doorstep) shouldn't they?

Daughter: What?

Everyone should be nice and kind, shouldn't they? Is that all?

CONTRIBUTOR 3.057

Conducting what, sorry?

A NONSENSUS.

Um, yeah. Is this part of an academic study, or something?

IN A WAY, MORE ARTISTIC THAN ACADEMIC.

So, you want to ask me some questions?

YES. WOULD THAT BE ALRIGHT?

So long as they're not too long. But I'm not very well on, not very well up on art.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Oh, golly! (Long pause.) I don't know, I've had so many, you know, like everybody. I've had periods of up and down over the years, I don't know whether I can give any direct answer to that. I can tell you, you know, well, no, I don't think I can answer that one.

HAS LIFE BEEN A STEADY STREAM OF HAPPINESS?

Oh, no, no, no, no. I mean, like everybody else, ups and downs but no, no great extremes either way that I can, that I can recall.

CAN YOU RECALL WHEN YOU WERE LAST HAPPIEST, LIKE, "WOW! THIS IS A GOOD DAY!"?

Ah, well! Yeah! There are good days, certainly, happy days, um, from time to time. I mean, most of the time I'm fairly alright, I can't ... you know, I ... I don't think I'm a depressed character nor, correspondingly, a joyful character. Is that about the average person, after all?

A BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO?

Yeah, I think so.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

(Long pause with long exhale.) Again, I don't know, I mean, I'm sure everyone recalls mistakes they've made over the years but, um ... I don't think I've ever done anything, you know, that, um ... comes into my mind all the time, as though, "Oh Lord! If only I'd never done that!" No, no, no, I don't think so.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

There are certain leaders in it that I would like to get rid of. I'm not going to say whom but, um, you probably, oh, I mean, lots of people feel the same there, "if only it weren't for him or her or whoever", fooling about on the international, the world stage, not just the international, things would be a lot happier, probably, or a lot calmer or less dangerous. But then again, isn't that what everybody thinks from time to time? There, I don't think I've been much help, it's probably what you'll get from most people. THERE ARE VARIATIONS.

Ah, well, variations in an individual life but adding up to much the same kind of thing, for most people, I would say. Not extremists, of course.

I suggest middle of the way, the middle of the road.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.058

For how long? And what's it for, in any case?

II S AN INDEPENDENT SURVET.

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT OUDVEY

Oh, is it? No, no I'm not bothered.

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No.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.059

You'll have to be quick, I'm on my way out.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Ooh, last weekend.

WHAT HAPPENED?

My son's graduation.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Spiders.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Make everyone a little bit kinder.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.060

No, not at the moment.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.061

Sorry, my dad's asleep at the moment.

CAN YOU ANSWER MY QUESTIONS?

Yeah.



WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? When I'm on holiday.

BEEN ON HOLIDAY YET?

Yeah.

WHERE DID YOU GO?

I've been lots of places.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Death. Dying probably.

YOU'RE QUITE YOUNG SO YOU PROBABLY DON'T THINK OF THAT MUCH?

Spiders.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... peace.

AND HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?

Equality and stuff, I think, probably.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.062

Might do.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Me? Um ... the day my son was born.

WHEN WAS THAT?

Twenty-one years ago. He's just got into university, that was another one. There's lots of, there's lots of stuff but the one specific thing I can think of is that. Yeah, the day my son was born. Well, the day after actually, I was driving back to the hospital, um, Lighthouse Family playing on the stereo driving back in ...

EVEN THE LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY COULDN'T RUIN THE MOMENT?

No, no, it was just a beautiful sunny morning and it was, what would it have been, er, when was he born? February. It was a beautiful sunny morning in February, driving back down to the Gwent, the morning after he'd been born and, yeah. Very, very cheerful, to say the least. There you go.

HAVE YOU HAD MORE CHILDREN SINCE THEN?

No, no, just the one, just the one, yeah. One's enough! Ha! Ha! Ha! He cost enough.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

(Long pause.) Oh ... oh dear. Don't think I'm afraid of anything, really. I don't think. I've never been one to, sort of, worry too much about the future or consider what went on in the past. I sort of think, you get up every morning, face what comes, just get on with it and make the best of it, so ... I suppose if, you know, some horrible illness, probably, not being able to play golf anymore, you know, that sort of general, not being able to enjoy life.

SO, HEALTH?

Health, I would imagine, yeah. Any health problems on the horizon would be ... bothersome, shall we say? But it's not something I think about too much. Try not to. I golf and I used to go to the gym but my parents have been ill so that's, that's gone off the board for about a year, so ... this is their house, so I'm trying to sort their house out now. That's been a difficult period but, um, just, you know, I, I, I'm a little overweight but reasonably fit and active, so ... keep that going, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long exhale.) Jeepers! Oh ... don't know how you'd go about it but it needs to be much more equitable. The idea that the rich have so much and the poor have so little, er, it's, it's wrong. You know, everybody ... the vast majority of people strive to do the best they can in life, obviously a lot of people, no matter how much they strive, they're never going to be able to achieve the riches that other people get because they're left them or ... so, some way of making it a little more equitable ... um ... a better tax regime. Even if you're just talking about the UK, just a better tax regime so that, you know, the people with the most money are paying a bit more tax rather than being able to avoid it so easily and the people who are working PAYE aren't paying quite as much, um, because they've got no opportunity to avoid it. You know, it's all deducted at source, they're never trusted with money, so, yeah, just a more equitable world. I don't know how, how you do it but, um, a larger ... um ... a more open ... like coming out of Europe is the wrong way, we should be getting more and more integrated, not less and less, so I mean, that's, that's never going to work, you know, isolationism is not good, sort of pulling up the drawbridges, and everyone's doing it. The educated pulled up the drawbridges on tuition fees and the rich always pull up the drawbridges on the poor and we pull up the drawbridges on the poor countries, as a country, so ... yeah, I dunno, I dunno how you fix it but clearly there's a lot you could do, I dare say.

During the following phase, Farnsworth is accompanied by an artist for observation purposes.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.063

(Inaudible.)

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR VOICE?

(Inaudible.)

SORRY?

I've got a sore throat.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.064

I can't very good English.

DON'T WORRY. WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? Happiest? I don't know! I don't understand!

WHEN DID YOU FEEL MOST HAPPY?

Oh, yes, I am, er, normal.

DO YOU WAKE IN THE MORNINGS FEELING HAPPY? Um, yeah! Ha! Ha! Ha!

IS THERE A REASON FOR THAT?

Er, no reason. I always sing before. Always I am happy. My grandma always told me "Don't too much happy". Ha! Ha! Ha! I always happy, yeah.

WHY DID YOUR GRANDMOTHER SAY THAT?

Um ... why, I don't know. Grandma say, "You, Janglar, too happy, after you old, you lot of crying!" I go Grandmum's house, school come and book back, putting my house, I all the time go through my grandmum house. She told me once, um, I talking and, um, everybody, granddad, grandmum, I always smile! Ha! Ha! Ha! Lovely, I always happy, you know? My grandmum said, "Why you don't happy too much, Janglar, after you old one, always crying". Why say that, I don't know. I now, I understand. I always crying, I don't know why! Too much problem!

YOU SEEM VERY HAPPY TODAY.

Thank you. I always happy! Ha! Ha! Ha! Thank you!

YOUR GRANDMA SAID THERE'S A LOT OF CRYING WHEN YOU'RE OLD?

Yeah. I don't know why telling and, er, he, er, she now die, 1997. I came India and, er, two months, er, my grandmum die and granddad fifteen or twenty day different. Altogether die. Yeah.

WITHIN TWENTY DAYS OF EACH OTHER? Yeah, twenty days or something. I at the time India.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF? Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't anything! No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

World? Ha! Ha! I don't know! Ha! Ha! Ha! Please, no, I not understand. No.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.064

(Contributor answers the door holding a toothbrush with a mouthful of toothpaste.) No, sorry. I'm not interested.

CONTRIBUTOR 2.064

Three questions about what?

IT'S ABOUT YOU.

Well, I don't live here, so ...

SHALL I ASK YOU ANYWAY?

Er, no!

CONTRIBUTOR 2.065

For what?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY.

A what?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY.

OK.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I was young and healthy!

FOR THOSE REASONS, BECAUSE YOU WERE YOUNG AND HEALTHY, OR WAS THERE SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON? Hang on! That's my phone ... (Contributor disappears into home, reappearing on the phone.) Hello? I'm sorry? Yeah. Right. No. OK. Will do. OK, I'll be there. OK, I'll be there now in a sec! (Contributor finishes call.) I got an emergency!

CONTRIBUTOR 2.066

Three questions?

YES, VERY SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

Go for it.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

I'm always happy.

YOU WAKE EVERY MORNING ...

Yeah, I wake every morning. I must have done, I'm stood here talking to you. But, no, there's no particular moment that comes to mind. I've had quite a few happy moments.

A STRONG AND STEADY STATE OF HAPPINESS, THAT'S WHAT WE LIKE. WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Er ... (long pause) ... I can't think of anything.

ANY REGRETS?

Er ... a few. Nothing, nothing,

NOTHING YOU'D WANT TO SHARE WITH A STRANGER STOOD ON YOUR DOORSTEP. HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Get rid of all politicians.

WHO WOULD GOVERN THE COUNTRY?

Not politicians, the people. Make it law for *all* people to vote. To vote for who would be politicians. And that's more than three questions. I believe there will be a revolution as well, these politicians can't go on ripping the people off.

WHEN'S THAT GOING TO COME?

I don't know. I hope it's in my lifetime.

A BLOODLESS REVOLUTION?

I hope so. I'd like to think so. Anyway, nice talking to you, carry on!

CONTRIBUTOR 2.067

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Long pause.) It's awkward to answer isn't it? You get different times when you, um ... (long pause) ... I can't really answer that ... (long pause) ... most of the time, I think, it's, um ... er ... I can't give a specific time or ...

BUT YOU'D SAY YOU WERE GENERALLY HAPPY?

Yes, yes.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Oh ... oh, now you're asking awkward questions really, I , I, um ... (long pause) ... I haven't really thought about it, being afraid. I haven't, no. I haven't so I can't help you there. Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I don't think anyone can fix it. It's gone that bad now that I can't see it ever being fixed. No.

WILL IT GET WORSE, DO YOU THINK?

Could do. Yeah, yes.

WHAT FIRST STEPS MIGHT YOU TAKE TO FIX IT?

I wouldn't know where to start. Just wouldn't, no, the way it's gone, I wouldn't know where to start. Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 2.068

Oh, go on, but I don't live here.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Ha! Ha! Ha! At this moment, when you knocked the door! Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah, I'm fine, I'm happiest now. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

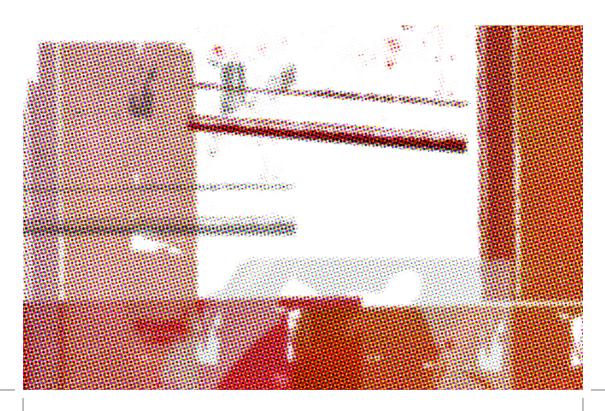
Um ... oh ... I dont have, I, er, I guess the welfare of my daughter.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! Ha! How would I fix the world? That's too big a job for me. Ha! Ha! Ha! I'm just looking after fixing myself. Ha! Ha! Ha!

ANY IDEAS WHERE YOU MIGHT START?

Oh ... getting rid of Donald Trump would be a start wouldn't it? Ha! Ha! Ha! Er, get back into Europe, er ... Ha! Ha! Ha! But, er, you know, yeah.



CONTRIBUTORS 3.069, 3.070

YOUR HOUSE IS ON HOUSE ON FIRE. WHAT ONE ITEM WOULD YOU RETURN TO THE BURNING HOUSE IN ORDER TO SAVE?

3.069: I have a box at home which has everything in it. So it would be the, I'd go back to get my box.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Um, it has, like, my certificates in there and birthday cards, literally everything.

3.070: I'd probably get precious items belong to, like, um, my grandfather who passed away as, like, you have them as a memory.

WERE THEY HANDED DOWN TO YOU?

No, they're part of all the family, to be honest. We got loads of CDs and films about, to do with him and stuff, like pictures of him, so I'd just grab it to remember him. I didn't see him, like, before I was born, but still.

SO YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY MEET HIM?

No.

WHAT'S ON THE DVDs?

They're just family films of our daily life, to be honest.

SO YOU KNOW YOUR GRANDAD THROUGH THE FILMS RATHER THAN ACTUALLY MEETING HIM?

Yeah.

AND YOUR BOX CONTAINS BIRTHDAY CARDS?

Yeah, birthday cards, like, all my certificates, all my achievements.

YOU HAVE EVERY BIRTHDAY CARD YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

Well, I started in, like, year six, probably. How old was I then? Twelve, no eleven, since I was eleven. It's not the fact that I want to see the birthday cards, it's the messages that are written on there. That's the special thing, not the actual card.

CAN YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE MESSAGES?

Yeah, I remember the ones that she wrote. She always writes, "May you live until a hundred!" That's what you always write on every card!

No!

THAT'S LOVELY.

Yeah.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

3.069: Cats!

3.070: Squirrels.

I'm really terrified of cats. I have no idea why but I have been for a looong time. I've tried everything to get rid of the fear but it doesn't work. I don't

even know why, to be honest! It just kind of happened, probably, like, when I was five, six, seven years old.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SEE A CAT?

I run for my life! Don't get anything, just run for your life. Ha! Ha! Sorry!

AND YOURS IS SQUIRRELS?

Yeah, squirrels.

Squirrels! (Both contributors laugh a lot.)

Yeah, because they run really fast, so ...

SO YOU DON'T GO TO THE PARK?

I do but if I see one then I'm like ...

Be cautious!

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN OUT TOGETHER AND SEEN BOTH A CAT AND A SQUIRREL?

Yeah, in school, like ...

Yeah!

... we were on the benches ...

She'll try and get me more, like, by the cat and I'll be, like, "Oh, look! There's a squirre!!"

But there's more cats, like, by our school.

I know, I know, it's actually sad but I'm so cautious I keep my distance. Ha! Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

3.069: Um, I think there needs to be more peace and love spread and ...

3.070: Acceptance.

I think there's not enough, yeah, acceptance, love, peace and also loyalty in relations, you know, that's kind of missing. The actual meaning of relationships are missing. I think there needs to be more peace and love, to be honest, they're the main things and humanity. I think. I think people are forgetting humanity.

For me it would be acceptance because if you accept someone, if you accept everyone then it's, like, more peaceful. That, that would be my reason.

DO YOU GET ANY MESSAGES LIKE THAT FROM POLITICIANS?

Um, not always because, um ... I don't know much about politics but, like, apparently, like, like, the Conservative side of stuff, they only, um, they only, like, think about the rich people and they don't think about, like, working class or ... I don't really see it as ... So how is that equal? I don't see how that is equality. You know, if you're just there thinking about rich people but it should actually be the opposite if you really want to think about people because rich people, they've got stuff, you know, they're blessed but what about the poor people? You know, who's looking after them? You know, they're not exactly doing their job properly if that's the case, isn't it? But I don't think the politicians are exactly taking our opinions into consideration because nothing's still being done about it to this day. You know? HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT DOING IT?

To be honest, I have no idea.

I would invert how they are doing it, basically.

Are you a psychologist?

CONTRIBUTOR 3.071

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

What would I save? Um ... hmm ... probably ... probably I would take the iPad and run.

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPAD?

Photographs, but you know, no ... no, no, no! Maybe not the iPad. Um ... a small, silver heart.

A LOCKET?

No. It's a small, silver, no, a small, pewter heart. Yes. It's about that big.

HAS IT GOT SOME SIGNIFICANCE FOR YOU?

No.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Living.

DO YOU WANT TO EXPAND UPON THAT?

No! Ha! Ha! Ha! Um ... I would say going deaf. Because I don't know how I would live without sound.

YOU COULD LIVE WITHOUT SIGHT BUT NOT WITHOUT SOUND?

I think I could get around with a dog OK but not ... I don't know about ... without sound, music, I don't know, that would be, oh, I think I would kill myself. I couldn't live without it.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Do I have to? I like it being unfixed.

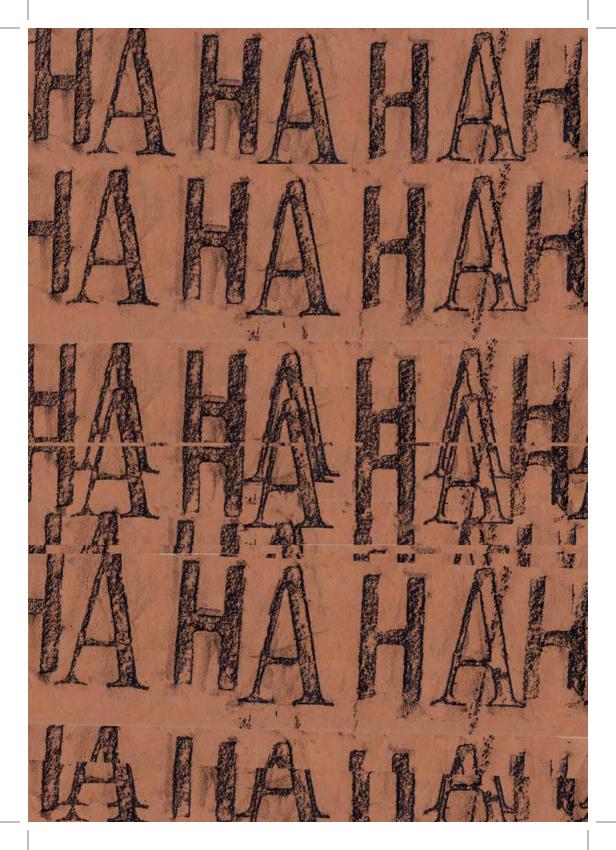
YOU PREFER A BROKEN WORLD?

Definitely a broken world.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.072

HOUSE ON FIRE?

Photographs.



PHYSICAL PHOTOGRAPHS OR ARE THEY STORED ON A PHONE?

Um, a mixture of both. Phone and, yeah, just ... retrieve the photos that are accessible.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

Don't know, really. Um, I'm not afraid of anything at the moment. No!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

By peace. Making peace for everybody. Yep. It's a tall order, you just need to start with small steps, be friendly with everybody and then that progresses onto other people and then hopefully, one day ...

LEADING BY EXAMPLE?

Yes. Yeah, yeah.

DO OUR POLITICIANS LEAD BY EXAMPLE?

Not at the moment, no. Definitely not.

WHY DON'T YOU ENTER POLITICS?

I don't want to get into politics, I don't do politics!

CONTRIBUTOR 3.073

HOUSE ON FIRE?

Can you say that again please? No, I don't think so. As long as I saves, that's it.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Fear? Hmm ... I like my families ... if I lost my family, that would be it, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

War?

WORLD.

Wales?

THE WORLD.

Yeah, the world. Well, I just come here new, like three months now. So, I have no idea at the moment. So I hope, I hope if I stay here longer, I will feel

a better future for the world. Yeah, if I got chance.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.074

HOUSE ON FIRE?

Ooh! Probably my record collection. A bit stupid, really, but yeah, my record collection. I've been collecting since I was a teenager, basically. I've got just over a thousand records, maybe.

IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOU A WHILE TO GET YOUR RECORDS OUT. Exactly! I know. Probably enough time to get burned to death! Ha! Ha! Ha!

NOT TO MENTION THE RECORDS WARPING.

Exactly, yeah. The heat, yeah. I'm sure they could be used for ashtrays or something like that. Excuse the pun ... but, yeah.

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SAVE THE WHOLE ONE THOUSAND, IS THERE A PARTICULAR RECORD YOU WOULD SAVE? Oh, I've got too many, sorry. One doesn't jump into my mind, so ... I've got too many. Er, no, not really. There's too many. WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR? (Long pause.) Greatest fear? That pause! Ha! Ha! Ha! My greatest fear, do I have a greatest fear? I suppose like most people, I suppose it's passing

away. My own demise, yeah.

DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THAT?

No, not very often but it'll happen eventually and when it happens hopefully I'm in a good place, if you can be in a good place when you go. I just don't want it to be, er, dragged out, basically. I just want to go. Short and sharp.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Get rid of humans! Ha! Ha! Ha!

WOULD YOU CARE TO ELABORATE?

Er, well, no, I wouldn't get rid of humans, I'd, um, try and change people's ... try and ... get people to love each other, instead of hate 'cause it's the hate I think that's killing, like, this planet and killing people. So, spreading love, I suppose. Getting people to talk. Instead of fight. Because I think things can be sorted through talking, or dialogue, instead of, um, and then making people accept other people for who they are, as well. 'Cause obviously misunderstanding of other people and other cultures doesn't, er, help at all. So, just letting people be, as well... and stop trying to impose your ideology on other people.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.075

HOUSE ON FIRE?

Not a thing. Ha! Ha! Ha! Not a thing, yeah, yeah, yeah, that's it nothing at all. There's nothing I, there's nothing I've got that I couldn't replace, really. You know? I mean, no. Nothing at all.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) Being found out ... for being ... Ha! Ha! Ha! For being, for a fraud. Yeah. Being discovered. Being naked, being naked, being revealed.

WOULD YOU ELABORATE?

No. Ha! Ha! Ha! No, you know, you build up a persona for yourself, an identity for yourself which you're always trying to live up to. I think. It's, it's, it's always, it's always a persona. Um ... I've lived several different lives in my life, you know, I've been different people. And I'm still living down ... I'm still forming into the new person that I am. And I fear being revealed for the person I was.

THESE PERSONAS, ARE THEY SUCCESSIVE? YOU ABANDON ONE AND MOVE ONTO ANOTHER?

Well, not abandon, they all, they all, they're all just layers of the same person, aren't they? Just expressions of the same ... of me. Depending on circumstance, I suppose, and, um, environment and, yeah, circumstance and the opportunities you take advantage of. But some choices you make in life are, are not as good as others, um, and you often have, you often have to live with, um, those choices for longer than you want to. So, I think if you ... yeah, you build up a new identity with new experience and new opportunity and ... but often we're still having to live ... er, that past persona is being, is often revealed when you don't want it to be. So ... do you know what I mean? You grow as person but the world around you doesn't always grow at the same rate as, as we think we do. You're still having to live ... yeah, you know. You think that part of you is sometimes forgotten but it's not, it isn't and, um, sometimes it comes back to bite you. Yeah. 'Cause there are lots of people in my life now that, er, know nothing about certain parts of me. And, er, my fear is that they would discover those parts.

ARE THEY SECRETS?

They're not secrets because most people I know already know about them. But they're secrets in certain aspects of my life now.

IF YOU MEET SOMEONE NEW, IS IT IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO KNOW ABOUT A PAST THAT YOU'VE MOVED ON FROM?

Sometimes it is 'cause some people you know will be accepting of, of, of, er ... you divulging everything about yourself and I think you always want to, you always want to do that with people you care about but there's always a fear of judgement, isn't there? And the loss of something, by, by divulging that, you, you're seen as somebody who they thought you weren't. So ... there's always an element of ... but then you, you're always got the stress then of keeping a secret, I suppose. So, you want to divulge, you want to be honest with people, don't you? And I suppose you would hope that, er, that honesty of who you are ... it applies to everyone. We all want to be honest, don't we? We've all got parts of ourselves that we dont want to express and, er, I suppose it's the safety to be honest, isn't it?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

What, what, morally? What do you mean? Politically?

IT'S UP TO YOU.

Um ... yeah. Parts of it are broken. I think politically, I, I'd get rid of political, I'd get rid of, er, democratic representation. Um, 'cause I think that's a fraud. Um, and I'd use the internet to initiate direct democracy so everyone has access to direct information at any moment in time, where we're able to facilitate debate in real time with anyone, anywhere in the world ... so I think why do we need representation when we can participate directly ourselves? We, we only needed representation in the nineteenth century when communication and access to information wasn't so ... easily available. But now we have that, we have the opportunity to make a real democratic revolution, you know? Change the world that way, make

it more, er, make it more about equality. If I could make myself a benign dictator, OK, I would ban all religion ... 'cause I think religion is the source of all moral decay, moral evil, yeah? It's, it's, um, yeah, I'd ban all religion ... er ... I'd make a start there really. I think that's a good start. As a benign dictator! I don't know what I'd do if they decided to carry on religion.

BECOME A LESS BENIGN DICTATOR?

I'd ban it and then educate people. Through education, make the world a better place through education. And debate. And reason and logic. I think all religion is based on illogical, unreasonable suppositions and if, er, you can only destroy a superstition though logic and reason. I think. So, that's what I'd do. Bit radical. Bit confrontational!

ARE WE FINISHED?

I could go on for hours, mate!

CONTRIBUTOR 3.076

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Can you say that again, please? If you don't mind ... um, first of all, I save my family first. I take them out. The rest, I don't mind. It can go to flames but as long as I got my family, my pets, um, anything that is manmade. I don't mind. I can get it again. But anything that is not manmade, I have to save first.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Er, I don't have fear but I would say, I would say I feel sorry the people who do bad things.

BAD THINGS?

The people who go and kill people. The people who go and, and, and, and, and, and, and, and rape little childrens. Yeah, those people, I feel sorry for them.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Yes, that's a nice question. Er, the world is not easy to fix because first of all, you have to kill the devil.

YOU MEAN THE ACTUAL DEVIL?

Yeah, the actual devil. The original devil.

HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?

I would kill him because, er, because of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the only man who, er, was given to us to defeat the devil. Whereas man cannot defeat the devil. But the devil is, is, is, is inter-dimensional. Yes. What do I mean by that? We're living in our mathematics or science or whatever it is, we live in three dimension, er, like, er, er, theorem. Like length, width, height, er, but in other dimensions, er, but in other dimensions there is another, another, another, er, dimension which we don't see mostly, is people of this world, um, that is, er, called like, fourth dimension. Like the wind. You can feel the wind blowing but can you tell me where is the wind?

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU DID KILL THE DEVIL?

Er, let me say this. I think the devil is lost, er, a long time ago. Er, he lost the battle in Heaven. That is why he is killing, why he is trying to put us down. Er, so he was judged by God who is in Heaven. Um, I cannot kill him as far as I can understand but, but God can judge him. The God is judged him. So, I'll leave it to God.

SO THE PROBLEMS WE FACE, ARE THEY MANMADE OR CREATED BY THE DEVIL?

Yes! Thank you very much! That's a good question. Um, the problem we have in the world, they are made by the devil. And the devil, he enjoys it all. Because remember, remember, a very, very important point, the devil, when he lost the battle in Heaven, he came down here with thousands, more than a thousands of them, angels, with him. So he's not even on his own.

IS HE DOING A GOOD JOB OF MAKING THINGS BAD FOR US?

Yes, he is, because, we, we see wars everywhere. We see people killing, we see, er, poverty everywhere. We see people dying of HIV, which is manmade. We see people dying of wars, of what is called ISIS, Al-Qaida and so forth, these are manmade, er, er, um, chaos. To confuse, er, er, happiness of, er, people of this world.

YOU BELIEVE THE DEVIL IS BEHIND THE PERPETRATORS OF WAR AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF CHAOS THAT YOU'VE MENTIONED? Yes! I do believe it because, because in, in, in, in the beginning, man used to live in, in the Garden of Eden and then when the devil came in, then he confused Eve and Eve, er, confused Adam. And then, that's where the whole problem started from. And then now, we seeing all these things. Even America, there is now this thing called the Church of the Devil.

SATANISTS?

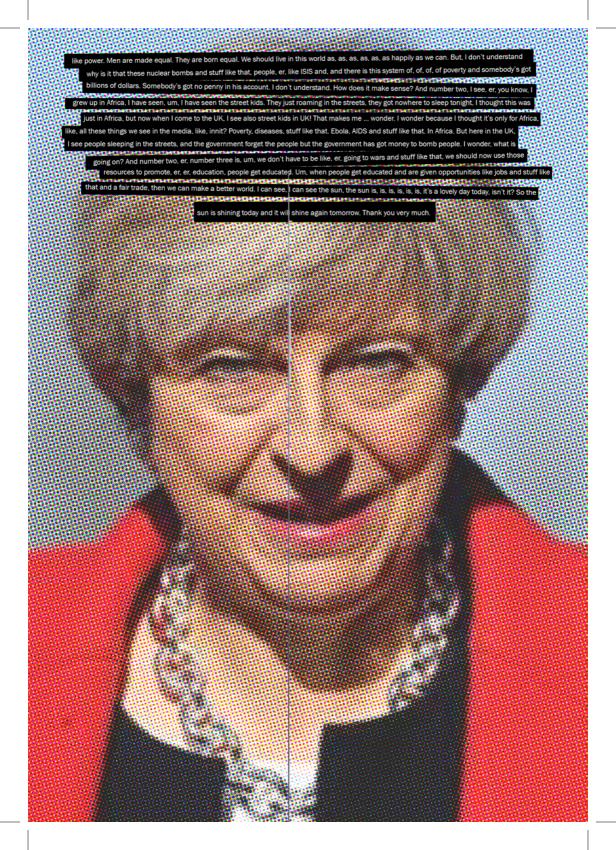
Yeah. So, you see, nothing new there. What I believe in is, we have got a problem here, the problem is with the media. The media, what it is doing is being, er, controlled by, er, er, they call themselves the elites. They call themselves the elites. Er, let's look at the media. Who owns the media? It's not the government. It's not the government. It's the elites. So, who are the elites? Let's expose them, through the media. The media won't expose them. Why? Because they are the ones who control the media. It's like, for example, you see these wars going on in Libya, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, in Syria now, um, no one say, "Let's go now and, and, and, and, and bomb those countries". But we go, so-called the governments, they go and they bomb those countries, and, and, and at the same time, look how much that bomb, that bomb they drop, that cost. Some of the bombs, they cost a hundred thousand pounds! And they drop, like, thousands of them. And here, in the UK, even all over the world, people got nowhere to sleep. I see homeless people everywhere I go. And I wonder what is going on? It's not about social inequality, it's the devil! It's the devil. Because, who, er, OK - let's look at the devil. Let's expose the devil. Let's tell the people about the devil. Who is the devil? The rest, about inequality or whatever it is, it's fine, we can talk about it but let's, let's, let's tell the people the truth. Who is the devil? What is good and what is bad? Er, I think the people who would tell you what is good and what is bad. I think you could tell me also, what is good and what is bad.

YOU'RE ASKING ME?

Yeah. (Farnsworth rambles for a while.) Oh, thank you very much for your opinion.

THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME.

That's fine, that's fine, that's nice. But, er, what I see, you know as time goes by, and I see day and night coming, um, I see, um, I wouldn't say it's



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YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Wife: I'd go back for my handbag, I would. I think all women wouldn't go out without their handbags.

WHAT'S IN YOUR HANDBAG?

Everything that really matters. My pills, my address book ...

(Husband interjects) None of that matters, does it?

Wife: You know that fire? In that tower block? All the people that came out of there, all the women had handbags. Those that didn't have handbags had shopping bags.

IS THAT AN INSTINCTIVE THING, TO GRAB YOUR BAG?

It is, yeah. I keep it by the side of my chair, when I'm in the house, yeah. Ask your wife, she'd say the same thing. I think most women would say the same thing. I don't know how you manage without a handbag, men.

I'VE GOT A SMALL RUCKSACK

Well, there you are, see? Same thing isn't it, see?

I'M NOT SURE I'D RETURN TO A BURNING BUILDING TO GET MY RUCKSACK.

Husband: No.

Wife: Oh, I wouldn't return to get it, I'd take it with me when I left the first time.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Husband: Claustrophobia. Lifts. Flying. Going on the train, everyone goes on the train, I get off. International day in Cardiff, I won't watch it.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THAT? CAN YOU TREAT IT? Dunno. I've never bothered. I dunno, yeah. I hate lifts. I was stuck in a lift once. Only about two hours, sweat pouring off me, there were six others in there, hot, sweating. I thought I was going to pass out.

WHERE WAS THAT?

Scarborough. The Grand Hotel.

I'VE STAYED THERE, ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO. YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE STAIRS. THAT STAIRCASE IS BEAUTIFUL.

Oh, yeah. Lovely hotel. We went to Whitby as well. I had scampi. Old fashioned. I'm not stuck on enclosed spaces.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Hard question. Hard question.

Wife: It doesn't need fixing!

Husband: Yeah. Every country's different, innit? Um ... dunno ... how would I fix the world? Dunno. Is that poverty or starving or ... where to start? I dunno where to start. Wouldn't know where to start, I wouldn't. Where to start?

YOU MENTIONED POVERTY.

Poverty. There's starvation. You wouldn't know where to start. There's just ... I wouldn't know where to start. You've got food mountains in one country and starvation in another country, you know, where'd you start? They don't get together, so ... I don't know where to start. Some country's got a food mountain and another's starving so, if they can't sort it out ... they can't expect us to sort it out. Really, there's nowhere to start is there? I wouldn't know where to start. You got butter mountains, you got sugar mountains you got this kind of food mountains and people are starving. I wouldn't know where to start.

YOU COULD MAKE A MASSIVE CAKE WITH ALL THOSE MOUNTAINS.

Well, you could do ... it could feed the world, you know? Um ... I just dunno. I'm just happy we're in this country. I'm glad I'm in this country. Not in one of the African countries or one of the starving countries. I think. Or poor countries. So, you know, that's a hard question, that is. What are these questions for? Who's gonna answer these? (Gentleman sitting nearby makes barely audible comment about Donald Trump) Kill Donald Trump? You can't say that, as far as I'm concerned! He got voted in! You know, Donald Trump. They tried that with Margaret Thatcher, didn't they? (Addressing his wife) How would you fix the world? I wouldn't have a woman in charge.

Wife: Well, I love children and I am appalled at the cruelty to children. Paedophiles, those kind of people. I would just ... eliminate them. You know, like the Dialeks did!

YOU MEAN THE DALEKS? Wife: Like the Daleks did. Husband: Ha! Ha! Ma! Wife: Eliminate! Eliminate! Husband: I'd exterminate the ... Wife: It's a very hard question. Husband: You're on about the paedophiles and all that, June, and you got kids starving on the other side of the world. Wife: Well, it's the same thing really, whatever way you look at it, it's cruelty to children whatever way you do it, whether it's starving ... Husband: I think they've got to talk first, that's the most important thing. Wife: My pity ... Husband: Well, they're having children but how are they going to feed them all? Wife: My pity ... for some young people and what they're going through. Are they ever going to forget what they've been through, to forget all the traumas they've witnessed? All those things, you know? Adults cope better than children. They need security and they've not got it in Syria. have they?

EDUCATED IN WHAT?

Husband: Well, sexual education. Well, why breed if the kids are going to starve? Surely they must know, if they have a baby, it's going to starve to

death? Why have a baby in the first place? But the men do it, don't they? And the women are only like, twelve, thirteen, fourteen. I don't really know.

If I was a teenager, I wouldn't be having any. I wouldn't have any more, not if I couldn't feed them.

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YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

COLLECTIVELY: No, nothing.

Family comes first, innit?

It's not worth it, is it?

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Heights.

Heights.

Hygiene.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY BAD EXPERIENCES WITH HEIGHTS?

No, I'm just scared of them.

I'll be standing on a wall, look down and get scared straight away.

Yeah.

You feel like you're going to fall.

SO, YOU DON'T DO ANY OF THIS FREE RUNNING STUFF?

No.

I'm scared of cooking,

YOU'RE SCARED OF COOKING?

No, cookies.

COOKIES? WHAT, BISCUITS?

Ha! Ha! Ha! No, it's him, it's his nickname.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ...

What do you mean by that?

Well, basically ...

You got to have peace, innit?

Legalise cannabis.

Yeah, and that.

No more war.

No, no!

Kill the rapist.

Less sentence for drug dealers.

Yeah, yeah.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

No, no war, like, innit?

Think of this, yeah? You think what's needed, everyone needs a house, yeah, they should, like, they should have one ...

Yeah, but that's their fault though.

Yeah, but imagine ...

What about them taking drugs and being alcoholics, though, innit?

Yeah, but imagine, like, they didn't start off like that. There's some people who is like that.

What else?

Um ...

I dunno.

Get rid of banks and tax.

Yeah!

SO, HOW WOULD THAT WORK?

Everyone would get paid cash.

Yeah!

Off the books.

WHAT IF THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT NEEDS TAX TO BUILD ROADS AND HOSPITALS?

That's bullshit.

All the job centres, they're getting our tax, innit? Whoever we work for, yeah, we get tax, we get tax for them.

We're gonna be communist then ...

It wouldn't be a democracy ...

When you had them donations ...

No democracy.

Them donation things, they don't really ... it's going to the council, it's going to ...

-Cut the higher and middle and lower class thing out.

It's going to the higher people, it's not going to the people who need it.

But no one takes action. No one's doing anything about it.

'Cause the rich make the laws.

That's true.

DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION?

Yeah.

Yeah.

Yeah, we all need to come together and bang 'em out.

BANG THEM OUT?

Batter them!

Literally, beat them.

Bang 'em!

With the rich, I don't have a problem with them, 'cause ...

No, the rich, yeah, they're enjoying life too much. They get what they want but not what they need.

They fuck over the lower class people.

They don't care about the people who need stuff.

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT LEGALISING CANNABIS?

A paedophile gets two years and a drug dealer gets fourteen years, innit? It should be the other way around.

Somebody who, like, forcefully rapes someone, yeah, they don't want it, the victim don't want it, yeah, and the person who does it gets two years

and they get less than a drug dealer and the drug dealer is giving drugs to a person who wants it.

No one asks for rape though, do they?

No, no one asks for rape but then, but then, obviously, like, people who take drugs, they want to, they want ...

(Group share an in-joke)

SO ARE YOU GOING TO A CLASS HERE?

No, we're just chillin'.

We had one yesterday. Youth club.

ANY GOOD?

Yeah, it was good advice.

Yeah, it keeps us off the streets.

What was the third question?

Yeah, what's the third question?

THAT WAS THE THIRD QUESTION, HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh, right.

Any more questions?

Who are you interviewing?

What's the most ridiculous answer you've had?

MY FAVOURITE IS SOMEONE WANTING TO RESCUE A GRAND PIANO FROM THEIR BURNING HOUSE.

She is a sick bitch. (Collective laughter.)

What did he say?

A grand piano.

I don't give a shit about that, I'd let it burn.

I'd burn money and make it back.

Smoke a spliff using money, a twenty pound note.

YOU SMOKED A TWENTY POUND NOTE?

No, not me, he did.

WHY?

'Cause money's nothing, is it?

Can I ask you a question?

SURE.

What are those? (Collective laughter.)

WHAT? MY TROUSERS?

No, your shoes!

MY SHOES? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?

They're nice! (Collective laughter.)

YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME?

No, brown's good. (Collective laughter.)

(The group's attention turns to an incoming phone call, Farnsworth re-enters the community centre looking at his shoes.)

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YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

3.083: Well, if it was really on fire, I wouldn't go in.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SIR?

3.084: What have I got to do? (Farnsworth repeats the question.) Save my wife and family and save myself.

(Contributor 3.084 abandons the Nonsensus in favour of his lunch.)

3.083: All depends how bad the fire is, doesn't it? It's like this fire in London, they always say, "Stay in your flat". I'll tell you what, if I'd have been in that building, I'd have gone downstairs and save the people you meet but I wouldn't stay in my flat, I'd be out. Isn't that right? On your way down you could save people. Like that one bloke, he went out on his landing, he's standing on all bodies, he was knocking all the doors on that landing and he did save about three and as he kept going down he saved another one, then he turned around, he couldn't go back again, the fire was too bad so he stayed out. You know what they should do in those buildings, when you think about it? You know when they have these bush fires when you're abroad? They have these bush, these bush fires abroad, they have these forest fires, what do they do there? They send the helicopters out with these big plastic bags of water, wouldn't it be handy in towns, like, anywhere? It would quash the flames, wouldn't it? And the thing is, these cherry pickers what hold the firemen, they couldn't go high enough, they could only go, what? Fourteen floors? But it said today there was two hundred-odd survived but there was fourteen families that was away on holidays. So they could have had families in there and they'd lose all their possessions, wouldn't they? I don't think they should build them that high. I reckon the maximum should only be about fourteen high. Yeah.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

My greatest fear? I don't know, really. I don't think of that.

YOU'RE A FEARLESS MAN?

No. What do you mean 'fearless'? What you ... if you seen something, would you go and investigate it? Put it this way then, if I was in a building and it was haunted, what would you do? I would go around and have a look. See on the television, I'd like to go in places, have a listen and see how it is.

ARE YOU DRAWN TO THE SUPERNATURAL?

Not really. Well, I used to work in a place down on Corporation Road, for a toy place, and when it come to Christmas they'd have these empty warehouses and they stock all the goods in there. I was working one of these places and we went in one day and the boss says, "Right. You're going down there with me and the foreman to down there", and we went down there. The next day he says, "You're down there again", and this boy says, "No, there's a ghost, there's something in one of them rooms, there's something down there. I'm not going to go down there!" And the boss says, "Well, I could sack you!" And he says, "I'm not going down there, you can do what you want". So the next day I went down there and went in all these rooms except this one. I thought, "Right, I'll go in this place what he's on about", and the further I went, when I got to the last room, there was something there. And I wouldn't go in there. You know when you go in a room and the temperature drops? It really goes cold, you can feel it. I wouldn't go in there. And when I went back, I said to the boss, "I don't blame him. You go down there and go in this certain room and see what happens".

DID HE DO IT?

I don't know.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GHOST?

No. Now, when I used to live in my house in Harrow Road, every now and again we used to walk in the house, and the kitchen was the second door and the stairs were there, and every now and again you'd see a shadow passing by the cloak cupboard and I thought, "Right! There's nobody in the house" - I went all over the house and every now and again you'd see this shadow going like that, right? And after my wife passed away, I never seen that happen again. So, I don't know what it is, the supernatural or whatever it is you call them.

WHY DO YOU THINK IT STOPPED AFTER YOUR ...

I don't know, I don't know. I did watch a programme once about this fella who lived in this big house, his two children died and his wife died and he had this big table and this wall in front of him with some kind of clock or something. And he complained to the people in the village, "We must have something in the house present". This thing kept moving, In the end I thought he was one of these ... dopey, And then a friend of his come from America and while he was in the kitchen somewhere, when he come back, he said, "That thing up on the wall there just moved". And he said, "Thank God for that! Somebody believes me". And he said he used to set his table up of a night, put his wife one end and his daughter and his son and in the morning all that was moved. And there's nobody else in that property but him. So there must have been a spirit there, innit? There's no way to prove it. I remember years ago when I was about nine and I was cycling in the dark and I could see this light coming towards me and it said something and I turned around and I couldn't see anybody. So, there could be something there but you never know, do you? It's like this other thing now, they're going to build the biggest space things to go further than anybody's ever been because this group of people think there's another planet out there, like we are. 'Cause there could be people on other planets saying the same thing, saying, "I wonder if there's anything out there like we are?" Couldn't they? They're finding all new planets every day. Because when they say that years and years ago there used to be rivers on these planets, isn't it? You can't imagine it, can you? There's got to be something out there, I can't believe we're the ... we can't be the only living planet. 'Cause when, I mean, when they, when the men landed on the moon, they reckon that was a fake. They reckon they landed in a desert in America, didn't they? Do you remember that? You don't know, really. Because when they landed, they said that a spaceship landed and when he's coming down the stairs, the shadow was on the wrong side. So, if the sun is coming down, you only get your shadow on one side. It wasn't on the right side. Whether that's ... don't know.

MY FINAL QUESTION IS, HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Stop all these bombings, stop all these countries making ammunition. If they stopped that, stopped all the fighting, I don't know the answer but all this bombing the civilians. Say someone came from a country that never fights, did something over here, what do we do? We send planes over there, we send bombs over there but you're not actually killing the person you're after, you're killing ordinary human beings, aren't you? Like in Syria, they find out there's a building there with a leader they've been looking for for years. So what do they do? They bomb there, but who else is in that building? Could be all kids, 'cause that's all they do, you can come and bomb us but they get all the people around them, they're shielded aren't they? Hmmm. Yeah, stop building all these bombs. I mean, this country's building all these warships, they're all doing it, Russia, Russia, everybody. Stop the fighters, stop making ammunition. That's the only cure, isn't it? I don't think they'll ever stop it. And Russia's one of the worst places. Yeah, out there you've got, what's the countries around Russia? Croatia, is it? Ukraine, yeah. What I believe, you've got Scotland, Wales, England and Ireland, to me they should have their own governments because you think of one island that's near us that has nothing to do with Scotland, England and ... that's the lsle Of Man. Isle Of Man have got their own government. Yeah. Their money is different. You never hear of them on the news, even when they've got the bad weather you've got England there, Ireland there, Blackpool and that, you've got Isle Of Man right in the middle. You never hear of ... (Contributor gets called away for his dinner.)

THANKS FOR YOUR ANSWERS. I REALLY LIKED WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT GHOSTS.

You'll only believe it when something happens. You put something on the table and there's no one else in the room and if that moves, I would go and investigate. I would! If there were nobody in here, say, today, nobody, nothing, I was sat here by myself and something started moving. I would get up and have a look, find out what's happening. But then again, when you talk about these haunted houses, couldn't it be someone in a building (contributor is again called away for his dinner) in a room somewhere with all these gadgets, pressing these things ...

TRICKERY?

Trickery, yeah. Innit? Well, I better have my dinner.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.085

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

No. As long as everybody is out.

SO THERE'S NO SPECIAL, TREASURED POSSESSION?

I got a couple of things but ... no, I'd let them go.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Dying. There's nothing else is there?

IS IT SOMETHING YOU THINK ABOUT?

Yeah. Hmm, yeah. A lot of people don't, do they? But I ... yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... get rid of North Korea and Russia. Ha! Ha! Ha! No, no, I shouldn't say that. I, I can't answer that one.

NORTH KOREA SEEM TO BE HOGGING THE HEADLINES AT THE MOMENT, DON'T THEY?

Yes, terrible. All I can say is Russia, USA will have them. Trouble is you'll have another World War Three, then wouldn't you?

ANOTHER ONE?

Yes, there's always something, isn't there?

WELL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

That's it, is it?

UNLESS THERE'S A QUESTION YOU THINK I SHOULD ASK? No, not at the moment.

HOW WAS YOUR LUNCH?

Not as good as it usually is. I'm the youngest here. So ... yeah.

CONTRIBUTORS 3.086 and 3.087

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

3.086: Fire? You say there's a fire?

3.087: Just the persons, is it? There's nothing else, is there?

3.086: The neighbours.

THE NEIGHBOURS ARE FINE.

3.086: Neighbours are fine? Good.

3.087: So ... thanks for God, innit, that we are safe. And I pray.

3.086: Pray for God. That's all.

3.087: Yeah.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Greatest fear? What is the greatest fear? Well, only afraid after God, innit? Ha! Ha! Ha! Not afraid of anybody else. Ha! Ha! Ha! Only afraid after God.

NOTHING WORRIES YOU?

No, nothing worries me.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

3.086: God fixes it and nobody else. Ha! Ha! Ha!

3.087: Somebody is there, the ruler and he can fix it.

3.086: Talk and peace, innit? Tell bad people, "Oh, hold on!"

3.087: Believe there is somebody there ruling. One day we are going to go. We not going to stay on this Earth, innit? We are just travelling. Come

and go, come and go, innit? Somebody there, he got a punishment.

3.086: Be nice. Don't break nobody heart. Give a smile.

3.087: Stay peaceful with everybody.

3.086: Happiness, if you got the happiness, give the happiness to everybody.

3.087: If you hurt somebody, somebody will stress and share it and that go down, innit?

3.086: Yeah, yeah, talk to each other, you know? Give a happiness to people, you know?

3.087: Peace. Peace.

3.086: If somebody angry, cool down, when he cool down, then you talk.

THANK YOU, I WON'T HOLD UP YOUR CARD GAME ANY LONGER. ARE YOU HERE EVERY DAY?

3.086: Yeah.

3.087: No, no. Not every day, once a week. We see each other, you know, we all old. So, we lost four or five other people, our friend, they already

gone. And new generation, no respect at all.

3.086: So, we come in here to sit down and talk to each other, you know?

3.087: So, we come here to find out what is happening with the people, to share the news and that's all.

3.086: You remind me Peter.

WHO?

Peter, used to be a singer, Peter.

PETER?

Peter.

BEATLES? BEATLES, YOU MEAN? (Collective laughter.) 3.086: You look like you are one of them. 3.087: Ha! Ha! Ha! 3.086: Long time they are number one. 3.087: Ha! Ha! Ha! 3.086: Tom Jones. 3.087: Tom Jones, very good.

3.086: How old are you?

I'M FORTY-EIGHT.

3.086: Oh, you can't remember then. I remember this song, (sings) "Knock three times on the ceiling if you want me, twice on the pipe if no."

NO, I DON'T KNOW THAT ONE.

3.086: You were only a baby.

I LIKE YOUR VERSION, THOUGH.

3.086: I been in this country fifty-two year.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.088

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE ...

Ooh, what would I return to my ... my briefcase probably, with all my papers in it. If my family and everything was safe, I wouldn't worry about anything else. I wouldn't worry about the telly or, 'cause, you know, there's not a lot you can do. I'd just get out, call the fire brigade, contain it and shut all my doors, keep it in one place. Wait for them, really.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE THOUGHT IT THROUGH, YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

Well, you know, life, you can't replace life. Personal items you can replace. You can't replace a life. My dog, she means more to me than television, you know what I mean? So, if my dog was in there, it would be my dog. If my dog was in there, my girl would be in there, see?

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Ooh, my greatest fear? Hmm, I haven't thought about that. My greatest fear would probably be, um, (long pause) lying somewhere for days and no one would find me ... dead. That would probably be my fear, yeah.

WOW. THAT'S HARSH.

Yeah, but, you know, that's life, innit? It does happen in life, that's it.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? One little piece at a time. Spreading love, one little piece at a time. If you show care and you show loving to someone, maybe they'll pass it on to someone else and it'll go down the line. Leading by example, yeah.

WE COULD DO WITH A BIT MORE OF THAT FROM OUR POLITICIANS, DO YOU THINK?

Those at the top should come down to the bottom. Any executive, or any boss, in any company, should work from the bottom up, as far as I'm concerned. And know every job in the company that they are managing so that when a worker comes in to complain about something, they're not coming light-heartedly and they want to be listened to. Prime minister's got to be out, meeting the people. You see her on the telly with all these people in the background, but when is she ever going around asking, "So, what do you think? What's your feeling?" She might not like what they say but she should still be open to it.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.089

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

What was I happiest? Like, during my life? My entire life? I think when I was a kid, when I was little and we used to go on holiday with my mum and dad. I was eight, ten. When I was a child and we used to go on holidays, I was very happy then. It was the seaside. So, yeah. We used to go to my dad's uncle, we used to stay there and they had a huge, kind of tangerine orchard and it was not far from the sea. It was really good, happy times.

YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

Yeah.

AND YOU STILL RATE YOUR CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE AS HAPPIER THAN HAVING CHILDREN?

Yeah. Yeah, that was much happier times. When I was a child. My parents used to spoil me and the life was good and I didn't have much to do except play and be happy and ... you know? We would go for a few weeks, almost a month, so it was a long time, it was good. With no care in the world, brilliant. Do you have a lighter?

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) Being alone, absolutely alone.

IS IT SOMETHING YOU THINK ABOUT MUCH?

Er, a lot. especially when I am here and my mum and dad are on their own. I wouldn't want to be alone without my friends and children and ...

yeah ... that's how I feel.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... I don't know. I don't think I want to, I don't know. It's messed up but it's always been this way so I don't think anyone can just fix it.

CONTRIBUTORS 3.090, 3.091

FARNSWORTH KNOCKS ON DOOR WHICH IS ANSWERED BY A MOTHER AND HER SMALL CHILDREN. THE MOTHER SAYS SHE CANNOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND TELEPHONES SOMEONE, THEN HANDS THE PHONE TO FARNSWORTH WHO SPEAKS TO THE FAMILY'S SUPPORT WORKER.

Um, no, they're not available because they don't speak English. Just leave them there. They're just asylum seekers over there. OK. Thank you. Bye.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.092

Right, OK, yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Very long pause.) I suppose that would probably be my wedding day. That was September 13th, 201 ... 3.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) Hmm ... my greatest fear would be anything happening to my husband or my children.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Hmmm, not an easy question. Um ... (long pause) I suppose I'd start by ... trying to re-educate people to work together rather than against each other.

IS THAT IN A LOCAL CAPACITY?

No, it would have to be global because there's just so much anger and hate, it's just ... hate breeds hate.

I SEE YOU'RE SPORTING YOUR JEREMY CORBYN POSTER IN THE WINDOW.

Yes.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.093

Oooh. (Addressing dog at his feet) Hiya! Um, no, I don't think so mate.

I CAN SEE I'VE WOKEN YOU UP.

Yeah, you have.



CONTRIBUTOR 3.094

HI, I RANG YOUR BELL BUT ...

None of the bells work. Depends who you want, are you wanting upstairs or downstairs?

IT DOESN'T MATTER, I'M IN THE AREA CONDUCTING A NONSENSUS ...

Oh, we're not interested in surveys. We don't do them.

IT'S A SPECIAL ONE. IT'S CALLED A NONSENSUS.

Never heard of it.

YOU'RE NOT LIKELY TO.

No.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.095

No, I'm in the middle of a meeting.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.096

It's alright, no worries. Yeah, as long as it doesn't take about an hour.

WELL, THAT'S UP TO YOU.

Do you want to come in?

THANK YOU.

That's alright. That's alright.

I LIKE THIS LITTLE THING HERE WITH THE FLAGSTONE ON THE TOP, IT'S QUITE UNUSUAL.

That's what the electric box is in.

FIRST QUESTION, WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um ... these are deep and meaningful questions now, aren't they? I thought you were going to ask, "What broadband do you use?" Oh, I don't know, this morning probably. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah, I'm quite happy, yeah.

WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING?

Um, got up and went to the gym. Ha! Ha! Ha! That's all, bit of a social thing, it's not, kind of, yeah, I'd go with this morning.

IT'S THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT KEEP YOU GOING, DO YOU THINK?

Yeah, kind of. I've got no worries. Just love life, isn't it? Yeah, go on, sorry.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) Oh, I don't know, I, um ... I know it sounds stupid, alright, I'm not scared of dying, that doesn't bother me, but it's knowing, if ever I was told I've got six weeks to live. That would worry me and that's, that's the kind of thing I would be fearful of. I don't want to know. If I was going to die tomorrow, I'd rather just die and not have anyone tell me. Does that make sense? It's not the actual fear of dying, it's the fear of *knowing* that you're going to. Yeah? These are proper deep questions. These things just pop up. Like, if you hear that your mother or someone, so and so, has been given six weeks or six months ... I wouldn't want to know. That's probably my biggest fear, that someone tells me. Like a doctor or something.

IF YOU WERE TOLD THAT, WOULD YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES?

I don't think so but then I don't think I'd be told because I'd make it clear from the off, that I don't want to know. If I've got six months to live, I don't want to know. "Do your tests but don't tell me the results!"

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh, I don't know! I haven't got the power to do that but, not so much how I would fix it but I think, you know, I've had this conversation a few times with friends, mind, but I would love to go back to a hundred years ago and just live a simple life with no phones, no cars, you know, just live on a farm and ... that's how it should have stayed, you with me? I think it got a little too advanced, too soon. I'd love to go back and live a simple life where there's no worries, you know, swap a few potatoes for a few chickens, that sort of thing, I'd love it, but ... if I could change it, that's what I would change it to. I think people got a little bit too greedy and ... yeah ... that's how it should have been, you know, that sounds ridiculous but ... if I could do that, I would do that. I'd give up everything and go back to living a simple life. But, as for changing the world, that's never going to happen, is it? If anything, it'll go further forward and ... but then again, who was it. Nostradamus and World War Four, being fought with sticks and stones? I'm sure that's what I would do.

WELL, THAT'S GREAT, THANK YOU.

That's alright. I'm glad it wasn't about the broadband.

AND THANKS FOR INVITING ME IN, THAT'S VERY KIND.

No worries, beats standing on the doorstep, so, you know. Is that everything, is that three questions? Is it being used for anything? Are you going to feed it back to the government and say, "This is what the population wants"?

CONTRIBUTOR 3.097

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Well, how can you tell? When I was younger and didn't have anything wrong with me, I expect. I don't do surveys as a rule, sorry.

WELL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Well, you can ask them but I won't answer them.

OK, WAS THAT YOUR ANSWER, THOUGH, TO THE FIRST QUESTION? Yeah, well, as you get older, you start getting things wrong with you.

DO YOU EVER LOOK BACK THOUGH, DO YOU EVER THINK, "YES, THAT WAS THE TIME I WAS HAPPIEST?"

I don't think about it. I'm a happy person, really.

SO, EVERY DAY IS A HAPPY DAY?

Almost. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) Being not able to look after myself. Being incapacitated, I suppose, getting older than I am now and not being able to sort myself out.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Let all countries have all their own money so they can sort all their own problems out. Stop wars, for a start off. Which is ridiculous.

And hope we can all keep fit and well. And be nice to one another. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yes. It'll never happen though, will it? Who are you doing the survey for, then?



CONTRIBUTORS 3.098, 3.099

About what?

IT'S ABOUT YOU. SO, MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When were we happiest? We've always been happy!

WHEN YOU LOOK BACK, IS THERE A TIME YOU CAN IDENTIFY AS BEING THE HAPPIEST IN YOUR LIFE?

Are you talking about the area or us?

YOU AS INDIVIDUALS.

We're old people!

We've always been happy. We've been married sixty-one years.

Sixty-one years.

Ha! Ha! Ha! There's nothing that changes in the area that changes us, if you understand me. Um, we're like, we're a little bit old-fashioned.

Yeah.

We haven't got the old, the phones ...

No, we've got a phone but we haven't got ...

We haven't got wi-fi, broadband, we haven't got any of that.

We're not into any of that.

We manage. We use our brains. The kids now, they don't use their brains. They get all their answers off these ...

Yeah.

Off these ..

We've got two grandchildren, they come here and all they're doing is messing, you get no conversation with them at all.

They're lovely kids and all, well our granddaughter is hoping to go to university next year, but, um, she wants to be a doctor, so she's got to get good

grades in her ... 'A' levels and she works hard at, don't ...

Aye.

She's doing her Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award next weekend, so she enters into everything, you know?

WHAT IS THAT?

You do all sorts of, um ...

Yes.

You do all mountaineering and all those sorts of things, you know?

She's got this huge bag, it's about this size, full of stuff, they've got to go for about two or three days, don't they?

Yeah.

She's just been on a course at, um, Cardiff University, now ...

Yeah.

For three days, to do it all, because, of course, the more things you're into, the more chance ...

It's onto her C.V.

C.V. Better chance of getting, yeah.

Very much so.

That's right, yeah.

They're not allowed to take their mobile phones.

They're not allowed to, are they?

They're not allowed to. No.

I think they go for about three days, and I think there is a point where, whoever's with the, er, the leader, will allow them to have one phone call back

to their parents to say they're alright. Sort of thing, you know?

Yeah. She's a good kid, isn't she? Well, they both, they both are clever kids. The headmaster said they never lose a day from school and they're

really dedicated to what they want to do, so ...

YOU'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM.

Oh, yeah.

Oh, we are. Weve only got those two haven't we? One's eighteen and one's fourteen. So ... Ha! Ha! Ha! Don't know if there's anything else we can help you with?

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Fear?! Oh ...

Greatest fear?

Um ...

Well ...

Don't know ... really.

I can't ...

No! No! You can't say we're afraid of anything. You know what I mean? You get some ...

Er ...

You get some anti-social stuff now and again but, you know, it doesn't exactly effect us directly.

No, I can't ... I can't think. I don't like being in the house on my own, do we?

Well ...

We got broke into a lot of times so ... I don't like being in the house ... on myself, do I? You're lucky we answered the door to you! We don't ...

We, we, we ...

We don't ...

Well, if you came later ...

If you came at nine, we wouldn't have answered the door ...

After six, we wouldn't answer the door.

We shout through the door, "Who is it?" or something like that, you know?

We know if it's our daughter or our s ...

Our own family come.

Oh, he's a big football fan, ain't you?

Oh, very much so, Liverpool.

He's a Liverpool supporter.

We, we used to support Newport County many, many, many years ago but, er ...

WHEN THEY PLAYED OVER AT SOMERTON PARK?

Yeah! That's when I ...

You went there for forty-odd years, didn't you?

Yeah.

But him and my son, we got a boy and a girl, and, um, the boy, our son, he's Liverpool mad. Isn't he?

He works for the council. Newport.

And we got a daughter, our Julie, that, that's our granddaughter's children ... she works in Marks and Spencers. She's worked there since she was ...

eighteen, so she's been there ... twenty-six years now, hasn't she?

Aye.

SHE'LL BE AREA MANAGER SOON.

Oh, she's been on the manager, manager stuff.

We, we like consistency, we like, er, we don't ...

Yeah.

We don't change around, we don't change our electricity account every year or ... none of that, no, no.

They wanted us to, didn't they?

No, no!

Old fashioned, I suppose. We're not with the in-crowd.

And we don't get into debt.

We don't get into debt, no.

I don't drive, that's the other thing,

No, you've never drove, have you?

No, I've never driven. No, I've never driven, no ! Ha! Ha! Ha!

You never wanted to, did you?

No, how can I explain it? I can imagine if I was in a car, I would be stopping for every dog, kid ...

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Cat, you know what I mean? So, I've got the wrong attitude! Ha! Ha! Ha! So I never ... I worked at Monsanto, did you know Monsanto? I worked there

all my ... one job ...

Worked there thirty-eight years.

Everything about it is ... everything is consistent and steady and ... yeah.

Who is it for? What is it to do with?

(Farnsworth explains the Nonsensus.)

My niece works at there. Kim ... oh, what's our Kim's other name?

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Her married name, I'm trying to think of (long pause) Lambert! Kim Lambert! She don't work full-time, she's voluntary, you know? She's been there, oh, quite a while, hasn't she? I don't think she does as much there as she used to but she's got a little job now, but I think she still goes there and does a couple of days. She's a big ... a big girl. Um, dark, her hair pulled back ... er, pulled back in a bun, er, well, in a ... she wore plaits, the last time I seen her. Yeah, my youngest sister's. We're a big family, see? I'm one of eight. He is one of, there was only three.

M, M, Maindee has changed though, mind.

Oh, Maindee, Maindee ..

Since we been here. We been here fifty years, haven't we? Nearly? Probably.

No, we been here forty-six, forty-five ...

Getting on fifty years. We've always lived in Newport. Things have got worse rather than better. There's no shops there, is there? Ha! Ha! Ha!

Supermarkets and things like that move out of town, don't they? We had, here we had a supermarket, we had everything, we had a pet-shop.

I was going to say a butchers.

And now it's mostly take-aways and things. (Whispers) We don't go to Maindee. We only live from here to there but we don't shop in Maindee itself.

We might go to Tesco with our daughter once a month.

My daughter takes me.

She drives.

Every now and again, like. But we had three supermarkets in Maindee at one point. They weren't big ones, but, you know? Kwik Save, Co-op, yeah.

What was the other one?

We knew the manager, Chicken Edwards, he was the manager of the Co-op, wasn't he?

CHICKEN?

Chicken Edwards.

We used to call him Chicken Edwards.

That was his, that was his nickname.

That was his nickname. We're talking about a long, long time ago, mind.

Before came here ...

I probably played football with him.

Yeah.

That many years ago, like.

Before we came here to live, this house, when I was a child, we lived six doors down, my parents did, it was my grandmother's house, so I was

brought up there, so I've known all this area all of my life. This was the market garden, here.

Where we live.

Before we came here to live. This piece of ground and the garages behind.

The next house up above these two, was the man who owned it, a man called Holbrook.

Holbrook, yeah. He used to sell plants and all! Ha! Ha! Ha!

And there was a number on the shed which is now our house number.

So, I've lived here, although we moved out to Alway, didn't we? He lived in Durham Road.

I lived in Durham Road, so it was only just over there. So we knew Newport very well.

Yeah. So, I don't know if there's anything else we can tell you.

I'm chairman of Newport Anglers!

He's chairman of Newport Anglers.

DO YOU STILL FISH?

Yeah!

Not so much now, do you?

At one time, I was fishing as much as four or five times a week! When I was a younger man but my son takes me now, when he has a day off. We got the two ponds at Bettws, we did have the two ponds here but Alway community people run them now. Well, they're local people and they can do the job better.

So, is that the third question?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh my God! Ha! Ha! Ha! That's a good one, that's a real good one!

Well, I think there's too many people here. We've got too many people coming over here all the time. We're going to sink soon because we can't

keep taking all these foreigners all the time. I'm not saying we shouldn't have some but they're not coming, they have all these kids and all.

An article in the paper last week that said that 29% of all the children born in this country last year were born to foreign parents.

And there's too many people on benefits.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

We can't claim nothing. We're on pensions but we can't claim nothing. But there's people who are on, they're getting everything.

How to fix the world? God! That's a super one. There can't be a straight-forward answer, can there? Well, it's got to be a multi-national answer and

when you've got Trump saying he ain't going to go in with the climate change thing, where are we, like? Do you know? I think it's getting worse

rather than better.

Yeah, well, they're not interested.

You can understand them being for their own country, to a certain extent ...

There's too many cars, isn't there? There's too many cars!

Ha! Ha! Ha! How would you fix the world!

On the road, all the time. I mean, we haven't got a car. Our, our Catlin, our granddaughter, she just passed her test, last Tuesday ...

Her driving test ...

Her driving test, so if she goes to uni ...

There's another car.

-She got another year in school ...

What's amazing, see, we can remember, 'cause we're that old ...

We're not old!

There used to be one vehicle in Durham Road and Durham Road's got two hundred houses and it had one vehicle! It was a baker's van. And this was at the beginning, at the end of the war, like. If you went over Durham Road now, probably two hundred vehicles there. You couldn't even drive down the middle of the road! Ha! Ha!

Do you live in Newport?

I DO, NEAR THE CIVIC CENTRE.

Oh, yeah! I worked up the civic centre!

You worked up the civic centre when you left school, didn't you?

I left school, I did two years up there in the borough architect's department, Johnson Blackett was the borough architect, er, and at the time he was

there, he won the Festival Of Britain Award for the Gaer estate. Yeah.

There's Blackett Avenue out at Malpas.

Yeah.

I suppose that's named after him, is it?

Yeah, yeah. I think it was 1952. Well, he won the award and, er ...

Then you went in the RAF, didn't you?

Yeah, I did my national service for two years, came back, went to Monsanto and finished at Monsanto! I did thirty ...

Eight years.

But, I been retired twenty-five years. In good health. Ha! Ha! Ha! Now, that's good! Well, that's something that's changed enormously, my father's generation, my dad was sixty-four when he died and there were lots of people in that generation who didn't get to the retirement age. Of course, the work was heavy then. It got more automated since then, like. When I started working down there, there were two thousand working down there, but when I finished there were two hundred and fifty with more or less the same production. But that's where we're falling down at the moment, I think if you listen to the experts. Productivity is not quite as it should be, compared with some of the other countries.

Well, my grandma worked for Bakers, well, it was called Bakers then, what's it called now?

W.A. - well, it's not there. A lot of the industrial parks, there were lots of factories when I was a young man, so there were lots of jobs. There's very

few now.

Worked there fifty-five years.

I think Monsanto is still there, another company owns it. But there was Lisaghts, there was Stewart and Lloyds, what was the other one? Three steel

companies in Corporation Road when I was ...

All gone now. Natalie's living on the Lisaghts, what they call it?

The Lisaghts Estate it's called, isn't it? On the site of the works, some of it. I think some of the works is still ...

She bought one of those houses.

You can't fix the world, to answer your third question.

They'll never own their houses, the kids now.

Well, that's the other terrible thing.

Yeah.

A terrible thing. Unfortunately, you see, people want more now than they used to want. When we saved for our house, we didn't have a car ...

I was working, I worked.

We both worked but we didn't have good jobs but we were able to get that deposit. Now, in our day, perhaps it might have been five grand, but fifty

now is not much different to five then. They get paid more. But they want a car and they want the other things ...

They want it straight away, don't they?

We didn't have those. I think we saved about ten years?

Yeah. We was married then nearly eight years.

They won't wait that long now! Ha! Ha! Ha!

We was married nearly eleven years when we had our Sean. And he's just fifty, it's their silver wedding now, next week, innit? Our son, yeah.

A BIG CELEBRATION PLANNED?

No, they're going away. They're going to ... um ...

When you have a party now, you're supplying all those other people, you're not yourselves having any benefit, like.

Monaco.

Monaco, yeah.

Yeah, they're going there.

That's the other thing. Ha! Ha! Ha! When we were young people, we had a day in Barry Island. Our daughter now, and her husband and her two ...

Her two children are going to ...

They're going to Dubai.

Dubai.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Dubai!

They work hard, don't they?

I'm not, but the amount they're spending on that, you could put a deposit on a house!

Yeah, but they got a house!

I know! I'm making a point that people spend money differently now.

She don't go into debt, though, do she? She saves ...

No.

For her holidays.

But, of course, they don't drink, they don't smoke, all those things cost, or can cost, quite a lot of money.

Yeah.

But they do drive.

They got to find the money for Catlin to go to university!

Oh, yeah. She's hoping to go to Cardiff. It's an American school and it's got a very good reputation. So she could stay at home, even, you know?

Her birthday's not until November. She got to do another year. She'll be nearly nineteen. Not this November, next November.

She don't want the experience that most kids want when they go away to college, the drinking, the ... well, the partying, she don't want that.

She'll be twenty-six before she earns anything, won't she? Her father and mother will keep an eye on her, or you will?

Yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha!

See what Grampa got! Yeah. But they're good kids, ain't they? We ...

We can't answer your third question, really.

So, what they going to with it then? What you going to do with it?

(Farnsworth explain the Nonsensus again.)

Well, now there's no interest rate, hardly. When we bought this house ...

Oh, aye, 13%.

We were paying 13%. Honest truth! Ha! Ha! Ha! This is forty ... For a long time. Forty-five years ago, wasn't it? Oh, aye. We had an house before this, we sold that. When did we buy it actually? Sixty-seven? We came here when Sean was five and he's fifty. Yeah. But we was up the top before that, we had an house up the top. That was 13%. We had to get off the hill, I had vertigo, I used to get vertigo bad and we lived right at the top of the hill - uurgh! Pushing a pram up there! It was a lovely house, we loved the house, didn't we? It wasn't really practical. This house became available and it was near her mum, her mum was getting older, so it was convenient, like. And 'cause we didn't have a car, I could walk down Wharf Road and catch the bus in Corporation Road to Monsanto, like. I said when my mam and dad went, I wouldn't stay in this house but we're still here, ain't we? Yeah Yeah. Don't go next door, she won't answer. No, she won't answer. I don't know how Ron is, he's eighty-nine. He's good, he'll tell you, he's a good neighbour. He's there. He was the Mayor Of Newport in 2002. He was the best mayor in the country ... Yeah. I got an article ... We went to all their dos, didn't we? Yeah. Good as gold, yeah. You know, they do a charity thing every year, they pick a charity, right? I don't know if he made more money or what, but there was a competition run by, I don't know who run it, I think it was a building society, for the best mayor in the country for that year and he won it. He wouldn't tell you that! He's eighty-nine now Ron Morris. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOU'VE BEEN VERY GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME.

That's all we do now, talk! Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 3.100

Try me out. Try the first one and I'll let you know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Ho! Ho! Ho! 1951. When I got married.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Dying. I've got plenty to do. Not enough time to do it, aye.

IS THERE A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY ON YOUR LIST?

What I want to do? See my son and daughter-in-law financially sound and will have a good future.

THINKING OF THE NEXT GENERATION?

More or less, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Well, I ... consideration is the thing that's disappeared out of this world. Little thing, little things like where people park their cars. On pavements. Funny places. Illegal and they couldn't care less. That's the start of major crime. They get away with the little things and it'll be knife crime and God knows what next. If you could only get it back to the days when people considered other people, it'd be a better world. It's eroded, eroded and we don't see anybody. Nobody cares. Couldn't care less. It's the little things in life, you know? I think, "Why don't they do things properly?" Take that mini-bus over there (points to a campervan across the street) it's a lady who lives down the lane between two houses down there. Well, she knew when she bought it she couldn't put it outside her own bloody house so now it's outside somebody else's window, it's been there for a fortnight, it hasn't moved! I couldn't do that! That's the type of behaviour that has grown, where people do what they like and couldn't care less about other people. I wouldn't want that outside my window for a fortnight. You don't see your neighbours, do you? It's not that you're nosey, next door, for instance, has got cancer, she keeps her eye on me when I get up in the morning and it's important I do the same for her. I'm on the phone if they're not, you know? But if that bus is in the way, you can't keep that connection, sort of thing. But they couldn't care less. But that's life. I don't think we're going to change it. I think it's going to get bloody worse.

YOU USED TO BE THE MAYOR DIDN'T YOU? THE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR WERE TELLING ME. Hmm. 2001 to 2002.

AND YOU RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR BEING THE COUNTRY'S BEST MAYOR? Well, that's a while ago now.

THEY SAID YOU WOULD PLAY IT DOWN.

Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't advertise it very much! It was something I didn't expect, but, er, I did win it, yeah, yeah.

WHEN YOU'RE MAYOR ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE CHANGE, LIKE THE THINGS YOU'VE MENTIONED?

Not a lot, no, not a lot. You can a lot of things, by setting standards and examples but you can't force any issues. You haven't got any authority to change anything. You can visit communities and say things, in schools, make a speech, you might be able to influence the kids. I don't know, I'm not sure. You can only try.

WE CAN LEAD BY EXAMPLE AS INDIVIDUALS?

More or less, that's the good thing. I'll give you an example now, the other day, I was having lunch out with a group of people, all elderly, and a woman got, er, up, who I know quite well but didn't realise, who was a smoker and I might have used the wrong words or selected the wrong words, one word was definitely wrong and I said, "Oh, I didn't know you had this filthy habit of smoking!" Now, if I'd have left out the 'filthy', I'd have got away with it, if I did. Her language was beyond a joke, in front of everybody. "Mind your effing business!" This and that. So, I wishes I wasn't there, like. That evening I thought, it was meant in that way. I just thought she wasn't a smoker. That was in my mind. She didn't look like a smoker, sixty, seventy years of age and I thought she would know better but I made an error of judgement. Ha! Ha!

PERHAPS YOU TOUCHED A NERVE BECAUSE THAT'S QUITE A RESPONSE, ISN'T IT?

I touched a nerve! Ha! Ha! Ha! And she won't let me forget it, either! Every time she looks at me - DAGGERS! No words go between us if we eat or go for coffee. She looks at me with daggers, see, I stepped out of line. But it was just a fluke, it wasn't meant, it's just the way it came out. If I'd have left that one word out, it wouldn't have mattered so much but I didn't know she was a smoker.

IT'S STILL PLAYING ON YOUR MIND, ISN'T IT?

Well, I don't like upsetting people. She don't give a damn! I don't suppose she's worrying a bit about it! She couldn't care less about how I feel. But you know, it's the way you're made and the way you've been brought up, sort of thing. But, er, that's life, I suppose. Can't win them all!

CONTRIBUTOR 3.101

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? Probably now.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?

I'm not working, um, the kids are in school, well, they will be, um, and things are OK financially.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(From behind, a small person, probably a daughter replies, "Spiders!") No, it's not! That something'll happen to the kids.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? (Long pause.) Hmmm ... I would ... level income off, so that everybody had a greater share of the wealth.

(Small person, probably a daughter) Politics.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.102

What'd you say, a Nonsensus?

A NONSENSUS.

On behalf of?

FARNSWORTH FACT-FINDING FACILITATORS.

For what reason?

I'M COLLECTING RAW DATA.

Do you mind if I decline?

I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

That's fine. I'm a research manager myself.

OH, RIGHT! BEAUTIFUL PORCH, BY THE WAY.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Cheerio.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.103

No.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.104

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Oh gosh! Probably today, when I woke up. Well, perhaps not the happiest ever in my life but I was quite happy this morning.

YOU WERE AWARE OF YOUR HAPPINESS?

Hmm. I'm just quite lucky. I've got my own home. I've got children, a dog, a husband, I ...

YOUR HUSBAND CAME LAST IN THAT LIST ...

Don't tell him that, he often comes last in that list! Ha! Ha! Ha! No surprise!

DO YOU FEEL THAT LEVEL OF HAPPINESS EVERY MORNING?

Yeah, most mornings.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Probably losing my children.

NOT SOMETHING YOU DWELL ON.

No. (Awkward silence.)

SHALL WE MOVE ONTO THE THIRD QUESTION?

Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Hmm ... quite difficult, isn't it? Can you get rid of religion? Money? All those things? Probably not.

HOW WOULD GETTING RID OF RELIGION IMPROVE THINGS?

Hmm ... (Long pause.) I don.t know, less conflict, I imagine.

AND MONEY, HOW WOULD GETTING RID OF MONEY IMPROVE THINGS?

Well, it would be nice if everyone was equal, wouldn't it? I know everyone needs to be in the same state of mind for that.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.105

Oh, what is it?

WELL, MY FIRST QUESTION, WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? When was I happiest? Ooh, most of my life I've been happy. Yeah, never been miserable.

I CAN SEE.

Yeah. Not really, only when a member of the family has passed on or something like that. That's all, you know?

WHAT'S YOU GREATEST FEAR?

Oh, I don't know, getting old, I think. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah. I was a carer for thirty-four years so I know what it's all about. So I don't really ... I just take each day as it comes.

GOOD PHILOSOPHY. HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD? That's a big question. I can't answer that. Can't answer it. No idea, none whatsoever.

OK. IS YOUR WRIST OK?

NO! I'm full of arthritis, I am. Yeah, rheumatoid arthritis. That's alright, just carry on.

CONTRIBUTORS 3.106, 3.107

Yeah, yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Happiest? Don't know. None in particular. Anytime.

ANYTIME?

Yeah.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR? Fear? Don't know. Unseen contributor from within the house: Who is it? It's a census. Three questions.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Unseen contributor from within the house: No. Greatest fear? (Long pause accompanied by a lengthy exhalation) Dying.

YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN, IT CAN'T CROSS YOUR MIND THAT MUCH? No, not much, I don't really have any fears. I tend not to fear very often.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Don't know. A difficult question for me, um, how would I fix the world? Give everyone a chance. Everyone have an opportunity. Yeah. Everything, everyone on a level playing field.

I LOVE THE SOUND OF YOUR BELL, BY THE WAY, IS THAT THE ORIGINAL SOUND? It's broken.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.108

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Well, I'm OK all the time. More or less. Oh, sometimes I'm not well and sometimes I'm ...

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?

Reasonable.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

(Long pause.) I don't really have any fears. No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Well, that's a big question and, er ... one would have to be in ... a particular position to be able to do that.

IF YOU COULD ADVISE SOMEONE IN THAT POSITION, WHAT WOULD YOUR ADVICE BE?

Well, it would depend entirely on what the individuals would be. You know, what their, um ... ambitions would be.

SHALL WE LEAVE IT THERE?

Yeah, I think so. Probably, yeah.

YOU HAVE INTERESTING WALLPAPER.

Pardon?

YOUR WALLPAPER. I LIKE THE PRINT OF YOUR WALLPAPER.

Well, that wallpaper has been there since ... er ... many, many years. I think it was, er ... my daughter lived here ... and, er ... they actually,

they had it done in, er ... about 1980.

IT'S VERY PRETTY.

Yeah, it is, yeah.

AND YOU'VE GOT TWO GRANDFATHER CLOCKS.

That's correct.

BOTH SHOWING THE CORRECT TIME. DO YOU SET THE TIME EVERY MORNING?

No, no, they're ... I haven't set the time on them at all, actually. But, er ... they are, er ... both working alright, it's just a hobby of mine.

ARE YOU A HOROLOGIST?

That's right, yes. It's, er, just a hobby, that's all.

DO YOU STILL DO IT?

Well, not now ... I've had a ... you know, a ... that was a part-time hobby. I did, er ... numerous clocks and ... I would see them ... they needed repairs and I ... I picked them up as something to do.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.109

Yeah, OK.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Good question, I'm not sure. (Very long pause.) Oh, I don't know. Say, when I got married four years ago.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Um ... oh! (Long pause.) Spiders. Ha! Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh ... um ... first, I'd strip Donald Trump of the presidency, but ... I think that's about it really.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.110

Um, I've not heard of a Nonsensus.

NO, IT'S PRETTY UNIQUE.

OK.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

OK, when I was twenty-four.

THAT'S VERY DEFINITE.

Very definite.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE TWENTY-FOUR?

Um ... (Slightly flustered, long pause.) I was straight out of a relationship, newly single, and ... um ... just really happy to be single. Ha! Ha! Ha!

HAPPY TO BE FREE?

Absolutely!

WAS THAT IN NEWPORT?

I was on holiday, actually. Yeah, yeah.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Um ... (long pause) ... being helpless ... and alone ... in old age, I suppose. I try not to dwell on it, try not to.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um ... by getting rid of violence.

HOW MIGHT YOU APPROACH THAT?

Um, very tricky, that one. I don't know um (long pause) ... by locking up people who are aggressive? Ha! Ha! Ha! Not a very good answer!

Hope it helps.

CONTRIBUTOR 3.111

I've actually got visitors at the moment.

CONTRIBUTOR 4.112

What's it on?

WELL, THE FIRST QUESTION IS WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? I'm happy now.

ARE YOU?

Yeah.

YOU WAKE UP EVERY MORNING HAPPY? Yeah.

ANY REASON FOR THAT?

I'm a happy person. I am a happy person.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

Greatest regret? Hmm ... do I have a greatest regret? (Very long pause.) No, I don't ... no I suppose my late fiancée dying.

THAT'S TRAGIC. HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? That's hard. Just try and bring peace to everybody. Yeah.

HAVE YOU GOT A FIRST STEP?

No. I haven't got a first step, I don't suppose. I don't know. How would you bring peace to everybody? I don't know. Try to stop the wars that are going on in the world. First step, try and stop the wars. That would be it, you know? It is a tough job, I know. I know. So, yeah.



CONTRIBUTOR 4.113

What's it about?

WELL, LET'S TRY THIS: WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? Um ... Well, I've been around a long time, I've had happy years, yes. Probably in my twenties. Yeah.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN YOUR TWENTIES?

I got married and had my children ... and I sort of started my career as a vet, so ... yeah.

I'VE HEARD OF YOU ACTUALLY. YOU'RE QUITE LEGENDARY, AREN'T YOU? Ha! Ha! Ha! I've been around a long time, that's why!

MANY OF MY FRIENDS WITH PETS RECOMMEND YOU HIGHLY. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's right, yeah.

WELL, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU IN PERSON.

Thank you. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

(Very long pause.) Um probably, sort of because, my husband died when he was ... well, five, six years ago and he was still quite young. I thought quite young, that's probably the biggest trauma that's happened in my life, yes, yeah, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Impossible. I, I just feel sorry for the politicians or anybody who tries! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! It's ... it seems to be getting worse, I just feel, like, I'm glad I'm the age I am, that, er, you know, the world isn't getting any better. What are you doing this for? (Farnsworth explains the Nonsensus.) Oh, I see, yes, yes, we ... are you in the art college, or ... um?

NO. I USED TO BE.

Is the art college still there?

NO, THEY'VE SHIPPED IT ALL OFF TO CARDIFF NOW.

Yes. Because we used to have quite a lot of students who came here, to the surgery, because, well, you probably know if you went there, they would give them these projects and one was relationships, one was people at work, and they used to do, and of course this place here was a marvellous environment to, I mean, I always say you have every emotion all day, every day, you know? And um, there were some lovely students came and we always used to chuckle because they hid behind their cameras, they couldn't watch us operate but they could take pictures of us operating! But there were some really interesting characters we had here. Yeah, yeah,



CONTRIBUTOR 4.114

How you doing, alright? You good?

YES THANKS.

Yes, fine, yeah. How long will it be because I'm, I, I, I, er ...

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I ... goodness gracious! When was I ... it's very, er ... I think probably round about when my son was born, when, around about, when he was a baby, he's eleven now, so, yeah, probably around about that time, we're talking about eleven years ago ... when I was happiest, yeah.

A EUPHORIC MOMENT?

A what?

A EUPHORIC MOMENT.

Yeah, it was. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. It was one of those defining moments in life, I think.

DO YOU SEE LIFE AS A SERIES OF PEAKS AND TROUGHS OF HAPPINESS OR IS IT A CONSTANT WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL FLUCTUATION?

Oh! Goodness gracious! I would say for me, the baseline is more like a ... a line ... with occasional fluctuations. But my line is down here when I'd rather it be here. Yeah.

YOU RECOGNISE THAT?

Oh, yeah, definitely, yeah, yeah, yeah, Um ... I would say I wish my line of norm was somewhere around here. There are peaks and troughs in that one as well. I'd like the norm or the mean to be somewhere higher than it is.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

Great ... er ... probably education. I didn't stay on in school and I didn't apply myself as much as I should have, or could of, and then, um, I guess regretting that later on in life and not going to university and all that sort of stuff. So ... and having to make up for it later on.

HAVE YOU MADE UP FOR IT?

I think I'm still in the process of doing it. I ... um ... (long pause) ... I've pondered this quite a bit recently, well, actually for some time, "Am I doing the right thing? Have I done the right thing?" So, um ...

WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING AT THE MOMENT?

Ooh ... do you know what? I don't know. My wife seems, sorry to digress just a moment, my wife seems pretty focused, she knows what she wants to do, she has a plan, but there's me ... I'm just ... not sort of drifting, you know what I mean ... just more ...

IS THAT YOUR NATURE, THOUGH?

It probably is, actually, just being laid back and it doesn't ... um ... yeah, it's a weird one, it feels, like, as if sometimes I'm not in control and I just let events steer me, rather than me, you know, steering the events I could have control over. Bit of an odd one, but, yeah, it's strange, I'm always thinking, "Have I done the right thing? What do I do? What's the plan? Where am I going?" etcetera, etcetera, and I think those can also weigh on your mind, sort of.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE THAT REFLECTION?

It is and I, you know, I always seeks help, you know, in self-guide, self-help books, and they always go on about the same stuff. It's almost as if that thing is missing, you know, but I don't know whether that's in me, or some kind of external thing, but, um ... strange. But in chatting to you, you start getting ... the wheels start spinning and stuff, but, um ... hmm ... I'm glad you knocked! Thank you.

I'M GLAD YOU ANSWERED! MY FINAL QUESTION, HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the ... oh! Were you looking for a simple, one word or ...

ENTIRELY UP TO YOU.

Phew ... I do know it's broken. But, um ... oh, God ... I would say, me, personally, it's to do with education and family values. I mean, I, I'm not, I don't, I'm not, aligned to any religious, Christian beliefs or any of that, any of that stuff but, er ... I do have a firm belief in the strong family unit, etcetera, giving a nice ... because that's something I didn't have when I was a ... a child, so I'm trying to instil in my son that, so, er, yeah, get the family sorted out right and make sure that's, be happy within your family life, but also education, I think, just everyone ... try and raise your awareness and ... but, yeah, those are the key things, I would say. But, yeah, you've got me thinking there. Yeah, really good.

I HOPE I DIDN'T DISRUPT YOUR DAY TOO MUCH.

No, I'm working from home so it's nice for someone to knock on the door and just take me away from the screens. Brilliant. Thanks. Well, good luck. I don't know if that many people are in so ... what's it for, is it ... (Farrsworth explains the Nonsensus.) Oh, wow! Local artists or ...

YEAH, ALL LOCAL ARTISTS.

Again, that's something I did when I was younger, I started doing photography but then I thought there's no money in it, it's always money with me, money, money, money. I realised that's not what it's about. I've said that when we did this, I'd give work up but ... you get to that, sorry, I don't want to keep you.

IT'S FINE.

You know, you set yourself little goals, you reach that goal and you think, I can give work up now but it just, you just carry on with it. Maybe ... yeah ... that's good. That's just made me feel a lot better, actually. Thanks very much, mate. I'm Tony, by the way.

HI TONY, I'M STUART.

Stuart, you know, I'm sure I've seen you around Newport. You're based here?

I AM.

CONTRIBUTOR 5.115

What is it, love?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Er ... I'm quite happy now! Ha Ha! Ha!

TODAY IS THE PINNACLE OF YOUR LIFE'S HAPPINESS?

Yeah, I would say so, yeah. Just, no worries, no troubles, nothing.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Dying.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Get rid of men. Yes.

DO YOU HAVE A HUSBAND?

Yes. I always tell him, "Men cause all the trouble in this world", and they do. Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 5.116

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? When my wife was alive. Three years ago. We were married forty, forty-four years.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

I don't know, I've never thought about it. Getting old.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Well, sometimes I think with a big bomb.

THERE'S A FAIR BIT OF THAT AROUND AT THE MOMENT.

I went through the Cuba Crisis. The Cuba Crisis was the one we thought was going to start it. The ships were on their way. I was going to tech then. And I remember, as a boy, in the fifties, when all the army trucks were lined up out ... by Tredegar Park because they were going over to Egypt, to take back the Suez Canal. Yeah. I've seen a lot of it and it's getting worse.

CONTRIBUTORS 5.117, 5.118

What's the questions?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

I don't know

(Wife comes to the door) What is it?

IT'S A NONSENSUS

What's it all about? No, it's OK, thank you. What, what organisation are you with, then?

CONTRIBUTOR 5.119

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um ... I dunno. I dunno. I ... (long pause) I dunno.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Death. It's got to be the one, yeah. I sometimes think about it. I'm nineteen

ISN'T THAT A BIT YOUNG TO BE THINKING ABOUT DYING? No. It's just a fear of dying, type thing,

RIGHT. HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

By making everyone become, like, peaceful and all that. Making sure there is peace. Just hope for, like, peace and stuff. All that



CONTRIBUTOR 6.120

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

A super power? God. It's God sending everything, innit? He is a big part of my life.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Peace, innit? Peace every way. No trouble. No bad thing. God like peace, everyone.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! How you fix the world? The world? I mean, God, everything I need, it's from God, innit? So, God send me. So, some people believe it, some people, no. I am Muslim. But there's too many Muslim, innit? You don't know? We got too many Muslims. Er, one Muslim is peace, one is trouble. No. Different types of, yes. But, if you, er, mean, if I see that, myself, like, they inside the bodies, but if I am clean, I think other person will be clean. That's the main thing. So, if I am something wrong in my bodies, and I am feeling, he do something. So, I don't think this way. If you do, your way. So, God see you, not me. I believe that God, God send you everything. So, that's it. Do you want a ... if anybody come in, though my doors, I ask them, "Coffee? Tea? Anything?" I ask, so, you want anything for ... tea? Coffee? Drink?

A GLASS OF WATER?

Samosas?

WATER.

Water. Clear water? Come on in!

WHAT'S THE TV CHANNEL?

It's a Muslim.

A RELIGIOUS CHANNEL?

Yeah. He is the imam, at the moment, this is London. Long place this, eh? UKs? So, you work for council, you work private? Private. You know, this month is the Muharram. Er, you know, God, right? God has a prophet, Mohammed? His name Mohammed Akram. But, his children, is, er, die in, er, Iraq, you heard that? See?

WHEN WAS THIS?

Ages ago! Before come the Bibles. You read the Bibles? You read the Qur'an? Right, so, who are you?

WHO AM I?

Aye. Religions? You read the Bible? Not at all? Right. Well, only, only, only, only, two things, like, innit? There is a day and a night. That's it, innit? Anybody is there, innit? Control the world. You know what I mean? If there is a car and you see the car, there's no driver driving the carl See? This world ... somebody is, um, life, innit? We control the world. All the world. Somewhere cold, somewhere hot, somewhere, I mean ... snowing, all different type of weather. Who is that? Anybody is doing that? No. You say, like, innit, who you believe you? I said. "It's God, innit?" So, anybody is there, like, control the world. Not me. It's God, innit?

YOU WORK HARD, DON'T YOU?

Oh, yeah. I working. But, no work, no life. Immediately. God say, "Right, just do what is reasonable". If you do an eight-hour job (Contributor turns to the television and translates the imam's prayer for Farnsworth.) He is every Muslim. If no Muslim, he don't know, innit? What's the story? He like you, what's the story?

DO YOU PRAY FIVE TIMES A DAY?

Me, no, 'cause no time, right? But my family do it, my childs do it. God send me everything. Because I believe, yeah.

IS HE SHOUTING?

No, no, no, no. He pray. But, a lot of people sit there, innit? So ... it important to do something. Priest, church, Christian, do something, It's no good, no life. But, that is his matter. In my religion, you can't touch alcohol. Not at all. My book say it, the Qur'an say it. If you touch it, say, just a glass, alcohol in the glass, you are involved. Like the people who do the robbery. If people don't buy it, you don't do it. Like, the thief, innit? He is doing the rob people, but other people buy it! If other people don't buy it, you don't do it! OK, then? (Contributor escorts Farnsworth to the front door.) That's why. I ask you before, too many Muslim. Some Muslim is drink, some people don't touch, some people, when they get old, they think every bad thing, innit? So, well, help to God, innit? How many you said this morning to people?

YOU'RE MY FIRST ONE.

Your first one, is it? Yesterday?

MAYBE THIRTY HOUSES? FORTY HOUSES? Anybody ask you, like, about God and the world?

YOU ARE THE FIRST ONE THIS WEEK.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Anytime you come!

I'VE LONG ADMIRED THE FLAG YOU FLY FROM THE ROOF OF YOUR HOUSE. You know Mohammed? Yes? His grandchildren, his name Abbas, his hand, like, God say it, "I give you that mark, this man, he do ... you know, he follow for us!" If you don't believe, nobody gave you nothing. But, that mark, your people do it with the cross, innit? You know cross, Jesus' cross, innit? Ours is this one, innit?

CONTRIBUTOR 6.121

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD THAT BE? Um ... hmm ... ooh, gosh ... it's between flying and invisibility.

YOU CAN HAVE ONLY ONE.

I know. It's ... flying. Speed. I dunno. Ha! Ha! Ha! Flying at speed, like Superman. I don't know. I might combine invisibility, as well. So fast, nobody can see you!

IT'S A NICE IDEA BUT IT'S GREEDY. YOU CAN'T HAVE BOTH. Ha! Ha! Ha! Flying! Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT ABILITY?

Oh, all I could. For the good. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I? (Long pause.) I am. Um, life as an upward trajectory? It has to be. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Umm, oh, my gosh! I'd probably, er, scrap religion. Men, males, males with religion. Ha! Ha! Males with religion. Yeah.

YOU THINK THEY'RE THE CAUSE OF THE WORLD'S ILLS?

Majority. Power. OK.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.122

Er, yeah. What's it about?

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Ooh. I dunno. Never thought of it. Dunno. Nothing comes to mind, no.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Probably now! Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Stop conflict.

ANY IDEAS HOW YOU WOULD DO THAT? Not particularly but ... if I could do anything, that's what it would be.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.123, 6.124

HELLO THERE. IS YOU MUM OR DAD HOME?

Yeah, I go and get them a minute.

HELLO ...

Actually, we are just about to go on holiday, any moment. ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.125

No, sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.126

Well, seeing as it's just three questions, there's no problem, is there? It's either I can answer them or I can't.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A superhuman ability? (Long pause.) That's difficult, isn't it? Most probably, um, stop the pain and misery of, er, all the children who are hungry in

the world and the slavery and the pain that they are going through.

THAT'S VERY MAGNANAMOUS OF YOU. MOST PEOPLE WANT TO FLY.

Er ... what's the point in that? I mean, they could do so much more good in the world.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? (Long pause.) Oh! I've suffered with arthritis all my life. Um, when was I happiest? (Long pause.) When was I happiest? Can't ever think of being happy.

NO?

No.

YOU DON'T THINK YOU'VE EVER BEEN HAPPY?

I don't think so, no.

ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, HOW HAPPY WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE NOW?

Not very. No!

IS EVERYTHING OK?

(Long pause.) It's just the same as normal.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, how would I fix the world? (Long pause.) Well, that goes back to the first question. Stop the pain and misery. Make sure everybody's fed. See, if I had a wish I'd say make sure everybody's ... fed ... no pain ... no misery.

YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL VIEW HERE.

It's even better from around the back. Go on, go and have a look. Go on!

(Farnsworth enters the contributor's back garden and takes in the view.)

IT'S VERY NICE. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

You have a good day!

CONTRIBUTOR 6.127

If it's quick.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?.

Er, to fly. At height.

WHY THAT POWER?

I dunno, just 'cause I would.

A BIT OF FUN?

Yeah?

YOU WOULDN'T TRY AND EASE THE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

Well ... of course ... I just, I just thought, it was the first thing I thought of, I didn't ...

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST HAPPIEST?

Er ... I don't know. I'm pretty happy, to be honest, so ...

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Er ... um ... I'd make everyone realise what they've got instead of wanting everything they haven't.

THAT'S AN EXCELLENT ANSWER.

Thank you!

I LOVE THAT PAINTING THERE. IS IT A PAINTING?

Ooh, thank you. Well, it's a piece of art. It's only a cheap one, so, yeah. We've just moved in.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.128

No. Sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.129

(Contributor answers door whilst on the telephone.) Not at the moment.

I CAN SEE YOU'RE BUSY.

A busy moment.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.130

In regards to what?

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Oh no! I'm alright thanks.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.131

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Are you serious?

I AM.

(Long pause.) World peace. Hmm.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I married my wife. And we still are. Well, 54 years. Yeah, we're still going.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Well, I don't think anybody can at the moment. It's such a mess. Everywhere's a mess, where ever you go.

ANY IDEAS WHERE YOU MIGHT START?

Not really. I think, well, like I say, more peace in our world, help each other more and I think the biggest problem is religion. That's the cause of most

of it. That's what I'd say, yeah?

CONTRIBUTOR 6.132

Um, what are the three simple questions?

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Um ... spread love all over the world. I think so, yeah.

LIKE A SPELL?

Well, yeah! Yeah! Yeah, to be able to cast love so everybody could love each other. Yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, when I gave birth to my son. Yeah, nearly eighteen months ago. Seventeen months ago.

YOU'RE STILL GLIDING ALONG THAT PLATEAU OF HAPPINESS?

Er, it goes up and down. Ha! Ha! Ha!

DEPENDING ON SLEEP PATTERNS?

Definitely, yeah!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, with my superhuman powers of love. Yeah!

CONTRIBUTOR 6.133

No. I think not now, thank you very much.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.134

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

What would it be? What would it be? Um, er, um, oh, what's it called? (Long pause.) It's what Phoenix does on the X-Men? Telekinesis! Where you control things with your mind. I would use it so I could do multiple things at once. Yesss!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I'm happiest is when I feel I've got everything in order. Yes.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Oooh! Just make people, um, understand other people's points of views. Being able to accept another point of view that isn't your own. Yeah!



CONTRIBUTOR 6.135

Go on, then.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

To be able to fly?

AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT ABILITY?

Fly.

JUST FOR FUN?

Yeah.

WOULD YOU GO FAST?

Yeah.

WOULD YOU GO HIGH?

Very!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When am I happiest? Every day. Every day.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Too damaged to be fixed.

WE CAN'T REPAIR IT?

I doubt it very much.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.136

No, I'm not very well today.



CONTRIBUTOR 6.137

Yeah.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

(Huffing) Um ... to take away bad feelings. I don't know, just have everyone's bad feelings taken away. If they asked, then I would take it away.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Long pause.) Um ... when was I happiest? Um ... when, when, when ... when was I happiest? I'm not sure. Um ... maybe when ... you're in love? Like, when you do those, kind of, most, non-expensive moments, like, not at. like, a restaurant or anything like that, just being in love with someone. Yeah, I think that's probably when I was happiest. (Farnsworth notices the contributor's eyes tear up.)

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Take away ... take away any, um, nuclear weapons and you, you can't fight then. You can fight through message and people but you can't ... ruin, if you know what I mean? So, take away nuclear weapons. No, it's definitely here to stay. Shit. They're just threatening one another now, "Look at my big missile!" No! Look at *my* big missile!" Just take them all away and you've got nothing to fight with then.

THIS MORNING I SAW ON A FEW INTERNET COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS (ICPs) PEOPLE DECLARING THAT THE WORLD HADN'T ENDED. WAS THERE A PROPHECY RECENTLY THAT YOU WERE AWARE OF?

I have no idea. I, hey! You could be anywhere in the world and chat any kind of shit and someone's going to believe you, you know? And someone else will, someone else will ...

ARE YOU BEING CYNICAL?

Ha! Ha! Ha! No, I'm just, um, realistic. Like, the whole 'save the world' thing. We're trying to save the world with a bunch of idiots in it, you know? A lot of them are brainwashed now, so if people can't think for themselves, then there's no hope really! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! There's hope for your friends and your family but, you know, don't go worrying yourself about them. They'll, um, they'll get themselves killed off in some kind of (inaudible). They'd rather look at a funny cat video, so ... so be it.

FUNNY CAT VIDEO?

Yeah, I know. Pope have got so much knowledge at their fingertips but they'd rather look at funny cats.

A DISTRACTION?

It's a massive distraction, yeah. Just don't get distracted. It's always been, since Jesus Christ, way before mine, your dad, your dad's dad time, it's been happening for, like, ancient, ancient amount of years, you know, this has, this has all started from. If anything, it's happening how it was meant to. It's just, as good people go, we know we've broken every one of nature's laws, I don't know. What's this survey for?

CONTRIBUTOR 6.137

I haven't really got time, to be honest with you.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.138

What sort of questions?

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Oh, I don't answer those questions. Who is it on behalf of?

CONTRIBUTOR 6.139

We're about to go out, we haven't got the time, sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 6.140

(Shouting at barking dog) Stop it! Stop it! No. Oh, I've just lost my partner, I can't. I couldn't talk for very long.

CONTRIBUTORS 6.141, 6.142

A what, sorry? Oh, OK.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE? Oh, God! I don't know. (Long pause.) I don't know! Ha! Ha! That's a hard question! Vince! Come here! Ha! Ha! Ha! Answer these super, he's got three questions for you! What for? That's all! Three questions! What for? If you had one superpower, what would it be? What would you choose? If you had one superpower, what would it be? What would you choose? I don't know. I never even thought of it. Ha! Ha! Ha! What's that got to do with me? He's asking you. I don't know! I haven't got a clue! I don't think it's very. I don't think ... This is all a bit, um ... I know! I know!

OK. WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

I'm happy now. I've always been happy, yeah, yeah.

VINCE?

Yeah.

Yeah.

YOU'RE HAPPY NOW?

Wife: Ha! Ha! Ha! Not noticeable! Ha! Ha! Ha!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Vince: Get rid of Donald Trump.

Ha! Ha! Ha! No, I wouldn't.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

How would I fix the world? Um, if I had a superpower, give peace to everybody.

What?

Peace worldwide.

ANY IDEAS, SIR?

(Long pause.) Hmm (Long pause.) I'd go along with that.

He'd go along with that!

CONTRIBUTOR 6.143

I can try.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

To survive.

IS EVERYTHING OK? (Long pause.) NO?

No, I'm not in the best of health. (Extremely long pause.)

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Extremely long pause.) Never have been. Put it like this, I remember being in a pram, under the stairs, when I was a baby and hating it.

(Extremely long pause.)

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Contributor disappears into her house, reappearing with a sheet of paper.) Do you want me to read it to you?

Go placidly, amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant. They too have their story. Avoid loud (the recital is punctuated by the roar of a masonry drill) and aggressive persons. They are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself to others (drill) you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements (drill) as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career, however humble (drill). It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise (drill) caution in your business affairs for the world is full of trickery. But let there ... no ... but let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself, especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment ... sorry ... it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture the strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are borne of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than trace and stars ... trees and stars ... you have a right to be here and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be and whatever your labour and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life. Keep peace with your soul. With all its shams, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

SOME BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENTS IN THERE.

Absolutely.

IS THAT SOMETHING YOU LIVE BY?

I do! I do.

WHO WROTE THAT?

I think it's been attributed to anonymous! Ha! Ha! Ha!

HE'S WRITTEN A LOT, HASN'T HE?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Anonymous has. I write my own poetry.

DO YOU?

I do. I wrote one for (inaudible) which I was thinking about entering into a competition, if you want to hear it?

YES, PLEASE.

I asked one of the girls at my singing group, I belong to Newport Mind, I've got mental health issues ... as many people probably do but not many people really admit. I called it *To The Light Of Day*. Let me see if I can remember it. Whooping from the sky above, we fall to Earth to the mountains cold, Dripping, dripping, drop by drop, down to the caverns deep below, Inch by inch we join to pool the lapping lake, dark and cool, Ever downwards we went our way, once again to the light of day. Faster, faster, we gather pace, streaming forth with sparkling grace. Be warned! Death, destruction, no respect for any obstruction, Buildings tumble, walls crumble, no respect ... it's hard without reading it. Poisoned land where once was life. But then! Dig deep and you will find us, Dig deep, clean and pure. Dig deep and you will find us ... oh, sorry.

Dig deep and we will rise, um, supporting light in every guise.

I lost the end of it, sorry. Sorry, can I just chuck that in the bowl? Oh, I've missed. It's alright, I can do it. In there, that's fine. Thank you. Did we read poetry in school? The Iliad and, um, all the Greek stuff. Do step in if you want to. I took part in *Eurydice*, um, no, er, well, I played Eurydice and it was a Greek tragedy, rewritten during the German occupation of France and it was all in black and red and white. I had to stay on the stage for the whole of the play! Ha! Ha!

WERE YOU GIVEN A CHAIR?

They did give me a chair. Um, I've also done 23 years with the army, so ... hmm ... I was assistant force cashier when I was out in Bosnia, in charge of 22 million deutschmarks in four different currencies. And I don't know if you've heard of the 'deep-cut mentality'?

NO. WHAT IS THAT?

Ha! It's basically where soldiers were treated really badly. Especially women. I was Territorial. I got called up. (Extremely long pause.) I was good at my job. Perhaps too good at my job. (Extremely long pause.) But when I came back, I had nothing but distress. It's funny actually, I came back twenty years ago. (Extremely long pause.) I've had no hot water or heating for the last nine months. My boiler packed up.

CAN YOU GET IT FIXED?

I qualify for a free boiler. Well, they tried to do it last year but I need furniture moving. I've had three heart attacks and I've got a cyst on my pancreas and I think I've got gall-bladder problems now, as well.... so, I've been quite poorly. I'm trying to get a parking space outside the house. It's very rude of me, I haven't asked why you're calling.

I'M LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS WHO WILL ANSWER MY QUESTIONS. I will listen to your questions.

YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN VERY GENEROUS. WON'T THE COUNCIL HELP WITH YOUR BOILER?

This is my own house, I have to go through an energy supplier. I have a lady supporting me. Not as good as the lady before who was supporting me but, cut backs. Er, no disrespect to the lady who is helping me now, um, but I've also got a company called Reach helping me now. The two girls who work for them are remarkable. Several years ago, social services got a company in to do a deep-clean. Basically, they treated me like I was dead.

THEY CAME INTO YOUR HOUSE TO CLEAN IT?

Yeah, they treated me like I was dead. It was horrendous. They threw out bank statements, birth certificates, antiques, they stole from me, basically. So, it's been very hard to let anybody else in.

BUT YOU DO NEED HOT WATER AND HEATING.

I had to go through last year with no heating.

CAN MIND HELP?

They're all doing all they can but it's a slow process. They need to do a survey so they need access to the radiators so ... things like that need to be moved. And I have, I've been here since 1985 so I've got a lot of furniture. My first flat, I had, er, I think it was a scrap of carpet from an auction, and an ironing board and here I am with a three bedroom house and I've filled it. It's like money in your pocket. If you've got money in your pocket, you spend it. If you've got room in your house, you fill it.

WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR POEM.

You want some questions answered, do you?

YOU'VE ANSWERED THEM.

Oh, have I? Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 6.144

Um, if it's quick. I'm in the middle of doing something.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Um, don't know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um ... don't know!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Don't know! Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 6.145

About what?

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN ABILITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE? (Long pause.) To be invisible.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE INVISIBLE? Jokes. For fun.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, with my family.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

You already had three! Ha! Ha! Ha! Getting out of Trump. He is very bad.

(At this stage of the Nonsensus, Farnsworth is joined by a community worker. The pair took it in turns to pose questions to contributors.)

CONTRIBUTOR 7.146

(Contributor is a lawyer representing asylum seekers and refugees. He is with a client when his secretary calls him to reception. Regardless, he attempts the Nonsensus.)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Favourite noise or sound? (Long pause.) I don't know. It's a very tricky question, isn't it?

MAYBE IT'S A MEMORY FROM CHILDHOOD?

(Long pause.) OK. What's the next one?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Very long pause.) Ha! Ha! Ha! This is ... when were you happiest? (Very long pause.) When I passed my exams.

WHEN WAS THAT?

(Very long pause.) About 2005.

WHAT WERE THE EXAMS?

Law exams.

AND DID YOU GO STRAIGHT INTO YOUR OWN PRACTICE WHEN PASSING? Yes.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) How would I fix the world? (Long pause.) These are tough questions, you know? Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't know. I think, um, compromise,

I would imagine, you know? An understanding, yes. Sorry, I am with a client at the moment.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.147

No, I don't speak English.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.148

Probably not because we're extremely busy at the moment.

ARE YOU?

Yes.

(Contributor is a receptionist at a funeral parlour.)

CONTRIBUTOR 7.149

I am very poor in answering questions, though.

SHALL WE TRY?

Yeah.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise or sound? When I win the lottery. This sound is 'congratulations'.

HERE, ON THIS MACHINE?

Congratulations, yeah. It says, "Congratulations!"

DO YOU GET MANY WINNERS?

Yeah!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Well, when somebody give me a smile. Yeah, yeah, it's alright. If somebody give me a smile then I smile, you know?

YOU MUST GET A LOT OF THAT RUNNING A SHOP?

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, Well, some people are so miserable, you know? They don't, er, you know, they make you miserable as well. especially when they shoplifting, you know? Yeah. I don't give them a smile then.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Fix the world? (Long pause.) Well, try to make them happy, you know, try to, you know, er, do best for them, you know, what they need, you know, and, er, you know, do your best. You know? (Breaks from the Nonsensus to serve a customer.) There you are, young man, keep smiling! IF I'M EVER DOWN IN THE DUMPS, I'M COMING TO YOUR SHOP.

Yes, buy something here and say, "Keep the change", you know? You'll get a big smile then! Ha! Ha! Ha! You know? Yes, you know? Anything else? (Two stoned young men are waiting in the queue whilst Farnsworth and sidekick conduct the Nonsensus. Confronted with the sight of two grown men dressed as Willy Wonker, asking "When were you happiest?" proves too much for them and they flee the shop in a collective giggling fit.)

CONTRIBUTORS 7.150, 7.151

(Farnsworth approaches the two stoned young men from the shop. They decline the offer to participate in the Nonsensus.) THAT MUST HAVE SEEMED A BIT WEIRD TO YOU, IN THE SHOP? Yeah! I'm stoned up, I can't be dealing with that!

YOU CAN WORK ON IT TOGETHER.

Nah, I'm good, mate.

THEY'RE REALLY SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

Nah, we're alright, mate.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.152

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND? (Long pause.) Dunno. I dunno. I can have any instrument? Drums.

DO YOU PLAY THE DRUMS?

No. I tried it once, twice, that's it.

HAND DRUMS OR A KIT?

With the sticks. Maybe in the future I'll try it out.

THERE ARE LOCAL GROUPS YOU CAN JOIN.

ls it? Right.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? (Long pause.) When it's sunny. Yeah, that's when I'm happy, innit? This weather doesn't make me happy!

YOU'RE SMILING A LOT, THOUGH.

Yeah, I know.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? (Very long pause.) Dunno. It's hard question, innit?

IS IT BROKEN?

Well, broken in a way as, like, like, around the world, bad's happening, or what?

THAT'S UP TO YOU, HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD.

That's how I see the world. Yeah, it is falling apart, innit?

WHERE WOULD YOU START?

Charities, really. Charity, yeah. From there and see what happens, innit?

CONTRIBUTOR 7.153

Not interested, sorry! (Slams the door.)

CONTRIBUTOR 7.154

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Sound? Ha! Ha! Ha! I dunno, mate. I wouldn't, noise or sound? Well, sound has got to be hearing my kids' voice, I suppose and I, I never really thought about a sound. Yeah, hearing my kids' voice every morning, yeah.

HOW MANY KIDS HAVE YOU GOT?

Two. Hmm.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? Definitely the birth of my child, my kids. Definitely. Without a shadow of a doubt. It's what I live for.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Live and let live. Yeah. Everybody just ... bit of consideration, if everybody had time for each other, the world would be a much ... you know? The problem we have, I think, nowadays, is everybody's just thinking about me, me, me, and the chance of trying to help another person, you know, everybody's just thinking about themselves. So, that's, that's, you know? A lot of consideration. If everybody just considered, literally, just the next person next to him. Just give him, you know? If we all helped each other, the world would be a much nicer place. You know?

CONTRIBUTOR 7.155

Er, I'm busy at the moment. See you again.

MAYBE SOMETHING FROM CHILDHOOD OR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS EVERYDAY?

Ah! Yes. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Very long pause.) Yes. I am happy.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Very long pause.) No understand. Oh! (Very long pause.) Ha! I don't know! I am sorry! Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 7.158

A survey? Sorry, no. Is that OK?

CONTRIBUTOR 7.159

Yeah, go on.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

The rain. I do like the sound of the rain, yeah. Only the sound of it. Ha! Ha! Ha! Say, when you're in bed at night.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

That's a hard one. Ha! Ha! Ha! When I'm in work. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT'S YOUR WORK?

We make alarm systems. In Cwmbran.

AND YOU FEEL THAT'S SOMETHING THAT REALLY FULFILLS YOU?

Yeah. Yeah, I do like where I work, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Long pause.) Er ... (very long pause) ... that's a harder question. I don't think there's any definite answer, I'd just get rid of all the politicians, most probably.

WOULD YOU REPLACE THEM WITH ANYONE ELSE?

I think, um, housewives. Housewives with kids. I just think that politicians, they make the situation worse.

WHAT QUALITIES WOULD A HOUSEWIFE BRING TO WORLD LEADERSHIP?

Well, they're used to bringing up kids, ain't they? Organisation. I just think that, if you look at, like, the situation in America and North Korea and

CONTRIBUTOR 7.156

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise or sound? Oh, I dunno. Favourite? I dunno, I don't have any! Noise! Disturbing noise, obviously, you don't ... pleasant ones, obviously, they, er, could be but specifically. I haven't got any I can pinpoint today. You know?

PERHAPS KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND MAYBE THINK, "OH YEAH. THAT'S A GOOD ONE!"

I don't listen to music. Birds singing! Yeah! Yeah.

DO HEAR A LOT OF THAT AROUND HERE? I CAN'T HEAR MANY NOW. No, no, no. In the morning you may get it but, er, no.

SOME DOORBELLS MAKE BIRDSONG NOISES. Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! So, what was the other one?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Er, usually in the morning. Yeah. As the day goes on, you get stressed up then.

SO YOU WAKE UP FEELING HAPPY AND THEN ...

Yeah! Wooosh! Downhill. Third one?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Get rid of the politicians! Yeah? Can you fix it? Get rid of the politicians!

THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT BEING 'BROKEN'?

Exactly!

WOULD ANYONE REPLACE THEM?

Some honest and sincere guy and human who had love for the humans. Right? Look at it, right? Let me give you an example. There was a guy coming over here, um, charity people, begging, obviously they're an official charity, stating, "We are collecting for cancer". I said, "Yeah, you're doing a fine job. But you are saving them but they are killing them, the politicians are killing them, with wars and bombs, so what's the point?" You know? They're killing good children, innocent, obviously, I - God forbid - nobody have cancer, right? But, unfortunately, people do. I said, "Why are they spending money on arms, weapons? Why can't they plough that money into the research of cancer and incurable illnesses?" They stop killing by means of political scenarios. Plough money into the people's well-being. Yeah? Any other questions you want to ask? Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 7.157

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND? (Long pause) Sorry? Ah! I don't know. stuff, that's all mainly men doing the talking. Er. I just think it's ... it's nothing you could fix straight away. like. I think it's, like, people as well. They, they, some of them must be born mental, or something! Ha! Ha! Ha! Like, if someone tells you to do something that you know is wrong, they still go ahead and do it. Whereas you should use your brain and sort of, not do it, type of thing. You could look at that case in Africa, where people got slaughtered because someone had said to kill this sort of sect and they go and kill them. They might have known the people for years, their neighbours and stuff and they still go and do it. That's the part I just can't understand. But people do it though, don't they? People do it. Just like a normal person in the street.

WOULD HOUSEWIVES BRING TENDERNESS TO THE ROLE?

Well, I think they, they might use different words to, you know, talk to people. I think if you look at Trump ... Ha! Ha! Ha! I just can't. I mean, you would see a president act like that. Like when he's tweeting people and emailing them and stuff, you never see that from presidents. But, I think, it's most dangerous now, like, people used to start worrying in 1984, when they had a nuclear threat but I think it's worse now. I mean, every time you pick the paper up or look on the net, there's never any good news, it's always bad news. It's always someone who, like, gets killed or someone will get sexually attacked, you know? I think it's worse now than before. I think the media, when they portray something on the telly. I think that does make a difference as well. Like, they're on about, like, Islamophobia type of stuff and then they think that every single person is the same like that, you know what I mean? I think the media's got something to do with it, as well. They never show the good side, they always show the bad side. Never the good side.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.160

Such as?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND? (Long pause.) Er, birds? That's what I like.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I got plenty of money!

ARE YOU DOING ALRIGHT AT THE MOMENT? YOU'RE FULL OF SMILES. Hal Ha! Ha! Life goes on! Money doesn't bring happiness, I know the saying, but it does feel better.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, just care about each other. That's my opinion. Um, look one to another person as a human being. It doesn't matter, we are all human being at the end of the day. It doesn't matter whether you are black, white, green, yellow, it doesn't matter! As long as we are helping each other, that's what the world should be. And it used to be like that, when I was young. I seen, 'cause all my friends are, 'cause when I was in school, like, are English or Welsh. We used to go to their parents' house, from the front door, coming in from the back door, have something to eat or anything and we used to feel happy. Er, if they don't see me a week, they used to come down and tell my father offl "Why didn't he go?" That's what life is. But nowadays, we are so busy how to make money or work wise, it's not the same. Even the Christmas is not the same. 'Cause Christmas we used to see Christmas Day and Boxing Day, we used to go to different houses all the time. It doesn't matter if you are English or Welsh or Indian or Pakistani, it doesn't matter. We used to go to each other's house. Have you seen that, nowadays?

YOU THINK THERE'S BEEN AN EROSION OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT?

No. Communication. Not community. Um, local people, like next door, um, I been here about twenty years and we only see each other, very rare, you know? I work, they are sleeping, they work, I am sleeping, so we don't see each other. Now, that is sad. I sometime, I do taxiing, sometime I talk to customers, they are all busy. Doing nothing but they are busy. You think then, don't you, "Why?" Why are we like this? But the world is making us like this as well. It's like, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury, Morrison, they open twenty-four hours, that's making people's life hard. And making people lazy as well. "OK, that shop is open, I'll go in there at night at three o'clock." Where we used to come at home, by eight o'clock, We used to go to bed. Get up in the morning, go to work. But on weekend, I seen my father, their older friends used to come to our house and we used to go to their house. Saturday and Sunday. Nothing like that nowadays. So, sometime I do, um, think, "Why?" You know? We're not going to take anything with us. Definitely, That's my opinion. Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 7.161

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND? Music.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC?

Um, I like the old one. Like, some Beatles music, some, um, all the, they are old now! The Beatles. So, er ... yeah. So, why do you want the survey for? People asking me on the phone as well! Survey, survey, I just did, yeah?

DID THEY ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE?

Yeah! So many things, yeah, so many things! "What kind of television you got? Which washing machine you got?" This, this, odd question, yeah? Sorry, I busy, a bit busy, alright? Thank you very much.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.162

Sorry, I have to go for my prayer, I don't have enough time. I'm sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 7.163

Yeah, just carry on.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise or sound? (Long pause.) I don't know. I can't answer that. Music sometimes. What kind of music? Classic.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When am I happiest? When I'm asleep. Ha! Ha! Ha!

DO YOU EVER HAVE NIGHTMARES?

I used to. Now and again, you know, like, very far apart. Not very often. I used to dream a lot when I was younger. Not anymore. I do occasionally, not very often. When you're young, you know, you, you're running around a lot and it repeats what you do in the daytime. Sometimes, you go towards a cliff and you fall off and then, as you're falling over, you awaken.

YOU FELL OFF A LOT OF CLIFFS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

I used to jump about a lot and climbing trees and go wandering.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? I'm afraid I can't fix the world. Ha! Ha! Ha! Difficult, difficult answer, to answer. The world is not perfect. I don't like the politicians. Do you like the politicians?

D0 I?

Yeah.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TRUST IN THE SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE AT THE MOMENT.

They tell you what, er, you, they ... they tell you what, er, they, you want to hear. And that, er, on, er, that, but they, er, a lot, they're robbing gets! They all for theirselves.

WHO WOULD DO A BETTER JOB?

(Long pause.) A long time ago, many years ago, I was in favour ... I was against, um, Labour. But I thought Conservatives, they look after business people and they let you get on, you know what I mean? Get on. But now, I'm, I don't like politicians at all, no matter, no matter what party they are. They all the same, you know what I mean? They tell you a lot of nonsense.

(Following the contributor's comments about dreams, the opening question is changed to WHAT WAS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER?)

CONTRIBUTOR 8.164

What help?

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER? Eh? No.

CONTRIBUTORS 8.165, 8.166

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

The last dream? The last dream? I can't remember.

DO YOU EVER REMEMBER YOUR DREAMS?

Sometimes. I, I don't remember. But can you ask me another?

Friend standing over contributor's shoulder: He doesn't have dreams!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Every day. Every second.

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

Do some good thing. Help people. That's it. Speak to people nice, that makes me happy.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Love each other, respect each other and live peacefully and that's how we can stay.

HOW DO YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME? Do good even if they do wrong and bad. Still love them and still try to help them and they will come, they will realise what they are doing and they will come the same. That's how I think.

CONTRIBUTOR 8.167

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

Oh, gosh! I don't know. Um, what's it for, sorry? I'd rather not talk about my dreams, to be honest.

SORE SUBJECT?

No! No!

WE WERE ASKING WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE? Silence. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yes, as a mother, quiet is lovely! Ha! Ha! Ha!

WE'LL TAKE THAT AS YOUR ANSWER.

OK!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Probably when my twins were born.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh, there's a question and a half! Um, um, I don't know. Ha! Ha! Ha! How would I fix the world? Um, try and get rid of poverty, I guess, and wars. Yeah. I don't know. Ha! Ha! That's a difficult one to answer, yeah.

WHERE WOULD YOU START?

I don't know. A bit of everything but mostly with politicians and communities. Yeah. Communities a lot. Get rid of hate. That would make a big difference, I think.

CONTRIBUTOR 8.168

I don't understand English. Only me, my husband work.

SHALL WE TRY?

Er, question.

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

Dreamer?

DREAM.

Dream? I don't know. Ha! Ha! Ha! Again, please! No. I don't know. Ha! Ha! I don't know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Hmm, every time, sometime, happy sometime! Ha! Ha! Ha! Upset, I don't know. No. Every time, I happy .

CONTRIBUTOR 8.169

Er, my English not is good. Yeah? Yeah?

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

(Very long pause.) I can't ... remember. Sorry. I don't understand.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Always! I look, er, I see my kids and I am happy. And family. I have two boys.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Sorry, say it again? I help other people, other person, that saves the world. I give money. food, clothes.

CONTRIBUTOR 8.170

I don't have, at the moment, I got work, I have, man. I got to get ready. Some other time.

CONTRIBUTORS 8.171, 8.172

Nah, I haven't.

Hey, can you go away, Bruv?

CONTRIBUTOR 8.173

Sorry, what company do you represent? Who do you represent? An art project? So which college are you with, then? How long is this going to take? It's three questions, is it? Um, OK, sure.

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

My last dream? I don't remember my dreams, I'm afraid! Ha! Ha! Ha! Er ... Oh, God! Um, typical kind of flying and finding secret tunnels in a house, things like that, basically. I can't give you any more detail than that but they mainly, that's the main theme, when I was younger. It doesn't really represent anything to me. Escapism? I'm not sure, sorry, I just can't think like this right now.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

I was happiest, probably, um, when I was at university. 'Cause at the time, you obviously had the freedom plus you never had as much responsibility as you do now, as an adult, I guess, yeah. I went to the University of Glamorgan, OK. I studied law. And the LPC as well.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? You mean, like, its problems? Ooh, God. Could be ... how would I fix the world? But in order to fix the world, you would have to have more money than anyone else, basically. Wouldn't you? Um, because that's, um, what makes the world go around, isn't it? It's what motivates anyone to actually do anything, isn't it? If I had more money than anyone else, I would, um, not sure. I, I, I don't believe the system that is set in place right now is really beneficial to everyone. So, I would, um, um, I don't know, perhaps get rid of the capitalist system, end ... just set something up that benefits everyone, really and looks after everyone's needs rather than just, er, the people who are, you know, higher up, isn't it? It starts from the bottom but you have to give people a vision, something to follow, isn't it? And obviously people in agreement with that, they will follow you anyway, isn't it? But you need to actually represent something. Do you know what I mean? When we look at people's, um, mindset, er, their psychology. Unless they think you are of a certain status, they don't really listen to you. So that's probably the basis for, for my answer really, from what I said.

CONTRIBUTOR 8.174

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

I can't remember. Ha! Ha! Ha! Hold on, you're not recording this, are you? Well, I can remember when I was young. I used to have a nightmare. I suppose it was a recurring one, at one time but then I started to enjoy it, um, when I could control it, then I started to enjoy it. So ... I was, I was, I must, just of, sort of, woke up and everywhere I looked was this very, very soft green, as far as I could see. Look behind me and, say, I'm now ... well, it turns out, I'm on a snooker table and I'm that big and of course the cushions are twice the size of me. I look around and I see this little, white dot coming towards me and it's getting bigger and bigger. So, there you are. That used to scare me but that was when I was five or six, I dunno. As a rule, I'm not sure I dream that much. I remember very little, if I do dream.

DID YOU WAKE UP BEFORE THE BALL HIT YOU?

No! No! No! No!

SO IT HIT YOU?

No! No! The first time, Boom! Bang! And then I realised it was like, snooker balls or whatever and then focus on the next one, you know?

WERE YOU A SNOOKER FANATIC AS A KID?

No, not really, no. But I controlled it and I enjoyed it, so, you know, and, as I say, only about six or seven, anyway. But, er ...

DO YOU SEEK EXPLAINATION FOR YOUR DREAMS?

No. Erm, I'm not sure ... I mean, I read a lot but, er, I don't know what to make of dreams, you know, I mean, I've never been particularly conscious of waking up the next day and wondering, "Oh! I wonder what that was about?" You know, er, so ... saying that, it's probably, um, alcohol-induced sleep last night, so I don't really recall a lot of it.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, I'll say about, mid-twenties. One, I had a decent job. Two, I was seeing a really good girl. And three, we had a really good bunch of friends, we used to play football together, drink together and there was always a load of us. Went to a nice pub and it was just, it was the best of times, I think. I had pretty good school days as well, so, good things to say, you know, your school days, look back on them, so, yeah! Looking back on them pretty well. I was reasonably academically good, so whatever messing about I did, they turned a semi-blind eye to it, you know? So ... there we are.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Er ... hmm ... I'd probably start on a smaller scale. But, er, if you ... oh ... possibly, erm ... hmm ... lots of things. I mean, people ... er ... should be allowed to tell the truth, er, even if you don't like it. If it's, this PC business has gone too far, you know? Er, people, they shouldn't have the right to be bigot, bigoted and prejudiced against the individual but if they don't like something, they are entitled to say it. Um, I've not got strong religious beliefs but people who have are entitled to their opinion. I believe that parliamentary democracy, as we know it, is dead! I think there's somebody, there's some brains out there who got a better answer and I would start by, er, almost ... um ... I don't know ... it's a bit ... trying to ... um ... put your idea of ... er ... the other guy's got a fair point of view. Whether you agree with it or not is, but he's entitled to it and he should be able to discuss it. I mean, I believe that this, saying that Holocaust denial, making that a crime, is a joke. What they ought to do is, "Well, what are you on about?" Then, tsch! Error of his ways, you know? Er, because, there are, I've, I've recently got access to the internet. Or rather, my boy has, showing me a bit. And the stuff that's on there is unbelievable! You know, 'The Earth is flat'. Um, I've always said to him, when he was kid, he said, 'If we had a Flat Earth Society today, if we took this Flat Earth guy out today, he could prove to you that the Earth is flat'', because he knows about it and you don't know? Because, I think the kids nowadays, I think they're more spiritual than I was. You know, at that time, I mean ... we were used to just having a good time and whatever. So ... and I think they'l's up to them, so ... that's what the kids think. I don't know. I think there's evidence now that the medic, medicinal, er, stuff, er, there's got to be something in it. The point is, unless you can, er, um, categor, categorise it, by statistics, I mean, you don't know! I mean, it's no good saying, "One out of two", if you've, when you've tested thousands, if you like, then you'll have some sort of an idea. Um, and until then, until we research places like Uruguay, who've had it for the longest, until we know in ten years time, what they've got, have they got new problems, is everyone psychotic, you know? Or what, you know? We just can't tell with this, you know? But, er, anyway. What's the point of this? Apparently, we're now more bigoted and prejudiced. They've just done a survey, which was published this week, which shows that ... then again, if you look for it and then ask the questions and people are reasonably honest, um, yeah, it's like anything else, if you keep looking for something and you've got the technology and the will to look for it and ask, you know, we, er, you know, people have got small minds, you know? And it's not, and this includes everyone, er, if you notice around here, um, we have a variety of different cultures and this is largely a Pakistani stroke Bangladeshi area, all round there, good neighbours. No problem, at all, you know? Quiet as hell, but, er ... and the other thing is, er, although they, like, are smoking weed in groups, you don't get trouble, whereas, if you get kids, well, you don't get kids drinking now but certainly, when I was a kid, you know, you've got six or seven of them in the way 'cause, well, alcohol affects you differently, you know? But, er, anyway ... but, you know, you have to listen to them to find out if you disagree with them, don't you? This is ... I don't know, I don't know. What I was thinking was that, when I was my boy's age, he's in his twenties now, er, so I'm my dad's age, when I looked at, I could not believe that things weren't better. You know? If I, if you'd have said to me that, er, I don't know, zero-hours jobs? I wouldn't have believed ... obviously, there's different times but I wouldn't have believed you, you know? And, um, just things like, just worse. You know? I mean, it's just a shame. I mean, I don't know if you're from here but, er, in, about, when we had Llanwern, say, you had this lump of people who come out of Hartridge, who weren't particularly well-educated, right? Er, the thing was, let's say before you get into Llanwern, before long, they've got two or three older guys mentoring them, three, five years later, they're those guys, you know? You got these idiots coming out of Hartridge, with no disrespect to Hartridge but, and Duffryn so, it's much the same thing. So, you've got idiots down Duffryn now. But the thing is, there's no one to educate them now. So, er, you know, what's, what are, what about them? You know, what about their kids, then? You know, you're going to have people who won't know anyone who'd ever worked. and if you'd have told my dad that, he wouldn't believe you! He would not believe you, you know? So, so, I don't know, it's a bit of a shame really, isn't it? Another thing that needs addressing is the way landlords conduct themselves. I mean, if I said to, whatever, my one, I mean, look at that! He'll have a bloke around here from some, er, minority who's willing to work for bugger all and he'll send him round with, what? A garden knife! No! Not a garden knife! A kitchen knife! To sort that out. You tell him, you know, er, actually we normally have lily pads. They've gone at the moment. We get big things out there. You know, do it once, cover it with, cover it over a bit, put stones on it, job done! He'll, no he won't! No, he won't! Probably had that leak, what? Six years? He's not going to fix it, is he? He wants to come in? He owns the flat, he'll come in. He turns up unannounced, because it's his flat. Now, you tell him ... it's a waste of time. "Oh! It's an emergency!" What? No, it's not an emergency. He's got someone with him and the other thing is, ask for a receipt. "No!" All work is done on a Sunday, 'cause he's on, like, you know, not a qualified, whatever. Unless it's free to do it, like, you know?

CAN YOU NOTIFY THE COUNCIL?

Waste of time! My friend lives up there, er, his flat was, he'd asked the landlord to do something about it, er, I think it was mainly damp and this, that and the other, and he's quite handy so he would have kept things reasonably tidy, you know? Er, so, er, what they did, the council started coming round, the, um, this came as quite a surprise, the council are involved now, so what the landlord does is evict him. It's got a name for it, it's some sort of, um, if you're messing about, it's an aggressive eviction to get you out. Now, I'm telling you that within two weeks, that flat was re-rented. I know for a fact, they've done nothing to it! Now, is it beyond the wit of the council to say, "That was on our books. I wonder what they did with that property?" Is it beyond their wit to do that? It is! I'm telling you! That can't be right. Little things like that, eh? It's one on top of the other, like. It's ... I know that bunging money at situations is ... it's difficult to blame the council in a way because they're probably looking at, er, um, say they're looking at Bristol, Cardiff, Cwmbran, but, I mean, can you remember the, we were going to have the biggest Debenhams in Europe here

once? No, we didn't. We were going to have a barrage. No, we didn't. We were going to have a marina. No, we didn't. You know? And, er, well, it's just, er, chucking money isn't always the answer. And the money isn't there anymore, is it? Strange. It's difficult but a bit of foresight wouldn't hurt, would it? Anyway!

CONTRIBUTOR 8.175

I give you my answers already!

THERE'S A NEW QUESTION.

What is it?

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

I don't know. I have no dreams from a long time ago. I don't know, I can't remember my dreams! Ha! Ha! Ha! It's a long time ago.

What's for that, anyway?

CONTRIBUTORS 8.176, 8.177

What's happened, then?

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Yeah, we're nosey.

WE'RE CONDUCTING A NONSENSUS.

Aaaaah! OK!

DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

No, we're with the Health Board. We work in the Health Board! Ha! Ha! Ha! It's a few buildings along, that's all.

What are your questions?

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

Last dream? That's a really hard one, isn't it?

Yeah.

Errrr ... yeah, it wasn't a nice dream, I remember that. Ha! Ha! Ha! I think I would remember the details of a nice dream.

Do you? No, I remember the scary ones.

I can't remember what it was. I know it disturbed me. Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah!

Yeah!

What's the next question? More about that dream! Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Oooh! On my bike ride this morning, coming into work. From Pontymoile. It's ten miles up the canal. I live in Abergavenny. I drive to Pontymoile and get on the canal, and then I cycle. Twenty miles, that's alright, isn't it? Coming here, it takes about forty-five to fifty minutes, going back, it takes about an hour. It's uphill, Ha! Ha!

When all three of my children were back home because two of them live away now. So, they've gone off, one's in university, one's living away so

when they come home, I have all three of them at home, that's when I'm happiest.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ooh, that's a very good ... what? With one, one shot? Hmm? Well, that's a biggie, isn't it? Um ...

Hmm?

Gosh.

I'd change the leadership. Of the countries. I would have said to put women in the place of men.

I mean, Trump would be a good start to take out!

Yeah. Put Hillary in instead of Trump.

WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF DOING THAT?

The benefit? I don't know, we've got too, er, many, I think, powerful leaders that are more interested in their own self-promotion rather than, I think, the interests of their states. I don't know if women would make a difference? It might be worth a go.

WHERE DOES TERESA MAY FACTOR IN YOUR SOLUTION?

I know! That's why I hesitated! Margaret Thatcher, Teresa May, yeah.

Women know how to plate spin.

Errr ...

Ha! Ha! Ha! I'd be banging on about the environment, our trees and, you know, our cycle networks, that's the biggie for me. We interfere too much with nature.

Yes, it is a biggie for you, isn't it? But going back to the question of women, how about women who are experiencing emptiness that their kids have left home and they need a purpose in life. If their kids don't come home all the time then they could go and change the world instead. Fill that gap! That's a good idea! Well, you've got an interesting task ahead of you. We made the link, you see, because there's a police officer down there, obviously talking to people, and then we saw you and thought you were from the radio. Something has happened! It'll be on the news tonight! There's quite a lot of things happen in this area.

Yeah!

Usually on the dodgy side.

It's normally drug-related or terrorism or something. That was the other week, just a couple of roads down there, yeah.

Yeah, and then we had a manufacturers, drug manufacturers, opposite the Health Board office.

Oh, yeah.

It's always interesting here.

CONTRIBUTOR 8.178

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM THAT YOU REMEMBER?

Oh, the last dream that I remember? See, that's quite a difficult one because I rarely have dreams. Um ... I think ... it was something to do with ... with, um, with the world. Yeah. It was some walled ruin, something happens, we end up in a, kind of, like, the world was ending and I was trying to find my wife, er, she wasn't there, at the moment. Er, suddenly, I found friends from a festival, I had been going to a festival, so, they says to me, "Where you been? What you been doing?" So, I said, "Ooh, did you know actually, the world is ending?" Yes, um ... They said, "No! Where you been? Come on, let's go! Let's go! Listen to some music!" And the dream just ended that way. That's the last dream that I remember. It was ... maybe a month ago? Very rarely dream.

DOES THIS DREAM STEM FROM ANYTHING?

I think, maybe when I miss friends, probably. More or less, when I am missing friends. 'Cause they are very good friends of mine, that I spend time with, in festivals and have a lovely, lovely time. They are pure, transparent people. Lovely, beautiful people. The end of the world? Hmm, I dunno. Maybe a bit of consciousness about how we decide to live these days, our lives? And, er, knowledge, really that, er, we doing something to ourselves to end our own existence here. 'Cause the world will never end. The world will always ... our planet will always be our planet and somehow, when all this madness finished, it will recycle and will flourish again. It's just humanity, our own humanity. We ended our own humanity. Our, our, yes, our, kind of, confusion around our own purpose here. Nature will regain ... it's very resilient, yes.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

I happiest ... when ... I'm with people ... and ... especially people that make transparent to you and they honest to you and people that they, see you as who you are. Yeah, I'm happiest when, especially friends and family, maybe I am happiest. Yes. Yes.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ooh! How do I fix the world?! That's amazing, yes! How do I fix the world? Um, I think I will kind of start by ending all tags, all labels, 'cause if we end all labels, that will help a lot. The other thing is, maybe, if we get to know what our real purpose in life is, and we are just human beings. I don't know what we are made of. Because sometimes, in my own deep thoughts, sometimes I think we are an illusion, somehow. I don't know why. We all, somehow, so much energy everywhere, I don't know if this is a physical world or we created this in our own ways. I question existence. Because you see all this craziness everywhere and you're thinking. "Well, there's no need for this selfishness", it's something that we perceive of as greed. It's greed. And all the suffering is because of all this greed ... for power and ... but, it's, like, I question power. Power is only in your mind, in your head. If you give someone power, you could be the richest or probably the most wealthy man on Earth and still you could be as equal as him. It's about how you process that information, yeah? I don't think we're any better or any less than anybody ... else.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS LIFE'S PURPOSE?

Just to be! Just be! Our purpose is just be! Just be a human. That's what we're here, apparently, apparently, somehow ... but we ... kind of ... I don't think there is any purpose, though. Mankind, I think, is just be. Existence, just existence. At least, just learn to cohabit with other people, you know? Ha! Ha! Ha! Yes. Yes, I think if there is more beauty, there is more enjoyment, there is more, er, there is more, there is ... better than what we are now, this facade now, that we are living on, this world that we are living on. It's only just a facade. We're part of it because, sadly. we been brainwashed, we been part of it. There is no need for any of us to have any excuses or have any, um, any, any ... you don't have to explain, you just be. You don't have to, you don't have to, er ... give an explain, what you think that way or why you are acting that way or why you doing that. Just be, Just be yourself and find your way. As human beings, you will, kind of ... it would make sense to us to just be, 'cause us human beings, we can probably do amazing things, these days. You know? With all the knowledge that we have but we are never going to be able to be ourselves, we will end up just being a product of what others want us to be. And that's when things go wrong! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Yeah, 'cause our humanity's being diminished, really. There is no humanity, there is just the material world taken over and we are a commodity. We became something that is just to make money. There, that's the way I think. It might be strange sometimes but, that's just me. Our existence is just strange. We know of people, some people don't realise but I, the way I think, I, OK, we, we we born here for a purpose, our economic purpose, we're becoming objects and we are here to generate income to rich people that they own the world. So, we are just slaves to the system that we live. We are, yes, part of this bubble. But how we going to survive on that bubble? We have to be in the bubble for obvious reasons. So, the only way to survive is having a clear head, way of thinking, and use that bubble to our own benefits because if you go against the bubble, the bubble is basically going to floored you and make you nonexistent. The bubble is so powerful. So, it's no point to go against the bubble. So, you part of the bubble and you, um, do your own different thing on the bubble. And learn to live with a better purpose in life and with a happier way of thinking, maybe? Yeah, more free. It's essential but it's not real. We're not free. We've never been free. That's when the brain takes over, you use the most powerful organ in the body. basically to the benefit of yourself because you have to learn to love yourself so much so that you can actually give love to others. And then, yeah, and then all this! There is no harm to just smile, it's so easy just to ... and it's so easy for the human being, it's so easy just to smile to lots of people than to be horrible to people. It takes more energy to be horrible to people. If people like you for who you are, that's fine. If they don't like you, that's fine, too. That's no problem, you know? Just be. Try to find who you are, somehow, I don't know. It seems confusing because when you, when you are yourself, when you are being yourself, you don't even think about trying to find yourself because you know who you are. Does that make sense?

CONTRIBUTORS 9.179, 9.180

Well, if you want.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

What? I'm not ... what do you mean? I could be a bit dull but ... Like, sorry. I just don't understand the question. I still don't understand it now.

SHALL I MOVE ONTO THE SECOND QUESTION?

I think you'd better move onto the last question!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Happiest? When I was younger I should say. When I was living at home I suppose, with my parents, whatever. You didn't have any worries, anything like that, did you? When you get married and all the rest of it, you get all these responsibilities and whatever. You know?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? I'd stop all these, um ... you know, these ... all these nuclear rockets and all that. Well, I mean, they're all after (turns to address his wife who has come down the stairs in her dressing gown) What's that, Kay?

What you up to? With your pyjamas on?

Well, I got somebody asking me questions.

Oh.

Do you want to answer these?

What is it?

Questions. You might have a better idea.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

God, I don't know.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Well, I don't know.

I don't know, that's what I said.

I've no idea. No.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was?

When was you the happiest?

I'm always reasonably happy, yeah.

Yeah. I said when I was younger! You know, when you got no worries and ... whatever.

Yeah. What's this for then?

It's just a survey, is it?

YES, I'M CONDUCTING A FACT-FINDING MISSION. AN INDEPENDENT ONE. MY FINAL QUESTION WAS HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Oh, I don't know about that. I know I'd ...

Take all the nuclear warheads, all the ammunition and all that and dump it in the sea. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! That's what I'd do! Then you'd have no trouble

then. You got all these countries, one's trying to take the other one over, all these arguments and all that, like, I think that's half the problem. You

get somebody getting a nuclear, like, er, like this Korean guy, like, another one's gonna build one, another one's, another country will build one ...

The best people to speak to is the government, I think.

Yeah, the government. I think so! Ask Teresa May. Hey! He's taping all this, mind!

Anyway, I need a hand, I do, Jim.

We're, er ...

Yeah, I need a hand. We got to take these dogs out.

Oh, aye, I got to take the dog ... I been watching the telly, I have! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Ha! Ha! Ha! I know!

Is that it or do you want to?

YES. THAT'S GREAT.

Are you sure?

YEAH. WHAT DOES YOUR HOUSE NAME MEAN? SIDMAR?

Oh! Well, the people who owned it before, they were Sid and Mary. So, so, this was here when we moved in so we just kept it there. Sidmar. See?

They cut their names down to put it up there. But it's such a nice plaque, I thought I'd leave it up there! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Alright, then? I didn't really help you.

We don't really, we haven't got ... you know? Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.181

Er, if I can.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE? Sorry? Ha! Ha! Ha! No idea!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? When? This is ... it depends. No one time, not really.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD? (Long pause.) Oh. I just got to live in it.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.182

As long as it's quick, then, yeah.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE? What's, what's it for then? This census?

IT'S AN INDEPENDENT SURVEY.

About superheroes?

NO, NOT SUPERHEROES. SUPERHUMAN ATTRIBUTES. No, I'll pass on that one, thank you. Thank you very much. Goodbye,



CONTRIBUTOR 9.180

(As Farnsworth waits in vain for an answer at the next house, a car pulls up and contributor 9.180 approaches him.)

I'VE JUST MET YOU, HAVEN'T I?

Yeah. I've just come to see who you actually are! I said to my husband, "Who is this, then? Didn't you ask who it was?"

NOT MANY PEOPLE DO.

So, who are you then? Going around with your tape recorder and ... you know, I just wanted to know, that's all. (Farnsworth explains the Nonsensus.) Oh, 'cause I said, "Is there something wrong with you? Speak to somebody on the door, you haven't got a clue who they are." Do you think, I think he's mad. Do you know what I mean? You'd ask, wouldn't you?

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE HAD YOUR HUSBAND NOT BEEN THERE? WOULD YOU HAVE CLOSED THE DOOR ON ME? I don't know what I would have done, to be honest with you. I certainly wouldn't have been taped, I'd want to know what all this was about first before I spoke to somebody with a tape recorder, wouldn't you? If somebody called at your house, what would you do?

I THINK I'D ENJOY IT.

Yeah, but to be taped?

I WOULDN'T MIND, REALLY. IT WOULD PROBABLY INFLUENCE HOW I RESPONDED. MAYBE. I DON'T KNOW.

Yeah.

YEAH.

'Cause I said ...

DID I UPSET YOU?

Well, it did a bit 'cause I thought, "Hang on a minute. Who's this guy going around with a tape recorder and a clipboard?" You could be anybody. You got no ID.

NO.

Have you?

NONE WHATSOEVER.

That's what I'm saying, You know? And I said, "Did you ask who it was?" "No." And I said, "What about all these old vulnerable people who wouldn't have a clue", you know? Do you know what I mean?

YEAH.

I just didn't know whether it was allowed with a tape recorder. Taping people.

IT IS ALLOWED. I CAN'T PASS THE RECORDING ONTO A THIRD PARTY. I COULDN'T USE THE RECORDING IN A COURT OF LAW.

No, I said, "You haven't got a clue? Well, I'll go and see where he is then and ask him!" Do you know what I mean?

HA! HA! HA! YOU CAME DOWN HERE LOOKING FOR ME?

I did!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE VISITING A FRIEND OR SOMETHING.

No!

SORRY IF I'VE UPSET YOU.

No. No. I just thought, "Didn't you ask who this person is?" "I don't really care", he said. I said, "It could be anybody." So, it's to do with artwork, is it? So, what's this to do with pictures? Artists? Who are you then?

I'M AN ARTIST, TOO.

So, you're an artist. Yeah. So, it's just to do with artwork then. Right. Do you get anybody to answer you?

YES, I'VE HAD PEOPLE RECITING POETRY AND ALL SORTS.

I mean, I don't mind surveys by any means. It's just when, when somebody knocks your door with a clipboard, no ID, a tape recorder, I'm like,

"And who was that?" He said, "I don't know!" I said, "Well, didn't you ask?" Do you know what I mean?

I KNOW IT SEEMS A BIT ODD.

Oh. Well, you could be odd, you could be the bloody Yorkshire Ripper or something. Do you know what I mean?! Ha! Ha! Ha! No, but do you know what I mean?

I DO. THE POLICE KNOW I'M AROUND.

Oh, good. And what's your name?

STUART FARNSWORTH.

Stuart Farnsworth. Well, that's alright then. I just wanted to know ...

YES, OF COURSE.

Don't you think that's a fair comment?

YES, I'M REALLY IMPRESSED YOU CAME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE! I thought, "Where's he gone?" I wasn't even dressed! Ha! Ha! Ha! Oh!

YOU WERE THE FIRST CALL OF THE DAY.

Oh, never! You might not get another one! Ha! Ha! I bet you thought your luck was in! Gee whizz. I can't get over that he didn't even ask.

I DID ASK HIM IF IT WAS ALRIGHT TO RECORD.

Oh, I know, 'cause he said, "I wondered what that fluffy thing was". 'Cause they do have them. And he said, "Oh, he just asked if he could record you", and he said, "Well, if you want, I don't care", 'cause we got nothing to hide, it's just the fact that, er, it seems a strange thing, do you know what I mean? For someone to come around. And the police know anyway, so ... not that I'm going to them. But you could be anyone, couldn't you? Oh well, I feel a bit happier now that I know who you are, so ...

WELL, SORRY I TROUBLED YOU.

No, it's not that, it's, um, I'm just glad I come down to see who you were. Ha! Ha! Ha! You weren't surprised anyway, were you?

NOT REALLY, NO.

Don't they make you go around with any ID, though? I thought people had to take ID.

I THINK IF THEY WANT ACCESS TO YOUR HOUSE THEN THEY NEED ID. BUT YOU'RE WELL WITHIN YOUR RIGHTS TO SAY "GET LOST" AND SLAM THE DOOR IN MY FACE.

Oh, I wouldn't do that. I wouldn't slam the door in anyone's face! Even if I didn't like them, I'd be polite but I'd want to know who they were. Alright then, thank you. I've got a bit of background on you now!

WELL, NICE TALKING TO YOU.



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Not really. 9

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setting ready to go to work now. Sorry. O

CONTRIBUTOR 9.188

Alright, go on, yeah.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Um, say that again. Um, don't know, no.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When am I happiest? Er ... every day. Just a happy chappy, me!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Er, pollution. Rubbish and all that crap. The environment, yeah. That's about it, yeah.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.189

What's it about? OK. Ha! Ha! Ha! Where are you from?

I'M OPERATING OUT OF MAINDEE LIBRARY.

Oh right.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Ha! The ability to turn into any animal ... at will.

DOGS IN PARTICULAR?

Anything, Ha! Ha! Ha! You could turn into a bird and fly about. Turn into a mouse a sneak about. Steal food. Yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha!

DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION?

Er, yeah! Yeah, I do. I don't know what I would come back as, to be honest. I haven't ... well ... I don't know. I just don't know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, I don't know. Probably getting this. Ha! Ha! Ha! This shop, yeah. I opened in April, yeah.

IT'S A GROOMING PARLOUR?

Yeah, a grooming shop.

THEY'RE POPULAR NOW, AREN'T THEY?

Yeah, they are.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Er, sorry, I've got a customer coming.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.190

I'm not interested.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.191

What's it about?

IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF MAINDEE, PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF. Yeah.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Breathing!

BREATHING?

Breathing. That's to keep you alive, innit? Somebody from the Maindee Library went up the Civic Centre, I think his name was Aled or something. right? Got me a form to put a new front on here, brought in down here and took it with him. He never give it to me. His name is Aled or summat? Well, ask him where my form is! I want a new front on the building. This was last year. He never come back. He never come back. And the architect was down here, from the school by here. You know the architect from the school? I forget his name now. He does his washing here every week. Anyway, if you don't mind asking him about it. What's all these questions about then anyway? What's that, it's a microphone, is it? I don't believe in all this undercover stuff like that. I didn't see it, I just saw a bit of fluff.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I am out of debt. Keep paying the bills. Right, what's your last question?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? (Extremely long pause.) I'd make everybody negotiate with somebody else by radar, rather than talk to them. 'Cause talking to them only causes arguments. So, you got to negotiate with people by radar rather than talk to them.

RADAR? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Well, radar. From my mind to your mind.

TELEPATHY?

Telepathy. Yeah. I wouldn't have people arguing with each other. 'Cause that's what causes rows and bombs and wars.

WOULDN'T PEOPLE HAVE TELEPATHIC ARGUMENTS?

Yeah, but it's even worse if they shout at each other, isn't it? Know what I mean?

WHAT IF YOU HAD SOMEONE SHOUTING IN YOUR HEAD? AND YOU COULDN'T SHUT THEM UP?

Ah, well. That's my answer, anyway.

OK. IF I SEE ALED, I'LL TELL HIM.

Yeah, tell him.

CAN I JUST DO MY LACE UP?

There you are, you got your message now.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.192

I can't at the moment 'cause I'm busy.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.193

What is it? Oh, right, OK.

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Superhuman trait, what does that mean? Um ... invisible?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE INVISIBLE?

Um ... don't know, really. Just try and make places a better place, maybe? Try and, you know, get all of the bad out of the world. If I had magic powers, I'd be able to, wouldn't I? Ha! Ha! Ha! Just click my fingers!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Happiest? Now, yeah. I think this time, yeah. Things were not so good in the past. No. I had a bad relationship before but now I'm in a good one and got my own place. Makes you happier being in a good relationship.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Get rid of all the flipping terrorists, get rid of, um, paedophiles, get rid of murderers, get rid of the yobs. Ha! Ha! Ha! Only nice people allowed.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.194

IF YOU HAD A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Sorry, what are you talking about? Superhuman power? I don't understand. No comment.

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What is it, a census?

A NONSENSUS.

Go on, Lee, you do it.

YOU CAN ALL ANSWER. IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I haven't got one.

NO, IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE.

Fly. I would travel the world at great speed and at great altitude.

Difficult question, that.

Erm, I'd be really fast, so fast that you wouldn't even notice.

I'm still thinking! Super strength.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I was on holiday last. I went to Spain for a couple of weeks, just relaxing, you know?

CHILLING BY THE BEACH?

More by the pool than the beach. I don't like the sand.

It's getting deep now.

I'd be invisible and sneak in places.

I'm happiest when I'm with my family and my friends. All together.

Um, when I'm playing with my daughter.

When I'm up town. That's when I'm happiest.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

There's loads of things to fix, isn't there? I'd start with war.

Make more wars?

Ha! Ha! Ha! I wouldn't have a clue, that's why I'm not in that position!

Can I travel back in time? If I went back in time, there would be no religion, no sub-categories of humans, no race, no gender, so everything's neutral.

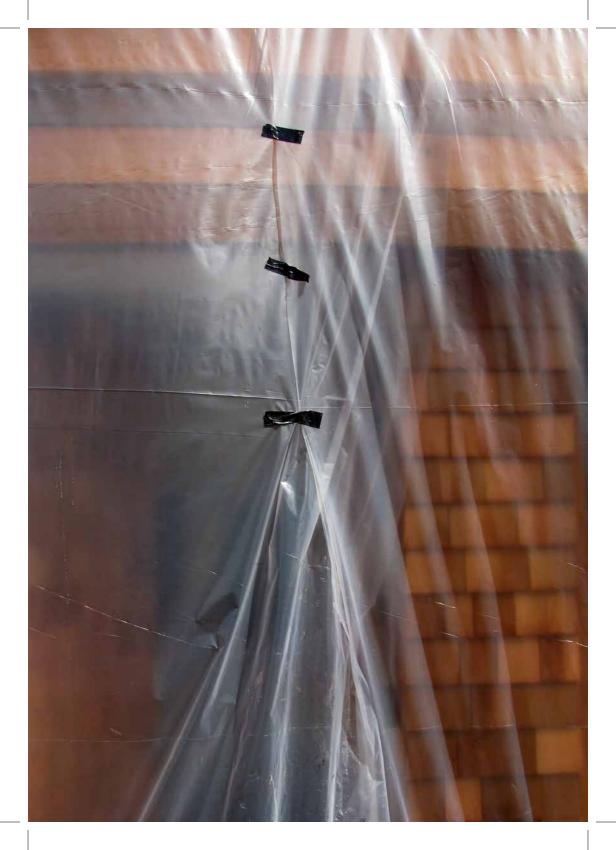
Ooh, money somehow, either give everyone a lot of it or no one any of it. Equality.

Come on Carl, you've had time to think.

I dunno.

You're happy with things the way they are, are you?

Things have got to settle down a bit. Everyone's got to chill, like, innit?



IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

If I had one? I haven't got a clue.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, when I was in school. Yep. When things were carefree.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, don't know.

(Farnsworth visits Community House, Eton Road. The first contributor offers to help with any translation Farnsworth may need when talking with the Asian Women's group.)

CONTRIBUTOR 9.202

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

(Long pause.) To not be mentally ill. Yeah. I don't think it's a superhuman trait but that's one of my wishes, yeah. That's one of my wishes. I've been suffering with mental illness since I was about nineteen. It didn't stop me from getting my first and second degree but after that, um, I started working in the City, in London, doing human rights and had a breakdown. And then my father died and it just ... 'cause I'm schizo-effective, I'm half bi-polar and I hear voices. So, it's not ... easy. Yeah. So, like, finding employment and stuff, there's a lot of barriers. Yeah. I did my degree in my twenties and I left London, I think I was about thirty-something, when I came down here. And then, obviously it was all ... is, is, is this bit gonna get published?

I WILL WRITE EVERYTHING UP SO IT'S UP TO YOU WHAT YOU TELL ME.

OK. And then, um, so I've just been trying to, you know, er, I've just been struggling with it really.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING NOW?

I'm attending Brynglas House and Hafal and now I've started coming here. Today. So, um, hopefully, you know, I'll be able to find something that's, like, gives me purpose in terms of, like, helping other women. Yeah, other Asian women and stuff like that. OK, er, do you know what, er, OK. What's the next question?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? At uni. Yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha! I didn't really feel the illness so much then. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I didn't feel it so much then. I think it's when I came back to Newport that I really started to feel it. So. My father died.

YOU CAN PIN POINT YOUR CHANGE IN HEALTH TO THAT MOMENT?

Yeah. I don't know how I'm going to translate 'superhuman' to the other ladies!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix? Peace. Yeah. I think ... I just want people to stop fighting, really. To be honest. The news is really, I watch the news and you just turn the channel over sometimes and just switch off to it. Not switch off to it but, not, and I'm not talking about desensitisation, either, it's just that it really, really gets to you, why can't, like, people stop arguing over religion and territory and stuff like that and just get on. You know? It's been going on since year ... of course. I mean, just like you will... micro, microcosms are a reflection of wider society, aren't they? And so, even if, like, you're having problems with your neighbours, like, and it's like, 'cause like, over noise or whatever, it's still like a territorial thing. So, you know?

CONTRIBUTOR 9.203

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I've never thought of that! Ha! Ha! Ha! Make everybody happy. Make people understand things, how to go about it.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

You can see what's going on around the world, you know? I mean, it's the innocent who is suffering. Yeah. And the top people, they just look after themself. They don't think of the bottom people. It doesn't matter which religion you are, we are all one. No?

BUT YOU PERSONALLY, WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When will I be happy? In my way, I am happy because I connected with Him. You know, if you've got a faith you believe there is only one God. Sorry, I am going in the, in the religion. If we all believe there is only one God, He is the one who create us, we all got all different religion, we believe in all different ways. We have to respect each other. This make us happy! If we respect each other.

DO YOU THINK THOSE THAT DON'T HAVE FAITH CAN BE HAPPY?

Yeah, I think they can. Yeah. Everybody got their own way of life. We can't say that, "Oh! He doesn't believe in God, he is bad!" No, we can't say that. That doesn't give us the right to say that we are better than him. I don't believe in that.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't think ... that is a very ... I can say understanding. That's how can fix the world. And too much greediness. You know? I think that's what it is in this world we all living in. Too much greediness. I mean, my point of view, if the top people, like the government can see what's happening to the youngsters. We, we going to go tomorrow. What is happening to them? They are the one who is bringing drug, doesn't understand the youngsters, doesn't want to understand them. I mean, everybody got their own view, everybody want to be somewhere in life but we have to give them the opportunity to go. You know, if we understand them. So... I'm here today, tomorrow I'm gone. So, what's going to happen to them? You know?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

I've got five children and I've got two grandchildren. I mean, the way I brought my children doesn't think that you are Muslim, you are better than the

Christian. No! We all children of God. So, if you see somebody there, you help them and my children have been doing so. And it doesn't matter where I go, I do get praise for things what they have been doing. You now, if a person needs something, whatever you got, you give them and God will give you more than that. But, it's a matter of understanding, that's what we don't have. And listen to people. That is what's going on in this world. I hope I haven't talked too much!

NOT AT ALL, I'M SORRY TO HAVE DRAGGED YOU AWAY FROM YOUR KNITTING. It's embroidery.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.204

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

If I had a superhuman power, I had to change the world. I just, all goodness things and just come in the world. Every evil people, I just go away from here, yeah. Yeah, that's all I want.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Um, when we had some happy or good news or something. We was so happy! If I got loads of money I got happy! Ha! Ha! Ha! Everybody got happy with the money, innit!

YOU SEEM VERY HAPPY.

I am a happy person, yeah. I am happy when someone is happy with my speakness or when I do something for someone. Other person happy, I was happy. Yeah, that's my happiness. Seeing happy to other people. That's my happiness.

ARE THERE SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE ARE RESISTANT TO YOUR SREADING OF HAPPINESS?

Yeah, sometimes people take you a joke. Sometimes if you do something good thing to some people, the people don't understand you. I want to make happy everyone. So that's all my, I try to make happy everyone. Sometimes, you can't make happy people, innit?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I fix the world with, if I got some power, if I got a prime minister. Like, if I had a prime minister in the UK, like, I make all terrorism away. I make everything a good for every, I make every person happy. I give to every person money, I give to all social workers good, I make all cleaners my roads, everything, that's all my things. Everyone have the same. Like, no one has the rich people, no one has, um, like, a poor people, everyone has the same. They in the same situation. No rich or no poor. Only the one lane. That's all I want. You can't understand the people's mind, you can't understand what the peoples thinks over you. So, that's the difficult. If I had power, I have poor and the rich people on the one lane. That's my thing.

YOU WOULD MAKE A FINE PRIME MINISTER.

Ha! Ha! Ha! You can't though, that's, er, take you away.

SORRY?

You can't though, the times go away, 'cause your time come as well, innit? Times takes you everywhere, innit?



(Farnsworth becomes confused and inadvertently asks the wrong question.)

CONTRIBUTOR 9.205

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE. WHAT ONE ITEM WOULD YOU RETURN TO THE HOUSE IN ORDER TO SAVE?

My whole family. When you in danger, you save yourself and your family. It's not anything else, you know? In my brain, I don't think so. Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I am happy? When I see my children and, er, when my age, you know? When I see my age and I talk with them, I happy. Otherwise, I think home and I am sad. Ha! Hal Ha!

WHERE WAS HOME ORIGINALLY?

My home? Originally? Pakistan. I have been here about 45 years. It's a long time, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How I fix the world? I don't know. How I fix world, everybody happy. Nice, peace. I want peace everywheres, you know? And, er, the people not know anyone, they know everyones, you know? And, er, when they see anybody and they got smiles and make happy world, you know? I don't know if you like my answer or not! Ha Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.206

I will definitely answer in a minute, let me finish my spring roll. You ask somebody else a minute. I'm not ready.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.207

(Farnsworth is assisted by earlier contributor.)

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE? She wouldn't like a superhuman ability. She just wants to be normal!

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When she is in public. You know, like with the community. Meeting people. Community groups or social events like weddings and things like that. She enjoys those. She enjoys getting out of the house, really, and getting out and about. She has times when she does this a lot and then she has other times when she doesn't. So, she's got her own limitations.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

She doesn't think she could fix the world. She's saying, basically, what happened was, like, because she is a believer, she thinks that God invented people so they could help each other. well, they didn't do that. You know, like, they just went against that, they rocked, basically, and they all started fighting and, you know, from the beginning and it's been a bit of a disaster, really. In the end, she doesn't know how she might fix it. Ha! Ha!

I am ready!

HOW WAS YOU SPRING ROLL?

Very nice, thank you! You should try one.

YOU TRY AND STOP ME. IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Er, peace! Peace in the whole world. You spread the, er, your ideas around, meeting people, convey your message, talk to them, change their mind ... that's it! Or try to! So far, unfortunately, we have not succeeded but in the future, perhaps we will.

WHAT'S STOPPING THIS HAPPENING?

Because we hate each other. That's it! Yeah. We hate each other, it's superiority complex, it's ego, because they think, "We are superior, they are not" and that makes things worse. That's the reason. Like big America.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When am I happiest? What do you mean, everyday? When I meet the people, surrounded by people, I am happy. I'm a, what do they call this? Er. social animal. I can't stay on my own. I love to stay with the people. I am a little bit cheeky as well. I'm making sometimes their life miserable by joking and ... but at least they laugh, they smile. They are my, I know them for ages, you know? Like, this lady, I know her from, I mean her children and my children used to go to school and they are now thirty-six, thirty-nine. So we know each other. The other lady, she used to live by my house and she was their mum, so, yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Is it in my power? (Long pause.) Oh, there's so much corruption ... so much ... um ... unfairness. But it should be stopped. But how? From the top.

IF YOU COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH DONALD TRUMP, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO HIM? Oh, don't mention him! He's the worst one. Don't mention him. Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't know it will work. No. He's very blank. He's ... unhelpful. I don't think he'll think about anybody else apart from his American friends or American citizen. I don't think he's ... a nice person. Sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.208

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Superhuman? Peace. To make everybody love each other, live together ... um ... no, I think peace is the thing and it's, um, living together, no fights, no racism and all that, just live however you want to live.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I am with the family. When all the children are together, then I am happy, yeah.

THEY STILL LIVE AT HOME?

One do. Two are, er, away.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? (Long pause.) Ha! Ha! Ha! Well, that's coming back to your super ... There should be some sort of power washing your brain ... because I believe in God, so I rely on him. To say something where everybody's mind change and we think of living together in peace.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.209

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Truthfulness. To be true to myself and to, um, all the principles of (inaudible) because with truthfulness, that will bring the other qualities of, er, to our life.

YOU THINK TRUTHFULNESS IS A SUPERHUMAN TRAIT?

It, it is achievable, it can be acquired, er, through education, er, er, through training, through practice, er, through understanding, er, especially if it is done through early childhood.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Ah. Whenever I had an opportunity to serve. To serve others. Starting maybe with myself and more better. This circle will grow, encircling myself, my family, my neighbours, my country, the world, the whole of humanity. The more I had the opportunity to give, no matter how small that kind of service, er, I feel more happy.

HOW HAPPY ARE YOU AT THE MOMENT, ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN?

Ah. Oh. I know I shouldn't spoil myself or demean myself or be too proud of myself ... again, I should come back to the principle of truthfulness. I would say ten, er, nine out of ten because the true previous experiences in my life, no matter how hard they were or how soft they were or how nice they were, er, I am always on the same, flat level. I have been at this test that happiness is only inside the mind and inside the heart and what I believe and what I wish to do to others does remind me of the principles of truthfulness, so it's not outside factors that bring me more happiness or less happiness. It starts inside my heart, inside my mind, inside my faith and how much I can reflect that, er, I will be more happire, the more I can reflect that in a more shining way.

YOUR FAITH IS A MAJOR PART OF YOUR HAPPINESS?

I would say on the one hand, yes, because it gave me the keys to the roots of happiness, which is love, peace, harmony, unity, service. When I have these keys in my mind and my heart and if I can apply it in a proper and fruitful way. I feel this confirms the truthfulness of these principles in the faith, which is actually in every faith, not as a matter of preference, not that I say my faith is higher or better or superior to others - no! Not this, never. Because the essence is one in every faith. But, how it is given to us and opened to us and interpreted to us and explained to us and offered to us, er, in a more practical way that is compatible with the modern age, rather than just a vague, ambiguous set of principles floating in the air. No, they are more practical.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ah. From the general frame of love, peace, harmony, unity, these may sound vague or too ideals, say, to approach a solution but I believe in the unity of mankind, that we are one human race and one human family and we can sit together and solve our problems. Unity will bring all the other issues to be solved much easier than sitting apart.

YOUR ANSWERS ARE VERY CONCISE. YOU THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS A LOT?

Er, yes. Exactly. These are our recipe, our daily recipe, not to think of ourselves, think of the outside world around us. Starting from the family. neighbourhood, the country, although our main principle, I would say, is the whole world is but one country and mankind its citizens, so it is, it give us, um, more boost, to boost our potential and energy to try to find ways to invest these energies to a wider scale. A wider circle around us. To keep us away from selfishness, um, starting from this point. We embrace in our eyes a world vision rather than the limited vision.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.210

What is it going to be about?

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Superhuman trait?! Ooh! I would love to ... be in people's minds and make them think about peace and about other people.

YOU WOULD ALTER THEIR THOUGHTS?

Yes!

THAT'S MISCHEVIOUS.

Yeah! But I would just change this. I wouldn't change anything else. Just this part of their thoughts. I would love to be able to do it but it would be better for me, more challenging, to get to know them first. So, yes, I would love to know them first and then be in their bad thoughts about other people and change them.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? Wow! (Long pause.) I think when we went for the first time with my partner for, um, bike ride up in some hills, I wouldn't say mountains, and just us and the nature and birds and flowers or anything - magic! Yes, I was really, really, really, really happy! Very simple, yeah. Ha! Ha! Ha! Next question!

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How do you mean? I mean ... I think it's connected with what I said before, having this super ability. But apart from that (long pause) ... I don't know if I could fix it but I would try to fix it by speaking out what I believe. Ha! Ha! Ha! Which is not very democracy! Democratic! But, OK.

IT'S NOT UNDEMOCRATIC, YOU'RE NOT FORCING OTHERS TO GO ALONG WITH WHAT YOU SAY. No, but I would try! Yeah. I would try my best. Yeah, by trying to change people's minds about destroying the world and the environment and destroying other people and being nasty to other people. Yeah. I would try and educate them, more or less.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

That's a bit of a hard question to ask me off the cuff, isn't it? See into the future, I think. Yeah.

WHY?

Well, 'cause I think, you know, you could win a lot of money with the right Lottery numbers! Then I'd distribute it amongst the poor! I'd distribute all the money amongst the poor and all the needy friends that I know. And then you could foretell disaster as well. I don't think I'd like to see too far into the future. That might be disconcerting, I'd say about, about forty-five minutes would be enough. To manage it, I'd have to switch it on and off. So, I'd like, touch the side of my forehead, wink a bit and then I'd focus on what I wanted to know. And then - WOOOSH! Forty-five minutes ahead, perhaps I'd know that you might trip over the pavement when leaving the house, so I say to you now, "Do your laces up!" I could prevent you making a trip to casualty.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I happiest? Well, there's been many times. It's hard. I've reached the same peak of happiness several times. Certain times you remember being quite happy, don't you? I'm quite happy now. This is kind of a happy-ish time. Um, I was very happy in parts of college. I was in a band, being chased around by loads of girls. That was really happy. Um, sometimes in upper-sixth in school, er, not going to lessons and playing ping-pong instead. Ha! Ha! I was so happy then!

ARE THERE COMMON FACTORS TO THESE PERIODS OF HAPPINESS?

Mostly hedonism! Or joy. The birth of a child. The marriage to my beautiful wife. Buying the boat. Have I told you I own a boat? Joyful moments. Joyful moments.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Er, how would I fix the world? By being in total control.

YOU PERSONALLY?

Yeah. Omnipotence. I'd bring about order, peace ... or else.

PEACE BUT ON YOUR TERMS?

It would be a peaceful, harmonious place. Everyone would be joyous, happy, relaxed, chilled out. Or ... there would be consequences.

SO, YOU'RE A DICTATOR?

But a nice, benevolent one, I'd say. There must have been some benevolent dictators? Somewhere in history? Isn't God a benevolent dictator? If I ruled the world, there would still be choice. I'd offer a smorgasbord of choice.

AND IF PEOPLE CHOSE NOT TO LISTEN TO YOU?

That would be terrible. I wouldn't know what to do. I'd lose control. You're putting me off now.





Sorry, my English is not so good, that's why I thinks I not help you. Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.213

What's that? I'm not interested.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.214

(Contributor is visibly stoned and the smell of marijuana coming from his home is very strong.)

If it's fast, yeah.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

If I'm a super? Er, invisible.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT?

Er, sneak on people. Ha! Ha! Ha! That's all, I don't know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When I am with my closest friends and family. Yeah.

ARE THEY HERE IN NEWPORT?

Er, some of them, yeah. Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, you can't fix it.

IS IT BROKEN?

Er, yeah. Yeah. Too much greed.

TOO MUCH WEED?

Greed! To be honest, there's never too much weed but too much greed. Have a nice day!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.215

Er, I don't speak English.

How many questions?

JUST THREE.

What?

THREE.

Three! Go on then!

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

A what?

SUPERHUMAN TRAIT.

A superhuman trait? I have no idea. Superhuman trait. What, in the sky?

YOU WOULD FLY?

Eh?

YOU WOULD FLY? WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?

What would I do with it? I don't know really. Just watch it, I suppose.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When? I can't remember. When I was single, probably. Ha! Ha! Ha! Fancy and foot free, yeah. I like that phrase.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Fix it? Well! That's a ... that's a big question. Too big to answer really. Get rid of all these, um ... Ha! Ha! Ha! What do you call them? Um, they go

around blowing people up and stuff.

TERRORISTS?

Yeah.

THERE WAS A NASTY ONE YESTERDAY, WASN'T THERE?

Las Vegas? But that wasn't a terrorist, was it, really? It was somebody gone ... up here.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOMEONE LIKE THAT AND A TERRORIST?

Well, they, they presumably have a cause. For doing these things but ... whatever that might be. I wouldn't be too sure, really. But, er, somebody loses their mind, well, there's no answer to that really, is there? What's all this in aid of then? Like a census then? Yeah. The, the other thing I worry

about is, um, the American president, Mr Trump and the Korean one. Why two people like that could start a war, World War Three, not considering every person that's on the Earth, really. You know, why should they be allowed to make that decision? But, er, there's just no peace anywhere now, is there? It's just a question of power, I suppose, is it? Like, er, you know, obviously there's children starving in other countries and ... but, er ... why can't they spend the money on that? Instead of nuclear weapons and stuff. There you are. But, er, it looks like World War Three to me, you know? But hopefully I won't be around to see it. But my children will, of course. Which I feel sorry for.

DO YOU THINK IT'S EVER BEEN ANY DIFFERENT?

Not really. But when I was a child, you could leave your back door open and you knew who all your neighbours were but now you don't.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS LIVED IN MAINDEE?

No, no, I was born in Risca, Pontymister, but I've been around a bit, like. But, I mean, Maindee was quite a posh place at one time. It's deteriorated! Hal Ha! Ha! Never mind.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.217

What is it?

IT'S THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

Yeah, but what's it about, though? ... No, I'm not interested.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.218

Can I leave it for now? I'm not feeling well.

CONTRIBUTORS 9.219, 9.220

Yeah, I can't (calls inside where a baby is crying) loanni! loanni!

(loanni arrives) Yeah, sure.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Er ... you know, can you say again because ... Ha! Ha! Ha! Er ... I don't know! Strange! But what, I don't know.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? When I give birth.

IS THAT YOUR BABY CRYING?

No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I don't know, sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.221

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Telekinesis.

HOW WOULD YOU USE THAT?

Er ... well, it would enable me to know what certain people are thinking.

YOU WERE VERY QUICK ANSWERING THAT, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS BEFORE?

Of course.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Er ... well, I'm quite happy now, to be honest. I do everything I like.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Um, make food more available to everyone, I guess.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.222

Nah, it's alright, mate.

BY THE WAY, DO PEOPLE EVER LISTEN TO THIS? (Referring to a no cold-callers sticker on the front door.)

Yeah, they do, yeah.

RIGHT, I'LL GET ONE.

Shame you didn't, er, listen to ...

YOU WHAT?

Ah, you're alright. (Contributor is visibly stoned, too stoned to effectively deliver his already weak insult.)

CONTRIBUTOR 9.223

Three simple questions? Ha! Ha! Ha! What is it in relation to? Right. Well, I'm just on my way out, I've got a meeting so, um, it's not really convenient at the moment.

I can't at the moment, I'm in the middle of doing something (looks down to indicate her dog). Sorry.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.225

What kind of questions are they?

WELL, THE FIRST ONE IS: IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE? I don't understand you, I'm a bit thick. Probably walking, Yeah, walking, yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Oh, first thing in the morning. I am, I'm really ... I'm full of it first thing in the morning. He tells me to shut up! You know, I'm full of it. Bubbly. Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Hmmm? Do you really want me to answer that properly? Put immigrants in the countries where they belong and build houses for them there instead of building them here. Build them in their country for them and make wells and teach them. And make them have contraceptives so they don't have so many children. That's how I'd sort them out.

RIGHT. YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS? Hmm! Oh, yeah! Well, it's a topic at the moment.

I LIKE YOUR PATHWAY. IT'S VERY COLOURFUL.

Yeah, well, he likes doing it like that. It's the same out the back, as well. The lime green? We've got, um, all the wall, the main back wall is that colour and it all blends in with the dark green out the back. Well, we're both retired so we do, you know, we do gardening and all sorts. So, what's this survey for then? Oh, well.

NOT MANY PEOPLE AT HOME TODAY, THOUGH.

They're probably home, just not answering the door. Probably. That's something I won't do. I always answer the door. And I never tell anyone to clear off. But that about the immigrants, that's what they should do, it's too much now. That's why our NHS ... and yesterday I was fuming with the news, the NHS saying that people having strokes in Wales now, um, they can't have the treatment because we can't afford it in Wales. So, if you have a stroke, you've got to drive over to England to get treated. That's wrong. Instead of building, like, they, they're doing a new police station in Owmbran. They're having a meeting today 'cause I'm in the know with the people that, um, are on the committee. And they're doing a new police station up there - why? They said, I asked that question yesterday, why are they having a new one, there's nothing wrong with that building. They said, oh, no, it doesn't serve its purpose. They're gonna do a new one, up Cwmbran. So, like I said, all that money, alright, there's different little pots but, come off it! Don't build that, put it in the NHS. You know? Oh! I keep telling my husband, he ought to go for MP 'cause he would really, you know? Well, he won't do that. It's too much.

WELL, HE'S GOT THE PAVING TO DO. WHO'S YOUR MP, JESSICA MORDEN?

Er, she's Labour, isn't she? No. I'm Conservative, so ... no. Er, and they're a waste of space anyway. All of 'em. You know, because they come, they don't bother coming round no more so much. Um, I'd love 'em to come here and knock the door, I'd say. "Yeah, come on in!" I'd give them a good hour of, you know?

THEY DIDN'T CALL IN THE RUN UP TO THE RECENT ELECTIONS?

No! They come around with their haloes and that's about it. And put things through your door. Er, but that doesn't mean anything, you can put anything on paper, can't you? You know, it's ... you can't really trust 'em anyway, but quite honestly, I've always been Conservative anyway. We were Forces, so ... Conservative always looked after us as well, you know? So ... we were in the Forces.

IS THAT HOW YOU MET?

No, no! We were local. We met when he was in the army, in Germany we met. But, no, we were both local. So ... right! I shall get on then!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.226

I haven't. I got the kids, they're all showing off!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.227

Not at the moment. I'm a bit tied up but thank you.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.228

No, thank you.

I LIKE YOUR KNOCKER.

Yeah? Thank you!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.229

(Answers the door hurredly, holding a gaming control pad.) YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME?

Yeah, give me two seconds! Go on, mate.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Um ... (Makes a horse noise.) ... I haven't got a ... I don't know. Um, if I've got one or if I wanted one?

YOU HAVE ONE ALREADY?

Eh?

IF YOU WANTED ONE.

Um, invisibility. I'd be a bit of a fly-on-the-wall. Yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When my daughter was born. Three months ago.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Thanks.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Um, I, I, er, I don't know, to be honest with you. I haven't got a clue, to be honest with you. There's a lot going on so it's a bit difficult but ... no, I don't know.

OK. WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING?

Pardon?

WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING?

FIFA!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.230

Er, if it only takes a minute, I'm in the middle of decorating.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Superhuman trait? God, you got me thinking! Um, phew, to be healthy and stay alive as long as I could. Is that a good answer?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I at my happiest? Oh, they're all very ... um, teenage years was superb 'cause I was carefree, then when I got married and had my first child, that was another beautiful time. So I suppose I've been happy but life, it's ups and downs, innit? Like a graph, innit? On a graph. You're either really happy or you're, not depressed really, I haven't got that low but I've been fed up! Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't think I can say I've been depressed ever. I enjoys life. I enjoys life, that's it! And the third one?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? It would be lovely to have peace, no more warfare. Um, try and help your neighbour, type thing. You know, if you can do something for them, then do it. Rather than, or let someone else do it, you know? You go and do it. And I think that would make a nice, happier place to live in, like.

WHAT ARE YOU PAINTING?

Er, the living room. The ceiling! It's all in my hair and ... Ha! Ha! Ha!

CONTRIBUTORS 9.231, 9.232

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Er, I don't know. No, sorry.

No.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

No, but it's a nice house.

A shared house.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

(Consultation between contributors in their native tongue.) No, sorry!

CONTRIBUTOR 9.233

No, mate, I'm alright.

YOUR DOOR'S VERY LOW, ISN'T IT? VERY SMALL. IS IT THE ORIGINAL SIZE?

It's a cottage.

CONTRIBUTOR 9.234

I haven't long woke up! Ha! Ha! Ha! No, I was awake but I'm awake. I sit there all day!

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPERHUMAN TRAIT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Now, what do that mean? I think I'd like to go back and live in Blackpool.

BACK IN TIME?

Hmm.

WHEN DID YOU LIVE THERE?

Oh, years ago now.

IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE FROM?

No, I was from Newport! I was born on, down by the, oh! I can't think of the name. I got, there's a ... Oh! It's no good! I'm getting terrible! I'm getting now, that I am ... I am eighty.

EIGHTY?!

Eighty-four.

YOU'RE GOOD FOR EIGHTY-FOUR.

You think? I sometimes think to myself I wish I'd hurry up and go now, I've had enough! Ha! Ha! Ha! I do. I thinks, "Oh! It's boring." I bought a car for my son and daughter-in-law but they don't ... they'd take me in the beginning for a ride but I don't see them now. Not nice is it?

WHAT TOOK YOU TO BLACKPOOL?

Ooh, we went years ago. I met someone that was down here in the army. I think it was. We got on alright and then my father asked him to come down, if he wants, and then we decided that we'd all go up there. We had a house in Conway Road, we did. We were there quite a while. Then my mam died and my father, I come back here. I don't mind. I got my neighbour in the garden, sat down. He comes in, keeps me company. The one with that big van. It's nice, innit?

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST? WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN BLACKPOOL?

Hmm. Yeah. I don't know why we came back here. Well, I didn't have a say then, look. It was my parents. I didn't care where we went but I liked it there! Ha! Ha! And I'm getting a miserable old woman! Ha! Ha! Ha!

YOU DON'T SEEM MISERABLE TO ME.

Oh, I am! I think it's depression. You're on your own and you're talking to yourself. Aye, my next-door-but-one neighbour's in now. He calls in to see if I'm alright every day.

THERE ARE LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS YOU COULD JOIN. Yeah?

I'LL GET YOU SOME LEAFLETS, IF YOU LIKE?

Yeah, drop them in for me. I got my neighbours from next door-but-one in today. He comes in and we has a cup of coffee or tea. It's nice though, you know? We known each other for years and years. I'm feeling tired today, my eyes don't feel right today. Do they look queer? They feel watery.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I haven't got a clue. I don't even think of it! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! I think some days I'd like to go back to Blackpool and live there and then I thinks, "No you wouldn't!" I thinks, no I wouldn't. I'd have no one there. Only me, so I might as well stay here and put up with it! I got my son and all here, my daughter-in-law and the grandchildren. My neighbour will think I've gone out! Ha! Ha! Ha! It's been nice talking to you!



(Farnsworth is joined by a photographer for this stage of the Nonsensus.)

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise? (Long pause.) I'd say the birds, singing in the morning. I notice the nightingale in the early mornings and early hours and in the evening. It makes me feel pleasant, nice.

CAN YOU IMPERSONATE NIGHTINGALE SONG?

No, I can't! Ha! Ha! Ha! I couldn't do it. It's a very soothing, relaxing type of tune. Like melodious, you know? With breaks in between. Yeah. You don't see them all the time, you don't hear them all the time but they are, you know, they do frequent this area, yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

When was I most happiest? (Very long pause.) Having my first child, getting married, passing my, er ... driving test. Getting into the police ... becoming an instructor. There's loads of happy moments in my life. Life is made of ups and downs. Without the downs we wouldn't appreciate, or we wouldn't notice the ups.

HOW LONG WERE YOU IN THE FORCE?

Ten years, in Newport. I loved it. I either wanted to be a British soldier or a policeman. And an old, wise man, I was in my teens back then, said to me then, 'cause youngsters don't have the foresight, do they? He said, "Could you live with the fact that you've killed somebody?" I thought about it and I thought, "No, I couldn't live with that", you know? Imagine, you've killed somebody, you've taken somebody's life, you've got to live with it? And you don't know if you've killed somebody innocent or whether they're guilty. 'Cause that's what it's like on the war field, the battle field, isn't it?

IN MY EXPERIENCE, YES.

I thought, "No, I couldn't live with that". That's why I went for the police! Ha! Ha! Ha! It was my second choice.

THE ARMY, THE POLICE. IS ORDER IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Of course. Of course. I think we should all have some sort of discipline in our lives. Otherwise, there would be chaos, wouldn't there?

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

By bringing in Jesus into the world. Pray for Jesus, earnestly, that's what ... (Contributor is interrupted by sidekick.)

SIDEKICK: PRAYING FOR JESUS?

Yes.

I THOUGHT YOU, ER, UH, WERE MUSLIM?

Yes. We can't be Muslims if we don't believe in Jesus.

OH, OK.

And His return. A lot, a lot, a lot, a lot, a lot, a lot of Christians know this. Muslims can't be Muslims if they don't believe in Noah and Moses and Abraham. You know? One hundred and twenty-four thousand prophets were sent to the Earth, from Adam, the first prophet until the last prophet. Mohammed. And we've been told in the Qur'an that Jesus will return and He, He is the only person who will be able to restore peace and order and love back in the world. So, that's why we pray for Him.

FARNSWORTH: SO, UNTIL THEN, THE TURMOIL CONTINUES?

Yes. Yes. He is the only one who has been give the authority by God. There is really only one difference between Christianity and Islam. We perceive Jesus as the prophet of God, like all the other prophets, whereas the Christians perceive Him as the son of God. That's the only difference. Mohammed is also a prophet. Muslims are taught to live with all faiths, with all types of people. For over five hundred years, Muslims and Hindus and Sikhs lived side by side, in India, Yes? Same with Jerusalem, when the Jewish went out into the fields, the Muslims used to look after their babies, the Jewish babies. You know? All religions, I personally believe, they've been granted to mankind from God, to keep peace and order in the world. You know? Just like every, er, thing, whether it's a car, a new television or a new camera, it will have that, um, handbook with it, er, user's handbook. Yeah? And for the world, we have been given four books ... the Psalms, the Genesis, the Tawrat and the Qur'an, and they are our books, to guide mankind. And if they're followed, there's nothing wrong with religion, it's the people. God has got three thousand names and the Muslims have been given ninety-nine. You know? I'll give you an example of a name that's been given to the Aborigines. They call God, Aknado. You say, "What does Aknado mean?" They say, "The one without an anus". Well, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? God doesn't need an anus. He doesn't need to defecate or urinate, you know? And we are His creation. We didn't decide to 'be'. He decided. We won't decide when to die, He has already, already decided for us when we're going to die, when I say 'die', the death of the physical body, but then, at that time, there is a new birth taking place, a new life starting. You see? Life doesn't just end, it continues but in a different life form. A different aspect, you know? I just try to listen and to learn, you know? Ha! Ha! Ha! Our minister conducts services in Urdu and he does them in English, so ... everyone can benefit. Yeah. Yeah. That mosque, any mosque, is open for anyone and everyone, not specifically for Muslims. We don't perceive that as any one person's house. It's God's house. And God's house is open to everyone. I've seen your face somewhere?

MAYBE YOU'VE ARRESTED ME BEFORE?

(N.B. Farnsworth researched 'Aknado' but could find no mention of it on the internet. He did find an aboriginal Tasmanian deity. Pasu Poopy, described as a 'giant floating anus'.)

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Very good question! Favourite noise? (Very long pause.) Music. Really, yeah. Disco music, fast music. Yes, fast music. Not the latest disco, not the latest one. In, er, nineties. Yeah. Like, who sang this? I start dancing. Yeah. I like this, um, you know, sound, you know? Fast sound but not like today's BAM! BAM! BAM! I don't like that. Yes. More space. Yeah. Ha! Ha!

DO YOU DANCE?

Only in the sun. Ha! Ha! Ha! And only if I'm happy. I just put the track on and that's it, innit? That's very, very ... it remind me of when (inaudible).



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

How do you distinguish noise from a harmony or what? Yeah, my favourite noise would probably be my child, crying. 'Cause that's a noise, innit? You know, define noise? You know? OK. Who do you represent, what's your, what's your study? I'll tell you my least favourite noise is those bloody trains and the road works that's about to happen, the track work that's about to happen. They sent us a letter for it, this morning. Jackhammers and everything. What's your favourite noise? (Farnsworth explains his favourite noise.) You know, part of me wants to ask you right now, who's your psychiatrist? You know? OK. So what's this in aid of? What's your goal? (Farnsworth explains the Nonsensus.) No disrespect but that's the strangest, most random question anyone has ever asked me in my life.

WHAT?

My favourite noise. A noise is a din, innit? You know, it, it's something that ...

WELL, NOT REALLY. (Farnsworth clicks his fingers.) THERE, THAT'S A NOISE.

That's a sound.

IT'S ALSO A NOISE.

No, a noise is a dislike, in my opinion. That's why I said, "Define noise". People use, people, people use, yeah, people use the word 'noise' in the context of dislike. You get me? You know, predominantly, they do. That's why I say, the sound. 'What's your favourite sound?' would be more descriptive because you're asking a very varied, you know, there's a lot, it, it's very varied, the question you asked. There's a lot of ... it's quite deep. You know what I mean? When you really think about it. Yeah, I said my child crying. It's a noise. It's something that would command my attention and it could be, it was a cry of distress and I regard it as a noise because it was something that I found distressing. It was a noise, it was something, it was a dislike. You get me? But, obviously, I, you ... you cater for that noise. It's a noise you wouldn't wish to bloody hear, like. To be honest. You know? But it was necessary. But it was a noise.

IF I'D ASKED YOU YOUR FAVOURITE SOUND, WOULD YOU HAVE GIVEN A DIFFERENT ANSWER?

Yeah, yeah, I would of. Because I, I, I, I think. I think my cognitive mind would think differently. You know what I mean? Now, if you'd said my favourite sound ... OK, my favourite sound. See, look, 'cause it's easy to describe a noise because it's something that irritates you. But if you say a sound, you know, you could, you would put noise down as one or two. You say sound? Say 'sounds', mate, 'cause there's lots of them.

I JUST WANT ONE.

My favourite, my favourite, my favourite sound (long pause) music. Because some people describe music and they go, "That's a bloody noise!" It's a dislike. You know? My favourite sound is, my favourite sound and, and, obviously, long as, long as it's, er, comfortable, is the human voice. It's comforting. You get me? That's a sound. If they are shouting, it's a noise. Because it's, er, distressing. You get me? So, yeah, that would be my analogy of it. I define noise and sound as two totally different things. You know? Are you studying for a dissertation or something? Have you got a thesis coming up? They are related but it's just like, you know, you could say, you could put them as Kane and Able, couldn't you?

I THINK THEY'RE THE SAME THING.

By frequency, yeah. But, apart from that, you know? It's like, alright, it's like, it's like, un, comparing the Yorkshire Ripper to Mother Teresa, innit? Ha! Ha! You know what I mean? They are the same, they are human beings, but in essence, alright, you're talking in essence, a noise and a sound, in essence, are the same. Alright? But, what's your field, mate? What do you do? Apart from crosswords and suff like that?

CROSSWORDS?

Oh, you do 'em! You're an intellectual guy. Kind of. You think. I don't think you've thought this one out very well, I'll tell you now. If you really want to think about it, you'd go full circle, you'd need more pages than you got there, you'd need a new book. Spend your life doing it. You could, you could get a, you could have a theological degree out of it, and sociology and all the fucking rest of it, mate. I guarantee it.

I MET SOMEONE IN THE SUMMER WHO HAD DONE A THEOLOGY DEGREE. HE'S CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED.

Theology don't mean fucking shit until it's been proven and you're dead. You know what I mean?

ARE YOU RELIGIOUS?

Do you know what, mate? I, I, er, I believe in God. I believe in a higher creator, I don't, I won't even begin to try and understand it. It depends, you know, what's the interpretation of God but I think, I think God could be a higher race. You could even call them aliens, mate. You get me? You know, we're not meant to get off this planet in a hurry. Not at this stage, anyway. For sure. You know, I've done research and I. I, about these kind of things and, but God, I believe, is, er, you know, religion, God, interlinked, it's a way of life, it's how you live your life. You know what I mean? Ultimately. And how it's been misinterpreted along the way, is, is, is the law of man. But religions change, trends change, people change and what, what, what, what was yesterday is not today. It's a foundation. Just call it a way of life and science will drag us through it. Then, our interpretation of religion, and all the rest of it, will alter as we become more conscious and more technically advanced. You know, and our understanding of the science.

YOU'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS.

I've had a little think about this, mate, yeah.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

(Long pause.) When was I happiest? Er ... I dunno, mate. When was I happiest? Do you know what, mate? I'm in a pretty good place now. You know? I, I, excuse that (pointing at a can of lager) but as I've got older, I've got more comfortable in my own skin, you know, and I ... say, I think a little more, I take my time, not get so anxious about things, so I ... yeah. who's going to be listening to this, apart from yourself?

JUST ME.

I, er, I'm getting, there's always obstacles in life that you have to overcome, do you know what I mean? There's always a challenge. Whether you can bring yourself to the table, or not, you know, we're ... the emotional state is very complex. You can feel good one minute and then shit the next. It depends on the nature of the obstacle you encounter during the course of the day, throughout your life or whatever. The scars and all the rest of it. They make the man. Do you know what I mean? I don't know, I'm, I'm happier, I'm, I'm happier now than I ever have been. I really am. I can't wait for tomorrow! Ha! Ha! Ha!

WHAT'S TOMORROW?

Well, hopefully, if I'm feeling this good today, I should be feeling better tomorrow. You know? Hopefully, like, but, er ... I'm more comfortable and confident, maybe a little more wisdom. I won't make the mistakes, but they weren't mistakes at the time, they were just, yeah, it was learning, you know? There's no such thing as mistakes, it's always a learning curve, innit? You just, you evolve. You're never one person, you're ... during your life. You're different people at different phases in your life as you evolve and grow yourself, you know what I mean? So, as long as you don't have too many traumatic events as a young child, or if you do and you create coping mechanisms, all the better. But, er, absolutely. Life should get better on the premise that you learn from your past experiences and evolve with them. And obviously the, you're going to be chucking all the shit out that was there and choosing a path that is applicable to yourself and what makes you more comfortable. You know what I mean? So ... it's a little saying, you know what I mean, keep away from people who make you feel uncomfortable because they're not going to be beneficial for your journey, are they? Do you know what I mean? When you're young, it is hard to figure this out because you're stuck in an institution that's called a school. So there is no escape. It's child prison. It is! It is! It's child prison, you know what I mean? And you can't avoid the bullying. You can't avoid, you know, the ... you ... children have trouble, er, differentiating, you know what I mean? They're very, er, kids are very cruel. Because they haven't evolved in themself. So you, you stick all these kids in there, trying to figure out themselves, through puberty and all the rest of it, and, yeah, of course, there is going to be conflict. But, er, that's a learning curve, too. You know what I mean? But, yeah, yeah ... kids are brutally honest, they'll say the most truthful fucking things in the world because they don't understand, they haven't got that, er, they don't comprehend, do they? They, they, they say what they see. Everything's black and white. Their emotions are not developed, you know what I mean? They're very selfish. You know what I mean? And maybe, maybe they're very selfish because that's a survival mechanism. You know, from back in the day. You know, and they need it to be, very ... very self-aware. You know? They probably needed it to survive, you know? Nature has the answer for all these things. You know what I mean? It's in the nature. But, er, you grow up and you learn to shut your fucking mouth once you know how to fend for yourself. You know what I mean? So, that's, that's really it. I could go on a little bit more but some of, some of, I haven't formatted anything properly so I'm just, I'm just talking ... I'm just, you know, and ... that bloody thing (indicating Farnsworth's recording device) don't help, you know? I can sit around in my flat and talk and have thoughts and analogies and wonder why this becomes this, you know? We're all fucking Sigmund Freuds in our spare time, ain't we, mate? We're always analytical and critical, you know? But children are not self-critical. You know what I mean? They let other people criticise them and they form opinions and judgements on the basis of what's been, how they feel they've been portrayed by others. Yeah, that's about it. Do you want to stop that now. Butt. or what?

THERE'S A FINAL QUESTION.

Go on. Let's have a go.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world, eh? (Very long pause.) It'd be a very long, drawn-out process. It would be a very long, drawn-out process. It couldn't be done overnight. 'Cause evil gets in the way, doesn't it? You've got countries right now, with power and the first people who invented the gun and created engineering, their own engineering, they dominated. You know what I mean? And created boats and stuff like that, and they travelled and they were more technologically advanced. Now, a technologically advanced race will always overpower a less technologically advanced civilisation. OK? Let's pretend we're all civilised but the one is more technologically advanced so it's going to be more greedy. They'll want more things and will take those things. You couldn't ... religion is a major conflict right now. It is because, er, let's say, for instance, this country. Now, I'm not being racist by far, OK? You got culturism, or culturalism, and people will not down their beliefs in a hurry because they've evolved with them for generations and generations, you know what I mean? Their religion is their mother and father, essentially, as was theirs. But, er ... how would I? I'll tell you what caused all this problem was the ocean. Dividing people. If the oceans were never there and we just had streams and everybody could just walk across, freewill, no one would have ever been contained. So, we would all have intermingled a lot quicker. We would have shared our knowledge. But the oceans were there, they did divide people, it's only very recently that we've been able to cross them. It's all about the dollars, mate. It's all about the money, you know what I mean? I'm not saving down with religion, If we could all believe that there is just one God, yeah? If we could all believe that there is just one God and say, "Do you know what? We love all our prophets, fair dos, thank you very much!" But, it's the prophets' teachings that is divided but we all agree that there is one God. If we say, "Do you know what? Thanks very much but, do you know what? We've taken it all on board but we respect you and love you all the same but we need to unite and we all agree there's only one God so we're just going to pray to God". You know what I mean? 'Cause things have got very fucking distorted. You know what I mean? Things have got very distorted somewhere along the line, like, you stick seven, eight people, ten people in a line, you know this one, whisper a few sentences in one person's ear, ask them to convey it, by the time it gets to the tenth person, God knows what you'll be listening to. And the same occurs through generation to generation to generation, doesn't it? You know what I mean? It's fucked. But if we all agree on one God, all these technologies that we know, think of it now, technology for the combustion engine hasn't changed since 1920. 1930. Get yourself a nice pair of infrared binoculars, mate. You know? Look in the sky, see what's flying around. All these people see these UFOs, triangular shaped, yeah, there are other, other, nations, other civilisations that visit this planet that can travel light years. No problem at all, But a lot of these technologies we make ourselves through black technologies and engineering. You know what I mean? Black budget, trillions of dollars are going missing. Black budget, yeah. Special, you know, special access projects. You know what I mean? And our presidents and all that, don't even get anywhere near being briefed. But, um, how I would fix the world? It, it couldn't be done overnight because of religion. It couldn't be done! Forget it! Listen, right? This is, this is, let's back track before we go forwards. If everybody today was given Bit Coin, crypto-currency, one currency, new world order, currency. All of a sudden, people got chips on their shoulders. "No! No! No! Back in the day, you've enslaved us, you done this to us, PAYBACK!" What we're doing in this country, right now, creating multi-culturalism, is a slow form of integration. Alright? It's the only way it can work. If you'd dumped, if a load of people come over here from Saudi, right now, "Just come over, not a problem!" Yeah? We would have a problem because they would try to build what they wanted to do and we'd have a chip on our shoulder, "No! No! We've got five hundred years of history here, Edwardian, Victorian, Georgian, Elizabethan, you ain't changing the face of our history. We've fought wars, we've done this, we've done that, you're not having it!" And that would cause a war. See how conflict of interest occurs? Straight away, It could not happen, So, people need to integrate and understand one another on a slower basis. You couldn't change the world like that. It has to be done slowly. And do you know what? You know we say 'forgive and forget'? Unless we forget ... we can never forgive. You should never forget but you can't hold people responsible that weren't alive at the time. When all these atrocities were going on. Do you get me? You can't blame people, you know what I mean? You know, "Don't, don't, don't blame me for slavery, mate!" I didn't do anything for it, you know what I mean? I wouldn't, I'm pretty sure I wouldn't agree with seeing someone shackled in chains, but I was not there. And if I was, if I was ordained into that life, you know what I mean, and it was the 'norm', I might of, because of peer-pressure, group pressure, group mentality, do you get me? But, no! This can't be done overnight. How would I change the world? (Extremely long pause.) Phew, give me five hundred years, mate. Give me five hundred years of people giving a shit. Alright? You know, when I've gone to that hospital and I've had stitches in my face, I've always put it like this, yeah? People, people are not racist. Yeah? There's no such word as 'racism', I don't believe it. Because the bottom line is, is it's culturalism what causes problems.

WHAT IS CULTURALISM?

People's different cultures, people's belief systems on how they live their lives. Isolation. Yeah. People need to mix. Listen, listen! If I was dangling on the edge of that thing, and this is when we bring everything to the forefront but, we're not ready for a snapshot like this. If I was dangling off the edge of that bridge and there was two hands there, yeah? I wouldn't care which one grabbed my hand, mate. Get me? As long as I was safe and alive. You know what I mean? That brings everything fast track to how we should appreciate each other. You know what I mean? But, er ... you , you are not going to change this world overnight. The big corporations own this planet, you know what I mean? That's why, that's why we're not seeing anti-gravity and stuff like that because the shift of power will change straight away. And you've got to remember, corporations chose presidents. They donate all the money, you know what I mean? This life will not change unless something drastically happens that improves and benefits all of, all of humankind. You know? The oil will run out and then something else will come out, but who owns it? Who owns the patents? They know how to purify sea water already. Only three or four percent of this planet's water is drinkable. The rest of it is salt. They've found a way of purifying it, haven't they? Of taking the salt out.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Sound? My favourite sound? Ooh, that's a ... that's odd.

I've got to think.

I would say my favourite sound is listening to Rose when she's happy.

DOES SHE MAKE A PARTICULAR SOUND?

Well, when she's, you can tell by her tone and whether she laughs. Right? She's very quiet, as a rule. But when she's active and talking to me, that's what I like. I know then that she's in pretty good fettle. Nothing comes above that.

Um, a few different various ones but they are, um, very, er, things, like, soft things. Um, the sound of, er, a, little, on a, um, line, train line, it was just puffing up the, er, snow down. Yeah, I got a few different ones. For some reason, um, the previous past, um, you know, like a rabbit, you can ... people are, happen, you can keep on all day long with, um, unexpectedly, you, you know, they can make all the stress they make. And hope. Yeah, take it from there.

WHEN WERE YOU HAPPIEST?

Hmm?

- Speak high.
- When? Me?

Yeah.

Um, I'm happy most of the time. Most of the time. When things are going well and I can relax and work, keep my mind working then I'm happy. I'm never happy when I'm bored. I've got to be doing something. My mind never stops. Night or day, my mind never stops. I do these recordings, believe it or not, at four o'clock in the morning. Before four and half past six. It's when I've got the quiet and I've got the, um, got the time. During the day, there is always something to do. You know, I've got all sorts of things to think about and do. I run a lot of things because recently, in this last year or so, Rose finds that certain things are rather difficult, shall we say. She gets somewhat confused. So, a lot of those things, I've had to take over. People come to our house and ask, "Well, how do you manage about cooking?" I say, "I cook very well!" I heat very well! I plan all sorts of things. I'm always planning something. Doesn't always work, mind. Things go wrong, things are delayed, it happened this morning. Things went wrong and we had to change what we had planned to do and that meant we were later here than we should have been. But, that's the way it goes sometimes.

Ah, I'd have to take a bit of time out to think, to research that. Hmm, yes. But, um, things like the bluebell woods. And maybe a hedgehog. Which is a bit dangerous. A bit,

WHERE IS THE BLUEBELL WOOD?

Ah! Now, the actual one that is outside or inside Chepstow. If that's any help.

SO YOU FEEL HAPPIEST WHEN YOU'RE AROUND NATURE?

Maybe, yes. That's up by the river, the, um, races. Yeah. Yes, you've got some interesting questions.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world? Oh ho! There's a big one! I don't think there is a need to fix the world. The world isn't broken. The human population might be but the world isn't broken. This is the thing, nature looks after itself and nature will always come round. What happens, what happens today is replaced tomorrow. It takes time, nature has been around for a very, very long time.

Yeah.

Millions of, hundreds of millions, probably thousands of millions of years. Unfortunately, a certain species, that is a child compared to nature, a baby compared to nature, think that they can control it. They can't. They believe that they can, the way they create all these things. They're saying now about antibiotics. They're becoming less useful because the bugs have found a way to defeat them. Well, it's not surprising because in our stupidity as human beings, we think we know better than nature. And we use antibiotics, in many cases, because it's fortunate, it's money-making and it grows animals bigger than they should be. They say they prevent diseases. No. They do not! What they do is overload the animals and the bugs get used to them. Of course, people go to the doctor's, "Oh! I've got a cold! I want antibiotics!" A cold is caused by a virus. Antibiotics are completely useless. A virus is not a biotic. It's not an animal. It's not a creature. It's a, it's, in actual fact, just a series of cells that are just like our DNA. It doesn't have anything to kill. It's part of nature and it's part of us. So, when it invades, we have an immune system which can recognise it, it might not at first, but it will soon recognise it and that's why you get, er, you become ill. It's the battle of the immune system against the virus. Nothing else can work. You can give all the antibiotics you like, but all they do is waste them. In actual fact, they can cause things to be even worse because other bugs come along and get used to it, and this is what's happening, this is why we've got bugs, er, that cause, er, ulcers and sores and other problems, that they cannot treat. The bugs are actually using the antibiotics as food! This is nature. Nature does that. And if you look at the history of nature, er, as you go back, nature changes from time to time. The dinosaurs died out six million years ago. We, they said, replaced it. We were already there! But we were so insignificant that nobody knew. If you can imagine us as something the size of, something like a mouse, that is about as big as we would be. Horses. At that time, they were about four inches tall. This is what nature does. The dinosaurs outlived their time. They outlived their time! And they came to their end and only now do we realise that they're not all dead. Every bird you see is a dinosaur. Every alligator, every crocodile are a dinosaur. There's lots of 'em still about but they're the ones who have, sort of, adapted. Those that couldn't adapt, died out. In certain cases, when man came on the scene, man, er, accelerated what was happening and they found that out in the United States. The original Indians, in the United States, well, why do they call them Indians when they're in the United States? Reason? They came from India! They actually came from India. They walked across, because there was no sea. They walked across into the United States. That's how they came to be there. The world itself will live until it comes to its end and that is when the sun dies.

Ooh, well, I've got to back him up. I'm taking in what he says. He's a good, hmm ... definitely a, um, things that we need to, um, be looking out for. And we, you can, go in the, um, fields but you still, people think, "Ooh!" You know? But it's hard to look after all these country places. As much as, you know, people do. And all these dreadful petrol ... fuel ... patience all the time. Hmm.

YOU'VE MENTIONED NATURE A LOT. HOW DO YOU FIND LIVING IN THE CITY?

In the city? Well, is that for me or is it in general? Yeah, well, it's agony 'cause getting stuck into this, um, oh, you know, the um, the things that's collected every week. You see it going off? Or hear it. Um, going all over the place. And they don't, they only take the rough and tough. Not taking the easy to take ... game, you know? We don't really want these curbs, some of them. Yeah.

DID YOU GROW UP IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?

Yes. Mainly and, of course, you see, that's a long time ago. And, er, we come up the, er, road to keep on going at the arch in Chepstow and, um, the, all, the, um, the mechanics, um, in those days, could be controlled. You know, people weren't, sort of, "Duh! Duh!" All over the place. The past, I am sorry to say, I am one of the past. And ... you know ... I know ... I've been and I've taken myself and, in different ways. Ha! Ha!

(For this stage of the Nonsensus, Farnsworth was joined by a researcher.)

CONTRIBUTOR 11.240

What about?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

I dunno. I haven't got a clue.

HAVE YOU NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT?

No.

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

Ooh, I don't remember the next day. I know I do dream but I don't remember what they are. They are good dreams. yeah, happy dreams. Yeah.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I'd put all the prices up in the shops. Er, down in the shops! Ha! Ha! Ha!

I'VE JUST BOUGHT THIS PEN AND A BOTTLE OF WATER IN THE LOCAL SHOP. £1.69.

WHAT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING YOU HAVE TO BUY ON A DAILY BASIS?

Yeah, yeah. Terrible.

Well, food. It's getting very expensive, it is. Terrible. And whenever you go in a shop and nothing's gone down, everything's gone up. So, there you go. Alright then, love?

CONTRIBUTOR 11.241

My husband is not home. He is the main ...

COULD I SPEAK TO YOU?

Yeah, no problem.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Um ... it's, like, anything? Hmm, I don't know, actually! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! If you come at that time, my husband will be here, yeah?

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

I don't remember anything! No.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! I can't answer with that, I dunno.

CONTRIBUTOR 11.242

I thought you were Jehovah Witnesses then. Is this all being recorded now? OK. Yes?

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Er ... the ... oh ... noise or sound? The opening of a bottle of wine.

CORK OR SCREW TOP?

Well, a cork. It doesn't happen that often anymore. Not though, not opening bottles of wine but ... corks.

ONE OF THE MAIN EXPORTS OF PORTUGAL, CORK.

Yes, 90% of the ... yes. I knew that.

MAYBE IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD ME?

It's about one of the few facts that I've got in my head!

IS IT A FACT?

Yes, it was.

CAN YOU PROVE IT?

No.

WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING? Um ... oh, God ... I can't tell you about that.

SAUCY?

Hmm. Yeah, no, I can't go into it.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Well, I'd start by fixing my house and then I'd work outwards. Yesterday. I fell down the stairs and I've pulled the gatepost off. Upstairs. And I've bruised my coccyx. That's the first thing that came into my head. Straight the way down.

THIS DRAINPIPE NEEDS LOOKING AT.

Yeah, while you're there! Crack on! Ha! Ha! Ha!

DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES IN NUMBER TEN? THE DOOR IS AJAR, PROPPED OPEN WITH A GOLFCLUB BUT NO ONE IS ANSWERING. The one with loads of clutter, odds and sods? I think it's a Chinese gentleman's house. He's normally got a big car but it's not there.

IT'S GOT A GOLFCLUB WELDED INTO THE GATE AND ANOTHER GOLFCLUB KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN. To be honest, he's one of those. Always friendly, say hello but I don't know the people who go in and out regularly so, it's a nice thing to, to observe. What are you going to do about it?

NOTIFY THE POLICE?

I would. Yeah. It's one of those, it's one of those. It's not, like, "Oh! That's so and so and so and so, they're always ..." Don't know anything about him except that's probably him car, the Merc. But, no, so please check that out.

(Farnsworth and sidekick return to the abandoned house where they agree there is something unsettling about the situation. They then visit the local police station and express their concerns to the duty officer. She replies that she will get someone to "pop along and investigate".)

CONTRIBUTOR 11.243

How long will it take 'cause I'm really busy at the moment. Could you call back at all? Are you in the area at all? Tomorrow? Anytime! Anytime!

(Farnsworth and sidekick query how long the police might take to investigate the suspicious house. There has yet to be any response. Sidekick notes, "They're involved in their own sort of, triage type thing, as well, whereby they'll, um, they'll scale things, in terms of incidents. Unfortunately, something like this or youth annoyance, their response time could be up to three days. They would technically say that what we reported isn't a 999 but a 101 incident.")

CONTRIBUTORS 11.244, 11.245, 11.246

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

(Contributors conspire amid whispers and giggles.) I'm not sure. It's a random question, see? What's it about? (Following a further group consultation) No, we're not interested, sorry.

CONTRIBUTORS 11.247, 11.248, 11.249

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Sound? (Contributor calls inside) He come, he can speak English.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Phew! That's a tough question. I don't know. Um, probably a beep. Beep. A car beep.

A BEEP?

Yeah!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? Well, what do you mean? Noise or sound? In what sense?

I MEANT WHAT KIND OF BEEP?

Like, when you press the key. When you unlock the door.

YOU HAVE A CAR?

l do.

YOU'RE PROUD OF YOUR CAR?

I am.

DO YOU PRESS THE KEY EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE? IF YOU JUST WANT TO HEAR IT?

No, no. Obviously, if I am going somewhere, I'll press it, yeah. What's this about, anyway? Is it on one of the TV shows or something?

NOT AT ALL.

Oh, alright.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

Er, no. That's fine. Ha! Ha! 'Cause I watch a similar kind of question thing on TV. They ask a hundred people about certain things and, er ... I think it's Pointless. That shows.

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

Last dream? I won the Lottery. I just won the Lottery and then spend it all in the same dream again!

WHAT DID YOU SPEND IT ON?

I don't know. Just holidays and stuff like that. I think it was two point something million. Ha! Ha! Ha! I spent it all in the same day! It was weird, yeah! I went to Sharm El Sheikh, in Egypt, I think it is, yeah. I went so many places in that dream but that's the one I remember.

WHY THAT ONE?

'Cause we planned to, er, to go there once, about two or three years back. Me and my cousins but, obviously, I couldn't go so they went. I think it was 'cause of that, that I dreamt it.

DO YOU HAVE A CONNECTION WITH EGYPT?

Not really, no. No, we just go there, like, now and then. I didn't, I haven't, personally, I haven't been to Egypt. Friends and that, they do go to ...

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How do you fix the world? By ... loving each other. Make ... phew ... I think the main thing is, what I just mentioned, create the love between the people and then you can go for peace. You know? Slowly, slowly. Probably individual actions, this is what I can reach. Individually, I can't get a hundred people together but I can one-by-one. Do it that way. So, yeah, you could say individual action.

CONTRIBUTOR 11.250

What sort of questions?

WELL, THE FIRST ONE IS ... WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Don't know. Probably music, anything. I don't play, I just listen.

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

Can't remember.

DO YOU DREAM?

No, I don't think so.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How do I fix the world? Be polite, be good. What, what's all this about? Be nice to everyone, that could fix the world, yeah.

CONTRIBUTOR 11.251

A what, sorry?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise or sound? I haven't got a favourite noise or sound! Ha Ha! Ha! I don't, er, no. er, maybe something mellow, a bit of music or something, you know?

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

My last dream? Um ... I haven't remembered a dream for ages.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Is it fixable? Well, you have to get rid of some of the people, innit? That would make things a bit better, wouldn't it?

ANYONE IN PARTICULAR?

Um, crooked government and politicians. Stuff and people like that. First of all, you also need to get rid of people who's marbles are not there, you know? The politicians, governments in other countries, you know, leaders in other countries and stuff like that, who got too much power, and, you know, they, um ... basically, just control everything, you know? Yeah.

CONTRIBUTORS 11.252, 11.253, 11.254, 11.255, 11.256

Phew! Aye, go on.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND? Music. Yeah, hip-hop music. Anything.

ANY RECOMMENDATIONS?

Stormzy!

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

Becoming rich, a millionaire! That's an actual dream. I can't remember but I did become a millionaire.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! If I could. I dunno. I dunno. (Turns to address young lady loitering in the passageway.) How would you fix the world? No more disease, cancer, anything like that. (Young lady loitering in the passageway calls further inside the house to ask an unseen contributor, "How would you fix the world?") Ease people's suffering.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS? (Girl loitering in passageway) No!

Answer questions, come on!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

My favourite noise?

Your baby crying!

Ha! Ha! No, actually. Alicia, would you like to answer some questions?

(Previously unseen contributor) Hello! I just woke up.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

I don't know, music, probably. Don't like any noise.

DO YOU LIKE MC STONESY?

No.

It's Stormzy.

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

I don't have dreams! No!

Driving a car?

YOU DREAMED ABOUT DRIVING A CAR?

Yeah.

IN YOUR DREAM, WHERE WERE YOU GOING?

She is going far, far away!

Yeah, in Dubai. I don't know why Dubai. I just like it to be there.

It's the richest country in the world.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

I think you should ask this man some questions. He's a police officer.

Oh, yeah! Better to ask him! Because I don't know! Yeah, and it's a nice question and, um, (calling across the street to the advancing police officer).

how do you fix the world?

God will! God will!

DO YOU LIVE HERE AS WELL?

No, I just come to my friends.

WOULD YOU ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

Er ...

Answer!

For who do you work?

I'M AN INDEPENDENT DATA-COLLECTOR.

Oh, OK. About religion, or what?

THAT'S UP TO YOU. MY FIRST QUESTION IS WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Noise? I don't know, I have a lot of them. Birdsong. Music. I don't know. My parents' voice. I don't know. Here, she is my dad, yeah. He doesn't

speak English.

I sorry, I no speak English!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Sorry, I no speak English! Bye! Bye!

WHAT IS THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

My girl.

PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T ASK ANYMORE ON THIS SUBJECT?

Ha! Ha! Ha! No. I just ask her, no, I just dreamed about her, me and her, that's it, nothing. And the baby, yeah. I am honest.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

How would I fix the world?

Er, on which realm? Religion? Politics?

IT'S UP TO YOU.

I don't know. Be more specific. It's a general question, you know? It's a lot of subjects to go in. Like, politics, religion ... because from religion sides, you can fix it one way, politics, er, you can fix it other way, and, er, you know, different ways to fix it. But, what you mean by 'fixing the world'? I can tell you my vision about the world.

YES, PLEASE.

But, not how I can fix it 'cause the, if the world can be fixed, it not by one man. So, the whole people should be with one thought and when the whole people has one thought, they can manage to succeed but ... only when they fight against the world, you can do anything, you know? It's the system, so ... you can't do anything. Unified.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET PEOPLE UNIFIED BEHIND A SINGLE THOUGHT?

Yeah, very. Very. Even in politics, there are different parties, so ... I thought you were asking how I would fix the world from the point of view from religion. My answer is unity. When all people is united and have the same thoughts, they could do something but ... when they think different, nothing goes well, so ...

I said I would fix the world by quitting cancer and disease and all. You will fix it by drinking alcohol and smoking weed! Ha! Ha! Ha! No! I don't drink.

(By the end of that day's Nonsensus, the police had yet to investigate the suspicious empty house.)

CONTRIBUTOR 11.257

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE NOISE OR SOUND?

Bass. Bass in the sounds, in the music, like. Know what I mean? Every sound, man, has got to have bass in. Definitely. I loves it! It's just great!

HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU REALISED WHAT BASS WAS?

Boy! I was quite old. Say, nineteen. well, it's still quite old, do know what I mean? My life was, like ... foster family, they wouldn't let me listen to music and then when I could get some music in, I had to listen to mod music. Ha! Ha! Ha! Mod music, yeah! The Who, you know, and, um ... I can't remember any of the others. The Specials and all that ska and all that. Madness, all that sort of music. It's like ... it was like, fourteen, fifteen of us in the family, with me, and they all had their music. They could play their music but I ... I used to be into hip-hop and all that. But I wasn't allowed to play my music because ...

WHY WOULDN'T THEY LET YOU PLAY YOUR MUSIC? BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT?

They wouldn't let me start it! I just remember being, having one of them, you know, them ghetto-blasters and, um, had a tape of some hip-hop, put it on and it was like, "That's no good for you! That's no good for you!" And then ... so, obviously, I turned it off because everyone's, sort of, walking out the room and all and then I thought, "Right! If it makes them walk out the room, now I can play it 'cause they're out the room!" But then they started all coming back in just to tell me it's no good! You know what I mean? Doesn't make sense. Doesn't make sense. Now, my foster dad, he was a vicar, so, he's allowed to play his music in the church, which that's quite loud, which you can feel the bass off that. You know what I'm saying? I moved there when I was, like, two. With the music thing, I was in school so, thirteen, fourteen, it would have been about that time, there. I wasn't allowed to have a BMX or anything like that. I had to wait to have a new, a brand-new racer. Which I can't stand them! You know what I mean? So ... they bought it me and I'm supposed to be very, very happy. I'm not allowed to listen to music, couldn't have a BMX but I could have a brand-new racer. I take it out one day and do the first jump, the wheels buckle up, I carry it home, put it there and then, they hated me from then on.

YOU SAID YOU WERE NINETEEN WHEN YOU DISCOVERED BASS. IS THAT WHEN YOU LEFT HOME?

Yeah. Yeah. 'Cause I was, they put me in a home, they put me there when I was nine. I came out, I went back to the family. So, I got back with them, tried going back to school, I wanted to do exams, they wouldn't let me do exams because I hadn't been to a single school long enough. Then, back up in Birmingham, and, um, well, I could hear every sort of music then! And I, when I say, actually, I was probably sixteen when I discovered it but I never had anything of my own, to just sit down and relax. Do you know what I mean? When I say I had the hip-hop, that was in Abergavenny, I could put it on but it didn't last for too long because every time I went out, something would go disappearing. Ha! Ha! Ha! You know?

WHEN YOU DID LEAVE HOME DID YOU ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF LISTEN TO MUSIC WITHOUT CONTROL?

Hey! Bloody hell. This was the 808 State times, do you know what I mean? Um, Snoop Dog, MC Craig G ... oh my God! All of it! All the good sounds, like, do you know what I mean? I, I, I've forgotten more than I know because this, I haven't really thought about them anymore, you know? Um, Ace Of Bass. Do you know what I mean? All that. Them two sisters. Millie Vanillie and all stuff like that. They, you know, they all had their, er, thing of bass in their music. And, um, I loved it. And I did. It just ... it drove me. It made me go and do things. I could house-clean with that music on, do you know what I mean? Ha! Ha! Houldn't mind! As long as that music was on, you could have me doing, fixing people's bikes, you know, shampooing their rugs, everything. I would do anything as long as I had the bass. You know what I mean?



WHAT'S THE LAST DREAM YOU REMEMBER HAVING?

Dream? I just have the same one all the time. And it's like, say, like, the Valleys, you're coming to the edge of a cliff? Well, it's not a cliff, the edge of a mountain but in my dream it's like a cliff but it's sort of a mountain because it's all green. But if it was dark, you wouldn't know that just there was a complete drop. But my dream is always, sort of, in the light. Now, if you're playing football, you run for the ball, now, you've got to stop that ball going over the cliff. And I'm always that far away from it. You know what I mean? On the edge, you know? And then, sometimes, I've gone over and ... well, then I wake up. You know what I mean? It's the same dream all the time. Sometimes, a long time ago. I used to have this recurring dream as well ... but it ... I, I'd, I'd be up in the air, walking, you know, where my feet is on the ground, I'd be walking this high. I'd be going around and everyone would be trying to knock me down. You know? And that's, I think that has something to do with real life. Because everyone's keep trying to put me down, so, in my dream, get me down to the floor. You know? And I don't know why. Because I'm quite happy up there, on my own, I'm not bothering anybody, I'm just doing my own thing but they want to put me down. So, it feels like ... they seem to think that I'm up above them but I, I don't, I, I ain't got anouse, I ain't got all the houses, they got all that so how can I be up above you? Now, you've got all that, not you, you know, them people. They got all the family, they got all the houses, they got all the cash, they got the jobs, they got everything yet they still feel that I'm up above them. So, they're always still trying to knock me down. Why? And that's a question I'd love to be answered but I don't know how to get that answer. You know? That's just my life, it's just crazy. It's always coming to the edge of a cliff and nearly dying and that recurring, where people are just trying to constantly knock me down and I don't get it.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX THE WORLD?

Again, all these people that talk shit about you, I ... I'll give you an example. Yesterday, I'm sat here, I sit here every day. This woman, this girl come and sat by me and she goes, she was, er, er, hunting ...

HUNTING?

Yeah, you know? Hunting in my brain. Hunting my brain, like. And she's asking me about this and that and I said, just one answer, just one statement, I hate these certain people because of the way they go on. They're false and they're two-faced and all that, sort of ... business ... one thing I said to her was, "This person seems to be able to talk to the police all the time". As soon as I said that, this person goes, "Yeah! I know! I know exactly where you are coming from". Then she came out with the bombshe ... BOOM! "Well, this person you just mentioned, she said, like, you grassed on someone". I'm like, "WHAT?" She said that this card had been pinched off somebody and, um, I was supposed to have been there. Now, she asked her boyfriend and one, one, one time she asked he said that, yeah, I was there, then the next time, he said I wasn't. But the first time she asked, he was with this girl who was actually spending the money with him. Now, if I had anything to do with it, I'm quite sure I'd be having some of that money. You know what I mean? Because, you don't rob something and, um, go, "Oh! You can have it!" And then, like, she said, I then go and grass. What happened, this, this girl, she's hanging around with this boy, she's trying to shag him all the time, anyway, and she's gone ... she manages to get her arms around you, that's a figure of speech, like. But she does, gets to cling-on, cling-on, you know? And she's walking around with him, spending the money with him as he's getting the money out on the card and then, obviously, the police have gone over to her, 'cause she just keeps chatting. Chatting. Chatting. And she do! Honestly, when you keep chatting to the police, 'cause the police have ways of chatting to you, do you know what I mean? And they get things out of her. The next thing I know, this girl is saying that I grassed this boy up. Now, one, I haven't been locked up. Two, I haven't been approached by any police. Three, I wasn't in the place her card went missing from and four, I haven't even seen that boy, um, in any of those connections, to be connected to it, if that makes any sense? I'm no good at explaining because I need my beer and I'm, this is only my second, here, and I usually drink twenty a day and then my head's functioning OK. Ha! Ha! Ha! Now, I know you're thinking that most people who drink that much are going to be completely pissed but every time you have seen me before, I've been totalled. But you've always talked

to me alright otherwise you wouldn't be talking to me right now. I'm not a bad person. I've never gone out deliberately to aggravate somebody, I've never gone out to fight. All I do is to go out to get my beer and my weed. I was on drugs and all that, but, I can't be bothered with all that. I like to chat to people. If I'm sat here, different people walk back and forth, they haven't got to talk to me but a lot of them like to. You know? And it's nice. You can see their true side, you know? Obviously, there's a few people who come up and try to aggravate but you can just turn a blind-eye to that. Do you know what I mean?

DO YOU THINK I AM HUNTING IN YOUR HEAD?

No.





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