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Leila: Welcome to Here to Judge where we scour the internet to dissect dilemmas and decide who's to blame. Here to Judge today is me, Leila Navabi.

Robin: Me, Robin Morgan.

Priya: And me, Priya Hall.

'Am I the asshole for setting up my friend? I, 28, female, was having lunch with a friend, 28, female, of mine over the weekend. We live in an area with warm weather, so we are able to eat outside socially distant. We were both chatting about how this pandemic sucks and that it has made our dating lives a lot harder than before. While we were chatting I came up with the great idea that my friend should date a colleague of mine, 30, male. I told her that he is a really great guy and that I would give him her number so he could FaceTime her. She asked me more about him and I kept singing his praises. She then asked me why I had not ever considered dating him if he was as great as I made him out to be. I explained to her that he is a teacher like me and that his potential earnings are not high enough'.

Leila: Ah.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: 'She got very offended by this statement and asked me why I would try and set her up with someone who I myself was not willing to go out with. I tried to explain to her that since she works in finance and makes more than double what I make, she can date someone who does not

make a lot of money because she can afford to pay for a nice lifestyle. She got even more offended by this and said that she normally dates men in a profession similar to her, and that coincidentally men who work in that field tend to make the same amount of money as her. She said my statement about paying for a nice lifestyle made her sound like someone's cash cow.'

Robin: Pfft.

Priya: 'After this went down, she asked the waitress for her half of the bill and left me with half of the bill. I am very hurt by this as I was only trying to help my friend. I think she is being shallow and is the asshole for saying she normally dates men who are in her profession who make a lot of money. But she thinks I'm the asshole for trying to set her up with someone who I would not date myself without good reason. So Reddit, who is the asshole here?'

Leila: No one has to go out with this guy.

Priya: [Laughs] I know, this poor guy.

Leila: Why are they like 'No you have him!' 'No you have him!' No you know what, you literally never have to see him again, what is the problem?

Priya: Imagine finding out that someone you knew was talking about you like this? Just over a lunch, being like 'Oh I would never! But you could I guess'.

Robin: Do you want this pauper?

Leila: Yes and then the other one being like 'Oh my God, I would no, uh, how dare you even suggest such a lowly person to me?' It's awful. I hate them both frankly.

Robin: The worst thing about this for me is that they were given the number so that the dude could FaceTime her. What the fuck?

Priya: Right.

Robin: Like that's the opening gambit? To see like poor teacher man, is FaceTiming you, and you're like Jesus Christ I'm going to hide all my money in the bath otherwise he'll cry.

Priya: [Laughs] Are you imagining that her friend is Scrooge McDuck?

Robin: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Priya: Yeah, good, good. So am I. I really like the bit at the end where she's like 'And she only paid for half of the meal, that's ridiculous'. And you're like OK, I think you've just played your hand there, I think we know what's going on [laughs].

Leila: Yeah that was strange as well.

Robin: Yeah. My friend seems to think that I think she's a cash cow and then she didn't pay for my meal. My cash cow has run out of cash!

Leila: [Laughs] Like why are these two friends with each other? One of them clearly only associates with people with more money than her. I'm like OK, so I get the appeal of why you want to be in that friendship but why does the other one want to be in that friendship then if she?

Robin: I think she has...

Priya: She doesn't anymore.

Robin: The teacher lady has a phone book full of poor men. Poor, poor men, that she pimps out on a daily basis.

Leila: You can also say 'No thanks'.

Priya: Yeah without being like 'Why don't you want to date him?!' That's such a weird response of someone trying to set you up as well.

Leila: It's not like she set him up on a blind date and then she was like no. She made a suggestion, like why is she

ruminating this deeply about something that hasn't affected her life in any way.

Robin: The thing is this was ended with the 'I think she's the asshole, she thinks I'm the asshole'. Which suggests that they've sort of talked about, 'Well we'll let Reddit decide then'.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: 'Because we can't come to agreement on this'. Like they both decided to put it out there. So I think they are the worst.

Priya: Yeah they've got to be.

Robin: Slash, this teacher dude needs to get a new fucking job.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: What a loser [laughs].

Priya: I love this teacher dude. I love the idea that he's just sat at home having a lovely time while these two grown women argue about him. He has no idea.

Leila: He deserves better than both of them frankly, in my humble opinion.

Priya: He does. It's not easy being a teacher.

Robin: Do you think Priya, that that question of like 'Why don't you date him?' why is that not legitimate as a thing?

Priya: I think that's just a weird response. If someone, obviously I'm in a relationship so if one of my friends said 'I've met someone you might like' I'd be like whoa OK [laughs].

Robin: What's his number? Can he FaceTime me? [laughs]

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: [Laughs] But my immediate response wouldn't be 'Well why not for you?'

Robin: 'What's wrong with him?!'

Leila: OK if a straight woman recommended me dating a lesbian then of course I'm not going to be like 'Why not for you?' But if it's like someone who has the same sexual preferences as me. If another lesbian recommended that I got with another lesbian, I'd be like what's the? Why haven't you gone out with them?'

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: And normally the answer is 'I did, and it didn't work out' [laughs].

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Also like you never know what they're going to say.

Robin: It's just a much better community. It's a much better community.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: It is yeah. Like I do think it's a viable question to ask.

Priya: Oh I don't know. I feel like it negates all platonic friendships to be like 'Well aren't you on the hunt for a man?'

Leila: Yeah I suppose that is a true like feminist thought. I have questions about like what sort of questions. Like say if you went on a first date with someone, what are your musts in a relationship? Are there any like, I would not go out with a person if they were like this. If someone recommended someone to go out with you and there was a certain thing that they said about them, that you would be so insulted that you'd be annoyed at your friend that they recommended, do you know what I'm saying?

Robin: No I'm fine.

Leila: Really?

Priya: Anyone.

Robin: Anyone. I mean I've been on one first date, I don't think we asked each other any questions. We both went to the same school, we kind of knew each other's vibes.

Leila: Wait, is this your current wife now?

Robin: Uh and future [laughs].

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah [Laughs hysterically].

Priya: Just seeing Leila's pessimism radiating out there.

Leila: Yeah your current wife.

Robin: I am divorced, I'll always be divorced [laughs].

Leila: Yeah [laughs]. At the time of listening, so have you never been on a date with anyone apart from your wife?

Robin: Uh? No. Not a proper date-date.

Priya: That's really sweet.

Leila: Oh! That is really lovely. Congratulations.

Robin: Thank you.

Leila: I'm like actually, I'm so impressed.

Priya: That's a good first date.

Robin: Uh?

Priya: 100% success rate.

Robin: That's very, very true actually. Yeah. I was like married. Done [laughs].

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: Kids, married.

Priya: Is that how the first date went? Just pointing at her face 'Married!'.

- Robin: Married and then after ten years it really ground her down [laughs].
- Leila: Did anyone recommend you went on a date with her or is that a decision that you made on your own?
- Robin: Uh? No I always fancied her in school and then we drunkenly got off in Vodka Revolutions.
- Leila: In Cardiff?
- Robin: In Cardiff. Mmm.
- Leila: Big ups. I've done that in Cardiff and not...
- Robin: With my wife? [laughs]
- Leila: ..with your wife [laughs hysterically].
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Robin: My current wife.
- Leila: Your current wife that's it. Yeah that was a precursor to this part of the conversation.
- Robin: [Laughs]
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Robin: My wife is also a teacher and she's actually the person in this story so it's quite awkward. Um, no I think the teacher lady is the asshole because she literally sees people for their financial worth and nothing else.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Robin: And she thinks of her friends as cash cows and the teacher who's really nice, as a scummy poor person.
- Priya: I agree, but I think they're both degrees of assholes. I think she's the biggest asshole but her friend is also a bit of an asshole for immediately responding like that when she found out someone didn't earn very much [laughs].

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Leila: 'Am I the asshole for buying and installing a new showerhead without consulting my wife first?' [Laughs] OK. 'I a 36 male, and my wife, 33, female, purchased and moved into a new town home just over two years ago. We did quite a lot of work on the place when we first moved in, but for some reason we never got around to replacing the showerhead in the bathroom in the place.

It was an old, detachable plastic showerhead that probably dated back to around the mid-'90s and didn't even produce a decent spray of water anymore. But it was functional, and replacing it for whatever reason just ended up being one of those projects that kept getting put off, despite us talking pretty often about how we really need to get around to replacing it.

Anyway, recently my wife left for several days to visit her family out of state. While she was gone I was taking a shower when suddenly I sort of got a surge of motivation. I went to our local DIY store, picked out a nice but affordable stainless steel showerhead and some plumber's tape, and installed it.'

Robin: Is he still naked at this point?

Leila: [Laughs] I think so yeah.

Priya: [Laughs] Just dripping all over B&Q.

Robin: Sopping wet. Slipping all over the place.

Leila: 'It took all of 15 minutes and when the job was done I inwardly chastised myself for putting off such a simple thing for so long. I also thought that my wife would be thrilled with me when she got home. Well, that didn't happen. When she arrived home and I show' [Laughs] I thought he was going to say 'When she arrived home and I showered her'. That's not what he said [laughs].

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: 'When she arrived home and I showed her the new showerhead she actually got a little irate. She said that it was a major purchase and that she should have had some say in it. She said that I'd chosen a showerhead with only a few settings, and that she'd wanted a massaging one.' Wonder why?

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: 'And that she also wanted a fixed showerhead since they have better water pressure. I personally hate fixed showerheads since I can't really rinse off my undercarriage with them as well, but apparently that's what she wanted. Now I'm angry because I think she is being ungrateful and making a big deal out of nothing, but she's angry because she thinks she should be consulted before I make any changes to our home. Am I an asshole?'

Robin: Shit relationship.

Priya: Yeah. If I came home to find out my partner had done DIY in the house, I would be thrilled. Like he could have done it completely incorrectly and burned down our house, I would still be very impressed.

Leila: I'd be livid.

Robin: Would you?

Leila: Yeah, because I do the DIY. [Laughs] It's literally, I'll tell you why, I'll tell you why I'd be. It's my greatest pleasure in life. I like to make those decisions.

Priya: See, I do all the DIY in my relationship but I hate it. Um.

Leila: Oh!

Priya: I hate it so much. It's too much responsibility. So I think I would yeah, gladly someone else can do it, that's fine.

Leila: What about your Robin, how do you feel?

- Robin: I um, I'm quite obsessed with this man who can't rinse his undercarriage.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Robin: Apart from, because that means that he takes the showerhead down and then starts to, like he's a fucking dog.
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Priya: He's doing a thorough job.
- Robin: Like he's a muddy dog.
- Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Robin: I uh, I think, well I'm the one who does the DIY and in our old place, I definitely did replace the showerhead, I don't think it was an issue. But equally, I don't know. I didn't ask my wife. But she didn't come back 'slightly irate', which I feel like is a contraction of terms.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: I wouldn't be irate I'd just be like, you've taken away my favourite thing to do. Do you know what I mean?
- Robin: Sure. Well my wife doesn't do that, I don't think I took away her enjoyment of doing that. But equally, I just got a very basic one, but I would like a freestanding. You know those ones where you sort of like walk in. Like our bathroom in this house is incredibly tiny for a family of four. I really want to get one of those walk in ones that sort of hits you in the face. But I imagine that is quite difficult for undercarriages, unless you can do handstands.
- Priya: Also the ones with really high pressure, I imagine if you've got little kids it will just smack them in the head,

and they've got soft spots right? [Laughs] You don't want that.

Robin: I thought you were going to say little undercarriages.

Priya: [Laughs] That is true.

Robin: It's really going to hurt your little undercarriage.

Leila: Oh no!

Priya: Oh no [laughs]. Bouncing back off the floor of the shower.

Robin: [Laughs] Like hailstones. I think she wants a massage setting on a freestanding one?

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: How does that work. If we're assuming that she's using it to masturbate.

Priya: [Laughs] Well here's the thing, are we assuming that?

Robin: Uh? I think so!

Leila: I would have assumed that.

Priya: Is that the centre of all of this? She's angry that she can no longer masturbate and her husband is just trying to do a nice thing.

Robin: I think that's fair. Like if she has been like thinking that this is the one job, I'm going to save up for it, putting a little bit of money away to get like the freestanding wanker massive 5000 that she wants.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: And then her husband gets some piece of shit from B&Q, you'd be furious. Furious.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Yeah.

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Priya: 'Am I the asshole for putting my penis in peanut butter and leaving it in the kitchen?'

Robin: The penis?

Priya: I assume he means the peanut butter and not the penis [laughs].

Robin: [Laughs] Sure, sure.

Priya: 'I'm looking for some assistance determining whether I am the asshole in this situation that has divided our house into two groups.' Very formal, I like it. 'I, 20, male, am a college student living with four other guys my age.'

Leila: No!

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: Like you're all immediately assholes.

Robin: I am a professor of astrophysics.

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: 'It's our second year living together, and last year we had an issue with people eating food that isn't theirs, so now we have a strict, label your stuff and only eat things with your name on it policy. My girlfriend and I like to get a bit frisky in the bedroom, and a few nights ago I dipped my penis in peanut butter and she licked it off.'

Leila: [Draws breath shocked]

Priya: 'Yes, I understand that it is slightly bizarre, but that's how we roll.'

Robin: And she has a bad allergy.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: 'The controversy is that since we have a mouse problem I did not want to leave the peanut butter in my bedroom, so afterwards I closed it and returned it to my kitchen cupboard. Note that it had peanut butter dilemma label on it'. Oh that's his name on this sub Reddit, peanut butter dilemma label on it. 'So it was clear that it belonged to me.

One of my roommates tells me yesterday, 'Oh by the way, I had some of your peanut butter'. He sees my visibly shocked reaction and asks 'What's up?' so ultimately I come clean about the whole deal. He's furious and says 'Why the fuck would you put it back in the kitchen?' Which is a fair question.

'I remind him of the mouse situation and our policy not to have other people's labelled foods. This is the first time all year that somebody has had my labelled food and informed me after the fact. He said it was just some peanut butter on his bread, it's not like he was taking full chicken breasts from me.'

Robin: Don't ask where those have been [laughs].

Leila: Yeah [laughs].

Priya: 'My house is split 3:2 on who is in the wrong, and it's spilling over into the other aspects of our living situation. We need to get over this pronto so I am asking, am the asshole? For info, we have sort of divvied up the cupboards, so it was kept in my space, it wasn't in a communal cupboard'.

Leila: Oh God.

Priya: Do I need to summarise this one?

Robin: Uh yes because I want to hear you summarise it [laughs].

Leila: Yeah.

- Priya: OK. Too long, didn't listen - dude stuck his dick in some peanut butter for fun. Put it back in his cupboard, his housemate ate it, and now his housemate is angry about it.
- Leila: Oh my God.
- Robin: I don't think he's the asshole.
- Priya: No, not at all.
- Leila: No I don't either, but also...
- Robin: It's just really funny.
- Leila: I'm like why? Like how bad is your dick that you have to entice your girlfriend to lick it by putting peanut butter on it?
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Robin: That's very, very true.
- Leila: I always find those things strange, like people having flavoured whatever. Like please go down there, it tastes like.
- Robin: Yeah.
- Leila: Do you know what I saw on Cult Beauty the other day which is a makeup website, is they have like a sexy section. And they had gin and tonic lube. Please stop listening if you're my mother, please I beg! Or anyone!
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: But like do you know how upset I would be if the only way I could get my girlfriend to go down on me was to be like 'It tastes like gin and tonic!'
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: (Live, like, love?) [laughs]

Robin: But also your girlfriend would be such a basic bitch.

Leila: Yeah [laughs].

Robin: They'd be so basic. It's pink gin.

Leila: [Laughs hysterically]

Priya: It's gin o'clock.

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Um?

Priya: Yeah I think having to mask your actual genitals in order to trick people to go near them is sketchy, sure.

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: I don't think it's asshole behaviour but...

Priya: I don't think.

Leila: ...peanut butter as well, which looks, let's be real, looks like bad poo, in some cases.

Priya: Also very claggy.

Robin: Yeah it's thick isn't it?

Priya: It's going to take her a while to get that out of her mouth.

Robin: Yeah I need a glass of milk, or not milk [laughs].

Leila: Oh God.

Priya: Oh no.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: Robin.

Robin: He's absolutely smashed it though.

Leila: Yeah.

- Robin: You know like living in a house share that is like one of the big issues isn't it? Like using other people's stuff.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Robin: And as you say, that no one will ever do it. He's absolutely smashed it.
- Leila: Was he planning on eating his peanut butter again after he's put his dick in it?
- Priya: Maybe using it for that purpose again.
- Robin: Yeah just dick butter, like sex butter.
- Leila: It was like double dunking isn't it? It doesn't matter really.
- Priya: It's a massive waste of peanut butter if you got rid of the whole jar after that. He should really take a knife and then spread it on.
- Robin: Yeah, I think you're right.
- Leila: Oh yeah I mean that's so true isn't it?
- Priya: That's the only hygienic way of doing it.
- Leila: And can I just be clear? He did specify that it was going into her mouth and not into her...
- Robin: Yeah, no she licked it off.
- Leila: OK.
- Robin: He didn't specify whether he chose the peanut butter with palm oil, which is an issue for me.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: I really hope that he didn't, like they didn't do it after that, because she's going to have an infection.

Robin: Well as long as it wasn't Marmite, otherwise it might be a yeast infection. Am I right guys? [Claps] Ah, uh, uh. Ah, uh, uh, uh.

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: Just get out of here [laughs].

Leila: God. I don't know. I don't even know what to say about this.

Robin: I wonder who is on his side and who's not. You know? That's quite interesting that's it's a 3:2 split.

Priya: I imagine any of the ones that's been eating his food but hasn't told him are the ones that aren't on his side. They're like, 'Jesus Christ, how much of his dick peanut butter have I eaten?'

Robin: Yeah and what else is there? The vulva jam.

Leila: Do you know, I'm thinking about the time when I lived in a house share, I used my flatmate's milk and then I bought her a new milk. I used like this much milk, and I bought her a new milk. But if she had turned around, and I think that was fair, like I went and bought her a new one before she even got home, whatever. But even if she turned around to me and said 'Oh my God Leila, I've pissed in that milk'. I would be like well it's my own fucking fault that for drinking the milk, is what.

Robin: I knew it! [Laughs]

Priya: Exactly [laughs]. That's why I drank it.

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: You'd be like, oh what a dick, that will teach me. That is what you'd be like, isn't it?

Robin: I bought you a new milk, it's filled with my piss.

Leila: Yeah. Do you know what I mean though? It's like.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: It's on you. You're thieving, you're thieving.

Priya: Definitely the ones that are angry about this have been breaking all of their household rules. And the ones that are on his side, also have dick peanut butter in their cupboards that they're like [sinister whisper] 'Stay away!'

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Do you know I feel like, there was a boy in my school who used to say he used to [chuckles] masturbate with Philadelphia, like a pot of Philadelphia.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: What?

Leila: Like he'd put his dick in and out of a Philadelphia.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: I know [laughs] I don't know whether that's true.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: That's a shallow pot.

Leila: Yeah. Yeah. Also...

Robin: Like a Dairy Lea Dunker [laughs].

Leila: Yeah, yeah exactly, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Robin: Yeah I'll fuck a Muller Corner.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: I know. This one I don't believe for one second but also like, what are the odds that this had nothing to do with his girlfriend and that he was just having some fun by himself, with is peanut butter?

Robin: With a pot of peanut butter.

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Priya: He's just bored in lockdown. He's probably stuck in uni halls. Got some peanut butter, why not?

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: Uh, have we concluded who's an asshole? Like I think we all agree really, it's not him.

Robin: Not him.

Leila: But like be sick.

Priya: Be so sick.

Leila: I'd have literally no objection of this if he'd worn a condom but don't put peanut butter on your flesh.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: I wonder how many people are thinking about doing it, having listened to it now?

Priya: [Laughs]

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