

Here to Judge- Befoul the Love Making

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[Here to Judge Theme Song]

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.

Robin: 'Am I the asshole? Can't sleep when being poked. Myself 25 female and my fiancé 24 male, have been together for two and half years and have been engaged since November 2020. We've been living together since May 2019. Obviously we share a bed. I'm a light sleeper and my biggest thing is being woken up when I'm touched. My fiancé is very touchy-feely, and we both enjoy cuddling. However, I'm always woken up by the night time boner many men seem to get.' That came out of left field [laughs].

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: It was all feeling quite boring until that point. 'I understand it's an unconscious thing that happens during sleep, but it wakes me up and it's hard for me to fall back asleep after being woken, especially with something poking me in the back. I started putting some of the blankets between us (pulled down over us, so not a lump of extra blankets), that way we are cuddling but there is a small barrier between us. I'm able to fall back asleep and the cuddling gets to continue. I woke up a few days ago and he told me he was really hurt by this and it hurt his feelings a lot by me putting the blankets between us while we slept. I explained the issue and he understood

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my point of view, however he was still hurt. Am I the asshole? I think I am the asshole because I do something that is hurting my fiancé's feelings for the sake of my own comfort.' That's like she's answered her own issue.

Priya: And wrong [laughs].

Leila: Yes, and also I disagree yeah, what the hell? You can't say that just because you hurt someone for your own personal like comfort.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: It's not like she's you know, cut his dick off.

Robin: That's where I thought this was going.

Priya: That is a solution.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: He shouldn't get salty about it though, like she needs to sleep. They're two and a half years in, if they do get married, did they say that they're engaged yeah?

Robin: They're engaged yeah.

Priya: Yeah, if they do get married she can't live the rest of her life in fear of his penis waking her up at night.

Robin: They're absolutely going to be a separate beds couple.

Priya: That's the dream.

Robin: [Laughs] Is it?

Priya: [Laughs] No it's not.

Leila: Is there a way to make it not do that? Is there any?

Robin: What the penis?

Leila: As in like just go hard for no reason.

Robin: Um?

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Priya: I don't think so.

Robin: No when we were teenagers growing up we were told, like there was a big thing about how erections are involuntary and you should never be embarrassed about them because you know a teenager, you're just kind of like full of hormones and it's just going to pop up and biology.

Leila: You should be embarrassed but yeah.

Robin: [Laughs] You should be fucking ashamed.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: It's unnatural. This couple does definitely seem, it feels very Christian first boyfriend/girlfriend vibes.

Priya: Yeah. If you're getting upset by a few blankets between you while you sleep, well you're in for a rough ride baby girl.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, considering it sounds like that's how they have sex anyway, like through a sheet.

Priya: [Laughs] Sure. With the lights firmly off please and thank you.

Robin: Oh yeah totally, totally.

Leila: There must be some sort of solution, he should wear like a little belt that's got a cushion.

Robin: A chastity belt.

Leila: No like a little um? You know you get those pillows for when you're sleeping right and it's a bit of elastic basically with a little cushion and you put it on your leg to like make your hips have good space between them.

Robin: No.

Leila: Like it was an ad on Instagram a lot of the time.

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Priya: Is this like a Wish ad?

Leila: Yeah absolutely.

Priya: Yeah OK right, OK sure [laughs].

Leila: But he should get one and it covers his wiener. Wiener, why did I say wiener?

Priya: [Laughs] I don't know.

Leila: Where did that come from? Wienis.

Robin: We're trying to break into the American market.

Leila: Like a codpiece. I don't know what a codpiece is.

Priya: Is that when people are like doing sports? Like if they're doing baseball and they put like a little cup in?

Robin: It's like a jockstrap.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: There must be loads of things! He could just do some tucking like a drag queen.

Priya: I would argue a blanket has the same effect but without having to buy a chastity belt for yourself.

Leila: I feel like a blanket isn't enough though.

Priya: Sure [laughs].

Leila: He should get a weighted blanket and just weigh it down underneath his.

Robin: [Laughs] I feel like if...

Priya: Your views on penises they're just really joyful, I like that.

Robin: [Laughs] They're a hindrance and they should be weighted down with stones. With masonry.

Priya: Get it under control!

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- Robin: If I woke up and my partner had basically kind of like smothered my penis in its sleep by putting like pillows over it, I think I would be a little bit, offended.
- Leila: [Laughs hysterically] Out damn spot!
- Priya: With like police tape holding the blanket down.
- Leila: [Laughs hysterically]
- Robin: But what was going on, as with a lot of these things the communication is the issue. She's like, oh your penis is waking me up, maybe could you like? To be honest I find any couple that two and a half years in is cuddling a lot at night, that sounds incredibly toxic. I think they should cut that shit out.
- Priya: I don't know how anyone can sleep while cuddling?
- Leila: No. No.
- Priya: It's so oppressive.
- Robin: Yeah.
- Leila: I don't, no never.
- Robin: Where do you put that other arm?
- Priya: Yeah.
- Leila: A little cuddle to start and then you go 'Night night' and you turn around and you live your life and you go to bed.
- Priya: That's how it should be done.
- Robin: And then you get up and you go out to the clubs.
- Leila: Yeah, yeah absolutely. That's when the fort appears between you.
- Robin: The penile fort.

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Leila: The penile fort. Oh! I don't know I'm just like? I'm trying to be on his side because it's part of his body and he shouldn't feel the need to hide it. But also, if someone's arm is in your back or like elbow, then you're still going to be like 'Can you just move your fucking arm'. You know is it insensitive because it's genitalia? Should she have been like, I just don't like anybody to touch me when I sleep, especially not human flesh of any sort.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: It doesn't sound like she's actually said anything though, she's just put blankets in between that's probably it, like if she'd said it then.

Leila: But that's better. She could have just said anything, she could have been like 'I like to feel I'm in a cocoon'.

Priya: Sure.

Robin: I think a series of lies is the best thing for her to do now.

Priya: And wildly different lies as well.

Leila: Yes.

Priya: Just to really keep him on his toes.

Leila: Definitely, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Robin: Changing day by day.

Priya: [Laughs] Also it's sleep, and sleep deprivation is really bad for you so she should argue that it's a health risk, his penis poking her while she sleeps.

Leila: It's just quite oppressive isn't it really?

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: I think they should break up.

Priya: [Laughs] Here we go.

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Robin: Totally break up.

Priya: The minute there's a relationship argument we're like break up, just do it.

Robin: Break up!

Leila: Just date someone without a penis and then you won't have to have any of those concerns. That's my conclusion.

Robin: Do you think then she'd find out that it's not actually the penis that's the issue? It's her sort of...

Leila: Well it's sleeping next to someone who has got a body.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: She should go with the head from Art Attack.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah I'll take it.

Priya: I've got no argument to that, I feel like that is good advice for anyone.

Robin: Is he the one that was just through the curtain?

Leila: He looked like Christopher Maloney from X Factor 2009.

Priya: [Laughs] God here we go with the references.

Robin: Great. Great reference.

Priya: I don't think there are any assholes. I agree with Robin, they need to communicate and/or sleep in separate beds.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Or two sleeping bags like two worms.

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Robin: Yeah I mean it's kind of like a primitive version of what she's doing already isn't it?

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah I think both are assholes and they should break up. Just end it. If you don't want a willy in your back, end it.

[Here to Judge- Interim Music]

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Leila: I'm going to read this one now, it's from Mumsnet. 'I bought a pre-owned warddraw' [chuckles] 'I bought a pre-owned wardrob' [chuckles] I can't say wardrobe! [Laughs]

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: 'I bought a pre-owned wardrobe, now the place has bad energy.' OK. 'I want to start this post by saying I'm generally...' [Laughs hysterically] 'I want to start this post by saying I'm not generally a' [Laughs] In quotes [Laughs] 'Woo person', W-O-O, 'I'm not generally a 'woo person'' [Laughs] 'I'm not talking about ghosts or implying that the furniture is haunted but I am wondering about bad energy. I've name changed because I expect to be torn a new one. Just over two weeks ago I bought a pre-owned wardrobe on Facebook Marketplace, it's quite old, probably irrelevant but the people who delivered it were quite strange folk, the sort you get an uneasy feeling from. It was a very awkward handover. Well, ever since I got this wardrobe in the bedroom I've been plagued with disturbing nightmares every single night without fail! My toddler DD' is that darling daughter? 'My toddler darling daughter'.

Priya: Yeah I think so.

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Robin: Unless it's a really cool name [laughs].

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: DD.

Robin: DD.

Leila: 'My toddler DD who sleeps in my room has been saying she is scared in the night now. She has never done that before. She doesn't know about my nightmares and has no reason to be so unsettled all of a sudden. My mood has been quite low for the same amount of time with no particular cause identifiable. I'm finding myself being uncharacteristically short tempered and down. Am I being unreasonable to think all of the above may be linked to the wardrobe/bad energy. Bonkers or possible?'

Robin: Now I'd like to hear what ghoulish hunter Priya thinks about this [laughs].

Priya: [Laughs] Firstly I like that there's like a pandemic going on and we're all at our wits end with it and no one has been worse mental health wise. And this woman's like 'Well it's got to be the wardrobe's fault, couldn't be the pandemic'.

Robin: [Laughs] It's a bit woo-woo!

Priya: It's just a little bit spooky for me.

Leila: Have you ever met a woo person? Have you ever met a person you'd describe as a bit woo?

Priya: I'm a woo person. I'm the person who brings up ghosts every five minutes.

Leila: Is that what it is? I've never heard that before, it's just really tickled me.

Robin: Is it like crystals and stuff? Do you have crystals Priya?

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- Priya: No I don't actually believe in ghosts, I just talk about them all day long, I definitely expect that they live in my house. I don't believe in them but they definitely exist.
- Robin: I'm starting to suspect that you're a ghost.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Robin: My favourite thing about this one is that she said she bought the wardrobe off 'the Facebook Marketplace' which makes it sound so grand [laughs].
- Leila: It sounds like Bethnal Green Market.
- Robin: Yeah it does actually doesn't it?
- Priya: Describing the people she sold it off as strange folk as well. Like...
- Robin: Yeah.
- Priya: ...in what way? Was it just like a coven of witches?
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Robin: They flew it across border.
- Priya: On brooms as well, like how do you balance it?
- Leila: I love the idea that a bunch of witches, like just cloaked witches. Like while chanting something.
- Robin: It's a great wardrobe, it's been home to our cloaks for many, many years. So many years!
- Leila: [Laughs] How old can a wardrobe be? Are wardrobes even that old of an invention?
- Robin: Uh? It's a really great pub quiz question, when was the wardrobe invented? Shall we take some guesses? And then I'll find out the answer.

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Leila: I reckon it wasn't even that long ago.

Priya: I think they're old.

Leila: I'm going to say 1910.

Priya: Really?! I'm going to say 1700s.

Robin: OK I'm going to meet in the middle then and go 1850. Fucking hell.

Leila: 2004?

Robin: Yeah exactly [laughs].

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: IKEA invented it. In the 14th century.

Priya: Oh really?!

Leila: Oh fine well that's my argument out the window.

Robin: So I mean that shit's going to be haunted. I'm surprised all of ours aren't haunted.

Priya: Let's not assume all wardrobes come from the 14th century.

Robin: Sorry?

Priya: Hang on a minute.

Robin: What?

Priya: It was the one wardrobe maker, yes?

Leila: There's something a bit ominous and creepy about wardrobes in general though.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: I do think there is.

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Robin: I don't believe in that kind of stuff. You could call me, not a woo person [laughs].

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: But equally if all that stuff is happening then I think she should get rid of the wardrobe.

Priya: Yeah, for her own peace of mind.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: But who's she going to sell it to? Just pass on the curse? That's unethical.

Robin: Yeah true and then there will be another one saying 'Yeah she was really weird, she was quite a freaky sort of person, she has really, really bad energy, and that's how it keep going.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: Have you guys ever bought anything the new, not eBay but like Facebook Marketplace.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: What did you get?

Priya: I bought a standing desk.

Robin: Oh that's good.

Priya: That's all right.

Robin: What the energy like?

Priya: Uh, it's the wrong height and it can't be adjusted so my boyfriend is too tall for it and I'm too short for it [laughs] Which is not ideal. We should have checked ahead of time.

Robin: We both hate it! [Laughs] So what do you think? Do you think she's being unreasonable to think that this

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wardrobe is haunted and it's giving her lots of nightmares and her daughter hates it as well?

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: OK. Goodnight! [Laughs]

Priya: Look, she is but I don't blame her. I've definitely been this person.

Robin: Have you?

Priya: Yeah it's been like I don't like that that thing is in my house, it's giving me the creeps, get rid of it. But I would just get rid of it, I wouldn't just allow it to torture my daughter.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, fair. Out of all the things going on Mumsnet though, this is quite like a whacky one. Because usually it's really pass-agg, but this is quite oh you're a bit weird.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: Woo, some might say.

Priya: No, no, she specifically said she wasn't a woo person, you've got the vibes all wrong.

Robin: Yeah from a legal point of view she's not a woo person.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: We cannot say that.

Leila: It's libellous.

Priya: She's made her stance clear early doors.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Leila: [Laughs]

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Priya: 'Am I the asshole for pooping during a dinner party?' I always get the ones that have the word 'pooping' in them. I mean I'm not mad about it but.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: Just worth noting. 'My wife and I were hosting a dinner party (pre-COVID). At some point during the meal, I felt like I needed to poop, so I got up from the table and excused myself to the downstairs bathroom. After a while, 20 minutes or so, I was done with my business, so I washed my hands and returned to the table. I didn't notice anything odd, but later that night after our guests had left, my wife told me I had been rude to our guests.

She said I had violated the unspoken (but according to her, universally known and practiced 'dinner party pooping rules'). In my wife's words, the rules are: 1) If you are hosting a dinner party and you need to drop a deuce, you must absent yourself to the upstairs/private toilet with a believable non-poop excuse, and you may be gone for three to five minutes.'

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: '2)' [Laughs] This goes on for a while. '2) If your bowel evacuation takes longer than three to five minutes to arrive and reach completion, it is not a dinner party poop and must wait until either a) after the guests have left or b) your state of bowel readiness has progressed to the point that the poop will take no more than three to five minutes.

Robin: This sounds like a contract. It's like a legalese.

Priya: The wording of it is [laughs].

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Leila: Is this what you get before you go to have one of those things where they put a camera up your bum?

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: Do you know what I mean? Like a bowel evacuation, don't do this, don't do that, make sure you.

Priya: '3) You are not permitted to befoul...'

Leila: Fuckin' hell.

Priya: '...the public/downstairs bathroom with poop stench.' Befoul.

Robin: Befoul.

Priya: '4) Nor are you permitted to use either bathroom (but especially not the downstairs/public bathroom, which is adjacent to the dining room) for upwards of 15 minutes, especially not when you have a table full of guests in the dining room trying to make polite conversation despite your conspicuous absence.'

Robin: That's really funny that it was like right next door. Like he's literally gone into one door adjacent and he's sat in there for 20 minutes, just smell emanating from underneath the door.

Priya: And they can hear everything.

Robin: Oh yeah, totally. Just trying to turn up the Keane album to blare it out [laughs].

Priya: [Laughs] 'I agreed to use the upstairs bathroom if I needed to poop the next time we had a dinner party, but only because it wasn't worth getting into an argument with my wife about pooping. She says it's not about pooping, it's about making our guests feel uncomfortable by being gone from the table for a long time, and for making the guest bathroom smell like poop. I don't know, I guess that I think bathrooms are for pooping in and it's

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not a big deal, and no one else follows these rules. So Reddit, am I the asshole for pooping during a dinner party?' Does this one need a too long didn't read? And if so how could that be done?

Robin: Man poops during dinner party, wife angry, wife recites contract and man agrees grumpily.

Priya: I think a 20 minute poop is an important little fact in the too long didn't read.

Robin: Yeah what food are they serving at the dinner party?

Priya: 20 minutes, Jesus.

Robin: Get some fibre!

Leila: Maybe he's got IBS.

Priya: Maybe. I feel like the wife would be really out of order if he did have IBS and she knowingly was like mm you're not a allowed to.

Leila: If I'm hosting individuals or spending time with people for too long of a time, I like to go to the toilet and just sit in there to have some space from the noise. Do you know what I mean?

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Maybe he just wanted to. Did she go in there and smell it? Or were they all just like, that was rude that he went away for 20 minutes, what's the problem here?

Priya: I think the points that she's making really does suggest that they could smell it because it sounds like he was so close to the dinner table.

Robin: Befouled! She said he befouled the toilet. We know that it was a disgusting event. You don't use befouled unless you mean it.

Leila: She's clearly deeply insulted at the idea of defecation.

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- Robin: Oh yeah.
- Leila: That she has to use this weird high flown language as if she's writing like her thesis about his poo [laughs].
- Robin: He's contravened points one through six of the charter and it's unacceptable. I just don't like the fact that he used the word 'poop' as an adult.
- Priya: All of the time. Like a lot. Like three times a sentence.
- Robin: Yeah.
- Priya: Which is more than you should use any word.
- Robin: I did a 20 minute poopy. No. No thank you. If they have got an upstairs toilet though, I would personally go to the upstairs toilet if I have to do that.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Leila: If I just wanted to go in the toilet I'd want to be as far away from everyone.
- Priya: Yeah that's it.
- Robin: Surely if it's a downstairs loo they've got like air freshener like Febreze or something, potpourri.
- Priya: I feel like if you're the type of person who would voluntarily poop close to people when you had the option of pooping far away from people, I don't think you're that bothered. I don't think you do have Febreze.
- Robin: Sure but then a couple of weeks ago we discussed a man who shit with the door open in the living room...
- Priya: [Laughs] Oh yeah.
- Robin: ...so he can watch TV in a house that isn't his. I feel like we're judging this man far too harshly when we're talking about pooping, there are bigger criminals at bay.

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- Priya: He stands on the shoulder of giants.
- Robin: Yeah [Laughs] So what do we think then? Is he the asshole for shitting downstairs? 20 minutes is long.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Robin: I would also, some of her points I think are valid. 'Go upstairs and make an excuse' I need to read a book [laughs] Does anyone want a drink? Oh the drinks are upstairs. I keep all the ice in the bed. And go upstairs and do that. 20 minutes is long, downstairs, I find it really funny that it's literally metres away. I like that a lot.
- Priya: I think he is an asshole. For sure.
- Leila: Yeah I agree.
- Priya: I think he's got bad vibes.
- Robin: I think they're both assholes. They're both bad, they should get divorced.
- Priya: I disagree, I'm with his wife.
- Robin: Really?
- Priya: I like that she's written up a contract.
- Leila: Yeah, and me.
- Priya: I like that she's incredibly formal and I like to imagine that she does this to every aspect of their relationship.
- Robin: Sure.
- Priya: A very formally worded contract for washing dishes.
- Robin: Yeah, 'If you befoul the lovemaking, the lovemaking shall cease'.
- Priya: He does sound like the type of person who would befoul the lovemaking in fairness so.

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Robin: [Laughs]

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