

## Here to Judge- Mr Gorgonzola

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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.

Robin: 'Am I the asshole for refusing to take my boyfriend's last name? I, 28 female, have been dating my boyfriend Scott' she's named him. '30 male, for about two years now'. Only first name though interestingly. 'We've been talking about marriage for the past few months since we're at a point in our lives where we're ready to settle, stable jobs, a nice apartment, and debts that have already been taken care of. If we get married, Scott wants me to take his last name. I would be okay with this if it weren't for one thing. His last name is pretty lewd. Think something on the lines of Woodcock, Cockburn, or Wiener. I teach middle school. And we all know how thirteen-year-olds will lose their shit at someone swearing in class.' She's got very bad grammar for a teacher.

Leila: Yes she has.

Robin: Really bad right? It was actually 'loose their shit' which sounds like their shitting themselves at the prospect of her name [laughs].

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: Maths teacher.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, do you reckon? PE mate, PE.

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Leila: Yeah Welsh Bachelorette.

Robin: [Laughs] Yeah. I'd love that, a Welsh Bachelorette in middle school America. We're finally doing it.

Priya: Just as relevant there as it was when I was 17 in the valleys [laughs].

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah true. 'And we all know that 13-year-olds will loose their shit at someone swearing in class. So if I were to introduce any future classes as Mrs Cockburn, their will lose their shit'. It's no onto lose their shit. 'I have a colleague with a similar problem, let's just say his name is Peter Dong, and he still gets crap...

Priya: It absolutely is Peter Dong.

Robin: It is isn't it? She's not an English teacher, she doesn't have the imagination to come up with another name. It is Peter Dong or William Dong. 'And he still gets crap for his name both at school and outside. Scott is adamant that I take his last name since he is the only boy in his family and his family wants to make sure the family name lives on. He is a more traditional guy. And I would be OK with taking his last name if it wasn't comedy fodder for my students.

I've tried to compromise by using my maiden name at work and his last name outside, but he is insistent that I go by Mrs Cockburn, since he thinks it'll make us sound more official. I told him sure, but he's going to have to foot the bill for me to change my name on all my legal documents and now he is calling me an asshole for it.'

Leila: Oh my god.

Robin: 'I think he's the ass for refusing to compromise or even understand that my name could make me prime joke fodder among' She's just learnt the word fodder I think, 'among my students'. [Laughs]

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Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah. She loves it.

Robin: 'So, what do you think? Am I being the asshole? Or Scott?' Well what do we think?

Priya: I've got a friend whose name is Scott and has a surname with the word 'cock' in it and his partner is a teacher.

Leila: Oh my god.

Priya: I think this might be them.

Robin: This is incredible.

Priya: I mean she doesn't teach middle school because we're in Wales.

Robin: But that could be the one lie in the whole thing, she actually teaches Year 1, but it's middle school.

Leila: You can't say his name can you Priya? Never mind.

Priya: I mean he definitely listens to this podcast. He won't mind me talking about him but I probably won't give his full name away.

Leila: OK that's OK, we won't let everyone harass him.

Robin: You could just not say his middle name and then say his last name.

Priya: Right sure yeah, that will be fine then [laughs]. I don't think you should change your name if you don't want to. Right? Surely?

Robin: Because they're not even engaged right? They're just talking about marriage. So this is like a problem that hasn't happened yet?

Leila: I wish I knew their surnames because maybe they could do like a double-barrelling of their surnames.

Priya: Yeah.

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Leila: And just kind of remove the cock parts.

Priya: Or just make up a whole new one.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: Do you know anyone who's done that?

Leila: Yes I do. I've got two friends, and this public knowledge so I can say, they are, both of their first names are Rose, so one is Rose and one is Rosie. One of their surnames is Sporton and the other one is Dicks and they've merged their surnames and now their name is Dorton which I think is lovely. There's like an app you can type in online that merges you and your partner's names to make a name. But that's just not possible with me, it just sounds terrible.

Robin: Did it come up with any?

Leila: Navardener. Navida. Yeah that's what it came up with but it's just horrible.

Robin: Is your partner's surname Gardener?

Leila: It is yeah.

Robin: My wife's maiden name is Gardener, so we would be either...

Leila: Oh my god.

Robin: ...Mardener or Gorgan.

Leila: Gorgan?

Robin: Gorgan.

Leila: I love Gorgan, like gorgonzola that's amazing.

Robin: Well exactly if we then sort of married Gianfranco Zola in a sort of throuple the we could be Gorgonzola.

Leila: Yeah!

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Robin: What a fucking...

Leila: That is the best argument I've ever heard for polyamory.

Robin: It's almost worth trying to find the 50-year-old footballer Gianfranco Zola now [laughs].

Leila: It really is. Did you think about doing that, I almost called you Morgan. Did you think about doing that Robin or?

Robin: Please! Mr Gorgonzola [laughs].

Leila: Mr Gorgonzola. Did you think about that when you were getting married?

Robin: No my wife took my name. I don't think it was ever, it was not like a thing that I...

Leila: There wasn't insistence right?

Robin: No, god no.

Leila: It's convenient right?

Robin: Yeah I think it works fine. Like I made her change her first name to Robin but that's fine isn't it?

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: We're just two Robin Morgans [laughs] yeah.

Priya: That's just the done thing. I think it must be hard for teachers.

Leila: Yeah there was a teacher called Mr Jones, Mr J Jones his name was. And he used to teach maths but he was a very devout Christian and he used to preach religion at us during maths, it was very weird. But everyone used to call him Jesus Jones.

Priya: Nice.

Leila: 'I've got a class with Jesus now, fuck sake'. It was quite funny at the time.

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Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: I once got a D on my mock GSCE maths, I'm very bad at maths, I got a D. And I was really worried that I was going fail maths, I was terrible at it and I said to him 'Sir I got a D in the maths test' and we had predicted grades then from those that we had. And he predicted me an A.

Priya: Aww.

Leila: And I was like 'Why have you predicted me an A sir? It's just not going to happen, I need help, if you're predicting me an A then it's just going to be a massive disappointment when I don't get it'. And he said 'No you're going to get an A'. And I said 'How do you know that?' And he said 'Because I pray for you'. And I was like ah. I got a C, so uh didn't work.

Robin: But you went up a grade.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: I did go up a grade.

Robin: He works in mysterious ways.

Priya: [Laughs] Is he still there?

Leila: I don't know. Maybe. I didn't leave the school that long ago Priya so it is a possibility that he's still there [laughs].

Priya: Oh right well that's rude.

Robin: It's nearly Easter time so I think if his name is Jesus he's going to go away for a bit and then come back after Easter [laughs].

Leila: Yeah oh yeah, absolutely.

Robin: I love the fact that that was his like form of teaching you though. Like don't worry I'm going to pray. I don't think Ofsted will really approve of that, can we do the lesson plan please? [Laughs]

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Leila: Yeah, I was like 'I need tuition!' If it had worked maybe I could have been converted and we wouldn't be sat here now. But it didn't.

Priya: We had a teacher with the surname Bressington which was very close to 'breast'.

Robin: Yeah that's close enough.

Leila: Yeah that's quite funny.

Priya: And then she changed her name, when she got married she became Mrs Facey but unfortunately her first name was Stacey so she became Stacey Facey.

Leila: No!

Priya: But that was like her best option to get away from the original name.

Robin: That's really funny.

Leila: I actually love that though, what a great name to have Stacey Facey.

Robin: Aww.

Leila: OK do we have any thoughts?

Robin: I think the dude is the asshole. I think that if this dude's name is like...

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: ...cockwiener then she shouldn't have to take it and yeah the thing that like 'No you have to take it in school' and now he's annoyed that he has to pay for these documents as well. He just sounds like a bit of a-- he sounds like his surname.

Leila: If he's so desperate for them to have the same name and be a unit, he should take her name. Sorry that's my thought.

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Priya: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Agree.

Leila: I'm a feminist.

Robin: This is what a feminist looks like actually.

Leila: This is what a feminist looks like Cockwiener.

Priya: [Laughs]

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Priya: 'Am I the asshole for making an assumption? My mum lives in a 55+ community. I lived with her for five months last year so I got to know a lot of the neighbours well. It's a new community so a bunch of people have moved in since I lived there.'

Leila: Right this is either a cult or it's like an old people's place. I'm very confused.

Priya: Also the title is so vague that I'm like straightaway I'm like yes.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah you're hiding it. But also 55 is mad young to be in like a retirement community. Like Tom Cruise could live in this community. Do you know what I mean?

Priya: And he does, it's Scientology!

Robin: [Laughs]

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Priya: 'I moved out of state and I was visiting my mum for a long weekend this past weekend. While walking my dog I'd seen a woman and her dog a few times and was friendly to her making some small talk. One day I ran into a neighbour I knew, and she pointed at a house and asked if I'd met Dorothy and Squeaks yet. I said I think I had talked to her but that they hadn't officially introduced themselves. Later that day I saw the woman and her dog and introduced myself and said 'Hello you must be Dorothy'. The lady made an offended face and said 'Dorothy is my dog. My name is Squeaks'.

Leila: What?

Priya: 'She walked off and the rest of the time I was at my mum's, she gave me dirty looks every time I passed. Am I the asshole for assuming which name belonged to the human and which one belonged to the dog?'

Robin: No! That's like a sitcom premise. That's a good story.

Leila: Do you reckon? I think that's shit.

Robin: Yeah I like it.

Leila: I think it's bollocks, I don't believe it. I don't believe this one. I don't think there's a woman called Squeaks.

Robin: No but like old ladies have like Queenie, they have like weird fucking names.

Priya: Yeah like nicknames.

Leila: Queenie is very different to Squeaks.

Robin: Do you think so?

Leila: Yes.

Robin: I think it's the same ballpark.

Priya: Yeah.

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Leila: Why is she called Squeaks? What's that short for?

Robin: When she walks.

Leila: Do you reckon?

Robin: I don't know mate.

Leila: She squeaks.

Robin: No she doesn't, it's an ironic name [laughs].

Leila: Oh that's really fucked me off. And also Dorothy is not a fucking dog name. Either.

Priya: [Laughs] Dorothy is more of a dog's name than Squeaks is a human name.

Leila: No you'd say Toto wouldn't you? If you were go off Wizard of Oz which I'm assuming this is what this is. This has made me so angry.

Robin: It has, hasn't it?

Leila: Don't lie to us on the fucking, do you know what I mean?

Priya: Who lies on the internet?

Leila: Stop putting lies on the internet, just tell the truth and we can judge them accurately because you're wasting. There are people out there who are putting these questions up looking for real answers. And you're taking time off for those people to make up a story about someone you met at a 55+, mm-hmm long shot, community. I think it's a load of tosh.

Robin: You're so personal about this, I think you're Squeaks.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: I am not. Oh my god.

Priya: Now is the time to tell us if you live in a 55+ community  
Leila.

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Leila: Yeah I mean look, this is my big reveal is that I am 58 years old.

Robin: I knew the whole I'm so young thing was such a ruse.

Leila: It's a cover up, it's a cover up.

Priya: It's why it's been so hard to judge your age across the length of this. All the references being all over the place, this is why.

Leila: Yeah this is why. I am a 58-year-old woman called Squeaks with a dog called Dorothy. Stupid! I'm actually so angry about this. Don't waste our time! You know what I mean?

Robin: Would you lie and just create a sort of fake 'Am I the Asshole?' Is that what you're suggesting?

Leila: That's what's happened! That's not real.

Priya: If that is the case then this person, I don't understand, they're very cool. What does anyone achieve by lying? Just fundamentally I can't understand.

Leila: No have you ever heard about those people that just lie?

Robin: But surely you'd lie about a more exciting story. You couldn't make it so mundane. I thought this was quite a witty story on a hell sight.

Priya: [Laughs] Are you more angry about the dog called Dorothy or the woman called Squeaks? Because I can't figure it out. You, so much rage in both of them.

Leila: Both have fucked me off! Squeaks? Squeaks has bothered me the most because that is not an old woman's name. I just don't believe it. I could pretend this conclusion here and say, oh well I actually think you're an asshole because of this and this. I just think it's a lie. But if this is true do you think she's a prick or no?

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Priya: Now you've planted the seed of doubt. I had no reason for believing this was a lie but now I'm not sure.

Leila: This is what I do. This is what I do.

Priya: I think if true, not the asshole. If untrue then the asshole for as you said, wasting our time. And also, our lives. Come on.

Robin: I can't believe you've given two answers Priya. An if true and if not true. Stand to your convictions, it's true.

Priya: Nope.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: I will remain on this fence until the day I die.

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Leila: 'Am I the asshole for not telling my wife how much money she'll get in life insurance if I die? I have a small family in which I am the main provider. My wife also works but she doesn't make as much as I do, and if something happened to me, my wife and daughters would not be in a good place. I recently had a near death experience and I decided to get a good life insurance policy.

I know I'm a little late to this and I probably should have done it when I first had kids, but I was irresponsible and hadn't really considered death in an accident happening. So I got a good policy and I don't want to say how much is in it, but let's just say that combined with my wife's income, they would be better off without me than actually with me financially.'

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: 'Now I trust me my wife but I do think some things can stand to be secret in marriage. My wife asked me how much I was insured for and I wouldn't tell her. I kinda don't want for her to know the exact amount. I don't want her to want the money. I'm not saying that I think she'll take me out, but I doubt any person that's been offered for their life insurance thought the killer would do it, so I'd rather be safe than sorry.

She asked why I wouldn't tell her, I told her that I didn't think she needed to know how much until she had it and that I didn't want her to want the money. I told her vaguely that she'd be fine and theoretically if I died, their lives wouldn't change much financially for maybe four more years. She said that I was being ridiculous and paranoid. She accused me of not trusting her, I told her it wasn't about trust it was just about safety. She went off on me and yelled and cried accusing me of thinking she'll try to get the money.

We argued back and forth for the rest of the night and I still haven't told her the amount. I told her I was sorry that our confrontation made her feel that way. I personally still don't think I've done anything wrong. What do you think?' OK.

Robin: Wow!

Priya: [Laughs] Imagine accusing your spouse of wanting to murder you for money and then being like 'Why are you so angry?'

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Why are you so upset?

Leila: Because that is so scary, you're going to kill me cool. Do you know what I mean? But also that is sort of terrifying. I think right now I'm in a sound state of mind believe it or

not and I can empathise. Catch me after a Netflix documentary about murder, I totally agree actually, I think it's fine to be like that.

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Thoughts?

Robin: This is the whole hilarious thing about life insurance because like it is so implicitly fucking dark. If you die you get this big lump sum because it pays off the house. That's how we did it. So yeah my life is worth quite a lot of money. And there is bits of you that think, hey I could do what that Canoe Man did and fake my own death [laughs] I could!

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: I could do it. I'm quite generic looking. Like I could still probably write a Radio 4.

Priya: What's happened now though Robin is that if you were die unexpectedly, even if you hadn't faked your own death, someone would listen to this podcast and your wife and family would not get that money.

Robin: Do you think so because?

Priya: Because they would assume you'd done a Canoe Man. You played yourself.

Robin: Yeah. Shit.

Leila: No this is fine because we ruined our lives earlier Priya on this podcast and now Robin has. I'm never going to be allowed a pet because of this podcast, so it's only fair that Robin loses his life insurance in my opinion.

Robin: I feel like those are different things.

Leila: I disagree.

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Robin: I feel like being banned from Pets At Home is different from me dying and my family not having any financial stability.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: Debateable but OK.

Robin: Sorry you can't get a guinea pig though mate.

Leila: [Laughs] Oh I don't want a guinea pig.

Priya: It's explicitly stated you don't want yeah.

Leila: Yeah I'm really fine without that, yeah.

Priya: This man definitely thinks his wife would kill him.

Robin: Yeah. Big time!

Priya: What a weird place to be in your marriage, like I'm not saying she's going to kill me but she would, given the opportunity and the motive.

Robin: [Laughs] I think she should kill him.

Priya: Oh sure.

Robin: Because it's the kind of thing where if he's written this thing, they'd find it on internet records, like oh she's not going to do it, if they've had the argument too, it'd be uncouth for her to do it after they've had arguments about it. It's not going to be her is it? Is that how it works? I'm not a lawyer.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: Nor a judge!

Leila: The sad thing is he's revealed it. The thing is by being so funny about it, it's like he's fucked himself because it's like clearly this money is worth more than you're actually worth so.

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Robin: Yeah.

Leila: If she was going to kill him, now she has even more incentive to do that you know.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Also her imagination could be going wild. She could be imagining millions and millions.

Robin: That's a good point Priya, the fact that he hasn't let on, it could be like eight figures couldn't it? It could be like an insane amount of money.

Leila: What's a smife? Oh my God, hello. So this person's name on this website is 'Life Insurance Smife' And I was like does that mean wife what does smife mean? And I Googled it and apparently it means a greedy or thirsty creature who is selfish, conceited, self-centred, narcissistic and manipulative.

Robin: Oh my god.

Leila: So yes you're an asshole then. Because if you're calling your wife a smife.

Priya: That's how he sees his wife, that's horrendous.

Leila: That doesn't reflect in this writing. The fact your name, your identity on the website includes that, I think it makes you an asshole.

Robin: Can I say that is marvellous detective work.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Thank you. I mean look, if you've got psychopaths in your life then I'm your guy, I really do know this shit. I've watched many a documentary.

Robin: Can you see the comments underneath? Like are people agreeing with us or are they agreeing with him?

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Priya: He's been dubbed the asshole so I assume so.

Robin: Good.

Priya: Someone said 'The wife may murder him but not for the money. You are the asshole'.

Robin: [Laughs] Nice!

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