

Here to Judge- Grey Socked Wankers

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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.

Priya: 'Am I the asshole for insisting that a NUDE drawing be removed when I have a personal connection? Well this just seems so silly and one of those unbelievable coincidences but it happened and I'm wondering if I'm the asshole. So I, 48 female, volunteer for a number of organizations, local museum, botanical garden, etc. I have the time and I like to give back. So recently I was visiting with an acquaintance 'Deb' from one of these groups at her place. She and I were planning for an upcoming meeting, I had never been to her home before. In her beautiful home she had lot of art, she's a collector and artist' I hate this person.

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: 'In the salon where we were meeting was a large framed charcoal drawing, a slightly abstract male nude. Very well done although not exactly my kind of thing (I prefer clothed art). I was intrigued for reasons I will explain below and asked her some questions. It turns out that she was the artist herself, and that was a sketch she had done in a life drawing class a couple of years ago, in a local college's art class, and she liked it well enough to display. Immediately my heart sank. I knew the drawing was of my son.'

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Robin: Nooo.

Leila: Oh!

Priya: 'My beautiful boy Aaron, 22, male, had posed as a model for such a life drawing class when he was home after his freshman year. Why? I don't know. He freely told us he had done that, even though he probably knew I wouldn't approve. Despite being a near perfect kid, Aaron has always had a hint of a rebellious streak (think Tarzan hair)' I don't know what that means. 'And the kind of clothes some kids today wear.'

Leila: [Laughs] That is so funny.

Priya: It's such a weird way to describe your son.

Leila: That's like, yeah OK I have so many thoughts, I'm writing them down.

Robin: Yeah Leila let's put a pin in this.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Put a pin in Tarzan hair and move on. 'I had been quite upset with him at the time, apparently parading around in his birthday suit for middle-aged men and women (!) to draw. I begged him not to do it, what would people think? That it was not right and that we didn't do those kinds of things. He was paid but certainly didn't do it for the money, and said 'It was just for fun'. His father didn't seem to care. I always liked that Aaron is a free spirit but this was just too much. So I discretely explained the situation to Deb knowing she would understand and remove the art, especially when our members visit. She refused though and it led to a big argument and me using some frankly unladylike language. She thinks I'm an a**hole...' but what she's done is she's starred out the s's in asshole. '...for asking and making a big deal out of nothing. I think she's one for displaying a drawing of my

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son. I'm going to effort to arrange our meeting at another location, but in the meantime am I the asshole?

Leila: My god.

Robin: Yes.

Priya: Oh yeah.

Robin: Hugely.

Leila: My first thing is, there was the drawing, it was in charcoal, it's really abstract and I couldn't really make it out. But then I knew it was of my son because my son is the only life model that's ever...

Priya: That's her being like, I'd know my son's penis anywhere.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Leila: She's clearly seen the Tarzan hair and is like, you know what? It's got to be.

Robin: It's so weird. It's so, so weird. I love the idea that her son is such a rebel and he sounds like a rebel who volunteers for life drawing classes.

Priya: And tells his mum and dad about it while he's at home from college, oh my god.

Robin: Yeah, yeah.

Leila: No I have a bad feeling about him because I know exactly what sort of person this is. This is the sort of when I was trying to be with men that would come up, and they'd be like 'I'm a photographer, I can take your picture and also I make a fantastic linguini' whatever the fuck. Do you know? Like I'm a feminist man who are not also not feminists. Do you know what I mean?

Robin: I feel very attacked. I feel very attacked.

Leila: [Laughs]

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Priya: Is this the son you're talking about?

Leila: Yes.

Priya: Because you made so many leaps.

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah, I have bad vibes, I have bad vibes.

Priya: He doesn't mention linguini once.

Leila: OK I'm going to introduce you to my friend OK? This is Tarzan, no I'll change his name. 'This is my friend Robert'.

Robin: Too close to my name. Too close.

Leila: That sounds too much like Robin. What's a man's name? Ah.

Robin: Too close!

Priya: What's a man's name? [laughs]

Robin: Robin Morgan.

Leila: This is my friend John, Jonathan, this is my friend Jonathan.

Robin: My middle name is John!

Priya: Here's Morgan Robin.

Robin: My middle name is John.

Leila: This is my friend Nigel.

Priya: Sure.

Robin: OK.

Priya: That's believable.

Leila: I'm going to introduce you to this person and now you're going to be friends with him. Long hair, he's wearing a band T and then he's like 'Hi guys nice to meet you, I did

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life drawing. Like I'm a life drawing model'. You'd be like absolutely no, come on.

Robin: Yeah red flags, yeah.

Leila: It is a red flag.

Priya: I wouldn't trust someone who offered that information up straightaway in the first sentence after meeting someone, sure.

Leila: But also like someone that's that close to their mum that they tell them what they're doing.

Priya: Yeah that's weird.

Robin: Tarzan hair as well makes me just think.

Priya: What does that mean?

Robin: Long hair?

Priya: From the cartoon?

Robin: Slightly long hair? But she clearly has such strange ideas of gender roles as well in the (!) posing in front of men and women (!) Like the idea of having to do that in front of a woman (!) Being so shameful to her.

Leila: And the fact that they're middle-aged she seems more perturbed by.

Robin: I think she fancies her son.

Leila: Yeah I do!

Priya: I bet her friend has shagged her son.

Robin: Oh big time.

Priya: I bet she's picking up on that.

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Leila: Yeah that is like an underlying sort of, and the fact that she's called her Deb, to be like, she's also the same age as me but I'm not going to disclose that information.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. My beautiful boy Aaron. Yeah she fancies her son. Big time. Big time.

Leila: That's really scary, there is something really weird going on.

Priya: She's jealous that her friend has a drawing. She wants the drawing.

Leila: How old is he? 22?

Robin: 22.

Leila: And he's always been a great kid, he's 22.

Robin: [Laughs] I thought you were going to say 'He's always been a great kisser', I thought genuinely that's what you were going to say.

Leila: [Laughs] No but when she went, did you hear her? What did she say?

Priya: 'A near perfect kid' I think she described him.

Leila: It's like parents evening but this man is like a man, he's 22 so.

Priya: I don't know if it says something about the parenting I had but when parents talk about their kids like this it really creeps me out because they're too complimentary.

Leila: Yeah, yeah.

Priya: And I'm like where's the shame that keeps you grounded and humble?

Robin: [Laughs]

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- Leila: My mum has been able to go 'No you were OK as a child' like that, as if to be like you were OK.
- Robin: Yeah.
- Priya: You were all right.
- Leila: She's never be like, 'She was my beautiful angel daughter', I can never see my mother saying and nor would I want her to.
- Priya: No.
- Robin: Even if she'd been in the right throughout this, the fact that she asterisked out asshole is a game changer for me.
- Priya: Am I being unreasonable exists. It exists on mumsnet which is where this woman belongs.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Robin: Oh yeah she's got lost hasn't she? She's got lost on Reddit.
- Leila: She is lost yeah.
- Priya: What's your deal?
- Leila: But I feel like she's going to get better advice here because otherwise everyone would be like 'Your beautiful boy should not be' your DD.
- Priya: Darling Son.
- Robin: FS, your Fit Son.
- Leila: Eww, she really does fancy her son.
- Robin: MFS, My Fit Son.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: Look I'm all for people that really get on with their parents and respect their parents and whatnot but if

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you're going to do nude life drawing, why are you telling your parents? Because clearly the drawing was so abstract that she wouldn't have been able to tell it was him and you know.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Why is he doing it so close to home as well? I feel like if...

Leila: He's travelled, he travels!

Priya: ...your circles overlap with your mum's friends you need to move.

Leila: Or your potential like primary school teachers.

Priya: [Laughs] Yeah.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: If you risk running into Mrs Jenkins with your bits out.

Robin: Yeah he then has to charcoal your bits. That sounds like it was a rubbing, it wasn't a rubbing.

Leila: Yeah I don't like it. I think she's an asshole but I also think she probably needs some, she's clearly got attachment issues. He's an only child 100%.

Robin: Do you think so?

Priya: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

Leila: Yes.

Priya: Can you imagine if you were the other kid in that family? If you were like the younger kid and you had to watch her refer to her son as beautiful and perfect.

Robin: Yeah she would not recognise the other son's dick, at all.

Leila: Ugh.

Priya: Couldn't pick it out of a line-up.

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Robin: And that is an indictment on parenting.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: We're skipping over something quite big here which is she's asked this woman to remove something.

Robin: Yeah censorship.

Priya: In her own home.

Leila: In her own home that she's paid for this class.

Robin: This is cancel culture.

Priya: I was just going to point out the fact that if any of us walked into an acquaintance's house and saw a naked drawing of a loved one, how would we? I'm not on this woman's side, I do think she's the asshole, I think she needs to get off Reddit. But I do think I'd be a bit like, oh no that's [laughs] if it was like...

Robin: Do you think Deb knew that it was her son? Because that's a very bold claim isn't it?

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: You know this person is going to come over and you're like well I'll just put this pride of place.

Leila: But like how do you know it's that person? Do you know?

Robin: What if it was your mum or dad?

Priya: Well this is what I was thinking. So my friends do real life drawing, if I knew that my mum posed for life drawing and I went into my friend's house and I saw a drawing pride of place that looked exactly like my mum, I'd be like well that's not OK.

Robin: I think I'd be OK with it.

Priya: Do you reckon?

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Robin: Yeah I think so.

Priya: I don't think I would. I don't think I could sit and have a cup of tea with my friend, while knowing that my mum's [laughs] naked body was looming over me.

Leila: I think I'd be like, we cannot be in this room right now, let's go.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: It's not as if they themselves are naked, like looming over you literally.

Leila: Also how do they know? Life drawing do you normally go into detail in painting that person's face?

Priya: I think you can yeah. I think it's the whole thing. They're not just focussing on the genitals.

Robin: The whole point is drawing the dicks isn't it? Nah!

Leila: No I thought the whole thing was just...

Priya: Are you imagining just like a full scale portrait of a penis?

Robin: Yeah like...

Leila: No, no, no, no [laughs]

Priya: And no other distinguishing features.

Leila: I think that we've said it, that we think that she's an asshole, right?

Priya: Yeah she's for sure an asshole.

Robin: Yeah I think she's the asshole and Tarzan needs to carry on doing what he's doing, sounds lovely.

Leila: Yes. I've got a Rainbow Belt [chewing].

Robin: What are you eating?

Leila: A Rainbow Belt.

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Robin: A Rainbow Belt?

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: If my mum was doing life drawing I would ask for her to do it at least a hundred miles away from me.

Robin: You'd want her to travel during a pandemic?

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: OK sure [laughs].

Priya: Off you fuck [laughs]

Robin: [Laughs]

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Robin: 'Am I the asshole for being annoyed by girlfriend's zest for life?' I mean before we read it, we can probably say yes.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: 'My girlfriend, 29, is a very lively and energetic person but sometimes her behaviour is really annoying for me (33). She wants me to share her joy for little meaningless things up to five times a day. It's tiring.'

Leila: Oh my god.

Robin: 'Yesterday we went on a hike and she was constantly admiring the nature 'The grass has reached an impressive height. These ducks have babies, look three! Nature is healing my soul. Look at this panorama, breath taking.' She was obviously having the time of her life. I get it. There is a duck, there is some green grass and some hills

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where we were walking. But the hills are not that impressive and you can literally see them everywhere in our area. She made three or four comments about nature and it always included the imperative to look. But I just wanted to exercise and get the hike done as quick as possible. I know exactly where her behaviour comes from, her family does the same. 'Look James, the tit found a nest in our tree.' 'Mary, look how beautiful your cake glazing turned out to be. Delicious.' I am so tired of looking.'

Leila: [Draws breath shocked]

Robin: 'I don't want to give her that attention and the things she is pointing out don't make me happy. They mean nothing to me. So I guess I was being rude by telling her 'Please, please let me walk in peace and stop asking me to admire all this stuff. I don't want to.' She didn't take it well and we ended up being quiet for the rest of the hike. I didn't want to silence her.'

Leila: [Draws breath]

Robin: 'I am sorry and apologised but I was angry that she was angry and avoiding me in our apartment. She said 'So what else am I supposed to talk about?' I think she got me wrong. Am I the Asshole?'

Leila: This man needs to be put in a life threatening situation and feel like, do you know what I mean?

Priya: Oh yeah.

Leila: He needs to learn to appreciate life. Like he fully needs to like get hit by a car.

Priya: He also needs some fucking perspective.

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: Imagine being like you're so annoying for enjoying things. Oh my god.

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Leila: My girlfriend talks to me.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Also it sounds like going on a nature walk with this woman is like going on a nature walk with Iolo Williams and that's all I want in life.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Enjoy it! That sounds delightful. Three baby ducks? Yes please.

Leila: Maybe she's just trying to make conversation with you. You have like absolutely no chat.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: It sounds like he has nothing.

Robin: Totally no chat. Like what is he defining himself by? Apart from like you know some people, it's very teenage isn't it? Just like quite nihilist and sort of nothing's impressive.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: I'm too cool to enjoy things.

Robin: Totally. No one's too cool to enjoy ducks. And I'm having to be on record with that.

Priya: You think you're above mountains? You're not mate.

Robin: Yeah [laughs] I think we're quite passionate about this in Wales as well though. Like what mountains don't impress you? Then get the fuck out of dodge! You know?

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: You're so dead inside.

Robin: Indeed.

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Leila: She deserves so much better. I feel really bad that he's going to like, you know those signs that say 'Don't ever let anyone dull your sparkle'?

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: And I feel like I need to buy her 12 of those canvases and be like 'Get out of there'.

Priya: I wonder how they ended up together? Because like someone who is enjoying life generally wouldn't end up with someone who is always such a stick in the mud. So I wonder if it's like, maybe they just had to spend loads of time together in the pandemic, she's trying to make the best of it and he's like, I could not hate you more.

Robin: Maybe. Yeah totally. And I guess there's a four year age gap, they live together and he's met the family so you imagine it's like a year or two definitely in this relationship?

Leila: A four year age gap, but the way he's like, she's got plenty of life in her yet and I'm like decrepit. It's like I think this man is also having a quarter life crisis a little bit.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Which I don't feel sorry for. I mean look, totally have whatever crises you want, feel however shit you want but like don't try and make your girlfriend be as miserable, pull everyone else down with you.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, down to your level. Yeah for sure. Also her family sounds, delightful. They sound like the Weasleys and I really enjoy them. 'Look James the tit found a nest in our tree'. I would love that, I would be like 'That's really funny Mary. That's really funny'.

Priya: Also cake glazing, that suggests that this person got a cake out of them and now he's criticising them. Get a grip.

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- Leila: Yeah that's absolutely disgraceful.
- Robin: Yeah totally, how dare you disrespect Mary like that?
- Leila: I just wanted to exercise and get the hike done as quick as possible. What? What have you got at home? Do you know what I mean? What are you dying to get back to?
- Robin: Yeah.
- Leila: Because it doesn't sound like your life has any meaning.
- Robin: Your shit life.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Priya: And being like 'Will you shut up?' And then being like 'I didn't mean to silence her'. That's literally, that's literally what you asked for was silence.
- Robin: Oh yeah he totally went into victim in the last paragraph as well.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Robin: 'I apologised and I am sorry, I think she got me wrong'. Oh no, she read the situation quite well.
- Leila: Absolute manipulator.
- Robin: Yeah totally and you have summed up how awful you are in the four paragraphs before that where you bitch about her and her family. Even a phrase like 'Am I being annoyed for her zest for life?' Yes, that's not something you can be annoyed about.
- Priya: He wants to suck the life out of her.
- Robin: Totally like you know there was a trend in sort of late naughties films about the manic pixie dream girl?
- Leila: Yeah.

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Robin: Of like kooky female characters written by blokes. And I thought it might be that kind of zest for life where it's like 'Oh my goodness (unclear 17:03) everywhere!'

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: I thought it was going to be that but it just sounds like she's enjoying nature.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: It's quite nice.

Leila: She's just trying to make conversation with you. Maybe he's like I want her to be quiet. I bet that's bollocks, I bet the whole way through he was going, 'So in the first act of Lolita and the thing'.

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Or just trying to mansplain everything.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: It's actually not as problematic as it seems ugh.

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Robin: I'm just playing devil's advocate right but.

Leila: Louis C.K. you know he's just funny and we just have to respect that.

Robin: Yeah, yeah. If it's funny it's funny. If it's funny it's funny, you know?

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: So I mean I feel like this is going to be a whitewash.

Leila: Yeah absolute massive asshole.

Priya: Mm-hmm. Yeah.

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Robin: But do we think that the controlling man who hates zest for life is an asshole? [laughs]

Leila: Yes I think he is.

Priya: Sure I think he might be.

Robin: Yes.

Priya: I think she should go and live in the woods which is clearly what she wants to do.

Robin: Kill him and bury him in the woods.

Priya: And he should go jump off a cliff.

Leila: Totally.

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: Totally, totally.

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Robin: 'Am I the asshole for getting mad at my girlfriend for wearing mismatched socks? I've been dating (G) for five years and was considering proposal until this.' Wow! 'G has always wore mismatched socks. Not just two different colours, but patterned ones too. When we were younger I thought it was adorable. As we're getting older and furthering our careers, I find it unprofessional and immature. And it's a little mood killing because it's not very sexy when that time comes.' Whereas two plain black socks, yes please!

Priya: [Laughs]

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Robin: 'I've had multiple discussions with her about it up until now, and she's always brushed it off. She doesn't think it's a big deal. I'm a little less bothered with this at home except for when we're getting down. But the last straw was when we went to visit my parents when stay at home was lifted in our state. My brother and his wife were there with their young daughter. She had mismatched socks on too and I pointed it out to G. G said she didn't mind matching with my niece and that it didn't mean anything about maturity because, they're just socks. To me, it proves she's acting like a literal child. I just don't understand what the problem would be with wearing normal plain matching socks. When she was at work I got rid of all of the patterned and coloured socks and replaced them with all black socks. I thought she would be excited to get new socks'.

Leila: [Draws breath shocked]

Robin: 'She blew up at me, accused me of being the immature one, accused me of needing to feel in control, etcetera. I just wanted her to dress like an adult and told her I don't want to marry an overgrown child.'

Leila: Oh no.

Robin: 'She's been staying with her sister since and won't speak to me until 'I understand'. Am I the asshole for replacing her socks? They're just socks.'

Leila: Absolute yes, big yes. Yes, yes, yes.

Robin: Wow.

Priya: What is wrong with men on Reddit?

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: Not all men on Reddit! Not all men.

Leila: Not all men on Reddit, own it.

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Priya: I mean I feel confident saying all men on Reddit.

Robin: [Laughs] Yeah I mean that's fine.

Leila: I think there are so few joys in life these days with Covid-19 and if you get a bit of happiness at wearing odd socks then so be it. I like wearing odd socks.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: There was a time that I used to do this as part of my personality I feel. Which maybe I feel like I can relate to this woman because.

Robin: Would you purposefully choose like, this sock is going to be this colour? Like would you match mismatched socks if you know what I mean?

Leila: No, I just didn't pair my socks. So I had like a box of socks and they were all odd. They were all cool. I mean I like having nice socks that were patterns and colours and whatever. But I'd just like take two on and put them on and not care too much.

Priya: The notion that it's unprofessional to have odd socks.

Robin: What is her job?

Priya: What is she doing? Yeah.

Leila: Professionalism is such a weird concept to me [laughs] and that sounds awful. But also like...

Robin: To bring home as well, just like 'You're not very professional'.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: You know what I mean, literally what job would you need?

Leila: Yeah what job is like?

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Robin: Like if your doctor, if you're about to be operated on and you saw your surgeon had one yellow and one orange sock, you're like 'Actually I'd rather'.

Priya: Get me out of here!

Robin: I'm going to risk it. I'm going to risk the disease I have.

Priya: My Tadcu wore odd socks to his wedding.

Robin: That's nice.

Leila: I love that. That is so cool.

Priya: It's something that my nan raises like to this day.

Robin: Was she very anti it?

Priya: Yeah well they knelt down because they're Catholic or my nan is Catholic, they knelt down in the church and she saw them and at the time was like 'You son of a bitch!'.

Leila: Really?

Robin: Sure.

Priya: She was against it.

Leila: I like it. I think do you know what, especially in corporate worlds, I assuming this woman is like a corporate professional because of what this guy is saying.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: You have so little like control over your whole personality is wiped from you. And if you can hide some cool socks underneath your cloths, please like just have a bit of that. You know when I worked in an office there was this guy in particular I used to see, you know and go and make your tea and whatever, and I was making a tea and he'd always come at the same time and whatever and we had good chat. But I liked him because I saw under his little suit he had some odd, they were always funky socks and

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you always think aww, you are a person and not just a corporate shell.

Robin: Yeah. And that's a way of being able to show personality isn't it? It's just that little crack of personality.

Leila: It's so sad.

Robin: Hey I'm not boring. I'm not like those other grey sock wankers.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: I met my partner when we both worked in an office. And on the first day they were showing us around and they were like 'The dress code is smart casual. One thing we do say is we have dress down Fridays, we do say that you have to wear clothes and not pyjamas and also we do ask that you keep your shoes on all of the time'. And I remember being like that's weird that they've specified that, I don't know what kind of vibe I'm putting off. And it turns out that that dress code was put in place because my partner used to come in, in pyjamas and would take his shoes and socks off all of the time in the office [laughs].

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: I love that.

Priya: Disgusting.

Leila: No I think there's a big problem with the phrase smart casual.

Priya: Yeah. Too much scope.

Leila: It's like being, my hair is blonde-brown [laughs] It's like those are two separate things and putting a hyphen in between them there isn't like you know?

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Robin: And especially now there's sort of like joggers that are made to look like smart trousers but they're elasticated.

Leila: Yeah brilliant.

Robin: I like that.

Leila: I'll tell you what, this pandemic has done real good for comfy work wear.

Robin: Lounge wear, yeah.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: Formal lounge wear.

Priya: Living the dream.

Robin: What do we feel about zany ties?

Priya: Fully onboard.

Robin: Are you?

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: I am until it's like a flag.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: OK, what kind of flag?

Leila: I'm speaking specifically about, again, another man I used to work with who used to wear a tie that had the British flag all over it.

Priya: Oh yeah.

Leila: Like loads of like.

Priya: OK.

Robin: Yeah.

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Leila: And for me that was just like a bit.

Robin: Sort of street party vibes.

Leila: I feel like are you racist or just like a bit...

Priya: I mean yes if you own that tie I feel like you have to be.

Leila: Yeah probably. Yeah I don't know.

Priya: My letting agent likes zany ties. Every time I've seen him he's been in a weird tie. He once wore a tie with lots of, like a car that a kid had drawn, like a kid's drawing of a car but just over it repeatedly.

Leila: Aww.

Priya: And then looked me straight in the eye and went 'I don't like cars'. And I was like whoa!

Leila: No I think it's OK. Again it's one of those jobs where you have to dress quite smart don't you?

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: For whatever reason. I don't know. Maybe I just feel a bit jealous that I feel like if I wore a tie and the place would all be weird about that. I actually wouldn't wear one anyway because I always feel like I'm at school if I were to wear a tie.

Priya: Would you wear it like Avril Lavigne? With like a vest top and a tie.

Leila: Yeah, yeah. That looked quite cool like that yeah.

Priya: It's a great look, you should bring that back.

Robin: Oh yeah that was a great moment for feminism there. Really, really strong.

Leila: We had clip-on ties in school.

Robin: Did you?

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- Leila: Yeah because otherwise everyone would do that.
- Priya: Really?
- Leila: Yeah. Do you think you need to break-in socks a little bit, the same way break-in shoes? Because I do.
- Robin: No. I love fresh socks.
- Priya: No new socks are the best.
- Leila: No, no, no.
- Robin: If I wasn't worried about finances or the environment I would throw socks away after I'd used them once.
- Leila: [Laughs] Disposable.
- Priya: Sure.
- Robin: Mm disposable socks.
- Leila: No I like a sock, I don't want one that's too old and like rubbing away. I like a sock that's been worn maybe like four times and been through a few wash cycles. A bit denser. And they shrink a little bit in the wash and I've got really small feet. I think that's my problem I think because I'm a size 3, ladies size shoes. The best socks that fit me are little boys socks.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: So if I buy socks I tend to go to the little boy's section.
- Robin: Well little boys have very cool funky socks.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Robin: You know like dinosaurs and everything.
- Priya: And robots.
- Leila: Tractors.
- Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Leila: Yeah I've had it all. What do we think?

Priya: Oh this guy's an asshole.

Robin: Yeah I think he's piece of shit.

Priya: She should leave him.

Leila: Yeah I agree.

Robin: And then on her wedding day to the person who will propose she should wear, like odd socks should be the theme and everybody. You know like all those classic wedding photos where everybody is wearing the same things. All the bridesmaids and the grooms people are wearing different socks. That's the theme. I should be a wedding planner but out of spite. A spiteful wedding planner.

Leila: You really should, yeah.

Priya: [Laughs] You would break up so many couples.

Robin: I'd love it.

Priya: Because so frequently you settle on 'These people should break up'.

Robin: They should, they should break up.

Leila: Yeah I feel like we all are like that a little bit.

Priya: Yeah, I mean everyone on Reddit should break up so.

Leila: Yeah. If you're writing about your relationship on Reddit, it's time. If I ever feel a desire to want to air my laundry on Reddit then I know it will be time.

Robin: Well you could pretend that you have and we could read one out and it's really just one you've written in.

Priya: Yeah.

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Robin: And said 'play along'. Well no I don't think she is the asshole I think she's actually like really lovely.

Leila: I think she's lush, yeah, yeah.

Robin: And really cool.

Priya: She's actually typing it out in the chat. Yeah just here, oh there's an edit.

Leila: [Laughs] Here's an edit, sorry she didn't mean this.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. What would you do if we started reading it and it really felt like it was one of our partners? 'My partner every week records this podcast and it is driving me mad'.

Leila: Yeah I mean, and she tries to open the door and having to back out.

Priya: Every week she tells me I'm not allowed to use any of the hot taps in our house because it makes the boiler turn on.

Robin: [Laughs] And don't use the internet because it ruins the call.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: [Laughs]

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Leila: I love these Rainbow Belts.

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