

Here to Judge- Snakes Up Your Arse

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[Here to Judge Theme Song]

Robin: 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, Robin Morgan.

Priya: Me, Priya Hall.

Leila: And me, Leila Navabi.

Leila: 'Am I the asshole for telling my fiancée I don't like her wedding dress? So my fiancée and I are getting married in nine months. She's been dress shopping with her girls for months now. She found the dress she loved and bought it and was way too excited to keep it a secret. She showed me pics of the bridesmaids dresses and I told her they were pretty, they match my groomsman's suits really well. Anyway she brought her dress out and asked what I thought. I specifically asked her if she wants the God's honest trust and wants me to critique the dress or if she knows she loves it and just wants to show me. She said she wanted my opinion. She put the dress on and came out of the bathroom and I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little disappointed.

She's a beautiful woman and looks incredible in anything of course but the dress completely dwarfed her' don't know if that's OK? 'And didn't really fit the wedding theme she has worked so hard for. She wanted a foresty, magical and whimsical type theme, flower crowns on the bridesmaids etcetera. But she chose a super sparkly dress with a HUGE skirt which looked nothing like the simple body hugging sexy dresses she had been repeatedly showing me. She picked basically a huge Disney Princess dress and I just didn't like how it looked at all. I was

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honest with her and I told her I didn't like it and I was surprised she picked it because it just doesn't seem to match her. And I just thought it was too much poof and sparkle' [laughs] cool. How many slurs can they get in this one? Right.

Priya: That's exactly what I was thinking.

Leila: Yeah. 'She got really quiet and stormed back upstairs and then stormed out of the house and went to her mum's. Texted me saying she couldn't believe I would say I didn't like it and what a dickhead I am and has blocked my number. This is our first major fight and I'm just so annoyed because I asked if she wanted a real opinion and she said, yes. Am I the asshole for telling her I don't like the dress?'

Priya: The fact that anyone would be like, no I feel like I'm in the right here, let's go to Reddit.

Robin: Yeah [laughs].

Leila: I mean. Look, you'd just be diplomatic, why do you care?

Priya: If someone's been looking for nine months as well, you know that your loved one has been looking for a dress for nine months and is finally happy with one.

Robin: I think what he's doing though, if he's been shown all of these pictures of basically like models wearing tight sexy dresses and he's like, but I've been looking at models for nine months. Like he's just sort of like.

Leila: Oh! That's horrible!

Robin: Totally but I think that's him being a total douchebag from that angle. But yet surely like 'Do you want my honest opinion?' 'Yes' 'I love it, it's great, it's perfect, you're beautiful, we're going to live happily ever after'.

Leila: Yeah.

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- Robin: 'You're going to wear it for seven hours'.
- Priya: Yeah. the minute he goes 'Do you want the God's honest truth?' she should have been like 'I want to leave you'.
- Robin: [Laughs] yeah.
- Priya: And immediately walked out of the house.
- Robin: I'll tell you the god's honest truth, it's over.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: The way he was like 'A BIG skirt' like he's never seen a wedding dress in his life. Like does he want her to wear lingerie down the aisle?
- Priya: Sounds like it.
- Robin: Yeah I think that's what he thinks. He's been on Ann Summers wedding nights.
- Leila: Why does he care? Like surely to god you just want your bride to have a good time. That is literally, that should be the only thing you care about really on your wedding day, that everyone is having a nice time.
- Robin: That you're both comfortable and happy. That's pretty much it isn't it?
- Leila: Yeah.
- Priya: And also again, she's been looking for this dress for nine months, so the fact that she's so excited to show it to him shows that she feels amazing in it and him being like 'You look like shit' is a bit much. In my opinion.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Robin: Yeah it's not magical enough! I wanted to be spellbound.
- Priya: It doesn't fit the theme! And the theme is my delusions.
- Robin: Yeah.

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Leila: [Laughs] The theme is my delusions.

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: You're married Robin so tell us, how was that experience? How did your wife? Go back to her dress?

Robin: I thought you were suggesting that I was the person in the story. How was this for you? Because we know it's you.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Or just how was the experience? Meaning, how is your marriage?

Robin: There's only one married man in the world. Yeah so I didn't see the dress before the wedding, before I saw her walk down the aisle. She looked beautiful.

Leila: Aww.

Robin: And then I didn't really focus on it again?

Leila: [Laughs] Yeah the rest of the time you're too busy like wondering if you're going to get a canapé. I feel like at your own wedding you'll probably miss out on all the food.

Robin: Yeah I was very stressed and then I couldn't eat the food because I was too nervous about doing my speech. And then once I smashed the speech, and I did smash the speech.

Leila: Did you? Tight 7.

Robin: Yeah but I made people cry and my best man didn't enjoy how well I did because he had to follow with what is considered the funny speech and I, not arrogantly, smashed it. I absolutely smashed it. I opened with the line 'Give me a cheer if you've been to my wedding before'.

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Priya: [Laughs] Great.

Robin: Pretty good. Pretty strong.

Leila: That's very good. Oh god how are we ever going to follow that up? Yeah. Priya do you care about your wedding dress for the future if you want a wedding? Or are you not fussed?

Priya: I don't intend to have a wedding. I wouldn't care about a wedding dress.

Leila: Oh yeah we've said about this before.

Priya: It feels like an effort.

Robin: Do you intend to get a wedding dress?

Priya: Yeah just to hang around him. I'm going to get you know those suspiciously cheap ones on ASOS? That are like 30 quid for a wedding dress and you're mm-mm?

Leila: I'm sorry did you just say AssOS?

Priya: AssOS.

Leila: It's AceOS.

Priya: AssOS, AceOS.

Leila: I love that you call it AssOS. Anyway continue.

Priya: Yeah I'm just going to buy all of them and then wear them on rotation and never wear anything else. Does that sound cool? God's honest opinion.

Leila: God's honest opinion [laughs].

Robin: It fits in with your haunted Victorian child persona. And now you're like haunted bride.

Priya: Miss Havisham. My boyfriend coming into the room and being like 'Please no!'.

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- Robin: You said you didn't want to get married. I don't. I don't.
- Priya: But that doesn't mean I don't want to haunt your dreams.
- Robin: [Laughs] Let's flip reverse it, if the OP had bought a suit that he's really proud of for nine months and then he asked his partner 'Do you like it?' and she said 'No' is that the same level of awfulness or is it because there's a thing about wedding dresses isn't there? Like it's bigger than the suit.
- Priya: I feel like it would be the same level of assholery. I feel like anyone who is mean to their partner about what they wear is the asshole.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Robin: On their wedding day [laughs].
- Priya: Yeah, yeah, yeah on their wedding day. Or on any other day, I'll say it.
- Robin: Sure yeah.
- Leila: OK verdict?
- Robin: We're all saying he's an asshole right?
- Leila: Asshole.
- Priya: Oh a massive one yeah. Knows he is.
- Leila: These people never fail to amaze me [laughs].
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- Priya: 'Am I the asshole for bringing my poop gloves when I moved in with my girlfriend and wanting to keep them?'

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Robin: Ohhh what?

Priya: 'Hi everyone this is so dumb and weird so apologies in advance. I've been with my girlfriend for just over a year now. Let's call her Sophie because this is kind of weird and she won't want me using her real name. She's amazing and we're very happy and we just moved in together. We've been living in a flat for just over a week now. Living together has been fun but we're learning a lot about each other let's just say?' It's got a question mark.

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: 'Anyway today she came out of the bathroom and said 'Hey what's with the marigolds in the bathroom? They're always there, are they yours?' So without thinking I said 'Yeah don't touch them they're my poop gloves'.

Leila: Mm.

Priya: 'She said 'Your fucking what?!'

Robin: [Laughs]

Priya: 'Some context, these are a pair of yellow cleaning gloves (the type you'd wash your dishes with) that I keep on a higher shelf in the bathroom, she can't even reach it. I've had them and other pairs for a lot of my life. I put them on every time I go to the toilet. She was really horrified when I explained what they are. My hands get really dry and I have eczema so it's not good for me to be washing them all the time. When I was younger they would crack and bleed after washing them so my mum bought me some gloves and told me to wear them when I wee/poo and take them off before I leave. I called them my Poop Gloves and the name stuck'. Poop Gloves is capitalised.

Robin: [Laughs] And trademarked.

Priya: 'Sophie is disgusted that I don't wash my hands, she doesn't want them in the house but it's something that

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I've always done and I can't really be asked for getting the eczema back again. I think she's being unreasonable'. And then it just ends abruptly. I assume, am I the asshole?

Robin: It is hard to type when you've got Poop Gloves on.

Leila: As the international ambassador for eczema.

Robin: Mm-hmm the IAE.

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. This is not OK by any stretch of the imagination, you still have to wash your hands. I don't care if they bleed and fall off.

Priya: Also I don't think he's washing the gloves.

Leila: No!

Robin: Yeah that should be like a disposable glove situation if that's the case. If he's going to go for the Poop Glove.

Priya: I still think wash your hand as well. Particles.

Robin: Oh god yeah!

Leila: Aww it's so grim!

Robin: My son suffers from eczema a little bit and I get dry hands when it gets cold. But I think that putting them into rubber and latex would fuck it up right?

Priya: Mm.

Leila: I have bad eczema, like pretty bad, my hands are always like cracked. I would imagine that we have quite similar levels of eczema and I've had it much worse to the point where I've been like hospitalised, like I've had it really bad as a kid. Me and my girlfriend have a rule, I don't wash the dishes, we haven't got a dishwasher, I don't wash the dishes, she does that and I do other things. If there's something like that that I can avoid, fine. But wash your hands! And also you can get special soaps that

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are like super sensitive and whatever else. Just this is so disturbing to me, especially in an age of Covid-19. This has really upset me this one [laughs].

Priya: There's an edit. OK so the edit is 'As so many people have asked, yes I wash the gloves when I'm wearing them, as you would with your actual hands. I do it with soap after a shit, but I won't like and say I always use soap after a wee. Always giving them a rinse at least though'.

Robin: Those gloves are going to be absolutely disgusting.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: I'm going to make the assumption this man is a cisgender man just for the sake of this argument that I'm going to make which is, if you are a cisgender bloke, having a pee involves you touching your penis.

Priya: Mm-hmm.

Leila: Like literally touching your genitalia and so surely that is even more of a reason why you would wash your hands. No? Am I wrong?

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: I feel very attacked. No of course, of course.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: I feel like there's a war on men right now and I am sick of it to be honest. No I think you're spot on, I think yes you should wash your hands after touching your genitals or going to the toilet. I think that's probably an idea. I mean the guy's mum, I feel like she's to blame here.

Priya: Oh yeah.

Robin: For introducing Poop Gloves, trademark.

Priya: Like he doesn't know any better. And the way he's just taking it for granted that his girlfriend would be

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completely fine with this, shows that yeah he's very much been told 'This is normal. People do this'. No. It's so unhygienic as well so I imagine if you've already got like open wounds?

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Putting your hand in something that's not been cleaned properly over and over and over in a situation where it's not clean, you're going to get infections, it's so unhygienic I just can't. Blah.

Robin: This would be a deal breaker I think in a relationship. Even the love of your life, if you thought, this is my soul mate you would kind of have to go 'It's the Poop Gloves or me'.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: Which is a good sentence to say in a relationship anyway.

Priya: Imagine in the future they have kids together and then they have to buy tiny baby Poop Gloves.

Robin: Oh no I think their nans would knit them Poop Gloves.

Leila: Oh my god like little Easter hens or whatever yeah.

Priya: That suggests that they'd be wool which in terms of hygiene would be so much worse.

Robin: Little booties. Pooties! They're called Pooties!

Leila: Pooties [laughs].

Robin: Get me on Dragon's Den man.

Priya: It's the worst thing I've ever heard.

Leila: God, I'm a little bit torn on this. I think gloves are the worst idea but she needs to provide a solution whether that solution is, I've bought you these eczema friendly soaps so try these. Or whatever else.

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- Priya: Yeah what I will say is I do kind of understand where he's coming from if this is the first time he's ever lived with anyone else and he thinks Poop Gloves are completely normal. I can understand why he'd be like 'That's unreasonable, I have a problem, I've got a solution, what's the problem?'
- Robin: Yeah.
- Priya: So I can understand why he's a bit like 'This is weird, like why is she being so weird about this? It's just a little thing'. But from her point of view I can definitely understand why she's not happy with this.
- Robin: Yeah that's so true like he genuinely thought it was normal and was probably preparing to get his and hers Poop Gloves...
- Leila: Uh no!
- Robin: ...for their anniversary and stuff. And like hang it up on a little hook in the bathroom.
- Leila: Ugh.
- Robin: Get their initials on it.
- Priya: It's like the poop knife story, have you guys read that on Reddit?
- Robin: What was the poop knife story?
- Priya: The poop knife was this huge thing on Reddit, and I think he made a comment on something that wasn't their own post or maybe it was their own post.
- Leila: Go on, what is it? What is a poop knife?
- Priya: [Laughs] His family had massive shits. So what the family did in order to save on the plumbing is they would have a knife in the bathroom hung up on the wall.
- Robin: No! No! [Laughs]

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- Priya: Chop the situation up before flushing. So this guy had gone to his friend's house, had a situation so called out to his friend being like 'Oh pass me a poop knife'. And his friend was like 'What the fuck?!' Yeah he has a family poop knife.
- Robin: Oh my god that's amazing.
- Priya: It's rank.
- Robin: That's incredible.
- Leila: That's so awful.
- Priya: He described that it was like hung up on the wall as well. And it's like a full blown like sharp kitchen knife.
- Leila: Like a machete.
- Robin: [Laughs] Yeah it's like a bread knife.
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Robin: A pizza cutter.
- Priya: [Laughs] Oh god.
- Robin: [Laughs] You go lengthwise to get it properly.
- Priya: Or like a whisk.
- Robin: [Laughs] So what are we thinking Poop Gloves? Unreasonable?
- Priya: I don't know if he's an asshole.
- Leila: I don't think he's an asshole.
- Robin: Did he ask what the question was? What was it unreasonable? He cuts out...
- Priya: It's am I the asshole for bringing Poop Gloves when I moved in?
- Leila: You're not an asshole.

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Priya: I don't think he's an asshole.

Robin: You're just sort of incredibly naive.

Priya: Yeah. He needs to go to the doctor.

Leila: Yeah he does, he needs to get some derma soap or whatever it's called.

Robin: Or brand the Poop Gloves, own that. Own that shit and brand them and sell them.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: Normalise Poop Gloves is what I'm trying to say.

Priya: I'd rather die than allow Poop Gloves to be normalised.

Robin: Poop knives then, normalise poop knives.

Priya: [Hurling sound]

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Priya: 'Am I the asshole if I sold my friend's snake after he ended up sentenced to prison for a long time? My friend was on bail for a while, he pretty much knew he was going to prison from what he told me personally. He left me his snake to take care of. He left me a lot of cash for the snake to feed him and whatever but after about five years, I really didn't have the space anymore. I ended up selling it on Craig's List after letting him know I'd be doing that. Am I the asshole for doing that since I couldn't really keep it anymore? My friend stopped writing back'.

Robin: Five years?

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- Priya: Five years he kept it. I think selling it is an asshole move. I think finding a good home for it would be reasonable. Right?
- Robin: Yeah. Five years is a long time.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Leila: I don't want a snake.
- Priya: [Laughs] No one is getting you to buy the snake.
- Leila: But also, why did he say yes in the first place? That's like a, do you know what I mean?
- Priya: Yeah if you knew you were going away for a long time.
- Robin: I think if someone asked me to look after their snake I would say yes.
- Priya: Sure.
- Leila: Why?
- Robin: I think, because I think it would be funny. [Laughs] To have a snake for a bit.
- Priya: And then five years in you'd be like, do you know what? The joke was funny for five years.
- Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Priya: But I've reached my limit.
- Leila: No I don't see that as part of your brand Robin, I think it would be quite damaging.
- Priya: The snake guy.
- Leila: It's not homely enough do you know? It's not like part of the brand I feel.
- Robin: You don't know me [laughs].

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- Leila: [Laughs] I'm advising you in a PR sense to not get a snake because I think that it would be damaging.
- Priya: What if he just panned the camera down and it was just tank and tank and tank full of snakes.
- Robin: Just covered in snakes around my guns and stuff [laughs].
- Leila: Uh, I don't like them. It just goes through me. Stop lumbering people with your animals for various reasons! Just like.
- Priya: But he did ask him and the guy did agree and he did give him a bunch of cash to look after him.
- Robin: So did the money run out?
- Priya: He doesn't say. He just says...
- Robin: Because then it's like he took the money and then sold it at a profit.
- Leila: Yeah that's bad, that is bad. He should have just said 'No'.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Leila: But what I would do is if I was selling it on Craig's List or wherever I would send him that money to prison. I'd like get it in a bag and chuck it over the wall or whatever you do.
- Robin: What so he went to prison?! The guy was in prison?
- Priya: Yeah.
- Robin: I completely missed this I'm sorry, I thought he just went away on holiday. Sorry that's really bad.
- Leila: [Laughs]
- Robin: But that's why I was like five years is a long time but you guys were like yeah it probably was compared to the crime he did.

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Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Robin: Sorry that's completely my bad.

Priya: So it says 'He pretty much knew he was going to prison from what he told me personally. He left me a snake to take care of and he left me a lot of cash for the snake to feed him and whatever'.

Robin: Well of course he went to prison if he owns a snake. Of course.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: This makes so much more sense now. Look I think, I know you think you'd be good in prison Pri, I think I would be very good in prison.

Priya: Really?

Robin: I think so.

Leila: [Laughs hysterically]

Robin: I think I'm just charming enough to get away with it.

Leila: Maybe. Maybe you are actually. I don't know.

Priya: I don't think charming gets you far in prison. You need to be weasely like me. You need to good at hiding and be good at keeping your head down.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: [Laughs]

Leila: He should have lobbed the snake over the wall and given it back to him.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: I know you hate all reptilian creatures.

Leila: Why doesn't he just tell him the snake died?

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- Priya: No! Just give the snake to someone who wants a snake without selling it. Selling it on Craig's List is so dodge, something bad is going to happen to that snake.
- Leila: That snake is going to be in someone's bum before you know it.
- Robin: [Laughs hysterically]
- Priya: It's already there. The minute he sold it, they didn't even wait until they got home, just in the car.
- Leila: [Laughs hysterically]
- Robin: I've never used Craig's List is that?
- Leila: That's the vibe yeah.
- Robin: OK.
- Leila: Yeah very much. You can solicit sex on there which is fine but also like if you're selling anything else then it will probably be used in a sexual way I feel.
- Priya: Yeah.
- Leila: Let's finish this and then we'll talk about it [laughs].
- Robin: So snakes up your ass. I don't think the guy's an asshole, I think he took a snake off his prisoner friend, he took care of it for five years and the guy hasn't got out of prison which suggests it was quite a big crime.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Robin: I would be worried about turning down a favour from a five plus year criminal.
- Leila: Yeah I would have just said 'It's dead sorry' that's what I would have done. I know it's bad to lie but it's just what I would have done.

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Priya: I think he's the asshole for selling it, I think he should have found it a good home. I feel sorry for the snake that's up someone's ass.

Robin: I mean that's the last line in the episode isn't it? [Laughs]

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