

## Here to Judge- Cult of Leila

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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.

Priya: Me, Priya Hall.

Robin: And me, Robin Morgan.

'Am I the asshole for eating too many cucumbers? This is perhaps the most bizarre Am I the Asshole? post I have ever written'. As if they've done it a lot then, that's weird. 'But I'm honestly so confused. Like I feel like I can't possibly be the asshole, but then sometimes people are too blind to see their own flaws so maybe I really am. For as long as I can remember I've had this quirk I guess you could call that, I never snack on anything other than cucumber. I shouldn't say never technically since socially I'll get ice cream or eat a few chips at a party, I'm not a picky eater by any means but my snack of choice has always been cucumbers. I eat pretty healthily anyways so a lot of fruit and veggies are a part of my diet. Since veggies are lower in calories I have to eat a lot of them to eat enough, so I'll usually have some sliced cucumber in my purse that I munch on throughout the day and I'll always have a cucumber in my car that I just eat whole when I'm driving.' [laughs] Imagine that at traffic lights?

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: 'Although it's not healthy, I've had days where I've felt really depressed and overwhelmed and have binge eaten

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nothing but cucumber. I think I've eaten perhaps 35 on very extreme days. Recently this quirk has begun to drive my 22 female, boyfriend 33 male, of six months insane, his words not mine. He says it's highly inappropriate to carry them everywhere with me. We spent last weekend at his parent's lake house and I provided my own cucumber to snack on. One night before bed I was in my room gnawing on a cucumber like a savage when his mother walked in. Under normal circumstances I never would eat that around others, I'd slice it up. She was puzzled, but chuckled and said 'My you do like cucumber.' [Laughs]

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: 'My boyfriend told me, I humiliated him with my childish and immature eating habits. I told him that his mum caught me in a low moment, he was being ridiculous, since he eats a bag of chips everyday and I don't bat an eye. He told me that chips were a normal snack and whole cucumbers were deranged. He told me I needed to stop eating cucumbers and that my behaviour is becoming a deal breaker for him. I feel really bothered, but I think cucumbers are a weird hill to die on and I don't want to lose my relationship. So am I the asshole?' I guess the too long didn't listen is, this lady only really snacks on cucumbers. She eats them whole, she eats them sliced, she takes them wherever she wants to, she eats them in the car. And sometimes she'll gnaw on them like a savage.

Leila: Cool.[Laughs]

Robin: Because this is obviously America in the sense that they say lake house, because that wouldn't exist over here right? Surely.

Leila: A house on a lake?

Priya: Houses do live on lakes over here.

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Robin: But you'd be sort of...

Priya: You'd be like it's a house, not a lake house.

Robin: Yeah, yeah it's not a lake house.

Leila: Or you'd be like it's a house on a lake.

Robin: I'm not Ryan Gosling do you know what I mean?

Leila: Do they call ducks, lake ducks in America?

Robin: Good question.

Priya: They should.

Robin: That will be the first Q&A for when we do our American live show. And it won't be a Q&A for them to ask us things, we'll ask them things.

Leila: I would love that.

Priya: And we'll have our pre-prepared list that we've put together.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Number one as you can expect, we're going to ask the obvious question [laughs].

Priya: Where do non lake ducks live?

Robin: Yeah [laughs]. Do you think she means big like full size cucumbers, you know can those mini ones like snacking ones.

Leila: Yeah you can get snacking ones.

Priya: Yeah I think small cucs.

Leila: I don't think they have small cucumbers in America.

Robin: Yeah it's like they super size everything isn't it? So do you think she means like 37 full size cucumbers in a day?

Leila: Yeah I reckon. Is that all she's eating did she say?

Robin: She said on a really bad day.

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Priya: Days when she's, yeah having a real bad day.

Robin: Do you think her lack of balanced diet is making her have low days?

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: Yes. Well it's chicken or egg really isn't it? Am I depressed because I have an eating disorder or do I have an eating disorder because I'm depressed? [laughs]

Robin: It's not chicken or egg, it's 100% cucumber.

Leila: Cucumber yeah [laughs].

Priya: Do you think she'll sometimes eat pickles? If she's being adventurous? Like gherkins are cucumbers right?

Leila: Oh!

Robin: That would feel very European to her I think.

Priya: Right [laughs].

Robin: Ya know?

Priya: That's like spicy cucumber.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah that's like paprika flavoured. Do you think that if it was a different vegetable? I guess it's the size though isn't it? Like 37 carrots, I could probably eat 37 carrots in a day.

Priya: No man. You're teeth would be...

Leila: No I think that would kill you. Wouldn't that kill you?

Priya: ...just in pieces. Yeah.

Robin: It wouldn't kill you [laughs].

Priya: Your jaw would be hurting.

Robin: But you could boil them.

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- Leila: No because I saw this thing [laughs] I saw this thing that one of my distant relatives shared on Facebook, it was like how much of each thing you'd have to consume in order to die. And it was really surprisingly like it was like eight glasses of water or something.
- Priya: I don't want to have to break it to you but you cannot trust everything you read on Facebook.
- Leila: What? [Typing] How many of things to eat to die?
- Robin: What a Google.
- Priya: If someone in your life was to die right now, you would immediately become a suspect.
- Leila: Yeah. How many of these 15 popular foods...
- Robin: Yeah and she's just done the big shop as well.
- Priya: [Laughs]
- Leila: Right here you are, right. 'Everyone has heard that water is good for you' I'm not going to read the whole article. But if you have 14 x 500ml of water you will be dead.
- Robin: Well like 12 pints, 11 pints of water.
- Leila: Yeah you'd die.
- Priya: Isn't this what they used to tell us when they were doing the don't do drugs talks? That if you do ecstasy you'll drink so much water you'll drown from the inside.
- Robin: Mm.
- Leila: Do you know what though? I reckon I could do it. I reckon I'd be fine.
- Priya: I mean let's not do it right now on this podcast. We've got a few more stories to get through.
- Robin: Can we make a spinoff podcast?

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Leila: 400 bananas would kill you. 400 bananas.

Priya: Really 400? I thought less.

Robin: Who's the famous it's either a comic or a writer who died from too much potassium. He was an alcoholic but then the potassium is what killed him because he was having too many bananas.

Priya: Oh man.

Leila: Oh my god.

Priya: What a way to go.

Leila: Which comic?

Robin: I think it was like in the 50s or 60s. I'm going to Google 'banana potassium man alcoholic dead'.

Priya: [Laughs] What a beautiful poem.

Robin: Yeah is that a haiku? It feels like it is.

Leila: Right I literally looked at 'how many cucumbers to die'.

Priya: I feel like I'm the only one not Googling how to kill people using everyday fruit and veg.

Robin: And that makes it more suspicious because I feel like you're the murderer.

Priya: I'm just covering my tracks.

Robin: One man in 2009 died after eating 43 banana cream pancakes to win a contest.

Priya: Because of the potassium or because he was not well?

Robin: I don't know. I don't want to find out.

Priya: Like they were laced with arsenic but that's irrelevant.

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- Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It was in Russia so. So what are we thinking about this cucumber lady? I think the dude seems a bit sort of um aggressive.
- Priya: I think he thinks she's going to fuck the cucumber.
- Leila: I think she's got an eating disorder.
- Priya: We went for different approaches.
- Leila: [Laughs hysterically] Well it could be both. You never know.
- Priya: I mean yeah both of those things can be true.
- Robin: I also think Priya, that this man thinks that his girlfriend is fucking cucumbers and the way that her mother-in-law, well not mother-in-law they've been dating for six months and there's an eleven year age gap, it will not last!
- Priya: No.
- Robin: But she, 'My you do like a cucumber darling'.
- Leila: Oh my yeah.
- Priya: Oh my god do you think she was fucking the cucumber when the mother-in-law walked in?
- Robin: Big time. And then had to shove it in her mouth to sort of like pretend that she was eating it. Sorry you brought it up Priya.
- Leila: Isn't it really bad to do that to a cucumber? Like I think it's quite dangerous for yourself.
- Robin: To have sex with it.
- Leila: Yeah.
- Priya: Yeah it can't be good for you, pesticides and stuff surely.
- Robin: Yeah only buy organic.

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Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: And also like you know like the Gwyneth Paltrow you know like the Goop thing and she has the jade eggs. I was reading an article about Goop recently and the jade eggs are specifically bad because they're like in a micro sense porous.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Which means like a sponge it soaks up, like it sucks out all the life out of your vagina.

Robin: What's a jade egg sorry?

Priya: Have you not seen this? Gwyneth Paltrow selling...

Robin: I'm aware of the candle, she steams her vagina, I didn't realise there was more stuff than that.

Priya: Yeah she sells jade eggs, it's just like an egg but it's made out of jade and you put it up your foof.

Robin: What's jade?

Priya: The rock.

Leila: Jade is like a type of stone, like a green crystal type stone thing.

Robin: Oh right sure. Yeah.

Leila: It's smooth, and you put it up you. It looks like a paperweight.

Robin: OK yeah, yeah, yeah.

Leila: And you put it in your vagina and it makes you feel whole, that's the idea isn't it?

Robin: [Laughs] That's actually a really good tagline. To feel whole inside, you just need to put this inside your...

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Leila: Your hole [laughs] yeah. Yeah she wants everyone to feel whole inside of their holes. And so she makes you put the egg in it. But it sucks all the life out of your vagina because it's like porous like a sponge. And I feel like cucumbers are probably not dissimilar to that.

Priya: I completely agree. Like that jade egg is soaking up bacteria that can't be cleaned out of the jade egg. In the same way that pesticide and worms cannot truly ever be cleaned off of vegetables. You know like have you ever done that thing where you bite into an apple and there's a worm in it? That could happen with a cucumber.

Robin: Sure.

Leila: No.

Priya: And then you're in for a real bad time.

Leila: Yeah that's, aww no!

Robin: That's James and Giant Peach x-rated version type thing isn't it?

Priya: Exactly.

Robin: Goodness me.

Leila: Don't put things that aren't meant to be in your vagina in your vagina.

Robin: Yeah I think that's probably good health advice. Can we have that in the description of this episode please?

Leila: Yeah I think so yeah. Yeah.

Robin: Um?

Priya: Do?

Leila: I don't think she's an asshole.

Priya: No.

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- Robin: I don't think she's an asshole either. Do you think the boyfriend is?
- Priya: I think so.
- Robin: Calling her 'insane'.
- Priya: Yeah don't try and control what people eat.
- Leila: Yes I think he needs...
- Priya: Weird.
- Leila: Or if you're genuinely concerned, show it in a nice caring way not in a horrible way where your mum is weird to her.
- Robin: My, my, my.
- Priya: Do you think because they're embarrassed by phallic vegetables?
- Robin: Yeah.
- Leila: Yeah that's a very weird thing that he's deduced out of all of this I would say. It's not about his...
- Robin: That we're assuming he's deduced based on Priya [laughs].
- Priya: Yeah I think we all know, we can all get inside the mind of this guy.
- Robin: [Laughs] So not the asshole?
- Priya: Not an asshole.
- Leila: Not an asshole.
- Robin: Not an asshole.
- Priya: I'm actually craving a cucumber.
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Priya: 'Am I the asshole for giving my cats middle names? Look I know. I know the title is just so, so stupid, and in my opinion the situation isn't much better. Anyway, so I have two cats. I love them more than words can express, and for as many headaches as they give me, I know I would not be here without them, especially after the year we've all had. They are everything to me. As such, I often refer to them as my son and my little girl, etcetera. No one has ever had an issue with this before. I've given my cats names that could be human names if you didn't know better. Well, one of them is a common pet name (Luna), but the other I've never heard another domestic pet with the name. For the sake of anonymity, let's call him Alfred'. [Laughs] I love that this cat is anonymous.

Leila: [Laughs]

Priya: 'Alfred is a troublemaker. I've had to take him to the vet in a panic a few times. He just has an impressive talent for getting into shit he shouldn't (you know, like a cat). So I sometimes say his full government name when he's in trouble. It usually just serves to make me not upset at him for whatever he's done, makes me laugh a little. I gave Luna a middle name, too, when I first got her.

So this new woman Alice started working with me at my job a few months back. We really hit it off, became fast friends. She's maybe late 20's and has a young daughter. I don't have kids, never want my own kids, and don't plan to adopt for some time. She seemed a little put-off by how I refer to my cats as my kids, but never said anything.'

Leila: I love the fact that she's anonymised her cat but not Alice [laughs].

Priya: Oh no, Alice deserves everything she gets. Alfred...

Robin: Alice, yeah Alice who lives here and social security number is this.

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Priya: 'Last week Alice came over as she's helping me pack up all my crap for a move. I went to get her a drink from the kitchen and heard the unmistakable sound of my children getting into trouble. I called out 'Alfred Wayne, if you knock over one more box, I'll feed all of your treats to the raccoons!' or some such ridiculous threat. When I came back to Alice with her drink, she seemed upset so I asked what was wrong. She asked why I called the cat what I did. I said 'Oh, that's just his middle name, you know, for when he's really in trouble.' She flipped, got really upset at me, and scolded me for being so childish'.

Leila: [Sighs]

Priya: 'And for disrespecting real mums by treating my cats like children. 'They're just cats, OP, you need serious help!' and kept harping on about how my treating them like children diminished what real moms go through (somehow?). I tried to tell her that me valuing my cats doesn't take away from her parenting her kid but she just would not have it. I asked her to leave. She did so after a few more insults. I avoided her at work this week, and yesterday, my other work friend asked me what was up with us, because Alice seemed really upset. I told her what happened, and she was like 'Dude, you know she lost her son to AIDS like eight months ago, right?'

Leila: [Draws breath shocked]

Priya: I did not know that, but I don't see what that has to do with anything. My friend said I was being insensitive and I should apologize. I completely disagree and still think she's losing her mind over nothing. But I do feel bad for her, and see how maybe I might have triggered her, so I just want to be sure. Am I the asshole?'

Leila: Ohhhh!

Priya: That took a serious turn at the end didn't it?

Leila: It did didn't it?

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Robin: It did take a serious turn.

Leila: I was having a lovely time until that [laughs].

Priya: No one was expecting that one.

Robin: Oh silly cat anonymity. Yeah fuckin' hell. As soon as you said Alice was still upset, I was like this is going to take a turn.

Priya: Yeah. Yeah.

Leila: Aww.

Robin: Because up until that point it's you know, when I see people put on Facebook like 'my babies' and it's cats I'm just like, OK I wouldn't do it but you live your best life.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: You enjoy yourself it's making you happy, great. I wouldn't scream insults at people but equally this is quite a horrible situation that this woman has gone through.

Priya: Definitely. I mean it's now reasonable behaviour but grief isn't reasonable so.

Robin: No.

Leila: It's misplaced anger is what this is.

Robin: Yeah.

Priya: Leila you now have a cat.

Leila: I do.

Priya: Does that cat have a pet name and a government name? My cat has a government name.

Leila: My cat does not have a government name. We have lots of different names for my cat. So my cat basically originally I wanted a girl cat and I wanted to call it Ms Miff. And then the cat we got was a boy and so we were

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like cool Ms Miff can be his drag name but his name is Biff.

Robin: Nice.

Leila: Which is sort of similar. And so we started doing that. But you come up with like little nicknames for your cat all the time.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: But for me the nicknames that we come up with tend to be longer. Because his name is Biff, unless his name is Buh, you know what I mean? Like they're all longer than his real name. So like Spina Bifida is one of them.

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: I mean also taking a turn. Also taking a turn.

Leila: Also taking a turn.

Priya: Also that was the first example you gave, you didn't build up to that at all. It makes me nervous for what's coming next.

Leila: I know [laughs].

Robin: We're going to ramp up. This is what normally happens.

Leila: What else do we call the cat? Biff Baff Boff.

Priya: Amazing.

Robin: I'd open with that one in future.

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Mr Biff is also.

Robin: Formal.

Priya: If you're formal sometimes yeah.

Robin: Can I ask what do you mean by government name? Is that when you register at a vets and you have to give a?

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Priya: Yeah. So my cat is registered, his government name is Randal Hall. But I want to change it. So me and my partner have been together so long now that he should have a double-barrelled name, he should be on his records.

Leila: That's so funny.

Priya: So at one point next time I take him to the vets I'm probably going to have his name changed to include my partner's name as well. Which look sure, I can understand why someone would be annoyed by that but look, I'm just trying to have fun.

Robin: It's modern.

Leila: I don't know that our cat has a last name. Actually.

Priya: Really? So in the vets do they not call out?

Leila: Biff.

Priya: Really?

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: So my vet is very nice and calls out his full name and at the minute because we're in Covid, you can't sit in the waiting room, you have to go outside so there's a car park full of people waiting to go into the vets. And she'll just come out and stand at the gate and be like 'Randal Hall!' It's very cool.

Robin: That's really funny.

Leila: That's so cute.

Priya: It's a lot of fun.

Leila: I love it.

Robin: That's so funny but you can do this with Biff. Biffy Whiff Whiff. Yes, Biffy Whiff Whiff.

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Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I just wanted to call him Ms Miff.

Priya: You can transition him into that. Just do it bit by bit.

Leila: Yeah by night he's Ms Miff because you know.

Priya: Right yeah sure.

Leila: He has got like drag queen energy, he's like a very beautiful cat.

Robin: Have you got outfits?

Leila: No he would not allow that. Look, it is my dream that I could put my cat in a little outfit but he would not. I don't know about you Priya and yours?

Priya: So there's some stuff. You're allowed to put things on his head. So someone once bought me an inflatable unicorn for him and he's completely fine with that, he just trotted around the house with a unicorn horn on.

Leila: Really?

Priya: But anything on his like body he doesn't like. So we got a pirate costume for him and he will not tolerate it. All we can do is put the cape on him.

Leila: But that's like no he won't even have a collar. He's a beast, he doesn't like stuff on him.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: He doesn't want to be owned. Because I wanted to get a pet cube.

Priya: What's pet cube?

Leila: Welcome to our ad. It's not an ad, I wish this was an ad. It's like this little like cube camera that you put on like your pet's collar.

Priya: Oh yeah.

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Leila: And you can like see the world through their eyes.

Robin: That is really cute, like a little GoPro.

Priya: Tiny GoPro.

Leila: Yeah and it goes straight to your phone, I so wanted one but I just don't think he's have it.

Priya: No.

Leila: Like I think he'd just get livid. And he's a loud Bengal cat so he would just scream which is what he does anyway if we wants attention or food.

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: [Meow!]

Priya: So the footage would be intolerable.

Leila: Yeah it would it would be horrible.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah. It would be great to see him do his sets at GAY though wouldn't it?

Leila: [Laughs] Oh I'd love that. I would love it. I wish cats had gay clubs. Oh I expect like the Jellicle Ball right?

Priya: Yeah that's basically what that is.

Leila: That is. It is.

Priya: Amazing.

Leila: That's so funny that that is a thing. Ball culture is in the musical Cats.

Robin: Could I say something that is incredibly off topic but I need to address it?

Priya: Oh go on.

Leila: Yes.

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Robin: So before the recording I thought it would be really funny for me to drink out of my Mock the Week mug, which I stole from the set.

Priya: Sure, sure, sure.

Robin: But too long has gone now for me to bring it up and I didn't want to just do it without addressing it.

Leila: [Laughs]

Robin: Because that's way weird but I'm really thirsty.

Priya: And it's warm so I imagine you're thirsty.

Leila: Yeah.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah exactly. So I need to address it which is what I'm doing right now.

Leila: Oh there he is with his fucking Mock the Week mug.

Priya: Here we fucking missed a Mock the Week.

Leila: The thing is as we all like maybe one day get on it, I know that there's going to be one of us, probably me that's left without a fucking Mock the Week mug. It's like you know it's your birthday or whatever and you have to sit there and watch, did you ever get that in school? Like did you have a late birthday and then everyone got the same gift because it was popular?

Robin: I was never in school for my birthday, so everyone had happy birthday sang to them.

Priya: September.

Robin: Oh were you straight in there first up?

Leila: Ahh!

Robin: Priya Hall.

Priya: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm.

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Robin: Oh it's Randal Hall's mum! Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Leila: Randal Hall's mum [laughs].

Priya: [Laughs]

Robin: So what do we think?

Leila: I was really on OPs side and then it's like just be considerate, so I think OP is the asshole. If we're going to have to call someone an asshole it's OP.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: Sorry.

Robin: I agree, I agree with Leila.

Priya: Yeah I think I agree with Leila.

Leila: Yay!

Priya: In keeping with the cult that Leila...

Leila: In keeping with the cult I'm running [laughs].

Robin: The Cult of Leila.

Leila: I should really start a democratic party.

Robin: You say democratic.

Leila: Democratic, wink, wink, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Robin: [Laughs] The Cult of Leila would be great for merch by the way.

Priya: Yeah.

Robin: Let's bank that, producer Jo for some merch, the Cult of Leila.

Priya: The Cult of Leila.

Leila: I don't know who would ever buy that merch [laughs].

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Robin: Honestly no, if it's the Cult of Leila on the front and you know that sort of image of growing into man that kind of thing.

Leila: Yeah.

Priya: Sure.

Robin: But that is all the units of animals and they go like in that order, and all the units are underneath. I would wear that.

Leila: Do you know what? I think the Cult of Leila does sound like the sort of clothing brand a white woman with a very rich dad would start.

Robin: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Priya: That is.

Leila: Just to be like 'This is my clothing brand, it's called Cult of Leila, we believe in ethical sourced materials in the Middle East i.e. we pay them 12p instead of 7p.

Priya: And there's the name of the cat.

Leila: Yeah, yeah, yeah fully.

Robin: Yeah.

Leila: Very good. OK.

Robin: [Laughs] 12p instead of 7p, fucking hell.

Priya: [Laughs]

Leila: That's yeah, terrible, terrible.

Robin: Apps, no apps, we said exclusively on Etsy.

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Leila: This one is American but I'm going to Anglicise it.

Priya: OK.

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Leila: 'Am I the asshole for dipping crisps' not chips, which is what it says. 'Am I the asshole for dipping crisps into hummus without scooping it onto a plate? My brother who lives with me and my parents had a big issue when he saw me dipping tortilla crisps into the hummus that we in the fridge. He said that it's unsanitary and that you should put the hummus onto a plate instead of dipping directly into the container. Now I don't see how this is any different from when you are at a Mexican restaurant and you're given a bowl of crisps and a shared salsa dip. I understand that if you are at a party it is correct to scoop dip onto a plate or something so you're not hovering over the dip for an extended period of time. But I disagree that it is insanitary or gross when you're at home. Also I wasn't double dipping if that matters.' That's it. 'Am I the asshole?'

Robin: Wow.

Priya: It does matter, it was going to be the only thing I asked. If you're double dipping gross. If you're not double dipping, that's the normal way to eat it right? Am I about to find out that that's the normal way to eat it?

Leila: It's only her brother.

Priya: Yeah.

Leila: I mean it depends where you are and who you're with do you know what I mean? But like if I'm having a whole pot of hummus to myself which I have been known to do in my life.

Priya: Sure.

Leila: For better or worse I will use...

Robin: In sickness and in health.

Leila: ...every single, yeah in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer [laughs].

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Priya: Till death do us part, sure, sure, sure, sure, sure.

Leila: I do.

Robin: [Laughs] To a pot of hummus, 'I do. I do'.

Leila: [Laughs] If I could marry a pot of hummus you know I would. I'm just double dipping, I'm eating the whole thing.

Robin: Sure.

Leila: I'm just dipping it in. Different scenario.

Priya: Yeah. Do you guys remember the first time you tried hummus?

Leila: Yes.

Priya: Because I'm thinking about the first time I tried hummus and it was massively unsanitary.

Leila: How old were you when you first tried hummus? Ish?

Priya: I was a teenager.

Leila: Oh my god.

Priya: I was volunteering at an event in the local YMCA. Me and my friends were also volunteering. One of them bought like a giant tub of hummus, like a massive vat of hummus. And it was the first time most of us had ever tried it. And we were all double dipping. Just like 20 teenagers into this massive vat of hummus.

Leila: No. No.

Robin: I mean.

Priya: That is unsanitary.

Leila: Yeah it is.

Priya: And now that I'm thinking about this, gross.

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- Robin: You're saying this in a very pandemic era where that feels.
- Priya: Yeah true.
- Robin: Like if you just said that 18 months ago, it would be like, yeah it's a bit gross. But now it's like you should be...
- Leila: And we'd all be like 'Oh Priya'.
- Priya: Also we were all teenagers, we were all necking.
- Leila: Yeah that's true, exactly.
- Robin: Swapping more than fuckin' hummus mate. I think I was a teenager, I think my parents, I think I tried it. We used to sort of like Saturday lunchtimes was like a deli lunch. And it would be like sort of like bread and salad and meats and cheese and stuff. But I think we put it on a plate? Maybe? Like a big like scratchy one.
- Leila: You've got to remember I'm half Iranian. So I was born...
- Robin: In hummus.
- Leila: ...the minute I came out of the womb a whole spoon of hummus...
- Priya: Sure.
- Leila: ...was basically shoved in my face. It's the sort of thing I used to eat as a child.
- Priya: It was in the placenta.
- Robin: Yeah it's not a vitamin K shot, it's a vitamin H shot.
- Leila: Yeah. I had it as a jab, yeah had it intravenously. It was what I used to have for my school lunches and everyone used to bully me and be like 'It's alive!' now they're all into it, it's the coolest snack ever.
- Robin: It's alive?

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- Leila: Yeah I had that with hummus and I had that with cottage cheese.
- Priya: It's delicious.
- Leila: People would go 'Ugh it's alive!'.
- Robin: What the fuck does that mean?
- Leila: Which is all true because there is lots of nice live cultures in cottage cheese.
- Robin: Sure, have they not seen an ad for yoghurt? For Yakult?
- Leila: Look healthy gut, healthy life.
- Robin: While we're talking about Yakult, in my RE GCSE in a question, I think it was about the soul, I think I quoted word for word the Yakult advert where basically it was like 'A happy inside is a happy outside' and I quoted it word for word and I think I got an A in my actual exam because just that piece of shit kid just like basically...
- Leila: Too fuckin' right.
- Robin: I would have been a sort of Gervais kind of like, this is what an atheist looks like.
- Leila: You did that with your arms, I know exactly what you were doing is that picture of him with a guitar around his arms where he's like bleeding.
- Robin: Yeah exactly, atheist written on his tummy and stuff.
- Leila: That is so Brent of him. Like that is the most Brent thing he's ever done since Brent.
- Robin: Such a prick isn't it? Like sure, do whatever just don't define yourself as an atheist, don't make that the number one characteristic you've got.
- Leila: Yeah, yeah. OK yeah I have strong feelings about hummus and the way people treat their hummus, I do. Look I don't think asshole.

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Priya: Yeah I didn't think asshole until you mentioned leaving behind crumbs and now I sort of see where they're coming from. That being said I won't change my behaviours after all and will continue to eat hummus...

Robin: If anything I'll double-down.

Priya: ...however I feel like.

Robin: I'll double-down on it.

Priya: Sure.

[Here to Judge Theme Song]

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