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University tower chimes rang in another session past the professor the show on which you match with the university professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. He really, really likes things covered in chocolate. It's Professor Jason Roche.

Hey, Glad to be here. I hope I'm not muted. Am I muted?

You are not muted.

All right, then I'm glad to be here and I do like things covered in chocolate, you are correct,

You are not in the cone of silence.

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You just got to be careful if you're doing the chocolate in your hand Jason you don't get it on your nice Steelers jersey.

That's right,

or wear the other jersey Jason.

The other one?

Yeah, the black one so you can hide it easily.

Oh yeah that's right, the home jersey Yeah. So Matt, did you get your Halloween display up? My kids love driving past Halloween displays and I'm wondering if yours is up.

So, I do have my, my 12 and a half foot skeleton in the front yard this year, and it's been getting a lot of drive bys, I can tell you that. But we're not going full scale it's just a little bit too much. I have a couple things and if you want to drive by feel free because I'll come out and I'll let them like pose with the skeleton and stuff like that, just let me know when to stop by.

So Matt are you also going to leave that skeleton up for a while to, you know, for your Thanksgiving skeleton and Jack Skellington and then Easter skeleton I mean just leave it up all year.

I can't wait to see the skeleton with a Santa hat and a sack of toys.

Exactly.

Absolutely. Just like jack Skellington.

Uh huh.

Absolutely. That, of course, is the commentary, the joyful commentary of Professor Tim Tubbs.

Hello. Hello.

Hello. Hello. What's the holiday that you do like to go all out for Jim?

Oh Christmas.

Okay

Yeah, big time.

You're our resident Christmas carol lyric memorizer. I knew something like that was coming. Professor Stephen Manning is also here with us today.

Good afternoon.

Good afternoon. So what's going on in your life Stephen? Usually, we start with the things that are behind you, but it's just sort of very domestic behind you right now.

You're getting a real sage-like head of hair now, I have to say.

Well, for your - it started, of course, with the governor's order that we couldn't get a haircut, so that just continued after that, I actually saw a guy yesterday that I saw in June or something and he barely it took him a while to recognize me. Last night, I had a dream. First, I don't dream very much, but I had a dream last night of my former, I guess he's still my barber, the guy who used to cut my hair back in February. I had a dream about this guy that I went in, he would always say, he would do the same thing every time he would say "what are we doing today?" So, in the dream he said the same thing, and I said "I have no idea." You know "you tell me". Weird dream.

I hope that it is a bringer of positive things and not a harbinger of negative things.

Thank you.

Depending on how your hair cut goes, is what I mean.

Well of course, some of us are jealous about how much hair you can grow.

I had this thing with my brother who has little hair, and he claimed he could have hair and he just chose to have short hair, which is not the case.

Right.

He's bald.

He's aerodynamic.

Yeah, exactly. Professor Heather Hill is here with us today as well.

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Hello. How are you?

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I'm getting used to your sort of like zoom background, Heather.

Yeah, I need to curate my space; but since I'm not teaching, I'm not too worried about it.

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No, it looks like at a moment's notice you're going to grab something off the shelf and start paging through it. It's academic. it's great

The union contract.

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Oh,



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You were talking about Trader Joe's I, I always get the cinnamon brooms every time. I don't know if that counts as a Halloween decoration or not

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It sort of does. you know that a few of them this year, Heather, out because they had a number of things that could weather well out in the line. And they had about 20 of those cinnamon brooms. you couldn't be within a mile of those brooms and not smell the cinnamon. they're wonderful, it's a great, great

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I have a couple of them in the house. I would like one for every room, but I've been told it's not allowed.

Okay. Professor Dave Chow is here with us as well.

Pleasure to be here, as always.

Excellent, so what what awesome travails are you involved in these days?

I am working on a job right now for somebody in Chicago. I have no - I'm just drawing lots and lots of things it's, like, for seniors finding seniors who are lost. odd project but it's work, so I can't complain. So I haven't slept much, as usual, but you know, so it's like I sleep less now than when I taught.

Really.

Yes. I can't complain.

But you can run with it, Dave, I am afraid that if you slept too much that we'd never see you again.

I am a vampire. Professor Mara Livezey is here with us today.

Hello.

Hello. Hello. You are just like on your couch, enjoying Friday afternoon.

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Oh you know it. It's been a week.

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Hey, wait a minute Why are you cat-free today.

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Oh, they're here.

Okay.

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They're just mellow. Oh, I see. You're in their space today.

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I'm in their space. they're soaking up the sunlight.

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I was gonna say, "like wait a minute, who is this person without a cat?"

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Yep. Mia's asleep on my desk.

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They're never too far from their mother.

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They'll get hungry soon enough, right?

I was very lucky to receive an email from Mara right before the show. the subject of the email was, "Let's Do Drugs next Friday."

Yes,

I can't wait to be a special consultant for your "How Drugs Work" class next week.

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I'm so excited. we had a one guest speaker already in class and the kids just loved it. they're gonna love hearing you talk.

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Okay. Yeah, that's great. I've learned a lot about uh, actually last year I learned a lot about the rogue chemists that are synthesizing the opioids that have permeated our suburban society and the connection back to the labs in China is actually really disturbing.

The fentanyl and carfentanyl.

Absolutely.

Now, which drugs are you going to demonstrate in this class next Friday.

I'll have to get back to you. of course as the professor will basically be occurring right after that so - well.

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Exactly. That's why I asked.

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I must have forgotten to mention the part where a live demonstration was required.

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When I did your CSI Detroit class. there were no drugs involved so what was up with that

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I was gonna use that as my segue to introduce Professor Beth Oljar. Now, you came and did the real heavy lifting which was at the very beginning of the semester, considering the course was made up of mostly non physical-science majors and we were talking about induction and deduction if I remember correctly, so these people wanted to go work for Homeland Security and ATF, and I mean a good dose actually understanding the scientific method always helps.

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Well, and as I just told my Intro students not too long ago, Sherlock Holmes was not doing deduction. Don't believe him when he tells you that. this is kind of a pet peeve of mine. it really bugs me

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elementary right? Elementary,

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Well, and in the Cumberbatch show, he always claims to be doing deductions; and I always grit my teeth a little bit like “no you're really not, it's not deductive”.

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That's right. No, that's exactly right. That's why I brought you into that class to set these people straight from the get go.

It's a philosophical sounding word that Arthur Conan Doyle happened to like, so he used it a lot, I

Like kwyjibo

Yeah, like kwyjibo. Folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. if you stump the panel you win a prize. so you can send us questions in a number of ways, feel free to email us at ATP at UD mercy. edu. Find us on Facebook or Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask the Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We've got some listener questions today, “Dear Panelists. Following up on a submission I sent back in June I've gotten back into my usual groove of coming up with a list of 15 movies and the members of their cast. I'll provide five names of actors, and it'll be up to the panelists to come up with the name of the movie that they were all in together.”

Oh, these are fun.

Yeah, these are fun. “I'll defer to Professor Mio's astute judgment”. Those words have never appeared in that order in print, as to what he deemed -

Astute?

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Well, as relates to Matt.

Oh, okay.

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But it says “please enjoy” the great Julie Elder, our listener from Poughkeepsie, New York. All right, thanks for sending us these questions Julie. We really appreciate it.

Okay. Coming to America. I'll get that out of the way, Jason. Come on, let's just get it out of the way.

And the, the upcoming sequel right Jason. I've been seeing a lot of advertising about that.

Coming soon direct to - used to be a bad thing to go direct to TV or direct to Netflix, whatever; but now it's pretty, uh pretty standard.

Yeah, they gotta make their money back somehow

Yeah, the best TV shows are on Netflix and Amazon now, I swear.

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Okay, So do you remember, just as a little bit of a heads up here, that Julie does a really good job of kind of dropping one or two of the leads from the list to really make you think when were those people actually working together. For instance -

(Laughter)

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Hi Jupiter.

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That was awesome. Okay, how about Joyce Bouffant, Peter Graves, Jr. Walker, Jill Whalen, Lloyd Bridges

Uh, Airplane.

11:01

Airplane

Airplane yeah

11:02

I'm totally serious, and don't call me Shirley.



11:08

all I have to say is it's become the rite of passage ever since my niece begged my brother and sister-in-law, "This has to be my rite of passage when I turn 13" and they're like, "Okay", and then she's carried that forward to all of my kids; so Lorenzo turns 13 in February and he's like, "I can't wait to watch Airplane" I'm like "That should be a good thing, that you're looking forward to."

So, at what age, do the Mio kids get Blazing Saddles, I mean -"

That's - that's a good question, but we're gonna - we're gonna hold off on that.

okay all right.

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They could not make that movie now.

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You could not. This one's gonna be tough. We're ramping up the difficulty. I would write a quiz this way. "Nathan Lane, Ossie Davis, Abe Vigoda, Meg Ryan, Robert Stack.

Sounds like Joe Versus the Volcano or something like that,

Joe versus the Volcano. That's what it is. I cannot believe you knew that.

Abe Vigoda.

Now that was a Tom Hanks vehicle, Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, post uh, I think it was her first movie after Sleepless in Seattle, I think, possibly,

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that was a good movie.

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It was.

Love that movie.

Try this one on for size - Bruno Kirby, Dabney Coleman, Hugh Laurie, Gina Davis, and the voice of Michael J Fox

Ghost?

No.

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Not Cutthroat Island.

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No, no.

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The Voice?

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is a mixed live action animated.

Run through them again one more time Matt

Bruno Kirby, Dabney Coleman, Hugh Laurie, Gina Davis, and the voice of Michael J Fox

I'm thinking like Beetlejuice

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Not Beetlejuice. How about if I do the giveaway clue that Michael J Fox voice a mouse in this movie.

Stuart Little?

It's Stuart Little. Yes.

Nothing like the voice of - probably at that point someone in their 40s or 50s for a little boy mouse. This one is pretty obvious. I mean, I probably shouldn't preface it that way but James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, and of course Carrie Fisher.

Blues Brothers

Yep. Heather got it. Heather's on a tear now. Blues Brothers.

We're getting the band back together.

Mmm hmm Actually, there was a really good joke online this last week ,where someone had manipulated one of their Halloween decorations skeletons in the front yard to be flipping its middle finger up and someone said “title this Halloween prop” and the winner was like “this is like the Carrie Fisher Halloween prop” and I thought that that was actually a good way to remember her. How about Bob Hope Lyndon B Johnson, Dick Clark, Haley Joel Osmin, Gary Sinise.

Oh, it’s gotta be, the one with -

Forest Gump.

Forrest Gump Yep.

Wow,

was Lyndon B Johnson really in the movie as an actor? that's -

Lyndon B Johnson was the giveaway.

Yes, yes. Not exactly the biggest name in Hollywood history.

Yes.

You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor, in which each of the eight professors participating in this recording session, were connecting to each other from different locations, thanks to Zoom video conferencing technology. As we welcome in the New Year of 2021, please join us as we enjoy some wonderful ask the professor New Year's Eve memories from more than 35 years ago.

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(Ask the Professor FLASHBACK)

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We’ve got questions from Julie Elder from Poughkeepsie, New York, I'll provide five names of actors and it'll be up to the panelists to come up with the name of the movie that they were all in together. How about this one, Martin Mull, Harvey Firestein, Sally Fields, Pierce Brosnan, but it's not a James Bond.

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Mrs. Doubtfire.

Mrs.Doubtfire. Yeah.

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Wow Heather. Look at you go gee. Pierce Brosnan getting beamed too was worthwhile.

That was worth while. How about, uh, And we've already Actually, I believe it was before we started recording but we're gonna say it anyway, The voices of Paul Reubens, Danny Elfman, Catherine O'Hara, Chris Sarandon.

Oh, Nightmare Before Christmas,

Nightmare before Christmas is one of the all time favorites. The eight year old gave me lip the other day because I'm like "have you actually ever sat down and watched that movie and he's like, "Duh, Yeah." Sorry I asked. How about John Mahoney, Danny Aiello, Olympia Dukakis, Nicolas Cage

Moonstruck.

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Moonstruck yeah.

Yes, we got some people who really know their movies on on this panel. This is awesome.

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Especially the scene when Nicholas Cage says "I'm in love with you."

She slaps him, "Snap out of it!"

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I mean, there's definitely a cutoff point for all of your Nicolas Cage needs. There's sort of like that Nicolas Cage era and then the like "I was Oscar bait and now I don't care about what I do."

Yeah, Yeah.

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That's all I know about Nicolas Cage. All I know is like National Treasure, like all these like – that's an okay movie.

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I mean, yeah Raising Arizona.

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Oh, Raising Arizona is a classic.

Yes, Raising Arizona is great. Leaving Las Vegas is good too.

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There you go. Yeah, just don't go Con Air on me that's all.

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I liked Con Air. I thought he's sort of so put upon throughout the entire movie like, you know,

Speaker 1

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Who was the bad guy in Con Air. I can't remember. It was it Malkovich. Okay, see I always get Con Air and face off mixed up. I don't know why.

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I thought that was okay too.

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Yeah, I thought Faceoff was pretty good.

Yeah. It was an interesting premise.

Swapping faces with Travolta, like Oh!

How about Jude Law, Tilda Swinton, Willem Defoe, F Murray Abraham, Ray Finks.

Wow.

Oh, oh.

They're not all in The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe. Are they?

19:19

No, but that's a good guess.

Uh, Jim are you still with us. You're channeling this?

I'm thinking. I'm thinking

I believe I could give a giveaway, but I don't want to do it, if it's on the tip of Jim's tongue.

No, it isn't.

(laughter)

19:37

It's off now.

I'm thinking through some options here.

19:41

Ray Finds is what, like the Avengers or a James Bond movie.

No, that's, that's a very good. That's good. It's getting. It's getting closer. It's one of those quirky comedies. It's about a building. The name of the movie is a building. This isn't helping? It's the Grand Budapest Hotel.

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Oh, I love that movie. Yes "unhand my lobby boy"

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That was a gorgeously done movie.

It was

You know what that movie sticks in my mind for, I don't know if I could have gotten that one right but the color palette that appears in that movie is so like yeah, beautiful. So rich. How about, oh here we go, I'm looking at you, Professor Roche. Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, Fred Willard, Christina Applegate.

Oh, It's got to be Anchorman, right?

Yeah. The legend. Absolutely. Okay, how about Jon Lovitz, Lori Petty Harry Shearer Gina Davis and Madonna.

Oh, League of their Own, isn't it.

A League of Their Own, yeah it was.

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Oh, that's right.

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Oh, yeah, because Lori Petty is what. But then Tank Girl was about it right?

Mm-hmm. But Harry Shear and Jon Lovitz, I want to say they were like the broadcaster's in that movie, they were like the radio announcers or something like that.

Jon Lovitz was a scout,

oh, he was scout right. And what was Harry Shearer? Was he the announcer then? he might have been.

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Yeah, I can't remember what he did in that one.

21:24

There's no crying in baseball.

We say that all the time in my house, whether we're playing baseball or not, you want the kids to stop crying. "Buddy, there's no crying in baseball."

Right. Okay, try this one on for size, the voices of Cheech Marin, Bob costas, armie hammer, Tony shaloub and john Ratzenberger.

Cars.

Yeah, but you got to give me a number there,

Cars 2

It wasn't cars two.

so cars one or cars three.

It was cars three, but you know you did get Cars so quickly, I gotta give you credit for that.

Well the John Ratzenberger, you know he's in all the Pixar ones so

it's right. That's exactly right. How about Owen Wilson, Blythe Danner, Ben Stiller, Barbra Streisand, and I think a little bit of a giveaway Robert DeNiro.

Meet The Fockers.

Yes. In Concert. Wow, that's amazing. Nice.

They're playing in a concert?

No, I mean the people doing all the same

(Laughter)

A dad joke.

How about Renee Zellweger Jerry O'Connell Detroit Lions own Wayne Fonts and Herman Moore and Jonathan Lipnicki,

ya had me at hello.

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Oh, Jerry McGuire,

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Jerry McGuire.

Wayne Fonts was in Jerry McGuire?

He played himself,

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Oh good.



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He didn't love interest, I'm shocked. All I can think about is the one draft year where he had just this gigantic stogey in the Free Press cover picture, and I'm like "we just drafted another quarterback, fantastic.' No comment. Okay profs. We're going deep down the rabbit hole into all the things that the Burroughs family sends us. It's time for ATP favorites.

And Jupiter standing at attention.

Yes. Oh wow,

Posing seductively.

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She heard you.

Speaker 1

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Uh-Oh, sorry Jupiter.

Good fluffy.

"Is there a way that you can answer the question of what is your favorite movie monster" is what we have here, movie monster. It's a good question.

There's got to be something out there.

King Kong.

King Kong is good. Yeah.

There are so many good ones, and then how do you pick. and then which one makes it a favorite, which one can you classify as a monster? Are there people who could be characterized as a monster?

Yeah, I was thinking of Louise Fletcher in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. She was pretty good at being a monster.

Oh, I see what Dave did there. he put up a picture of Ming The Merciless.

no no no I'm a gammara fan.

Oh gammara fan. Flying turtle with the you know the flames coming on the legs, which always crept me out but anyway.

I think, I think that the alien in Alien.

Oh. That's a good one. That's a pretty good one.

Predator.

Predator. Yeah, absolutely.

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Either that or the shark in Jaws. I can't decide,

And The Alien are pretty scary on the big screen. they're pretty scary too.

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Yeah. Like Fluffy

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fluffy from Harry Potter. Oh, Thurber the three headed dog.

The Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, that's a good one. Mara, did we hear from you yet.

Speaker 2

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I'm thinking like, what's that like oil monster from Fern Gully.

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Oh yeah, sure.

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How about Delores Umbridge?

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Dolores Umbridge is a, is a great monster. I like her very much.

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Frankly, I'm starting to get a little bit of wind here that maybe, you know, just so you don't waste your costume again that we should all, you know, show up at a future recording in costume.

Hey Matt, was that you that was talking about teaching in like full cap and gown?

No, you know, that was our dean of engineering and science Katie Snyder. Just about the time she became an Associate Dean, before she became the Big Cheese. She wanted us to play annual prank as faculty in our college and always teach on Halloween in our caps and gowns, like inexplicably. Don't ever say anything about it, and the next day just go back to normal. But a lot of us started getting weird and cranky like ?oh but you know it's not safe in lab and you know, it just -"

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Those gowns are polyester

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I can't let this go without telling the story, because a certain now retired professor who is known for his crankiness on commencement day, Art Haman from Engineering, Once tisk- tisked Mark during the ceremony for bringing in a bottle of water. And I just, if there is one thing you do not want to do is to give Mark Benvenuto at least an inch, and he planned for a whole year to back for the next commencement ceremony, he had somebody sew about 40 pockets of all sizes to the inside of his regalia. Then he waited until everything was perfectly aligned. And one of the students asked for a bottle of water and Mark had an entire 54-ounce bottle and reveals it, and everybody just totally cracked up. But he has had like full pound bags of m&ms, a bottle of wine, it's just -

Excuse me, can I also sell you some watches too.

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Awesome.

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They just, there's something about like being so you know like cold and calculating the week of.

Revenge is best served cold.

And now what do we got, even though people thought that it would be terrific. We've got bottles of water on every student's seat. Well, we've reached the end of our recording session for today so the time has come to say goodbye. Mara.

See you later, alligator.

Heather.

Good-bye everybody, and everybody's pets and children.

Stephen.

27:53

Stay safe everyone.

Jim.

Goodbye, bye all.

Jason

Toodles

and Dave,

See ya.

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