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SPEAKERS

Dave Chow, James Tubbs, Dan Maggio, Erin Bell, Announcer, Mara Livezey, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Beth Oljar

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:03
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask the Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy 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, should you choose to accept it. It is Professor Beth Oljar,
- B** Beth Oljar 00:20
I can't be the only one who thinks about that
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22
Mission Impossible.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:23
Whenever you do the five seconds from mark, I'm like - (The professors begin to hum the Mission Impossible theme music.)
- D** Dave Chow 00:27
Well, I keep on waiting to see, like, tape exploding in front of our midst right about now,
- B** Beth Oljar 00:33
Whoo! Tom Cruise?

where's Tom Cruise?!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:34
Oh, geez.

D Dan Maggio 00:35
Oh!

B Beth Oljar 00:37
Okay, some of those movies are good.

J James Tubbs 00:39
This tape will self destruct in ten seconds.

B Beth Oljar 00:42
Dan does not like Tom Cruise. And fair enough

D Dan Maggio 00:45
Not a fan.

D Dave Chow 00:45
You hurt Dan right through me.

B Beth Oljar 00:48
Some of the movies are not bad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:50
Oh my gosh. They aren't. Actually some of the ones near the beginning, I felt, were -

M Mara Livezey 00:55

Yeah, one and two.

B

Beth Oljar 00:55

The first one I thought was a great homage to the show.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:58

Yes

B

Beth Oljar 00:59

Yeah.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:00

But there were a lot of people from the older generation that were horrified to find that the main character, quote, unquote, right, Jon Voight from the original show, was the villain. that wasn't a good choice.

J

James Tubbs 01:09

Well, I don't have anything against Tom Cruise, particularly, but I happened to be in Vienna when they were premiering whichever one was set in Vienna. And even every shop I went into, the people were saying, "Oh, we're closing down. We're gonna go see Tom Cruise". And I thought, "Oh dear, shutting down the whole city because Tom Cruise is coming into the opera house for the opening of the film"

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:35

Dave, What would it take to shut down the shop?

D

Dave Chow 01:38

My shop?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:39

Yeah,

D Dave Chow 01:39
My shop never shuts down. I'm like 7-11

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:41
Not Tom Cruise.

D Dave Chow 01:42
Oh,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
but like, oh, yeah, you're like 7-11

D Dave Chow 01:44
I'm like 7-11, all day long, 24/7

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:46
Absolutely. And what are we working on? Can you tell us? Like secrets?

D Dave Chow 01:51
I told Dan and Jim in the parking lot, they kind of rolled their eyes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:54
Oh!

M Mara Livezey 01:54
Uh oh

D Dave Chow 01:54
I'm working for a construction firm right about now who does a lot of TV commercials locally.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:00
Okay, all right, that's fine,

D Dave Chow 02:01
but I just got done.

D Dan Maggio 02:02
Mr. Belvedere?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:03
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 02:03
No

J James Tubbs 02:04
You would instantly start singing the theme song if he mentioned it (Laughs)

D Dave Chow 02:08
Yeah, and I don't know, but I just got done doing mock e-commercials. For the Mustang.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:12
Oh, Mustang, okay, that's cool.

D Dave Chow 02:15
They're really doing a good job.

J James Tubbs 02:17
They're nice, and they've got a lot of torque.

D Dave Chow 02:19
Yep, they do. No. I mean, have you seen the new ones where they will actually install the power in your house? They're gonna -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:25
That's right

E Erin Bell 02:25
That's cool.

J James Tubbs 02:26
That's what they should have done first - get in the infrastructure for the chargers,.

D Dave Chow 02:31
Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:31
Exactly.

D Dave Chow 02:32
It makes me think, "Oh, maybe I do get an electric vehicle".

J James Tubbs 02:35
Yeah, I'm thinking about it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:37
Dan's shaking his head though. He is gas all the way.

D Dan Maggio 02:39
I would get a hybrid before I would get an all-electric.

M Mara Livezey 02:43
That makes sense

D Dan Maggio 02:43
Actually, my next car, because I don't think I'll be able to get a stick again.

B Beth Oljar 02:48
Yeah, it gets harder and harder. Yeah

D Dan Maggio 02:50
I think I'm gonna get a hybrid.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:52
Nice. That's cool.

D Dan Maggio 02:53
But no stick.

B Beth Oljar 02:54
You know, we had an Ethics Bowl case in one of the regional Ethics Bowl cases. That was about Elon Musk, and I'm like, I don't care what the case is about. I refuse to platform this guy. I just am not -

D Dan Maggio 03:08
So without the politics -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:10
Oh my.

D Dan Maggio 03:11
Why would you, as a leader of a brand, position yourself on one side of the political spectrum?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:19
I mean, I think I know the answer, but -

D Dave Chow 03:21
It's bad business.

D Dan Maggio 03:22
I mean, his stockholders must be going crazy.

D Dave Chow 03:27
I don't think he cares about that.

B Beth Oljar 03:28
He doesn't care.

J James Tubbs 03:29
Well, yesterday, he did very well.

D Dan Maggio 03:32
Well, that's a shame,

B Beth Oljar 03:34
and he's an anti semitic jerk, so he's stupid, and therefore does stupid things.

J James Tubbs 03:41
He knows where to find brilliant engineers, though,

M Mara Livezey 03:43
Sure

J James Tubbs 03:44
He knows who to align himself with.

D Dan Maggio 03:46
Okay, well,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47
but you know, the cyber truck looks like junk, so let's just -

M Mara Livezey 03:50
It really does.

J James Tubbs 03:51
I don't understand that at all.

B Beth Oljar 03:52
I have never seen uglier cars in my life.

M Mara Livezey 03:55
Correct.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56
The best cartoon I've seen recently was a Pontiac Aztec looking at it. it's like, "Thank you so much."

M Mara Livezey 04:03
Or The Cube,

D Dave Chow 04:05
There's one in the area now, Matt

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:07
I've seen things. Yes.

D Dave Chow 04:09
I've seen a couple in our area.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:14
All right. Well, we're writing off Tesla from for Dan.

D Dave Chow 04:16
Oh. Just from a design side, visually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:18
Just from the design side. That's right, Jim, what's going on?

J James Tubbs 04:22
Oh, I'm sitting here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:23
Yeah. Well, that's good. We're drinking Hy's Cider in tribute to Kathy Bush, who always used to bring it for us. She used to bring the tea ring

D Dave Chow 04:33
Yes

J James Tubbs 04:33

and the serviettes,

D Dave Chow 04:35

Yeah. But she also brought unpasteurized,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:37

Well, absolutely this whole deal with Hy's, I'm assuming that all this bounty came from Westborn.

D Dave Chow 04:42

No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:43

It didn't ?

D Dave Chow 04:44

Hollywood. It was on sale.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:45

Really.

D Dave Chow 04:47

Have you been to the new Hollywood yet?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:49

I have not yet. I've not yet.

D Dave Chow 04:50

They still haven't gotten it together after two weeks.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:52
Okay,. We'll check out where the specials are. Bill Knapp donuts, pumpkin bread, very nice stuff. Uh, Erin Bell is with us today.
- E** Erin Bell 05:01
You know what I'm wondering? I need help thinking about a costume. I just realized that we have a trunk or treat at six.
- M** Mara Livezey 05:08
Nice.
- D** Dave Chow 05:10
At what time?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:11
You've got some time?.
- E** Erin Bell 05:12
Yeah
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:12
You've got some time.
- J** James Tubbs 05:13
Be a sponge.
- M** Mara Livezey 05:14
Perfect
- E** Erin Bell 05:14
Trench coat and a Sherlock hat,

B Beth Oljar 05:14
Yep,

J James Tubbs 05:14
Yeah, that'd be perfect

E Erin Bell 05:14
Yeah. I have a couple of like, what is it - go to Renaissance Festival stuff.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25
Sure.

M Mara Livezey 05:25
Or Matrix, if you have a trench coat.

E Erin Bell 05:27
Oh!

M Mara Livezey 05:27
Is it leather?

E Erin Bell 05:28
No, that would be awesome

B Beth Oljar 05:30
You can't be Neo or-

E Erin Bell 05:32
..

Nope.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:33
Trinity,

B Beth Oljar 05:34
Trinity, thank you.

E Erin Bell 05:35
They're too cool for me anyway. Shoot.

M Mara Livezey 05:37
Not true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:38
Well, if you need to borrow a lab coat, we can walk over to Chemistry at the end, and we've got some tie dyed lab coats. It would make you look -

J James Tubbs 05:45
You could be a mad, mad scientist.

E Erin Bell 05:46
Yes,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:47
Yes. You could be, You could be,

E Erin Bell 05:49
if I were going to be a scientist, that would be my brand for sure.



M Mara Livezey 05:52
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:52
There you go.

M Mara Livezey 05:53
Makes sense

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:54
Mara Livezey is also here, wow. Like you are, like, on the cusp, like, literally within a year, like, trunk or treat is in your grasp

M Mara Livezey 06:01
Oh, so soon

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:02
Tooth fairy is in your grasp. I mean, I'm sure there's got to be conversations around holiday gift bringing people.

M Mara Livezey 06:10
Yeah, I think for the holidays, we're just gonna send out, like, the QR code to her 5-29, and be like, "Just send money".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19
Yep. No, no, I'm just thinking about, like, you know, Christmas morning and stuff like that. From Millie's perspective.

M Mara Livezey 06:25
Yes No, she's like, Sally in A Charlie Brown Christmas. "If his is too complicated, just send cash 10s and 20s. I just want my fair share. I just want what I deserve"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:26
"I want what I deserve."

M Mara Livezey 06:38
I can't wait, I can't wait

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:41
I was thinking more from the Millie perspective, though, like,

M Mara Livezey 06:43
I can't wait for her to experience these things.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:45
Absolutely,

B Beth Oljar 06:46
She'll probably have more fun with the paper.

E Erin Bell 06:48
True,

M Mara Livezey 06:49
Correct

J James Tubbs 06:50
Give her a couple of pans to bang together, and she'll be quite happy.

B Beth Oljar 06:55
I can't wait to see her first Halloween costume

M Mara Livezey 06:57
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 06:58
Oh, wait. Do we have to design that too?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:01
You're running out of time. If you are

M Mara Livezey 07:02
For next year, for next year,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:05
Erin's got an hour and a half.

D Dave Chow 07:07
Don't worry. I've got a design for her already.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:10
Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at atp@udmercy.edu, find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit. Mercy. "Dear Professors". We are quite dear. "It's been a while since I've sent a series of questions to challenge the intellect of you".

D Dave Chow 07:37
Intellect.?

J James Tubbs 07:38
Intellect?

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:40
"for my topic, I've decided to choose mythology for no reason, other than it's a passing fascination for me. I've attached 20 questions. Hope they're challenging. Thanks again for intelligent entertainment, education and laughter over many years, it's our good friend Lara Benson, Thanks Lara.
- D** Dave Chow 07:40
Who? Who are they listening to?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:57
In Norse mythology, what's the name of the giant wolf that is prophesied to kill Odin at Ragnarok,
- E** Erin Bell 08:03
Oh my gosh.
- D** Dave Chow 08:05
It's not Fenris, is it?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08
You're really close. It's Fenrir.
- D** Dave Chow 08:10
I knew it was fen something. Fend for yourself, whatever.
- M** Mara Livezey 08:16
That's it. Hammer
- E** Erin Bell 08:17
I spend a lot of time trying to learn how to say that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
What creature is said to guard the Golden Fleece in Greek mythology? You can even tell me what animal it is,

J James Tubbs 08:33
Its a dog, isn't it

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:34
Doesn't say it's a dog.

B Beth Oljar 08:37
No, it's some weird mythical monster.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:40
Partial credit (Dave and Danielle laugh)

J James Tubbs 08:43
Hydra?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:45
Getting closer.

B Beth Oljar 08:47
It's not Medusa,

E Erin Bell 08:48
Minotaur.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:49
No,

D Dave Chow 08:50
Not Cyclops,

D Dan Maggio 08:52
Centaur.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:53
It's one of the things that seems to show up in a lot of mythology across the entire Earth.
Almost every mythology has a -

M Mara Livezey 09:01
Griffin,

D Dave Chow 09:02
Dragon,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:03
Dragon,

M Mara Livezey 09:03
Dragon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:04
Yeah, so it's the Colchian Dragon

D Dave Chow 09:06
The who?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:07

Yes, the Colchian Dragon.

B Beth Oljar 09:09
Where's Drew when we need him?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:10
Mm-hm. What creature in Greek mythology is known for having the body of a lion, wings of a bird and the face of a human? Weird!

D Dave Chow 09:19
Say that again

B Beth Oljar 09:21
Not a centaur.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:23
What creature in Greek mythology is known for having the body of a lion, wings of a bird and the face of a human?

J James Tubbs 09:28
A Griffin?

E Erin Bell 09:28
Not a face of a human. No

J James Tubbs 09:30
Oh, a face of a human.

D Dave Chow 09:30
Is it Griffin?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:31
Every once in a while, you all shock me, this is like -

M Mara Livezey 09:34
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:34
Really?

B Beth Oljar 09:35
We should know this.

M Mara Livezey 09:36
You're gonna say it, and we're all gonna be like, Yeah,

E Erin Bell 09:38
I'm not gonna feel bad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:39
This is the best I can do for you looking at the map again,

M Mara Livezey 09:42
(Laughs) The map

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:43
Nebraska, no, the coming together of the Ancients,

B Beth Oljar 09:48
Chimera

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:50
Getting closer. Between the Greeks and the Egyptians.

D Dave Chow 09:54
Potluck.

E Erin Bell 09:54
Oh, a Sphinx?

M Mara Livezey 09:56
Yeah, yeah.

D Dave Chow 09:57
Sphinx

M Mara Livezey 09:57
Nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:58
Yes. Sphinx. Oh, yes,

E Erin Bell 10:01
Oh, it's - Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:02
Mm-hm. Which creature often depicted as half woman, half fish is known for luring sailors to their doom - with their singing.

B Beth Oljar 10:09
Siren

sirens.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:10
Yes, those are sirens.

D Dave Chow 10:12
Little Mermaid?

M Mara Livezey 10:13
Also her. (The professors laugh.)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:15
Which creature from Scandinavian folklore is known for its ability to transform into a beautiful woman,

D Dave Chow 10:21
Huh?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:24
Okay, starts with an S.

D Dave Chow 10:28
Starts with an S?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:31
If you don't know this one, there's not a lot of clues I can give you. They're called Selkies,

B Beth Oljar 10:39
For some reason, I always think of them looking like otters

D Dave Chow 10:41
Selkies are like otters.

D Dave Chow 10:41
Wait, I thought that was an NHL award.

B Beth Oljar 10:42
I don't think that's right, but-

J James Tubbs 10:44
That's the Selke

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:47
What creature in Roman mythology is known for having the legs of a goat and the upper body of a man? Roman mythology.

B Beth Oljar 10:55
Saturn. No

M Mara Livezey 10:55
The guy from Hercules.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:59
It's not what it says here.

D Dave Chow 11:00
Fawn?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:00
They're being very specific

M Mara Livezey 11:01
Oh, fawn. Yeah,

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:03
So not like pan, right? So it's the other side of the block. In Chinese mythology, what creature is often depicted as a dragon that can control water?
- E** Erin Bell 11:14
I saw that movie too.
- J** James Tubbs 11:16
Chinese mythology?
- B** Beth Oljar 11:18
The Last Airbender?
- D** Dan Maggio 11:19
Yeah
- B** Beth Oljar 11:22
He's worth a try,
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:24
He's a water bender. Yeah
- D** Dave Chow 11:28
I'm trying to think - Kung Fu Panda. That's no help.
- E** Erin Bell 11:30
There was a girl that was a dragon. You know what I mean?
- M** Mara Livezey 11:33
She had a water dragon.

E Erin Bell 11:34
It was like Awkwafina, yeah. You know what I'm talking about? Shang-Chi? Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:39
Yeah, The Legend of the Ten Rings.

B Beth Oljar 11:40
And it's a brand name of water too.

E Erin Bell 11:43
There's also, I think a cartoon

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:44
So this dragon shares the name with an internal body part of a human being in their chest.
That's the best I can do.


B Beth Oljar 11:52
Sternum


D Dave Chow 11:52
Heart, liver

B Beth Oljar 11:54
Lung


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:55
Lung is the name of the dragon. Yep. It says here,


B Beth Oljar 11:57


 Beth Oljar 11:57
Oh, Ty Lung.s that what you were trying to think of? Okay


 Dave Chow 12:00
No, I don't know what I was thinking. (Matt laughs) I was thinking wontons. I was thinking dumplings.


 Beth Oljar 12:05
You had the noodle dream.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11
(Laughing) Oh, my gosh. What mythological creature is known for its ability to turn anything to stone with its gaze? And it's a serpent.


 James Tubbs 12:20
Medusa

 Mara Livezey 12:20
Medusa

 Beth Oljar 12:20
Yeah

 Mara Livezey 12:21
Not Medusa?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:22
Technically, Medusa is not a serpent.

 James Tubbs 12:24
Well, her hair is,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:26
Agree. Okay. So what mythological creature is a serpent and is known for its ability to turn anything into stone? You can go Harry Potter if you want to, and you'll find it here, too.

M Mara Livezey 12:36
Oh

D Dave Chow 12:38
Oh

E Erin Bell 12:38
Starts with the "B"

M Mara Livezey 12:41
Basilisk.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:41
It's a Basilisk.,

E Erin Bell 12:42
Oh I know about Basilisks

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:46
Yeah. I mean, I'm just trying to get things done here.

B Beth Oljar 12:50
It's in the Chamber of Secrets.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:51
It's in the Chamber of Secrets. "Where have you been?" "Chamber of Secrets!" Yeah, it makes

It's in the Chamber of Secrets. "Where have you been?" "Chamber of Secrets". Yeah, it makes lots of sense. In Arthurian legend, which dragon is associated with the story of Merlin? It's just a special color for this dragon. That's all you need.

B Beth Oljar 13:06
Pink

E Erin Bell 13:07
The Red Dragon,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:08
It's The Red Dragon is what it says in the story of Merlin. Yeah,

E Erin Bell 13:12
I made that up.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:13
I want to say, wasn't there, like, late 70s, early 80s. There was a bunch of books,

B Beth Oljar 13:17
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:18
Red Dragon was one of them. You know, something like

E Erin Bell 13:20
Sounds familiar. Very 80s.

D Dave Chow 13:22
Sounds like a Jackie Chan movie.

B Beth Oljar 13:24
Yeah. I mean, Red Dragon was the original Hannibal Lecter,

D Dave Chow 13:30
Oh, that's right, that's what it was. Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:32
You know, everything that guy did wasn't that bad. I couldn't even say with a straight face. "Let me compare myself to a summer's day and Hannibal Lecter". What is the name of the giant spider in Greek mythology who was turned into a spider by Athena? because she got too smart, too smart for her own good.

M Mara Livezey 13:50
Is this also from Harry Potter?

J James Tubbs 13:51
Tantalus

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:52
No

M Mara Livezey 13:53
because otherwise I have no idea.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54
Yes. (The professors laugh) Well, it's,

B Beth Oljar 13:57
Aragog, a big spider.

M Mara Livezey 13:59

...
Aragog. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:00
Right

B Beth Oljar 14:01
Aragog

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:01
The name of the giant spider in Greek mythology, was turned into a spider by Athena. She got really sassy, and Athena's like, "I don't really metal that much, but I'm super smart, and you're not allowed to be as smart as me". And then turned her into a spider. And then this is where we got the thing like, why spiders make webs and stuff like that. We use this Greek root when we're defining spiders.

B Beth Oljar 14:22
Arachne.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:23
Arachne is her name. Yeah. In Egyptian mythology, what creature had the head of a jackal?

B Beth Oljar 14:31
Anubis. Yes, it was associated with the afterlife?

D Dave Chow 14:35
I've seen The Mummy. (laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:42
You know, the first Mummy - actually, even the second Mummy - They were really fun movies.

B Beth Oljar 14:46

The third one was terrible.

D Dave Chow 14:49
You're not thinking Scorpion King, are you - with the bad CG?

B Beth Oljar 14:51
I didn't think Scorpion King was that bad.

D Dave Chow 14:53
Oh, yes it was. Look at it now. Look at the CG. The rock looks -

M Mara Livezey 14:58
weird.

B Beth Oljar 14:58
The first two Mummy movies were brilliant.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:01
Yeah, I kind of like, I miss Brendan Fraser - right?

M Mara Livezey 15:08
Love him

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:08
It was fun.

D Dave Chow 15:09
Who was it - Rachel Weisz?

M Matt Mio. Ph.D. 15:10

Rachel Weisz. Very easy on the eyes.

D

Dave Chow 15:14

She married Daniel Craig,

B

Beth Oljar 15:16

Yeah

M

Mara Livezey 15:17

She's still beautiful.

B

Beth Oljar 15:20

They made a movie together that I actually saw. It was kind of a mid grade psychological thriller - horror thing. It wasn't that great.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:26

Why wasn't it that great?

B

Beth Oljar 15:29

Um, I didn't think the plot was particularly good. So the - you know, their talents were sort of wasted.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:36

That's too bad, That's too bad

B

Beth Oljar 15:37

They ended up getting married. So

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:39

Nice.

B Beth Oljar 15:40
That's fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:41
In Hindu mythology, what's the name of the elephant-headed god who rides a mouse?

E Erin Bell 15:46
Ganesh?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:47
Ganesha, yeah, or Ganesh? That's fine.

D Dave Chow 15:49
Dumbo? Oh! (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 15:50
I was gonna go for Kali. But that's a different thing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:54
How about Aztec mythology, which feathered serpent god is associated with wind and rain?

E Erin Bell 15:56
Quincicopal?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59
Quetzalcoatl. Yes,

E Erin Bell 16:03
I feel bad. I'm like those students that have read the word, almost know it, but it's like, I don't know how to say it. You know

KNOW HOW TO SAY IT. YOU KNOW.

D Dave Chow 16:09
That's because there's too many vowels and constants like -

B Beth Oljar 16:12
Quetzalcoatl

D Dave Chow 16:13
Yeah. I was gonna say Sonny Eliot, but that doesn't count.

E Erin Bell 16:14
There you go. Thank you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:16
Sonny Eliot? You've got like, we're doing Sonny Eliot, you're doing a Mr. Belvedere thing, like, what's what's going on?

D Dave Chow 16:24
I don't know. I'm living the 70s and 80s.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:26
It's something like, that's going on. What is the name of the three headed dog that guards the entrance to the underworld?

B Beth Oljar 16:33
Cerberus?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:33
Yes, in Greek mythology, also known as

E Erin Bell 16:35
the Chamber of Secrets dog

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:37
Also known as ?

M Mara Livezey 16:37
Fluffy,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:38
Fluffy

B Beth Oljar 16:38
Fluffy, protecting the sorcerer stone.

M Mara Livezey 16:42
Oh, right. Thank you.

B Beth Oljar 16:43
And all you have to do is play some music,

E Erin Bell 16:45
Easy peasy

B Beth Oljar 16:45
and he goes to sleep. I should not have told you that.

M Mara Livezey 16:52
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 16:52
Spoiler alert, too late,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:53
Which creature from Japanese folklore is a giant shape shifting fox?

E Erin Bell 16:58
Oh my gosh, I know this one too from that. There's a really good show on HBO. Do you know the name of it?

D Dave Chow 17:03
No

E Erin Bell 17:03
It starts with a K

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:03
It does start with a k, yeah. Yeah, it does.

B Beth Oljar 17:07
Komos - no

D Dave Chow 17:09
Krakatoa? What?

E Erin Bell 17:11
I just - I can't remember. There's a really - I just know it starts with a K and they're crafty

J James Tubbs 17:18
Kimchi. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:19
They are quite crafty.

B Beth Oljar 17:20
That's Korean.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:23
They are quite crafty. That is true. It says here, it's Kitsune.

E Erin Bell 17:27
I wouldn't have remembered that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:28
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 17:29
You were closer than the rest of us

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:31
You said the K. That's at least good for a couple points. In Greek mythology, which creature has the body of a horse but the tail of a fish.

M Mara Livezey 17:43
What a weird thing to picture

D Dave Chow 17:47
Hippocampus?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:48

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:49
It's called a hippocampus, that's right.

E Erin Bell 17:50
What?!

M Mara Livezey 17:50
No way. Good job.

J James Tubbs 17:52
Yeah, that was good.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:53
So from the Greek, that means horse beach, basically, is what it means. So it's a beach horse, and that's the reason why our hippocampus is called the hippocampus, because it has that shape.

E Erin Bell 18:03
Okay

D Dave Chow 18:04
Okay

M Mara Livezey 18:04
Weird.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:05
which is weird,

M Mara Livezey 18:05
A horse fish.

J James Tubbs 18:06
A beach horse.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:08
I mean, I don't need to say this to the bioethicist over here; but, like, the only reason we call cancer "cancer" is because it was shaped like a crab when they extracted the first tumor. So they're like, "Hey, we'll call that crab disease". And like, that's why we always use it.

M Mara Livezey 18:22
There we go.

B Beth Oljar 18:22
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:22
Weird. Weird stuff. What giant bird in Arabian mythology is said to be able to carry elephants it's so large? This is the inspiration for Tolkien's Eagles.

D Dave Chow 18:32
Rock

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:33
The Rock is what it was called. Yes, he was prominent - The rock was prominent in, like, um -

D Dave Chow 18:39
Summer Slam

E Erin Bell 18:40
Wrestling.

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M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:43
Ali Baba, Shaheer Azad is where I was trying to go. Not WWE.

B Beth Oljar 18:48
Can you smell what the rock is cooking (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:51
You all are pieces of work. In Arthurian legend, what creature is known to guard the Enchanted Lake? The Lady of the Lake. The Lady Of The Lake. Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 19:02
It is.

M Mara Livezey 19:02
Just a lady.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:03
You know you can't - (begins laughing) I knew she was gonna start. 'You can't just become king because some watery tart threw a sword at you'.

B Beth Oljar 19:11
"It's no basis for a system of government." It's coming up in, like every show, Beth. "It's the voice of the people, not some moistened bint". (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:24
Oh, my gosh, that's so great. Oh, that is so great.

B Beth Oljar 19:27
I need to show that in Political Philosophy on the first day when King Arthur meets the Marxist peasants.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25

M Mara Livezey 19:35
That's a great scene,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:36
"I'm being oppressed".

B Beth Oljar 19:37
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:38
In Greek mythology, which creature is known as a hybrid of a goat and a fish? We're just gonna go down the whole pantheon

D Dan Maggio 19:45
What's with the fish?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:46
A goat fish. I'm putting this on a little bit of the front burner too, because we get often exposed to this kind of Greek mythology in a weird way in our society. So you've seen this even, probably fairly recently.

J James Tubbs 20:03
Goat fish?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:03
The goat fish symbol, yes.

E Erin Bell 20:05
So it's like, so-

M Mara Livezey 20:06
Goat fish symbol?

Goat horn symbol.

D Dave Chow 20:08
Wait a minute. What, like Starbucks?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:11
I think - I thought Starbucks was supposed to be a siren

D Dave Chow 20:14
A mermaid.

M Mara Livezey 20:17
It's the legs of a goat?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:19
No, it's the front of a goat. It's like hippocampus all over again. I'm sort of surprised, Put goat-o-campus instead. (Laughing) Goat-o-campus. "Hold on, I've gotta go to a meeting on the goat-o-campus. No. Do you know what the Latin root, like, for the binomial nomenclature for goats is? Because if you knew that root, then you'd be able to get there, actually pretty fast.

B Beth Oljar 20:47
That was on Final Jeopardy last night.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:49
Was it?

M Mara Livezey 20:49
No way.

D Dave Chow 20:51
No.

M Mara Livezey 20:51
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:51
Whoa, you freaked me out. I was like, "Wow, we are topical."

M Mara Livezey 20:54
I don't know any Latin roots.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:56
I'm surprised. So that is a symbol from, (whatever we want to call it. I just don't want to get into ittoo much), the modern zodiac, it's called a Capricorn. That is for goats, so

B Beth Oljar 21:10
if you had said zodiac, that would have helped.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12
Well, I know it would have, but it would have given it away. You know, it's like -

M Mara Livezey 21:16
Maybe

D Dave Chow 21:17
I don't know. (Matt laughs)

J James Tubbs 21:19
Well, I didn't know that Capricorn had a goat tail. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 21:25
A fish tail.

Mara Livezey 21:26
I didn't know that either

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:27
So there's no Capricorns in here is what you're telling me.

Erin Bell 21:31
No

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:31
I don't like to talk about astrology. Everybody's got that one, like pressure point, and for me, it's astrology. Like, I'm not going to say anything more than I've met a number of people who work at this university who, like, found out that I was born under Scorpio, and they're like, "You're nothing like a Scorpio". I'm like, because that's not a thing that's actually a thing.

James Tubbs 21:50
Yeah. Nobody who's a Scorpio is like a Scorpio

Erin Bell 21:56
But Matt, you really aren't like the other Scorpions. (The professors laugh)

Beth Oljar 22:01
And I am like an Aries.

James Tubbs 22:03
Do I look like a crab?

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:04
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 22:06
Well -

B Beth Oljar 22:06
Do I look like a ram?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:09
"Do, you look like a crab" Dave, "Well"

D Dave Chow 22:12
In the right light.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:13
Oh my gosh, this is the best question set ever. We have had so much fun,

B Beth Oljar 22:18
I'm gonna start headbutting people.

J James Tubbs 22:18
Oh, that goat fish.

E Erin Bell 22:18
That's like a band in PARKS AND REC, Mouse Rat

M Mara Livezey 22:27
Right

B Beth Oljar 22:28
and besides, science may be on a par with astrology if we believe Hume.

J James Tubbs 22:33
I just thought the little pictures were incomplete, you know, when I looked at the pictures. I thought it was a mutant goat.

M Mara Livezey 22:41
(Laughs) Right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:43
The only way - Well, we'll end the question set with the last question. Then I've got something to add at the end. What Legendary Creature from Native American mythology is depicted as a giant, benevolent bird, mostly from the southwest?

E Erin Bell 22:56
Not Windigo.

D Dave Chow 22:59
No-no-no

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:59
That's scary stuff.

E Erin Bell 23:00
I'm trying to think of -

B Beth Oljar 23:01
That's the essence of cold that eats people.

E Erin Bell 23:04
Oh, not a Phoenix.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:07
You'll want to say that this was, um -

D Dave Chow 23:10
A turkey drop.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:10
I mean, it's so = It's such a sort of legendary thing that, you know, when a car gets named after it, that's a pretty big deal, right?

B Beth Oljar 23:17
Firebird

D Dave Chow 23:19
A Phoenix?

E Erin Bell 23:19
A chupacabra

M Mara Livezey 23:21
Almost Firebird,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:23
Not Firebird, but -

J James Tubbs 23:25
Uh -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:25
So you went Pontiac when you really need to go Ford. That's my -

D Dan Maggio 23:29
Mustang.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:29
That's not a bird. That's a horse.

M Mara Livezey 23:30
Ford

B Beth Oljar 23:31
Ford,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:34
I didn't say to go Mustang.

M Mara Livezey 23:35
You said a bird right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:36
Go Ford.

M Mara Livezey 23:38
I wish I knew cars.

E Erin Bell 23:39
Yeah,

J James Tubbs 23:39
Fairlane, Ford Falcon.

M Mara Livezey 23:44
So, come on car person,

D Dave Chow 23:47
the Ford Flex

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:50
No. I'm sorry, Dan?

D Dan Maggio 23:52
What did the Firebird- ? Are you talking about, What did it transcend to?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
I said, She went Pontiac. Firebird.

D Dan Maggio 23:56
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:57
I need you to go a lot more Ford.

J James Tubbs 24:00
So the name of the car that is named after this bird,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:03
It is this bird

J James Tubbs 24:04
Thunderbird

Thunderbird,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:05
Thunderbird,

D Dave Chow 24:07
You could have just gone cheap booze.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:09
I'm so sorry, Beth. I did not mean to confuse you, but I was just sort of like, the next thing you're gonna be like, "Wait, Escalade?" Like, start doing everything.

B Beth Oljar 24:17
I was pretty puzzled. I'm like, drawing a blank on Ford bird cars.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:22
So I was gonna finish - because we had so much fun with hippocampus and, like, you know, everything else, that at the Renaissance Fair in The Simpsons episode, they go into the tent with all the mythical animals, and it's like, "Behold the rabbit with the head of a rabbit, and also the other side of a rabbit". (The professors laugh_ It's just sitting there, like, what's up? No hippocampus there. No hippocampus there. So Okay, how about we just go down this route with our last couple minutes left. Is there anything at all like Lara did from mythology that intrigued you when you were a kid and learning about the difference between cultural mythology and modern science?

B Beth Oljar 25:04
There's a difference?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:06
True,

D Dave Chow 25:06
See, that's why I'm a huge crypto zoology fan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09
Because you like - ?

D Dave Chow 25:10
I like the blending of the two.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:12
Oh, okay,

D Dave Chow 25:12
Because is there a Wendigo? Is there a Skinwalker, is there Bigfoot, Sasquatch, all that stuff. I love the mystery of it, and then if it happens, I'm all for it. So,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:21
Yeah, sure. I get it

B Beth Oljar 25:22
You should read an author named Alma Katsu,

D Dave Chow 25:25
And ?

B Beth Oljar 25:27
She does great combining of historical events with mythology.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:32
Okay.

D Dave Chow 25:32
Ooh!

B Beth Oljar 25:32
So like, she has a story that's a retelling of The Donner Party.

D Dave Chow 25:36
Ooh, I like that.

B Beth Oljar 25:37
And Wendigo is actually - and so now I'm reading that.

D Dave Chow 25:40
I love the Windigo stories,

B Beth Oljar 25:41
Japanese internment, and that's going to involve the Japanese - a kind of a Japanese ghost. So, yeah, really good.

D Dave Chow 25:48
Oh, I like that. So I've always loved the Wendigo stories.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:50
I apologize if people grew up differently than I did. I mean, I read a lot of mythology growing up just because I thought it was kind of cool, if people weren't into it. I mean, you know, reading Harry Potter means being exposed to a lot of that, right? I mean,

M Mara Livezey 26:02
That's true. That's true.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:03
She took a lot of that from like, Greek and Roman.

D Dave Chow 26:05
Or like - for a comic book geek, you know, Thor and all the Norse mythology.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:09
Yeah, that makes sense.

E Erin Bell 26:11
I was really scared of the, like - again, it's my age, with the "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". When you were talking about scary movies, that thing scared- like, I was terrified of those things,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:22
Absolutely.

D Dave Chow 26:23
I grew to adore mashed potatoes more after that movie, too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:26
What else? Dan, any connections to - well, but you love George R.R. Martin. I mean, you know -

D Dan Maggio 26:32
Well, yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:32
expanding mythology there. That's, you know, that's - come on.

B Beth Oljar 26:35
Although his best book is one called Armageddon Rag, which is about a rock band.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:40

— Oh, really?

B Beth Oljar 26:41

Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:42

Okay. Yeah, I don't know. I definitely was kind of scared of aliens growing up. Not even that I thought that they were there, just the idea that something I couldn't communicate with was going to come at me in the darkness.

D Dave Chow 26:53

It's called squirrels too. (Dan laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:55

Yeah. They're similar.

E Erin Bell 26:57

It's like those memes that you see. They always say, "Oh, I thought I was gonna see a lot more quicksand" You know, growing up I saw these things. And I was always - I was waiting for the aliens. There was just, like, a lot of alien lore. And like, that book where it was like -There's a famous book where someone was abducted. I can't think of it like, and I know you probably know the title of it. In the 80s. "Communion". I think it was

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18

Oh Communion.

D Dave Chow 27:19

Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:19

Terrifying

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D Dave Chow 27:19
There was also Channel 4 article, they were talking about how Bigfoot was spotted in Michigan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:26
That's right. Well, Communion was played off, true or not, as if it was like a real story, you know, come true. And I'm like, oh my god,

B Beth Oljar 27:35
I think I read that. Sounds familiar

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:36
Forget this

B Beth Oljar 27:38
"I was scared of the R-O-U-S's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:40
Okay, okay.


B Beth Oljar 27:41
In Princess Bride,


D Dave Chow 27:44
Andre, The Giant played Bigfoot in The Six Million Dollar Man


B Beth Oljar 27:46
The Rodents Of Unusual Size.


M Mara Livezey 27:47
Yes


- E** Erin Bell 27:47
No, that's pretty creepy.
- M** Mara Livezey 27:48
Yeah, they're weird looking. "But Wesley, what about R.O.U.S's?" "Rodents of unusual size? I don't think they exist". (The professors laugh)
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59
Professors, I'm so sorry. We'll have to do the cryptozoology show on another time. The time has come to say goodbye, Mara
- M** Mara Livezey 28:06
Goodbye.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06
Erin
- E** Erin Bell 28:07
Good evening.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:07
Jim
- J** James Tubbs 28:08
Goodbye.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
Dan,
- D** Dan Maggio 28:09


 Goodbye,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
Dave

 Dave Chow 28:10
See ya

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:10
And Beth,

 Beth Oljar 28:11
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:12
And now these words,

 Announcer 28:13
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 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:23
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