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## SPEAKERS

Matt Mio, Ph.D., Dan Maggio, Danielle Maxwell, Dave Chow, Michael Jayson, Beth Oljar, Erin Bell, James Tubbs

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- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:01  
The University tower chimes ringing 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. To my right, from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is Professor Danielle Maxwell.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:21  
It's good to be here.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22  
Yes, you know why it's good to be here? Because we put those pictures out on Facebook the other day, and I think it was you that said something like, "Oh, what a great way to end every week, and what a great way to end a semester".
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:34  
Yes.
- B** Beth Oljar 00:35  
The pictures came out good.

**J** James Tubbs 00:37  
Oh, they were almost lifelike, I thought.

**D** Dave Chow 00:38  
We're almost human.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 00:40  
Yes, and those fall colors. Absolutely gorgeous

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:42  
Yeah.

**D** Dave Chow 00:43  
Oh, and just to let you guys know, I will be taking those photos, I will be doctoring them up, and I will be moving our location.

**J** James Tubbs 00:48  
What will my head be? (Matt laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 00:50  
Don't worry about it

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:51  
Like, the moon or -

**D** Dave Chow 00:52  
Oh yeah.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:53  
Oh

**D** Dave Chow 00:53  
You've seen this before. Haven't you, Matt?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:55  
Yeah. Yeah, I've seen what you can do.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 00:56  
Because it is the last weekend of the ARIS tour. So if we could all be on the ARIS tour stage.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:00  
Oh, my word. My word.

**J** James Tubbs 01:03  
Can you put Taylor on there with us?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 01:05  
Of course

**D** Dave Chow 01:06  
Swimming.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 01:07  
She is very tall, so just make sure you get the right height.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:10  
I'm pretty sure the last concert I went to, the tickets were 12.50

**J** James Tubbs 01:13  
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Yeah (Matt laughs)

- B** Beth Oljar 01:14  
and that might have been to see The Police.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 01:16  
Like 1,250? because that is an ERAS Tour concert ticket price.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:20  
I can't even fathom paying - I wouldn't pay that much to see - Well, I've already seen -
- D** Dave Chow 01:26  
You wouldn't pay that much to sit in Springsteen's lap. Maybe? Oh, I've got her thinking. Got her thinking.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:33  
I actually watched this documentary on HBO called Yacht Rock -
- E** Erin Bell 01:36  
Oh, Yacht Rock. Yeah.
- B** Beth Oljar 01:38  
which is like all my - literally. Steely Dan, The Doobie Brothers, Kenny Loggins, all of these guys I absolutely adore. And I was thinking, well, if I'd gotten to kiss Michael McDonald in that video.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48  
Seriously,
- B** Beth Oljar 01:49  
I wrote him a letter when I was, like, in junior high.

D Dave Chow 01:51  
Stalker!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:52  
Yah Mo B There. What can I say?

B Beth Oljar 01:52  
and he wrote me back Sent me a picture. Said "Thank you for your very nice letter". And like, yeah, then you went and married one of your backup singers. Didn't you. Broke my heart?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:03  
Jeez,

D Danielle Maxwell 02:04  
How dare he!

B Beth Oljar 02:05  
I know

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:05  
You know, Professor Erin Bell is here with us today, Director of Detroit Mercy's writing program and Writing Center. Are you also in charge of the writing program?

E Erin Bell 02:14  
No, that is my wonderful colleague, Dr Garcia.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:18  
Got it.

E Erin Bell 02:18

But we're simpatico, and we're like, definitely in collaboration.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:21  
Got it

**E** Erin Bell 02:22  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:23  
So which celebrity from your youth did you write a letter to and get a letter back from? So

**E** Erin Bell 02:29  
(Laughs) So, I actually have several examples, but I know for a class assignment I - this might be controversial in this group. I wrote a letter to Bono.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:39  
That's not controversial. That's awesome.

**J** James Tubbs 02:39  
I like Bono.

**E** Erin Bell 02:39  
I was really, really into U2 in fifth grade, so much so that I did, in fact, write a letter. I received a letter back from a really kind person named Cecilia. I still remember this. It was like, "Cecilia, that's such a pretty name". And I got a U2 postcard. So nothing from Bono. But - Yeah, it was, you know, I thought it was really neat. Professor

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:59  
Professor Jim Tubbs is here with us today.

**J** James Tubbs 03:01  
Yes

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:02  
And how are you?

**J** James Tubbs 03:03  
I'm good. I'm good.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:03  
I'll push the whole - you know - what celebrity have you attempted to contact?

**J** James Tubbs 03:04  
Well, my favorite story about that is when I was in college, I was in the Glee Club, and we were on tour in New York, and I got to see Diana Rigg on stage at the St James Theatre in Molière's - Well, Molière played the Misanthrope. I wasn't that fond of the play, but I was very fond Diana Rigg, and in fact, a friend of mine and I snuck backstage afterwards and actually got to chat with her for a couple of minutes at her stage door before the stage manager rushed us off. But I later - I not only wrote to her, but I sent her flowers.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:43  
Oh, wow!

**J** James Tubbs 03:44  
and I got a really nice note from her - thanking me for the flowers and remembering the group that I was with, because it was like a Tuesday night, and it was mostly a geriatric audience, except for us all males from the college. (The professors laugh) We were very enthusiastic,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47  
That's so cool!

**B** Beth Oljar 04:01  
And yet you still have not seen "Evil Under The Sun" - the movie? Oh, good, okay, because I was like Maggie Smith and Diana Rigg are so hilarious.

**J** James Tubbs 04:05  
Yes. I've seen that. I love Diana Rigg.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:11  
Nice. All right, Professor Dan Maggio, you know what's coming. What is your favorite color?

**D** Dan Maggio 04:17  
Blue. No, red,

**D** Dave Chow 04:20  
Whoa! As you go tumbling into the valley.

**B** Beth Oljar 04:22  
Yeah

**D** Dan Maggio 04:23  
I have never written a letter to a celebrity.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:24  
It's okay. It's okay. It's quite all right,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 04:26  
Woop! The two of us, yay!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:28  
High five. How are things going, Dan?

**D** Dan Maggio 04:31  
Pretty good.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:32  
Staying warm?

D Dan Maggio 04:33  
Staying warm, getting ready for Christmas. And you know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:36  
Mm-hm. That's what it's all about. Ay caramba!

D Dan Maggio 04:37  
Recovering. Sorry, I was sick last - I actually had COVID. You're welcome for me not showing up.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:45  
Thank you. I look forward to getting it for my eighth time.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:48  
Oh, my gosh!

B Beth Oljar 04:50  
I think there's like some laboratory out there. It's like, "Okay, we have a new strain of Corona. We must test it on Matt Mio".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:56  
Yes.

B Beth Oljar 04:56  
"He gets every strain of Corona there is".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:00  
I do. I absolutely do. Even with the vaccines. Were you vaccinated. If you don't mind me asking

I do. I absolutely do. Even with the vaccines. Were you vaccinated, if you don't mind me asking.

**D** Dan Maggio 05:05  
No, I actually I forgot to get it. It didn't matter, because -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:07  
It didn't matter.

**D** Dan Maggio 05:09  
Even my brother and my sister in-law got COVID back in Pennsylvania, and they canceled Thanksgiving because of that. But they had been vaccinated.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:17  
They had been vaccinated.

**D** Dan Maggio 05:18  
They had just got done flying.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:20  
Yeah. It really is a fast moving virus, that is for sure.

**J** James Tubbs 05:23  
I got it once, and I thought I had, you know, I thought I had allergies, because, like, the back of my throat was closed up.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:29  
That's it?

**J** James Tubbs 05:29  
like when I had allergies as a kid in the spring.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:32  
Oh, my goodness.

**J** James Tubbs 05:33  
And, no, it turned out it was COVID, but it wasn't very severe.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:36  
Okay

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:37  
I'll make you a new punchcard. On the tenth COVID we'll do something special.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:41  
I actually have my COVID card in my wallet, so I can just get it punched at this point.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 05:46  
Perfect.

**D** Dave Chow 05:46  
I got mine online. So -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:48  
Il right, Dave.

**D** Dave Chow 05:49  
Yes.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:49  
What are you seein' next door? What's going on next door? Next door to your house.

**D** Dave Chow 05:52  
Next door?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:52  
With the new people in the neighborhood..

**D** Dave Chow 05:54  
Oh, I don't know yet. All I know is they've put up sheers. We can't look in.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:00  
Okay, all right,

**J** James Tubbs 06:02  
als this on the empty lot side or the other side?

**D** Dave Chow 06:03  
No, the other side. It's the house that's been vacant for about 18 years.

**J** James Tubbs 06:07  
Oh!

**E** Erin Bell 06:08  
Wow!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:08  
Seriously? I mean, they made some modest improvements,

**D** Dave Chow 06:12  
if you say so

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:12  
Modest

**J** James Tubbs 06:13  
Sheers.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 06:14  
It has a door, right?

**D** Dave Chow 06:16  
Well, here's the thing. We see cars in the driveway.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:19  
That's a big deal.

**D** Dave Chow 06:19  
We see lights inside. But the one thing that kind of throws me is like, we haven't seen any furniture moved in yet.


**D** Dan Maggio 06:26  
Have you gone over and introduced yourself?


**D** Dave Chow 06:27  
No, they were installing gutters and they introduced themselves to us.


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:32  
Okay, alright. Professor Beth Oljar, just to finish off a solid fall semester with some seriously wintry weather. What more can I say?

**B** Beth Oljar 06:43

 Beth Oljar 06:45  
Yes, it's been very chilly outside.


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


 Beth Oljar 06:47  
Well, I mean, not as chilly as when we've got those Arctic you know, seven degrees


 Dave Chow 06:47  
This?


 Danielle Maxwell 06:51  
Polar vortexes

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:52  
Oh, my gosh. Listen to this guy over here

 Dave Chow 06:52  
Sissy stuff!

 Beth Oljar 06:56  
Still pretty chilly

 Dan Maggio 06:57  
Here, Let me text my friends back in Erie, Pennsylvania, and see if they give you any pity

 Beth Oljar 07:01  
They will not. I'm sure.



**J** James Tubbs 07:03

I had lunch with a colleague who's leaving and is going to be teaching in Omaha. I was thinking, No, no, I'll take Detroit.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:10

Yeah. Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. It's been a while since we've had questions about temperature. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. 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. We haven't even gotten off the ground yet in the fact that this is our annual sort of end-of-year holiday show, and we've got some really good questions sent in here, "Dear Matt and professors, We saw the need for annual holiday questions. Hope these questions arrive in time for you to use. Thank you again for the great entertainment and fun this year. Sincerely and Happy Holidays to all the profs", our good friend Beverly Hollis of Redmond, Washington.

**B** Beth Oljar 07:53

Yay!

**J** James Tubbs 07:53

Thanks Beverly.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:54

Thank you for sending those in. Perfectly timed since we're recording on my wife's birthday, aka St Nicholas Day. What country is St Nicholas from?

**J** James Tubbs 08:04

Poland, isn't it?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05

It doesn't say that.

**D** Dan Maggio 08:06

Is it Germany?



**B** Beth Oljar 08:09  
Dutch?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:10  
No,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 08:10  
Ireland

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:11  
Nope.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:12  
Italy?

**D** Dave Chow 08:14  
We don't have our map.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:16  
Originally from Myra, but we call it something different now.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:20  
Greece? no

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:21  
Nope.

**J** James Tubbs 08:22  
Crete?



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:23  
Pretty close.

M Michael Jayson 08:26  
(Heard faintly from the control room) Turkey.

E Erin Bell 08:26  
Turkey

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:27  
Turkey. is what they refer to themselves now,

B Beth Oljar 08:29  
(Laughs) That's right.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:29  
We hear Turkey from the great beyond

D Dave Chow 08:33  
Myra

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:34  
Yes. Myra. When did Santa's suit become its iconic red?

E Erin Bell 08:40  
Oh, this is pretty recent, isn't it?

D Dave Chow 08:44  
In the Coca-Cola ads.

J James Tubbs 08:45  
When Coca Cola started out.

D Dan Maggio 08:45  
Is it movie related?

E Erin Bell 08:46  
Yeah, it's marketing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:48  
It's based on the Coke campaign. So the 1930s; therefore, less than 100 years old.

B Beth Oljar 08:53  
You mean the "I'd like to teach the world to sing"? That?

D Dave Chow 08:56  
No, no, no. Long before that.

J James Tubbs 08:58  
He was holding a small bottle of Coke.

D Dave Chow 09:02  
Yeah.

D Dan Maggio 09:03  
So how was he portrayed before that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:05  
It says, "Prior to this, it could have been any number of colors."

J James Tubbs 09:08  
Sometimes green, sometimes leather.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:14  
Actually, green was a big deal. Because I believe, from my understanding of the mythology, that Father Christmas sort of comes from the Old Man of the Mountain, the man of the forest, and so green was like a pretty big deal there.

E Erin Bell 09:19  
Leather" (Laughs)

J James Tubbs 09:26  
But Ermine fur was kind of a big -

E Erin Bell 09:28  
Beth's still thinking about leather, Santa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:28  
Right.

B Beth Oljar 09:30  
I just had an image of Santa and Rob Halford shopping together at a leather store, which would be really funny,

E Erin Bell 09:36  
(Laughs) Noir.

B Beth Oljar 09:36  
Exactly,



**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:37  
There you go. There you go.

**D** Dave Chow 09:39  
The harness comes in really handy for that.

**E** Erin Bell 09:40  
Oh, my goodness! See, I knew it was gonna go -

**D** Dave Chow 09:40  
For the reindeer.

**E** Erin Bell 09:43  
Yeah.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:43  
What's the last name of the family featured in the National Lampoon's movies, including Christmas Vacation?

**D** Dan Maggio 09:50  
The Griswolds

**D** Dave Chow 09:51  
The Griswolds. Good one.

**E** Erin Bell 09:51  
Yes.

**J** James Tubbs 09:52  
Paris.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:52  
The Griswolds . In the first HOME ALONE movie, what was the destination for the McCallister family?

D Danielle Maxwell 09:52  
Paris.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:54  
Stranded Kevin at home. It's got to be pretty far, right?

D Dave Chow 10:04  
What? It wasn't Clawson?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:05  
It was not Clawson.

D Dave Chow 10:06  
aDarn!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:07  
It was neither Clawson nor Keego Harbor.

D Dan Maggio 10:09  
Google had a commercial with Macaulay Culkin in it - in the original house.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:13  
Oh, I didn't see that.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:13  
Oh!

com.

- D** Dan Maggio 10:13  
Yeah, and it's advertising - I think - Is it a Google products or Google AI? But anyway, it's a play on some of the old movies.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:21  
Nice.
- J** James Tubbs 10:21  
Sue Andrews was at her son's house in Evanston.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:25  
So cool!
- D** Dan Maggio 10:25  
Yeah
- J** James Tubbs 10:25  
And he lives two blocks away from that house, and they said there's always somebody in front of that house taking pictures just like Cleveland in A Christmas Story.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:30  
I'm pretty sure I'm looking in a Jim-ish direction, with something like, What Christmas carol features the line "Strike the harp"?
- J** James Tubbs 10:44  
Deck The Halls "J oin the chorus".
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:46  
That's right. Deck The Halls.

- E** Erin Bell 10:48  
Well!
- D** Dave Chow 10:49  
Danielle, you've never been here when Jim gets a Christmas carol question.
- J** James Tubbs 10:52  
(Laughs)
- D** Danielle Maxwell 10:52  
I'm terrified.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53  
He's hardcore.
- J** James Tubbs 10:54  
I like Christmas carols
- D** Dave Chow 10:54  
No, no, it's like Jim just answers them even before Matt can finish the question.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 10:59  
I do too, but I don't like them like that.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:01  
(Laughs) In the Nightmare Before Christmas, what name does Jack Skellington give to dear old Saint Nick?
- D** Danielle Maxwell 11:10  
Oh my goodness

Oh, my goodness,

- B** Beth Oljar 11:12  
I've only seen that once.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:14  
Every time. I think that it's a giveaway question, nobody gets it.
- E** Erin Bell 11:17  
I've never seen that movie.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 11:18  
I've seen it so many times.
- D** Dave Chow 11:20  
I've seen it a dozen times. Um,
- D** Danielle Maxwell 11:21  
It's like Santy Claus, right?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:23  
Sandy Claws
- D** Dave Chow 11:24  
Sandy Claws. Yeah, I knew it was a play on the name.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27  
Yep. That's pretty good. We saw that movie first-run, day it came out, fall of 1993. And my friend remarks to me - a friend we have in common. "Santa's a bit of a bleep in that movie". It's true. It's kind of a jerk. Yeah, I mean, he was really angry.



**D** Danielle Maxwell 11:45  
Fall of '93. Oh, wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:46  
The mind of Tim Burton, so - you know.

**D** Dave Chow 11:49  
Well, and the other night we watched "James and the Giant Peach", just for sentimental sake, and Jack is in it.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:53  
Exactly


**E** Erin Bell 11:54  
That's a good movie.

**B** Beth Oljar 11:54  
Still one of the best kids books I've ever read. Roald Dahl could write anything, and I would read it as a kid. I was a huge fan

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:02  
In a lot of Europe, Asia and Africa, if you're Christian and you believe in St Nicholas Day; last night, the night before today, kids would have left their socks and shoes out to get what from St Nick?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 12:17  
Candy?

**D** Dave Chow 12:17  
Cold feet ?



**E** Erin Bell 12:18  
Is it like a coin or something?

**J** James Tubbs 12:20  
Nuts?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:20  
No.

**E** Erin Bell 12:21  
An orange. I don't know

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:22  
Almost always it was something fairly exotic.

**E** Erin Bell 12:26  
Hmm.

**D** Dave Chow 12:26  
Leather

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:27  
Okay, I'm sorry. (The professors laugh) Fairly exotic for, oh, I don't know, landlocked Central Europe. Does that help?

**B** Beth Oljar 12:36  
A boat?

**J** James Tubbs 12:38  
A banana

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:38  
No. Mm-mm.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:39  
Spices?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:40  
Well, you know what? You're just one step away, Jim, and it's an orange.

E Erin Bell 12:44  
I said "orange".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:45  
Sorry, I did not hear it.

E Erin Bell 12:47  
I have been vindicated.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:47  
Yep, yep.

D Dave Chow 12:48  
A leather orange

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:50  
A leather orange.

J James Tubbs 12:51  
Well, I can remember my grandfather telling me, when he was a child that they would get an orange in their stockings. and they would think that was great.

orange in their stocking, and they would think that was great.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:57  
Yeah. Absolutely.

**D** Dave Chow 12:57  
During the Depression. Yeah

**E** Erin Bell 12:58  
I think that was in Little House on the Prairie. I almost feel like I remember in one of the books, like Mr. Edwards brought an orange.

**B** Beth Oljar 13:04  
Yes. That was one of the gifts that he brought. And a penny.

**E** Erin Bell 13:07  
Yeah


**B** Beth Oljar 13:08  
Laura and Mary each got a penny. Obviously, we both read "Little House On The Prairie"


**E** Erin Bell 13:14  
Yes. Big fan.


**B** Beth Oljar 13:15  
Me too.


**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:16  
How many credited roles did Tom Hanks perform for the movie The Polar Express. He was a lot.


**D** Dave Chow 13:24


 Dave Chow 13:24  
A lot of them. What - like 10?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:26  
It's less than 10.


 Danielle Maxwell 13:27  
Seven,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:28  
It's six. I'll give it to you. Yes, six roles. I don't know if we want to try to list them.


 James Tubbs 13:29  
Six.

 Danielle Maxwell 13:33  
Train conductor is the best.

 Erin Bell 13:34  
I feel like that movie's a little creepy. My kids are a little scared of the animation.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:37  
It is very creepy.

 Dave Chow 13:38  
Totally. Friends of mine worked on it, and they said it was creepy.

 Danielle Maxwell 13:41  
The guy on top of the train's a little creepy.



**D** Dan Maggio 13:42  
So why did they decide to portray the people the way they did?

**D** Dave Chow 13:48  
The blink ratio was off

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:50  
Yeah. We call it the uncanny valley, right?

**D** Dave Chow 13:53  
Seriously.

**B** Beth Oljar 13:54  
The blink ratio (Laughs)

**J** James Tubbs 13:55  
The train trip itself was a bit scary.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:59  
I'm gonna send you a really cool, philosophical article that basically draws from evolutionary biology. I feel like we've talked about this before, and basically says, if there is something innate to every human being, where we see these computer generated things, and we're like, we recognize something's off? What part of our upbringing hundreds of 1000s of years ago made that important for us. Were there animals that looked so human that we had to protect ourselves from them? And I'm like, That is creepy. as heck. I'm already creeped out just talking about,

**B** Beth Oljar 14:18  
Mm-hm. Well, I mean, just in general, right? If you couldn't distinguish between what was real, what was veridical, and what wasn't, that's pretty much going to be a serious problem.

**J** James Tubbs 14:45  
Well, we need to distinguish between a big kitty and a saber tooth tiger.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:49  
Yes,

B Beth Oljar 14:49  
Well, we evolved as problem solvers, right? So -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52  
Absolutely, yep. What is the first elf rule from ELF?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:58  
Oh, we just covered this in Chem Club this week. It was like the jolly happiness rule. No wait

E Erin Bell 15:08  
I should know this,

B Beth Oljar 15:09  
I've never seen that one.

D Dave Chow 15:10  
It's good. It's good. It's really good.

B Beth Oljar 15:12  
I know Dan likes it

D Dan Maggio 15:14  
Oh, this is gonna kill me. I can't -

D Danielle Maxwell 15:16  
Treat every day like it's Christmas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:18  
"Treat every day like it's Christmas" is the correct answer. Thank

D Danielle Maxwell 15:21  
Thank you Chem Club. (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:22  
Heck yeah. It would be like McRib is out all the time. I mean, let's go.

B Beth Oljar 15:22  
Does that mean I get lots of presents, which is really the only reason for Christmas to happen.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:31  
I will say I beat all of our students in Christmas trivia this week. I just shot them down.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:35  
Nice. You smacked those kids down, right Professor Maxwell?

D Danielle Maxwell 15:38  
I did.

B Beth Oljar 15:38  
It is a perk of the job, actually,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:41  
According to the cartoon Frosty, the snowman's first words were - ?

E Erin Bell 15:46



I was gonna say "It's cold outside"

**D** Dave Chow 15:46  
Happy birthday.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:46  
Happy birthday.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 15:50  
I was gonna say "Merry Christmas". But no,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:52  
I don't know if we've ever had something even aligned to this kind of trivia. This is pretty cool.  
In what city and year did the Nutcracker ballet premiere in the U.S.

**B** Beth Oljar 16:02  
I'm gonna say New York.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:04  
It wasn't New York.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:05  
Oh!

**D** Dan Maggio 16:05  
Chicago.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:07  
Didn't say Chicago.



J James Tubbs 16:08  
San Francisco.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:09  
It says San Francisco. But what year? This is fascinating.

J James Tubbs 16:13  
1919

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:15  
It has not yet been 100 year.

D Danielle Maxwell 16:18  
1942

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:19  
It was 44

E Erin Bell 16:20  
Wow!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:21  
So, yeah, we have our Kendra heir apparent here.

D Dave Chow 16:24  
Where's Kendra when we need her?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:25  
Yeah, I know. 1944 San Francisco. That's wild. What did Harry Potter get for his first Christmas present ever?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 16:35  
I don't you

**B** Beth Oljar 16:36  
You mean when he's at Hogwarts?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:37  
aWhen he's at Hogwarts.

**B** Beth Oljar 16:39  
Well, he gets a sweater from Ron's mom. He gets the invisibility cloak.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:42  
The invisibility cloak of his father. Yes. Ignotus Peverell's invisibility cloak. That's right.  
According to National Geographic Kids, how many LEGO sets - Oh, my Lord -are sold every second between the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

**J** James Tubbs 16:45  
That'd be handy.

**D** Dave Chow 17:01  
Dan?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:01  
Oh, this is Dan, all the way.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:03  
Why would you assume that I could do that?

**D** Dave Chow 17:05



Well, you're a LEGO and a math guy.



Dan Maggio 17:07

On a daily basis, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, on a per second basis?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:13

How many per second? Let's approach this mathematically.



Beth Oljar 17:16

Oh, hundreds.



Dan Maggio 17:16

Well, there's -



Danielle Maxwell 17:17

How many seconds are there in a day?



Dan Maggio 17:19

There's 60 seconds in a minute, 3600 seconds in an hour.



James Tubbs 17:20

I would think it's a fairly small number, you know, 12 or 13



Dan Maggio 17:25

Times 20, I don't know, 37 maybe 90,000



Beth Oljar 17:30

But we're just trying to figure out the seconds, right? Yeah, that's right.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:34

**M** Matt MIO, Ph.D. 17:34  
So how many seconds? How many days are there between Black Friday and Christmas Eve?

**E** Erin Bell 17:39  
Too much math

**D** Dan Maggio 17:40  
I'd say a quarter of a million.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:41  
I bet he gets this. This is gonna be great.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:43  
And then how many sets do you think they sell all together between -

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:46  
Right

**D** Dan Maggio 17:47  
Probably 4 million.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:50  
Okay.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:50  
So, I would say eight. No, no, no, no, no,

**D** Dave Chow 17:54  
Wait, wait, wait,

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**D** Dan Maggio 17:55  
16.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:56  
I mean, you're really close.

**D** Dan Maggio 17:57  
Is it really?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:58  
It's 28. You're at the right order of magnitude.

**J** James Tubbs 18:02  
Wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:02  
That was impressive.

**J** James Tubbs 18:05  
28 per second?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 18:06  
How do you do that in your mind?

**J** James Tubbs 18:08  
That is a lot of sore feet.

**D** Dave Chow 18:10  
I was watching the steam come out Dan's ears.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:12  
That was awesome.

D Dan Maggio 18:13  
I'm surprised it was that close, actually.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:18  
Oh, my gosh.

B Beth Oljar 18:18  
Kendra would be so impressed.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:20  
Yes

D Dave Chow 18:20  
Jeffe Boats would be impressed.

D Dan Maggio 18:22  
Where's Jeffe?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:23  
I know. He would love that too. And not so much Christmas carol trivia, but definitely Christmas song trivia. What was the first song and in what year that actually mentioned Santa Claus by name? I don't know if I've ever heard this before. So we need the song Here Comes Santa Claus. It's not Here Comes Santa Claus.

B Beth Oljar 18:41  
Santa Claus il Coming To Town?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:42

It's not Santa Claus Is Coming To Town.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:45  
Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer?

**D** Dave Chow 18:46  
Was there an animated feature made off of it?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:49  
I mean, probably.

**J** James Tubbs 18:51  
Was it sung by Gene Autry.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52  
It was not. Well, it could have been. The writer of the song was Benjamin Hanby

**D** Danielle Maxwell 18:58  
Oh, I have no idea. who no idea

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:01  
Which song and what year.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:03  
So it's not White Christmas.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:04  
It is not. I'll back into this by giving you the year of this song being written was 1864

**B** Beth Oljar 19:05



**D** Dave Chow 19:11  
Oh!

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:11  
In the United States. Yes.

**J** James Tubbs 19:14  
Oh

**B** Beth Oljar 19:15  
That was a cheery time.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:16  
It's a classic. You'll know it when I say it, but - Mentions Santa Claus by name.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:22  
Jingle Bells?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:23  
No.

**J** James Tubbs 19:23  
Well, the book was only written - the story was only written in the 1840sa

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:27  
That's right. So this is very - just a couple decades after -

**D** Dave Chow 19:30  
Oh, monopolizing on the fad

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:32  
(Laughs) Exactly.

**E** Erin Bell 19:33  
It really caught on.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:35  
O, Christmas Tree?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:39  
This is the last question from Beverly's set too.

**E** Erin Bell 19:42  
Oh! Sorry, Beverly.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:43  
I mean, I will give it away, but I still think it's fun. There's probably only one Christmas song/carol that goes "Click, click, click"

**J** James Tubbs 19:53  
Oh

**D** Danielle Maxwell 19:54  
Jingle Bells?

**D** Dave Chow 19:55  
My remote broke? What

**J** James Tubbs 19:56  
(Singing) "Down through the chimney with old St. Nick"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:01  
You've got it. But what is it?

J James Tubbs 20:04  
Up On The Housetop?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:05  
Up On The Housetop. Click, click, click.

J James Tubbs 20:07  
Yep. Gene Autry did record that.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:08  
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:12  
Click, click, click

D Dave Chow 20:13  
Okay, no, I'm sorry. I'm thinking Otis Redding when you said that

E Erin Bell 20:15  
I would have thought it was a lot more contemporary than it was.

B Beth Oljar 20:20  
Me too.

D Dave Chow 20:20  
Well, I'm sure a thousand people recorded it.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23  
Pretty old. All right. Well, let's move on to another questions. Thanks again. Beverly.

**D** Dave Chow 20:27  
Oh, wait, there's more.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:28  
Yeah. "Dear Matt and profs, heeding your call for the Christmas holiday show . 12 questions with animated Christmas shows for you and the professors to ring in the holidays. Enjoy! Sincerely and happy holidays. Our good friend, Rachel Ralston. That's awesome. Thank you.

**B** Beth Oljar 20:43  
One is something about Peanuts and How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:48  
There you go. Or which 1964 stop motion animated special feature features a character who wants to be a dentist?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 20:56  
Rudolph, The Rednose Reindeer.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:58  
Yes, Hermie, the elf.

**D** Dave Chow 20:58  
Hermie. Right?

**E** Erin Bell 20:59  
("Woot!") That's my impression of the Rudolph character.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:01  
Yep.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:02  
That's so cute.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:03  
In the Frosty the Snowman cartoon, what - or maybe, who brings Frosty to life?

B Beth Oljar 21:09  
It's the little girl whose name I can't remember.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12  
Actually, someone accidentally brings him to life first

D Dave Chow 21:16  
Oh, isn't it the professor?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:17  
Professor Hinkle is his name

D Dave Chow 21:19  
Yep. the guy with the hat.

J James Tubbs 21:20  
Professor Hinkle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:21  
Yep. Mm-hm. Who's the main villain in the cartoon Santa Claus Is Coming To Town.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 21:27  
The Meister?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:28  
Yeah. You've got it.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:29  
Burgermeister Meisterburger

**D** Danielle Maxwell 21:32  
Yeah. Meister guy.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:36  
(Laughs) It's so silly. Oh my gosh. In a Charlie Brown Christmas, Schroeder is only seen playing what song on his piano.

**D** Dan Maggio 21:44  
Beethoven, yeah, what is it?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:47  
Yeah. What song?

**B** Beth Oljar 21:48  
Beethoven's 10th?

**D** Dan Maggio 21:50  
I don't know.

**J** James Tubbs 21:52  
Moonlight Sonata.

- E Erin Bell 21:57  
Ode To Joy? sorry,
- D Danielle Maxwell 21:59  
the other Beethoven song I don't know.
- B Beth Oljar 22:01  
Well, he technically plays Jingle Bells
- M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03  
He does. But then he plays Für Elise.
- J James Tubbs 22:07  
Für Elise..
- B Beth Oljar 22:11  
Very famous
- M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:13  
in Rudolph, The Rednose Reindeer, what is the name of Rudolph's love interest?
- E Erin Bell 22:17  
Oh my gosh. I totally know this.
- M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:18  
These are great
- D Dave Chow 22:19  
..

Um

- E** Erin Bell 22:19  
You know this.
- D** Dan Maggio 22:21  
I can picture her.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 22:24  
I can picture her in my mind. I can't think of her name.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:26  
We show the the Rankin and Bass to our kids when they were growing up, and there was only two possible reactions, utter horror or just laughing hysterically at things that are not meant to be laughed at.
- D** Dave Chow 22:36  
Clara? Or something like that?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:38  
You're really close. It's Clarice.
- J** James Tubbs 22:38  
Clarice!
- B** Beth Oljar 22:39  
"Have the lambs stopped screaming Clarice,?"
- D** Dave Chow 22:43  
Yeah, because you remember they put the mud on the nose, and he sounded all nasally.



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:48  
Yep.

D Dave Chow 22:48  
Shameful.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:49  
Really funny

D Dave Chow 22:50  
Rhinoplasty.

B Beth Oljar 22:51  
I remember being really upset by Rudolph because they were mean to him

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:55  
Absolutely.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:56  
They were absolute bullies, and we got over that.

D Dave Chow 22:59  
The scary part was Donner was supposedly the father of Rudolph, and Donner's the one who was picking on him.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:06  
I have a real issue with how society just forgot how those reindeer picked on him, and they're all celebrating him on Christmas.

B Beth Oljar 23:11  
"....."

it really upset me.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 23:12  
I know

**B** Beth Oljar 23:13  
And I had to go talk to my sister, until I calmed down.

**D** Dave Chow 23:15  
Until you had venison that night, then you were all good.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:15  
Seriously.

**J** James Tubbs 23:16  
They were bad, bad reindeer

**D** Danielle Maxwell 23:21  
I had venison in Alaska. It was very good

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:23  
In Disney's Mickey's Christmas Carol, who plays the part of Jacob Marley?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 23:29  
Um, the duck, right?

**D** Dave Chow 23:30  
Donald?

**E** Erin Bell 23:31

Wait. Oh, is it Goofy?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:33  
Goofy

**J** James Tubbs 23:33  
Goofy? Yeah, he would be perfect for the part.

**D** Dave Chow 23:37  
True. Yeah. He's kind of gangly looking.

**B** Beth Oljar 23:39  
Well, really, the point of A Christmas Carol is to show that the rich must always be traumatized by some sort of visiting ghost before they'll give anything to the poor.

**D** Dave Chow 23:48  
What? Paranormal? Jeez,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:51  
That and the fact that every single time I've ever leaned out of a second story window, I always point at someone and go, "You there, boy, What day is it?"

**J** James Tubbs 23:59  
You there, boy, What day is it?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:00  
in Rudolph, The Rednosed Reindeer who helps Rudolph and his friends escape from the clutches of the Abominable Snowman?

**D** Dan Maggio 24:07  
Uh, Klondike,

**D** Dave Chow 24:09  
Was it Yukon?

**J** James Tubbs 24:12  
Yukon Sam,?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13  
Nope. I thought you were gonna say it. Yukon Cornelius.

**D** Dave Chow 24:21  
I'm thinking Cornelius is from Planet Of The Apes.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:23  
Another Rankin and Bass special - if you ever saw The Little Drummer Boy, he actually had a name in the -

**D** Dave Chow 24:29  
Ringo.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:30  
It wasn't Ringo.

**D** Dave Chow 24:31  
Pete Best?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:33  
I mean, I can give it to you as a clue. From the Bible, do you remember who Moses's brother is supposed to be?



**J** James Tubbs 24:39  
Aaron.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:40  
Aaron is his name. Yes, that's right.

**D** Dave Chow 24:43  
Not E-r-i-n.

**J** James Tubbs 24:46  
A,-a-r-o-n

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:47  
There we go.

**D** Dave Chow 24:47  
Okay,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:50  
The best part of the Lions game last night was Keegan Michael Key at the desk before.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 24:54  
What about Tarik Skubal?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:55  
Well, that was good, too, but Keegan Michael Key

**B** Beth Oljar 24:58  
He's an alum, though.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 24:59  
Yeah, and he's funny. He is very funny.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:00  
Oh my gosh. In Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer - Oh, well, there it is. Who's Rudolph's father?  
Yeah, Donner. Not the Donner Party, but, uh -

**J** James Tubbs 25:18  
(Laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 25:18  
The Donner party is friendlier.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:19  
Yeah, exactly. What is the name of the little girl who's friends with Frosty the Snowman in the cartoon?

**D** Dave Chow 25:26  
Oh, for the love of -

**B** Beth Oljar 25:27  
Lisa or Jenny or Sarah?

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:30  
Pretty easy for me to give a clue on this one.

**E** Erin Bell 25:32  
Okay

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:33  
What is the stereotypical female leaning name given to people who want to call the manager?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:40  
Karen Karen, yes, her name was Karen

**B** Beth Oljar 25:42  
That's right.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43  
I feel bad for all people named Karen.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:44  
I do too.

**D** Dave Chow 25:45  
What's the male equivalent to Karen. anyway,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:48  
I think it's Steve

**E** Erin Bell 25:49  
Chad,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:51  
We can't call it Matt.

**D** Dave Chow 25:52  
Okay.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:54

But there is a male version of Karen.

**D** Dave Chow 25:56  
What is it?

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:57  
Steve or Bob

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:58  
Actually, I think it's Uncle Bob.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 25:59  
Uncle Bob,

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:00  
My kids have an Uncle Bob and I do feel bad about that,

**D** Danielle Maxwell 26:04  
He could be Robert now.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:06  
Only three voice actors appear in the credits for the Grinch Who Stole Christmas. That was Chuck Jones, right? So who are the three voices?

**D** Dave Chow 26:17  
Boris Karloff, Thurl Ravenscroft and June Foray.

**E** Erin Bell 26:21  
What?







I hat was Fred Astaire. It is Fred Astaire, but that wasn't his name.

**D** Danielle Maxwell 26:56  
Postman Fred

**D** Dave Chow 26:57  
No, it was initials and then something.

**B** Beth Oljar 27:00  
Yeah This wasn't the Burgermeister?

**D** Dave Chow 27:02  
No.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:03  
Well, no, it was that story. But this guy was the narrator.

**D** Dave Chow 27:07  
Yeah, he had that little half track car or vehicle

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:11  
That's right I'm giving it to you

**D** Dave Chow 27:12  
Like, special delivery Smith, or something.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:16  
It was like SD Kluger was his name

**E** Erin Bell 27:16

Okay

D Dave Chow 27:17  
Kluger?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:18  
And it was like, "What does the SD stand for?" "Special delivery"

E Erin Bell 27:22  
Nice!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:22  
Yeah, no, that's it. You all are hardcore as they come. I don't even know what else to say. Not Freddy. Yes. Kluger. Gosh, we only have a few seconds left, and we hope that everybody who hears our voices here today has a very peaceful end to 2024 and a very good beginning to 2025


D Dave Chow 27:48  
We're gonna need


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:52  
Ah, yes, first day of classes, Monday, January 6.


D Danielle Maxwell 27:56  
Don't remind me Yeah.


E Erin Bell 27:57  
It's very early.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:59  
It's gonna be interesting. But - I'm so sorry the time has come for us to say goodbye. Beth,


 Beth Oljar 28:05  
Merry Christmas.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:06  
Dave,


 Dave Chow 28:07  
See ya.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:08  
Dan


 Dan Maggio 28:08  
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09  
Jim

 James Tubbs 28:09  
Goodbye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:10  
Erin

 Erin Bell 28:11  
Adieu

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:12  
and Danielle

**D** Danielle Maxwell 28:13  
One semester down, 59 to go.

**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:14  
(Laughs) And now these words

**M** Michael Jayson 28:17  
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**M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:27  
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