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SPEAKERS

Dave Chow, Michael Jayson, James Tubbs, Dan Maggio, Erin Bell, Speaker 1, Matt Mio, Danielle Maxwell, Beth Oljar

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Matt Mio 00:00

The University tower chimes ringing 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, let me introduce to you our panel for today. She lives next to a haunted house. It's Professor Danielle Maxwell

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Danielle Maxwell 00:19

Happy New Year.

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Dave Chow 00:21

Happy New Year to you. 2026

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Danielle Maxwell 00:24

Never thought we'd see it. Here we are. (The professors laugh)

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Matt Mio 00:27

Well, in a lot of ways, that is very true, actually very, very true. So the house never had a light on before, but now it sometimes does.

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Danielle Maxwell 00:36

Now it sometimes does, and it's only the upstairs, and it just has a light on; and you can't really see through the windows or anything, and the backyard is overgrown and has a ladder on the ground, has not moved. The garage has never opened, and I've never seen a soul in this house. And sometimes packages get delivered and they disappear, like three or four days later. So I'm convinced that nefarious activities occur in that house. But now there's a light, for the first time in four or five months, there's a light

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Matt Mio 00:59

That's so weird.

J

James Tubbs 01:00

They're using the packages you

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Dave Chow 01:02

Do you want me to stop on over. I'll throw a stone in, bust out a window. We'll see who chases me.

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Danielle Maxwell 01:07

A windows already busted, like, it's already there for you. You're five steps ahead.

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Matt Mio 01:13

This show does not condone violence or vandalism.

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James Tubbs 01:17

No

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Danielle Maxwell 01:17

We are curious.

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James Tubbs 01:18

Why don't you send it like a scout snake?

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Erin Bell 01:20

Yeah, like, what about scientific inquiry? I mean -

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Danielle Maxwell 01:24

Yes. You know the house.

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Matt Mio 01:26

I do.

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Beth Oljar 01:27

Does it look abandoned?

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Dave Chow 01:29

No.

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Matt Mio 01:29

I mean, does it not look abandoned?

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Dave Chow 01:32

It's not any worse than the house I had next door.

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Matt Mio 01:34

I was gonna say, and next in line to be introduced, Professor Dave Chow, who also used to live next to a haunted house.

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Dave Chow 01:41

I wouldn't say a haunted - just kind of creepy.

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Matt Mio 01:43

Were there people there?

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Dave Chow 01:45

Not all the time. For 17 years, it laid vacant.

J

James Tubbs 01:51

Oh, my!

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Matt Mio 01:51

17 years is a long time.

D Dave Chow 01:54

We kept on having the fear of - I would come home one night and see somebody, you know, like squatting in the living room over a fire or something. That was our fear.

M Matt Mio 02:02

Yikes. Yikes.

D Dave Chow 02:04

It didn't happen.

D Danielle Maxwell 02:05

There's someone on Wiltshire that had their tree chopped down. And there was just this giant burn hole in the tree trunk. But it's like, on this like, you know where the grass meets the road?

D Dave Chow 02:13

Yes.

D Danielle Maxwell 02:13

And so for the last few days, I've been driving home from work. They're just burning this tree stump, and they're just the whole family is just standing across from the tree stump on the side of the road, and I'm like, "Why are you burning the tree stump on the side of the road?"

D Danielle Maxwell 02:22

There are actually laws about that.

B Beth Oljar 02:26

There are.

D Danielle Maxwell 02:27

I don't know. I don't know why -

D Dan Maggio 02:28

Can't also the fire get into the roots, and the roots can smolder for - ? Am I overthinking or thinking this?

M Matt Mio 02:34

No, you've got it correctly?

E Erin Bell 02:41

No, I think that's the right scenario.

D Dan Maggio 02:41

You could actually continue to have a fire underground for days.

M Matt Mio 02:41

Yeah.

D Danielle Maxwell 02:42

When I drive home, I will inform them that -

D Dan Maggio 02:45

Tell them, Ask The Professor feels like you have not chosen wisely.

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Matt Mio 02:51

You have chosen poorly. Professor Erin Bell is here with us, who apparently lives very close to a house that gets rammed into all the time?

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Erin Bell 02:59

That is true. I am at an intersection which is not a square perpendicular, so it's just off center, just enough. And I have seen multiple accidents. And I think I've been in my house for about 12 years now, and in that time, I've seen three or four times where cars have crashed into this house. Finally, the owners must have had enough, and they put these huge boulders, like they're like giant, like dinosaur-sized be

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James Tubbs 03:22

So, there would be something else to hit before the house. exactly,

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Dave Chow 03:26

Exactly, before the house

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Dave Chow 03:26

So, it's a Dukes of Hazzard ramp.

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Erin Bell 03:27

Well, it is. It's the corridor right to I 75 so there's a lot of wacky driving over there.

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Matt Mio 03:33

There is, and I know exactly what you're saying. We have a similar intersection at 11 and one of the side streets near the corner of Woodward in Berkley, and they put a whole bunch of huge boulders because they couldn't handle everybody hitting their house anymore. No, it's true. Professor Jim Tubbs is also here.



James Tubbs 03:49

Hello, hello.



Dave Chow 03:50

What do you live next to, Jim?



James Tubbs 03:51

Oh, nothing, as exciting as you do. You know, I just nothing is run into my front door or, you know, even knocked down the carport, you know,



Matt Mio 04:01

Knock on wood. That's great.



James Tubbs 04:02

I've survived so far.



Matt Mio 04:03

Yeah. So far, so good.



Beth Oljar 04:04

You haven't had kitties try and come and live with you.



Erin Bell 04:07

Oh, kitties.

J

James Tubbs 04:08

Not lately. No.

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Beth Oljar 04:11

Oh, okay.

M

Matt Mio 04:12

My son returned home from a bike ride last weekend and did something that no Mio family person ever does, which is attempt to use the front door to the house. However, it's always locked, and he's knocking, and we go and we let him in. "What the heck is your problem?" "Well, that that neighborhood cat is back on our deck, and he's standing right where I need to walk to get to the door".

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Dave Chow 04:35

Which cat?

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Matt Mio 04:36

The Calico-ish one. I think his name is Jack or Mac, or something like that.

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Dave Chow 04:43

Max.

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Danielle Maxwell 04:44

You have a pet.

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Matt Mio 04:45

I mean -

D Danielle Maxwell 04:46

and you named the cat after me.

M Matt Mio 04:47

A lot of people do

D Dave Chow 04:47

No, no. He visits us too.

M Matt Mio 04:47

Yeah, he visits everybody.

B Beth Oljar 04:51

Is it you or Leslie or the kids who have the allergies that prevent you from -?

D Danielle Maxwell 04:55

That's so kind of you

M Matt Mio 04:55

Yeah, but I just thought it was funny because then I looked out the window and the cat was very nicely, sort of stood up right where you would take the steps to go onto our deck and get to the back door. So he made the right choice.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:55

Is he a friendly cat?

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Matt Mio 04:55

It's me primarily, but Enzo a little bit as well.

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Matt Mio 05:09

He's mostly a friendly cat. He's very, very friendly with the skunks that live in our neighborhood, which is another problem.

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Dave Chow 05:19

That's another issue all together.

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Matt Mio 05:20

Yeah

B

Beth Oljar 05:21

Give him food.

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Matt Mio 05:22

Professor Dan Maggio is here. I can only wonder how he'll answer the question of whatever haunted, crashed into or possibly not even exciting at all, house.

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Dan Maggio 05:31

There's nothing Our street is very quiet.

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Matt Mio 05:33

It's very quiet, isn't it.

D

Dan Maggio 05:35

and except for animals, I think we have great neighbors. We haven't had any incidents at all.

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Erin Bell 05:45

That sounds a little too, too creepy, normal,

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Dan Maggio 05:49

no empty houses, no bad neighbors.

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Dave Chow 05:52

Dan, the worst incident in your neighborhood I can honestly - I was a part of was that time you were sick, I brought over chicken noodle soup. I dropped it in your street.

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Dan Maggio 06:01

That's right, that's right. That was a couple Decembers ago.

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Beth Oljar 06:05

Was it from Westborn?

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Dave Chow 06:06

Yes

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Matt Mio 06:06

Of course, it was.

D Dan Maggio 06:07

So, I'm sorry, I don't have anything to share.

M Matt Mio 06:10

That's okay. I mean, it's, it's a nice place where you live, you know, it's Berkley. Professor Beth Olar is here, and only thing you live next to is hundreds and hundreds of trick or treaters.

B Beth Oljar 06:21

Uh, that is true, although I'm not convinced how many of them actually live in the neighborhood.

M Matt Mio 06:26

Oh, well, that's okay.

D Dave Chow 06:27

Do we have to ask for ID next year?

B Beth Oljar 06:29

People bring their kids from all over everywhere.

J James Tubbs 06:32

Are they aliens?

B Beth Oljar 06:34

I don't think so.

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Matt Mio 06:35

I mean, some were dressed like aliens. Folks, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. It's been a while since we've had some chocolate questions. If you stump the panel, you receive a brand new edition of the Ask the Professor coffee mug. Dan is using it right now and well, you won't get you won't get that one that's vintage. We'll get you an autograph photograph of the pros. If you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autograph photograph.

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Dan Maggio 07:02

Tell them we'll send them a used cup with coffee dripping down the side. That looks well used, Dan.

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Dave Chow 07:10

You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP@UDMercy.edu, you can find us on Facebook and Instagram. You can listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play, Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. You could reach out into the ether.

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Danielle Maxwell 07:25

Has anyone tried the smart speaker?

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Matt Mio 07:28

I do it at home every once in a while just to see -

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Danielle Maxwell 07:30

To hear yourself talk?

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Dave Chow 07:31

No, I do not listen to myself. I just want to make sure that everything is, you know, prim and proper with the world,

D Danielle Maxwell 07:37

(Laughs) We are prim, proper folks,

M Matt Mio 07:41

"Dear professors, here's a little quiz I threw together with questions from all over the place. You don't have to answer with a question, but I think on Jeopardy, they call this the potpourri, category. Eight out of ten is passing. Enjoy. Sincerely, a secret admirer, (who knows where you live) Oh no, this is not good.

B Beth Oljar 08:03

This is making me think of the scene in Wednesday where Pugsley actually ate the potpourri in the therapist's office.

M Matt Mio 08:10

That's awesome.

B Beth Oljar 08:13

Cracked me up.

D Dave Chow 08:14

It makes wonderful tea.

D Dave Chow 08:16

Okay, where could you find all of these things together, my car, my shirt, your party, my land, what

D Danielle Maxwell 08:32

your car? My car as in your car,

D Dave Chow 08:35

my shirt, your party, the Flex, my land. This is a game. It's a little bit of a lateral, if you don't mind, it's not an app.

B Beth Oljar 08:45

No, my like squid game or

D Dave Chow 08:48

No, no, no. So there's a thread that connects all where could you find these things together? My car, my shirt, your party, my land. It would make perfect sense when I reveal -

D Dave Chow 08:58

I kept going from my sharona

D Dan Maggio 08:59

Is it a song?

M Matt Mio 09:00

It is a song

E Erin Bell 09:01

Okay.

D Dan Maggio 09:01

It's my party, and I'll cry if I want to.

D Dave Chow 09:04

No

B Beth Oljar 09:09

Ballad Of the Cherokee Nation.

M Matt Mio 09:11

Mm-mm

D Dave Chow 09:12

Billy Joel

M Matt Mio 09:13

It's not Billy Joel, I'd say it was crossover 80s, 90s. I mean, it's in that zone. Say again, one more time. Yeah, my car, my shirt, your party, my land,

B Beth Oljar 09:25

Little Red court party, like it's 1999 is it Prince?

D Danielle Maxwell 09:28

Nope, it's not Prince. Is it some song that references America?

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Dave Chow 09:31

One hit, wonder of the most epic possibility, bubbles. Video, kill the radio, sir, no.

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Dan Maggio 09:37

Rick Astley, is it the Scottish duo? Milli Vanilli, the Scottish duo?

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Dave Chow 09:42

It's not Millie. Vanilla. Oh, The Proclaimers claim it's not Proclaimers.

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Danielle Maxwell 09:48

It's my party, and I'll cry if I want two songs. Nope, that's what Dan

J

James Tubbs 09:52

Leslie gore. So

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Matt Mio 09:55

I could give you the performer, but you'll get it immediately.

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Dan Maggio 09:58

Oh, is it Weird Al Yankovic?

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Matt Mio 10:00

It's not Wierd Al.

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Dave Chow 10:03

Not Bo Burnham.

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Matt Mio 10:04

No, no

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Erin Bell 10:06

Did you say Bo Burnham?

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Danielle Maxwell 10:08

We're throwing things at the wall at this point. See if anything's gonna stick.

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Dave Chow 10:11

It's like spaghetti.

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Matt Mio 10:11

So if I tell you that the performance, I mean, it was a group, as they all were back then, but they just had a name. It wasn't exactly one person. was Right Said Fred

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Beth Oljar 10:22

I'm Too Sexy

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Dave Chow 10:23

Too sexy for my shirt.

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Matt Mio 10:24

Right. Too sexy for my car, my shirt, your party and my land.

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Danielle Maxwell 10:31

Oh, my goodness!

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Beth Oljar 10:32

I'm watching west wing over again. And there's actually an episode where CJ is listening to that song.

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Danielle Maxwell 10:38

You said so many sentences today that I didn't think you were gonna say,

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Dave Chow 10:42

Do not quote me. There's an episode on The Simpsons in which Bart and his friends, Milhouse Nelson and Ralph Wiggum become a popular boy band. One of their songs, even at niage, has a subliminal message. What is the message trying to get you to do,

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Erin Bell 11:04

eat it, crusties or something? I forget. Oh, enlist in the Isn't it like enlist in the got it enlist in the marine,

D Dave Chow 11:14

in the Navy to get you to join the Navy. So Yvonne et niage is join the Navy backwards and all I remember this episode is they finally discovered that the boy band was generated just to recruit people to the Navy. Is like, you know, what are your recruitment tactics? Is like, well, we've got the subliminal, the liminal and the super like, super liminal. The guy leans out the window. Hey, idiot, showing the name that makes me laugh every single time. That's good, even at niage. What Civil War General is memorialized in a statue on Belle Isle? That's a good trivia question. You should know that Civil War general? Yeah, politski, it's something like, it's nice. It's not Polish, though. It's not Polish, though it's not a Polish sounding name, I thought the same thing that you were thinking of Thaddeus, because this guy, but that's not who that was, a revolutionary initials, A, S, W, who was later elected to Congress, not Arthur, and ran unsuccessfully for Governor of the great state of Michigan, Andrew. The first name is the one that's going to be a little harder to come by. I mean, you're in the zone with Aloysius, but that's not it. Oh, you're close, yeah, Alonso. His first name was Alpheus. Alpheus Starkey Williams, elected to Congress and ran unsuccessfully for governor.

B Beth Oljar 12:40

Alpheus, I presume he fought for the Union. I would think the

D Dave Chow 12:45

UAW or the AFL CIO, yeah, exactly. Oh my gosh. Where would we find these four things put together? Literary value, artistic value, political value, scientific value.

D Dave Chow 12:57

Beth's class, I was gonna say it sounds

B Beth Oljar 12:59

like syllabus, the core curriculum, actually, I was gonna say,

D Dan Maggio 13:04

Yeah, is that

D Dave Chow 13:06

some kind of rating scale? It is. I mean, you're inferring very well. It's a rating scale from 1973 a very important decision was made, comics code, comics code, obscenity and pornography is, is the definition of obscenity. Yes, that's right. Miller versus California. To this day we call it the Miller test. Does it have any literary value, artistic, political or scientific value?

E Erin Bell 13:32

George Carlin made that all up. Those are seven dirty words.

D Dave Chow 13:36

Thank you, Beth for taking the bonus question right out of my mouth, what are the two prongs of the Miller test with the average person applying contemporary community standards find the work Taken as a whole, appeal to the prurient interest. She knew it off the top of her head, that's awesome,

B Beth Oljar 13:51

thinking of the marvelous Mrs. Maisel. It wasn't because I've read Miller V California, but that's okay.

D Dave Chow 13:59

What are the four weapons utilized by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, nunchucks, sword, Katana, not hammer, stick. Is it a bone arrow? Aaron singing the theme song, I

B Beth Oljar 14:16

don't know. Don't they have stars? Don't they have the I think stars,

D Dave Chow 14:19

ninja stars. So far, all I have is nunchuck and the Katana sword. Okay, no, but there is a bow, crossbow. Bow is a staff. It's just a stick, yeah, and the very, very short daggers, known as

D Danielle Maxwell 14:36

throwing knives.

D Dave Chow 14:38

Not Ginsu either. I

B Beth Oljar 14:40

still let it Katana is the long sword, or the Katana

D Dave Chow 14:43

is the long so the short sword, it starts with the letter S.

D Dan Maggio 14:47

Haven't you seen Kill Bill? Volume One?

D Dave Chow 14:49

It's very Kill Bill. Let's be serious, yeah, yeah.

B Beth Oljar 14:53

But it's from feudal samurai society, so I should know it

D Dan Maggio 14:58

from show then do we actually. The dagger.

D Dave Chow 15:01

They do in Japanese, they're called, sigh, yep, that's what Electra uses, too. Oh, Electra. Oh, that's right. And of course, David, know that absolutely the little crescent, literally thing according to the Book of Revelation, what are the four colors of the four horses of the apocalypse. For Horsemen of the Apocalypse, red, black is white, red and black. Tutti frutti, white, red, black and green, blue. This is, this is hard because it's not a traditional color. Word Pantone. Yeah, it's not a panettone. No, it's not a traditional copper machine, no, yes, apocalyptic course of fashion, only after they get bruised up, right, right. So I'm putting this together based on my, you know, hardcore religious training here. I'm pretty sure Red was war. I'm pretty sure Black was death, pretty sure White Salmon, Oh, right. Famine is the one that we're missing. Thank you very much. Green, I'm giving it to Dan for green because it's only described as very pale, is all it says, oh, like, kind of sickly, right? Yeah.

D Danielle Maxwell 16:18

No, gross. Yeah, gross.

D Dave Chow 16:22

What do these famous pop songs have in common? Other than being all recorded in the last century known as the 1900s Love is a many splendored thing. 1951 December, 1963 from 1975 baby, I need your love in 1964 what's up? 1992 more commonly known as, of course, what's going on? Marvin Gaye, were

D Dan Maggio 16:47

they all written by the same person,

D Dave Chow 16:48

produced by the same person? 1963 is

B Beth Oljar 16:52

Franky Val in the Four Seasons, right?

D Dave Chow 16:55

So you're really close with that little bit, right there. That is a true statement, but love

J James Tubbs 17:00

is the mini splendor thing. 51 that's who they're sung by. Nope.

D Dave Chow 17:04

I mean, yes, it is, but not because it's the same person, yeah. Sorry, same guitar, same drummer. What's going on? Well, recording city, what's up. 1992 more commonly known as what's going on. That wasn't Marvin Gaye, right?

S Speaker 1 17:20

Not Well, that's four non blondes. Oh, you're getting close.

D Dave Chow 17:24

Beth said, four seasons. You said four non blondes. Okay, who did, baby? I need your loving. The four top four tops, all fours. Who performed? Love is a many splendid thing,

B Beth Oljar 17:35

the Anders sisters, four seasons,

D Dave Chow 17:38

four something, four freshmen, the four aces. Four aces, not the Fantastic Four. So not the Fantastic Four. That's right. I just love December, 1963 from 1975

B Beth Oljar 17:51

it's actually one of my favorite songs. It's a

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Dave Chow 17:54

great song. I just love the way it looks when you read it off of the paper. It's very confusing. What is the object of the game connections in the New York Times to build the connection

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Dan Maggio 18:05

to group four

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Danielle Maxwell 18:05

things by a theme. I love that game increasing difficulty.

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Dan Maggio 18:09

Some days it's really hard.

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Dave Chow 18:11

The worst ones are the visual ones.

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Beth Oljar 18:13

Yeah, I hate it when the New York Times Online says you can get a free account and read anything like, No, I they lie. I've downloaded the New York Times app, and I'm not getting all the stuff

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Danielle Maxwell 18:24

you do that. You can also play games from the Atlantic.

J

James Tubbs 18:27

Well, I get that more with the post than I do with the times.

D Dan Maggio 18:30

Yeah, 25 bucks a year. This

J James Tubbs 18:33

is so bad for some articles from the New York Times, you can get for I can never get beyond

B Beth Oljar 18:37

anybody's fire wolf.

D Dave Chow 18:38

The thing about connections that always blurs things for me is when it's all well, the middle three letters of each of these words is a part of the body, like my brain does not work that way. It's just

J James Tubbs 18:48

like nine doesn't either. Yeah,

D Danielle Maxwell 18:49

can't hold all that. You remove the first letter, replace it with a T. All of these words are

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Dave Chow 18:53

words exactly, exactly. I usually get one of them, and then I just give my phone to Leslie, like, here. Finish. Finish. This? Did she do it? Absolutely. She's actually really good at it, although I gotta say, Danielle, at the beginning of this semester, turned me on to bracket city. I love bracket. Bracket city from the Atlantic, is a great quiz game, and it's very doable. Every day you have to look it up. Okay, I will not say anything more. Look up bracket city, play it on your phone to pay for the Atlantic to access it. No, you know, it's very, very fun. It's a word game, but in a fun way. Okay, what do these four words have in common? English seems to be a their words a thing throughout this secret admirer who knows where we live, question, set, dung, stag beetles, Lady Bird I was waiting for like Ringo, exactly and the VW Bug, yes, that's exactly right. How many ways to leave your lover are described in the Paul Simon song? 50 ways to leave your lover? Okay, now I'm gonna repeat the question, because 50 is incorrect. Okay, how many ways to leave your lover are described in. Paul Simon song, 50 ways to leave your lover to know all the lyrics.

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Beth Oljar 20:03

Oh, but in the chorus, that's right, that's where so four make

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Dan Maggio 20:07

a new plan. How many does he actually listen the song?

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Dave Chow 20:10

How many? 20? Nope, 39 Gus

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Beth Oljar 20:14

gotta get on the bus go. So far

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Dave Chow 20:17

is almost there. I think 712 Hang on, just sing a Gus Roy, who else did he the leave? So best said four. And I'm giving it to her. It's five, nice. Well, it's the name. It's like, going to a movie that says the never ending story. You know, it's like it

J

James Tubbs 20:41

really, really does end Yes, thankfully. Thank god, yes.

D

Dave Chow 20:45

I have a very good joke that I'll tell Erin about later, because I think she doesn't like it from the from the song, oh, you can slip out the back. Jack, right, hop on the bus, Gus, drop off the key. Lee is the last Lee? Yes, so that I have heard this, yeah, you've heard that song.

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Danielle Maxwell 21:06

It's a great song,

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Erin Bell 21:07

the montage

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Beth Oljar 21:09

Paul Simon's a great songwriter.

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Dave Chow 21:10

Absolutely, absolutely. Okay, so let's play \$10,000 Pyramid here. We got a

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Danielle Maxwell 21:17

couple alerts left. Is a great way to start off the

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Beth Oljar 21:21

air. Is there, what is there money involved?

D Dave Chow 21:23

No, but Michael Strahan is involved. So we're doing good. You're like, he is the host of the \$100,000 just gonna walk in the door now, or, well, for those of us, Dick Clark, yeah, exactly. Dick Clark from back in the day. So, Aaron, you've seen the show before. Where to celebrity? Usually a cue list. Celebrity and a player have a little box, and basically they have to describe things without, you know, using their hands or anything. You just have to guess what it is. And we're not going to use any timer or anything. We're just going to go around. Each of you will get a different clue from me, because someone sent these in to punish me as well. So now we got straight man, and so he doesn't use his hands exactly,

D Danielle Maxwell 22:01

and he also likes to think out loud. So if you hear words that don't fit in, there,

D Dave Chow 22:05

goes into bondage. Start with Danielle, and we'll see how this goes. Get too far away from the microphone here. I don't know where my class is. How do I find my professor?

D Danielle Maxwell 22:20

Things students say on the first week of school, not

D Dave Chow 22:22

just any student. Where is this room?

D Danielle Maxwell 22:27

New students?

D Dave Chow 22:28

Yeah, what a freshman might say? That's pretty good. Okay, okay, Dave, this is perfect for you. Sometimes these all line up. I think Jim had like ocean liners once, hockey players for Dave, I will go germack. I will say snack foods and not snack foods. A Kowalski, Detroit foods, yes, Detroit based food. Oh, man, okay, no pressure, no pressure. Don't furrow your brow just yet. Y'all do fine. We have faith in you. You look so anxious. I'm gonna try to I'm gonna cover like all sides of this here. So how about Ferndale and also Rochester, and also Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township, Berkley, Huntington woods, Oak Park, Warren.

E Erin Bell 23:26

No, not Warren. I'm like, Oakland County. Yeah, you

D Dave Chow 23:29

got it. Cities

J James Tubbs 23:30

of Oakland County, yeah, I know, yeah. Oh no.

E Erin Bell 23:36

That was easy, okay. I thought it was like,

D Dave Chow 23:39

Where the heck is the eastern border? I can't even think of it like John R Dequindre. Oh, for

D Danielle Maxwell 23:45

yeah, definitely with home,

J

James Tubbs 23:49

the biggest city in Macomb County, third biggest city in the state.

E

Erin Bell 23:52

No, you did okay. Oh, I thought it was like something more complicated, like, Oh no, no, no. We're just

D

Dave Chow 23:57

trying to have some fun and watch me sweat. Watch you stumble

J

James Tubbs 24:02

a little bit. Okay for Jim, okay,

D

Dave Chow 24:05

a dry erase marker, a microphone, a podium,

J

James Tubbs 24:10

things in a classroom, a table, things in a studio,

D

Dave Chow 24:16

dry erase risers with chairs on them. The problem is, you said classroom, and you're like, collection, it's lecture halls here. Yeah. So, you know, I mean,

D

Danielle Maxwell 24:29

partial credit, partial credit.

D

Dave Chow 24:31

Yep, the judge might not be a tool. This is totally random. I literally just chose one of these lists. So, Dan, I'm just giving you warning ahead of time. Let's see you've been randomized. Dan, yep. Oh, gosh, I gotta think about this

D

Danielle Maxwell 24:42

one a little bit ahead of time, definitely.

D

Dave Chow 24:45

Oh, I'm drawing blank. You should? I gotta check something on my phone real quick, if the people can only sweating right about now,

D

Dan Maggio 24:53

are you

J

James Tubbs 24:53

really doing this? No, he's got to think up the clues. You

D

Dan Maggio 24:56

see, yeah, I thought maybe that was the clue they just

J

James Tubbs 24:59

told. Him the word, if

D Dave Chow 25:02

this was 60 seconds, he passed right about now. So, so the guy from Saturday Night Live, who played one of the Ghostbusters, stick close here, the kid who originally played Harry Potter, the guy that played James Bond in the last iteration. Famous Irish actor, my left foot wrote, wrote The Da Vinci Code.

D Dave Chow 25:30

Wrote, This is Angels and Demons.

D Dan Maggio 25:33

Daniel, Craig Tom Brown,

D Dave Chow 25:37

famous quarterback for the for the dolphins.

D Dan Maggio 25:42

Dan Marino

D Dave Chow 25:46

and you

D Dan Maggio 25:47

famous, famous. I'm not famous, so i

J James Tubbs 25:52

What do all of those names? Last Name begin with an M

D Dan Maggio 25:58

Italians no

B Beth Oljar 26:01

Ackroyd, Radcliffe, Craig

D Dave Chow 26:04

Brown, this is not a joke, just randomly. So they all start with Dan. They're all Dan. My next one was gonna be Danny DeVito, but it's a Danny not

D Danielle Maxwell 26:18

to look up. Could you not come put the single day? No, no. When I look at something

D Dave Chow 26:21

like that, I totally blanked. And you typed something out into AI, and they gave me 275, famous dance. I'm like, All I had was Ackroyd, and I'm not just gonna do Ackroyd and Maggio. All right, all right. We'll finish things off with Beth, and then I'm afraid the time has come for us to take 2026, head on here, a wreath, a tree, some garland,

D Dave Chow 26:44

ornaments, Christmas, Christmas tree, Christmas.

D Dave Chow 26:49

What are all those things have in common? A candle, maybe some lights outside.

B Beth Oljar 26:55

They're all Christmas decorations.

M

Matt Mio 26:57

Decorations. Yeah, there you go.

D

Danielle Maxwell 26:59

I was trying to get business decorations

D

Dave Chow 27:00

The sparkles

B

Beth Oljar 27:02

What am I missing?

M

Matt Mio 27:03

This is a lot harder than it looks, is all I'm gonna say right now, it's a lot harder.

D

Dave Chow 27:08

Okay. Next time, should somebody else do it?

M

Matt Mio 27:09

Probably, probably

D

Dave Chow 27:11

Danielle can do it

M

Matt Mio 27:11

Next year, somebody else is doing this.

D

Danielle Maxwell 27:13

We are in the next year. What are you talking about 2027, at

M

Matt Mio 27:21

Professors. I'm so sorry. The time has come to say goodbye. Beth,

B

Beth Oljar 27:25

Goodbye.

M

Matt Mio 27:26

Dan

D

Dan Maggio 27:26

What's my name?

M

Matt Mio 27:27

Jim

J

James Tubbs 27:28

Farewell.

M

Matt Mio 27:29

Erin

E

Erin Bell 27:29

Goodbye.

M

Matt Mio 27:30

Dave

D

Dave Chow 27:30

See ya

M

Matt Mio 27:31

and Danielle.

D

Danielle Maxwell 27:32

Adios

M

Matt Mio 27:32

And now these words,

M

Michael Jayson 27:33

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M

Matt Mio 27:43

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