

## [Transcript] No Such Thing As A Fish / 501: No Such Thing As Republican Barbie

Hi everyone and welcome to episode 501 of no such thing as a fish. Well, what do we have for you this week? We have finished our summer live shows and we have loads of extra bits that I couldn't fit into the normal 15 minute to an hour episode of fish. Usually what we would do with those is we'd make them into a compilation and they would go for our club fish members. That's where all the compilations go these days. But seeing as they were the live shows that were coming to the end of summer and that we're all sleeping off our hangovers from Episode 500 we thought we would put this up on our main feed. Now the thing is about these episodes is if you like the facts on fish. Then these are some of the best episodes for you because they are super concentrated of little nuggets of information. But there's loads of fun silly stuff in there as well. I really hope you enjoy it if you like your compilations, then you can become a member of club fish. You will also get ad-free episodes. You'll get other bonus contents such as drop us a line where we go through the mailbox and meet the elves where we meet some of our Newer members of staff at QI. There's also stuff on there. It's well worth joining and you can join there by going to no such thing as a fish dot com forward slash apple or no such thing as a Fish dot com forward slash patreon. Anyway, I really hope you enjoy this week's show. We'll be back next week with a normal episode, but for now it's on with the podcast. Please welcome to stage our buddy loose Anders everybody. Please welcome to the stage Rachel Paris everybody. Duker everyone. Fry. You're joined by nerd royalty ladies and gentlemen welcome to the stage Susie Dent. He is of course Greg Janet. Harriet Lloyd everybody, it's Jamie Morton everybody. Sally Phillips. Ella al-Shamahi everyone it is Richard Osmar. Have you heard there's a great anecdote which I've been trying to prove but it's I don't think it's true. I was. Actually, it's not true, and it's not relevant. Let's move on. Wow, we got that a lot quicker than normal didn't it was great. Usually I waste all our time, but I'm learning. That's bullshit. That's one of your best stories done. Quickly tell you guys about Alan bombard. Was a French doctor and he is very unusual because he's one of the only people in history ever to shipwreck himself. Okay, so this is amazing.

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There were lots of people at the time being you know lots of shipwreck sailors who were dying each year

Like when they're when their boats were shipwrecked and he wanted to prove that even if you had no food or water

There were there were ways you could survive. So he set off from the canaries

With a sextant a tarpaulin a fishing rod and a sealed box of food and water which he was going to try really hard not to open

The self-control he must have had he suffered terribly like

Yeah, he had no rain for three weeks and then storms snapped the mast of his dinghy

Swordfish approached his rubber dinghy nose first

I know that's cool 53 days later

He bumped into a ship and they said oh, yeah, you're still 600 miles off course for where you're going, right?

He had just become a father as well when he did this which I find

Like well at least I got some sleep

The length some people will go to

So

Amazing, but anyway, so he he then he got on board this ship which picked him up after 53 days

He had a small lunch of a fried egg

Then got back on his dinghy and kept sailing towards Barbados and he made it there in the end

He did it eventually, but yeah, I just think what a what a self-experiment to do that to yourself. Yeah, it's extraordinary

But why?

What's approved that apart from not to see your child and wife

I think they're taking 18 years to get them

Yeah, I think it was to prove what you could survive on if you could survive on fish or plankton

Which you you can do and you can do that without actually doing it. You could just say oh, I might eat fish today

There's my self-control right there in a tin of food you can't open

Just out of curiosity have we have we been eating and drinking from the wrong end this whole time

Would there be would there be certain things?

Well, because President Garfield was through his

Famously you've got a bit of your pipe left down

What better time to put it into practice a

Tutorial if you will I

Think if you have the option the mouth is a better option if we have no other option then the rectum is acceptable

Just fluids though, so I mean if you're trying to absorb lots of nutrients

Okay, you want then you know your stomach and your upper digestive system will do all that work

So so it is a plan B very much so and I'll still try it

I was looking at people who

Who died laughing this happened in 1920 and it was reported by an Australian newspaper called the Mudgee Guardian and Northwestern

Representative, okay, do you know it? Yeah? Yeah, that's my

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It's about a man called Arthur Cobcroft and I'm really I'm reading directly  
So mr. Arthur Cobcroft died at his home in Lofters Street Saturday  
He was reading at this 1920  
He was reading an old newspaper of a  
1915 date and was comparing the prices of various commodities with those of today  
When he suddenly burst into laughter at the great difference he appeared to be unable to control  
himself and eventually collapsed and died  
Commodity prices  
They must have been so different  
I'm laughing thinking about it now  
It's amazing because I reckon the cost of living crisis isn't that funny today  
No, but for him, but if I say to you are like a Fredo used to be 10p  
Careful yeah  
I was reading about when something goes wrong on stage  
And so that got me into a whole territory of if someone is hurt as they're acting  
What do you do and I found this thing that apparently?  
It's a huge problem for paramedics when they're called to help someone who's really injured  
Who's in a zombie movie?  
Because they arrive they have no idea who the patient is because everyone is bleeding everyone's  
got  
Even if they find the person who's really injured themselves  
They just can't tell where the wound is because the amount of well  
I broke a rib being chased by a zombie once  
Did you yeah, yeah, I was in London like one of these things where you pay to be chased by zombies  
Yeah  
It does sound a bit like I was like watching a lot of American football at the time and the zombie was  
coming towards me  
And I thought I'd do some amazing dodges past him  
And I got nowhere near past him and he kind of tagged me and pushed me into a wall and I broke a  
rib and  
They we had to go to like the A&E and there were quite a lot of people who'd had similar problems  
And it was just like you say it was like being in mash  
It's just people with arms hanging off. You didn't know what was real and what wasn't yeah  
I found out that Bungae in East Anglia has the highest number of satanists in the UK. Oh  
Today now I'd like to take issue with that. Would you like to get his bolsover in Derbyshire?  
How many has Bolsover got  
17 in 2017 17 17 17 in Bungae  
Okay, but it might be relative to population. I don't know how big Bungae is sounds tiny  
This bolsover thing is from the census in 2011 where this was from the census  
I bet it's is it a later census mine. Maybe I don't know  
But the in Bolsover it was only 17 people who wrote satanist as their religion, but that was the  
highest per person  
But highest concentration even Bristol only had 34 people who wrote satanist, but Bristol's huge  
So the Google article I saw said

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Bungae in East Anglia and then the next one was Bronzebury  
London which had 20 so the big big  
Beelzebub  
The Beast yeah  
There was a footnote that said they thought Bungae might might been doing it as a kind of tourist  
attracting thing  
Because they've got a big black dog. I can't remember what it's called like a myth of a big black a  
satanic dog  
It really came in. Yeah, and they're trying to push that. It's worked. I mean, we're all talking about  
Bungae all the time  
Or did you know there's a pantomime horse arrest in Tesco's  
When it was when it was found that the Tesco's budget brand everyday value burgers contain 29%  
horse meat  
Yeah pantomime horse went to protest in Tesco's  
Crying going mommy  
And it was led away into the soft department and it was never seen again  
Here's a good quick little tip if you meet someone who's Dutch and they say to you I fuck horses  
They don't  
Not necessarily you've got tip. Oh, I can't confirm for certain. Yeah, so is that Dutch does it sound  
okay means breeding?  
Yeah, they breed horses. Yeah, and they supposedly was a story where the Dutch Foreign Minister  
was introduced to JFK  
And he said hi, how are you so don't very good. Well, what are your hobbies? I fuck horses and  
Why did he only say that one word in Dutch and the rest of it?  
That's where I also questioned the anecdotes. Yeah, but it does stand I looked up the translation  
Fok is for breeding. So yeah, again, you'd never hear that in that kind unless horses  
I didn't look up horses and look up if they say that in Dutch  
Should we move on?  
So one person who did slightly pioneer the idea of living underwater it was Jacques Cousteau  
Jacques Cousteau you will probably  
Know him. He's he's had the eclipse and he was one of the greatest ocean. Sorry. I don't you know  
the dance. No  
You know the ice cream using it with a calypso. Yeah, he's one of the greatest  
Oceanographers of all time and he kind of pioneered documentary making in the field of immersive  
and you follow a team and  
The life aquatic by Wes Anderson is very much based on the story of Jacques Cousteau  
But on a scientific level he also invented or co-invented the aqualung which is why we're able to go  
diving  
So that was Jacques Cousteau and then one of the other things he did was this thing called the con  
shells  
Which are the continental shells which were habitable zones down in the ocean and  
Continental shelf to was this big-looking starfish kind of housing unit and he lived in it with his crew  
for a number of days  
They had a parrot that came down and lived with them as well

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Yeah, because that in a sort of slightly dark sense  
It was like the canary in the mountain, you know  
Something was wrong with the levels of oxygen okay parrot would know first and so they could get  
out of there  
So he set a record for the longest anyone's been down there and then his son Fabian Cousteau  
So he lived down there and held the record for the longest anyone's been under the ocean for quite a  
while  
And then it got taken over by a professor and a student  
But he invented the shark submarine. Have you seen this?  
This is this is incredible. It's the submarine in the shape of a shark  
So the idea is that he can observe sharks while being one of them. It's a one person submersible  
No, he has to be in a diving suit while he's in it because water flows all the way through  
He has to drive the submarine while laying down in the shark and his elbows are steering it as he  
goes  
Why his elbows? What's to do with this? Sorry, he's not his elbows steering with his hands  
Okay, thank you  
He has a needless layer of complication for an otherwise flawless idea. He's on his phone, isn't he  
and he's just like  
I was looking at in British elections, you know, there's that thing of always on election night a  
general election night  
There's a kind of who gets their their ballot counted first and it's which constituencies or  
Oh, it's usually like Sunderland versus Newcastle Sunderland and Newcastle and you mean like a  
race to get  
Yeah, final result. I was reading about Sunderland's methods for ensuring they stay at the top of  
their game  
Yeah, and they're amazing. So well, we're going with it's kind of a tradition now  
And they've like they've done it. They've really gone into detail  
So they hire bank tellers because they're very good at flipping through lots and lots of paper very  
quickly like individual bits of paper  
They use lighter paper for their ballot sheets because it's slightly easier to count fast  
So they switch from 100 GSM to 80 GSM  
Yeah, they do obviously they do practices like they practice  
they address rehearsals with the students who are running holding the ballot boxes and they  
Say you're gonna be filmed. You're gonna be you need to be you know careful. You don't want to  
drop those that'll be a disaster and  
The labor always wins in that constituency, right? I think they do. I think they always win  
I guess they would yeah, but I remember like I always watch the election night and they all the  
results come in and I only  
Stay up for Sunderland the Newcastle a hundred percent labor and then I go to bed  
Always slightly disappointed when I wake up  
You can get woolen coffins these days, I believe  
A little price for anyone who can guess the headline that was used on the story announcing us in  
2011  
Take your time that you're allowed woolen coffins now. Yeah. Yeah as a cool woolen coffin that's

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been launched  
Gonna have to hurry you  
No, no, really, that's all no, let's all believe silent bits of podcasts a very popular anyone in the audience  
This is too tough a quiz handy anyone  
What was a burial is good famous phrase cozy bear went with  
Rest in fleece  
Not mine very nice  
But lovely  
Yeah, and you can be you can be buried in it or it can be cremated  
It's the same either way you can get cardboard coffins wool coffins willow coffins banana leaf coffins  
Or you can now be wrapped in a shroud as we used to be and there's a big movement a natural burial movement  
Which is because there are so many  
Horrible chemicals and a lot of funeral processes, especially if you are embalmed  
It's very bad for the environment for your body to go into the ground full of chemicals  
So if you have a biodegradable coffin, then you can be buried in like what in a natural burials  
He's a field that someone's agreed to have people buried in can you get wicker?  
Yeah wicker. Yeah, and you can also get one  
It's made of like a mushroom fungus that will start to decompose your body faster  
And this is really important I've talked before a big talk of planning your funeral and advanced care planning  
It's big thing that you should write this down now. Otherwise, you're gonna get wrapped in that wool suit, right?  
I just like to put it because this is being recorded and we'll go out  
I do not want to be eaten by mushrooms when I'm okay  
Do you want banana leaves or wicker or wool? I'll be putting a big wicker cage and burned by some  
And probably some people be dancing around in white in the situation  
That's gonna be an amazing podcast when it comes out  
One of the suffragettes this was Anne Hunt she walked into the National Portrait Gallery and  
She stopped in front of a portrait of Thomas Carlisle who's one of the founders  
Painted by Millay and she slashed it  
There's a really famous thing that she did  
There was only one member of staff who was suspicious  
It was a guy called David Wilson and the first time she walked in he wasn't that suspicious. He thought she was american  
Apparently he thought she was american because she was looking so closely at the pictures  
Apparently that's what americans do but then the second day she came back in again  
And david wilson said that she couldn't be american because no american would have paid the six pence entrance fee twice over  
So it's like that must be someone that's up to no good. Was she coming back?  
Had she already slashed some of the first day? No, the first time she went in was to kind of  
So there were lots of sort of famous incidents like particular flash points where for example  
Mrs. Pankhurst was going to speak at an event and then and you know the police didn't want it to

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happen

And so that became a course celebrity. There was an event called the battle of glasgo

Oh, yes, yes

The mrs. Pankhurst was going to glasgo to speak and the police did not want her to appear. They didn't want her to speak

There were 50 police constables in the basement of the building where she was billed to appear All the tickets have been sold, you know huge presents like people checking everyone on the door Suddenly mrs. Pankhurst appears on stage out of nowhere and it turns out she just come in as a punter with a ticket

Sat by the platform and then gets up and starts speaking

So all the police start coming up from the basement because they're you know, they're activated um

meanwhile

25 of the suffragette bodyguards get their clubs out and start trying to beat the police up

Yeah, you know, so you've got 25 suffragettes with clubs 50 policemen with their truncheons

One of the suffragettes shot a policeman in the chest point blank with a blank bullet

So it wasn't it was just a kind of surprise rather than

I hope she said that

I'm so sorry. Are you okay? It was my fault and then plainclothes detectives

Trying to get onto the platform when mrs. Pankhurst is still speaking at this point

She's still delivering her speech the plainclothes detectives are trying to climb onto the platform

It turns out the floral garlands all the way around the platform are barbed wire. They've been disguised

I know

There are old ladies now beating the police with their umbrellas as they're trying to fight the truncheon

We're like it just sounds like an insane scene. Who's listening to the speech at this point?

Weird moment today, I was researching crisps and I found out in japan at the moment

There's a trend that's going on and then it turns out this is going global now to eat crisps using chopsticks

So that you don't get the oil on your fingers as you are

Doing the other work that you're doing right if you're eating

So I was literally eating a bag of crisps as I was researching that fact

And my fingers absolutely were sticky on the on the uh, the mac uh, sort of mouse bits, you know, like

Oh, the keypad. Yeah. Yeah, the keypad. No, they're like the you know, the hand mouse thing the keypad. Yeah

Well, the keypad's the mouse and the mouse

The tracker the trackpad

The track pad

Gosh, it's like living in the future, isn't it?

I found myself reading a piece about historical novels by a writer called

James Forrester, I just want to quote from this article. He wrote about 10 years ago and listen to this

He was he because he reads a lot and he I think he wrote historical novels, too

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One highly acclaimed and commercially successful recent historical novel had on page three the statement that there were no priests within a three day ride  
Taking into consideration the time of year and the location of this statement. I calculated that there were between five and eight thousand priests  
Wow within a three day ride in that year  
I could not carry on reading  
Stop the podcast stop the podcast  
Hi everyone, we'd like to let you know that this week we are sponsored by Squarespace  
Yes, Squarespace is the all-in-one platform that means you can stand out  
Build a website a gorgeous successful one. It just makes it super convenient and easy and simple and fun  
Yeah, absolutely. I once studied computer programming and oh, yeah, I did it for about a year and at the end I managed to make  
Tic Tac Toe  
But if I wanted to make an entire website using that skill  
I probably would struggle and that's why something like Squarespace is so important because it's so easy to use  
If you want to be blogging on your website if you want to do email campaigns  
If you want to see your analytics if you want to sell things using an online star  
Squarespace has all of these tools that are just available with a click of a button  
That's right. And James is tic-tac-toe  
World is actually going online soon. It's got videos of some of the great  
Noughts and Crosses games in history. That's something that Squarespace provides. It's brilliant  
And I'm also available on tic-tac tic-tac-toe  
If you would like to see little videos of tic-tac  
Look, what am I talking about?  
Squarespace is a place to go if you have an actual real life website that you would like to make  
And the best way to do that is to go to squarespace.com  
Fish because when you do that you can get 10 off your first purchase of a website or domain  
And the way you do that is by using the code fish  
That's right  
You can get a free trial at squarespace.com and when you're ready to launch go to squarespace.com  
Slash fish and you will save 10 percent off your first purchase of a website or domain  
You won't be left feeling like it's all been for naught and you won't be left feeling cross  
Brilliant do it now. I'm with the podcast  
I'm with the show  
Children are quite weirdly good at lying so or rather they're good  
So adults are very bad at telling when children are lying. This is the thing  
And the reason for that they can only work it out about the same as  
Guessing on at like 54 percent of the time so not much better than chance really and the reason for that  
There are lots of experiments and it's because adults assume that children  
Lie like adults do and they assume that children's faces



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Move in the same ways that adults do but basically there have been a load of experiments  
Which assumed that children are not proficient liars and in fact the problem is that children just look  
guilty quite a lot at the time  
Like because you talk to a young child though. They might divert their eyes. They might fidget. They  
might be incoherent  
They look they look like they look like they're hiding something  
And that's so adults think they're lying when they may or will not be so yeah  
I think I look permanently guilty. It makes me a bad liar  
But it also makes me a really bad truth teller  
That's the problem because I look like I'm lying whatever so any lie I tell I'm going to get cortex  
I look like I'm lying and any time I tell the truth. No one believes me because I look like I'm lying  
It's very difficult  
That's why I have to have the computer in front of me on point this  
One of the reasons that we have x as the x-men and their  
x-ray and stuff like that is because daycar  
Um used x to mean an unknown in algebra. Yeah, wasn't it?  
He decided to use x y and z and the story goes that the reason he did it is because the printer  
Who was doing his books and I got loads of x's y's and z's left over because no words have x's in  
them  
So I might as well use them  
But it turns out that because he's french actually x is quite a common  
Relatively common in french and it might have been because they just had lots of x's because x is  
quite common  
But yeah, but without those without daycar. We might not have the x-men  
We might have the a-men or the or the b-men or whatever. Oh, wow, and we wouldn't have the c-  
men  
Tweets  
Probably not  
So I was I was looking into things that are named after people and I was thinking I was reasoning  
that there must be something  
Which is the most famous thing that people don't know is named after a person  
So we've said before like  
Shrapnel is named after a bloke who was called general Henry Shrapnel or something  
I think we said that nachos were named after a guy called Ignacio  
Exactly, and I so we've done a few of these before and like the cardigan  
Do people know it was named after the seventh Earl of cardigan?  
Okay, that is known because I read an article claiming that he was wearing one while he led the  
charge of the light brigade  
I thought that can't that can't be right. There would have been a uniform because it feels too. Yeah,  
maybe  
Well like pushing his merch during war  
exactly  
Yeah, I mean, yeah, it is named after him, but yeah, I think and it was during the battle of balaclava  
That's the thing that people don't know. Yeah, and the cravat go back to croats because croats were

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those and

Slaves were slavs

I mean, that's all that's not quite eponyms. There's the kind of toponyms, but and and I'm really sorry to always lower the tone

But you know that bugger

Is actually a riff on bulgarian because there were these bulgarian sex in the 11th sex in the 11th century

They were supposed to get up to strange sex. So that's where bugger comes. Wow. Yeah, that's kind of topping in there. Isn't it really not an eponym?

I think

Strictly speaking

In 1996 the swedish navy admitted that they had found a huge amount of evidence of russian submarines operating in their waters

Right really serious, you know post cold war threatening security environment

And there had been 6 000 incidents a huge number reported from 1981 to 1994

It turns out that what they had been hearing was largely

Otters splashing

Playful otters splashing in the water

There were about one in a thousand claims was likely to be a submarine and the rest was just random

They also, um, they found out that it was farting fish as well, didn't they? Yeah, Harry

Farting fish farting. Yeah, they communicate by farting in fact

We have this fact our qi which is herring communicate by farting

Yes, and we tweet it about once a year just so that everyone tweets richard herring to go. Oh, I didn't know you

He hates us

I can imagine

So the thing I want to mention about protests is to do with another quiz show which is mastermind

And the first question ever was about protests and it was about a painting by Picasso

Which was a protest about the bombing by spanish planes on a village and the question was

What year when the event took place was the inspiration for the painting?

The answer was 1937

The answer was 1937, but the question was about german planes not spain

So the first ever question on mastermind was in caress

Yeah

So how shit is mastermind?

I just think I just feel like it's qi and countdown on stage together. Let's shit on someone

What do you reckon soothe this shit? Yeah, let's get some headlines. That's it. Yes. Wait

Oh, I don't want to diss any of this. Oh, yeah, that was vicious. Um

Just on religion while we're there, um, there's been a few naked religions in the past

So the adamites

They were a sect in north africa in the second third and fourth centuries

That used always worn no clothes during the religious ceremonies

The idea being that they were going back to the garden of edam before we had clothes and this was

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the best way to get close to god  
Now it became big again in the chet republic in check here in 14th century  
And people who were adamites then would go naked through the towns and villages  
So they would everyone take their clothes off and they would go through the town saying come and join our gang  
You know, we're the we're the closest to jesus conga. Basically you're describing a naked conga  
Sure, let's call it a naked. Well, they did do a lot of naked dances  
They would have a fire and they would do naked dances around it  
And the idea was that they rejected a lot of the things in the catholic church  
And a lot of people think that they were like the precursors to the protestant revolution  
So it was like, you know, they was the first people really to kind of go against the church  
And then it kind of built up and built up in central europe  
But it carried all of the crumble trimmed a lot of that stuff away. Didn't he before it came up with puritanism  
Yeah, sorry and then it carried on and in the early us  
They had some adamites there and I was reading about one clergyman who was writing about them and he said  
About these people who were in church and were naked the whole time  
If the planets of venus reigned in their lower parts making them swell for pride or rather for lust  
Then the clerk with his long stick shall strike down the presumptuous flesh  
So basically  
If you yeah, you would yeah  
And he said that on one occasion there was a woman who made a congregation member rise in such an  
Unmeasurable manner that the old clerk was forced to use both hands to elate his courage  
At which the prophesier was in such pain that the whole house could not hold him and he said he would kill the clerk  
And basically this guy just started whacking his genitals with his stick  
He attacked that guy and basically they only just stopped him from killing the clerk  
But this guy said he wasn't bothered because it was in church  
God will look after him and it didn't matter if he killed the clerk because it was naked. It would all be fine  
It feels like we feels like pants is just easier, isn't it?  
So burrowing out they have lots of piles of poo outside the nest and it's cow dung and bison dung and all of this  
And then they just stand by the poo  
And wait they just go into kind of sentry position and just stand there looking very still  
And what scientists reckon is that they're fishing for dung beetles  
Oh freshish dung and dung beetles are really interested in burrowing out love eating the the dung beetles  
And so they'll just stand and wait and let the dung beetles approach. Isn't that crazy? They're basically they're basically fishing  
Like they're land fishing. Yeah. No, I got it. Yeah. Yeah  
I try to find a uh, if there was another naughty barbie, you know

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Kind of like the origins of barbie being a cool girl and I managed to find one which was the pole dancing barbie  
This was a one-off because it was part of a thing in japan called hebbacon  
Which was you know, like robot wars. This was anti robot wars  
This was a robot wars where everyone's  
Negotiations. No, no  
You you have robot summit  
robot model u.m  
You had to bring a very bad robot basically it had to be terrible  
And so the worse it was the better you got in the competition  
Okay, you were so there were 31 entrants and barbie doll that was entered was a attacking  
Through pole dancing barbie, but the other ones that it went up. How did she attack you with a pole  
dance?  
Did she spin round and kick you in the head?  
I think so because I couldn't find any photos because this was in 2013 and I think  
So no, so it's you know, it was a small thing that happened in japan  
The winner was a robot that was so sturdy that no one could knock it over  
So it just stood so the other things walked into it. Okay, that's the best one was the uh, the person  
who got a special  
Acknowledgement was one person a lady who accidentally left her robot on the train and then just  
went for a beer instead  
And they were like that level of shitness is so great  
We want to commend you with a special honor there. That's awesome. Yeah, pole dancing barbie  
The only one time in a anti robot war japanese competition hebbacon very cool. Yeah, there is a  
thing called the bubble babba challenge  
This is at the voxki river in russia. So it's near st. Petersburg. Uh, and it's a race  
Kind of a rafting race, but instead of a raft you have a sex doll  
It began in 2003  
Anyone's allowed to enter but you have to have a compulsory alcohol test before you start  
Oh, yeah, we don't want to we don't want to make this seem tawdry or unprofessional  
And in 2006  
That guy riding the sex doll down the river's had a shandy  
The most exciting of the bubble babba challenge  
Sex doll races was in 2006  
So all the races jumped into the water  
And there was a really really strong wind and that meant that almost all the sex dolls blew away  
And so you just got all these rushing mostly guys in the water just sort of without their sex dolls  
And there was only one person the guy called osipov who reached the finish line  
But he was disqualified  
Because the jury had noticed signs of recent sexual activity on the doll  
Which was very much banned  
I've got another we've got another barbie thing. Okay barbie is uh, officially  
Not part of any political party, right? So there's a  
Various reasons for that. She's been a presidential candidate at every election since 1992

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Much like hillary clinton

Um, not fair. Um, but she got in a she got in a beef with donald j trump

Barbie and donald j trump had a had a beef at the last election

Okay, because donald j trump tweeted there's a thing called voto barbie and it's doing courage.

What do you keep saying j in his name?

Oh, sorry. That's his junior. I'm talking about donald trump junior. Okay, cool. I believe. Yeah. Yeah, okay

Could be the senior. I mean, they're both such they're both such different

Yes

Well, I don't know who I don't know which of them said this. I think it was junior, but basically one of the trumps

Uh tweeted voto barbie must be a democrat because she's already wearing an eye voted sticker

And yet she's got another ballot in her hand

And matel had to reply barbie is not and never has been affiliated with a political party

To an official statement saying she's not a democrat. Yeah. Yeah. Wow. I think she is though clearly clearly

Can I tell you one more dueling method that happened? Yeah

So basically the you know the thing about you turn back to back and then you walk and then you there

There are various different methods in different countries. What ten paces turn around shoot. Sorry.

Yes. So the back

That's french basically. Um, and there is a much more fun variant which has another french name is called avalante

You face each other. Can we do the fun?

There was people really relished it, you know

A certain kind of person really seemed to enjoy it

So there's a variant called avalante where you face each other, right and you start walking towards each other

Oh, either of you can fire whenever you like, but if you miss

You have to stand still and wait for the other

Guy to shoot right. I know and that feels tense

I thought you were gonna say that you're standing right in front of each other and then you walk backwards away from each other

And then you're just hoping someone's not kneeling down behind you

That's amazing really god

It used to be in the olympics denit pistol dueling. Yeah 1906

It was one of the categories. It wasn't a medal one, but you would you would

So it was it was a thing that was done there because the winner would be dead. Yeah

Just I'm gonna put a silver medal on it

But that would be the there was like an intercalary games wasn't there in 1906

It wasn't the main game and they used wax bullets and the idea was you would just see who got hit first

And you had the sort of glass plate that was over your face and but it was done as a proper thing with spectators around and everything

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Yeah, it was very exciting

Have we said before that I think nasa found the oldest known rock the oldest known earth rock was on the moon

And then brought back to earth. Yes, and then it was called big bertha was the name of the rock

Um, was it yeah, it was yeah, they named it after a I think a gun from the first world war

So they brought that back and it was the first earth meteorite ever found on another body as in the first

Like meteor out if you like, you know the first like bit of earth that it hit somewhere else

Wasn't that the moon created when uh an asteroid hit the earth in those little splash so they say so they say yeah

I'm not sure I buy it. Yeah

Pigs already didn't happen. There's actually a strong theory that it is hollow

so

Is this the moon cave theory

That's it. Oh, yeah, I haven't heard it called that before but yeah

I suppose yeah, because supposedly when you hit it it rings like a bell

So is it artificial? Is it real? You mean when a meteorite hits a knife you just go?

Yeah, no when they did drilling on the moon they they they specifically tried to find out because you can do

You can do well

You can do seismic tests on the moon to see what the composition is on the inside right and it was completely empty apparently

And so yeah

I'm joking Hannah. I'm joking. I promise. Thank you. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. Have you ever been in a diamond mine in your adventures, Hannah?

No, I haven't. I wonder what that's like. Hmm

I see we've run out of facts and entered speculation territory

God

And you've mentioned oscar the hypnodog before on the podcast. Can you remember what that was oscar the hypnodog was a

Labrador who was a hypnot who was hypnotically trained

And went and like went missing and there were signs put up all over the country saying do not look at this talk

Is that it? That's it. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Basically

He's dangerous

We have mentioned that but what I'd never heard before was about puffy the hypnocat

Amazing

Puffy the hypnocat was in the 1940s in america

There was a guy who owned a bar and he said that puffy was sitting on the end of a nightclub bar

And a couple of girls came up to him and I didn't really pay attention what happened

But suddenly a girl was simply out on her feet. She simply wasn't from drinking

I'm something of a hypnotist myself

And I realized she was in a hypnotic trance and it turned out that this cat had been hypnotizing people

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in this guy's bar

And he started then training the cats to stare at people really really fixedly to try and hypnotize them  
And puffy became really really famous and in 1945 the american feline society called her the king of  
all cats

Because she was bringing in money for war bonds

So you would go into the bar and you would pay some money to be hypnotized by the cat

And then you know, they get the money for the war

And by the end of her life, she was credited with hypnotizing over 300 people

Always for benign purposes. I just well I spent all my money on tinned tuna

It's so weird

Just left it open around the place probably probably nothing

And you Hannah, you're such a skeptic. You probably don't even believe that story's true

Actually that one I'm really behind

One of us on this panel might be slightly harder to hypnotize than the other three. Oh, okay, can we  
guess who?

um

Is it dan because of his dubious questioning techniques?

Not dan because of his dubious questioning techniques

I feel like Hannah with her skepticism. It's not Hannah with her dubious skepticism thing

Is it handy with his lack of ability to talk to people at parties?

It's not me with my lack of ability to talk to people at parties

Is it james for being so fucking judgmental about the other 30 people on the panel?

It's james, but not for that reason not for that reason it's because so james you have aphantasia,  
right?

Oh, right. Okay. So james can't you say what it is? I just can't picture things in my head can't picture  
things in your head

Yeah, and that might make it harder to hypnotize you. It's there was a well

This is from the uk hypnosis convention, which sounds amazing last year's events included  
recreational erotic hypnosis

Uh, and aphantasia. What is it and why should we even care?

Slightly barbed

But I don't know much time we got I got very deep in the weeds on people who want to be heroes  
and do bad stuff

Oh, yeah, yeah

You heard of the hero complex

No, no, so it's not quite a psychological disorder. It's not in the diagnostic manuals, but it's like  
talked about by psychologists

It's a thing where it's sometimes known as a vanity crime where people are desperate to be the hero

So they'll do something bad so they can then rescue people like I'd mug you but then beat myself up

Yeah, exactly

Exactly that and hand yourself in I guess is the idea. Yeah. Yeah, but I rough myself up a bit first

Do I stop that a bit of a lifetime?

But like there's there's quite a lot of case studies the really famous one in 1984 an la pd police  
officer called

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Jimmy Wade Pearson

He heroically discovered and diffused a pipe bomb on an airport bus carrying the Turkish Olympic team in LA

And people saw him running down like the airport holding a pipe bomb dismantling in it and throwing over his shoulder and shouting

Get out, you know, like proper like bruce willis stuff and it turned out he had planted it there

Because he wanted to be the hero because he wanted to transfer into a different department and his boss hated him

And he thought the only way I'm getting out is if I get a commendation

And he failed the polygraph and he ended up with 1500 hours of community service and it became a bit of a thing

But everyone was like, all right. Well, no one was hurt fair enough, but then there's some really bad ones

So there's a thing called firefighter arson, which is a serious problem. Oh, yeah

Yeah, yeah, there are 100 firefighters every year arrested for arson

In america alone. There's a million firefighters. So it's a tiny statistic, but a hundred people

Most of them are young men aged 16 to 30. I read a whole report issued in 2003 by the u.s.

Government's national fire administration

I got very deep

There are six primary motives excitement

vandalism

revenge profit political terrorism hiding evidence of a crime and

It's a really big problem for a small subset

And there's a guy who's a tenancy fire chief. He's set fire to his own fire station

Oh

Wow, he caused the three-quarters of a million dollars of damage and when released he then set fire to a car dealership

And he did it for the sexual thrill. This is why we need pawn hub

Yeah, sexual sexual for the sexual thrill. He got off on the uniting the worst ones john oar

He was from glendale fire service in california in 1991 was found to have planned eight arson attacks on shops

And was suspected many more. He killed four people in these fires. It's really really horrible

His main job at the glendale service

chief arson investigator

Work half a story and so they tailed him for months and every time there was a fire

Investigating conference there would be fires in the local area

And he was possibly alleged to have set 2000 fires

Making the most prolific american arsonist on record

But one of the clues that they detected about him is that he had written a novel about a fireman who sets fires

Ah

It's like a serious thing and

I'm so sorry to get stuck on this, but I then watched fireman sam with my four-year-old daughter

Oh, yeah, does he do that? Hang on a second for sexual thrills. No



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I work for cbbs. I don't want to get cancelled  
But like I realized fireman sam he he's in charge of a tiny tiny village called ponty pandy  
But he's got a fire truck a rescue tender a four-wheel drive suv within built animal rescuing crane a  
quad bike  
An amphibious vehicle a hovercraft two helicopters and a mobile command center  
This guy is playing the game like he's clearly setting fires that get like a huge budget  
Um, can I just say one thing about george burnard short very quickly? Yeah, he he had uh, you're I'm  
saying it wrong. Am I? No  
Like bernard is also in there. It's gay. Org. Yeah. Yeah  
Yeah  
Just I've never heard it but like george bernard. Yeah, oh george bernard. Sure. Yeah. Yeah. Oh,  
okay, george  
I'm cool. Whatever. Hey, wait. It's all cool here. It's late night at the soho. Yeah  
Taking each other up on pronounce. I'm gonna go home going. Oh, there was this mad fucking fight  
about how to pronounce bernard  
Oh, man, you got to see fish live  
Sorry, I'm sorry  
Um, no, so, um, he used to have a riding shed, which was amazing  
He used to he lived in heritford sure and he had a riding shed which was basically on a lazy susan  
He liked to chase the sun  
So he would get in the sun would be beaming right in which was a big thing for him because he had  
specific glass  
Which is in the shed windows that kind of beamed  
Concentrated light in a way that it was meant to be healthy. It was thought to be a healthy. He was  
always on fire, wasn't he?  
Burnhardt  
Tell you a bit about milk floats. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah for one thing milk doesn't float  
Oh  
Oh, that's yeah, if it's food for thought isn't it? Yeah left on water it will sink  
So, um  
No, but if you mix it  
It's oh if you mix it if you mix it. Yeah, that's yeah, that's not that wasn't the terms  
I was anyway, look at the point milk floats to aug.uk has an faq page and it's one of the like it's a  
very it's a  
Gorgeous website milk floats dot org dot uk. I cannot recommend it enough and the faq page begins  
All right, maybe they are not exactly frequently asked, but  
They might be the kind of questions people might ask given the opportunity  
It's so nice  
So good  
Yeah, uh, you want to do a quick game of is it bigger in europe or america? Oh, yes, I do  
Okay, what year?  
2023. Oh, wow. Okay. So where would you find the world's biggest dump truck?  
Dump truck  
USA america

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That's that's a mark of pride. I'm afraid not it's in belleras in europe really  
Yeah, the belleras 757 10 which can move the equivalent of 1000 whale testicles in one go  
That's that's my comparison. That's not on the appetizer  
That's how you measure trucks  
I think we all know that  
The world's largest log jam  
So that's when you have a load of logs in a river and they get stuck. And so where is it? Europe or  
america. Oh america  
Well, I was tricked last time. So I'll I'll say Europe this time. Well, you've been tricked again, andy  
It's in none of us in canada  
And the interesting thing about that is that it's about 20 square miles of log jam  
And it goes deep as well  
And the logs store enough carbon to run 2.5 million cars for a year. Wow  
That's interesting. Sorry. Is that a  
Is a genuine question. Is that logs that have been cut by humans?  
No, it's they usually are like knocked down by wind and stuff like that and they fall into the river and  
they go down the river  
And then there's like a little sort of point where they can't get out and then they just jam and jam  
and jam and jam  
And it's a really good way of hiding carbon  
And then finally the world's biggest barometer  
Europe or america Europe. I think I own I think I have that in my home  
You've got a massive barometer andy. Yeah  
Don't boast  
It's a famous barometer. Is it? Oh god  
It's one you see every day on tv on tv every day. Is there a barometer connected to big ben?  
It's good. If there is I don't know about it. Oh, wow, but it is in Europe. It is in Europe. It is on  
shepherds bush roundabout  
It's  
Oh, yes, we all too. Sorry. We all tune in every morning for five minutes  
Just watch the live feed of shepherds bush roundabout  
I don't get on with our days, don't we? You know  
There's check what the pressure's like  
What it's um, no, it's it's a huge barometer  
It was built as a barometer. It no longer works as a barometer. It's currently covering up a big pipe  
by  
London water  
But that building was what inspired the score column in the tv show pointless  
Inspired by the world's biggest barometer  
These are easy. I'm surprised you haven't got any of these. Yeah, yeah  
Do barometers do they do they go up or down? I can't remember now pens which way you hold them  
Yeah, okay, but they can go up right and what the weather's doing. Yeah, it's just weird because  
when you said big ben  
I suddenly had this image of the the um

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The mercury going up in a barometer, right?

And it's suddenly because I was at a fair the other week and my son did that strongman thing where you hit it

It has to hit the bell

Do you think there's anyone strong enough in the world that if that thing had to hit the bell of big ben?

That they could hit it hard enough. No, so let's move on

Um

One thing I do know about eti is that um, there's a lot of rhesus stuff in there, right? Oh rhesus pieces

Rhesus pieces, which is like an american candy. Yeah, but it was huge for them

So the sales went up like 65 the next week just after it been in this movie

And the interesting thing about that is that they weren't the first choice

If you look at the original scripts all of the bits where it says rhesus pieces

It was originally going to be m&m's

But apparently mars turned it down because they didn't want to be associated with aliens

They're called

I've got some stuff on dropping things from parachutes

Okay, this is uh about a place called franz star ranch and brothel in navada

And I'm in

They had an idea of a an advertising campaign

Where they will put a mattress in the middle of an airfield

And if anyone could parachute to land on the mattress

Then they would have a chance to spend the evening with any of the women in the brothel

It didn't go very well

The problem was that all the women would stand

Near to the near to the place where people had to land

And the guy flying the aeroplane not that high could see everything that was happening and got completely distracted

There was also some side wins

And long story short he crashed the plane. Oh, no

Everyone was fine. Oh no one died and the great

Great moral of the story in the end is the crash plane was so good for business that they decided to leave it there

And it's still there in navada. If you ever see that crash plane next to the brothel

Is the

I've never been to navada

Well now I think you have

Wow, isn't that an amazing idea for advertising. Yeah. Yeah, it's an amazing idea

Sorry, how low was the plane when he got distracted? It was quite low, but high enough the parachutes would work

Yeah, so that's quite high for a pilot to be like

Yeah, yeah, yeah, it's just like a little stick woman on the ground. Exactly. Check out the I think arms

On her maybe arms

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No, it's a treat. That's a treat. Okay. Yeah, that's okay  
Do you know that John Major and Tina Turner were born on the same day?  
Why? Yeah, really? That's cool. Yeah, if my memory is I didn't actually write that wow, that's off  
memory  
That's off memory. Yeah. Wow. All right. Once you hear that you're gonna forget that Mary  
I think you know everyone who was born on the same day as John Major  
classic Andy  
In February 2020. Yeah, there was a poll by the Center of Public Opinion. This is in the United States  
It was ahead of the primary in New Hampshire  
And they asked a load of voters  
What they would rather and they found that 64 percent of Democrats would rather see a giant  
meteor strike the earth  
Extinguishing all human life than see President Trump reelected  
Do you know, um, there's been a sequel to Phantom of the Opera Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom  
the Opera. Okay  
Uh, yeah, it was it was written by Ben Elton and it was music by  
Andrew Lloyd Webber. Okay, but it was delayed for months in the writing process because of cats  
The musical  
His real-life cat he had a kitten who stood on his digital piano and wiped out all the music that he  
had done  
In the writing of it, which just feels God bless that kitten  
There was a group of secret operatives from Britain called the Choir Boys  
And they came up with a plan during World War Two to drive Hitler mad by air dropping huge  
amounts of pornography into his compound  
Oh, wow  
In the end they kind of slightly, you know, they came up with the idea  
They started going for him. They thought, you know, this is just stupid  
And so they called off the whole whole idea  
But not before and I quote the group had amassed an enormous collection  
of suitable material  
I made an invention once talking of cars and weeing  
Wow, that is a hell of a vendal grander. I don't think  
No, it's it's it's the I forgot the name. It's a really good name  
But basically you can piss and drive  
It was all in the name, which I can't remember my great invention  
Oh, what's wrong with the piss and drive?  
It's not as romantic. No, let's see. Let's see. So it's the idea that you just you don't have to stop off  
Yeah, if you can't like I can't start my car a lot of the time  
So it's annoying having to stop. It's brand new as well. It's an electrical fault. I think anyway  
So I don't want to stop in case I can't start it again. So many people would get the electrical fault  
mended  
But I I prefer what you've done engineering system where you never  
Does the urine get utilized? I'm thinking screen wash. Yeah, yeah, that would work. Well, what it's  
just what it's mostly water

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I'm wondering if it's you pissing all over your electrics and then stopping in the car from functioning to begin with

In Norway if you are a fish

Um factory and you're kind of getting the whole the fillets out

What you'll do is you get the rest of the fish and you throw it away into a little area with all the heads and stuff like that

In that area

Children are allowed to go in and they cut out the little tongs of the cots and they sell them for extra pocket money

And this is a really common thing in a place called Lougherton

Um and from about six years until 17 you'll get loads of kids who'll just go in

Grab the fish and they'll cut out this little tong in the back and apparently it's the tastiest part

And do you think they turn out to be psychopaths like serial killers and psychopaths?

Yeah, unfortunately in that area. There is a lot of debt. No, there isn't

Um, do you want to know some other things that people are scared of singers?

Yeah, sure. Yeah, I wrote some dance. I thought I'd do some work after you told me I was getting paid

Oh, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I forgot to tell you that until yeah quite late in the day

Um, but thank you for bringing your one sheet of

It wasn't very much I'm getting paid so it is just fitting. Um, wait till you hear them

Adele is scared of seagulls. Who would have thought?

Oh, no. Yeah. Yeah. Um, there's more

Rihanna's scared of fish

Okay, and Kylie Minogue is scared of coat hangers. She's scared of coat hangers. Yeah, Kylie Minogue and I'm scared of commitment

So we're all different aren't we? How many different types of wrestling do you think there are in Iceland?

One type of wrestling. Unlucky. There are two types of wrestling

But they do have the same name so I can see why you got that. That's what I was thinking

It's called glima and basically there's two types and they're quite similar

But one of them is a type of wrestling that you would do as a viking

If you came home after a long day doing whatever vikings do and you wanted to warm yourself up

They would just do some wrestling

Who with? With another viking

It's wholesome, right? Yeah, there was another one which was the dueling version

And it was quite similar but it would take place in a field with a large flat stone known as the slaying slab

And that one you would try and slam your opponent onto the slab and break the back

Wow, and the amazing thing about this is they were going to have it in the 1912 stock home olympic

I think probably the first version not the second one

And then the war happened and so the olympics got postponed

And in 1920 they were going to do it. Anyway, you know, they've decided, okay

We'll keep all the same sports

But Iceland decided that it only had a certain number of wrestlers

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And it needed them to impress the king of Denmark who was visiting at the same time as the olympic games  
And so they decided we're not going to do this wrestling after all  
We just want to impress the king of Denmark  
So it never became a worldwide sport that it might have done otherwise  
And then in the end the king never came  
There was a shanty not a shanty but a sea song when you were getting your grog  
So you would get your the amount of alcohol you were allowed each day  
They would give it you and they would sing while they were doing it  
And it was a song called Nancy Dawson  
And it's the tune that we now know as here we go around the mulberry bush  
But it was all about Nancy Dawson who was a stage sort of performer an actress possibly a prostitute  
And the I'm not going to say what the words are to the navy song about her  
Are they rude?  
They are very rude  
I think they say sex worker now do you?  
They're meant to be quite easy, weren't they because you couldn't like not a sex worker  
Sorry, no, no, no  
It depends how good you are at singing  
I meant the songs to sing  
Because like some people can't sing names of registered competitive roller derby players include  
skate bush  
venus thigh trap  
And weird al spanker bitch  
I sort of thought what's like the rudest name that you can get to so I looked up the cun t word  
And I was heading down that way but on the way I discovered the clit word  
And again, do you know how to say that?  
Go on go on dad give us one clite  
Okay, well in the clit you've got uh clitastrophe. Oh, yeah, please welcome to the ring clitosaurus rex  
Clitler is about to enter the ring  
And who's this coming up there a clitty-clitty bang bang  
That's really good