



Off Menu – Ep146 – Jamali Maddix

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast, taking the flour of friendship, making a little well in the middle, tipping in the egg of good times, getting the fork of humour and mixing it all together to make the pasta of the podcast.

James Acaster

Yes, didn't mind that one.

Ed Gamble

Yes?

James Acaster

Well, done, yes. I hope Benito kept your mistake one first. I hope that one stays in.

Ed Gamble

Nope, that won't stay in.

James Acaster

Good.

Ed Gamble

Because when you make me record intros and outros all in a big line, I will occasionally forget what we're doing and do an intro as an outros and an outro as an intro.

James Acaster

Well, he said.

Ed Gamble

I said well, and then I remember that we hadn't done it yet, done the intro yet. And because I said well, I thought of the making the pasta because there's nothing more satisfying than when we see someone put a little well in the flour and it's just on a table, then they tip the egg in and then they move the flour in bit by bit and then eventually they've just got pasta dough.

James Acaster

His name is Ed Gamble, my name is James Acaster. This is the Off Menu podcast. We invite a guest into our dream restaurant and we ask them their favourite-ever starter, main course, dessert, side dish and drink, not in that order. This week, our guest is Jamali Maddix.

Ed Gamble

Jamali Maddix, brilliant comedian.

James Acaster

One of the best, so funny. Obviously has also hosted his own series on Vice.

Ed Gamble

Yes. I went away camping on him on the Dave TV show, Outsiders. The Vice show is called Hate Thy Neighbour, it's very different to Outsiders.

James Acaster

Yes.



Ed Gamble

But Jamali's a very versatile man.

James Acaster

He is. Brilliant on Taskmaster as well, one of my favourite Taskmaster contestants. Especially how Jamali would always laugh every time Lee Mack messed up.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It was really funny how much Jamali laughed every time something didn't go right for Lee Mack.

Ed Gamble

Also, Jamali's technique on Taskmaster was to stamp on everything until it breaks.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Which is a good technique. Do go on Jamali's website and check out to see if he's on tour, check out his social media as well because he's brilliant and must be seen.

James Acaster

Yes, you've got to go and see Jamali, especially because he's doing the Hackney Empire on the 28th of May, that will be a fantastic show. Get tickets and go to that if you can.

Ed Gamble

Yes. And do and try and seek out the TV show where he's a regular called This Is My House which is a light entertainment show that Jamali looks like he's been dropped into the middle of and has absolutely no idea what's going on, but is so funny.

James Acaster

Yes, he's so good on it. And, I mean, inevitably, we will bring that up with him hopefully in this interview.

Ed Gamble

Yes, absolutely, for sure.

James Acaster

But we will kick Jamali out of our restaurant if he picks a secret ingredient which we don't like. And this week, the secret ingredient is portobello mushroom. Controversial.

Ed Gamble

Controversial. I don't mind a portobello mushroom.

James Acaster

I love a portobello mushroom, delicious.

Ed Gamble

This idea of course came from Benito, who is a vegetarian, and as such is regularly presented with a portobello mushroom in place of other things, for instance a burger in a burger restaurant. It might be, oh, for the vegetarians, we have a big portobello mushroom which I understand that, that you get bored of it.



James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And also, a portobello mushroom is presented as a replacement for a burger simply because it's around the same size and shape.

James Acaster

Sure. Even though, and I think I said it on the podcast before, I once was at a literary festival doing a gig and I went to get a burger.

Ed Gamble

This is a repeat story, imagine this.

James Acaster

And I thought it was a normal burger and it wasn't. It was a portobello mushroom and it was absolutely delicious.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I think they're quite nice but now and again I can imagine you would get tired of them as a veggie.

James Acaster

Yes, I appreciate that Benito is tired of it, so we're just doing this one for Benito.

Ed Gamble

Yes we are. Occasionally we do things for him. If Jamali says portobello mushroom, he's out on his ear.

James Acaster

He is out.

Ed Gamble

I'm on tour.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

In the autumn, doing more tour dates of my show Electric. I can't wait to do them. Check out my website, edgamble.co.uk, for details, see if I'm coming to a town near you. And especially if you live in London, I'm doing a massive version of the show at the Hammersmith Apollo on October 22nd and I would love you to be there.

James Acaster

My book, James Acaster's Guide to Quitting Social Media, Being the Best You You can Be and Curing yourself of Loneliness, Volume 1, is available to pre-order now and is out in August.

Ed Gamble

But for now, this is the Off Menu menu of Jamali Maddix. Welcome, Jamali, to the dream restaurant.

Jamali Maddix

Oh yes, what's up? Sorry, I was waiting for a longer intro.



James Acaster

Welcome Jamali Maddix to the dream restaurant, we've been expecting you for some time.

Jamali Maddix

Finally, some respect I deserve.

James Acaster

Jamali.

Ed Gamble

Were you waiting for a sort of very long podcast intro where we big you up for ages?

Jamali Maddix

Yes. And you go like, 'You've been on this, this' and you start calling out credits and stuff I forgot I was on. 'He was on Safeword on ITV2'.

James Acaster

We recorded that before.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, so you're just back and we're just start into it.

James Acaster

We're already done the intro, we've told everyone that you did the big bang show.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

Truffle Hunters.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

What else have you done?

Jamali Maddix

Oh, mate, all of it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

This Is My House.

Jamali Maddix

You piece of shit. I thought this was going to be a friendly affair and you have to bring up This Is My House.

James Acaster

I love This is My House.

Jamali Maddix

I know you do. Yes, but, I know what he said but he looked at me in the eyes, he said it.



Ed Gamble

Because I knew you would be annoyed by it. I love This Is My House and I love that you are absolutely yourself on This Is My House.

Jamali Maddix

You know what it is, who was it that was telling me, and they were like, I was watching it, and you could see my vape next to me. They were like 'I was watching it and like, you can really tell that you were just you because you had your vape sitting next you like no, brother, ain't them.' And as well as jokes, they kept on telling me 'Can you not guess it so quick' because it would be like, the first five seconds, I would be like, 'Number four.' And they were like 'Yes, but can you not, can you please not.' 'Can you pretend, and I'm like 'Nah'.

James Acaster

Are you a big foodie?

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what, I am because I travel so much and I realised that if I want to have any type of happiness, if I'm going to be in Norway in winter.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

And I've got nothing to do, I don't know anyone, food has to be one of my driving forces of enjoyment.

James Acaster

Right.

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes.

Jamali Maddix

Do you see what I'm saying, though?

Ed Gamble

Yes, totally.

Jamali Maddix

And I think eating well is how underrated to how good it can make you feel. Do you know what I'm saying? It doesn't mean, like, eating unhealthily or eating comfort foods, but just eating quality food, do you know what I mean? Because I think it's so easy just to eat McDonald's and that stuff is cool but to actually have food of quality.

Ed Gamble

But especially travelling, I think you're right. And being a comic, like, your evening is sorted. But a structure for the rest of the day being like 'I'm going to go to do this' and then go for a really nice lunch and then going to get something for dinner.

Jamali Maddix

And I don't really drink that much no more. So, especially after shows, the idea, like, my first thing when I get to town, I'm like, 'What's the food after the gig?' That gives me more excitement than, 'Oh, there's a sick bar.' And I'm like, 'Yes, but is the food still-', do you know what I'm saying? But



yes, where I'm been travelling, I've been around a lot. I'm been lucky to have eaten some real good food.

Ed Gamble

Great.

James Acaster

I think both of us on tour, if we're on our way somewhere, we'll be googling on the way there.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

James Acaster

Where the best places are.

Jamali Maddix

I found, do you know what, there's that stereotype of English food being bad. And I used to debate Americans about that, I'd be like, 'No, English food is decent,' you know what I mean. But you go to some towns, man, it is bad. It is bad. There is so much bad food in this country. Even when you start doing the tours in them small towns, Oswaldtwistle and all that. Bobby Mair put me onto some game, he goes the best food to try and get is Indian food. Because every town has a good Indian place and normally, it's the most seasoned food you're going to get. There's normally some level of quality in it.

Ed Gamble

And you can get it after a gig.

Jamali Maddix

They never shut.

James Acaster

After a gig, yes.

Jamali Maddix

They're always open mad late.

Ed Gamble

And also, there's so many Indian restaurants where you look through the window and you're like 'I've never seen anyone in here.' All the money must be take away.

Jamali Maddix

Or money laundering.

Ed Gamble

But going in and sitting in there feels like a sort of weird treat. Get a big bottle of Coke.

Jamali Maddix

And they give you the same level of service at 12 o'clock at night that they do at 6 o'clock in the evening, it's mad.

James Acaster

You said you were in Buxton this week, Ed?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



James Acaster

And that's the best curry I've had in all of the UK.

Jamali Maddix

I wish I'd had that.

James Acaster

But I forgot what the name of the restaurant was called, so I'm really stressed out. I had a really hot, like mega hot, prawn curry but it was just so good and flavourful still.

Jamali Maddix

Fresh prawns and that.

James Acaster

Yes, but go with something really spicy but it's still got loads of flavour in it. So good.

Jamali Maddix

Yes. In terms of spicy food, sometimes I can feel like it gets a little bit too much dudes just pretend that they're tough? It's because, like, I have some food. And I can eat spicy food, but sometimes I'm like, there's not even salt in this it's just a ghost pepper. Why am I eating a ghost pepper on a chicken? You know, there's no flavour.

Ed Gamble

You still need the flavour, right.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, but a lot of people don't put flavour.

Ed Gamble

I like the buzz that spicy food gives me and I like a little cold sweat now and again.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, wow, yes.

Ed Gamble

But I still need the flavour.

James Acaster

Purging all the toxins from my body.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

James Acaster

With something that's so hot that it's making me feel -

Ed Gamble

But sometimes I like those hot sauce shops you find sometimes where they've got like 100 different types of hot sauce. But, I'm buying those for novelty value, I'm not enjoying a bottle of arse-fucker 12,000 or whatever.



Jamali Maddix

That's exactly what they're called, like, the arse-fucker 5000, you go, 'My God.' And people always send me that shit. Whenever I get messages on Instagram like 'Hey, can I send you my hot sauce', it's like, no you can't.

James Acaster

Have you said anything about hot sauce?

Jamali Maddix

No. I don't know why, but I always get offered brands of hot sauce. And the one thing I always get, is getting vape. I named one tour Vape Lord and then one time went to sponsor me to do a show in Singapore because they were banning vaping. And he wanted to bring me over.

Ed Gamble

To a protest show?

Jamali Maddix

They wanted me to talk about vaping and I'm like, 'Dude, you know it's just the name of the show? I've got one bit about vaping.'

James Acaster

We always start with still or sparkling water.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, and you know what, because obviously I've heard the podcast and that. I think if you drink sparkling water, you're mental. I think you're sick. I genuinely think you're sick and you need help. I remember the first time I ever had sparkling water, it's so visceral for me, is I went out, no I was at home. And I remember there was only sparkling water and I was so thirsty. And I remember drinking it and it was sort of like this thing where I wasn't parched, I couldn't quench my thirst.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

And I kept on drinking it and drinking it and it just never.

Ed Gamble

It's never-ending.

Jamali Maddix

And I was just more thirsty after drinking it. I hate sparkling water. Like, if someone drinks sparkling water around me, I consider, is our friendship worth it? Because you're mad. Do you drink sparkling water?

Ed Gamble

Not on the regular.

Jamali Maddix

When? When is there a situation where-

Ed Gamble

So I was in a hotel the other day on tour and in the room, there was a bottle of still water and a bottle of sparkling water, because they always put both in there. I'd done the bottle of still and then I was still thirsty. Actually, what happened was the next day, I got mixed up with which was which and I had a coffee and I wanted to cool it down, and I put sparkling water in my coffee.



Jamali Maddix

You had a sparkling coffee? That's quite fire. I feel like we should start a business in that. That's quite fire, bro. How did it taste, how did the coffee taste?

Ed Gamble

Horrible.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, not nice. It's not going to be a good business.

Jamali Maddix

No.

Ed Gamble

Not good.

Jamali Maddix

But yes, even that was out of desperation. You had finished the still. Do you drink sparkling, James?

James Acaster

Not my first choice. But the only time it is my first choice, I said it before in the pod, would be in a hotel, wake up in the morning, my mouth feels disgusting. I like drinking sparkling water and then the bubbles go through my teeth and clean my teeth.

Ed Gamble

Why don't you brush your teeth?

James Acaster

I do afterwards.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, why don't you brush your teeth, use mouthwash? No, man, that's mad.

James Acaster

I want something quick that's right next to the bed. So to immediately get rid of that taste.

Jamali Maddix

This is the problem with this culture these days. They want everything quick, you know what I'm saying, you want everything too speedy, bro. Honestly, I find sparkling water-, I genuinely hate, I think it's the worst drink possible. That and red wine, are the two worst drinks.

James Acaster

Really? Red wine.

Ed Gamble

Unfortunately, we part ways here, Jamali.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, we parted ways a long time ago. That wasn't the breaking of our friendship, Ed. No, but, red wine is... I've had red wine that is mad expensive and bigfoot cheap and they all taste the same. It all tastes like butter and vinegar. It is foul.



James Acaster

Butter and vinegar or butt and vinegar?

Jamali Maddix

No, no, butter, butter. Yes, sorry. Butter and vinegar. Oh yes, I can see how you thought I wasn't saying butter there. But it's all trash. I hate all red wine.

Ed Gamble

That's breaking my heart.

Jamali Maddix

You like red wine?

Ed Gamble

I love red wine. I like good red wine.

Jamali Maddix

You've changed, Ed.

Ed Gamble

I'm not changed. Are you kidding me?

Jamali Maddix

To be fair, I've seen you drinking Merlot for a long time still. Yes, but I just don't like red wine either so I put that up there with my two worse. And I tried the whole red wine with the cheese and the red wine with the meat, all trash.

Ed Gamble

How do you feel about this? I love a sparkling red wine.

James Acaster

Wow.

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what, I don't hate that more. I don't know why. But I don't know why, I don't hate that.

Ed Gamble

Would you hate that as much as sparkling water and red wine?

Jamali Maddix

Actually, I think it's weird that you put water in your wine.

Ed Gamble

No, no, as in sparkling red wine like a Lambrusco or like-

Jamali Maddix

Oh, a sparkling red wine, that's fine. I mean at that point, I don't care what you do with your nasty shit. Know what I'm saying? Red wine's dead, I don't care what you do with it.

James Acaster

I went abroad recently where the local drink was half red wine, half Coca Cola.

Jamali Maddix

Where'd you go, to the madhouse?



Ed Gamble
Calimocho.

James Acaster
Calimocho.

Jamali Maddix
Where's this?

James Acaster
It is in the Basque country, Bilbao, I had it in.

Jamali Maddix
Okay..

James Acaster
And it was delicious.

Jamali Maddix
It was good?

James Acaster
I got really into them, yes.

Jamali Maddix
You're not convincing me, man. There's something about red wine, it's just that, and the taste never leaves your mouth. Because I can drink white wine. If you ask me, think of the taste of white wine, I couldn't think of it. But red wine is so implanted in my mind.

Ed Gamble
I sort of feel like that about some white wine, I've changed my mind about it recently. But I think because the first white wine that I had was so disgusting and so vinegary and so sharp, that that's what stuck with me even when I've had more approachable white wines.

Jamali Maddix
Do you like rosé?

Ed Gamble
Yes.

Jamali Maddix
I could drink a rosé.

Ed Gamble
Whispering Angel.

Jamali Maddix
Yes. I could -

Ed Gamble
I love Whispering Angel.

Jamali Maddix
My favourite drink is a Babycham.



James Acaster

Is it?

Ed Gamble

You are consistently the most country person ever, Jamali.

Jamali Maddix

I'll drink a Babycham.

Ed Gamble

You will wait for someone to think, 'I've got the hang of Jamali,' and then also the complete opposite.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, yes, love a Babycham. Love a Babycham. I only drink Babychams. I go to, you know one of those old school tough pubs and they go 'What you drinking?'. Babycham. Classy man, oh fuck, classy man here.

James Acaster

That's a very on-brand Jamali thing to do. Just go in everyone's as tough as possible, I'm going to order that.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I want a Babycham.

James Acaster

Rattle some cages.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

That was the pilot for Hate Thy Neighbour, wasn't it?

Jamali Maddix

Yes. Sorry, this owl is not nice. Ale as well, that can piss off. Ale is gash, innit. Come on.

James Acaster

It depends what you're talking about.

Ed Gamble

I'd struggle with-,

Jamali Maddix

Guinness is overrated.

Ed Gamble

Oh my god, what are you doing.

Jamali Maddix

Guinness is overrated, fam.

James Acaster

That's absolutely Ed's drink, Ed loves Guinness so much.



Jamali Maddix

You like Guinness? Bro I did a show in Dublin and I came on stage with like a Guinness and I went 'Ah, not for me.' Put it down for the rest of the gig. I was like what is this, it just tastes like metal. Some dead drink, fam.

Ed Gamble

Lovely.

Jamali Maddix

Nah, you're mad.

Ed Gamble

Give me some red wine, lovely.

James Acaster

So, are you going for still water then?

Jamali Maddix

Still, oh sorry, still water, sorry. I'm so sorry, yes, still water, I'll go for still water, man. I have to, I can't do that sparkling. And I suppose when you're eating a meal, what you're trying to do with the water is you're not drinking it for taste you're drinking it just to lubricate your throat. So you can eat, you know what I'm saying, enjoy the palate. And I think it overrides it when you're having sparkling water.

Ed Gamble

Yes, fair enough.

James Acaster

Poppadoms or bread, poppadoms or bread, Jamali Maddix? Poppadoms or bread?

Jamali Maddix

Poppadoms.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

That was intense, you know what, it put be under a lot of pressure. I would say poppadoms because bread is so much in my diet already. I don't just bang out a pack of poppadoms.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what I mean though?

Ed Gamble

They feel like a treat.

Jamali Maddix

And that's why. Because if I'm out, I'm going to get a poppadom. I have to. I like the dips, and I only eat two of the dips. And I remember one time they only brought me two of the dips I actually liked, I said 'Bruv, you've got to give me the rest of the dips.' That's when I look at them.



Ed Gamble

You made them go and get the other two dips and then you didn't touch them?

Jamali Maddix: Didn't even eat them, bruv, I just want to look at them. But I only eat the chutney.

Ed Gamble: Yes.

Jamali Maddix: And the green one.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

And then maybe I put a couple of onions on it, because you know sometimes they give you the bowl of onions. But yes, I'd go for poppadoms, man.

Ed Gamble

So when you say bread is so much in your diet already.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

What we talking?

Jamali Maddix

Oh I'll eat pitta bread regularly, I'll eat brown, black, loafer bread, I'll eat baguettes. Do you know what I'm saying? Because really, there's only a couple variations of the same thing. Like, noodles is pasta. Do you see what I'm saying though? It's the same thing so for me there's only so many variations of the same thing.

Ed Gamble

Yes, well you can go all red wine tastes the same.

Jamali Maddix

That's facts.

Ed Gamble

So, noodles is pasta, so if you eat pasta.

Jamali Maddix

Couscous is rice. Why are we fucking around?

Ed Gamble

If you went for a ramen and they brought it and it was full of fusilli, you would be alright with that would you?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, same thing.

James Acaster

You'd be okay with it even though once you made people bring out some sauces you weren't going to eat.



Jamali Maddix

Oh yes.

James Acaster

You would be fine with someone bringing out the wrong pasta.

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what, at first I'll be mad and then I'd have respect for him because you know what, he's doing it his way. He's a renegade and I respect that. And he goes, yes, this is what he does.

Ed Gamble

Knows his pasta.

Jamali Maddix

I'll go alright, I vibe with that guy.

Ed Gamble

I agree with that guy.

Jamali Maddix

Noodles are pasta though, no?

Ed Gamble

Well, they're a version of the same, sort of basic carb, right? But they do taste different.

Jamali Maddix

I think they taste different based on the sauce, like if I gave you noodles.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, and I banged some carbonara sauce on that, I think you wouldn't know.

James Acaster

You wouldn't know?

Jamali Maddix

No.

Ed Gamble

Okay, I've have a very similar dish to that and you do know.

Jamali Maddix

Oh you do.

Ed Gamble

At a restaurant called Nishi in New York, which is a David Chang restaurant, it was like udon but with like a carbonara sauce. Oh no, it was cacio e pepe I think, my udon. It was fantastic.

Jamali Maddix

It was nice.

Ed Gamble

You can tell.



Jamali Maddix

You can tell?

Ed Gamble

You can tell.

Jamali Maddix

Is it the egg, you think? They use more egg because it's like egg noodles.

Ed Gamble

They were rice noodles, so I guess it's the lack of egg noodles, so it's not like a pasta with all that. It was very good.

Jamali Maddix

Okay, yes, but even so, - the point I was making is bread is in my diet enough. I'll still grab a naan. I'm assuming you meant naan bread when you said bread.

James Acaster

No, any bread.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, any bread.

James Acaster

Any bread for the starter of your meal.

Jamali Maddix

Okay, because poppadoms, yes, I guess I only eat poppadoms at an Indian place.

James Acaster

Also, I guess this is just like anything that you would have at this point of the meal that that bring out before you got your main meal. So, I'd also allow prawn crackers, stuff like that.

Jamali Maddix

Oh yes, I like a prawn cracker too. Do you know what I really hate. When you go to a restaurant and they bring you bread, lovely piece of bread, and then the butter is hard.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Piss off with that. You can fuck off with that. I hate that. You've got to give me some nice butter. If it's not good, freshly baked bread. You can't just give me a slice of Hovis, mate. Do you know what I mean? Then you just put a circle in, I'm kicking off. Do you know what my favourite bread is? When I go Harvester. Oh, I'll eat so much bread at Harvester.

James Acaster

Oh, will you?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, love Harvester.



Ed Gamble

Is that freshly baked bread?

Jamali Maddix

Yes. In the morning, mate. You don't think they've got bakers waking up at the crack of dawn just to feed your belly and you're out here disrespecting them?

Ed Gamble

So, you go into Harvester in the morning?

Jamali Maddix

Oh, yes. But before I eat breakfast, I go half asleep, and I grab bread. I like Harvester. Harvester is that thing of that quintessential British thing, it's shit, but it's nostalgic.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Fills you up.

Jamali Maddix

It's cheap, early bird special, I was raised on that.

James Acaster

From probably door to door, less than two minutes from a Harvester. And I've lived there for three or so years now and I've never been in the Harvester. Because when I first moved there, all my stuff was in boxes and I thought if I start going to the Harvester for my food, I'm just going to go to the Harvester all the time. So, I made sure I didn't.

Jamali Maddix

Slippery slope.

James Acaster

But, I'm currently in the process of trying to move. And my plan is, the final day, I'm going to go to the Harvester for my farewell meal.

Jamali Maddix

Go early bird special, go on the weekend. You ain't seen white people like you've see Harvester at the early bird special on the weekend, bro. That's different white people. I'm telling you, they bang out early bird special. And you see like old people from the home and they come out and they get that, they stack up on that salad. Get them croutons and that.

Ed Gamble

From the salad bar with the-,

Jamali Maddix

They wear their Sunday best.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

You see it bro, wearing their Sunday best and that. They iron that blue ink T-shirt. Them Kappa tracksuits, looking fire, bro. I grew up on Harvester. That's where my mum and that used to take me when I was a kid. And I used to get the Rocky Horror and big ice cream and that.



Ed Gamble

The Rocky Horror?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, Rocky Horror is one of their desserts they do.

Ed Gamble

Like a big sundae, sort of thing?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it's a big sundae.

Ed Gamble

That's your favourite.

Jamali Maddix

It's one of them moments I realised I've become a man. Because I must have been about sixteen, seventeen, I went there and I decided I'm going to have dessert for dinner and there was no one there telling me I can't. And this is my money and that's quite a man moment, when you realise I'm coming into adulthood. I can decide what I want to eat at what time.

Ed Gamble

It's such a great moment.

Jamali Maddix

I'm having dessert for dinner.

Ed Gamble

And then you realise a few years later, that (talking over each other 21.32) childish.

Jamali Maddix

Or ten years later, now look at me.

Ed Gamble

Could never be more childish. There's nothing more childish than going 'I'm just going to have a sundae for my whole dinner.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes. Because even the waitress would be like 'Are you sure?', and you'd be like 'I am a man, I know what I want.' And then yes, it's on the road for no-,

James Acaster

I mean, I definitely did that, won't surprise anyone-, yes but as soon as I was like 'Oh, I can make my own decisions now' I was just like tub of ice cream for dinner and feeling like here we go, I'm a grown-up, I get to do what I want. And then further down the line, the next stage of feeling like a grown-up is when you realise, 'Oh, I can choose to do that, but I'm not, I'm actually going to choose the healthy meal.' And then I go 'Oh, I'm a real grown-up but then I don't feel as happy as when I chose the ice cream.' So, I'm a grown-up now but it's kind of sad.

Ed Gamble

Isn't it sad being a grown-up.

James Acaster

Yes, this feels like a proper grown-up decision but really, I've become my own parent now.



Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes. You've put your own blocks up.

James Acaster

But you would like prawn crackers, or what are we going for?

Jamali Maddix

Poppadoms.

James Acaster

Poppadoms, yes.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I'll go for poppadoms. Like I like prawn crackers. Again, I love a prawn cracker, but there's something about poppadoms. They're hot, the snap on it. One thing I don't like about poppadoms though is if there was a group of all of us getting a thing, when someone doesn't take the whole poppadom, they crack it.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

So, now I've got to go behind your half-cracked poppadom.

Ed Gamble

To get to yours underneath.

James Acaster

It's like when they play mother.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

And I don't like that you've cracked it and then you're cracking my half, so now I've got to have two of your halves.

Ed Gamble

I guess that's a misunderstanding that they think you're all sharing all the poppadoms whereas it should be, one each.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

That's how it works.

Jamali Maddix

Or you order an extra one if you wanted an extra one. Yes, I don't like that shit.

Ed Gamble

But, quite often, you get a poppadom, like you take it for yourself, the whole poppadom, and there's only a tiny little plate at this point. A tiny little side plate, you've got to put a massive poppadom and just try and crack it and then pile up all the shards.



Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes. I was in Leeds and I was mad hungry and someone after the show was like, I was like 'Do you know where any food is?' And they go 'Yes, there's a curry place. I'm going that way too.' And I was like 'Oh, I've got to go eat curry with you now.' So I went to a curry house with them and the whole way there they were like 'Oh, mate, wait until you see these naans. Wait until you see these naans.' And the naan came out on like a torture rack. And it was this big.

Ed Gamble

I've seen pictures when it was like that, yes.

Jamali Maddix

And I was like this is novelty, bruv. Do you know what I'm saying? Because then I get Peshwari naan. So, I rip that, all the coconut is falling out. Do you know what I mean though? It's just like, I just don't like ridiculous things. And I've been like to ridiculously-sized food items. I've been to America and it's like 'Look at the size of this burger.' And you go 'Yes, but it's not enjoyable.'

Ed Gamble

It's just horrible after a bit.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it's just horrible after a bit. And you come down on quality for the quantity of it.

Ed Gamble

Again, I think we've parted ways again, Jamali. When things arrive like that, like a massive naan on a hook, I'm the guy going 'Ooh.' Having selfies with it.

Jamali Maddix

Do you do selfies with it? Yes.

Ed Gamble

Selfies with the naan, yes.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Doing a face swap with the naan.

Jamali Maddix

Maybe I should see it through your lens of happiness. Maybe I might enjoy my life more.

Ed Gamble

But Peshwari, cutting that open on the hook and it all drops out, it starts to feel like a leather face.

Jamali Maddix

That happens with Peshwari anyway, when you're doing it by hand, it's coming out anyway.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

I had naan for the first time, the one with the meat in it.

Ed Gamble

The Keema naan.



Jamali Maddix

It's not bad, you know. That with korma. If you have that with the sweet curry, that's fire. But with he Peshwari, I've got to have with-, I saw someone have a Peshwari with a korma.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that's pudding.

Jamali Maddix

Psychopath. That's too sweet, bro.

Ed Gamble

That's too sweet, isn't it.

Jamali Maddix

That's too sweet. You might as well drink a can of condensed milk, you mad man.

James Acaster

So, to get to your dream meal proper now.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

James Acaster

Your dream starter, is this from a specific place or is it a general dish?

Jamali Maddix

See, I thought a lot about this actually. It's a very specific dish to Holland.

James Acaster

Right.

Jamali Maddix

And I remember it's like a fast food bar dish over there. The croquette, the Bitterballen.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

So basically, it's deep-fried ragù with either beef or veal and it's like their bar food. Because if you go around the world, every McDonalds has a different thing that relates to one of their local dishes. And over there they have the McCroquette. And it's only the best McDonalds thing I've ever had.

James Acaster

Wow.

Jamali Maddix

It's like a big croquette and it's fire. And you have it with hot mustard. So, my opening dish, my starter, would be a croquette in which they put like a little white bread hot dog roll. You get them from FEBO. FEBO is like those little windows.

Ed Gamble

Oh, it's like a sort of vending machine but for hot food, you can literally go in, put the money in like you normally do and take the thing out, yes.



Jamali Maddix

Yes. But the trick is, if you go to the front, they'll cook you a fresh one.

Ed Gamble

Oh, right, okay.

Jamali Maddix

That's just if you're in a rush. If you go to the front and say 'Yo, cook man a thing', they'll do it for you still.

Ed Gamble

But I feel like I'd want the novelty of getting it from the little window.

Jamali Maddix

See, there we go.

Ed Gamble

I think I'd go 'Ooh.'

Jamali Maddix: Yes, yes. Have you been to Amsterdam before?

Ed Gamble: Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, but you've never done the window though?

Ed Gamble

No, never done the window.

Jamali Maddix

Why?

Ed Gamble

There's so many windows to look through.

Jamali Maddix

All variations of windows, yes, that's a good point. Very good point.

Ed Gamble

No, I haven't but I've seen it on a lot of travel shows and stuff. I would like to go -

Jamali Maddix

I think the Dutch have low-key killed it in some of the best, quick pick-up foods.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Because they've got the Belgian Frites they do and they do a thing called Frites sauce. Where it's mayo but with mustard in it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Jamali Maddix

Fire. They've got the croquettes, they've got weird kind of like Indonesian noodles deep-fried. They've got a lot of good fast food over there. Like I'd say their fast food is better than the fast-food here.

Ed Gamble

Yes, Bitterballen.

Jamali Maddix

Bitterballen are the circle ones and a croquette is the longer tube one.

Ed Gamble

Right, okay.

Jamali Maddix

I prefer the croquette one because the bitterballen, especially when you order at a bar, you bite into it, and it's hotter than the sun.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what I mean? And then you dip it in hot mustard and it just burns your mouth so you've got to be careful with them. But I'd say a croquette as my starter, just as a little snack thing, you can't go wrong with that.

James Acaster

Do you think there's a link between high-quality fast food and legalising cannabis?

Jamali Maddix: A very good point, yes, and also why I think it was the best food in the world. Like I'm just like 'Yes, I don't know man, it just tasted delicious for some reason.'

Ed Gamble

- that day, it was just beautiful.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, that's a very good point. To be honest, you know, I never thought about the type of shops you see in Amsterdam, would directly link to the fact that everyone's high. Like I never thought about that, that's a very good point.

Ed Gamble

The thing about burning your mouth though, with that sort of thing, it has to be good because it gets so hot. Like, if you ate something like that that wasn't very nice, and you burned your mouth. You're like 'Well, I'm not touching that.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

I had jalapeno poppers the other day. In Buxton.

James Acaster

Right.



Ed Gamble

Because of course you go to the chocolate box town of Buxton, you know, a beautiful English town and you think 'I'm going straight to a Tex-Mex restaurant.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, that's what they're known for, speciality there.

Ed Gamble

Called the The Lone Star. We had fajitas, I really fancied some fajitas, and I ordered jalapeno poppers. I couldn't wait, bit into the first one, my mouth's a write off.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, and it scars your mouth.

Ed Gamble

Yes, completely fucked.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, for a couple of days.

Ed Gamble

But worth it.

Jamali Maddix

Was it worth it?

James Acaster

It's worth for me now. I got my teeth straightened a couple of years ago and I still have to wear mouth guards when I sleep. So, if I ever burn my mouth like that it's really, it's not good. I have to take a couple of nights off the guard. Because once I didn't do that, I just tried to power through, and it just meant that my mouth didn't heal for ages. I was just mashing it up every night.

Jamali Maddix

Is that an age thing? Because I don't remember burning my mouth out and then being out of commission.

Ed Gamble

It must be an age thing.

Jamali Maddix

Because if I burn my mouth lightly, I'm out of commission. Like I can't taste nothing for a month. You know what I'm saying, my whole mouth hurts. There is something off-putting about how hot you know something is but you can't wait. So, I think bittenballen-, because there's something about also ragù, it's like this kind of gooey, salty. And then the veal, I mean beef if you've got more morals, do you know what I mean? It's just delicious, man.

Ed Gamble

Yes, really good. I really want one of those now.

James Acaster

It's a lovely start.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, that's how I'd open. And it being in a slab of white bread.



Ed Gamble

There you go. So you're already living up to your promise of bread being in the diet.

Jamali Maddix

There you go, I had to put bread in it.

James Acaster

So, dream main course now.

Jamali Maddix

Okay. This was a dish that I had in New Orleans.

James Acaster

Lovely.

Jamali Maddix

And I remember, I was doing a show there. And I had to for some reason get something from a comic book shop. I think it was for work or something but I had to go get something so the only comic book shop was, like, out of the main Bourbon Street and Frenchman street and all of that so I went and it was hipsterly, uni area. It's where all the big frat houses were and I went down there. And it was like a nice little town house. I'll chill for a little bit up here, you know, and I was like, 'What's a good place to eat?' And about three people told me this place called Jacques Imo's. 'You've got to go Jacques Imo's. You might not get a seat but you want to go Jacques Imo's.' So I went down there. This place was heaving. I looked at the menu and they had a thing called alligator and shrimp cheesecake and I'm like, 'I'm going for it.' It was fucking delicious man. It was honestly-, like, madness.

Ed Gamble

It's like you've made up a food from New Orleans.

Jamali Maddix

It does.

James Acaster

An episode of thirty rock. Talking about what people in New Orleans eat.

Jamali Maddix

Dude, it's delicious. It is genuinely honestly insanely good.

Ed Gamble

Take us through it. I need to know more about this.

Jamali Maddix

Even when I was eating it, I couldn't quite decipher what it was, right. So it's basically-, you've got, like a sort of base of it like a cheese cake, like a base. It was like savoury breadcrumbs as the base.

Ed Gamble

As the bread?

Jamali Maddix

Yes. There we go. As the bread. Right, and then it's shrimps, like, seasoned shrimps and alligator meat in cream cheese and then they whisk it together, add other seasoning's to it and then bake it. So it comes out like a savoury piece of cheese cake. Oh my god. Insane. With like a, sort of, coolie at the bottom.



Ed Gamble

This is probably the first time on Off Menu that I can't wrap my head around what one of the dishes is.

Jamali Maddix

Bro, I can show you a photo.

James Acaster

Is it like a Quiche?

Jamali Maddix

No, it's nothing like-,

Ed Gamble

Have you picked Quiche, Jamali?

Jamali Maddix

Eh?

Ed Gamble

Have you come on Off Menu and picked quiche?

Jamali Maddix

No but quiche don't have no cheese in it. That's like egg. Oh, I know my quiches. Oh, I know my quiches bro. You think I don't know quiche bro. I know that's a little white guy secret but I know quiche.

Ed Gamble

You've been hanging around the harvester crowd enough. You know what a quiche is.

Jamali Maddix

I know about quiche bro. My mum eats quiche and that innit. I remember being like, 'What the hell is that bro?' She like, 'Don't worry.' This is it. Right. Yes, that's the alligator cheesecake bro.

James Acaster

Let's get a look at this.

Ed Gamble

Strapping, it looks like quiche.

James Acaster

It does not look like quiche Jamali.

Jamali Maddix

Okay, but a cheesecake technically looks like a quiche. Everything can look-,

Ed Gamble

Everything can look like a quiche.

Jamali Maddix

A Spanish omelette looks like a quiche.

Ed Gamble

Yes, like a frittata or-, it all looks like a-,



Jamali Maddix

It looks like a frittata. I might have just picked quiche.

Ed Gamble

I mean, that looks insane.

Jamali Maddix

It's delicious though. It's honestly-, I remember the guy, the cab man was telling me about it and he goes, 'You've got to try this cheesecake. Alligator cheesecake.' I'm like, 'Is it sweet?' He goes, 'Nah, it's kind of got a kick to it but the texture is quite cheesecakey but then it's just savoury.' I don't like savoury crepe. Motherfuckers eating ham and cheese crepe, cuz. What's the matter with you bruv? Put some lemon and sugar on that and respect your routes.

Ed Gamble

Guess what I like in a crepe?

Jamali Maddix

What?

Ed Gamble

Ham and cheese.

James Acaster

Yes, he loves it.

Jamali Maddix

You're mad. You're mad bro. You're that guy in Edinburgh who buys from the crepe place outside of the Gilded Balloon.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I love it.

James Acaster

How packed with the shrimp and the alligator meat is it? Is it, like, loads of meat in it?

Jamali Maddix

Good portion. It's not like-, I wouldn't say it's overbearingly meaty. If I was going to pick anything I would say it was a bit too much shrimp in mine. Like I, kind of, wanted more alligator meat. Have you had alligator meat?

Ed Gamble

No, so I was going to ask you to describe the flavour profiles?

Jamali Maddix

It's, kind of, like a fishy chicken. So it's, kind of, texture of chicken but quite a fishiness to it. I don't know. It's hard to explain. It's not bad. Out of all of the weird meats, it's not the best one I had. I think the best one I had was puppy.

James Acaster

What?

Jamali Maddix

I didn't eat puppy. I did that for comical effect.



James Acaster

I fell for that so quickly.

Ed Gamble

I fell for it immediately. I thought -

Jamali Maddix

I was going to say, everything's wrong about puppy.

James Acaster

I instantly believed that Jamali had eaten a puppy.

Jamali Maddix

No, I couldn't do it. I had a kangaroo burger once. That was alright.

Ed Gamble

What does that taste like?

Jamali Maddix

Gamey meat.

Ed Gamble

Gamey steak.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, like a steak. After a little while, they all taste the same. It's all like-,

Ed Gamble

Meat's meat.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, reindeer. And it's like, yes, come on. It just tastes -

Ed Gamble

It all tastes like puppy.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it all tastes like puppy man. Delicious, sweet, sweet puppy.

James Acaster

I love this choice. I love cheesecake-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, absolutely. It's great.

James Acaster

It's very exciting. But also, every time people come on and make-, we've had a few dishes from New Orleans I think and I always feel gutted because when I went to New Orleans I just got unlucky and didn't find any decent food when I was there.

Jamali Maddix

Bro, they have so much good food.

James Acaster

Yes, I know and I knew there was so much good food.



Jamali Maddix

What did you eat? MacDonald's bruv?

James Acaster

I had quite a good catfish sandwich and I went and got the beignets and stuff.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, the beignets.

James Acaster

But, like, I just failed to find. I mean, I hear stuff like that. I'm like, 'Oh, I wish I'm there.'

Jamali Maddix

Jacques Imo's is good. Coop's. Great. Coop's has like fried chicken, delicious.

Ed Gamble

I went to like the fried chicken place in New Orleans. I can't remember the name of it and I was so excited about it but I don't think anything could live up to how excited I was about it. Like, good fried chicken is still like fried chicken, right? It was very nice.

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what? It's the weird thing innit? There's only few times I think that I've eaten something where it's like what the hell have I just-, like the one time it was in Berlin, that famous Kebab place?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Man, the first time I ate that, that was a defining. I was like this is probably one of the best things I've ever eaten. Do you know what I'm saying though? But it's like more time or not everything is kind of there's a certain level of good food and I think you can only recreate, mass produce food that well. That's why home cooking's better because it's a small batch so you concentrate whereas if you're just mass-producing.

Ed Gamble

Unless you're eating something like an alligator and shrimp cheesecake. You've got nothing to base that on. You can't compare that.

Jamali Maddix

Yes. It can taste like anything. I wouldn't know what it should taste like but, yes, New Orleans is I think one of the better food spots. I had some really good food in New Orleans. Po' boys and all of that stuff. Chicago has great food.

James Acaster

Yes, that's it again I messed up there. I was in Chicago for a day. I literally landed, got to the hotel, had to go to my gig and do the soundcheck, then I had, like, an hour until I had to be on stage so I went out and just tried to find the nearest deep dish place, went to the wrong one, had an awful one.

Jamali Maddix

I'll be honest with you. I went to the right one. You ain't missing nothing bro. It's not that nice bruv.

James Acaster

No?



Jamali Maddix

Nah, it's too thick.

Ed Gamble

I've never even understood that.

Jamali Maddix

And when it comes to pizza, the best pizza and I've had pizza around the world. I've been Italy and New York. Best pizza, deep dish, Pizza Hut. You ain't beating that bruv. A slice of deep dish Pizza Hut, there ain't no better slice bro. Been around the world. Perfect level of thickness. Soaks up the oils.

Ed Gamble

I will say this for Pizza Hut pizza and I've never found a pizza that betters this and I used to eat so much Pizza Hut when I was a fat little boy. Large, deep dish.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, what toppings?

Ed Gamble

Pepperoni feast.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, okay.

Ed Gamble

So double cheese, double pepperoni. As much cheese and meat as possible and then when they introduce the cheese and pepperoni stuffed crust I was in heaven. But the base is basically like they fried the pizza.

Jamali Maddix

Because it's soaked up all the oil.

Ed Gamble

So crispy. It was all the oil.

Jamali Maddix

I'd say Pizza Hut pizza. Like a slice of Pizza Hut pizza? Bro. And I've been to New York. I remember I went on this date with this girl in New York and she was like, 'Oh, what do you want to do?' I was like, 'Let's go get some pizza.' She goes, 'Where you want to go?' I said, 'I want to go Pizza Hut.' And she goes, 'Do you know what? Listen, you know they've shut down every Pizza Hut.' And I believed her and I went online and she goes, 'I'm not going fucking pizza hut. I live in New York City. You're a nut. I'm not going Pizza Hut.' So she took me to this other place that's supposed to be like the best place and in Brooklyn. I was like, 'Bruv, this is dead. I want to go Pizza Hut.'

James Acaster

Was there a second date, Jamali?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, we dated for a little while actually but she'd never go Pizza Hut with me.

Ed Gamble

I think that's a great thing to do on a first date. Really keeps someone on their toes by being like I want to go to Pizza Hut in New York, please.



Jamali Maddix

Yes, Pizza Hut in New York. If there's a buffet, boy, games done innit. That's a date right there. A buffet Pizza Hut? Come on, man.

Ed Gamble

That's not a date.

Jamali Maddix

That is a date.

Ed Gamble

That is the worst idea for a date I've ever heard in my life.

Jamali Maddix

I went to a date in Wimpys once. And it was jokes because I said to-, yes, because I said to her like-, I was like joking with her and I said, 'Man, we'll just go Wimpys then.' She goes, 'I love Wimpys.' And I was like, 'Well, that's where we're going.' And we went Wimpy. Wimpy need to rebrand bro. They could kill the game right now but they need a rebrand.

Ed Gamble

What, sort of, rebrand would you suggest?

Jamali Maddix

Just more young and hip.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Like a, sort of, hipster burger place.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

James Acaster

Change the name maybe.

Jamali Maddix

Nah, I think keep it Wimpy but like have Stormzy do the advert. Do you know what I'm saying? Let's get it.

James Acaster

Stormzy's not going to do the advert for Wimpy.

Jamali Maddix

We got to get a budget together.

James Acaster

If they changed it to Stormzy and it's literally just called Stormzy.

Jamali Maddix

Stormzy burgers.

Ed Gamble

Because you've got to play on the nostalgia of Wimpy, right?



James Acaster

I think that's holding them back personally. I think the rebrand thing makes me think, yes, if Wimpy completely changed their name and launched it as this new fast-food chain I think they would actually do a lot better than trying to continue with Wimpy.

Jamali Maddix

I think if Wimpy knuckled down and just be like, 'Hey Wimpy. Not as shit as you think.' And people go, 'Actually, it's not.' Because if you have Wimpy burger, yes, it's better than Mac's.

Ed Gamble

Do you think?

Jamali Maddix

Yes. When's the last time you had Wimpy?

Ed Gamble

God, I don't even know.

Jamali Maddix

Bro, we're going Wimpy bro.

Ed Gamble

Where is there a Wimpy?

Jamali Maddix

We'll find one.

Ed Gamble

So confident.

James Acaster

Kettering Thunderbowl. Kettering New York Thunderbowl.

Ed Gamble

Kettering New York Thunderbowl?

James Acaster

Yes, well, in Kettering, we've got a bowling alley called, 'New York Thunderbowl.' Although, I think it's now changed to Thunderbowl. It used to be called, 'Rock N Bowl.' When I was a kid and there was Wimpy and then it got changed to New York Thunderbowl.

Ed Gamble

But Wimpy stayed?

James Acaster

But, Wimpy, I believe, is the only thing that stayed consistent in it.

Jamali Maddix

They've got one in East London.

Ed Gamble

Well, we'll go to that one then.

Jamali Maddix

Let's bang it out, boys.



Ed Gamble

Perfect.

James Acaster

There's one near the studio.

Ed Gamble

Amazing. Is there-, who is the mascot on Wimpy?

Jamali Maddix

I think it's just a W.

Ed Gamble

Is it?

James Acaster

Didn't it used to be a little Beefeater?

Ed Gamble

I thought it was a Beefeater?

Jamali Maddix

Oh, yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

I'm just trying to imagine what Stormzy could wear to suggest a Beefeater.

Jamali Maddix

Beefeater hat.

Ed Gamble

Yes, he could wear the Beefeater hat.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

But lean to the side. Let's keep it-, you know.

James Acaster

Stormzy would be doing it as a comment on Britain.

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes.

Jamali Maddix

Let's make it political, you know. But, yes, I think Wimpy could do well in these times but I think they just need a bitter-, anyway, I'm sorry, I digress. I would say the alligator cheesecake.

Ed Gamble

Was there a sauce? The picture you showed me had a sauce on it.



Jamali Maddix

It had, like, a coulis. It had an oniony based, sort of-, I don't want to say-, it's not tomato. It was like a savoury coulis that came with it but I'll be honest with you, the cheesecake was so overwhelming in it's taste, not in a bad way, it had such a unique taste to it that I don't even remember what the coulis was. Do you see what I'm saying? You're not there for the sauce. Yes, it was just, like, a really-, and it was the seasonings in it, there used a lot of Cajun seasoning, something with a bit of kick, a bit of lime. It was very good, man. One thing I will say about New Orleans, though, just while we're still on the subject, is I went to this one place, I think it's the famous restaurant there, Commodores or something. It's the famous brunch spot, it's quite pricey. Bruv, there's just fucking, like, baby rats everywhere and mice. I remember I was a person and I was, like, 'Yo, what's going on?' She was just, like, 'Yes, it's New Orleans.' Apparently, there are just rats everywhere and you can't get rid of them because, basically, New Orleans is a swamp, isn't it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

And, there's just rats everywhere.

Ed Gamble

You're in their house.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes. So, apparently, there are just rats everywhere, you'll see rats everywhere. You'll go to a five-star hotel and there'll be rats and there's nothing anyone can do about it, everyone just accepts it and goes, 'Ah, drink a grenade. Don't worry about it, it's just a rat. Drink a grenade.' They were saying, during COVID, because there was no more food out, the rats just took over New Orleans. Bourbon Street was just rats everywhere, just gangs of rats, like, standing by lampposts, with little coins, flicking a coin with a toothpick in their mouth, just running the game, bro.

Ed Gamble

Selling each other cheese outside the -

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

Well, let's move on to your dream side dish.

Jamali Maddix

See, I wanted to pair it with the cheese cake that I was going to have with the alligator because, normally, I'll be honest with you, for a side dish, I go for white rice. I'm an old school guy, white rice with a bit of butter, I'm good, do you know what you mean? Or rice and peas or something but I wanted-, and the one thing I didn't like about the cheesecake-, because I got Hushpuppies with it, it's a deep fried fish type thing, and with the alligator and shrimp it was-,

Ed Gamble

Just too much.

Jamali Maddix

So, I'd go for French fries, man. Like, home, hand cut chips.

Ed Gamble

Skin on?



Jamali Maddix

Skin on, skin off, I'm alright. I'd say mostly skin off, you know what I mean? Like, because I want the person who is making the chips to put a bit of work in, do you know what I'm saying? You can't just put it through the press, do you know what I mean? But, like, hand cut chips, unbeatable. I think it's a good old deep-fried hand cut chip. I remember there was this café in Bethnal Green, where the guy had a chip fryer, and he was an east end guy and I remember you'd order food and he'd go, 'Everything comes with chips.' Because he just needed to justify having this chip maker. 'Everything comes with chips.' You go, 'I don't want chips.' 'Well it comes with chips.' And I remember he'd make you have these chips and they were fucking great. Like, having eggs, beans and chips, with real chips, I can't go-, I can't really eat oven chips, you know?

Ed Gamble

No, oven chips taste like ovens.

Jamali Maddix

I have to be-, yes. It really tastes like the oven? Have you took a bite of your oven? But, yes, oven chips, I can't be fucked with oven chips anymore, it has to be hand cut chips.

James Acaster

Do you want it from that place in Bethnal Green, for your dream meal?

Jamali Maddix

Can I have that?

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Well, then, shit, yes.

Ed Gamble

We'll get the guy, he won't mind doing it by the sounds of it.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, he doesn't mind doing it.

James Acaster

What was it called again, the place?

Jamali Maddix

I can't always remember-, I remember it was just outside Bethnal Green train station, it's closed now, it's gone but it's where the sweet shop is now, next to the Salmon and Ball pub. It was, like, this little old guy with glasses, 'Everything comes with chips.'

Ed Gamble

He's clearly just bankrupted himself by giving away too many chips.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, and then I was, like, 'Alright, I'll have your chips.' And it was the most nicest, hand cut egg beans and chips. I'll eat alligator cheesecake, I like some egg, beans and chips, bruv, do you know what I mean, you can't go wrong with that stuff. But, anyway, I'd say chips because I think that's starchiness to go with my cheesecake, that's what the cheesecake was missing, like, a good carb-, because it's cream cheese. I mean, you've got breadcrumbs but it's a little layer, you've got the coulis, you've got the meat but it was missing that.



Ed Gamble

Are you dipping the chips in the coulis or have you got a separate sauce?

Jamali Maddix

No, I'm dipping in the-, hopefully getting the cheese.

Ed Gamble

Yes, right in there.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

James Acaster

Was it quite soft, then, the cheese-, that cream cheese, you could scoop it?

Jamali Maddix

It's quite similar to the consistency of a cheesecake. It wasn't mad creamy, it was quite-, because they bake it so it still had some harder element to it.

James Acaster

Nice.

Ed Gamble

And, a bit airy, as well, -

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes but it still had that real-, so, it's definitely something that-, I think, something carby and salty would have brought that meal out more for me. I would even have took a tater tot at that point but not a mash.

Ed Gamble

No, that would be too sloppy.

James Acaster

Hey, how do you like this Jamali? Ordered a bunch of-, no, I don't know if it was Pizza Hut, actually, but I ordered a bunch of tater tots the other day, I think we were meant to order Pizza Hut and, then, for some reason, we ended up ordering Papa John's, which is not what we would normally do, it's not my first choice, at all.

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

I don't like Papa John's at all.

Ed Gamble

No, I don't. I hate that-, they give you that sauce and it's just like melted margarine, I don't know what the fuck that is, it's horrible.

Jamali Maddix

I don't like Domino's because they tried to put powder on the crust and it's, like, 'Bruv, you aren't fancy. Why are you trying to lie and pretend you're fancy? You're Domino's, be Domino's, bro.' But, yes, you got tater tots with the Papa John's, yes?



James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Nice.

James Acaster

So, that was-, I got a nice little box of tots.

Jamali Maddix

I think people shit on tater tots because they've never had a quality tater tot. You get a good quality tater tot, that's a good tater tot, bro.

James Acaster

Do people shit on tater tots? They shouldn't do.

Ed Gamble

I have never shat on tater tots.

Jamali Maddix

I've heard people talk about tater tots. They see tater tots as kids food, they go, 'Oh, tater tots.'

Ed Gamble

Lucky kids.

Jamali Maddix

The same way that people talk about potato waffles, bruv, have respect for your roots.

James Acaster

Because they're brilliant.

Ed Gamble

I went to-, there's a cocktail bar in New York called, 'Please don't tattle.' Have you heard about this place? There's Crif Dog's, which is the hot dog place, which is really good, and then they've got the phone booth in Crif Dog's and you've got to pick up the phone and it's on the other side of the phone booth, basically, and say, 'I've got a reservation.' And the whole phone booth swings open and you go in to this little cocktail bar. But, you can get the hot dogs in there. It's this beautiful little cocktail bar but, then, also, you can get this massive bowl of tater tots with cheese and bacon on them.

James Acaster

Oh, nice.

Ed Gamble

It's amazing.

Jamali Maddix

Delicious. Delicious.

Ed Gamble

Just drinking incredible cocktails but just whamming tater tots -

Jamali Maddix

Because there's something about that-, is that having quite nostalgically and, you know, junk foody and basic food paired with the expensive cocktails, you can't go wrong with that. I like potato waffles, as well.



Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, love potato waffles.

Jamali Maddix

Have you been to Norman's yet?

Ed Gamble

You told me about this place and I've still not been but I follow them on Instagram and it's one of my favourite food Instagram accounts because it's-, it's a café, right?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it's café food.

Ed Gamble

But just amazingly well done and beautifully photographed for their Instagram.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, so it's café food but they hand make it all or use really good ingredients. They do chicken nuggets but it's real chicken breast nuggets and they do baked beans but they made the baked beans and that. And, they do potato waffles in there, man, shit, it's fire.

James Acaster

That sounds brilliant.

Ed Gamble

They put a picture of a sausage up the other day, which I stopped and just looked at for a while. Looked like such a good sausage.

James Acaster

One of the things I always get, if I'm ever in LA, is I go to this waffle place, where they bake the hash browns in to the waffles and that is great. They bake hash browns and bacon or whatever so they, kind of-,

Ed Gamble

Didn't you make yourself feel ill the last time you had that, though?

James Acaster

Yes, yes, but, like, it's so good because, also, they put a big dollop of sour cream on top of it. With your eggs, you've got your scrambled eggs and stuff and it's just the best.

Jamali Maddix

Good American diner food is the best. Like, a good American diner, you get some biscuits, you put that with the egg.

Ed Gamble

It ruins you for the day, if you go to breakfast. Like, even going to California, where the jet-lag is so bad when you wake up so you're awake at seven in the morning, and I would go to this place, 'Millie's.' In Silver Lake, I think we went there, and get something called, 'Devil's Mess.' Which is, like, turkey and egg and sour cream and guacamole and then you get toast with it. By the end, I was, like, 'Well, it's 8:00am and my whole day is over. That's it, I can't -



Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, real heavy food. They don't really do, like, a light breakfast. Because even if you get-, one time, I was just, like, 'I just want to get a bagel with some cream cheese.' Cream cheese is just sick, just a whole fish of-, you know what I'm saying? They don't do that over there, bro. You order a bowl of oats and the bowl is the size of the table and everything is just-, you know, they put a whole-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, you just think miners would go to work on one small bowl of porridge and this is what you're giving me and all I'm going to do is, sort of, walk around and do something this evening.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I like, as well, with American diners, that they have non pork options, they are way better than England. They have turkey bacon, turkey sausage, chicken-, they really do actually have a lot of non-pork options, which I like. I mean, that's one thing I don't like about here, as I don't eat Pork, I can't have anything for breakfast. Eggs and that's it.

Ed Gamble

It's a pork fest, isn't it?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it's a pork fest. You guys love a pork sausage and them things there.

Ed Gamble

Black pudding.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, my God, black pudding, you eat black pudding?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

You're mad. You're mad. You eat black pudding, James?

James Acaster

Yes, I eat it, yes.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, my God. James doesn't like-, just disappointed in himself, like, 'Yes, yes, I eat it.'

Ed Gamble

Good black pudding, like Stornoway black pudding.

Jamali Maddix

Do you eat the one-, what's white pudding?

Ed Gamble

White pudding, I don't know what it is.

Jamali Maddix

Because that's the one where the bloods, like, gone all curdled or something, isn't it?

Ed Gamble

Do you think it's the white blood cells?



Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Well, whatever it is, I love it.

Jamali Maddix

That's what I heard. Scientists separate -

Ed Gamble

They've spent billions trying to separate the white pudding from the black pudding.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I've never had it. I've never tried black pudding. Is it meaty?

Ed Gamble

Yes, it's meaty but it's, sort of, rich and deep. It's the Guinness of food, Jamali -

James Acaster

It is, actually.

Jamali Maddix

It's the Guinness of food.

James Acaster

It's the Guinness of food, yes.

Jamali Maddix

I've tried haggis, I don't mind haggis.

James Acaster

Yes, haggis is good.

Jamali Maddix

Like, I'll eat some stuff that is-, I'm not a-, I'll eat liver. The one thing, I won't eat a brain.

James Acaster

No, I don't want to eat brain.

Ed Gamble

I love a brain. If there's a brain on the menu, honestly, I'm getting the brain.

James Acaster

Yes, he gets the brain.

Jamali Maddix

No, I think there's something about eating another animal's memories, do you know what I'm saying, though? I don't want to eat your memories and your personality.

James Acaster

Your personality?

Jamali Maddix

Do you know what I mean?



Ed Gamble

I ate a duck brain, recently, Jamali, straight out the skull. How do you feel about that? And, let me tell you-,

James Acaster

He got escorted out the park pretty quickly. Let's move on to your dream drink.

Jamali Maddix

Home-made berry lemonade. I feel like every time I say something, I feel like you guys are looking at me and going, 'This slightly over-,

Ed Gamble

No, I'm just enjoying it. We're just taking it in.

James Acaster

I've never had berry lemonade.

Jamali Maddix

You've never had berry lemonade?

James Acaster

No, sounds good.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, my God. Because, I think the problem with home-made lemonade sometimes is you're giving me a bitter lemon with some sugar and water and you're expecting me to pretend, like, 'Oh, this is-,'

Ed Gamble

It's just sweet water, basically, isn't it?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, but a berry lemonade, it just works well with the sour and the sweet and-,

Ed Gamble

Are you making this yourself?

Jamali Maddix

No, no, no, no.

Ed Gamble

You cook, though?

Jamali Maddix

I do cook.

Ed Gamble

You cooked for me that time.

Jamali Maddix

That was terrible but to be fair-,

Ed Gamble

It wasn't terrible, I've never seen anyone-,



James Acaster

When you were on the camping show?

Ed Gamble

I've never seen anyone more upset with their own cooking than Jamali was.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it was terrible.

Ed Gamble

We had a day-, it was outsiders and we were staying in this park or whatever-,

Jamali Maddix

The cooking facilities were shit and we didn't get enough ingredients.

Ed Gamble

The cooking facilities-, we got terrible food when we were there and then it was-,

Jamali Maddix

But then it changed, remember the guy looked at us and went, 'That's better now.'

Ed Gamble

Yes, he went, 'It's better now.' And we went, 'It's not.' Because, also, I was, like, 'I can't really eat too many carbs or whatever because I'm working and I've got diabetes.' So, quite often-, I walked in one day and they went, 'We're building our own pizzas today.' I went, 'Well, I'm not.' He went, 'Well, you can just have the toppings'. And I had raw pepperoni and some salad, there was some lettuce and some grated cheese.

Jamali Maddix

And, Lou's a vegan.

Ed Gamble

And, Lou's a vegan so she just had the lettuce.

Jamali Maddix

She just had lettuce. That's the one day we saw her with just lettuce, filming eighteen hour shifts. Mad.

James Acaster

What did Jess Knappett say to you during all that? What was she saying to you?

Jamali Maddix

Just saying my name in a northern accent, 'Jamali.'

Ed Gamble

We had a day off but we weren't allowed to leave this Godforsaken place because of COVID.

Jamali Maddix

We weren't allowed to leave, yes, everyone else got to fuck off home.

Ed Gamble

Everyone else got to fuck off home but we were in a bubble so we couldn't leave and the kitchens-, this big industrial kitchen or whatever and Jamali very kindly went, 'Well, we can't have any food from here so if-, ' they were going and they got us some stuff in and Jamali went, 'I'm going to do a



roast dinner or whatever.' He was prepping it all day and it was delicious. Then, we were sitting there eating it and Jamali was just sat there going, 'This is so horrible, I'm so sorry, guys.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, because I saw Ed put salt on it and I was, like, 'If Ed's putting salt on it, it must be dull.'

James Acaster

Ed puts salt-

Jamali Maddix

This must be flavourless. If Ed has to put salt on it, this must be awful.

Ed Gamble

I believe what you said was, Jamali, 'I've seen the white people putting salt on it, I really must have fucked up.'

Jamali Maddix

That was actually verbatim. Very -

Ed Gamble

I do put salt on a lot of things.

Jamali Maddix

It was fine, it was fine. It was just, you know, when you're cooking and you're stressed, you're in a kitchen that doesn't have-, like, half this oven doesn't work, this hob doesn't work, this doesn't work and it was a long day filming and it was our first day off-, but, anyway.

Ed Gamble

It was very nice and you do cook, you're a good cook.

Jamali Maddix

I'm a decent cook. I'm a decent cook. No, no, this is my fantasy how I'm going to make it. It's mostly a thing that I had in a restaurant, it's always those weird places, like really shitty Mexican restaurants, that will have a really good berry lemonade. For some reason, they can't get any other food right but they'll kill a berry lemonade. And, it has to be a red berry.

Ed Gamble

What sort of berries are they?

Jamali Maddix

I think it's a raspberry. It's raspberry and it comes-, you know when sometimes you get a drink and it's two colours, it's one of them ones.

Ed Gamble

Because all the stuff has, like, floated to the top.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, so you mix it in. And, I think, as well, with-, because I have my water, so that's for my pallet, and I think there's something about-, it's, like, when I'm eating these foods, I've got the saltiness of the chips, I've got the interesting flavours of the cheesecake that that lemon flushes your pallet. It's a pallet cleanser. So, every time, it's-, sometimes, you can eat and it gets monotonous, flush that pallet out and back on the game.

Ed Gamble

It sounds delicious.



James Acaster

It does sound good. I mean, I'm quite excited, now, to hear your dessert, bring it all home.

Jamali Maddix

Out of all the questions, this was the hardest one for me because I've got a real sweet tooth, I eat ridiculous amounts of cake and sweets. I've got diabetes in my family so the doctor said to me, 'You have to-', 'But, I eat, like, a share pack of Haribo in ten minutes, a bad issue. I've actually got-, I stopped eating sweets and I started getting the shakes. I was, like, 'Oh, I'm addicted.' I have addiction, this is bad, bad, bad. Watching you drink a Diet Coke right now is like watching-, like, when an alcoholic goes to a pub, I'm seeing it, I'm, like, 'Fuck, I could get a Coke.' Do you know what I mean, I have a problem. So, when it comes-,

James Acaster

I mean, you've haven't seen these behind the thing, have you?

Jamali Maddix

I saw them. I clocked them already, the strawberries.

James Acaster

The Haribo Giant Strawbs are there.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, like, I saw it, like it was a bag of coke at a party. I saw it, my eyes just went, 'What is that? Is that Haribo?'

Ed Gamble

Do you think this started with the rocky horror?

Jamali Maddix

Maybe, since I was as little kid, I've just been-, because I was a real big kid, when I was thirteen, I weighed seventeen stone.

Ed Gamble

You put some photos of you up when you were a kid and I think they're some of my favourite photos in existence.

Jamali Maddix

They're hilarious.

Ed Gamble

Absolutely hilarious, lovely fat little boy and, obviously, you without a beard is funny anyway because I've never seen you without a beard, really. They're such sweet pictures.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes, yes, it is interesting. I remember, like, someone told me this really saddest story ever but I thought it was funny for a long time, I remember when I went to Jamaica and I was a proper little fat kid and all the women at the bakery would give me free cakes and that. It was, like, 'So fat, give him some cake.' I remember, apparently, this Rasta man said to me on the boat, he goes, 'Hey, you're too fat, man, you eat too many sweetie.' And, my belly used to come over my shorts and the whole holiday, all my uncles were, like, 'Yes, man, you're too fat.' And they were impersonating the Rasta man saying that I ate too many sweeties, you're too fat. Do you know what, I have to go with my heart in what I actually would enjoy the most, it would be a key lime pie. Love key lime pie and I think it's a bit mad that I've gone with the berry lemonade and, then, something (inaudible 56.13) again.



Ed Gamble

Also, can I just say, the key lime pie remarkably similar to a sweet version of your main course.

James Acaster

Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Oh, I've got an issue. Yes, I must just like that texture. Okay, do you know what, that's a good point you made. I'm going to fuck off the key lime pie.

Ed Gamble

Key lime pie is great, though.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, it's great. You're right, I think that's too similar and you've made me reconsider my option here. I'll go for a trifle. I fucking love trifle. Again, I'll go Marks and Spencer and I'll buy a-, I'll eat a full trifle. I'll sit there, spoon in hand, watching-

Ed Gamble

Well, they put it in that plastic bowl, it feels like you just need to sit with it on your lap and just go for it, right?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, and that's the problem, you can't really tell the size of it because it comes in too thin. So, you're, like, 'Oh, it's only the top that's-', you know. But, I would say a trifle and it's a different consistency and you're getting cream, jelly and cake. Behave yourself, bruv. And, if you make it mad cold, that cream is basically ice cream.

Ed Gamble

Oh, an ice cream trifle, isn't it?

Jamali Maddix

An ice cream trifle.

Ed Gamble

An ice cream trifle is a phenomenal idea.

Jamali Maddix

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Let's put that on my new Wimpy menu.

Jamali Maddix

Yo, that would actually be fire and you use that Mr Whippy ice cream so it's that soft ice cream.

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes, so you can just pipe it on to the top.

Jamali Maddix

I'm surprised no one's made an ice cream trifle. Edit this out, it's copyright. I'll sue everyone in this room.



James Acaster

You're the fifth trifle on Off Menu.

Jamali Maddix

Really?

James Acaster

Yes, yes, very popular choice. Jamie Oliver picked a trifle, Harry Hill, Armando Iannucci, Asma Khan.

Jamali Maddix

See, I would say, all of them are great people, Jamie Oliver did fuck up my school dinners-

James Acaster

Yes, are you that generation?

Jamali Maddix

I was the generation where-

Ed Gamble

Took away your Turkey Twizzlers.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I remember we could have cheeseburgers morning and night-

James Acaster

- the same, 'Right little fat boy ate too many Turkey Twizzlers.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, he ruined school dinners. I remember that, we hated him. We really hated him and you look back at it now and you go, 'Wow, you really took on the system and tried to do a good thing.' We fucking hated him. We were so pissed off with this guy. And, do you remember that episode, I loved it when he made the chicken nuggets and he makes the ones how they do it in McDonald's and all the kids were, like, 'Ew.' And, they were, like, 'Which one do you want?' And the kids go, 'That one.'

Ed Gamble

Obviously.

James Acaster

I think, like, that's a true hero, though, isn't it? Most heroes will get held aloft and everyone loves them, Jamie Oliver did a good thing and it was definitely a good thing and he just took all the hate from everybody.

Ed Gamble

You got kids, from kids.

Jamali Maddix

He got a lot of hate.

James Acaster

Still hasn't really got the credit he deserved for it, still hasn't got people going, 'Do you know what, well done.'

Jamali Maddix

Parents would come and give their kids McDonald's through the school gates.



Ed Gamble

Yes, it's mad.

Jamali Maddix

Like, how much people pushed back on what Jamie Oliver was doing. Basically, what Jamie did was say, 'Hey, listen, these are the future generations, they should have nutritious meals.'

Ed Gamble

Or even one nutritious meal a day. It's not like he was going, 'And, when they get home, you need to feed them something different.' He was going, 'This might be their chance for one nutritious meal of the day.'

Jamali Maddix

Yes, and we were livid. Fucking livid. We hated Jamie. We were, like, 'Yo, Jamie, you fucked up, you ruined our life.'

Ed Gamble

Did you like a Turkey Twizzler?

Jamali Maddix

Oh, yes. Oh, mate, I loved, like, happy face and all of that. Do you know what, this is funny, primary school I went to-, because some primary schools, the cook the food. Our one, they used to come in these big grey boxes and it was the same company that used to sell them to the prisons and, so, we used to get these big grey boxes come in and you'd open the big grey box and just reheat it. It was the same-,

Ed Gamble

Prison food, yes.

Jamali Maddix

I think there was, like, different menus, the same company.

Ed Gamble

Did you have the little tray, as well?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, we'd have, like, a little tray. We'd have a little ID badge and that. But, no, our school dinners in primary school were awful, there was no greens.

James Acaster

Alright, so you're in the trifle gang now.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, I'd say trifle. Yes, I do like a good piece of trifle, especially if it's that deep, thick cream.

James Acaster

Layer up all the guests who have ordered trifle, including yourself, what order would they go in?

Jamali Maddix

Of who I like?

James Acaster

Layer them up like a trifle. You've all got to be layered up like a trifle.



Ed Gamble

No, not necessarily who you like, just, genuinely, you all have to get in a bowl together.

James Acaster

Yes, you've all got to be layered up like a trifle.

Jamali Maddix

Okay, we're laying on top of each other.

James Acaster

What order should you go in?

Jamali Maddix

Okay, so, Jamie Oliver is at the bottom.

James Acaster

Yes, because you hate him.

Jamali Maddix

Because he's scum and he can sit at the bottom. You heard me, Jamie, I hope you're listening to this, you fucked up my life, trying to make me healthy. No, God bless you, Jamie. Jamie Oliver, me because I want to look at Jamie Oliver suffering, because I'm suffering because we're being crushed to death, I want to look at Jamie's face when I'm fucking suffering. I'm so sorry, Jamie, I think you're a nice guy.

Ed Gamble

So, he's on his back, you're on your-

Jamali Maddix

Oh, eye to eye. Oh, we're eye to eye, bro. We're eye to eye, this is a weird human centipede. I'm eye to eye, bro. I'm looking you down, Jamie. So, Jamie Oliver, me, Iannucci, is that how you say it?

Ed Gamble: Yes.

Jamali Maddix

Because he's a smart guy. If anyone's going to get us out of this situation-, and he needs to coordinate because I think it would be a good convo too. So, he can be behind me and Harry Hill at the top.

James Acaster

Well, Asma Khan has got to go on there. She's a chef, she has Darjeeling Express.

Jamali Maddix

Put her above Iannucci.

James Acaster

At the top?

Jamali Maddix

No, not the top.

Ed Gamble

She's got wonderful anecdotes and she's very-



James Acaster

You would like her.

Ed Gamble

She'd be good on the top.

Jamali Maddix

Is she a laugh? More of a laugh than Harry Hill?

Ed Gamble

Look, they're all a laugh.

Jamali Maddix

Yes, so, obviously, her at the top and then Harry Hill because I think Harry Hill will be good tagging the bits, you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

Yes, Iannucci's doing the, sort of, clever stuff and, meanwhile, you're just staring Jamie Oliver out in complete silence.

Jamali Maddix

Just absolute silence and, then, we'll have that lady on the top.

Ed Gamble

Yes, perfect.

James Acaster

The human trifle. I'm going to read your order back to you now, see how you feel about it. Still water, no questions asked there, absolutely. Poppadoms or bread. Poppadoms with chutney and the green one.

Ed Gamble

And the others.

James Acaster

You want the other two so you can look at them?

Jamali Maddix

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

Starter, the Dutch croquettes from FEBO. Main course, alligator and shrimp cheesecake from Jacques-Imos, in New Orleans. Side dish, hand cut chips from the Bethnal Green place. Drink, home-made berry lemonade. And, dessert, trifle. How you feeling?

Jamali Maddix

I think it sounds delicious, a bit mad. It's a bit eclectic but I'm happy with that. How do you guys feel about that?

James Acaster

Yes, I'd want to eat that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I definitely want to eat that, for sure.



Jamali Maddix
Sounds good.

Ed Gamble
Yes, the cheesecake, I want to try the cheesecake so much.

James Acaster
I really want to try the cheesecake, I want to try the starter a lot, the croquette. I actually want to try the chips quite a lot because it's a place that isn't there anymore, that had really good chips and the guy would say, 'Everything comes with chips.' I would like to try that.

Ed Gamble
Yes, it's a shame.

James Acaster
And, I do like trifle and the berry lemonade-

Ed Gamble
You'd love that.

James Acaster
Of course I'd love that.

Jamali Maddix
Because that one's not open, another good place is El Pellicci, is it? You know the one in Bethnal Green, the famous one?

Ed Gamble
Oh, yes, Pellicci?

Jamali Maddix
Pellicci, they do good chips.

James Acaster
Yes?

Jamali Maddix
Yes, that's good, you want egg, beans and chips from them.

Ed Gamble
You know what would top that meal off? A lovely bottle of wine. A bottle of red wine.

Jamali Maddix
Absolutely not. Absolutely not. I think the red wine would be too rich with the cheesecake.

Ed Gamble
Yes, I actually think you're right. I think a white wine would be really nice.

Jamali Maddix
I know you're trying to make a joke, Ed, but let's, you know-

Ed Gamble
Well, let's be serious about this, you're correct, it wouldn't work. Jamali, thank you very much for coming to the dream restaurant.



Jamali Maddix

Thank you for having me, I really enjoyed myself.

James Acaster

Thank you, Jamali.

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off-, got you.

James Acaster

That's funny.

Ed Gamble

There we go. That was Jamali Maddix, thank you so much to Jamali for coming on.

James Acaster

Jamali.

Ed Gamble

Loved that.

James Acaster

Yes, lovely stuff, didn't say portobello mushrooms so he got to stay in the restaurant so appreciate that.

Ed Gamble

Thank God, he did not say the portobello mushroom secret ingredient. Do go and check out Jamali, check out his social media and his website to see where he's playing near you and if you are in London, go and see him on the 28th of May at the Hackney Empire.

James Acaster

Wonderful venue, wonderful comic, in for a lovely night, a lovely night.

Ed Gamble

It's such a good venue. You'll have such a lovely night.

James Acaster

You will have a lovely night. It's a great venue and a great comedian.

Ed Gamble

A great comedian, yes. Thank you to Jamali for coming on I'm also on tour, go and see me in the autumn doing an extension of my tour, Electric, Edgamble.co.uk for tickets and I will be doing the Hammersmith Apollo on October 22nd. My biggest tour show ever, very excited. It would be lovely-, it would be blooming lovely if there were some people there.

James Acaster

It's going to be a big night and we're all very proud of him. I'm going to be touring Scandinavia, much smaller venues, in September.

Ed Gamble

Thank you very much, Jamali, thank you, James, actually.

James Acaster

Thank you, Ed.



Ed Gamble

Thank you, Benito.

James Acaster

Thank you, Benito, for picking the secret ingredient this week.

Ed Gamble

Yes, which didn't get a mention but I really want a portobello mushroom now, a little bit of goat's cheese on top. Thank you very much for listening, we'll see you next week. Goodbye.

James Acaster

Bye.