



Off Menu – Ep155 – Taron Egerton:

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast, beating in the egg of conversation, grating in the cheese of humour, pouring into the pastry case of the Internet and baking for approximately an hour to make a lovely podcast quiche.

James Acaster

Wow.

Ed Gamble

Happy with that?

James Acaster

Yes, very happy with that. I thought for a second there you were making omelette.

Ed Gamble

I think I might have done omelette before, that's the only reason why I was like.

James Acaster

And then I was like oh, nice little left turn there it's a quiche.

Ed Gamble

Yes it's a quiche, I don't think that's exactly how you make a quiche, I think there are some other elements to it.

James Acaster

Hey, you know that I don't know any better, so.

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes.

James Acaster

I believe you. That's Ed Gamble, my name is James Acaster. This is the dream restaurant and we invite a guest every single week. We ask them their favourite ever starter, main course, dessert, side course and drink, not in that order and this week our guest is Taron Egerton.

Ed Gamble

Taron Egerton, the wonderful actor.

James Acaster

A wonderful actor. I love him in films such as Kingsman, Rocket Man.

Ed Gamble

Yes, Eddie the Eagle.

James Acaster

Eddie the Eagle, oh, the trailer to Eddie the Eagle genuinely made me emotional.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



James Acaster

Very, yes. I thought it was a sweet story, I know it's a true story and rarely does a trailer get me in the feels Ed.

Ed Gamble

And that's a hard thing to do with you, because you are an absolute rock James.

James Acaster

I'm the Tin Man.

Ed Gamble

He's the Tin Man.

James Acaster

That's what everyone calls me.

Ed Gamble

The Tin Man.

James Acaster

The Tin Man.

Ed Gamble

You'd be a great tin man actually.

James Acaster

Yes I would love it, actually.

Ed Gamble

Paint your face up silver, you're half way there. (talking over each other 01.36). Who would I be?

James Acaster

In the Wizard of Oz?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I mean there's not many, there's not many handsome men in the Wizard of Oz is there Ed?

Ed Gamble

Stop it you.

James Acaster

So I don't really know. I don't really know who you'd be.

Ed Gamble

I'd happily have a crack at the lion. Energy wise I could have a bash at the lion.

James Acaster

I think Josh Widdicombe would get the lion. Oh yes sorry yes, has pointed out that Josh would be the scarecrow and that's probably true.



Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes. So but the lion I don't know.

Ed Gamble

Can I not be the lion? Dorothy maybe? Can I be Dorothy, Toto?

James Acaster

You can be little Toto.

Ed Gamble

This is another conversation where we cast films with the British Comedy Circuit.

James Acaster

Yes, yes. We should just start up a new podcast. Anyway, we are going to kick him out if he says a secret ingredient, am I right?

Ed Gamble

Yes you are right James. There is a secret ingredient, if Taron says it, he's out on his ear which would be a shame because I think he's looking forward to this James. He listens to the podcast.

James Acaster

He listens to the pod, we're very excited to have him on. It would be a shame to kick him off, but rules are rules and this week the secret ingredient is Turkish Delight.

Ed Gamble

With the chocolate bar.

James Acaster

But no, not the chocolate bar, the chocolate bar is good. Normal Turkish Delight, the little cubes.

Ed Gamble

No wrong. I love the little cubes, I used to go on holiday with my family to Cyprus a lot and it was such a great day when we would go to the Turkish Delight shop or I believe Cyprus Delight they would call it.

James Acaster

Okay.

Ed Gamble

And buy all different flavours. The pistachio one, that's my favourite.

James Acaster

The worst, that's the worst one. So well done.

Ed Gamble

Open it up, so delicious and it's all covered in the icing sugar. They're like travel sweets for the Thinking Man.

James Acaster

Right well, the first time I had Turkish Delight I think it may have been the yellow one maybe, it was delicious but very quickly don't like Turkish Delight but I do like the chocolate bars.



Ed Gamble

The chocolate bar's trash.

James Acaster

The chocolate bar's delicious.

Ed Gamble

Trash.

James Acaster

Fried Turkish Delight.

Ed Gamble

Why are you covering it chocolate? No need.

James Acaster

Absolutely delicious.

Ed Gamble

No need. So either 1, if he says either one he's out.

James Acaster

Either one, but let's just say that you know, the person who hates that particular type of Turkish Delight is the one that has to kick him out.

Ed Gamble

Okay perfect, that's a good deal.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Well done. Well hopefully he won't say it anyway because we are looking forward to meeting him. Taron is also in a very new, exciting TV show on Apple TV Plus called Black Bird James.

James Acaster

A psychological thriller. I like psychological thrillers.

Ed Gamble

Me too, me too.

James Acaster

Because you can use your head and your heart.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You're emotionally thrilled but your head is going 'I'm in this as well, they're making me think.'

Ed Gamble

So do watch Black Bird and you have a think and a scare. And this is the Off Menu menu of Taron Egerton.



James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Welcome Taron to the Dream Restaurant.

Taron Egerton

Thank you for having I'm very pleased.

James Acaster

Welcome Taron Egerton to the Dream Restaurant, we've been expecting you for some time. Here he is.

Ed Gamble

He went big for you today.

Taron Egerton

I felt the rush of air as you manifested.

James Acaster

What did you visualise, well what did you see? Tell us what you saw.

Taron Egerton

You but with a sort of small cloth wrap in a sort of y-front shape.

James Acaster

When you say a cloth wrap.

Taron Egerton

Kind of like, I suppose like an old fashioned nappy.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes like a nappy but let's just say what it is.

James Acaster

It's a nappy. I'll wear a nappy for it. For a meal.

Ed Gamble

Like you would wrap cheese in the old days, sort of like cheese cloths.

Taron Egerton

Exactly. With the sort of string, the metal string, swinging around his head.

James Acaster

It would be quite good to wear a nappy during a meal, you'd never have to leave the table.

Taron Egerton

Well you'd never have to loosen your belt would you?

James Acaster

No.



Taron Egerton

You could just expand with the nappy.

James Acaster

Never see a baby loosening it's belt do you? Imagine that.

Taron Egerton

Ugh god sorry.

Ed Gamble

Yes because I suppose all my knowledge of nappies really as a childless man comes from the adverts where you always see, there's a sort of elasticated flex bit, right. So they do grow with baby.

Taron Egerton

Do you look and see.

Ed Gamble

That's for when baby gets full.

Taron Egerton

Yes Right, right.

Ed Gamble

Yes exactly yes.

Taron Egerton

I always visualise a nappy sort of moving around on it's own you know, because they show the absorbent qualities without the baby. So it sort of does a kind of ballet, pirouette thing.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

So maybe do you think since you're a genie perhaps your nappy could do that as well?

James Acaster

Oh yes, I'd have a magical nappy that moves around on it's own.

Taron Egerton

So does it fly off you?

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

A bit like Doctor Strange's cape?

James Acaster

Yes. Oh yes.

Ed Gamble

Exactly like Doctor Strange's cape.

James Acaster

It can fight my battles for me sometimes.



Ed Gamble

You get so excited at that idea.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, because I was about to say because my brain went to just like when you said moving around on it's own because I'm a genie I thought about the carpet in Aladdin. But Doctor Strange's cape is a much better reference.

Taron Egerton

It's more 2022 isn't it?

James Acaster

Yes, yes. I really like that.

Ed Gamble

Why would you want a nappy that flies off on it's own? That's the last thing you want a nappy to do though right?

James Acaster

If anyone ever attacks me the nappy can defend me.

Taron Egerton

You could fight your foes with it. But would it be soiled?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes. Someone would jump out, I would be scared soil myself and then the nappy would be.

Taron Egerton

Would you preserve your modesty as it's flying around?

James Acaster

No I would like, you've got to use everything available to you to distract them and like to get in their heads if they're attacking you.

Taron Egerton

Absolutely.

James Acaster

So I've got to have my boy out and like you know.

Ed Gamble

Although from the other perspective, I would say that if I was being attacked by a magical soiled nappy, I don't have time to look at someone's crotch.

Taron Egerton

No you'd just be running for the hills.

Ed Gamble

I'd be running for the hills just batting the nappy away and stuff.



Taron Egerton

Yes, yes.

James Acaster

Or like be wrapping around your face you childless man. I didn't know that Ed has started referring to himself as that now, but it's interesting.

Ed Gamble

Well I just wanted to let everyone know why I know about elastication on nappies.

Taron Egerton

You were setting the scene.

Ed Gamble

I was setting the scene, thank you Taron cheers.

James Acaster

Childless man.

Ed Gamble

You're a childless man.

James Acaster

Yes I'm a childless man but I don't go around telling everyone, make it my identity.

Ed Gamble

That's not my identity, my identity within the world of nappies.

James Acaster

Childless man?

Taron Egerton

Yes childless, childless man, very much a childless man.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

3 childless men.

James Acaster

4 actually if you count Benito which people rarely do.

Ed Gamble

Benito has got a puppy now though. He's got a puppy.

Taron Egerton

Have you? What sort of dog? We've got 2 of those.

James Acaster

You've got 2 cockapoos, you've got the same dog as Benito?

Taron Egerton

Yes, I mean they're amazing but they're so, they're full on.



James Acaster

Oh bad luck.

Ed Gamble

I think that's what Benito is finding, he's not getting much sleep at the moment?

James Acaster

Considered a nappy?

Taron Egerton

Perhaps a nappy that could take them for walks?

James Acaster

Yes that would be good.

Ed Gamble

The Doctor Strange nappy would.

James Acaster

I'll lend you my nappy Benito, take your little cockapoo for a walk. Anyway he'll cut all of this out, anything to do with him doesn't go in.

Ed Gamble

Cockapoo's your special move with a nappy isn't it?

James Acaster

Yes, yes. Great. Now you've got to keep it in, that's a great joke. That brings everything together.

Ed Gamble

Either way you look at it.

James Acaster

Would you consider yourself a foodie, Taron?

Taron Egerton

I feel like there are 2 sides to my nature, there's the sort of the side of me that appreciates nice food, well constructed with lots of thought put into it. And I do like to cook a little bit. But then there's the other side of me that's a kind of disgusting, gluttonous gannet that sort of doesn't really care what it is, it's more just about volume.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Do you know what I mean?

James Acaster

Oh yes.

Taron Egerton

So I feel like a foodie kind of makes me think of somebody who is really quite academic and measured in what they do and I wouldn't say that that's me all of the time.

James Acaster

I think the gannet feeds into the foodie as well.



Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

That's a part of it.

Taron Egerton

Well in which case maybe.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Well I think about food all the time, all the time, and oscillate between being someone that eats quite well and someone that really, really doesn't eat well.

James Acaster

Is that because in acting you have to eat well?

Taron Egerton

I think it depends what you are doing. Last year I played a part where I had to be in good shape, so I had to think about it for quite a long period of time and it was hard, it was really, really hard.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

And boring, and boring how much you think about it because if you think about it all the time it means you talk about it all the time and no one cares.

Ed Gamble

And if you're eating that healthily you must be thinking about the other stuff that you just you want to eat all of the time?

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I've done like periods of eating very healthily, I'm on a downwards slope now I'm just eating whatever I like.

Taron Egerton

So am I.

Ed Gamble

Which is beautiful. But do you do the thing of watching YouTube videos or thinking about everything you want to eat or looking at menus online when you're eating healthily?

Taron Egerton

So what you watch people eat the foods you wish you could eat?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



Taron Egerton

No.

James Acaster

He reads the menus, and when he's reading menus online he texts me to tell me that he's doing it as if I'm going to join in with him.

Taron Egerton

Really?

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

You bring James into your fantasies?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Exactly yes to legitimise them.

Taron Egerton

How does your wife feel about that?

Ed Gamble

She's fine with it, she understands.

Taron Egerton

She's cool.

Ed Gamble

She doesn't want to go, she doesn't want me to call her through and say 'Look at this menu.' Alright are we going to go though?

James Acaster

No I can't. I would tell James about it. Have you ever gone online just to read a menu?

Taron Egerton

Probably not without intending to go and eat there I don't think, and sometimes I feel like that's cheating as well because I feel like it's quite nice to get to a place and share in the moment of opening the menu. Do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

Interesting. Yes.

Taron Egerton

And I sometimes feel like when I get there and someone said 'Oh I've already looked at the menu.' I feel like it's the kid who flicked to the back of the Order of the Phoenix.

Ed Gamble

Right.



Taron Egerton

Do you know what I mean? Because I know what happened. And I sort of go, well you just, I don't know if I can swear, but it's annoying isn't it?

James Acaster

You can swear.

Ed Gamble

You can swear.

Taron Egerton

Well you're a wanker.

Ed Gamble

Yes I am, yes.

Taron Egerton

Because you've subverted what everybody else is.

Ed Gamble

I see what you mean, because look, I do do that and I'm the guy.

Taron Egerton

Well, no, well quite a bit of judgement actually.

Ed Gamble

Apparently this is an amazing thing they do here and I've looked at the menu and they have that today so we should definitely order that.

Taron Egerton

Right.

Ed Gamble

I do that and that is like you've cut out a whole portion of the evening.

Taron Egerton

Well yes.

Ed Gamble

It's kind of like to push people through.

Taron Egerton

Well it's part of the ritual isn't it I think.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

But there's something quite about getting there and having that moment of, because it's so much about communion isn't it and you know, I've got a very relationship with my family, we've always cooked together and there's something very social about it. I do buy into the whole Jamie Oliver school of it being a time to be together and I think going out and looking at a menu is kind of an extension of that.



James Acaster

Yes I like that.

Ed Gamble

I think you're right I like that, I'm going to stop looking at menus online now.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Really?

James Acaster

And are you going to stop telling everyone that Sirius Black dies?

Ed Gamble

No way man.

James Acaster

You little shit.

Ed Gamble

No way.

James Acaster

Every meal that's how it starts.

Ed Gamble

The thing is I think enough people listen to this podcast that that will have ruined it for someone.

James Acaster

Yes, someone will go 'What the f...'. Ed sits down at the start of every meal and he goes 'Bellatrix Lestrage kills him.'

Taron Egerton

She pushes him through a curtain.

James Acaster

Yes. She really rubs it in everyone's face as well.

Ed Gamble

Dobby's dead and we're having the pork.

James Acaster

Yes. Still or sparkling water Taron?

Taron Egerton

So I thought about this and I think on this occasion I'm going still.

James Acaster

Okay.

Taron Egerton

I like sparkling water for the same reasons everybody else does, it feels like a sort of like a gentler cousin of champagne doesn't it. It feels like an event, you know it sort of somehow feels like it



should cost 10 times the amount of still water even though it's just had some gas pumped through it. But I think when you come to the dream restaurant you need to be thinking about the amount of food you can cram inside yourself and I know there's magic at play and the normal rules of physics don't apply, but the association of drinking sparkling water I think will make me feel fuller quicker and I want to bed into the experience and make sure I've got a real, cavernous empty space that I can just fill with all the foods that I enjoy. So I'm going still.

James Acaster

I think that's very sound logic.

Ed Gamble

Totally sound logic and I love to hear about sparkling water being the gentler cousin of champagne.

Taron Egerton

Do you know what I mean though? It's still feels like an event.

Ed Gamble

I'm imagining a gathering of the fizzy family now.

James Acaster

Yes. Let's look at the family tree.

Taron Egerton

Very, very, very, very mild mannered. Very non-committal when it comes to opinions about things that are happening in the world.

Ed Gamble

Whereas champagne is like 'Ugh I've got so many things to say.'

Taron Egerton

Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster

Listen to this guy.

Ed Gamble

Yes there's champagne.

Taron Egerton

He sounds like a nightmare.

James Acaster

In the fizzy family tree then, where are you putting ginger beer in relation to champagne?

Taron Egerton

I think I feel like.

Ed Gamble

I'm not doing a voice for that by the way.

Taron Egerton

Ginger beer like maybe, like maybe an older uncle who sometimes says things that aren't entirely appropriate but he's really well-meaning.



James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Taron Egerton

And he's just a product of another time.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Taron Egerton

But you know, you'd probably have a moment to think before you invited him to every, you know, family event.

James Acaster

Yes. Are you thinking fiery ginger beer in particular?

Taron Egerton

Exactly that, yes.

Ed Gamble

He loses his head sometimes.

Taron Egerton

He just gets a bit overexcited, he doesn't get out much.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

You know.

Ed Gamble

He doesn't, he's a bit dusty, at the back of the shelf.

Taron Egerton

Yes, a little bit. And when he gets there, do you know there's those people in your life, there's people in your life you've not seen for ages and your heart rate doesn't change when you see them and it's lovely and it's like a true friend. But you know there are those people in your life where you see them and you go okay, alright here we go and you just have to slightly adjust and they're probably in your thirties, you gently maybe don't see as much of. I feel like Uncle Ginger Beer may be one of those people.

James Acaster

You want to name names?

Taron Egerton

It's probably best I don't I think.

James Acaster

Does champagne have any children or is it a childless drink?

Taron Egerton

Well so when I was a little boy I remember that my great grandmother who I called Nin, she used to, she used to call me Sailor and when everybody was having like a drink at family does or whatever



she'd always give me like sparkling grape juice. A bit like, what's that thing that they get out Christmas for people who don't drink? Shloer.

James Acaster

Shloer.

Ed Gamble

Shloer.

Taron Egerton

It wouldn't have been.

James Acaster

This might be the first Shloer mention on the podcast.

Ed Gamble

You love Shloer right?

James Acaster

I love Shloer, I think it's hilarious.

Taron Egerton

So I suppose maybe, well she wouldn't have given me Shloer it would have been like a sort of, you know, Safeways own version of it.

Ed Gamble

An off-brand Shloer.

Taron Egerton

Off-brand yes. But I feel like that could be a child of champagne.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Absolutely.

Taron Egerton

The innocent version of champagne.

Ed Gamble

Yes little sort of cute champagne little baby.

James Acaster

Shloer is so funny. Every time, it rarely comes up that people have got Shloer but when they bring it up, the fact that they have to say it so 'We have Shloer if you'd like it.' What the hell are you talking about?

Taron Egerton

There is a benefit to Shloer though because as much as I like champagne like most people do, my mouth tastes of arse afterwards. It's so horrible the breath that champagne gives people so for that reason alone I think Shloer is worth a punt.

James Acaster

Poppadoms or bread? Poppadoms or bread Taron Egerton? Poppadoms or bread?



Taron Egerton
Ok poppadoms.

Ed Gamble
Yes poppadoms.

Taron Egerton
That did frighten me.

Ed Gamble
That did get you. You knew it was coming but.

Taron Egerton
I knew it was coming.

Ed Gamble
He's getting better at, now we're back in rooms with people, you are getting better at sneaking up on people.

James Acaster
And also getting better when I know that the person has listened before so therefore expects it, and I was like you know I've made it feel like we're talking about Shloer for a while, which I wanted to by the way, so I've kind of like.

Taron Egerton
Yes, yes, yes.

James Acaster
You know, annoyed myself there because I've cut the Shloer conversation.

Taron Egerton
No but it was good because it was off beat. It was a jazz attack.

James Acaster
Yes.

Ed Gamble
I wanted to ask Taron if Nin called anyone else Sailor or if it was just you?

Taron Egerton
As far as I can remember.

James Acaster
Yes that was a detail that we let slide.

Taron Egerton
For as far as I can remember it was just me, yes. But I remember at the time it making me feel like a rock star.

Ed Gamble
Yes, yes, yes. Little boy. Bottle of Shloer.

Taron Egerton
There you go Sailor.



James Acaster

Here comes the Sailor.

Taron Egerton

Exactly.

Ed Gamble

The Shlailor.

James Acaster

Yes the Shlailor.

Ed Gamble

No. It doesn't quite work but you know.

Taron Egerton

The Shloerler?

James Acaster

Yes that's much better.

Ed Gamble

We'll have that. We'll have that.

Taron Egerton

So the reason I've opted for poppadoms, because poppadoms, every time I listen to this show I do think there is something incongruous about having poppadoms if the rest of your meal isn't centred around Indian food.

Ed Gamble

Sure.

Taron Egerton

But mine is.

Ed Gamble

Ah.

James Acaster

Little clue.

Taron Egerton

So I am going to have poppadoms with mango chutney, raita, all that, lime chilli, all that good stuff.

James Acaster

That's good.

Taron Egerton

And I was trying to think is that, because when I was trying to think about it I was trying to figure out is there a posh version of poppadoms that makes me sound like I'm a culinary, kind of wizz?. Do you know what I mean that I've eaten somewhere really interesting? But I do slightly feel that once you've had 1 poppadom, you've had them all.



Ed Gamble

Well they do the spicy ones sometimes, you go somewhere where they say do you want plain or spicy.

Taron Egerton

Right yes, yes.

James Acaster

I prefer the plain.

Taron Egerton

Do you, I think I do as well. I do. And I also, my favourite use of a poppadom is not the crack and snap and dip, the classic move, I like to take a whole poppadom smush it in my hands and then crumble it over a curry.

James Acaster

Oh okay.

Ed Gamble

You're using it as a condiment more than anything really.

Taron Egerton

Yes a bit like a substitute for fried onions, you know. Something to give it a bit of texture, a bit of crunch. So I'm going to have poppadoms instead of bread and I'm going to keep a little bit back for.

Ed Gamble

For the crumble.

Taron Egerton

For my main, for the crumble yes.

Ed Gamble

But you are eating a little bit of it just in the traditional poppadom style?

Taron Egerton

Absolutely, yes. I'm keeping it real versatile, I'm going to use it as the traditional sort of you know, take a little square and nibble. But then also crumble it on like a sort of garnish, like a crispy garnish.

James Acaster

I've seen people do the crispy garnish and I do respect it every time.

Ed Gamble

Do you?

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

It takes quite a lot of bravery to take a whole, because it's a big old thing you can't do it discreetly and it makes a big noise. So I feel like if you've got to do it, you've got to own it.

James Acaster

Yes.



Taron Egerton

You've got to sort of act like your Brian Blessed or something you know.

Ed Gamble

Especially if you're in quite a quiet Indian restaurant as well like late at night when there's not many other people in there.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

There's sort of soft music playing in the background and then suddenly (Speaker makes crashing noise)

Taron Egerton

Yes exactly I always wonder actually when I listen to this show, who the other guests are?

Ed Gamble

Well this is up to you, this is your dream meal. If you want to be eating alone fine, if you want other guests in there fine.

Taron Egerton

Well I sort of always imagine that it's kind of like the background cast of the movie Disney's Robin Hood. You know. Sort of animals dressed up in kind of you know, medieval costumes, having larks.

Ed Gamble

But the background cast, you don't want the main players.

Taron Egerton

Absolutely not, no. I don't want anyone to pull focus.

James Acaster

Background cast of the animated Robin Hood, who are animals dressed like they're in Robin Hood times.

Taron Egerton

Exactly and they're all doing slightly the same thing over and over again, you know. The same sort of action on repeat in the hope that you won't notice.

Ed Gamble

You are such an actor that you have extras in your restaurant so no one pulls focus. No other stars in here please.

Taron Egerton

Yes. Yes. No foxes.

James Acaster

I know a few stars that you wouldn't invite to dinner.

Taron Egerton

Really?

James Acaster

Yes, Helen Bonham Carter, Daniel Radcliffe, Gary Numan.



Ed Gamble

Yes. Gary Numan?

James Acaster

Gary Oldman.

Ed Gamble

Gary Numan was not in any of the Harry Potter franchise films.

James Acaster

But they would've ruined it for you, wouldn't they, they'd turn up and tell you what happens at the end of Order of the Phoenix.

Ed Gamble

Yes

Taron Egerton

I suppose so.

James Acaster

Yes, so, you can't risk it, you can't risk that.

Ed Gamble

What specific animal, any specific background animals?

Taron Egerton

It makes me think of, I think of perhaps like an alligator blowing a long trumpet, does that conjure an image that-

Ed Gamble

And that's not going to pull focus?

James Acaster

Yes, that's going to come on. That's going to drown out the crunching of the poppadums at least.

Taron Egerton

No, because I've-

Ed Gamble

Are you pre-arranging with the alligator to go, 'Right, when I crunch a poppadum.'

Taron Egerton

I was going to get him to mime, but actually what I might do is get him to toot every time I crunch a poppadum.

James Acaster

Yes?

Ed Gamble

That's a great idea, yes, that's a really good idea, that would work in so many situations.

Taron Egerton

What, if you had an alligator following you around tooting?



James Acaster

What, an alligator with a trumpet?

Ed Gamble

Yes, with a trumpet.

Taron Egerton

Whenever you farted, maybe.

Ed Gamble

Whenever you farted. Or, like in some Japanese toilets you can play music that's supposed to cover up the sound of you going to the toilet, if you're like in a line of cubicles. So, instead, you could take the alligator to-

Taron Egerton

And what would you do, would you give him a signal, would you give him a wink?

Ed Gamble

I think he'd know.

Taron Egerton

He'd know.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

He's got to be watching, he's got to have his eye on that poppadum.

Ed Gamble

No, I think he's in the cubicle with you.

Taron Egerton

Well, that's what he's being paid for. Are you paying him, or is he-, you must be paying him.

Ed Gamble

Not initially.

Taron Egerton

Right.

Ed Gamble

And we'll see how he does.

Taron Egerton

So, he has a sort of phase where he's-

James Acaster

Well what's his motivation for doing it in the first place? Not initially?

Ed Gamble

It's a good job, man.

Taron Egerton

How's he earning a living? Well, it's not a good job if he's not getting bloody paid, is it.



Ed Gamble

If he does a good job, then I'll pay him.

James Acaster

If I prove my worth I'm going to get paid for this?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Alligators are living creatures too as well you know.

Ed Gamble

Yes, alright, fine. Alright, I'll give him a quid or something.

Taron Egerton

A quid for every trump?

Ed Gamble

Yes, exactly. Well, that's a lot of money actually.

James Acaster

Yes, if you've ever been around Ed. Most of the editing Benito has to do is getting rid of Ed's flatulence.

Ed Gamble

Every time it cuts to the little music between the sections-,

Taron Egerton

That's a fart?

Ed Gamble

Yes. There's no editing there, that's just we're still sat here and I've just done a really long fart.

James Acaster

Also, Ed's farts are extra loud, because every time he does them he goes (James yells) like that as well, (James yells), because he was taken by surprise.

Ed Gamble

I'm always scared by them.

James Acaster

Yes, and gets really surprised by them don't you?

Taron Egerton

Surprised and slightly excited by that (Taron yells).

James Acaster

Yes, a sensation he wasn't expecting.

Ed Gamble

Yes, every time there's a new sensation.

James Acaster

Yes.



Ed Gamble

So, the alligator, actually I'd have to pay the alligator quite a lot of money I think, because it'd be a lot of work, yes.

James Acaster

If I had a quid every time Ed Gamble farted, yes.

Ed Gamble

I'd be an alligator with a trumpet.

James Acaster

The starter, your dream starter?

Taron Egerton

Yes, okay. So, I was torn between two things, but I decided on, there's a restaurant in Soho called Social Eating House, do you know it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

And the chef there is a guy called Paul Hood, and it's actually, the last few times for the past couple of days it's not been on the menu, but he used to do this thing, and I think it was kind of a signature thing he did, and it was called mushrooms in a bag, it had that. And he sort of brings out, or someone from this team brings out a little toast rack with pieces of really nice, I think sourdough taste, with a mushroom pate smeared on the top of it. Spread is probably a nicer word when you're eating it. But then also he brings out a bag of mushrooms that have been steamed in a, kind of, little folded plastic bag that they cut open in front of you, and then you put the mushrooms on the toast, chop it up and eat it. And it's got a really nice amount of theatre to it, it's not like, you know, when someone brings out something that's on fire or you've got to crack into it and there's five layers and it just sort of all of a sudden hits a different part of your brain from the food bit?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

There's just a really nice little bit of theatre to this, and you all take a piece from the middle and it's just lovely and it's completely delicious. But he took it off the menu. I've not been in a couple of years, actually, and I don't know why he did that, but it's amazing, absolutely amazing.

Ed Gamble

It sounds amazing, it sounds like that sort of thing you're looking for as well, that communal, sort of, fun thing, you're all getting involved and you're all doing something and, yes.

Taron Egerton

Yes, I really like food that's not, like I've had meals that have been, you know, really intricate, and things that have got incredible craftsmanship in the construction of them, and it's a really nice experience but I don't like it as much as I like everyone mucking in, get involved, lots of people splashing stuff around. Do you know what I mean, on a Saturday night.

Ed Gamble

Bit of a splosh, yes.



James Acaster

Bit of a splosh.

Taron Egerton

Do you know what I mean, like a sploshy dinner, I prefer a sploshy dinner.

Ed Gamble

I completely agree.

Taron Egerton

Like, the best meal I've ever had was L'Enclume, and before we started recording we were talking about the trip, and that's where I saw that and I thought, 'I've got to go and try that place.' And I went, and it was the best meal, it was incredible, but I wouldn't want it every day, do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

It's special occasion stuff, yes.

Taron Egerton

It's really special occasions, like the kind of thing I think you do once every few years to celebrate a special occasion or something. But yes, back to mushrooms in a bag. It's just got a real wholesome loveliness to it, but it's just phenomenally delicious, and if it's not on the menu and he's listening you should definitely bring it back because it's extra special.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And that's the Jason Atherton restaurant, right? He's got a few of those places.

Taron Egerton

I think it is, yes.

Ed Gamble

I have been there, it's absolutely amazing.

Taron Egerton

Because he's got a pizza place as well I think, that he opened somewhere, I think.

Ed Gamble

Oh, really? Not sure I've been there, yes. He's got Little Social as well, which is across the world, I noticed that's shut now, but yes.

Taron Egerton

Right. And the bar upstairs, which is called The Pig or something.

Ed Gamble

Yes, is it The Blind Pig?

Taron Egerton

Yes, it is, it's a good name for it because you can't really see up there.

Ed Gamble

Yes, exactly. No, that restaurant is phenomenal. I've not had the mushrooms in a bag, that sounds great.



James Acaster

I never had that. Also, all the background animals could be excited when they hear Paul Hood is in the kitchen.

Taron Egerton

I think it'll be great, yes.

James Acaster

Are you going in? Yes.

Taron Egerton

We know your cousin.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

We know your gentler cousin.

James Acaster

I don't know, Paul Hood sounds like the gentler of the cousins, of the two of them.

Ed Gamble

I think Paul Hood is the gentler cousin.

James Acaster

Paul Hood is the gentler cousin making mushrooms in a bag, Robin Hood is robbing the rich and giving to the poor.

Ed Gamble

Yes, Robin, he's got good intentions but he's full on isn't he?

James Acaster

Yes, he's not the gentler of the two.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I actually think Robin Hood would be one of those people, if I saw them at a family gathering, I'd be like, oh, here we go.

James Acaster

Yes, oh no.

Ed Gamble

He's going to bang on about taking from the rich and giving to the poor.

James Acaster

How altruistic he is and, yes.

Ed Gamble

He'd be a nightmare on Twitter that bloke.



James Acaster

He would, he'd get a lot of hate. Yes, it wouldn't go well for him.

Taron Egerton

For all the nice things he's doing, or for the virtue signalling.

Ed Gamble

Bloody virtue signalling Robin Hood.

James Acaster

Yes, I'd have enough of him. I think I've been there once, Social Eating House, very nice. And I keep on, like, I'd say it's the main place that I've been turned away from the most amount of times, because I just haven't learned that you should book ahead and I chance my luck every time and just get told no.

Ed Gamble

Really?

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

It's nice, they do really nice things with bread, they do little, again, communal, you can buy like a jar of something, and they do a coleslaw which has got truffle in it, and it's like the carrot and, it's cabbage isn't in it in coleslaw? That's all really chunky, and it's just amazing and really rich and fatty and lovely. And they bring a little basket of bread, or I think they might bring a loaf of bread and you, sort of, tear bits off and scoop bits out. And then I think they do a pate as well, or duck rillettes I think is the thing they do, and they're really nice, and you can buy a couple of them for the table and then you all muck in and share.

Ed Gamble

Oh, I'm going to go back there.

James Acaster

What kind of mushrooms are they in the bag, have you got button mushrooms, or are they the ones that look mad?

Taron Egerton

No, it's one of the-

Ed Gamble

I know exactly what you mean, I totally know what you mean.

Taron Egerton

I'm not sure, they might be a little mix, but certainly more of a foraging vibe I think.

Ed Gamble

Yes, wild mushrooms.

James Acaster

That's what you want.

Taron Egerton

I think so, yes.



Ed Gamble

Them were the ones that looked mad.

James Acaster

The ones that look mad, that's what you want, is the ones where, like, they're not uniform.

Taron Egerton

The ones that feel a bit dangerous.

James Acaster

Yes, they all look different, you know, they've kind of got that, quite a meaty quality to them.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

The ones that look like a big trumpet.

James Acaster

The ones that look like a big trumpet.

Ed Gamble

The alligator's happy.

Taron Egerton

There he is, he's straight in there. Get out of the bag.

Ed Gamble

Stop harping on my mushroom, that's not covering up my farts.

James Acaster

And you're not, just to be clear, crunching up your poppadum over this?

Taron Egerton

No.

Ed Gamble

Would you be tempted? Because it's sat there, it's ready to be crunched.

Taron Egerton

No, because I think the bread is toasted really nicely, so I feel like the different textures are all pretty well figured out. Whereas, not to say I'm reinventing the curry or anything, but I do think there is a level of elevation to put in a poppadum in a curry, I think it gives it an extra dimension of crunch.

Ed Gamble

Sure.

Taron Egerton

Whereas, it might even be called seps in a bag, or something fancy. That, I feel like they've got it pretty well figured out, don't think it needs augmentation.

Ed Gamble

Nice.

James Acaster



Yes, that's the thing in those kind of places, like if you went to L'Enclume or somewhere like that, you wouldn't be adding stuff, you wouldn't be going, 'I'll tell you what this needs. Who's got that hot sauce, have you got hot sauce in your bag?'

Taron Egerton

Yes. I'm a bit like that with mayonnaise.

James Acaster

Yes?

Taron Egerton

Yes, big jar of Hellman's. You know, I think particularly in certain parts of America they'd have, like, a little bottle of hot sauce in their bag. I love my own bag just for a jar of Hellman's mayonnaise. Maybe purpose built in the shape-

James Acaster

What are you putting it on?

Taron Egerton

Putting it, probably like a leather belt or something.

James Acaster

I mean what food are you putting it on. I really prefer that.

Ed Gamble

You were so into it.

James Acaster

You'd got a leather belt.

Ed Gamble

A leather belt. A leather belt that's just a jar?

Taron Egerton

Just the jar, it's the jar. A bit like I'm off to catch frogs or something, but it's Hellman's mayonnaise. Maybe with a couple of little side sections, perhaps, for maybe a butter knife, and then also perhaps some surface wipes so that I can just wipe it off, so I'm not putting a mayonnaise-y knife back, makes sense doesn't it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

If you're going to go to that level, you might as well really think it through and bring it home.

Ed Gamble

Maybe a little golden mayonnaise spoon or something.

James Acaster

I've got one of them, I've got a golden teaspoon on a chain that I can put round my neck.

Ed Gamble

Yes. That's for ice cream, though.



James Acaster

It's for ice cream, yes.

Taron Egerton

Oh, you've actually got an ice cream thing haven't you?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

You know that does look like a coke thing though, right?

James Acaster

Yes, everyone told me that, but like, I got given it for Christmas, it was a call back to something, to the Jason Reitman episode I think, which I'd forgotten about because it'd been so long since we had recorded it. So, my mum got it for me and I was like I don't know, why have I been given this? And she had to tell me about my own podcast, and now, yes, I've got it hanging up in my kitchen.

Taron Egerton

I remember that, I listened to that one, he directed Ghost Busters, right?

James Acaster

He did, yes. So, I can use that spoon now.

Taron Egerton

Yes, nice.

James Acaster

So, maybe, your Christmas, you're going to be unwrapping a mayo belt.

Taron Egerton

Maybe? Yes.

Ed Gamble

I do like the idea of the leather cross body bag, but instead of the bag it's just a massive jar of Hellman's.

Taron Egerton

Like, quite a hobbit-y vibe, a bit like you should be walking around with furry bare feet and a sort of quizzical look.

Ed Gamble

It's not, not, like a Robin Hood vibe either.

James Acaster

No, yes.

Taron Egerton

No, exactly. Well, you could sort of flip it round, couldn't you, and then it would feel quite rock and roll, like it's a quiver.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Mayonnaise in a quiver, would you consider?



Taron Egerton

I think it depends if you've got the right utensil to be able to easy access it. Perhaps if you had a big long spoon and you could, sort of, do the action of removing it from the quiver and scoop it out and put it straight in your mouth?

James Acaster

Yes, I think that'd be good.

Ed Gamble

I'm into that.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I'm definitely into, it's like you're grabbing an arrow and then it's just a spoon.

Taron Egerton

Exactly.

James Acaster

I think you would have to have the spoon in the jar already, so that you're reaching back like an arrow, you're pulling the spoon out, eating it, and then you put it back into the jar.

Taron Egerton

So, maybe more like a ladle, because of the angle that it's entering in on.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because otherwise you're flicking mayonnaise over everyone.

Taron Egerton

Otherwise it's a disaster, you're going to piss off the other guests in the restaurant.

Ed Gamble

Oh, the alligator is catching an eye full, that's a disaster.

Taron Egerton

The alligator is quitting, he's saying, 'My eyes.'

James Acaster

That's the alligator.

Taron Egerton

Yes, this isn't worth a quid every ten minutes.

James Acaster

But yes, what food are you putting it on?

Taron Egerton

Oh, yes, sorry. I mean, I'll put it on quite a lot. I mean if it's like, say I'm hung over and I'm having a curry, I mean I'll introduce mayonnaise to a curry.

James Acaster

Oh, wow.



Taron Egerton

Or, I'll put it on. I mean, people who don't put mayonnaise on pizza drive me up the wall.

Ed Gamble

What?

James Acaster

What? Hold on a second. Yes, no, I know what you mean actually, people who don't put jam on a burger annoy me.

Taron Egerton

Taron, you can't pitch that as a universal gripe.

James Acaster

No, I can.

Ed Gamble

You know these people?

James Acaster

I can.

Taron Egerton

Look, the history books are full of people everyone said was mad until they invented the lightbulb or something.

James Acaster

Sure, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, this is similar.

Taron Egerton

It's exactly like that. You know, if you've got a pizza, particularly I feel if it's like a frozen pizza that's a bit uninspiring, if you take a big old dollop of mayonnaise from a jar and you just spread it on top like butter over a crumpet, I promise you it's going to take that thing to the next level. You've got to just expand the way you're thinking, because the components are the same as a sandwich, it's bread, there's a tomato sauce, it's meat, it's veg, it's all the same thing, it's just in a slightly different form. And you would never go, 'You're putting mayonnaise on a sandwich? You heathen.' Do you know what I mean?

James Acaster

Yes, but listen, I'm open to the idea, I like that you do it. I think the issue that we had is, 'People who don't put mayonnaise on a pizza do my head in.' Like, because that's everybody except you Taron.

Taron Egerton

Okay, alright, well perhaps I may have been a little bit overzealous in the introduction of the idea, but I would encourage everyone to try it.

Ed Gamble

So, when you're preparing for a film role and being healthy, it's pretty easy, you just cut out mayonnaise slathered pizzas.

Taron Egerton

Yes, that's the way I lose the first stone.



Ed Gamble

Because I like, you know, when you're ordering a pizza and sometimes you can get dips and stuff, sometimes you'll be able to get a sriracha mayo or something like that to dip the crust, I love that. And then I thought, 'Maybe Taron means like a drizzle all round.' Like, sometimes you'll do that.

Taron Egerton

I'll do that.

Ed Gamble

But at no point did I expect you to say you're getting the mayo and you're spreading it over the full surface of the pizza, like an extra topping.

James Acaster

Like, and I do quote, 'A crumpet.'

Taron Egerton

Yes.

James Acaster

'Like butter on a crumpet.'

Taron Egerton

I mean it really does depend on what mode I'm in, but yes if I'm really going for it, that's perfectly possible.

Ed Gamble

That's hangover food, right?

Taron Egerton

That's hangover food, yes. You know when it feels like tomorrows never going to come anyway so it doesn't matter? And then inevitably Monday morning does come and you feel disgusting.

Ed Gamble

And not only are you still hungover, you've had a mayonnaise covered crumpet pizza.

Taron Egerton

Exactly, and you're wondering why you're sat in your flat alone.

James Acaster

We did a pizza collab with Yard Sale Pizza.

Taron Egerton

Oh, nice.

James Acaster

I reckon that you'll be getting a call from them soon, being like-,

Taron Egerton

Do you think? What, maybe to develop a pizza purposed mayonnaise?

James Acaster

I think it would be good of them to do, like, the option for all their pizzas that if you want, you can go Taron.



Taron Egerton
Right.

James Acaster
So, like, you know, do you want that Taron?

Taron Egerton
Yes, do you want that Taron style?

James Acaster
Yes, Taron style, and then they spread the mayo on it.

Taron Egerton
Yes, I'm trying to figure out if that's great or terrible, do I want that to be my legacy?

Ed Gamble
I feel like you've got other stuff that you can consider as part of the legacy, I don't think this will completely eradicate everything you've done up until now.

Taron Egerton
So, it could just be a corner.

Ed Gamble
Yes. It'll be a subsection on Wikipedia, but it'll be on the bottom.

James Acaster
Yes, Taronnaisse or whatever.

Ed Gamble
Taronnaisse.

Taron Egerton
That's good.

Ed Gamble
Yes, Taronnaisse pizza.

Taron Egerton
I would be interested in developing my own mayonnaise, that is something that I'd be proud of, yes.

James Acaster
Yes?

Taron Egerton
Yes, absolutely.

Ed Gamble
Your own mayonnaise specifically?

Taron Egerton
Made with, like, interesting Welsh eggs or something, I don't know.

James Acaster
Yes?



Ed Gamble

Interesting Welsh egg mayonnaise.

Taron Egerton

Interesting Welsh egg mayonnaise, that's a great name.

James Acaster

Interesting Welsh egg mayonnaise?

Ed Gamble

Well, we've got Taronnaise, that's in the bag.

Taron Egerton

At the very least it could be the album name for my first album.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Interesting Welsh egg mayonnaise.

James Acaster

Yes, I would expect it to be pretty experimental, that album.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Your legacy is absolutely signed and sealed now, you've got it, the mayonnaise, the album.

James Acaster

Congrats.

Ed Gamble

All the films, obviously.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, sure. Your dream main course. Now, we kind of already know what it's going to be, in a way. Ed, do you want to guess what kind of curry we're talking here?

Ed Gamble

I think it might be on the spicier side, simply because you're saying when you're hung over you might add mayonnaise to it. I don't think anyone, no matter how hung over someone was, surely not adding mayonnaise to a korma.

Taron Egerton

No, because that's too rich isn't it?

Ed Gamble

Yes.



James Acaster

Well, hold on, we're guessing.

Taron Egerton

Okay, you're guessing? Alright, okay.

James Acaster

This is a perfect guessing game. Lamb bhuna?

Ed Gamble

Now, lamb? I was thinking of going down the lamb route as well, but I was thinking maybe, like lamb jalfrezi.

Taron Egerton

Lamb madras.

Ed Gamble

Oh, we did alright.

James Acaster

We did alright.

Taron Egerton

I don't think that's bad going at all. What led you both to lamb?

Ed Gamble

Racism.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

How do you like that one?

Taron Egerton

Yes, fair enough, okay. No, fair enough.

Ed Gamble

I would personally go for lamb in a curry as well.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

James Acaster

I think that I would probably, most the time, I just go for chicken curries. But I do think if it's a special meal, if someone's picking it as their dream main, I would expect lamb curries when done well are the nicest.

Taron Egerton

Absolutely, yes.

Ed Gamble

But easy to screw up as well.

Taron Egerton



Well, I agree, and I think it ties into what you said about putting mayonnaise on a korma. I think the thing about having lamb in a curry is it totally depends on what the base of your sauce is. Because I think, like, having a cream based sauce for a lamb curry is I think quite a lot, because the meat is, like if you use shoulder, quite fatty. So, the specific curry that I'm thinking of is one that I cook, and also my mum and my stepdad cook. And what's lovely about it is it's all done from scratch, but it kind of comes up different every time, you know, and there's something really lovely about that. It feels like it's, sort of, constantly in flux and you're not constantly reaching for some sort of precision dish that you get tired of, because it always comes up a bit different depending on how many chillis you use, what types of chillis, whether they're fresh or dried. But the one I'm thinking of, I have to say, that's something that I would do if people were coming over to the flat or whatever, but I'm specifically imagining one cooked by my mum, obviously. And it's really gorgeous, it's the kind of thing you cook over, sort of, three hours probably, and it's like a blended onion base with chopped tomatoes. So, you fry up spices with the onions, and the chilli and garlic with the onions, and then you fry the meat in the spices, and then you introduce both to each other and slow cook it over a few hours and it's really good.

James Acaster

Amazing, that sounds very nice.

Ed Gamble

Is there a specific time where you were like, that's my favourite version of this that you want at this dream meal, or will you take whatever version happens to crop up?

Taron Egerton

Well, I guess, it's probably as much as anything about the people you're with. So, quite often I'll spend a few months away from home, but whenever I go home and I'm in the house with my family, there's something that's really special about having a dinner like that, and it's something that they will cook because I'm coming home, you know? Because it kind of fills the house when you arrive, and it feels like a Friday night thing or a Saturday night thing, everyone's having a couple of beers. Typically mum or my step dad Guy would do a Dahl with it and a raita, you know, poppadums. Well, they wouldn't make poppadums, but they make other things. And that's, I don't know, it's just a sense of coming home and family. Yes, I just think Indian food done well is amazing.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

It's really clear how important it is to eat with your family.

Taron Egerton

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But when we asked you the guest list, all you said was that it was background characters from Robin Hood.

Taron Egerton

Yes, exactly. Well, you know, when I'm on a podcast it's not about them is it, it's about me.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Taking up all the focus, aren't they.



Taron Egerton

Yes, exactly.

Ed Gamble

No, that sounds lovely, and I can feel it, I can see it, you walk in and the smell hits you and then you see everyone for the first time in a few months, beautiful.

Taron Egerton

Exactly, I do have an honourable munch-on though.

Ed Gamble

Please.

Taron Egerton

And it's quite, I don't know what the polite way of putting it is, it's, sort of, it's junky, it's proper junky and there's a place in my hometown, and it's called Licking Fried Chicken.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Lovely.

Taron Egerton

It's been there for a very, very long time, it's ran and operated by one family from the area, and it's just somewhere I've been going since I first started going out with my mates, and I still love it. It's the, kind of, thing you probably should not have that often, because I don't think it would be described as health food, but it's fried chicken, with chips, loads of mayo, they often put, like, grated mozzarella all over it, and there's something that they do there which is just like a chicken sandwich with a hash brown in it, cheese and chopped lettuce and mayo. And I can't figure out if it is the most delicious thing I've ever eaten, or if it's just, kind of, the flavour of my childhood, or my teenage years, and that's why I always keep going back to it, but that is something that I did also consider, but I think perhaps the curry is probably much nearer to my heart.

Ed Gamble

I think that's a better choice as well, that feels like a better choice, but having said that, Licking Fried Chicken sounds great.

James Acaster

Sounds great, and, you know, we've said it before on the podcast, the first fried chicken you have, blows your mind, and that was the first taste you had of fried chicken.

Taron Egerton

It probably way, probably was yes.

James Acaster

And it's pretty mind-blowing and the introduction of the hash brown, you know, I used be a zinger tower burger boy, that was my order at KFC.

Taron Egerton

When did that change, why did that change?

James Acaster

I used to go every Friday, to KFC with my friend Graham and watch extreme sports on the TV and have a zinger tower burger, when I was seventeen to eighteen probably.



Ed Gamble

James didn't discover alcohol until later in life.

Taron Egerton

Yes, I think I knew that, yes.

James Acaster

So we'd have that for lunch.

Ed Gamble

Which is why him and Graham used to watch extreme sports and have a zinger tower burger every Friday.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Taron Egerton

Right, right.

James Acaster

They showed extreme sports in the KFC, so that's why we watched it, because it was on TV.

Ed Gamble

You would sit in KFC with your zinger tower burger and watch extreme sports?

James Acaster

Yes, because we were going to college nearby, and we would leave at lunch, go to the KFC, watch the extreme sports and eat the zinger tower burgers, and very excited about it. And then I think I changed to the zinger wrap.

Taron Egerton

Right, because it's lighter or-,

James Acaster

Just got into wraps big time, you know, like-,

Taron Egerton

The wrap phase.

James Acaster

I hadn't really had wraps, I'd had sandwiches, like, just all the way through school, sandwiches were a big thing weren't they, all the way through school, you're just having sandwiches, and my mum never made me a wrap and suddenly I was like, 'This is amazing, these wraps are so cool.'

Taron Egerton

How does you mum feel about that when you said, 'Your sandwiches are sad mum.'

James Acaster

I didn't tell her, and I didn't tell her about the extreme sports either, kept it all secret.

Taron Egerton

She thought you were having sandwiches and watching mild sports.



James Acaster

She didn't know, yes, well yes, I just really got into wraps for a bit, and then she brought out popcorn chicken and I got very excited about the popcorn chicken and loved that, and always had to have a box of popcorn chicken with the main KFC order.

Taron Egerton

Yes, yes of course, you know, the one that I always loved at KFC and I don't know if they still do it, do you remember the big daddy box meal?

James Acaster

Oh I know the name.

Taron Egerton

And it had a very specific burger in it, with a very specific sauce that you couldn't get independently.

Ed Gamble

You had to buy as part of the big daddy box meal.

Taron Egerton

Of the big daddy box meal, and I remember thinking that was quite special, and always feeling slightly frustrated that you had to get it as part of this epic big combo, with loads of things which was probably, you know, by KFC standards, quite expensive as well.

Ed Gamble

I think I've only had KFC maybe four times in my whole life.

James Acaster

That's amazing.

Taron Egerton

Really?

James Acaster

Incredible.

Ed Gamble

I don't know, it was just never part of-, it was never on the agenda when I was a kid, but then when I started working in a pub, there was a Favourite Chicken opposite and I would finish my shift and immediately go to Favourite Chicken and get the basically, the equivalent of a zinger tower burger.

Taron Egerton

Right, right.

Ed Gamble

They're so good.

James Acaster

Well you would like KFC then.

Ed Gamble

Yes, no, I would like it, yes.

Taron Egerton

Yes.



James Acaster

When did your mum start making this curry, because, like, I'm always interested when a family recipe, you know, like family staple dinners crop up, and then how it becomes your favourite and how it becomes a thing of like, that's what we're making Taron when he comes home?

Taron Egerton

So there's a specific cookbook, kind of, like a sort of, I think what seems like a quite traditional Indian family cookbook, that I think was my stepdad's and she met my stepdad when I was fourteen, and I think it may be something that he brought in, and I suspect, my mum has probably refined her process of doing it in a way. He still does it a lot as well, and he's very, very good, but he's somebody who would not necessarily really pay that much attention to a recipe and is, kind of, quite freestyle in the way he cooks, and it still comes up great, but it's just, it just feels different to the way, you know the element of chemistry that comes into cooking. That I feel like my mum has probably got a better handle on than I have, or he has, just in terms of like, you know, the amount of fat there is in something and how long you want something to reduce for, and like the water content and the amount of veg you're using and how all that blends together. And she's got a real instinct for that in a way that, I mean, if he's listening, I'm sorry Guy, but he possibly doesn't have, but it definitely came from him.

Ed Gamble

Yes, he's more of a, like, instinct just riffing it, trying different things and, yes.

Taron Egerton

Yes, he's, you know, 'Alexa play The Who.' And air guitar whilst, you know, cooking the curry.

Ed Gamble

One of those guys.

Taron Egerton

Yes, one of those guys and my mum's constantly going in and going, 'Alexa, quieter please.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I think I'm both those guys.

Taron Egerton

Right.

Ed Gamble

And the difference is, if I have a beer while I'm cooking.

Taron Egerton

Sure.

James Acaster

Right yes.

Ed Gamble

So I can cook the first half an hour to 45 minutes of the preparation if it's a big meal, I'm so exact, it's all perfect, I'm pre-prepping, I'm getting everything chopped, I'm cleaning stuff as I go, crack a beer open, 'Alexa play The Who.' Disaster.

Taron Egerton



Yes, I've got a terrible habit, occasionally when I cook, I will do an Instagram story as I'm doing it, and more often than not, I'll drink and it's never a good idea, because by the start I'm really, kind of, together, I, sort of, look quite nice, quite fresh, you know, and I'm being quite measured and consistent. By the end of it, oh my word, I just look like a sloppy mess, I'm swearing a bit, you know, telling people to get out the kitchen.

James Acaster

Just completely hammered.

Ed Gamble

As if it's not dangerous enough to have a drink around an open flame and you're like, 'Well why don't we broadcast this to the public?'

Taron Egerton

Yes, exactly, exactly, never a good idea.

James Acaster

When you're cooking, thinking, that idea of, I'm going to have a drink while I'm doing this, oh it feels so great.

Taron Egerton

Oh it's amazing.

James Acaster

When it occurs to you, even if it's just a soft drink, I get excited, to be like, while I'm cooking, I'm going to have a big old, diet coke, and I'm like, oh brilliant this is going to be way more fun.

Taron Egerton

And then you keep going back to it.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

You know what, I sometimes say out loud when I have a little sip of a beer while I'm cooking?

James Acaster

I don't know.

Ed Gamble

Well, treat for the chef.

James Acaster

Yes, great, he says it out loud to himself.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because it feels like you're sneaking one in, because you're doing all the work, so you get a little extra treat.

Taron Egerton

It feels like someone should be grabbing the drink and pouring it in your mouth as you're stirring or chopping or something, treat for the chef.

Ed Gamble

Yes.



James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

But she won't do it.

Ed Gamble

That's where the alligator could come in handy.

James Acaster

Exactly, yes.

Taron Egerton

Yes, you've been promoted.

Ed Gamble

I don't think that's a promotion.

James Acaster

That alligator takes what it can get -

Ed Gamble

Yes, it sounds that way, yes.

James Acaster

Your dream side dish?

Taron Egerton

I mean, I feel like it should be something that compliments a curry, but I'm not going to do that, and it's something that I think a lot of people might roll their eyes at and think it's, sort of, actor-y cliché, but I am going to go for rock shrimp tempura from Nobu London, Park Lane. And I think it started there, I mean, you see that kind of thing in a lot of places now, but I'm fairly certain, well it was certainly one of the first places to do it, or they do it very, very well, and I think it's just chopped up prawns in a batter, with rocket and a, sort of, creamy, like a spicy mayonnaise, that they just mix up and serve to you. And you just pick at it with chopsticks, and it's quite light, but it also feels, sort of, decadent and battered and fried, and it's just lovely and I love it.

Ed Gamble

Sounds great.

Taron Egerton

It's really good, have you guys not done that?

James Acaster

I've never been.

Ed Gamble

I've been but I didn't have that I don't think.

Taron Egerton

Which did you get, did you go to the one in-,

Ed Gamble

I've been to both.



Taron Egerton
In London?

Ed Gamble

Yes, so there's the one that's opposite Hyde Park right?

Taron Egerton

Yes, that's the one I'm talking about.

Ed Gamble

Which is quite light and bright in there, and it feels like more of a, sort of, less, like the other one is just, you feel like you're a WAG, you feel like you're with a footballer at all times.

Taron Egerton

Yes, I know what you mean, and I think, I do really love Nobu, but it has got a, kind of, the food's always consistently really lovely, especially in that Park Lane one, but it does sometimes feel a bit like, it's very in out, and it's got a chaos to it.

Ed Gamble

Which is the one that Boris Becker got the waitress pregnant in the broom cupboard at?

Taron Egerton

Oh God I didn't hear about that.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

I mean, it does have a, sort of, slight air of, you know, anything could happen here.

Ed Gamble

It's probably the other one, it probably wasn't the Park Lane one, because that feels like a bit more like a, sort of, fun, light and bright restaurant, there's a lot of windows.

Taron Egerton

Exactly, the other one's a, sort of, den of inequity.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that feels like more of a Boris Becker with the waitress in the broom cupboard.

Taron Egerton

Right yes.

James Acaster

Do you have to be cautious when eating rocket in public now, in case someone shouts Rocketman at you?

Ed Gamble

Because genuinely, when we were discussing secret ingredients, I did think, maybe he'll go rocket.

Taron Egerton

Oh just on the off chance that he's an egomaniac and starts to recite his credits.

Ed Gamble

No, no, I didn't that, just to have a link.



James Acaster

Sometimes we just try and make it link with the guest, the secret ingredient, because we've done all the foods we actually hate now, so we might as well just make it link with the guest. It was very nearly rocket, that could have been-,

Taron Egerton

Imagine if I got kicked out.

James Acaster

You got kicked out with Jayde Adams.

Taron Egerton

That would be terrible, also because I'm a fan of the show, I asked to come on, so I'd asked to come on and get kicked out.

James Acaster

We would have felt bad.

Ed Gamb

: Yes, we would have felt awful.

James Acaster

But we're lucky we didn't go rocket, but it must be a thing where like, if I was you and I was in public and I was bringing a spoonful of rocket up to my mouth, I would expect someone to go, 'Rocketman.' Or whatever, you know.

Taron Egerton

Although I suppose from an adjacent table it's quite difficult to identify the specific greenery you're eating, isn't it, and I mean, imagine how foolish you'd look if it was a bit of spinach.

Ed Gamble

But you know if people are having, even if it's spinach, they're having a crack at that.

Taron Egerton

They're going to have a go, yes.

James Acaster

Yes because you can't, it's kind of, almost more dignified that you come back with, 'It's spinach you idiot.' You know, like-,

Taron Egerton

Yes, exactly, exactly.

Ed Gamble

That doesn't make sense, I win.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Taron Egerton

It's spinach actually.

James Acaster

They can always call you Popeye or something.



Taron Egerton

Popeye, yes, I was reaching for that but you beat me to it.

James Acaster

Because you are a sailor.

Taron Egerton

Exactly.

James Acaster

I thought that would make sense.

Taron Egerton

I can't keep up.

James Acaster

Also, I guess, you know, it's a pretty successful role for you, so it doesn't matter if somebody shouts Rocketman at you, probably a nice little reminder.

Taron Egerton

Oh yes, no, it's lovely, you know I'm very happy to be associated with-

Ed Gamble

You're eating in Nobu, you're having your favourite dish in Nobu, you know, what's the problem if someone shouts Rocketman?

Taron Egerton

Yes, get over yourself.

James Acaster

And I guess you could ask Elton, be like, 'You know, do you eat rocket in public Elton?' Because Elton must not go near it.

Ed Gamble

Yes, he can't, he doesn't touch it.

Taron Egerton

Well he probably learnt that in 1978 didn't he.

James Acaster

Was rocket, do you reckon people were eating rocket -

Ed Gamble

Not when the song came out, definitely not.

Taron Egerton

I mean I bet it took years for people to get on board with rocket, because it's a funny thing isn't it, I mean, it's good, but it is bitter, and I bet initially, when people, when, you know, it came out, people were probably, when it was released, say it was 1978, I bet people didn't appreciate the genius of it.

Ed Gamble

Do you think they tried to Elton on board to do the advert?

James Acaster

Yes.



Taron Egerton

To promote-

Ed Gamble

To promote rocket.

Taron Egerton

I mean if they didn't, they missed a trick.

James Acaster

They were ringing him round the clock, there's no way they weren't, I mean, come on Elton please, please do the advert, say you're a rocket man and then put a spoonful of rocket in your mouth, that's all we need to do, but I'm not going to do it, forget it. Earlier, when I asked you what you were putting your mayo on, I was hoping you were going to say rocket or salad.

Taron Egerton

Yes, no, would I have it on a bit of salad, I probably wouldn't have it on salad. Oh do you know what, I might make a dressing with a bit of mayo on, for a salad dressing, but it probably wouldn't squirt mayo on a salad.

Ed Gamble

Sure.

James Acaster

This shrimp sounds great.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

The thing about it is, when you go there, I think, it's expensive to eat there, so it depends what you want out of it, like I don't know, sometimes it can feel like it's quite in and out for the money it is, so I think it's nice to go with a bit of a gang and make it feel like a little bit of an event, because I know people who eat there everyday. Like, it's a bit like going for fast food for uber-wealthy people, but it's nice to, sort of, save it, I think, and treat it as a special thing.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes, there's a place called Shack-Fuyu which we've mentioned a lot on the podcast.

Taron Egerton

I follow them on Instagram, but I've never eaten there, and I followed them just because their sandwiches look so alluring.

Ed Gamble

Oh they're so good, the katsu sando there is outstanding.

Taron Egerton

Yes, they do a katsu sando, yes, that's my end of the market.

Ed Gamble

I've been there and they've done a rabbit katsu sando as well, which is exceptional.



James Acaster

Wow.

Taron Egerton

And don't they do, they do one dessert right, they do a matcha toast thing?

James Acaster

Yes, the French toast yes, which like, that's the thing now, we're saying about going to a place a lot, like, I've been there so much, that now, there's a lady who works there, if she's working there, if I've had my main course, she'll just get the French toast ready, and if I don't want it, I feel a real bad guy, because I'm like, 'I'd rather not.' She's like, 'What?'

Taron Egerton

But you love it?

James Acaster

But you love the French toast, I'm like, 'Oh not today.' Like I went there yesterday with a friend who, he hadn't been there before, so I was like, because like, if someone hasn't been there, and I don't really know what that friend likes to eat really, they're going to have stuff on that menu that he likes. Though it was a bit embarrassing yesterday because all the waiting staff, I knew them all by name, saying hello to them all and stuff, and he went, 'Oh you really do come here a lot.' I was like yes. Your dream drink?

Taron Egerton

I mean, contrary to what I said about gassy liquids, I do like a beer.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Yes, I do, and at the moment, the one I like is called Saturday Lager.

James Acaster

Oh, never heard of this.

Taron Egerton

It's in a white tin, very plain, and they have, like, I think they do a range of seven drinks, and one's named after each day of the week, I can't remember the name of the brewery, but they sell it in Waitrose and I think I'd just have a can of that maybe.

Ed Gamble

I can visualise the can, I think I know.

Taron Egerton

I mean, it's easy to visualise, it's just white, it's plain.

Ed Gamble

With black writing on it?

Taron Egerton

Tiny little, plain black writing, and then I think each of the other ones-,

Ed Gamble

Is a different colour right?



Taron Egerton

Exactly, yes.

Ed Gamble

Who's the brewery, Benito?

Taron Egerton

That's right, and union, that's the one, yes.

Ed Gamble

Excellent, so what makes it a nice lager?

Taron Egerton

I mean, I've tried to be, I've always liked a beer, but I've never been somebody that's really, kind of, graduated into more, complex, sophisticated beers, you know, like I just like a, sort of, nice, full-bodied lager, really, maybe something that's a little bit cloudy. But like bitters and things like that, I've tried, bitters really don't agree with me in the way that they don't agree with a lot of people that we don't need to go into detail about, but-

Ed Gamble

We need the alligator basically.

Taron Egerton

We need the alligator, the alligator yes, with a mop and bucket.

Ed Gamble

This poor alligator's got so many more jobs now.

James Acaster

Oh boy, oh God.

Ed Gamble

Put down the trumpet and get the mop, treat for the chef.

Taron Egerton

So yes, just a simple, nice beer, I think, I think.

James Acaster

And do you only drink it on a Saturday, a Saturday beer, have you ever had it on another day of the week?

Taron Egerton

I probably have, I mean, I try and only drink on the weekend, because when I've got some specific day pants, and whenever I go outside of the system, I do genuinely think in my head, I'm being a real rebel today.

James Acaster

Yes.

Taron Egerton

If I'm putting Wednesday pants on, on a Sunday, think, what are you doing you madman?

James Acaster

Yes, do you feel out of whack for the day, or do you just feel like a non-conformist?



Taron Egerton

I just feel like a bit of a punk to be honest.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Rebel, rebel.

Taron Egerton

Because I think, oh maybe it's unlucky and then I think, no, you've got to take your fate into your own hands, I'm wearing the Tuesdays on a Thursday.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Taron Egerton

You know what I mean.

Ed Gamble

Yes, so your pants don't forget who's in charge.

Taron Egerton

That's it exactly.

Ed Gamble

That's the whole thing right?

James Acaster

Yes, yes, I know what you mean, that's a lovely drink the Saturday beer.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

I think lager and curry you can't really go wrong with.

James Acaster

Oh yes that's a good point as well.

Ed Gamble

It's a good mix isn't it as well.

Taron Egerton

Yes exactly.

Ed Gamble

And I don't know whether, obviously we're always told that that's a good mix, and I think I might of, when I first had it, forced myself to enjoy it, because everyone told me it was a nice mix.

Taron Egerton

Because you were at the age where you didn't enjoy beer, but felt you should be to be a real man whatever.



Ed Gamble

Beautiful, but I like weird beers now.

Taron Egerton

Do you?

Ed Gamble

Because I can only stomach a couple of beers now, I used to be able to drink, like, ten beers.

Taron Egerton

See I'm trying to cultivate that in myself, that thing of, you know, listen to your body, you've had two beers, you feel full, you really don't need a third beer, now's the time to Segway into something like a nice vodka soda, you know, and something that's a little bit lighter and I could still easily be the kind of guy who will go out and guzzle a bunch of beers. But, I'm really trying not to be, because it just feels a little but juvenile for a man in his 30s.

James Acaster

We're older than you.

Ed Gamble

No, but I would have, now I would have like a weird sour beer or something.

Taron Egerton

Would you?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Taron Egerton

Really?

Ed Gamble

James got me into them.

James Acaster

I got him into them.

Ed Gamble

And then you got out of them.

James Acaster

And then I don't like them as much now, yes, yes, and the baton has been handed over, the torch.

Taron Egerton

I've had experiences like that, so I feel like, you know, with the, sort of, with the craft beer, kind of, explosion thing that happened a few years ago, IPA became a real thing didn't it, it looked like a contender to the lager. And I remember the first time I had one, I thought, I drink IPAs now, this is it, this is my new identity. But it tapered off and I came home.

James Acaster

I came home, on a Saturday.

Taron Egerton

On a Saturday, yes.



Ed Gamble

I was thinking the other day, I went to Mikkeller, it's a really fantastic brewery called Mikkeller, it's a Danish brewery but they've got a place in London, and I went for a beer there, and Rob Becket came to join us, the comedian Rob Becket.

Taron Egerton

Oh nice, yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

And I felt immediately embarrassed when Rob turned up, because I was drinking a passionfruit beer, and he is the most straight down the line bloke you'll ever meet in your life.

Taron Egerton

Yes, he's a sort of South London, '90s, yes.

Ed Gamble

I bet - oh no, and he'd go, 'What are you drinking?'

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I went, 'Passionfruit beer.' He went, 'What the fuck?' Like got really angry at me, and the waiter came out to take his order and Rob went, 'I want that, what's the closest thing you've got to Amstel?'

Taron Egerton: Really?

Ed Gamble

Yes, yes, and then his friend turned up that used to be a boxer, God I felt so embarrassed.

Taron Egerton

Yes, how do you handle those situations?

Ed Gamble

You've just got to own it.

Taron Egerton

I tend to stay quite quiet, that's the way I like to, sort of, try and handle it, when I'm with the guys, you know. Yes, as soon as I get over-excited or keen on someone and directly, engages me, I don't stand the test very long.

Ed Gamble

Just crumble, yes.

James Acaster

Though you did action films and stuff where you've been like, jumping around kicking people's faces in, so like, they must think of you, 'Oh we -'

Taron Egerton

Oh he's a real guy, yes, no, I'm endlessly disappointing to people, you know, I often get asked, who my team is and all that, and being Welsh I often get asked about rugby and did I play Rugby when I was younger. And I just can't, I mean, I've now arrived at an age where I can't, I also can't be bothered to pretend, you know, so if someone now asks me who my team is, or whether I like football, I just, I can't even summon the energy really, it's just, I really don't like football (TC 01:00:00) and I just don't want to have this conversation with you.



James Acaster: We arrive at your dream dessert, I'm excited, shall I polish up the spoon, the golden serving spoon?

Taron Egerton

Yes, okay, I think you should, I think it's good, so my favourite dessert is a pecan pie.

James Acaster

Lovely.

Taron Egerton

And I have spent two extended periods of time, like, months, in New Orleans for work, and both times, I don't actually think, I'm not sure if the pecan pie is a native thing to New Orleans, I think it might be another Southern, it may have been a state other than Louisiana, it might be Texas, I can't remember exactly where.

Ed Gamble

Which one, there's a pecan state isn't there?

Taron Egerton

Yes, I don't know, I'm not sure.

James Acaster

People are going to be googling that, the pecan state.

Ed Gamble

But it feels like a Southern, a sort of, general Southern thing.

Taron Egerton

Exactly, I think it's something that's kind of, been embraced by the South in general, and they just have amazing pecan pie in New Orleans, and I was there for six months last year, and a lady named Anne Morgan who I was working with on the production, who is a hair designer, a hairdresser, she bought me some pecan pie from a place called Windowsill Pies New Orleans. And she also bought the most incredible ice-cream from a place I can't remember the name of, but the pie is the main event, and it was just insane, so, sort of, crunchy and buttery and delicious and with a big dollop of really good, you know, vanilla bean ice-cream or something. It's really, really special, that little bit warm as well, like nicely out of the oven with ice-cream on top, that's my idea of a real good time.

Ed Gamble

Pie culture in America, we've never captured it here, right.

James Acaster

We've never captured it.

Ed Gamble

Sweet pies.

Taron Egerton

Totally, and oh, that's another, she actually, it was very decadent, there was a bunch of us on the make-up bus and she bought, I think a cherry one, a pecan one, and then also a sweet potato one, which I found it quite difficult to imagine, but was really, really, really good. So yes, that's the thing that came to mind, I really do love a pecan pie, and this one from Windowsill Pies was just.



Ed Gamble

I love the name of Windowsill Pies.

Taron Egerton

Yes, it's great isn't it.

James Acaster

Love the name yes.

Taron Egerton

Evocative, yes.

Ed Gamble

Very evocative.

Taron Egerton

Imagine a little fat boy in a comic book stealing it off the windowsill.

James Acaster

I'd love to steal a pie off a windowsill.

Ed Gamble

You bloody would steal a pie off a windowsill.

James Acaster

I would, if I was walking along and I saw a pie cooling on a windowsill, I think I'd steal it.

Taron Egerton

I'd love to read a comic about you stealing a pie off a windowsill.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, I'd love it, I love cherry pies, I remember when we were in America with our friends and we walked, it was over an hour.

Ed Gamble

It was about an hour and a half I think.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it was a long way.

James Acaster

Pretty long, you know, following the Google Maps or whatever to where the pie shop was-,

Taron Egerton

This was LA was it?

James Acaster

New York.

Taron Egerton

New York.



James Acaster

And we were like, we really want a cherry pie, googled where the best one was, found it on the maps, walked all the way there, and it was shut.

Taron Egerton

Did you get a pie?

James Acaster

We didn't that day, I don't think-

Ed Gamble

No we didn't get one.

Taron Egerton

That's a nightmare, did you, have you ever done Junior's, is it Junior's Cheesecake in New York, I think it's Junior's Cheesecake?

Ed Gamble

No.

Taron Egerton

That is, there's a place called Junior's in New York, and they do a strawberry cheesecake and it's the best cheesecake I've ever, ever, ever had, I mean, it's insane, so the next time you go, highly recommend Junior's Cheesecake.

James Acaster

What makes it so good?

Taron Egerton

I mean, if I knew that I'd be making it everyday, I don't know, but it's delicious.

Ed Gamble

Alright, we're going to have to manipulate another trip to record podcasts.

James Acaster

Yes, have to go there again. I'm going to read your menu back to you now, see how you feel about it.

Taron Egerton

Okay.

James Acaster

Still water, you want poppadums with chutney and the right lime pickle, but save for crumble. Starter, mushrooms in a bag from Social Eating House, main course, mum's lamb madras, comes with a poppadum over the top, side, rock shrimp tempura, from Nobu, London Park Lane. Drink, And Union, Saturday lager, dessert, pecan pie with vanilla bean ice-cream from Windowsill Pies in New Orleans.

Taron Egerton

That sounds amazing, yes I feel good about it.

James Acaster

I really want to try the pie, most of all, actually I also want to try your mum's curry that sounds delicious.



Ed Gamble

I want to try the madras for sure. Well thank you so much for coming to the dream restaurant Taron.

James Acaster

Thank you Taron.

Taron Egerton

Thank you so much for having me, it's been lovely.

Ed Gamble

There we are, thanks so much for coming in Taron, that was a great episode I think.

James Acaster

Great episode and like, really, really visual, you know, you got the mayonnaise belt there, the cast of Robin Hood.

Ed Gamble

The quiver, the mayonnaise quiver, it's great.

James Acaster

Yes, there's a lot of stuff going on.

Ed Gamble

The alligator.

James Acaster

Yes, the alligator with the trumpet.

Ed Gamble

There was a lot going on there, I loved that episode so much, and a great menu at the heart of it, a great menu at the heart of it.

James Acaster

Yes, a lot of stuff I'd like to try there.

Ed Gamble

Yes, and no Turkish Delight, so we didn't need to have that argument.

James Acaster

Yes, fair enough, I think we should have asked him anyway which of the two he prefers actually, if he's on team chocolate or team no choc.

Ed Gamble

Yes, we were so close to picking rocket for that.

James Acaster

We were so close to picking rocket, and, you know, I'm glad that we didn't because we got to hear about the pecan pie, but at the same time, I always do get excited about the prospect of kicking anyone out, so-

Ed Gamble

Or eagle, we could have picked eagle.

James Acaster

Could be.



Ed Gamble

Imagine if we'd picked eagle and he picked eagle.

James Acaster

He did pick it.

Ed Gamble

Roast eagle.

James Acaster

Yes, I love it, roast eagle.

Ed Gamble

Oh man that would have been awful. And don't forget that Taron is in Blackburn on Apple TV Plus, which is out now, a psychological thriller for your mind and your heart.

James Acaster

The blackbird, Ed are you doing anything?

Ed Gamble

Yes I'm on tour James, edgamble.co.uk for tickets.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Check it out.

James Acaster

Electric it's called.

Ed Gamble

It's called electric, it's a lot of fun, come along.

James Acaster

You can pre-order my book, James Acaster's guide to quitting social media, being the best you you can be and curing yourself of loneliness volume one, wherever you get your books, unless it's already out. If it's August or after August, it's already out, you can buy it.

Ed Gamble

Buy it, buy it, I loved it.

James Acaster

Thank you Ed.

Ed Gamble

Thank you very much for listening to the Off Menu podcast, we've got plenty more amazing guests to come.

James Acaster

It's going to be scrumpulitious.

Ed Gamble

Bye bye.



James Acaster
Bye.