



# Off Menu – Ep94 – Todd Barry

## Ed Gamble

Welcome to the creamiest, sweetest podcast on the internet, it's the coconut yoghurt of the um, airwaves. It's the Off Menu podcast.

## James Acaster

Hello Ed!

## Ed Gamble

I've run out of these completely now, I can't even be bothered to think of any. You were texting at the beginning. Come on, come on James.

## James Acaster

Sorry. Hi! It's Off Menu time!

## Ed Gamble

It's Off Menu time baby. This is a food podcast where we ask our special guest what, James?

## James Acaster

We ask them their favourite ever starter, main course, dessert, side dish and drink and this week's guest is Todd Barry! Ed you didn't join in with Todd Barry.

## Ed Gamble

Yeah because I was enjoying watching you do it.

## James Acaster

Oh come on man.

## Ed Gamble

And I was just really laughing at the, at the energy you're giving it compared to Todd's sort of general energy.

## James Acaster

Yeah. Sure. I mean but I felt like, you know I got called out for texting at the start so I'm like, come on, give it all you've got James, give it all your energy and you really throw yourself into Todd Barry and Ed will come in and harmonise with you. I was just on my own.

## Ed Gamble

I was also calling myself out for, I was calling myself out for not coming up with a good intro to the podcast myself as well and I said that thing about the coconut yoghurt with the air waves which was not good enough.

## James Acaster

Yes yeah. It's just because you ate a coconut yoghurt the other day and you're thinking, you've been thinking about it

## Ed Gamble

Well that's what I'm doing. I've done a bagel flavoured intro the other day, I've done a bagel flavoured intro, I've done a coconut yoghurt flavoured intro cos it was really good the coconut yoghurt



**James Acaster**

You looked like you really enjoyed it, it had cashews in it.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh my my

**James Acaster**

Cashews and loads of like like what is it, coconut just like sliced on top of it, or whatever it was, flaked

**Ed Gamble**

It was from a place called Broken Coconut in New York which says it's healthy food but if that's healthy, ooh, I'll be going there every day.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, it looked very good. I had the poké bowl there and that was delicious. Loads of tuna.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah it was. Little food update there, but, we must get on with the business of Off Menu.

**James Acaster**

Now, here's the thing Ed, even though I love Todd Barry, he's a very very funny comedian, he's done little acting roles as well

**Ed Gamble**

He is

**James Acaster**

You might have seen him in Flight of the Concorde. He was also had a very small part in The Wrestler

**Ed Gamble**

Yes he did.

**James Acaster**

Which is, everyone always enjoys that cameo. But he's one of the greatest comics and such a good deadpan and funny comedian. However, I will, and no ifs or buts, I don't want none of your coconuts

**Ed Gamble**

Oh why not, it's delicious.

**James Acaster**

I'll kick him out of the restaurant if he mentions the secret ingredient, an ingredient that we don't like: sugar candy mice.

**Ed Gamble**

Candy mice. Hate them. Hate any sweet in the shape of a mouse. They're always disgusting.

**James Acaster**

Right.

**Ed Gamble**

The sugar ones? Rank. The little white chocolate ones you get at cinema pick and mix?



**James Acaster**

Yeah, don't like them.

**Ed Gamble**

Horrible, they don't taste, they don't taste of chocolate

**James Acaster**

Yep, absolutely hate them. I don't know who's going in, I would really, if I worked in a cinema and I saw people going up to the pick and mix and I saw someone take a big scoop of the white chocolate mice I'd think, what are you doing?

**Ed Gamble**

What are you playing at?

**James Acaster**

What is the point of even getting the pick and mix if that's what you're spending it on.

**Ed Gamble**

Now, I suspect that Todd's not going to pick that but if he does, he's out.

**James Acaster**

It's just solid like sugar, with not much flavour to it whatsoever in the shape of a mouse, which is a bad shape for it because like, it's just too, it's like curved in the in stupid places.

**Ed Gamble**

Why why? Yeah.

**James Acaster**

It's like, it's not like a nice ball of sugar or a nice rectangle, a nice solid shape, it's a weird shape of just like weird, oh now this bit sticks out and then there's ears and a little pointy nose and then this big round bit for the butt. And then there's like string coming out the end of its tail.

**Ed Gamble**

Jelly worms, now that's a good shape for a sweet.

**James Acaster**

Oh, I love a jelly worm.

**Ed Gamble**

Love that. The candy mice can absolutely fuck off. So. Todd, please don't say candy mice, we're looking forward to meeting you. So, without further ado, here is the Off Menu menu of

**Ed Gamble and James Acaster:**

Todd Barry!

**Ed Gamble**

Welcome Todd Barry to the Dream Restaurant.

**Todd Barry**

Okay. Oh yeah wow, you do your own sound effects, that's great.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh yeah.



**James Acaster**

Welcome Todd Barry, we've been expecting you

**Todd Barry**

This is a big get, it's a big get for you guys

**James Acaster**

A huge get! Would you like an amuse bouche to start?

**Todd Barry**

I don't even know, what is an amuse bouche?

**James Acaster**

Ah, it's like a little bonus dish that you weren't expecting that you didn't order

**Todd Barry**

Oh yes.

**James Acaster**

When they're like, bam, there you go.

**Todd Barry**

Oh you mean like when they say this is from the chef?

**James Acaster**

Yeah, this is from the chef.

**Ed Gamble**

Yes, yeah. When you didn't choose it and you didn't want it but the chef gives it to you anyway.

**Todd Barry**

Right. I know, that happens when you're a little famous.

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah yeah?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah when, when in your career did you notice you were getting the amuse bouches?

**Todd Barry**

Oh the amuse bouches were coming at me? I don't know, it's just an occasional thing. Especially if I write in the reservation that I'm famous.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, you reserve the table for Todd Barry I'm famous?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I write, extend all courtesies, I'm famous.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah.

**James Acaster**

Yes. Do you put, do you just cut, when they say, 'what's the name?', you go, 'it's famous Todd Barry'.



**Todd Barry**

Oh I just put a picture and go, you tell me the name.

**Ed Gamble**

What's the amuse bouche James today?

**James Acaster**

A bag of potato chips.

**Todd Barry**

Oh really? Alright.

**Ed Gamble**

How do you feel about that?

**Todd Barry**

I love potato chips.

**Ed Gamble**

Well there you go.

**Todd Barry**

I had two bags last night of, I think they were, they might have been from your country, your land. I forgot the brand but they were the cheesy onion and

**Ed Gamble**

The, the cheesy onion.

**James Acaster**

Walkers?

**Todd Barry**

They might have been Walkers. I should have saved the bag had I known.

**James Acaster**

Yeah you should have brought it with you.

**Todd Barry**

But I went to a bar with a guy and he goes, here take two bags of chips. That's sort of an amuse bouche for me.

**James Acaster**

I, yeah yeah. So you've already had them?

**Todd Barry**

That's the second day in a row that I've got the same amuse bouche now that I think about it. Has this ever happened on your show?

**James Acaster**

It's never happened, it's never happened before, this is crazy.

**Ed Gamble**

No no, this is a first, this is a first.



**Todd Barry**

But yeah, potato chips are good.

**Ed Gamble**

And was it, is it quite exotic to get a UK potato chip in New York.

**Todd Barry**

They're pretty easy to find.

**James Acaster**

Could you tell the difference?

**Todd Barry**

They are, they are way better.

**Ed Gamble**

Thank you Todd.

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god, they're so much better. You just don't know, Americans don't know about potato chips. They're pretty good. But we have our Doritos which are

**Ed Gamble**

Sure.

**Todd Barry**

Well, it's not a contest.

**Ed Gamble**

Well they're very different, the Dorito.

**James Acaster**

Are you a Dorito fan?

**Todd Barry**

I had, I don't eat them often but I do like when I'm at a party and someone's gone all out and they've put Doritos out and I'm like, oh I guess I've got to eat Doritos then. But I'm not buying a lot of Doritos anymore.

**James Acaster**

Right.

**Ed Gamble**

No I know what you mean. And they, they come in big bags and there's too much dust on them. And if you get through a big bag of Doritos you're ending up with a lot of dust on your front.

**Todd Barry**

On your front?

**Ed Gamble**

On the front.

**Todd Barry**

What do you mean on the front?



**Ed Gamble**

On the front of your body.

**Todd Barry**

Oh okay. Well if you're eating Doritos I guess you're probably not, I mean I guess at a party but I mean normally it's usually that you're on the coach

**Ed Gamble**

On your back, yeah.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

You're just rolling around in the dust like a chinchilla?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, you know. Coating yourself and then deep frying yourself.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah yeah.

**James Acaster**

Top three Doritos flavours?

**Todd Barry**

Ah, well. Wow you guys are, you're good.

**Ed Gamble**

Straight in. We don't muck around mate

**Todd Barry**

Man, you guys don't hold back. You don't ease into it you just go right into the, you go for the jugular. The, well now, I think it's gotten a little silly with them because they used to be like, cool ranch, nacho cheese and then the taco flavour which was a little, not my favourite. And then, I don't even know they're like, Thai flash or Thai burst or something. Like it just, they're all pretty much, I mean they all seem to have, they're all a little bit samey but they're

**James Acaster**

Sure.

**Todd Barry**

There's not like a dorito where you're like, oh, this is disgusting.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, that's nice.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, it's really nice.

**James Acaster**

You're gonna be getting a lot of free Doritos now

**Todd Barry**

I mean I do get free stuff yeah.



**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, well what's the best free thing that you've got from being famous?

**Todd Barry**

Well I do this thing, it's kind of obnoxious but I do it on twitter called free stuff for Todd, it's a hashtag where I just basically say can you send me something. I've gotten a coach, I got a really nice litter box, I got a great vacuum, I've gotten lots of kombucha.

**Ed Gamble**

You do have a cat, we should probably mention.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, oh, well I mean you don't have to mention.

**James Acaster**

Well otherwise everyone will be picturing you dumping on the litter box

**Ed Gamble**

You didn't get a free litter box because of the free toilet didn't come through

**Todd Barry**

Yeah just for spite, it's just for spiteful like, yeah, you sent me a free litter box, I don't even have a cat. I got one and now I'm just going to throw it out. But I've got some, yeah I've gotten some chips of some sort

**Ed Gamble**

That's basically the reason we do this podcast is to get

**Todd Barry**

Do you get a lot of free stuff?

**Ed Gamble**

To get free food

**James Acaster**

Yep! Yes we do.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh man

**Todd Barry**

Well what do you guys get? Am I allowed to ask you questions?

**Ed Gamble**

Absolutely you can ask us questions. We we get a lot of free snacks

**James Acaster**

My fridge is currently, sorry refrigerator

**Todd Barry**

Oh, you know about that joke of mine?

**James Acaster**

Yeah, I know about that joke. As soon as I said it I thought I'm in massive trouble.





**Todd Barry**

Oh, wow. That's very flattering that you know that

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah yeah

**Todd Barry**

That terrible joke of mine

**James Acaster**

That's a great bit, that's a great bit. My refrigerator, Todd, Todd doesn't like it when people say fridge.

**Ed Gamble**

Right okay.

**Todd Barry**

I don't like veggies either though. And people say veggies so keep

**James Acaster**

Why don't you like fridge?

**Todd Barry**

It just, I don't know, it's weird. It's like, I have a lot of sounds issues. It's like mysophobia I have, are you familiar?

**James Acaster**

No

**Todd Barry**

It's when you can't listen to people eat without punching the walls and crying in rage. So I have that but you know also even like when people have their little phone out and they think they have the little ping like, they think that's the unobtrusive sound and that one makes me, like in a coffee shop

**Ed Gamble**

How do you feel about, and then there's not many of these people around but the peopel who leave the key sounds on the phone so you can hear them typing?

**Todd Barry**

Oh, typing drives, I was just at a coffee shop before I got here with the I guess the owner was typing away and she must have been typing like one hundred words a minute and I was like, I was almost gonna move and then I was like, I dunno, that's a weird reason to move, like, you're typing too fast

**Ed Gamble**

You're too good at your job

**Todd Barry**

But, what was your question? Oh the key sound. Oh yeah I mean it's just weird like if you're at a coffee shop, if you put it on vibrate you're going to notice if you have a message. Oh, I'm really angry

**James Acaster**

There's a bit in Uncut Gems which is, the whole film is like stressful



**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

And when he's hiding and he wants to surprise someone and he's texting them and he's in the closet and he's left the clicky clack sound on the thing

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah yeah

**James Acaster**

And, it's just another stressful bit of the film where you're like just, if you're gonna surprise them turn the sound off or they're gonna hear you in the cupboard.

**Todd Barry**

I've sometimes wanted to tell people like, do you need, do you want me to help you turn that off?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah it's the first thing you should do when you get a phone is switch those sounds off

**Todd Barry**

Switch, turn that shit off. My stuff's off right now man, I didn't even

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

I think if there's ever anyone on like a bus or something that's playing music out of their phone, the best thing to do to get them back is just to get your phone out and play music at the same volume, just play a completely different song

**Todd Barry**

I saw a guy who, that reminds me of, he did this prank who would sit next to people who were at the airport on the phone and he would just be pretend that he was on the other end. So he was like, 'hey Mary what time should we meet?', 'er we should meet at six o'clock'. He was just sitting next to these people and he would just responding, it was pretty funny.

**Ed Gamble**

What I used to do as a teenager Todd, and this is probably a more obnoxious prank, was to sit opposite someone on the tube, er subway

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I know what the tube is. Four stars in the London times twice, two four star reviews. Go ahead.

**Ed Gamble**

And if they were reading a book and you were with someone you would have a conversation with your friend and then try and get the title of the book into your conversation. It just sort of gently confused everyone.

**Todd Barry**

Oh that, that's funny. That's such a weird, yeah I like that.

**Ed Gamble**

Just a sly, yeah yeah yeah.



**James Acaster**

So we always start off with still or sparkling water.

**Todd Barry**

Oh, you know, I think generally I would go for a still but a sparkling's nice also. But also like there's that whole thing of like well what am I paying for? Am I paying for this? Cos there are restaurants, I dunno how it is where you are, but there are places where we make our own sparkling water and it's complimentary and, not that I'm cheap but, I'm not always going to pay for sparkling water

**Ed Gamble**

But if it's on offer for free you've gotta have it right?

**Todd Barry**

Oh let me have it. Let me have a little of both.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, a little bit of both

**Ed Gamble**

A half and half?

**James Acaster**

What one do you want on the top?

**Todd Barry**

Oh yeah, I want it layered, like a real fancy drink.

**James Acaster**

Yeah I think we can put half and half in

**Todd Barry**

Let's do, let's just do still water

**James Acaster**

So we'll do some still water

**Ed Gamble**

Tap or fancy bottle?

**Todd Barry**

Well, you know, if I'm on a date, fancy bottle but if it's just me and you guys, let's go still. Unless you've got your Off Menu corporate card then let's go

**James Acaster**

How cold do you like it?

**Todd Barry**

Ah that's a good question. I like a nice cold water, yeah

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**Todd Barry**

That whole like, I g'uess when you're going on stage I guess it might be better to have room temperature water for your throat, I don't know, but let's go cold



**James Acaster**

Nice and cold

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, even ice, I'll take some ice. Squeeze of lime.

**James Acaster**

Put some ice in there. Do you want crushed ice or the cubed ice?

**Todd Barry**

Um, wow.

**Ed Gamble**

We go pretty deep man.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah man, I thought my podcast was shallow, this is, this is, this is unbelievably shallow. No I love this shit, it's better than talking about comedy right? Oh my god. Crushed or cubed?

**James Acaster**

Cubed or

**Todd Barry**

I mean there's some bars where you can get like they they have like eight different types of ice cubes and that's always, a good like really, there's a certain type of crushing of ice that's really good but let's go crushed.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, we'll crush it up.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah it's kind of, oh that's another peeve of mine, people who chew ice, oh my god.

**Ed Gamble**

I am one of those people.

**Todd Barry**

Are you? Right, come on man, come on. You chew? Fucking crunch?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, I can't wait to get through the water just so I can crunch on the ice. That's the main reason I get it.

**James Acaster**

Let him have it. You can lay into him if you want.

**Todd Barry**

No, that was, it would have to actually happen in front of me then I'm

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, I'm not gonna do it now cos we know about your issue with sounds we wouldn't do that.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah yeah yeah, out of respect. Thank you.



**James Acaster**

Knowing that he's that sort of person

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, it's a little weird like, you don't even seem to be like, 'and I'm going to try not to be that sort of person'

**Ed Gamble**

No I love it

**Todd Barry**

You're owning it

**Ed Gamble**

Every time I do it I'm going to think of you

**Todd Barry**

You're defiant about your chewing of ice.

**James Acaster**

Why do you love it?

**Ed Gamble**

I just really like it, it's just tactile, you know it's something to do in it

**Todd Barry**

Can you get that tactile sensation from the food you ordered?

**Ed Gamble**

Er, yeah, true, but if the food's not arrived, I'm practising my chewing before lunch gets in

**Todd Barry**

Oh okay

**James Acaster**

Oh right, it's practise

**Todd Barry**

Alright, I'm good, I feel like you're, I'm going to lose this battle so

**Ed Gamble**

I've got a very strong jaw because of it

**James Acaster**

You having a look at his jaw?

**Ed Gamble**

That's all ice chewing Todd

**Todd Barry**

That's good, you do have a great jaw

**Ed Gamble**

Thank you



**James Acaster**

Popadoms or bread?! Popadoms or bread, Todd? Popadoms or bread?!

**Todd Barry**

What are popadoms? What are what

**James Acaster**

Popadoms or bread?!

**Todd Barry**

Is that like biscuits or bread, or rolls or bread?

**Ed Gamble**

Popadoms

**Todd Barry**

Why do I not? Pop overs?

**Ed Gamble**

No, in an Indian restaurant

**Todd Barry**

Oh the, the naan bread?

**Ed Gamble**

No, the big crispy things they bring at the beginning. So they're like big huge crisps

**Todd Barry**

Oh yeah

**James Acaster**

Basically this question is, you know when they bring the bread before a meal, you know there's loads of other things that you could get brought before the meal at that point, popadoms for example. What do you want at this stage?

**Todd Barry**

But you you, I mean, it's a weird, cos now you're putting us in an Indian restaurant. You're making it sound like every restaurant you go to has popadoms.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah

**Todd Barry**

It's really only one type of restaurant that does that as far as I know.

**Ed Gamble**

It's a very confusing format point that we've had to just forgive.

**Todd Barry**

Popadom or what now?

**James Acaster**

Or bread.



**Todd Barry**

Well let's go popadom.

**James Acaster**

Ah yeah?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, crunchy.

**Ed Gamble**

Not a bread guy?

**Todd Barry**

No I like bread, you just, I chose, I didn't say no bread, yes popadoms. But bread is wonderful also. Nice warm bread

**Ed Gamble**

You're convincing yourself round

**Todd Barry**

Tip a little bit with olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Fuck. Am I allowed to curse?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah! Especially in about the bread, that's what we want.

**James Acaster**

Curse it up. Especially bread cursing.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, so I'd go popadom, thank you.

**James Acaster**

You ever baked your own bread?

**Todd Barry**

I feel like when I was a kid I, I made my own pretzels once.

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

You feel like you did? That sounds like something you would remember.

**Todd Barry**

Oh it's, I'm an old man.

**James Acaster**

Yeah

**Todd Barry**

I know I did



**James Acaster**

You made your own pretzels?

**Ed Gamble**

Just off your own back?

**Todd Barry**

I remember there was, I'm just trying to think if I, there was this show called Zoom, I don't know if you had that but you could send away for a zoom card and they were like, here's how to make your own pretzels right away for a zoom card. You probably sent them a self addressed envelope with a stamp on. And I remember it took three months to get that thing sent to me. And I imagine I made them, I can't remember specifically.

**Ed Gamble**

So you remember sending off for the thing

**Todd Barry**

I remember getting it and it's like, wow, I can't believe they remembered at this point to send this it was a new request at the beginning but

**James Acaster**

What is Zoom?

**Todd Barry**

Zoom was like a kids show, it was just like, 'we're gonna zooma zooma zooma zoom'. That's all I remember about it. And then it was the zip code that they said, on Boston maps, like if you're on O 21 34.

**Ed Gamble**

It's amazing that you remember the zip code of a kid's show and you don't remember whether you made pretzels or not.

**Todd Barry**

That's just, I think, that's actually not as odd as you think it is. I think that's pretty, some people remember numbers better than they remember

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah that's fair. Especially if it's in a song.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, exactly. If I wrote a song about the time I made pretzels. That question would have been answered by now.

**James Acaster**

It'd be quite difficult, I mean you know the pattern, the shape of the pretzel is quite hard to nail.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah but I think I may have made bread though at one point in my life, maybe with my mum or something. Basically I'm not a bread maker, I'm not a baker.

**James Acaster**

No you're not a baker

**Ed Gamble**

Not a baker yeah yeah





**Todd Barry**

Yeah I don't cook almost ever.

**James Acaster**

Big pretzels or small pretzels?

**Todd Barry**

Oh man.

**James Acaster**

What would you like? I think

**Todd Barry**

It's the devil's in the details.

**Ed Gamble**

Or crushed pretzels?

**James Acaster**

I like a bag of like small pretzels, knocking those back, but every now and again it's nice to get

**Ed Gamble**

The crunchy ones?

**James Acaster**

The crunchy ones. And then there's like the big soft ones with the big chunks of

**Todd Barry**

I think a big soft one with mustard is the ultimate pretzel.

**James Acaster**

Ah lovely.

**Todd Barry**

You've never done the mustard?

**James Acaster**

I've never done that.

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god that's a

**Ed Gamble**

I don't think I have

**Todd Barry**

Oh you gotta do that

**Ed Gamble**

Have they got salt on them right? I like that

**Todd Barry**

Pretzels? Yeah yeah they have salt.



**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah. I like salt.

**Todd Barry**

You do a food podcast and you're not sure whether pretzels have salt on them?

**Ed Gamble**

Hey look, we've come from another country Todd.

**Todd Barry**

We come from this land where they don't put salt on the pretzels.

**Ed Gamble**

We had to explain popadoms.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah you did. Alright, we're even.

**Ed Gamble**

You can have pretzels at this stage instead of popadoms or bread if you'd like? You can hack it.

**Todd Barry**

I mean this is a, this is already a pretty heavy meal and I haven't ordered anything yet but

**Ed Gamble**

Ah okay, sure. So popadoms are to keep it light.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah let's go popadoms because pretzels, I fly a lot so I eat plenty of pretzels.

**James Acaster**

You'll always say yes to the pretzels on the flight?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, I mean I try to. I mean I try not, I guess I do, yeah. But I mean like, the other day I flew in and they gave me like a brownie and a piece of, and a cookie, and like, come on man. I would never say just give me a brownie and a cookie right now, but if you're gonna put it in my face and I'm like tryna do all the like don't, don't have it don't have it don't have it. Ah willpower.

**Ed Gamble**

It's like all the, I don't know what chain it is but the chain of hotels who give you a warm cookie when you check in.

**Todd Barry**

Ah that's Double Tree yeah. Yeah and it's a highly calorific cookie.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah and I've eaten that before I get to the room. It's so depressing eating a cookie in the elevator like an animal.

**James Acaster**

Do you ever ask for a second one at the Double Tree?

**Todd Barry**

I'm trying to think if I have. I hope not.



**James Acaster**

I have!

**Todd Barry**

You have?

**James Acaster**

Yep!

**Todd Barry**

You guys stay at a lot of Double Trees huh?

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah yeah. I stayed at a Double Tree once, they gave me a cookie on the way in and then at night I'd gone to my room, I'd got room service, I'd had a savoury meal whatever it was and then really wanted another cookie and just did it. I just went all the way down to reception, it was like one in the morning

**Ed Gamble**

Did you check out and then rebook in?

**James Acaster**

I should have done.

**Todd Barry**

Have you ever checked in and they forget to give you the cookie. I've had that happen

**Ed Gamble**

ah yeah.

**Todd Barry**

You're like, 'isn't this the cookie hotel?'

**Ed Gamble**

There's a reason we booked here.

**Todd Barry**

This is the one, there's one thing people talk about when this hotel chain came in. Not how amazing it is, which it's fine but it's a, it's that cookie.

**James Acaster**

That cookie is, and it's so warm

**Todd Barry**

It's like three hundred calories I think at least. Like I looked it actually up the calorie count on it. I also wonder if the employees get annoyed with just, 'blah blah cookies blah', of just like eight hours a day of people gushing over stupid cookies.

**Ed Gamble**

Where do they keep it in reception? Do they have like a warm

**Todd Barry**

There's a warmer yeah.



**James Acaster**

There's a warm drawer that they keep. Do you reckon they ever keep other stuff in there?

**Todd Barry**

A guy like reheats a slice of pizza or something.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah

**James Acaster**

He's got like his socks in there so it feels nice for the final hour of his shift, he can put his warm socks on.

**Todd Barry**

I think that that could happen, yeah.

**James Acaster**

Maybe as a guest you could say like, you know, could you put this in the warm

**Todd Barry**

That would be a good prank wouldn't it? I mean if you were into pranks, I'm not really into pranks but that would be a funny one. Just be like, 'hey I just, I got this croissant or, I only ate half of it but I don't, you know, if it was still warm I would have the whole thing. If you could just slam it in there, I'll come back in half an hour'. That's a good idea. I just stole your joke and did it right back at you.

**James Acaster**

So we come to your starter now?

**Todd Barry**

Oh god so this is, alright, this was really hard, this whole thing, this homework you gave me was really hard. Cos I fancy myself a picky eater but then when it comes down to narrowing it down you're like, oh, there's tonnes of shit I like.

**James Acaster**

Yes. But you fancy yourself as a picky eater? Do you pride yourself on it?

**Todd Barry**

Nah nah I'm not like you with the ice chewing thing but I feel like I am picky. But I'm definitely way less picky than other people are, for whatever that means.

**James Acaster**

Whose the pickiest person that you know?

**Todd Barry**

I'm not gonna name names but I know some people who are like

**James Acaster**

You can name names

**Ed Gamble**

Go on, give us some clues

**James Acaster**

You can name a name.



**Todd Barry**

Oh no no, I don't drop, I don't name. Oh let's give you clues, he played bass for The Beatles. I'm good friends with Paul McCartney.

**Ed Gamble**

You've always eaten with him

**Todd Barry**

I don't know if this is a cheat because I honestly would never order this as a starter but like Italian restaurants here and maybe all over, they offer this pasta that's like, it's not even the main course, it's sort of a starter. And it always seems crazy to have a big bowl of that and then

**Ed Gamble**

To have that and then

**Todd Barry**

And then like, now let's eat. It's dinner time. I know that I've just had that little bowl of pasta. But I chose a pasta for my starter: a cacio y pepe. Are you familiar with that?

**Ed Gamble**

Oh yes!

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god.

**Ed Gamble**

I can't, oh, you've hit gold straight away Todd.

**Todd Barry**

Oh good good.

**James Acaster**

I'm not familiar with this but the way that both of you just reacted

**Ed Gamble**

That is the best pasta.

**Todd Barry**

It's a pasta with basically just cheese and black pepper.

**James Acaster**

Right, okay.

**Todd Barry**

Oh god.

**Ed Gamble**

It's phenomenal.

**Todd Barry**

I like simple foods and that's just

**Ed Gamble**

It's all you need.



**Todd Barry**

Oh my god.

**James Acaster**

What kind of pasta is it?

**Todd Barry**

It's sort of a spaghetti I think but you know I think that they can make it

**Ed Gamble**

Or a bucatini.

**Todd Barry**

Maybe, I mean I imagine that they could do it with any pasta. It would hold up to any pasta.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh it will. You could put that on anything.

**Todd Barry**

And then I might ask for a side of chilli flakes which I don't know if that's fine

**James Acaster**

That, that's fair

**Todd Barry**

Is that fair?

**Ed Gamble**

I think that you're allowed to do that, yeah, for sure. I think it's a very bold starter, like you say, I wouldn't start with a pasta

**Todd Barry**

I wouldn't either but I mean, for the sake of this show I didn't want to be like, too boring.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. The, a bowl of pasta for me is the end of the evening either way

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah it's the end, even if it's the end you feel like, oh what did I just fucking do? There are some places that give you like what seems like a small amount of pasta like they'll put a big bowl and then this little dump of pasta and you're like, fuck it this bullshit portion and then like twenty minutes after you're like, oh my god, I, that's way more than I even needed.

**Ed Gamble**

Cacio y pepe there's, so it's normally like black pepper and then I think there's like pecorino or something

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I think so, yeah

**Ed Gamble**

I've made it, I've made it before. It's actually quite easy to make I think.

**Todd Barry**

The two ingredient dish.



**Ed Gamble**

The two ingredient dish. Don't forget, no, see you've forgotten the spaghetti

**Todd Barry**

Oh the spaghetti, I am, al dente

**Ed Gamble**

So you would have screwed that up massively if you had just put black pepper and cheese. You'd be like, oh there's something missing from this, it wasn't like this in the restaurant.

**Todd Barry**

It'd just be the sauce, I'd be like, oh I forgot, I forgot a crucial element to this.

**Ed Gamble**

But you use some of the pasta water.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, is that what, that's, cos I wondered if there was like an oil or it's just

**Ed Gamble**

I think you use a bit of oil maybe sometimes but then it seems to be just the water that you cook the pasta in to melt the cheese

**Todd Barry**

Have you heard of pasta al limone, am I allowed to bring up other pastas?

**James Acaster**

Ah yeah, while we're in that area.

**Todd Barry**

Have you ever had a pasta al limone.

**Ed Gamble**

I have not.

**James Acaster**

No.

**Todd Barry**

It's kind of, exactly what it sounds like. Pasta with lemon.

**Todd Barry**

Another great pasta I had was at a restaurant a few blocks away from here, it was their special and it was a pasta with butter, sea salt and mint.

**James Acaster**

Oh!

**Todd Barry**

That's it, I was fucked. Cos normally I don't, when they read the specials I'm like, I don't want specials, but they read this one and I was like, oh my god.

**James Acaster**

Yeah



**Todd Barry**

Let's close this menu up. We're done. But that was phenomenal. Bur pasta's so bad for you right?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. I mean you can feel it, while you're eating it you can feel how bad it is for you. But it's so delicious.

**Todd Barry**

It's so good

**James Acaster**

It is good.

**Todd Barry**

Pasta with garlic and oil, oh my god.

**James Acaster**

Yep, yeah those simple ones where it's just like, yep, the garlic and oil one.

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god.

**James Acaster**

I had a really hot one where it was just like just like oil and chilli

**Todd Barry**

Oh that's good, I've had that too.

**James Acaster**

That was very nice.

**Todd Barry**

Where did you have that?

**James Acaster**

Oh somewhere back home. Back back in the

**Todd Barry**

Have you eaten here anywhere that's good?

**James Acaster**

Yeah we've had some good meals so far but we haven't had good pasta yet. So any recommendations

**Todd Barry**

Ah! Well there's actually a place just a block away that's really good

**James Acaster**

What's it called?

**Todd Barry**

It's called Lavagna, L-A-V-A-G-N-A on, am I allowed to reveal what neighbourhood we're in?





**Ed Gamble**

Yeah course, yeah yeah yeah

**Todd Barry**

I guess it doesn't matter, it's not going to be, it's not live

**Ed Gamble**

If anyone comes down here

**Todd Barry**

Some comedy lunatic's gonna come down here. It's on 15B. And they have a rigatoni with like turkey sausage in it that's, oh it's good. But there's a bunch of good pasta places.

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah? I like when you're remembering foods that you really like you really get the hushed tone to your voice. It's very good.

**Todd Barry**

I do. Yeah, that's the DJ in me. No

**James Acaster**

Um, is there a particular place you'd like this starter from? Is there a place you've had the best one you've ever had?

**Todd Barry**

Oh god, wow this is. Um I'm trying to think of where I've had. Oh there is a good restaurant. There's a place called Via Carota in the West Village that has a really good cacì y pepe.

**James Acaster**

Lovely.

**Todd Barry**

Just get it from there. I didn't know, I didn't know we could order. I thought I was at a restaurant, I didn't know

**James Acaster**

Oh no no no. This is like

**Todd Barry**

This is me at home.

**James Acaster**

I'm a genie

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah yeah. It's a fantasy yeah.

**James Acaster**

Yeah and I can get stuff from any place, any time in your life, places that have been shut down.

**Todd Barry**

It's basically an uber eats. I don't, I've only used uber eats once, are you supposed to like have them come up to your door or, I have a door man but



**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, I think I think they do. Don't they? Deliveroo we've got in England as well.

**James Acaster**

Yeah they're supposed to deliver it to your door.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

Or to your door man if that's your first line of defence.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah it's my protector.

**Ed Gamble**

Uber eats is weird because you feel like it should be like an uber so it's almost like you should get in the car and go with them to the restaurant and pick it up.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I'm still tryna figure out how it works. Is it just a regular uber driver who stops?

**Ed Gamble**

I think I think it is, or they have some people on bikes as well doing it

**Todd Barry**

Well I usually use Seamless which I don't know if you have but that's like Grub Hub and there's one called Caviar, why am I plugging these delivery sites?

**Ed Gamble**

Free stuff?

**Todd Barry**

Unless they want to give me a code

**Ed Gamble**

Free stuff for Todd.

**Todd Barry**

So yeah that would, let's make that my starter.

**James Acaster**

Lovely.

**Ed Gamble**

Lovely, great choice.

**James Acaster**

So I mean, you're pretty full already?

**Todd Barry**

I'm very full. Yeah I mean. But this is, you know

**James Acaster**

It's a Dream Restaurant



**Todd Barry**

It's the Dream Restaurant so let's say that I have a dream appetite.

**James Acaster**

Your main.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, oh my main. This one might blow your mind a little bit but but at the same time it might not. There was a lot of choice, you don't want to hear the ones I've rejected.

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah

**Ed Gamble**

Oh yeah!

**James Acaster**

Honourable muncheon.

**Todd Barry**

I would say they're, I just had to pick one so I picked one. So I'm gonna say that I don't even think, you know

**Ed Gamble**

These are all on a par with each other.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah exactly

**Ed Gamble**

Okay, let's have the, shall we have the rejection

**Todd Barry**

I thought of a, I thought of kung pow chicken. I thought of a, like a, what else did I think? Well I guess a pizza.

**Ed Gamble**

Just a general pizza.

**Todd Barry**

A pizza with jalapeños and pepperoni.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah nice.

**Todd Barry**

Although I'm trying to lay back on the meat so let's just say jalapeños.

**Ed Gamble**

Okay

**Todd Barry**

And let's add some pepperoni. Let's put the pepperoni back on that I've just made you take off. Yeah but then, you know, there's burgers, they're good. I don't know if you've ever had a burger before.



**James Acaster**

yeah sure.

**Ed Gamble**

Remind me what

**James Acaster**

Describe one for the listeners who haven't, who don't know

**Todd Barry**

There's like, there's fried chicken. Oh god, there's chicken fingers.

**Ed Gamble**

All American sort of classic stuff.

**Todd Barry**

But also, well I mean I would use my Italian, I played the Italian card with my starter, very smart of me. Do you want to know what I have picked for my main course? This will be good.

**Ed Gamble**

Yes please.

**Todd Barry**

Japanese curry.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh yes.

**Todd Barry**

Have you had that?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah!

**James Acaster**

I don't think I have.

**Ed Gamble**

You must have had like a katsu curry or something?

**James Acaster**

Oh yes I have, yes. Yes I've had it loads. Delicious.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah. So I've been eating a lot of that lately and it it's, some people don't even know about it. I've talked to people that know about food and I go, 'yeah have you had Japanese curry?' and they go, 'I don't even know what you're talking about'. Like how do I know this?

**Ed Gamble**

It's quite like a fruity sauce right? Like a thick fruity sauce.

**Todd Barry**

I wouldn't say it's fruity. Nah it's not fruity. Not at, not at any place I would go to.



**Ed Gamble**

Is it not? Okay.

**Todd Barry**

Well I mean, there's some where you, I like it when you can go to a place and there's a spice level, you know like how, there's one place I go to on the Lower East Side where there's spice level one to ten.

**Ed Gamble**

And what do you go for?

**Todd Barry**

I, I go for four.

**Ed Gamble**

Okay.

**Todd Barry**

But it's funny, I went to a place that I'd never been to a few months ago where I ordered it three and the guy basically said, 'no'. He goes, 'no'. I was like, 'alright I guess we'll go two' and oh, when you're right you're right, he was right. Cos I was with two I was like, oh my god, I can't imagine what

**Ed Gamble**

So the two was too much?

**Todd Barry**

Two was plenty of heat.

**Ed Gamble**

And it went up to ten?

**Todd Barry**

That one I don't, that may have gone up to five but the one I go to sometimes is yeah, goes up to ten, but I go to like four or five cos

**Ed Gamble**

You don't want to ruin the meal for yourself

**Todd Barry**

I mean I like to fancy myself, sorry to use that again, as someone who likes spicy food but there's such a range of spiciness, it's not just

**Ed Gamble**

I made a mistake last night by eating a raw chilli that I think was just decoration on the plate.

**Todd Barry**

Where did you eat?

**Ed Gamble**

We were at a Thai restaurant called Wailer

**James Acaster**

It was, well it's near where we're staying so it



**Ed Gamble**

It was like twenty minutes walk from where we're staying yeah

**Todd Barry**

Where are you staying, am I allowed to ask?

**Ed Gamble**

East village, we're in

**James Acaster**

East Village

**Todd Barry**

Ah okay. Yeah yeah that's a nice place. There's a good restaurant called Vicks there that has a Caci y Pepe

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

Ah yeah?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah! That's on Great Jones Street. That's one of my

**Ed Gamble**

I think we should just eat caci y pepe for the rest of the trip.

**Todd Barry**

But they have other great, they have other greats. They also have this thing, I almost thought about this as my starter. Am I allowed to back track?

**James Acaster**

Of course!

**Ed Gamble**

Absolutely.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I'm acting like there's some rigid rules to this fucking food podcast. But they had like these, I've forgot what it's called, like crispy onions. They're almost like an onion ring but they're not the ring. They're just like the, I don't know what you call it, the piece of onion. But they're fried in this sauce, oh my god.

**Ed Gamble**

Is it like a blooming onion?

**Todd Barry**

I guess it is but I would say it's probably an elevated blooming onion. But it probably, I've never had a blooming onion but now that you

**Ed Gamble**

That, I mean that is not something that's come over to the UK.



**Todd Barry**  
Really?

**Ed Gamble**

I've only ever had it in America and it blew my mind and as I was eating it I thought this is the thing that's gonna kill me one day.

**Todd Barry**

Do you guys have burritos over there yet?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah we have, we've got burritos.

**Todd Barry**

Cos the last time I was in the UK I was like you need like a Chipotle, if they open here that place would be a gold mine.

**Ed Gamble**

They have now opened here.

**James Acaster**

We've got, we've got Chipotle now, but here's the thing that's funny about that is that I only knew about Chipotle from your stand up.

**Todd Barry**

Really? That's a coincidence.

**James Acaster**

So when we got Chipotle all I could do when I saw the Chipotles was hear it in your voice in my head cos you're the only person I'd ever heard say it in my life was you in a stand-up special.

**Todd Barry**

Oh okay. That's my, I mean my stand-up skews a little American, sorry.

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah, there's so many of your routines I didn't understand: the container store.

**Todd Barry**

Oh yeah, I mean that one you could figure out though.

**James Acaster**

Yeah actually, I followed that one

**Ed Gamble**

I mean it's pretty simple

**Todd Barry**

Wow you're, you know, you're, I didn't realise what a rabid fan you were.

**James Acaster**

I've got one special.

**Todd Barry**

One? Okay that's, one down, four to go.



**James Acaster**

Yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

That's good that you heard Todd say Chipotle because you definitely would have called it Chipottle wouldn't you?

**James Acaster**

I would have called it Chipottle, I would have got the name wrong and everyone else I knew was saying Chipottle and I was like, it's actually Chipotle.

**Todd Barry**

So did they open up in the UK?

**James Acaster**

Yeah there's a few around London now. So the next time you're there you can get a

**Todd Barry**

Really? When do they close, it's like seven o'clock or something?

**James Acaster**

Is that a complaint you've got about London, that places close too early?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah is that a hat complaint?

**Ed Gamble**

No, not at all.

**James Acaster**

You can make, I think it's

**Todd Barry**

It's just a little weird over there that that like

**Ed Gamble**

Everything shuts early

**Todd Barry**

yeah it's just, for a hard drinking town like that you'd think

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, well it's cos everyone drinks so hard that they're all done by eleven.

**Todd Barry**

But then you have that weird rule of, if you're staying at a hotel you can basically drink all night but the person who has the room is the one who has to pay?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**Todd Barry**

So that person, I think I've been fucked on that one. People just start handing you money like yeah okay.





**Ed Gamble**

You feel really bad because the person's working at the bar but also working at reception so they just have to come round from reception each time to get you more drinks.

**Todd Barry**

Right, but having said that, you know I do like London a lot. In case you were worried. Oh. So the Japanese curry and I don't know which kind of that I would like for my dream meal because there's a place a few blocks away from here that does a beef curry that's really good. And I get five out of five on that one and it's just

**James Acaster**

Oh do you?

**Ed Gamble**

Whoa!

**Todd Barry**

It's also a very small place where there's not even a bathroom so you sort of have to

**Ed Gamble**

So that's a real risk

**Todd Barry**

Well that's the thing where like you have to go, alright so I'm at this comedy club on Fourth Street, I'm gonna pee and then I'm gonna go to this place on Seventh Street

**James Acaster**

And then you get the five out of five curry

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

And then, what are you going home or back to the comedy club?

**Todd Barry**

Well it depends, I mean, I'm gonna say I probably went home. Unless I have, unless it's between shows.

**James Acaster**

Sure.

**Ed Gamble**

So would you eat a big meal before a show?

**Todd Barry**

It depends what you mean by a how but

**Ed Gamble**

From before a set say

**Todd Barry**

A set I can probably pretty much do that but if I'm like headlining and people paid a thousand dollars to see me I would, I'd try, I mean sometimes that always is a precarious thing cos they're like, 'oh, you guys want dinner?' and you're like, 'yeah', 'there's this Thai restaurant here', 'yeah alright'. And



then you're like, I'll just get pad Thai and I'll eat half of it. And then you're just like, I'm not fucking eating half of it. But I often forget how my hunger you know, I've never been on stage going, 'oh I ate too much that I can't do a show' but psychologically I think it's good to be slightly just full.

**Ed Gamble**

I think that would be a good angle for you if you want to try that at any point, being like the full comedian.

**James Acaster**

Yeah I think you would be. You'd probably be funnier if you were full on stage.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah people would just be like, 'have you seen Todd Barry? He's full a lot'.

**Todd Barry**

That would be funny, I could do like a CAT scan or something right before I go onstage like, as you see, my stomach is full. Alright let's do this now. I like it. I'm always looking for a gimmick.

**James Acaster**

Yeah you can talk about being full on stage. Ask the audience members how full they are individually.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. You have to be the fullest one in the room though.

**James Acaster**

Yeah

**Todd Barry**

Do they sell food at a lot of comedy venues in London?

**James Acaster**

Not as much, I mean here it's a thing where like during the show people are getting food delivered. Not as much back home. But some places

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, like the big weekend clubs they'll serve they'll serve food.

**Todd Barry**

Like a Comedy Store or a Jongleurs or something

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah exactly. All the Glee Clubs they're the big sort of foodie ones. But it's, this is a bit of a hat comparison, a lot of people make this point but the drink minimum is not a thing in the UK. That's not a thing they would ever because everyone's always

**Todd Barry**

Right yeah yeah, that's kind of unnecessary.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah exactly, yeah yeah. The food is a good idea because it's soaking up all the drink

**Todd Barry**

Do you guys do a maximum there?



**James Acaster**

We should do.

**Todd Barry**

There are clubs that do a maximum here.

**James Acaster**

Right. Do they also do a minimum so you got to get

**Todd Barry**

It's like, yeah, two to three basically, I think. But I don't know if it's two items, so food probably counts. I dunno. You know, I don't go there as a consumer, I just go there as as an artist.

**James Acaster**

So you think you'll maybe have this beef curry? This Japanese beef curry?

**Todd Barry**

But I, it's weird because I I watched this documentary forks over knives, did you see that?

**James Acaster**

No.

**Todd Barry**

It's on Netflix. It's about the sort of advantages of a plant-based diet. So yesterday I had curry and I had vegetable curry. And the vegetables I had, I always ask because there's a lot of vegetables I don't like. And it was mushrooms, potatoes, pumpkin, I think that was it. I said, alright I'll do that, no mushrooms. Extra hot.

**Ed Gamble**

You're not a mushroom guy?

**Todd Barry**

I could eat mushrooms if they're sort of hidden in like a spring roll or something. But I once ordered a veggie burger in Chicago and they showed up it was just a whole portobello mushroom like on a bun like that's not a fucking veggie burger that's a portobello mushroom on a bun.

**Ed Gamble**

What's your bottom three vegetables?

**Todd Barry**

Tomatoes, are tomatoes a vegetable or a fruit? I still don't know.

**James Acaster**

A fruit.

**Todd Barry**

Are they?

**Ed Gamble**

Technically a fruit

**Todd Barry**

I thought they were officially declared a vegetable even though they seem like a fruit.



**Ed Gamble**

Oh really? I've not been keeping up with the news.

**Todd Barry**

I could have just been making that up. But they disgust me. I'm just choking.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah? I really thought you were about to be sick there Todd.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, that would be great. If you said they disgust me and then just puked.

**Todd Barry**

You know like raw tomatoes?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, not a fan?

**Todd Barry**

Oh god. I can't even. Like, I have an anxiety attack when I order like a salad, I go please no tomatoes. Cos you know eighty percent of the time they didn't hear you or they are just on autopilot and you just see that salad approach and you just see all that red on top. Fucking disgusting.

**James Acaster**

What don't you like about them?

**Todd Barry**

They're just, they're, it's just it's a texture thing, it's a smell thing. But at the same time you know tomato sauce, if it's smooth and pulverised and ketchup you know?

**Ed Gamble**

Yep. Is it seeds in the middle maybe?

**Todd Barry**

It's the seeds, it's the smell and just ew. I don't like eggplant really. Although if it's fried into super thin crisps, probably. Cucumber I don't love, except if it's pickled.

**Ed Gamble**

So a lot of these you do like if they've been transformed in some way.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah. If they're transformed to where they don't taste the way they're supposed to taste.

**James Acaster**

Sure, yeah. When they're unrecognisable.

**Todd Barry**

When they put ice cream on top of all of these things. Did I give you the three? I think I did.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah that was the three. That's a solid three.

**Todd Barry**

Ah okay, I just want to play by the book. By the rules.



**James Acaster**

I feel like more so than ever that this episode feels like you're, like you're trying to get into a country and we're questioning you. Yeah, 'what's your top three least favourite vegetables?!'.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah. You guys are like the weird, the weirdest immigration guys ever.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah food based immigration. Although this room, it's the first time we've been in this studio, it does have the sort of vibe of a side room of an airport.

**James Acaster**

Yeah there's like a big interrogation window there

**Todd Barry**

Yeah this is a very, I didn't know that you could have a back yard in this neighbourhood with like a secret recording studio.

**James Acaster**

So your side dish for your curry.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah this was, I really struggled with this one. Cos I I didn't necessarily try to make everything cohesive so I don't know that I would order this dream dish the way, should I make it cohesive?

**Ed Gamble**

No you don't have to

**James Acaster**

Not at all

**Todd Barry**

Cos otherwise everything's gonna be from one restaurant.

**Ed Gamble**

When you, I've just got a quick question with the main, when you order that does that come with rice?

**Todd Barry**

Yes.

**Ed Gamble**

So that comes with rice. Are you, is that gonna be part of the main dish order?

**James Acaster**

That's part of the main course, that's part of the main course, that's fine.

**Ed Gamble**

You don't need to consider rice as a side.

**Todd Barry**

Okay, well I wasn't going to.



**Ed Gamble**

Well I just want to let you know. You're keen to stick to the rules, it would be awful if you made a transgression at this point.

**Todd Barry**

I, I mean, do you want me to tell you the rejected ones?

**James Acaster**

ah yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

Yes please.

**Todd Barry**

Up til maybe two hours ago I had baked sweet potato as my side.

**James Acaster**

Up til two hours ago?

**Todd Barry**

Maybe a few hours ago, maybe it was last night. I definitely changed it in my little document here. But I also had green salad but then I was like, am I going for like last meal, like before I'm executed or sensible.

**James Acaster**

Yeah

**Todd Barry**

I don't know.

**Ed Gamble**

it's a dream, you know, it's the dream meal.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, well then I'm just gonna go with fries man.

**Ed Gamble**

Yep.

**Todd Barry**

Is that the most popular one?

**James Acaster**

I think it has been the most popular one and

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, for a reason I think.

**James Acaster**

I think people always feel. Also, that look that you had in your eye when you said it, everyone always has that look in their eye. Very confident that I've made the right decision.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, I guess I could have split the difference and done sweet potato fries.



**James Acaster**

You could have

**Todd Barry**

Have you ever had those?

**James Acaster**

Yes I have. I don't like them as much as fries but I tell you what, here in New York at Extra Fancy, have you been to Extra Fancy?

**Todd Barry**

Extra Fancy?

**James Acaster**

The restaurant in Williamsburg

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah it's in Brooklyn yeah.

**James Acaster**

And they've got these sweet potato fries that you just dump seafood chowder on top of and that's great.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. No?

**James Acaster**

Uh oh. Todd doesn't like it.

**Todd Barry**

Ooh no no. I mean I'm sure it's a good thing but it might not be for me, let's put it that way.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah it's not the, you seem to be into the very clear flavours, good ingredients. Dumping a load of chowder on some sweet potato fries.

**Todd Barry**

So if it was fries, I guess, you know, yeah.

**James Acaster**

We could mix them up together.

**Todd Barry**

Oh you want? That's cheating though.

**James Acaster**

If you want we could do it.

**Ed Gamble**

If you want yeah a half and half, a half and half sweet potato and normal potato portion of fries to go with your half and half water?

**Todd Barry**

No let's just go fries. So right now I have pasta, curry with rice and fries. So



**Ed Gamble**

This is definitely your last meal.

**Todd Barry**

This is not this is not, this is a 'fuck it' meal.

**James Acaster**

And do you like them like very thin and crispy?

**Todd Barry**

I like, I like very crunchy, I don't necessarily love what they call steak fries here, which are big fat fries, which I certainly can eat a pound of those without thinking twice but there not, I'd like them, I like almost all foods well done. Like a pizza well done, if I eat rare meat I like it well done.

**James Acaster**

Right.

**Ed Gamble**

Can you get a rare pizza?

**Todd Barry**

No but sometimes, that's funny, yeah medium rare, I like pizza medium rare, that's funny. But you know, I like food that's slightly, almost burnt.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah okay. I guess it adds flavour with some things

**James Acaster**

Yeah vegetables

**Ed Gamble**

But I can't abide by a well done steak Todd, I'm sorry.

**Todd Barry**

Are you rare?

**Ed Gamble**

Yes.

**Todd Barry**

Do you eat a lot of steak?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, well you know, I eat, I've been known.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah?

**Ed Gamble**

I like a rare steak.

**Todd Barry**

Do you?





**Ed Gamble**

But I am also aware while I'm eating it that it's really impacting on the sort of

**James Acaster**

That's why he crunches all that ice, he's getting his teeth ready for a big old, big old blue steak

**Todd Barry**

For an excessive amount of steak.

**Ed Gamble**

Absolutely, but I know what you mean about burnt stuff. Some stuff tastes way better if it's got a little bit of char on it.

**James Acaster**

Absolutely. Absolutely, I like, I like a burnt quality to, also desserts and stuff. I like burnt caramel flavours.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah? Burnt caramel's good. Sea salt caramel, that's become a new, that's the latest thing. Maybe as of eight years ago.

**James Acaster**

Yeah. Do you remember when that came in? How did you feel?

**Todd Barry**

Oh man, it's weird that the way these foods sometimes you're like, like cacì y pepe to go back, I don't think I knew about that twelve years ago, but it must have been around for five hundred years. How is it like, oh they just invented cacì y pepe? Kale. That's like that was just invented like four eight years ago.

**Ed Gamble**

Like nice brussel sprouts as well.

**Todd Barry**

Right. The brussel sprouts that, I remember the first time I had brussel sprouts where I was like oh, okay. Cos I just always heard, they are always like the sort of touchstone of the worst vegetable ever. And then I was at a thanksgiving dinner and there was a friend of a friend who was a chef and he actually made them and I remember he came around a poured a little vinegar on them. And I was like oh my god brussel sprouts!

**Ed Gamble**

Hello!

**Todd Barry**

But now I'm sick of them.

**James Acaster**

Yeah?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah too much

**Todd Barry**

Cos now every place has them and they're like the flash fried ones, those are good. But also cauliflower is good but it's also that, like a little goes a long way.



**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, sure sure.

**Todd Barry**

I know you didn't bring up cauliflower but if you want to edit that out

**James Acaster**

But no cauliflower is the one that I, the crisper the better with cauliflower.

**Ed Gamble**

That's having a moment as well.

**Todd Barry**

I like, I prefer most vegetables raw.

**James Acaster**

Really?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

Which goes against your normal ethos of well done.

**Todd Barry**

Wow you're right.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, I am. You're a complicated guy Todd

**Todd Barry**

I am, I really am

**James Acaster**

Yeah, we've got Jekyll and Hyde over here.

**Todd Barry**

I'm just a fascinating dude like. Well I mean, well I guess you don't, yeah you're right. But I don't like boiled, like steamed broccoli I guess is alright but I prefer raw.

**James Acaster**

Yeah I don't boil them.

**Ed Gamble**

It feels like all the nutrients have gone.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**Ed Gamble**

And would you like some of your fries burnt to a crisp

**Todd Barry**

Oh yeah I'd like them all well done.



**Ed Gamble**

Yeah but like burnt, like black fries?

**Todd Barry**

Not necessarily black but like teetering on the edge of, just really dancing on that line.

**Ed Gamble**

So touch and go, so when they come out the kitchen the chef will be looking at them going, 'I don't know if we should send these out'.

**Todd Barry**

'This is what he asked for but fucking, I don't feel good about this'.

**James Acaster**

So we're a couple of Brits gallivanting around New York, what fast food chain does the best fries?

**Todd Barry**

Oh, best fries? Oh man. That's a good, there's a fast food chain, but they're not in New York, never mind then.

**James Acaster**

Oh it could be somewhere that's not in New York.

**Todd Barry**

There's one called steak and shake, that's one of my favourite fast food. If you drove through the heart land, if you drove through the heart land, it's sort of like a sit down fast food place but you eat, and it's open all night and I just always tip like eighty percent there because it's like two people eat for six dollars, so I tip a thousand percent, but I. There's not a lot of bad fries out there?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah?

**Todd Barry**

I'm tryna think, but I mean I think more of a restaurant type, I mean there's a French fry restaurant here.

**James Acaster**

Is there?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah it's called Pommes Frites.

**James Acaster**

Right?

**Todd Barry**

It's sort of in the West Village. There might be other locations, so it's all fries.

**James Acaster**

And they just do, just fries?

**Todd Barry**

Just fries. Belgian, yeah, with many dipping sauces, as you would imagine.



**James Acaster**

Ah lovely.

**Todd Barry**

But they double fry them I think. So those are quite good.

**Ed Gamble**

It felt like a little while ago that there was a real arms race for how often you can fry a fry, how many times. Cos there was like the single normal fries and then double fried and then people are doing triple now.

**Todd Barry**

I just I just, what did I eat in San Francisco I think and these fries were so good and I was like, 'how do you make these fries?', cos they didn't look well done but they were super crunchy. And the guy explained and I forgot but it was basically a triple.

**Ed Gamble**

Triple fry.

**James Acaster**

They triple fried them, shook them around a bit.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

You gotta shake em around a bit.

**Todd Barry**

You gotta shake and get that oil off them.

**James Acaster**

Yeah yeah.

**Todd Barry**

Little salt, maybe some ketchup, maybe some mustard. I like mustard on fries.

**James Acaster**

What's your opinion of people who put mayonnaise on fries?

**Todd Barry**

See that's the thing in this Pommies Frites place I think that's sort of like their default.

**Ed Gamble**

It's a very Belgian thing.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah. I mean I could do it but I don't get anything out of that. So I'm not like gagging but I'm also like not gonna ask for mayonnaise.

**James Acaster**

So if you were you know the scene at the start of Pulp Fiction where they're chatting about Burger King and fries, if you were in the back of that car with them for some reason, you're like the third person who's been sent on this job and they're talking and they were saying, ah you know what they do in Amsterdam, they drench fries in mayonnaise and then Samuel L Jackson always goes, 'ah



gross, are you kidding me?' and then like John Travolta's like, 'yeah I've seen them do it, they drown it in that shit'. What's your reaction in the back?

**Todd Barry**

I'd probably just say something like, 'yeah no, that doesn't sound good. I wonder if you could order them without the mayonnaise?'. That would be my fix, I'm a fixer, I try to fix things.

**Ed Gamble**

That's a better scene as well. And then you'd say thank you so much for the opportunity for being in this film.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, or I would say can you put the mayonnaise on the side just as a little, pretending I'm gonna dive into their culture but I'm throwing that shit out. 'Oops I didn't eat any of the mayonnaise you gave me, sorry'. I have more ketchup or vinegar on fries, oh my god.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah! That feels quite British, the vinegar.

**Todd Barry**

Um yeah, I mean, you can have that.

**James Acaster**

Yeah? Thank you. Salt and vinegar.

**Ed Gamble**

Salt and vinegar on chips we're allowed to take that one?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I like vinegar on them.

**James Acaster**

Very good. But on the crispy French fries, cos i don't think I've ever had them on the thin crispy French fries I probably haven't put vinegar on them. I put them on big fat chip shop chips.

**Ed Gamble**

Floppy chips.

**James Acaster**

And put it all on them. But maybe not on the crispy thin ones

**Todd Barry**

Why why wouldn't? That's an interesting, that you even thought of that is interesting.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, I guess I see it as the softer fries just soak up all the vinegar, like a big plump turkey

**Ed Gamble**

Now for the listeners, James is acting like one of the big chips and he's wriggling around like a big soft fry.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, he's acting like a fly.



**James Acaster**

But the crispy ones I think the vinegar would just kind of sit on top of it

**Ed Gamble**

Or make it soggy

**Todd Barry**

No, you just sprinkle a little vinegar and I think

**Ed Gamble**

Or a mister, you could get a mister, like a spray

**Todd Barry**

I guess, I mean that would be

**Ed Gamble**

We can do that for you Todd, this is the Dream Restaurant, we could put some vinegar in a mister.

**Todd Barry**

No you know what, just give me the bottle and I'll shake a little on there.

**Ed Gamble**

Ah okay

**Todd Barry**

Like a whisper of

**Ed Gamble**

A whisper of vinegar

**Todd Barry**

Yeah so I mean I don't think, not enough to soggy them up or anything.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. The merest suggestion of vinegar.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah just a, just vinegar adjacent.

**James Acaster**

Yeah so you and John Travolta and Samuel L Jackson have got out the car and you've gone up to that guy's apartment and you're, all three of them, you're trying to intimidate those guys in the apartment remember and

**Todd Barry**

I don't remember the movie, I forget all movies

**James Acaster**

And Samuel L Jackson eats that guy's burger and he's like, 'that is a tasty burger', doesn't he? He says that. Would you be there going, 'could I have some fries?'

**Todd Barry**

Oh



**James Acaster**

would you be there going, 'you guys got any fries as well?', to intimidate them, would you eat all their fries?

**Todd Barry**

Oh. Why am I doing this now?

**Ed Gamble**

Just to make your mark on the movie I think.

**James Acaster**

There's these guys, there's these guys who have a briefcase that they owe to Marsellus Wallace and they haven't given it to him yet and Samuel L Jackson and John Travolta turn up to make sure that they give him the briefcase, because they've been late doing it, Samuel L Jackson wants to really send a message that you don't mess with Marsellus Wallace and so he eats this guy's burger and drinks his Sprite and then he shoots his friend in the stomach and then shoots this guy.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I probably wouldn't do that. I got gigs to do.

**James Acaster**

But the build up to it is he starts eating this guy's Big Kahuna burger so I'm wondering if you're on of the, if this is the version of the film where Todd Barry's cast in it as well and you're with those two and you've gone up there, you've gotta do something to intimidate them as well so while he's eating the burger, are you eating the fries going, these are nice fries?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah man, I mean I guess, if I'm gonna play along with this I would maybe grab like a larger, more fries than I'd normally like grab, just like seven put my fingers all over them as well.

**Ed Gamble**

I was once in Camden Market with some friends and we were at fourteen or fifteen and a proper punk, like an old school punk with a pink mohawk, my friend had some McDonald's fries and the punk just walked past and took all the fries out of my friend's fry packet with one hand and just walked off eating them. And just without even looking just flipped him the bird behind. It was the punkest thing I've ever seen Todd.

**Todd Barry**

I'm not in for violence but if that guy just got tackled and pummelled a little bit

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, just a little bit.

**Todd Barry**

Just like one, cos that's a shitty thing to do.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah I mean it was pretty cool as well.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, you like that?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah it was pretty cool.



**Todd Barry**

That's what punks are all about right?

**James Acaster**

Yeah I heard it and thought it was pretty cool.

**Todd Barry**

I don't see me being friends with that guy.

**James Acaster**

No, I can't see you being friends with that guy.

**Ed Gamble**

I'd like to see it.

**James Acaster**

I'd be very surprised if like after this you walked out and just there's a guy with a pink mohawk waiting for you, like 'hey Todd!'.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah and we do that same move. Go to the nearest McDonald's.

**James Acaster**

So your drink.

**Todd Barry**

Oh man, this is another one where, am I allowed to give the things I was thinking about.

**James Acaster**

Absolutely.

**Ed Gamble**

Of course!

**Todd Barry**

I mean I don't drink a lot of alcohol but so I probably wouldn't have had, I drink some alcohol but I don't, I don't know if like I would have a win with dinner. But maybe, this is gonna sound boring, one thing I thought of was a ginger beer, like a non-alcoholic ginger beer because that's kind of delicious. And then I kind of, the one I settled on, I don't think you guys do this in where you're from, is iced tea.

**James Acaster**

Yes, we're familiar with iced tea.

**Ed Gamble**

We do have iced tea but not to the extent that you do iced tea over here.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah?

**Ed Gamble**

Are we talking like sweet tea? I've seen people have sweet tea on it's... which is crazy.





**Todd Barry**

Sweet tea is, it's unbelievably sweet. Sometimes you can do a half and half, you just give me they'll give me a bit of both of those. I mean sweet tea is delicious but it's also like you feel guilty as your drinking it.

**Ed Gamble**

Sure, but with this meal there are four types of carbs anyway.

**Todd Barry**

But with a bunch of lemon oh yeah, maybe I ought to have like a moderately sweet iced tea. God how boring, I sound like the most boring guy in the world with that iced tea. I mean eight beers, I'll have eight beers.

**Ed Gamble**

What flavour would you like the iced tea?

**Todd Barry**

What flavour?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah is it like lemon or peach or something?

**Todd Barry**

Oh, you know I once got a pedicure in Dallas and

**Ed Gamble**

You know what Todd, I was not expecting that to be the next sentence.

**James Acaster**

No!

**Todd Barry**

But I remember, I was staying at a fancy hotel near there, I was working with someone else and they gave us one hundred dollar credit at this fancy hotel so I was like alright, I'm gonna, fuck it go get a pedicure. And I just remember this nice woman giving me, talking to me giving me my pedicure, she goes, 'do you want some peach iced tea?', so I was like, 'yes I do', it was fucking delicious. But the peaches I don't eat, that's the weird part.

**James Acaster**

You don't eat peaches but you're having it anyway.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, the peach iced tea was, it was phenomenal.

**Ed Gamble**

Would you like the pedicure peach iced tea?

**James Acaster**

Yeah, we can give you that at this dream meal. The pedicure peach iced tea.

**Todd Barry**

I don't know if I'd want the peach flavour over powering those spicy fries I just ordered. So I'm gonna say a regular, like a black tea or whatever standard, southern style. Half unsweetened, half sweet, with a few lemons. Maybe even a lime.



**James Acaster**

Maybe even put a lime in there.

**Ed Gamble**

Great. Throw a lime in there.

**Todd Barry**

I just I just made a game time decision about that.

**James Acaster**

See now I'm imagining you as a character in To Kill a Mockingbird or something.

**Todd Barry**

Oh really?

**James Acaster**

Sitting on your porch, drinking your iced tea.

**Ed Gamble**

Having a pedicure.

**Todd Barry**

Eating Japanese curry.

**Ed Gamble**

Classic there, that classic chapter.

**James Acaster**

That'll be good. And what about, where do you stand on an Arnold Palmer.

**Todd Barry**

Oh those are good! The thing about Arnold Palmers though is like, I can drink one in like two seconds, it just goes down so, it's great but then you just feel like oh, do I get another one? And then you're like oh it's all that sugar.

**Ed Gamble**

So is that, is that lemonade and iced tea?

**Todd Barry**

yes, yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

Right, okay. Very sweet.

**James Acaster**

I like them.

**Todd Barry**

They're really good, yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

But you are right, they go down very easily.



**Todd Barry**

Yeah, I mean, depending on the hot, the heat, the temperature of the weather.

**James Acaster**

The temperature of the weather.

**Todd Barry**

Not the temperature of the iced tea.

**James Acaster**

How often do you drink iced tea?

**Todd Barry**

You know, it's interesting. Wait I just realised it's not interesting. I remember doing an interview about food and it was like, it was years ago about like, well I love going to coffee shops, I love iced tea. And then I realised, I don't order iced tea. I order coffee ninety nine percent of the time but iced tea's good instead of a second coffee, like in the morning you have a coffee and in the afternoon, I don't, the second cup is fine but it does not even nearly, but a nice iced fucking tea, oh my god.

**James Acaster**

Do you think Ice-T drinks iced tea?

**Todd Barry**

I have an Iced-T story if you want?

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah!

**Todd Barry**

I did his podcast.

**James Acaster**

Great.

**Todd Barry**

I got my, I had a publicist at the time, she was like Iced-T wants you on his podcast. And I was like, really? Okay. And, so then I booked in and I took a bus to his house and I went inside his house and he was very nice. But I could tell, he was like, 'what's your last name again?', I was like ah okay. He had like a twenty five year old comedy nerd, I think, booking it so it was like he was asking for all his favourites. And he was really nice but I remember he, this was in Ice, it was kind of surreal like taking a bus to Ice-T's actual house. Coco was there. But he just gave me iced water. It was one of the most surreal experiences in my career of showbusiness.

**Ed Gamble**

What was Iced-T's podcast?

**Todd Barry**

It was a lot about hip hop and rap and I, you know, he had guests on that would just kind of like meander in and I just felt like, they would be talking about rap and I was like, well I don't want to chime in, but I feel like I'm not saying anything. But I remember at one point he was like, 'I get you, I get you'. But he was nice.

**James Acaster**

See now, what you want really, cos now that Iced-T has given you some ice cubes, you need ice cube to give you an Iced-T.



**Todd Barry**

Oh my god. That's that's full, that would be just complete this.

**James Acaster**

Cos I bet, I bet no one's had that no one's had both experiences, who's actually been able to get both of them

**Todd Barry**

See now you're making me feel inadequate because I was all excited, I was pretty satisfied with the iced water from Iced-T but

**Ed Gamble**

Where does Vanilla Ice stand in all this?

**Todd Barry**

Oh yeah I've got a Vanilla Ice story as well.

**Ed Gamble**

Excellent.

**James Acaster**

Go for it.

**Todd Barry**

it's not much of a story but I was on a plane, sitting in coach, going to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and this guy gets on and I was like, sits in coach a few rows behind me, just sits down, puts his hat over his head and falls asleep. I was like whose that fucking guy? I think that's Vanilla Ice. So then I look at my phone and like he was just in town and I was like holy shit I'm on a plane with Vanilla Ice. So then we ended up, we land in Fort Lauderdale and we ended up washing our hands next to each other in the men's room. And he, I just remembered that he washed his hands like he's about to do surgery. I was like, alright, good for you, cos I'm kind of a hand washer like alright, yeah, scrub those hands man. But I thought it was cool, he flew coach and he was just flying by himself and I didn't chat him up, I think someone ask, I think I saw someone ask for a picture but I left him alone.

**James Acaster**

You left, you left Vanilla Ice well alone. You just admired the hand washing

**Todd Barry**

I just recognised, oh this is a good story right here. I mean, maybe it isn't but it's a life experience.

**James Acaster**

I think it's good that you shared that moment with him while you were washing your hands.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I think that that made it, took it to the next level.

**Ed Gamble**

you know if I ever meet Iced-T, no Vanilla Ice excuse me, I'll be very comfortable shaking his hand because I know that he's clean.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, very clean!



**Ed Gamble**

But maybe that's why, maybe he met a fan and he just hates his fans so that's why he's washing himself you know

**Todd Barry**

Oh that could be it. Yeah that could be it. I do that kind of right when I get offstage, or after I do like a meet and greet situation. Get me the first, where's the first sink near here?

**James Acaster**

Yeah just sanitising the hands. Are you worried because you're a bit of a germaphobe?

**Todd Barry**

I am. There's a bit of mine, I'm sure you'd love, about how I'm a lazy germaphobe but cos I don't really clean my floors but I wash my hands eight hundred times a day.

**James Acaster**

I am familiar with that bit actually. Thank you for doing it live for me.

**James Acaster**

Your dessert

**Todd Barry**

At first I was gonna go with like, well how I would really maybe feel after eating all this food which is probably maybe I wouldn't want dessert but I would maybe, hey how about a lemon sorbet?

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah

**Todd Barry**

Like a light. And then I just went with something equally exciting, are you ready for this?

**Ed Gamble**

Yep!

**Todd Barry**

I almost thought of tiramisu also which is unbelievable.

**James Acaster**

Yep! Very good.

**Ed Gamble**

It's so delicious. But also, at the end of that meal if you have that, that's basically the last carb on the meal.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I mean, but, I just said how about a nice piece of vanilla cake with vanilla icing.

**James Acaster**

Oh!

**Todd Barry**

Yeah I know.

**Ed Gamble**

Oh so like sort of birthday cake?



**Todd Barry**

Yeah sort of like a birthday cake.

**James Acaster**

Imagine if you got a vanilla cake with vanilla icing given to you by

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god, I didn't even make that connection.

**James Acaster**

Exciting stuff. Who knew that we went from a Vanilla Ice anecdote into some vanilla icing iced

**Todd Barry**

How do you feel about coffee after, do you guys want coffee? It always seems like a weird ritual.

**Ed Gamble**

I would have coffee after a meal. Depending on what, if I was going out, if I was going out after

**Todd Barry**

Well what's the purpose of that? Are you like craving coffee? If you're going out after, ah okay, if you're gonna go tear up, if you needed to stay up until ten thirty or whatever to have fun in London.

**James Acaster**

I like a peppermint tea after a meal maybe, if you, in my head it helps with the digestion.

**Todd Barry**

You ever had an iced peppermint tea?

**James Acaster**

No, is that a real thing?

**Todd Barry**

Yeah. It's just, I bet you could figure out the recipe. They, also have you ever had like a hibiscus tea?

**James Acaster**

Oh yeah yeah yeah.

**Todd Barry**

Oh my god. That's nice.

**Ed Gamble**

I'm not a tea guy. I've never been into tea. I don't know why I'm just straight coffee all day.

**Todd Barry**

Really? I thought coffee just, I thought they just started serving coffee in London.

**Ed Gamble**

Well yeah yeah, that's why I'm into it, I'm ahead of the trends.

**Todd Barry**

There's good coffee shops in London. There's one called Kaffeine that I've been to that's

**Ed Gamble**

Yes, Kaffeine with a K? Yeah yeah yeah that's a nice place.



**Todd Barry**

I like that one. They must be thrilled for the shout out I just gave them.

**Ed Gamble**

There's another place that does really good coffee but I'm always annoyed by its name, it's called The Department of Social Affairs.

**Todd Barry**

Ah, why would you be annoyed by that name? It's not like it's pretentious or, oh my god.

**James Acaster**

You can't call it that.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah, that's what it's called. It's good coffee though so shout out.

**James Acaster**

So I'm going to read your order back to you now Todd.

**Todd Barry**

Alright.

**James Acaster**

You would like still water, cold crushed ice. Popadoms, starter caci y pepe?

**Todd Barry**

Caci y pepe, yeah.

**James Acaster**

With some chilli flakes on the side from Via Karota.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah yeah.

**James Acaster**

Main, Japanese curry with rice.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**Ed Gamble**

Are we going with beef or the veg?

**Todd Barry**

Oh let's go, let's go Kastu chicken on that one.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah yeah. It didn't even get a shout out in the last one, another game time decision.

**Todd Barry**

I know. Yeah yeah. Extra hot, extra hot curry. Extra spicy.

**James Acaster**

Extra hot. Five out of five. Side, fries. From?



**Todd Barry**

Yeah, oh god. I would, oh god, who has good fries? I don't know. Can I not know?

**James Acaster**

Yeah you can just have the best, the finest fries

**Todd Barry**

Yeah send me your finest, I trust you. Look Google it, yelp it up, google it.

**Ed Gamble**

But well done fries.

**James Acaster**

Yeah well done fries. Yeah, crispy. Drink, iced tea.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah!

**James Acaster**

It says here half and half lemon and lime.

**Todd Barry**

Half, not Half and Half the milk, the half sweet, half not, unsweet

**James Acaster**

Half sweet tea, half unsweet tea,

**Todd Barry**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

There's loads of lemons in there and a lime.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah sure, why not.

**James Acaster**

There's a vanilla icing iced vanilla cake, served to you by Vanilla Ice. In his bare hands because you know you can trust him, not even a plate, just the cake directly onto his hands and you

**Ed Gamble**

And you eat it off his hands

**James Acaster**

Like a horse

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah

**James Acaster**

He keeps a flat palm for you.

**Todd Barry**

I'd let, yeah I'd let him serve me the cake. Great.





**Ed Gamble**

Perfect, that sounds like the perfect end to the meal.

**James Acaster**

And Iced-T will serve you the iced tea.

**Todd Barry**

Yeah, I mean I didn't know we were getting into that

**James Acaster**

I think it's fine. And then Ice Cube serves you the iced water at the beginning.

**Todd Barry**

Sure

**Ed Gamble**

This is more rappers than we've ever had

**James Acaster**

Yeah, McPoppadom gives you the poppadom

**Todd Barry**

DJ Fries

**James Acaster**

Yeah, DJ fries comes in

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah. Always nice to see DJ Fries popping up. Thank you very much for coming to the Dream Restaurant.

**Todd Barry**

Thanks! This was fun.

**James Acaster**

Thank you Todd.

**Todd Barry**

Oh, I guess that's it.

**Ed Gamble**

Yep.

**Todd Barry**

Bye!

**Ed Gamble**

Todd Barry there!

**James Acaster**

What a great menu!

**Ed Gamble**

Great menu



**James Acaster**

Great guy.

**Ed Gamble**

Great guy, great menu and, did not say candy mice.

**James Acaster**

Thank you very much for not saying candy mice Todd. He said he had a lovely vanilla cake with some vanilla icing.

**Ed Gamble**

Yes he did. Very delicious.

**James Acaster**

and there are no rappers called Candy Mice.

**Ed Gamble**

No there aren't, as far as I'm aware.

**Ja**

Although, good rapper name

**Ed Gamble**

It is quite a good rapper name.

**James Acaster**

I'd call myself Candy Mouse.

**Ed Gamble**

Candy Mouse yeah, Kandy with a K?

**James Acaster**

No no I think there's not enough, too many rappers change the Cs to the Ks, I'll be Candy Mouse

**Ed Gamble**

S of the mouse is a dollar sign?

**James Acaster**

Yep. Absolutely the S of the mouse is a dollar sign. Thank you for that.

**Ed Gamble**

And the E, and the E is the euro sign.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, just to keep it currency.

**Ed Gamble**

Whoa. Whoa whoa whoa.

**James Acaster**

Yeah, that'll really stick it to the leave voters.

**Ed Gamble**

And the Y of Candy is yen.



**James Acaster**

Ah great. Now I'm trying to think of other

**Ed Gamble**

And the C of Candy is cent.

**James Acaster**

Very good.

**Ed Gamble**

And the D of Candy is dong. But I don't know what the sign for dong is.

**James Acaster**

Okay

**Ed Gamble**

But it could be.

**James Acaster**

Yeah.

**Ed Gamble**

Anyway, this is the sort of riff we normally have off air.

**James Acaster**

I enjoyed it on air that time, that was really good. There was a point I thought, he's gonna do the whole thing.

**Ed Gamble**

Yeah I thought I could do too but I ran out of currencies that I now. So thank you very much for coming into the Dream Restaurant Todd, that was a wonderful menu. If you enjoyed the sound of Todd, you probably know Todd's work already. But he does have a Netflix special available now, a new Netflix special called Spicy Honey.

**James Acaster**

Yeah get on there and watch it. I think he's got some other specials on there as well, I don't know if The Crowd Work

**Ed Gamble**

I think that's on there.

**James Acaster**

I think that's on there. You can watch Todd do Crowd Work. If it's not on there you canoff menu todd probably find it somewhere else on the internet.

**Ed Gamble**

Yes, he's also got a book out called Thank You for Coming to Hattiesburg. So check that out as well. He's a very prolific and very funny man.

**James Acaster**

Excellent stuff.

**Ed Gamble**

What we got going on James?



**James Acaster**

Oh not much just really us doing this, hanging out with you and Benito, oh

**Ed Gamble**

See you next week!

