



Off Menu – Ep136– Fatiha El-Ghorri

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast where we take chat, we take humour, we take good times and we put them in the pestle and mortar and we crush them into a podcast paste. Hello James.

James Acaster

I'm the pestle and Ed's the mortar.

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast, reducing the honey of humour in the pan of good times and glazing the ham of success.

James Acaster

Wow. Of success. Finally, we acknowledge our own success on the podcast.

Ed Gamble

Yes, glazing the ham of success, the Off Menu podcast.

James Acaster

It's a successful podcast, and we're not shy about it anymore.

Ed Gamble

No, and also I was just thinking about ham quite a lot, to be honest.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, you thought about how ham is a successful meat, it's done well for itself.

Ed Gamble

It's done so well for itself, ham. Although we don't think about big glazed hams until Christmas time really, do we?

James Acaster

Not really. I'm not sure, how much do I love a glaze? I guess, as long as the glaze, like, really makes the outside, we have a crispy outside, then I'm happy with it. Otherwise, glazed just makes me think, I don't want it too sweet, the ham, you know?

Ed Gamble

No, but it's just the outside. I do like a glazed ham.

James Acaster

Yes, yes. Well, listen, if you don't like this sort of conversation, you're listening to the wrong podcast.

Ed Gamble

It's good stuff.

James Acaster

That's Ed Gamble there, he likes a glazed ham. My name is James Acaster. This is our dream restaurant. We're welcoming a guest into it, and we're going to ask them their favourite starter, main course, dessert, side dish, drink, not in that order. And this week our guest is Fatiha El-Ghorri.

Ed Gamble

Fatiha El-Ghorri. She is a wonderful stand-up comedian.



James Acaster

So funny.

Ed Gamble

So funny, I've gigged with her many times. She's newer, would you say, James? A newer comedian?

James Acaster

Newer, but, you know, we're old men now.

Ed Gamble

We are. These young bucks all coming through.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

But no, she's absolutely wonderful and we would urge you to seek out everything that she does, if you look her up on Twitter and Instagram and all that stuff, and on YouTube, James.

James Acaster

100%. Get on all those, you know. All you young kids with your socials. We're old men, we don't know. Well, we're not old men, I'm not going to lead into the old man thing too much, but you know.

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

You know. We're actually pretty cool.

Ed Gamble

We're actually pretty cool.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And we're not 40 yet.

James Acaster

No, we're not 40 yet. I cannot emphasise that enough.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

However, listen, I'm very excited that Fatiha is on the podcast, but if she says the secret ingredient, an ingredient which we deem to be gross, then we do have to chuck her out of the dream restaurant. That's a rule for everybody.

Ed Gamble

No matter how much of a young buck they are.

James Acaster



Yes.

Ed Gamble

And this week's secret ingredient is, supermarket guacamole.

James Acaster

Supermarket guac.

Ed Gamble

Guac. We're just going with guac, are we?

James Acaster

Supermarket guac. I think this might have even been my idea.

Ed Gamble

Potentially.

James Acaster

I feel like this is my idea.

Ed Gamble

Benito shaking his head.

James Acaster

What? No, this was my idea.

Ed Gamble

Well, I think maybe what's happened is, is someone else had the idea, you've thought that's a good idea and you've decided to say it's your idea.

James Acaster

That's the same thing.

Ed Gamble

No, that's not the same thing. This is how you've done all your shows in the past, they've all come from ideas from Twitter.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

That you've taken, you've thought, 'That's a good idea, I'll say it's my idea.'

James Acaster

Yes. It's not Richard Monroe's (ph 03.05) idea.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Richard Monroe came up with supermarket guacamole and cold lasagne, I hate myself 1999.

James Acaster

Yes, because full credit where it's due. That guy, he came up with the concept for this podcast.

Ed Gamble

Yes. He's a clever guy.



James Acaster

He's a clever guy. Thank you, Richard Monroe.

Ed Gamble

Thank you, Bluesdale.

James Acaster

Supermarket guac, mate. I mean, look, it is bad.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it's bad.

James Acaster

Fresh guac, delicious.

Ed Gamble

Fresh guac every day.

James Acaster

All those fresh ingredients, maybe some citrusy lime has been squeezed in there, you know, some fresh chilli, give it a bit of a kick. Lovely creamy, fresh guacamole, fresh avocados. Supermarket guac is just diarrhoea, green diarrhoea.

Ed Gamble

Green diarrhoea. It's Shrek's diarrhoea.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And what sort of thing would Shrek say while he was making the guacamole, do you think?

James Acaster

Oh, donkey, I shouldn't have eaten that avocado. Oh, donkey, pass me the toilet, I need the toilet fast, donkey. Oh. Oh, Shrek, I'm doing a mighty big, green diarrhoea.

Ed Gamble

Yes, so that's what we don't want Fatiha to say. We don't want her to say supermarket guac, a.k.a. Shrekarrhoea.

James Acaster

Shrekarrhoea. Hashtag Shrekarrhoea.

Ed Gamble

Hashtag Shrekarrhoea. Do you like Shrekarrhoea with your nachos?

James Acaster

Oh, imagine that. Imagine Shrekarrhoea on your nachos.

Ed Gamble

Even in a Shrek themed restaurant, and they said, 'What do you want with your nachos?' And you say, 'Guacamole,' and they bring over a big green butt.

James Acaster

Yes. Oh no.



Ed Gamble

And they press a button and it does Shrekarrhoea all over the nachos.

James Acaster

Shrekarrhoea all over it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Do you want cheese? No, I'm fine.

Ed Gamble

No, I'm fine, thank you.

James Acaster

Yes, leave it there, I don't even want to know where you're getting everything from.

Ed Gamble

Put the big donkey away. So, no thank you to the supermarket guac from Fatiha, thank you very much. Hopefully she won't say it. Very much looking forward to hearing the Off Menu menu of Fatiha El-Ghorri.

James Acaster

Fatiha El-Ghorri.

Ed Gamble

Welcome, Fatiha, to the dream restaurant.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Thank you for having me. I'm so excited, I can't wait to start eating.

James Acaster

Welcome, Fatiha El-Ghorri, to the dream restaurant. We've been expecting you for some time.

Ed Gamble

There he is, the genie.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Thank you.

Ed Gamble

Were you aware that there was going to be a genie in this restaurant, Fatiha?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, I wasn't, and I'm very happy to see him. He's very cute. I'm disappointed that he's not blue.

James Acaster

In terms of, like, a favourite colour to have a genie, is blue your favourite colour for a genie to be?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Well, the only genie I've ever seen is the one in Aladdin. He's my comparison. So, yes, should be blue really. So, you've got to sort that out, James.



James Acaster

Using the colours of the rainbow, what would you rank favourite colour for a genie to be to worst colour for a genie to be?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Red is definitely the worst colour, and I think the best one, I think blue's nice, isn't it? It's, like, a cool, calming colour.

James Acaster

Ed?

Ed Gamble

I don't think I know all the, I'm just trying to work out the colours in the rainbow.

James Acaster

Orange, yellow, green.

Ed Gamble

Right, orange, yes, is that the order? How do you remember them?

James Acaster

Richard of York gave battle in vain.

Ed Gamble

So, Richard is red.

James Acaster

Yes. Oh, Jesus.

Ed Gamble

Of, do we count the 'of'?

James Acaster

Yes, yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Orange.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Orange.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

York is yellow, obviously.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Gave is green.

James Acaster

Yes.



Ed Gamble

B is blue. Is there blue in there, because sometimes, like, you don't get blue Smarties, I don't know if they appear in the rainbow or not.

James Acaster

Okay, because, well, Skittles is taste the rainbow.

Ed Gamble

Oh yes, but do you get a blue Skittle?

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

So that's mad for a start.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think we should do an episode where we just cuss out Skittles for not having a blue one.

James Acaster

Yes, I'll happily, I'll stand by you on that. I'll cuss out Skittles. Any other confectionery you want to cuss out before we?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

James Acaster

We really get into it?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I swear purple is in the rainbow too.

James Acaster

Indigo, violet, in vain.

Ed Gamble

Oh no, but that's not purple.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh, is it indigo?

James Acaster

Well yes, but that's pretty much purple, isn't it? Indigo, well it's, like, pink and purple, isn't it?

Ed Gamble

What, is indigo pink?

James Acaster

Well.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, James. I have got on pink lipstick, look. Does that look like purple?



Ed Gamble

Are we the thickest people to ever record a podcast? We're literally just sat here trying to work out what colour indigo is.

James Acaster

I mean, it's January the 4th, for the listeners, when we're recording this, and I guess we're just all really burnt out. We don't know anything.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You guys are. Look, I'm wearing yellow today, because, in place of the sun, because there's no sun outside. Can you believe I've got all my front room lights on. It's a joke, isn't it? A proper joke. I've got, like, twenty windows in my living room and I've had to put the lights on. Like, what the hell.

James Acaster

Wow. Do you live in a greenhouse? How have you got twenty windows in your living room?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, twenty minus fourteen. I was just exaggerating.

Ed Gamble

By quite some distance actually.

James Acaster

Yes. All your lights on as well. Like, how many lights are we talking in that room?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Four.

James Acaster

Wow.

Ed Gamble

Right, I'll just reduce that by three, given your over exaggeration.

James Acaster

That's one, a candle.

Ed Gamble

You've got one light and no windows.

James Acaster

You're saying that you like to wear happy colours when it's, you know, dismal outside and stuff like that. Would you maybe wear an outfit that is just all the colours of a packet of Skittles?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I've got hijabs in all the colours of the Skittles.

James Acaster

Right.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Apart from this indigo business, I don't know what that is. I've got a purple one. And today, because we're doing a food one, I'm dressed like a custard, what is it, a rhubarb and custard sweet. Look, yellow and red, isn't it, yellow and red.



James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

See?

Ed Gamble

Was that deliberate? This morning, you woke up and you were, like, I'm doing a food podcast today, I'm dressing as a rhubarb and custard?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes. I was, like, I've got to do something bright. I didn't want to wear, like, my black hijab. I was, like, I don't like dark chocolate. Dark chocolate is the devil and I was, like, oh what else. Black pudding I can't eat, because it's got pig in it. So, I was just crossing off all these things, trying to match my hijabs.

Ed Gamble

All the black foods.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I mean, I guess just anything burnt really, but you don't want to be dressing like that.

James Acaster

An olive?

Ed Gamble

Olive. Black olives, how do you feel about that?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I don't like black olives. I like the green ones. You know I'm Moroccan. In Morocco we've got, like, red olives, we've got white olives, we've got green olives, yellow, all different colours. So, I like those ones, I don't like the black ones.

James Acaster

In Morocco, is the slogan for olives 'taste the rainbow'? Is that what you were going to say, Ed?

Ed Gamble

Yes. Literally the same person now.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, but it should be.

James Acaster

We're literally, oh God, it's depressing. We're the same person. We're the same person.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think you two should apply to change the slogan of Morocco to that.

James Acaster

Yes.



Fatiha El-Ghorri
Taste the olives.

James Acaster
Taste the olives.

Fatiha El-Ghorri
Yes.

James Acaster
Getting rid of the word 'rainbow', just 'taste the olives'.

Ed Gamble
The slogan for olives in Morocco should be 'taste the olives'. It's straight forward, I like it.

James Acaster
So, we always start, Fatiha, with still or sparkling water. How are you feeling, have you got a preference?

Fatiha El-Ghorri
Absolutely. Like, definitely still, 100,000%, and it has to be, like, icy, you know when the glass looks solid because it's so icy, and sparkling water is the devil's son, that is it. So, dark chocolate is the devil and sparkling water is its baby son. I hate it, it's disgusting. For real, like, don't you think it tastes like aspirin? That's what it reminds me of, aspirin, dissolving. You know when you were little and you were sick and your mum would say you have to have a tablet, or whatever, and then they put aspirin, the dissolvable one, and make you drink it? That is what that shit tastes like. It's nasty. Boycott it. Can we cuss it out after we cuss out Skittles for not having a blue Skittle?

Ed Gamble
We can put it on your cuss list, no problem.

James Acaster
Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri
Alright, let's make a cuss list. Right, so that's cuss number two. Sparkling water is disgusting.

James Acaster
Is it number two, or is it number three? Dark chocolate's been cussed out, I'd say.

Fatiha El-Ghorri
Oh yes, okay, three.

Ed Gamble
Yes, that's a triple cuss so far. We're not even past the water.

James Acaster
If dark chocolate is the devil and the son of the devil is sparkling water, who was the mummy in that situation?

Ed Gamble
Who's mummy devil?

James Acaster
What did dark chocolate breed with in order to give birth to sparkling water?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Celery. That's another devil. Spawn of the devil. It is, it's disgusting.

Ed Gamble

Oh hang on, but it's the spawn of the devil. Fatiha, we need to get this family tree sorted, because you're saying that celery is the spawn of the devil and yet also mated with the devil, dark chocolate, to make sparkling water?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No. The celery is the mum, okay.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, the celery mated with the dark chocolate and then it made that shit, which is sparkling water, that's how it is.

James Acaster

Right.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Celery's nasty. It's, like, peppery, it's all water, there's strings in it. What is that all about? It's like something you'd find in your plughole, isn't it? Like, I'm, like, no, that's disgusting. I'm sorry, all the stringy bits and, yuck. No.

Ed Gamble

There is string in it. I mean, celery is one of the things I don't really like, like I wouldn't often have raw celery. But I use it in cooking a lot, you chop it up and put it in, sort of, stews and casseroles and stuff, it works really well, it takes that taste away.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, this is the problem, I do use it a lot. This is another issue. Because we use it a lot in Moroccan cooking. So, we have a soup that we make called Harira, and we make it usually during Ramadan, and it's got, like, chickpeas, meat, coriander, parsley, like, vermicelli, is it called, or vermicelli. It's, like, spaghetti, but they're tiny, they're like that.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And all that, it's got all lentils as well, and we put that in it. But what I do is, I either blend it to hell, right, or I actually kill the devil's wife, that's what I do, like, I kill her. Or I, like, chop it up in big bits and put it in, and then when the food's cooked, when I'm serving it I can see the big bits, so I make sure they don't go onto anybody's plate. Ed's looking at me like I'm crazy.

Ed Gamble

Well no, I'm just thinking, there's two wildly different things there that you're doing. You're either blending it so everyone gets it all of the time, or you're putting massive bits in and taking them out completely.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

But, when you blend it, the stringy bits get mashed up, so you don't get any of the string in there, do you know what I'm saying?



Ed Gamble

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, yes, they all get destroyed, so it's okay. So, I either do that, I either blend it or I put it in whole and then pick it out.

Ed Gamble

Does that still impart some flavour then?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It does, like a peppery, warm flavour. And then if I make it, if I put whole ones in there, when I sieve them out I crush them before I put them in the bin, just to make sure they're 100% dead, because I really hate it, like, it's disgusting.

James Acaster

And you tell yourself you're killing the devil's wife when you're doing it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, exactly.

Ed Gamble

Like when, I mean, I'm sure I've mentioned this before, because this is insane. I'd never heard this before, but the first time me and my wife had boiled eggs at the same time, she finished her boiled egg and put a hole in the bottom of the shell. And I said, 'Why are you doing that?' And she said, 'So a witch can't use it as a boat.'

James Acaster

Right, I'm pretty sure you've not mentioned that before.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh my God.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Any other explanation after that?

Ed Gamble

Yes. She was, like, 'Well, yes, you've always got to do that, that's what you do. If you don't put a hole in the bottom of the shell then a witch can use it as a boat and they can float around on it.' And I said, 'Well, that's insane, that's just not true.' Well, it's obviously not true, she didn't think it was true. But, she'd always been told as a child to put a hole in the bottom of the shell so a witch couldn't use it as a boat. And I think I even Googled it and there was, like, maybe you had to go, like, five pages down to find anything referencing a witch using an egg as a boat.

James Acaster

But, then how big is this witch?

Ed Gamble

Well, I guess she's tiny.

James Acaster



Yes. Ridiculous. Witches aren't little tiny borrower witches.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You see, now you've worried me, Ed, right, because when we make that Moroccan soup, alright, we put egg in it as well. We scramble egg.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And then we pour it in. And now I'm worried, okay, because if I don't crush that celery, that devil woman is going to get back to her husband, isn't it?

Ed Gamble

You're worried that the celery, the evil celery woman is going to get in one of the shells and row back to the dark chocolate devil?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes. Yes, and make another spawn food together.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you know what I mean? See, I like your wife. I feel like this was meant to be, for us to have this podcast, just so I can stop the spawning of the devil.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you know what I'm saying?

James Acaster

I think you probably would get on with Ed's wife, actually. I think you'd get on.

Ed Gamble

Definitely.

James Acaster

Yes. Yes, I'm pretty convinced. I didn't know that, though. I didn't know that. You know, I think I know Ed's wife fairly well by now, we've known each other for quite a few years and, while that detail doesn't surprise me, I'll just leave it at that. Poppadoms or bread? Poppadoms or bread, Fatiha El-Ghorri? Poppadoms or bread?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Bread.

Ed Gamble

Oh no, it's the devil.

James Acaster

The devil's here. The celery.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, bread. 100% all day long, bread, bread, bread. When I was younger, we used to go and visit my family in Morocco and we used to have, they still have it to this day, they have, like, public ovens. So, you make your bread at home and then you take it to the oven. So, you do it in the morning and then he says come back for lunchtime, and then you come back and collect it, and then it's all nice and warm for lunch and stuff. So, bread all day long.

Ed Gamble

That's incredible. How do you know, Fatiha, if you excuse my ignorance. How do you know that the bread you're getting back is the same bread that you made earlier in the day?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Because he puts a little mark on it, so you know it's yours. And then also, like, the tray that you give it to him in, and there's a cover that you give him so you can cover the bread with as well, that's what it is. But, one time I went to collect it and he'd burnt it, and I said to him, 'My grandma's going to have your balls for this, so you better just give me someone else's bread, otherwise, seriously, otherwise she's going to come down here and tear you in half, bruv. Just give me someone else's bread.' And then he was, like, 'No, it's going to be fine. I know your grandma.' I was, like, 'Oh right, obviously you don't.' So, I went home and showed it to my grandma and she was, like, 'If you don't come back with a different bread, don't come back at all,' and I was, like, 'Right, okay.' So, I had to go back and fight him and then he had to give me someone else's bread, so. And then that was that. It does kick off in there sometimes. Well, sometimes you get there and it's not ready, he's, like, 'Come back in fifteen minutes.' I'm, like, 'I've just made a fish tagine and it's ready,' like, 'I need the bread now.' Like, 'Do you want me to smash all these other breads up?' Like, 'Give me my bread.'

Ed Gamble

Honestly. From when you described it initially I thought that's quite a good idea.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And now, this whole system sounds completely unworkable.

James Acaster

Very violent.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

He was just being a twat, isn't it, that's all. And he didn't know who my grandma was, that was the problem, that was the biggest problem. But yes, no, it's fun. And then you go and then you walk back and you put it on your head, or whatever, or carry it on your shoulder or on your side and you walk back, and it's nice. But usually what I do is sometimes, because it would be so lovely and warm, because it's fresh, so I just pick, either from the corners or the bottom, so my grandma wouldn't see it. Because if you ate, you know, and then she'd get to the middle and go, 'There's a big hole in it.' But it's too late, we'd already eaten it.

Ed Gamble

What sort of bread.

James Acaster

I've got a question.

Ed Gamble

James, you ask your question first, I'm excited to hear it.



James Acaster

Okay. How would you smash all the other breads up?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

How would I? I'd punch a hole right in the middle of them. Or, if you just poke your finger into the bread, that just spoils the whole thing, isn't it, that's what you do. Like, just bang, like that.

Ed Gamble

So, you wouldn't even punch a hole through it, you'd go around everyone else's bread and you'd just stick your finger through the middle?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, everywhere. All over it, just so, like, it's got little pimples everywhere, I'd just go, 'tick, tick, tick,' like that. And then, nobody would eat that bread, isn't it, do you know what I mean? Or, you could lick it, that's another thing, and then no one will definitely eat stuff you've licked, trust me. Even pre Covid, people wouldn't do that. I do. If I drop shit on the floor, I pick it up, I don't care. Unless it's, like, in public, and then I just rub it in my hijab, clean it in my hijab, and then I eat it.

James Acaster

Yes. That's good, good answer.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I know. I bet you're glad we're not close now, doing this, isn't it? I bet you're glad I'm not in the studio. Like, 100% germs.

James Acaster

Yes, that's why I said to Ben, 'Let's do this over Zoom.'

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

This man, what's your relationship with him, do you think? How do you think he talks about you to his friends?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh, he probably hates us. He's probably like, 'Here comes that bitch and her bitch grandma, they're all bitches, the family of bitches.' That's what he's like, I'm telling you. She'd drive him mad, go in there and drive him proper mad, yes. No, he hates us.

Ed Gamble

Now, the breads that are being brought, are they all, sort of, broadly the same sort of bread, or are people bringing little different recipes they're trying out?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, usually it's the same sort of bread. So, it's just round, it's a big, round bread. It's got, like, a shell. You know, like, how a baguette is a bit hard on the outside? But it's not, it's a tiny bit, but not too, too much hard, just a little bit hard.

James Acaster

Are we writing down 'round bread' as your bread course here?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, round Moroccan bread, we call it Moroccan bread. And there's other stuff people take to him, like, you can make a tagine and take it, like, a fish one, and take it to him and he'll cook it in there for you, and then you come and collect it and stuff like that.

Ed Gamble

But I don't trust this guy. You've already told me he's completely unreliable (TC 00:20:00). I'm not taking him my fish tagine. No, if my family are, like, 'Oh, you're cooking today, Ed,' I'm not taking this guy my fish tagine, for god's sake.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, trust me, he will do his job, because my grandma will murder him, like, legit. In the middle of the whole estate, she'll murder him. We used to live on, like, an estate, and yes, she'll murder him, so no, and she'll put him in the bloody tagine, I'm telling you. She'll take over his business as well, so he better just watch himself.

James Acaster

Well this is, kind of, my fear. This is my fear, is that, as someone who, you know, I'm not related to your grandmother. If I bought my fish tagine or some bread to this guy, I'd think, well what if he pisses off Fatiha's grandma and then Fatiha and her grandma are killing him and, like, punching holes in all the bread and then, like, I've got to go and get my bread and it's just, like, you've put your fingers in the middle of it and slashed in the tagine and everything. I'm, like, well, this is the worst.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That is very much a probability, I'm telling you. But there's loads of other, like, on the estate and in the area, there's loads of other ones you can go to. We just used to go to him because he's quite close. I think that's why my grandma used to go there, because she knew if he messed anything up, she could just chase him down, like, quick time, do you know what I mean?

James Acaster

So, because he's the most scared, that's why she chooses him. There's a lot of other people who could do the same thing, but he's the most scared, he's the biggest wimp, so she chooses him?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, probably. She's mental. God only knows, like, honestly, I'm telling you. She used to mix me and my younger sister up, and I'd say to her, 'Grandma,' like, because I look younger than my younger sister, and I'd say, 'Grandma', and my sister's name's Hafida (ph 21.38) and I'd say, 'No, grandma, it's me, Fatiha.' And she'd go, 'No, you're Hafida,' and I'm, like, 'No, I'm not.' And then she used to whack me with her walking stick, and I'm, like, 'Have you gone mad?'

James Acaster

Like Yoda?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

She's, like, 'Stop lying to me.' Yes, she'd go 'whoo-tch', right on your head. Sometimes it would just come out of nowhere. I'm, like, honestly, you'll have your back turned to her, I'll be doing something and she'll just whack me, and I'll go, 'What are you doing?' And she'll be, like, 'What are you doing?' I'm, like, 'Can you not just ask me that verbally, why do you have to hit me, like ?'



Ed Gamble

So, did she think you were trying to play a trick on her, where you were your sister pretending to be you?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, that's what she thought. And I'm telling her, I'm, like, 'No.' And my aunts are there, hello, there's, like, five of them, going to her 'Auntie,' or, 'Mum, she is, that is Fatiha,' and she was, like, 'You are all liars.' And I'm, like, 'Okay, here we go.' And then we all get the walking stick, so, it's a mad house in my house.

Ed Gamble

Is there any point trying to dodge the walking stick, or do you all, at that point, just put your heads in a line so she can just run along and, like, hit all your heads?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, you just have to submit, because she will get you. If you don't take that first one, she's going to give you two when she catches you. So, just take the first one, take the hit, and then it won't happen again for the rest of the day. Until the next day, where she has the same idea again. Mad.

James Acaster

Man, with all this information now, I think that guy, going back to the first encounter you described with this man, where it was burnt and he went, 'Your grandmother, I know your grandmother, she'll be fine with that.' What was he on about?

Ed Gamble

Yes, what was that guy thinking?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Exactly. I think he was just trying to fool me. Big mistake.

James Acaster

Yes, big mistake. Also, what I like, is that you said you want Moroccan round bread.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Now, I always think Moroccan flatbread. So, Moroccan flatbread gets a lot of credit. But, is this unfair? Is the Moroccan round bread really where it's at?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Well, the Moroccan round bread is the one we have with most meals.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, that flatbread, you'd have it for breakfast, or you'd have it for, like, a little snack. Say, like, when you tea down and then you put cakes and that, that's when you'd put that down. There's another one we call pan bread as well, it's called batbout, that's how you say it, and it's like, it's like a pitta bread. You know if you warm up a pitta bread and it starts to get big like that, that's, kind of like, what happens to it, and then you cut it open and you fill it with stuff and it's really nice. But the round bread is the one you would eat with most meals, like, with a tagine and stuff, or you would make a sandwich, you'd use that one.



Ed Gamble

I had to stop making pitta bread. Not from scratch, but just using pitta breads at home, because I'd put them in the toaster and I'd burn my face every single time.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I'm always burning my hands on steam anyway, because I'm ridiculous, like, I'll proper put my head over the pan like this and then open it. I'm such an animal. And then it's, like, cooking, and I'm eating from it, and my mum's, like, 'Fatiha, you are a pig,' you know what I mean, and all that. And I'm just, like, honestly. And she used to say to me, she used to say, 'If you eat food while it's cooking on the pan, it means it's going to rain on your wedding day.' That's what she used to say. Honestly. So, you think, you know, your wife's got some made stories, her and my mum should, like, meet up.

Ed Gamble

It did actually rain on our wedding day, Fatiha, so.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You've been eating from pans while they're cooking, that's why.

James Acaster

I think you've definitely been eating from them, I mean, there's no way Ed hasn't been eating from the pan.

Ed Gamble

Oh, yes, I eat from pans when they're steaming all of the time. You've got to taste your food as it goes along.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Exactly, and sometimes I just get so hungry and I haven't got time to put it on a plate so I just eat it there, it just saves time, but my mum doesn't like it. But anyway, just to set the record, I did, I got married twice and it didn't rain on any of the days, just to let you know, I mean, they rained on my life but it didn't rain on the wedding day, do you know what I'm saying?

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I don't think you necessarily proved your mum wrong in that, you know, you've got married twice, I think that's sort of the broad point she was making is don't do that otherwise bad stuff will happen.

James Acaster

So, you want Moroccan round bread from The Scared Man?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Okay. Your dream starter.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Okay, this is crazy because we've just, kind of, a little bit been talking about it but my dream starter is Hovis Granary bread or Multi-seed toast with butter, that's my favourite thing in the whole world. Do you know what? I've got a toaster, do you know where it is? It's still in the box, okay? I don't use it because if I used my toaster I would eat bread every mother fucking day, do you know what I mean? Like three times a day, I'd eat it three times a day, can you imagine what my poo would be



like? It would be a brick, I just couldn't do it, so I can't. But that's my favourite food, like sometimes I go to the café and I'm like, 'Can I have toast?' And they're like, 'No,' and I'm like, 'What do you mean?' And they're like, 'It's nine o'clock, get out,' and I'm like, 'Okay.' As in 09:00pm not am, obviously they'd have to give it to me if it was am.

James Acaster

You're going to the (ph 26.24) café in the evening, try and get some toast.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, I'm like, 'Please, can I have a bit of toast? I'll do anything for a bit of toast, please sir,' and they're like, 'We're going to call the police.' That's my favourite starter, that is my favourite.

Ed Gamble

I'll be honest, it's a surprise, you know, the bread selection, I was like, 'Well, we've been transported to Morocco, we have heard about lots of different foods already,' I was like, 'Where are we going for the starter? It's going to be some delicious dish I've never heard of before,' and you've gone with more boring bread.

James Acaster

More bread.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I love bread but I can give you another starter if you prefer another one?

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

No, that's your starter, this is your dream meal, if you want Hovis Granary buttered toast straight after your round Morocco bread, then that's exactly what you're having.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, that's what I want.

James Acaster

This toaster-,

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Did you buy it or did someone buy it for you?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, my mum bought it for me and it's got four slices, how evil is that? How are you going to give me a toaster with four slices? I live on my own, do you know what I'm saying? You're deliberately trying to kill me now. Yes, it's just in the box. I've never used it, it's in the box in the cupboard, like, I just can't because I will eat toast every day. You don't understand. It's an addiction. I need help.

James Acaster

So, if you did plug that toaster in, how many slices of toast do you think you'd eat throughout the day, but also how many per sitting are you having?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think per sitting, I'd probably have six.

James Acaster

Okay.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I know that's a lot, isn't it? That's a lot.

James Acaster

It's a lot.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

But that's what I'm saying, it's an addiction. I need to go to the-, what's that place called? Is it The Ivy? Is that where they do the rehab? Is it The Ivy? What is it called?

Ed Gamble

I don't think it's The Ivy.

James Acaster

No, that's the last place you want to go if you've got a food addiction is The Ivy because that is a restaurant.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

What's that place called, then? The Priory, that's it.

Ed Gamble

Yes, The Priory, not-,

Fatiha El-Ghorri

See, it does sound like The Ivy, they've got the same letters in there, apart from the v.

James Acaster

Yes, all the same letters, yes. So, yes, you're going to The Priory. So don't turn up to The Ivy and go, 'You've got to help me, I can't stop eating toast,' and they'll be like, 'You came to the right place, come on in.'

Ed Gamble

'We've got toast.'

James Acaster

'She loves toast, this one.'

Ed Gamble

Fatiha, if you took The Scared Man four slices of Hovis Granary, would he toast them for you?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, he would but he'd probably try to bump me, he'd be like, 'What bread is this? What's this? This isn't Moroccan bread. I'll do it for you but it'll cost £1 a slice,' that's what he'd say and then I'd punch him in his face for being stupid.

James Acaster

Do you think you're on the verge of that though? Do you think that by keeping your toaster in the box aren't you risking one day going down to The Scared Man with an armful of Hovis and being



like, 'Please, just toast this all for me?' And paying £1 a slice for the whole loaf until you've basically overpaid for it and then punching the scared man in the face at the end?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I am on the verge. Honestly, I just open the cupboard sometimes and I'll just stare at it. I can't even buy butter, honestly, I can't, I just can't buy butter even because I will go mad with it.

Ed Gamble

How much butter are we talking on to the toast? What are you doing?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh, it has to be nice, it has to be soaked in and the toast has to be crispy, none of that soft shit, like, when you spread it it goes, 'Shh,' like that, do you know what I mean? It has to be like that. And you have to do it all to the edges as well, none of this bollocks, just in the middle, what is that all about? All the way to the edges and then ah, ah. Sometimes I cut it in half, not this diagonal bullshit and then ah, ah.

James Acaster

Okay. Why don't you like diagonal? Why is that bullshit?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I don't like it, it looks odd, I just don't like the look of it. And then if you cut it diagonally and if you try to bite the middle of the toast your cheeks get dirty and I don't like that shit.

Ed Gamble

But why would you start from the middle, is my question?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I don't know.

Ed Gamble

You'd start on the point, surely, start on the point and work your way in?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's how I eat sandwiches. If it's a diagonal sandwich, I eat one corner, the other corner and then the middle, but I don't know, toast, I just see it in films all the time, they always go to the middle. I'm like, 'Are you stupid?'

Ed Gamble

But that doesn't mean you would have to do that, if you were eating diagonal toast. You don't have to eat the middle because that's what they do in films.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I know, I don't know why-, I think, you know what, because people don't like crusts, but I like the crusts. Even on pizza, I like the crust. I keep the crust and I dip it into whatever and eat it. So, when I was growing up there, was a rumour that all the vitamins of the bread are in the crust, so that's why you should eat the crust.

Ed Gamble

A hairy chest was what I was told, you've got to eat your crusts otherwise you won't get a hairy chest.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Well, that explains a lot, do you know what I'm saying, guys? I thought it was because I was Arab, obviously not, it's because I'm eating, like, toast to the crust like a dickhead, do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

I ate all my crusts and I am as bald as a dolphin.

James Acaster

Little dolphin boy.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I wish I had that problem. I wish I had that problem.

James Acaster

I watched that Beatles documentary over Christmas, Get Back, and there's a bit in it where they're in the studio and John Lennon is eating some toast. It just seems like butter and toast, and that's like a pretty normal cheap bread, and two things happened with it. When he was eating it, A, it looked delicious, but also, in my stupid head, I was like, 'Wow, John Lennon just eating some toast.' That was what I think the effect of most of that documentary had on people is we were thinking it was absolutely amazing because it was the Beatles and can't believe The Beatles are doing that, but it's just stuff that you'd have to do every day to function anyway, he's just grabbing a quick bite while he's at work, having some toast but I was like, 'I can't believe John Lennon just ate some toast,' I thought it was amazing.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That is why he's a legend, fuck his music it's because of the toast.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, where do you stand on this, Fatiha, for Christmas I bought my wife a Breville toasted sandwich maker.

James Acaster

And she smashed a hole in it as soon as she used it.

Ed Gamble

It would be a good ship for a witch.

James Acaster

Had to take it back to the shop, 'Sorry about this, my wife thought a witch was going to sail away in it.'

Ed Gamble

Honestly, like, I'd not had one for ages, a proper toasted sandwich where the edges are crimped but it's deep fill in the middle, and we have had one, no joke, every day since Christmas for, like, two straight weeks, they are amazing. If someone bought you one of those would that come out of the box?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, because, do you know what, I love cheese, I'm like a mouse, I love cheese, I will just have cheese and put egg in it, all kinds of shit.



Ed Gamble
Egg?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Sausages, yes, maybe, like-, do you know what, this is a good one, I'll tell you, if you boil the egg, cut it up and then put bread, cheese, egg, and then cheese, and then put it in that toaster thing, amazing, better than sex, bro, I'm telling you.

Ed Gamble

Bread, cheese, egg, cheese, bread. Hard boiled egg?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, do that. Or you can do, like, an omelette, you know, like scrambled egg and then put it in there and then it's amazing, mate, I'm telling you, you'll love it.

Ed Gamble

I'm going to do it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You won't leave your house.

Ed Gamble

I'm going to do it tonight, (talking over each other 32.54).

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's the last time you're going to see Ed, James, last time you're going to see him.

James Acaster

Fair enough.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Be filing a missing person's report in a few days.

Ed Gamble

Yes, because if I eat one of those it'll be the last time anyone sees me because I'll fart myself to space.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes. Do you know what, I had baked beans the other day and usually they'll make me fart and they didn't so I don't know what's going on. Honestly, I really don't. I don't know if they've changed, because I don't eat them because they make me fart a lot, and I fart a lot anyway without beans, I don't need no excuse, do you know what I mean? So, like, I don't know what's happened, I think they might have changed the recipe or something.

James Acaster

So you must fart quite a lot when you eat the baked beans normally for it to be an event in your head when you ate beans and you didn't fart, and that's, like, as a proper thing for you that you've remembered, 'I didn't fart when I had those beans, what the hell happened to me?'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, one time we were having dinner, family dinner, and I accidentally farted at the table and my mum lost her shit, she was, like, 'Fatiha, tomorrow, you go Morocco forever,' and I was like, 'Okay, mum.'



James Acaster

For farting.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It was an accident, okay.

James Acaster

Morocco forever.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, she was pissed, she was like, 'You are an animal.'

James Acaster

Did you just claim to be your sister?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It doesn't work on my mum, just that mad grandma but, yes, that's a good idea actually.

James Acaster

Good job she wasn't there, that walking stick would have gone straight up the bum.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, exactly.

James Acaster

I mean, main course, what is this going to be? More bread?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, well there will be bread in this.

James Acaster

There is bread in this, okay.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, one of my favourite, favourite dishes is, it's a Moroccan dish, so it's a tajine, and it's lamb chops and okra and it's so nice. Do you like okra?

James Acaster

Love it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So you put, like, it's a rich tomato sauce and then you put the lamb chops, and you put the okra, and it's just nice and then you eat it with your hands and the bread, you dip it in and 'Schlep,' it's really nice.

Ed Gamble

Which bread? Are we talking about round bread here or Hovis Granary?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, man, that's toast only. That one's restricted to toast, but the round bread, yes, and I know, like, some people don't like okra, it's also called lady fingers here in the UK, because it's quite slimy, but what you do is if you boil it in water, boil it before you use it or put some lemon juice and water, or vinegar and water, or just water, boil it, it won't be slimy. You can also already buy it chopped up and de-slimed from the shops and stuff. It's frozen.



James Acaster

I don't think I've ever had it slimy. People always talk about this thing that people don't like okra because it's slimy, so I've had that as a thing, I say it to people, you know, if I'm talking about okra with people, which I do, I might say, 'Yes, some people don't like it because it's too slimy,' and then I'll think in my head, I'm like, 'You've never had slimy okra in your life. What are you on about?' I just say what I've heard, you know.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it was a big rumour started by big veg when they were trying to crush okra that it goes slimy, but no one's ever seen it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I've seen it go slimy.

James Acaster

Yes?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

When say slimy, yes, I'm talking you know when you blow you nose and you pull the tissue away and then the bogey follows it, like, for ten miles, that's the kind of slime we're talking about.

James Acaster

Yes, ten-mile okra (ph 36.12).

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you know what I mean? We're talking Slimer slime, do you know what I mean?

Ed Gamble

Yes, proper ten-mile slime.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, man, it's just forever. You know like pizza cheese, it's like that, that's how slimy it gets. Is the one you're using fresh, because you usually get it in fresh stuff.

James Acaster

Well, I don't know, I've only made it at home a few times. The other times I'm just ordering it in restaurants and whatever, yes, I've never had the slime issue.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, in the restaurant they would never let it get like that because it would put people off, because it is a bit off putting.

Ed Gamble

I've had it deep fried a lot as well, so that's never slimy, but you have it almost like tempura-ed, like with a little batter on it or something, it's so delicious.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So good. And I love the different texture of it as well, like you've got the shape of it is like a star and then you've got those little balls inside and I love them. Like, I've got a little hole in my tooth, and my colleagues hate me for this, but after lunch I'm always like, 'Schlep, schlep,' like that, like a fish and they hate it, and they always get stuck in my tooth. But I only got the hole in my tooth during lockdown, I just haven't been to the dentist yet, innit?



Ed Gamble

Hang on, so you put the balls from the okra in your tooth and then you suck them out throughout the day?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Well, they just kind of go in there and then I try to suck them out throughout the day, yes. I do get them out it just takes ages, but I do. But I also see it as a treat, I'm like, 'Oh, something for later,' do you know what I'm saying?

James Acaster

When did you get the hole in your tooth? How long's this been going on for?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Since we were in the middle of the first lockdown, I just can't get a dentist's appointment, they're going to be like, 'You need 1,000 fillings.'

James Acaster

Or one, for the hole.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

They might say, 'Your whole mouth is ridiculous.'

Ed Gamble

Yes, maybe a dentist would say that actually, I can see a dentist just looking in your mouth and going, 'Your whole mouth's ridiculous.'

James Acaster

'Your whole mouth is ridiculous.'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

When I get rich, not that that's ever going to happen, then I'm going to get the Rylan teeth.

James Acaster

Oh, yes?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I'm not really, I'm joking, my mum would smack me if I did that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but your mum would smack you for waking up in the morning, we've established this.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's true.

James Acaster

Sent you to Morocco forever because you farted.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's true. You see what I have to live with?

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I need to be saved, guys, someone needs to save me, please.



James Acaster

So, the round bread is coming I again, this is the same bread that you had before the meal and then you had-, let's not forget, you had toast as your starter, but now you're getting the same bread again for your main course.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Are you not going to be sick of bread at this point?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

This is the thing, we have a lot of bread in our meals, Moroccan food, it's always accompanied by bread. Like, with the okra you don't have to have it, we eat with our hands a lot. If you lot came to my house I'd probably put it on a plate for you, and serve it, and do a little bow, and a courtesy, and all that, do you know what I'm saying? As well, and all that stuff so, yes, but we usually eat with our hands so we use the bread to dip and stuff like that, but we'd also have a salad with that, so there's Moroccan vinegar. Have you ever had Moroccan vinegar?

Ed Gamble

Don't think so.

James Acaster

No.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I don't have any, I've run out. I would show it to you, it's so nice, it's really sweet, and we always have a salad, we've got a lot of vegetables in our diet and a lot of salads. Always, every meal comes with a salad, and the Moroccan salad is, like, tomato and then how you do it, you just hold the tomato like that and you just go, 'Tkk, tkk,' like that, and then you do onion, tomato and cucumber, and then you put a little bit of oil, like vegetable oil, and then the vinegar and then you mix it up like that. Then we have that, a salad, with the meals as well, and I love that, but this is the thing, see, I like the sauce. I don't like tomato. Again, tomato is the devil's child, so is onion, raw onion.

Ed Gamble

Suddenly two more children.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I know. I can't eat raw tomato and I can't eat raw onion, but I can eat them cooked. If they're cooked, I'll eat them. Do you know it reminds me-, sorry, I'm going on a bit of a tangent, it just (TC 00:40:00) reminds me, like, my aunt, right, her kids, they used to moan about eating Moroccan food, they're here and they used to moan about eating Moroccan food. Like, we'd make this nice lentil soup with onions and stuff, it's really nice, and they used to moan. If they see it, they're like, 'I'm not going to eat it,' so she used to draw the curtains, turn all the lights off and make them eat in the dark. I swear to God, right, and they would be like, 'Oh my god, mum, this is the tastiest thing ever, we love it.'

Ed Gamble

Oh, they fell for it.

James Acaster

They fell for it.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, like proper because they're dumb, that's why, like, who eats in the dark, do you know what I mean? I'm telling you.

James Acaster

What would you tell them it was, Burger King? What's going on?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, she just said, 'Eat this, just do it,' and she's like, 'Watch the cartoons and eat,' and they're stupid, were just like, 'Aah.' But it was good for them and it's tasty, so-

Ed Gamble

I don't know how the light of the cartoons didn't light up the lentils enough for them to realise they were being tricked.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I know, I don't know what-, But they were thick, innit? That's what I'm saying, they're thick.

James Acaster

Sure, sure.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Right, who does that?

James Acaster

I mean, but I guess they're looking at the cartoons, they're not really looking at what they're putting into their mouths. I mean, maybe you didn't need the whole room to be dark for that but I guess if she was worried that they'd see the food in their peripheral vision or something, so she wanted to just completely make it as dark as possible. What a trick to have to do, and then, obviously, to tell other people about it, she didn't just do that, she then told you everyone else, 'Here's what I do to make them eat their food. I turn all the lights off and draw the curtains, and then I put the cartoons on and then they don't notice the (mw 41.29) is delicious.'

Ed Gamble

It's like that restaurant, Dans le Noir, that one where you eat in the dark. Have you heard of that one, Fatiha?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, but I think I need to contact them because they're stealing my aunt's idea, do you know what I'm saying?

James Acaster

Yes, and that is one family you don't want to cross.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

How does that work? Do you go in and are you blindfolded? Is it completely black? How does it work?

Ed Gamble

It's really dark in there so you can't see what you're eating and you have to talk to people but, like, in the dark. It's weird, it's been there for ages, although our friend Matthew Crosby walked past it during one of the, sort of, lockdowns but when restaurants were allowed to open and they had outdoor tables.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

What?

Ed Gamble

Dans le Noir had outdoor tables.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I bet you my aunt's kids work there, I bet you they're the ones that came up with dumb idea, innit?

James Acaster

I hope so, if it's not them I have a feeling that you, your aunt, your mum, and your gran are going to go there for a meal, you're sitting there in the dark, the waiting staff are going to come over, 'Can I take your order?' 'Yes, how about you fucking-, get them mother fuckers,' and then all of you get up and you attack them, and then they're in the dark getting beaten up by the El-Ghorris saying, 'Who is it?'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

They knew it was going to happen.

Ed Gamble

And then they wake up and they've been sent to Morocco forever.

James Acaster

Yes, 'Watch the cartoons, mother fucker. You're going to Morocco forever now.'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think it's good, you know, like, sometimes people don't want to try different cuisines and stuff like that, sometimes it's nice. Because I don't like liver, I hate liver, that's another child of the devil, I just hate it.

Ed Gamble

It's a big family, the devil's got a big family now.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

He is.

James Acaster

Yes. On this podcast we always have a secret ingredient that if the guest says it we chuck them out, and it's an ingredient that we decide isn't very nice, maybe we should start instead of calling it the secret ingredient call it child of the devil, we should call it that? 'This week's child of the devil.'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you not like liver? But this is the problem, like, I hate it, it's disgusting but one of my cousins cooks it with-, I don't eat the liver itself but the sauce that it's cooked in is so nice, so again I just get round bread and I just dip and then, you know, that kind of thing. I'll cook it if I go round my mum's or something and she's like, 'Oh, let's cook liver,' but I won't eat it. Eurgh, it's nasty, it just tastes like iron, I might as well just have ten iron tablets, innit? What is the point? Seriously.

Ed Gamble

I love it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you?



Ed Gamble

Yes, chicken livers I love, lamb's liver with mash potato, and onion gravy, and bacon, so, so good. You've got to not overcook it, because that's why it has a bad reputation because people overcook it and it's tough as leather, but when it's perfectly cooked, when it's still a little bit pink on the lamb's liver, a little soft, succulent, delicious, and that does have that irony taste, oh, absolutely delicious.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You sound like Hannibal Lecter, man, leave it out. You do.

Ed Gamble

If that's the child of the devil then bring that child over here, I'm going to give it a kiss.

James Acaster

Is that what you would say to Hannibal Lecter, 'Leave it out?'

Ed Gamble

If it was you walking up that corridor in Silence of the Lambs, walking up to his cell, and he was stood there in the middle of his cell, what would be the first thing that you say to Hannibal Lecter?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I'd say, 'Stop your buffoonery and tell me who the killer is, otherwise you're never going to eat again, and I'm going to send you celery for the rest of your life, you little prick,' that's what I will tell him.

James Acaster

It would be a very different film.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

'Okay, sorry, yes I will, it was Buffalo Bill, Buffalo Bill did it. Bye.'

Ed Gamble

'Please don't bring your grandma.'

James Acaster

She'd be straight in the cell, 'Unlock it, I don't give a shit, you get me (ph 45.07)'. Your dream side dish.

Ed Gamble

I'm going to run to the loo very quickly, hold that thought.

James Acaster

Hold on a second.

Ed Gamble

Sorry.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I need to have a drink anyway so that's good.

James Acaster

Yes, you have a drink.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

I've got a little-, you know those cups, what are they called?

James Acaster

It seems like you've got a pint glass, what's at the bottom there, is that a beaker?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Like a science beaker, you've got a little spout on it.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

This is like the, you know the cup that you have the, 'Shh?'

James Acaster

Blenders?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, that's it, it's a blender cup.

James Acaster

Yes, it is a blender cup, isn't it? You've got the measurements on the side, and a little spout, and the attachment on the bottom and you are drinking water out of that. Why are you drinking water out of that, Fatiha? What's going on there?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Because, basically, I haven't washed the dishes today and this was the only thing I could-, I didn't want to get, like, a massive bottle of water and start chugging it in front of you, innit?

James Acaster

Sure.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Like an animal.

James Acaster

Is that what you want your water at the start of the meal, do you want that in a blender cup?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Oh, Hello, Ed.

Ed Gamble

Hello.

James Acaster

Fatiha just revealed that she's been drinking water out of the blender, she's just taken the blender.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I haven't washed the dishes today so I have to use this, see how cold the water is?



Ed Gamble

Is that the same blender that you use for celery?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, but I disinfect it and then all the hell gets out of there. And do you know what's good with this, yes? It's got the little mouth, hold on, can you see the little mouth thing, look?

Ed Gamble

Yes, but you know that's, like, a pouring thing, that's not a little mouth, that's not so you can put it in your mouth, that's not what that's there for, it's a lip on a jug.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

But you know why it's good, yes? Because, like, if your mouth is greasy then you don't have to-, you can just go like that, and then the water doesn't get contaminated. Do you see what I'm saying?

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

Oh, so if you've got a greasy mouth.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

You don't get no backwash in the water, you're just kind of like-,

James Acaster

Because you can pour it in like a jug of cream?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, exactly, that's it.

James Acaster

Yes, and you just be, like, your mouth's a bowl and it tips it in accurately as opposed to a glass where it might go everywhere. You've got the little spout which directs it might into your greasy mouth.

Ed Gamble

Fatiha, I have a question, how often is your mouth so greasy that you're drinking a glass of water and it leaves pools of grease in the water?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Very rarely. But sometimes, like, if I put lip seal on, I've got a rose lip seal and then you know lip cream, and then if I drink the water it tastes funny, I can taste it in the water, so in these situations such a cup is very handy.

James Acaster

It's quite a good life hack actually. If you've just put lipstick on and you don't want to transfer it to the glass, get yourself a jug instead, put it in there and just pour it into your mouth.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Exactly. I'm so sorry I did a little burp then, forgive me, sorry about that.

James Acaster

Go to Morocco forever.



Ed Gamble

Go to Morocco forever, that's the rules.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It was just the water, I apologise. I did a burp not a fart.

Ed Gamble

Oh, sorry.

James Acaster

So where do you go when it's a burp then?

Ed Gamble

You've got to get on the plane to Morocco and just before it takes off you can come back.

James Acaster

Yes, go to Morocco for a long weekend.

Ed Gamble

Yes. Backwash was such a big thing when I was a teenager, it's less of a thing now but I think maybe when you're teenagers you share more drinks and stuff, or you give your friends a sip of something, and backwash was always the big worry, wasn't it? Everyone was, like, 'No backwash,' and you used to have to hold the can above your head and dribble it in.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, and all that. You know, there's thirteen of us and at one point there were, like, nine of us living together in one house, so backwash is a normal thing for us. You know like I was saying when my grandma would beat us all in one line, she'd get us in a line and beat one at a time? It's the same thing, so I'll have a sip, then it goes down to my little sister and then it, you know, it goes from the oldest one so you're always getting backwash.

Ed Gamble

So the youngest one is just basically getting a cup of spit?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Exactly.

James Acaster

Crummy old spit.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's why my immunity is like that of a lion, do you know what I mean?

James Acaster

Because you're always drinking each other's spit.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, exactly. Even if we weren't related I'm sure we are now, do you know what I mean, the amount of gallons of spit (talking over each other 49.10). I'm telling you, altered my DNA, I'm telling you.

James Acaster

Dream side dish? Even though I do like talking about backwash and I agree with Ed about the how big it was when I was a-, I did learn how to drink a can without it even touching my lips, really make a performance of it as well to show to your friend that you weren't backwashing.



Ed Gamble

Yes, you've got to, you've got to learn how to pour a can from a distance otherwise you're not going to make it through your teenage years.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Okay. so one, this is my favourite side dish and it's hummus, but what it is, right, so the place where I get it from is in Edgware Road. There's a restaurant there. I think it's Syrian, the restaurant. I know it's got different names. But in that restaurant, it's called hummus Beiruti, so hummus of Beirut, and it's hummus and then in the middle, they have chopped meat, in the middle of it, and it is amazing. Amazing. Again, that would be something you'd eat with flatbread or you could just eat it with a spoon. I always eat it with flatbread when I go there because they give you flatbread with it. Have you ever had it?

James Acaster

No.

Ed Gamble

I've had it. It's so good.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Isn't it? It's just the greatest.

Ed Gamble

Like, all those restaurants along Edgware Road anyway and Lebanese restaurants and Syrian restaurants, I think it's just the best genre of food. And the hummus with-, it's lamb, more often than not, right? Like, chopped up lamb?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, it's lamb. I've seen a few places that do it with chicken but I prefer the lamb. I've seen some places do it with beef too but lamb is better because the place I get it from, it's so succulent and it just melts in your mouth. Oh my god. Like, my mouth is properly watering. Let me just get my jug. Hold on a minute.

James Acaster

Fill it up with all your saliva, give it your sisters.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It's so creamy as well because sometimes I find hummus can cut tongue. I don't know if you get that.

Ed Gamble

No, what?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No. It can cut your tongue. I find my tongue-, you know, like, when you eat, if you eat too many salt and vinegar crisps and then you get that cut on your tongue. Do you ever get that?

James Acaster

Maybe with salt and vinegar crisps, if you eat too much of those, maybe. But, like, they can feel a bit tender, the old tongue. You know, feel a bit frazzed (ph 51.14). Hummus, I would say, is one of the softest things-,



Ed Gamble

It's almost the softest food available really, isn't it?

James Acaster

Cut themselves on some hummus.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think it's like-, it's not the texture as such, there's something in it that just cuts my tongue, like, on the sides. It might be just the hole in my tooth. It might be just the scrag of tooth.

Ed Gamble

Maybe it's like-,

James Acaster

Your mouth is ridiculous. I mean, we have established that your mouth is ridiculous, if you're getting cut on hummus.

Ed Gamble

So when you say 'cut', you mean just, like, raw? It makes it feel a bit raw?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, rather than-, you're not putting hummus in your mouth and it's, like, just slicing your tongue up immediately?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

Ed Gamble

I guess it's, like, lemon juice and garlic and all of that stuff.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Maybe, yes. Maybe that. Do you know, actually this is a good question to ask you because you lot know a lot about food and that. There's coriander and there there's cilitrano [sic], is it?

Ed Gamble

Cilantro?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That's it. Are they the same thing?

James Acaster

Yes, I think so.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Because one time, right, I was at a gig. It was a corporate gig, right? They fed us and obviously they didn't have anything that was halal, because they're pricks. So I had to have, like, the vegetarian option which was fine. And it was a burrito and it had all these vegetables in, and I was eating it and as I was getting to, like, further, further down, I was like, 'This tastes like soap.' And a lot of people that have reactions to that cilitrano [sic], say it tastes like soap. And then I said to a woman, I said, 'Oh I think there's something wrong with this, it tastes like soap.' And she goes, 'No, you're having a reaction to it.' And I got all these lumps in my mouth and I was panicking because I had to perform. Do you know what I mean? And I was drinking, like, gallons of water. I was like, 'Oh my god. Oh my



god.' And it was okay in the end but I was panicking. But I don't understand because I cook with coriander all the time, I eat it. I just don't understand what was wrong with that one. It might be the way they cooked it, I don't know.

Ed Gamble

Do you use it raw ever? Or is it mainly cooked?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Both.

Ed Gamble

Both? Weird.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Both. You know what I do? I use that beaker cup and then I get it and I get parsley as well, and I zhuzh it so it goes really tiny. And then I put it in a bag and I put it in my freezer. So whenever I want to cook with it, I just take a bit out and put it in.

Ed Gamble

Do you have any other cups? Because at the moment, you're using that cup for everything.

James Acaster

Yes, that cup's coming up a lot.

Ed Gamble

I mean, do you have a toilet? What's going on? Are you just-, literally, everything goes in that cup?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Do you know what? It's funny you should say that, right, because I live near a railway bridge. So whenever people say to me, 'Where do you live?' I say, 'I'm a troll. I live under the bridge.' And they usually give me money so-, no, I'm joking, they don't. They don't, they just never come to my house, that's all.

Ed Gamble

You were definitely going to tell another story there, Fatiha.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I can't remember.

Ed Gamble

Well, I asked if you weed in the cup, as a joke, and then you said, 'I've got story actually. I live near a railway bridge.' And I was intrigued to see where this was going.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That was it. I just live near a railway bridge.

James Acaster

That's not a story.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And then when people ask me, I always go, 'I live down there, under the box,' and then, yes, they feel sorry for me, that's all. I just make them believe that I'm a troll, that's all.

Ed Gamble

I really thought we were going to get a story about you taking a piss in that cup.



Fatiha El-Ghorri

No. Are you mad? No. But when I was younger, I'll tell you, I do have a story and when I was younger, I used to be obsessed with water. So, like, I would just drink from the toilet.

Ed Gamble

What?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And my mum would lock the door. I know, this is so embarrassing.

Ed Gamble

James' face then, was honestly the most surprised I've ever-

James Acaster

It's just how-, when Fatiha tells stories, she doesn't tell the main bit of the story. She tells the whole bit of the story, the same as each other. So there's no, kind of, teeing something up and here's the main thing. It's just the normal stuff and the headline, is all said the same. So just like, 'When I was younger, I was obsessed with water so I used to drink out the toilet.' And it's just, like, it's all the same. And there's nothing, there's no flagging up that, here comes this. It's just, 'There you go. I used to drink out the toilet, like a little doggy.'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, I legit did. Like, my mum would just come and I'd just be-

James Acaster

How often?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Like, every day. They used to have shut the door. They would shut the toilet door but if somebody forgot, that was it bruv. I was in there. I was, like, doing a David Hasselhoff dive and I was just like that in the water. Honestly, I used to be, like, properly bad. Even in the bathroom as well, I would turn the tap on and just hold it like that, so it'd just go everywhere.

James Acaster

You do love water. How old were you?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think about three.

James Acaster

So you could get to the sink and turn the tap on?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Not the sink, the bath.

James Acaster

The bath.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

The bath tub, yes.

James Acaster

So you could drink out of the taps of the bath? Why were you favouring the toilet water?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

I have no idea. I think it's the lion in me. You know I said to you I've got lion immunity. I don't know. The animal in me.

Ed Gamble

I don't think you can invoke the noble lion when you're talking about drinking from the toilet.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I used to do it in people's houses as well, man. My mum was like, 'We can't take you anywhere.'

James Acaster

Straight to the toilet, drink out of it.

Ed Gamble

'Lovely to see you. Thanks for having us to your home. Excuse me, where's your bathroom?'

James Acaster

Is that Fatiha talking there?

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

As a three-year-old, yes. When you drank out the toilet, would you cup it in your hands and, like, just bring it to your mouth, or were you just fully putting your head in and lapping it up like a big lion?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

So, what happens is, because we pray, we have a little jug in our toilets that we fill with water. So every time you go to the toilet, rather than using tissue, you use the water to clean yourself. So I would fill that jug and just, you know, drink from it.

Ed Gamble

The bum jug?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, yes. Exactly. The bum jug.

James Acaster

So you would drink out of the bum jug?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, so I'd fill that and then drink-, not like that. I'd drink from the rim or my hands, whichever, because I knew they would catch me, so I had to do it quickly. I was like, 'I've got to get this fix. I've got to get this fix.'

James Acaster

You wanted it so bad.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I've got to get these germs in.

Ed Gamble

Now we know why you insist on drinking from a jug now. You've not changed.



James Acaster

Reminiscent. Still feeling like you're drinking out the toilet.

Ed Gamble

Out the bum jug.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I am obsessed with the toilet now, you know. Like, I have to get all those-, you know those things you stick on the sides that whenever you flush, a nice smell comes out? I've got about ten in my toilet. Like, I'm obsessed with it, I bleach it every day. I flush it every five seconds. I know it's not good but I just like the smell, the smell of those smelly things. I probably drank from a dirty toilet when I was little and someone's-, we used to go to this woman's house and my mum used to be like, 'Don't ever drink from their toilet. They don't flush.' So, like, I don't know.

Ed Gamble

That's not the reason. Definitely not the reason you shouldn't drink from the toilet.

James Acaster

She shouldn't have to say that to anyone. 'Remember, when we're at this person's house, don't drink from their toilet because they don't always flush.'

Ed Gamble

Did your grandma know that you were drinking from the toilet?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Hell no. I'd be dead if she did.

James Acaster

Also, let's just quickly go back to the food before we move onto-, I mean, it segues quite nicely into your drink of choice which I assume is going to be toilet bowl water, but just before we do, I think some listeners might be thinking, 'Oh, Fatiha's had lamb as her main course and she's having lamb in her side dish.' Now we don't always say that, you know, guest's meals have to work well together as one, it can be just whatever you like. But would you have this side dish with the main that you had, typically?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Probably not. I'd probably have something like chips but those are my favourites, the things that I'm telling you now. And if the listeners don't like that, they can suck my hijab, innit?

James Acaster

Yes, they can.

Ed Gamble

What you seem to mainly like is lamb and bread.

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Exactly. I'm a lion innit? I told you. A lion heart. I'm an Aries. I know that's not a lion, right? But, like, it's a fire sign. And so is a lion, so is Leo. What are your star signs?

Ed Gamble

Can you guess?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

I think you're a Taurus, Ed.

Ed Gamble

No.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And I think you're a scorpion, James. Am I wrong?

Ed Gamble

Both, yes, both wrong.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

What is it? Are you an Aries? We might be born on the same day.

Ed Gamble

I love that your first guess was wrong so your next guess was, 'We were born on the same day.'

James Acaster

'Second guess, we were born on the same day.' Your dream drink. Now, look, I don't want to, you know, make you feel too daunted by this but you have got a lot of making up to do with this course.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh no, this is probably going to disappoint you but my favourite is Coke Zero. And it has to be icy, it has to be ice cold. And that is my favourite drink. Sometimes, like, if I go to Morocco in the winter, and I order it in a café, I go, 'Can I have a Coke Zero?' And they bring it and I'm like, 'This is room temperature. Are you stupid? Go and get me ice or get me the one at the back of the fridge.' Like, seriously. I'm like, 'What kind of shit is this?' And then if I ask for ice, they look at me like I've just stripped down naked or something. They're like, 'How can you have ice? It's cold.' And I'm like, 'Bro, I'm from England. This is summertime. Shut up. Give me my ice.'

Ed Gamble

Do you deliberately go to the café run by the most scared man?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

James Acaster

I mean, I have to say, I think they're all going to be scared. It's very early use of the term, 'Are you stupid?' Really early. Really early doors. Coke Zero comes to the table, 'What is this? Are you stupid?' 'Oh man, I'm in trouble.'

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh no, that's, like, my go-to thing. I always say that. Like, postman buzzes me, gets the number wrong, I'm like, 'Are you stupid?' And then I don't get any of my post and then I wonder why, innit?

James Acaster

Yes, yes. So why Coke Zero instead of Diet Coke?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Because I can tell the difference.

James Acaster

You can tell the difference?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes. Between Diet Coke, Coke Zero and normal Coke. I can tell the difference because Diet Coke tastes a bit artificial. I mean, I know they're all artificial, I know. Diet Coke, it tastes a bit Pepsi, kind of. I can also tell the difference with Pepsi. I fucking hate Pepsi. Pepsi's another bastard child of the , that would be the bastard child, not the one he had with the celery. He had it with someone else. I hate that drink. It's disgusting.

Ed Gamble

Fatiha, James is going to tell you something awful, one of his opinions now. Strap in for this. James?

James Acaster

I prefer Diet Pepsi to Diet Coke or to Coke Zero.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No, James. You're lucky you're not in the studio bro because you would've gotten punched, I'm telling you now.

James Acaster

Yes, like a loaf of bread.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

My second question is, are you stupid? Coke is the best.

James Acaster

I like Diet Pepsi. I think it's got some more, like, interesting notes in there, going on. It's got some different flavours buzzing about. Diet Coke, Coke Zero, they're fine but I find them a bit boring, bit flat, you know.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

How dare you?

James Acaster

I like the Diet Coke with lime. I've enjoyed that when they've brought it out. But, like, otherwise, Diet Coke and Coke Zero just feels like it might as well just be fizzy water-, a bit boring to me. Whereas other things-, a bit more interesting, aren't they?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Excuse me while I die. Oh my god. How dare you compare it to fizzy water? Oh my god. It's disgusting. If I go to a restaurant and I say, 'Can I have Coke?' And they say, 'We've only got Pepsi,' I say, 'Okay, I want Sprite.' And then they go, 'We've only got 7Up,' and I'm like, 'This is ridiculous. Is this a scam? What is going on here?'

Ed Gamble

James, that should tell you something. Fatiha won't drink Pepsi and she literally drinks from the toilet.

James Acaster

Yes, I mean, that is food for thought. I've got to go away and think about that because if a toilet drinker is saying that Pepsi is disgusting. Would you drink Diet Pepsi from a bum jug?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Hell no.



James Acaster

Would it be more appealing to you then?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No. Also Coke in a glass, if you have it in the glass, you know where they open it like a beer? Like a proper glass bottle. That is the premium drink. Because, I don't know, the plastic-, I don't buy-, I get cans anyway. But, like, if you have it in plastic or a can, it's not as fizzy as if you have it in that glass. I don't know what it-, it's just great. Like, that is the best. Pepsi from a glass.

James Acaster

I think you're right. I'd go number one, from a glass bottle. Number two, from a can. Number three, plastic bottle.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that's the only way to rank them, I think.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I agree. See? You've redeemed yourself there, James. A little bit.

James Acaster

Clawed it back. Clawed it back. I want to know what it is about Coke Zero that tastes different from Diet Coke though? I can't tell the difference. Ed?

Ed Gamble

Yes, I absolutely can tell the difference, yes.

James Acaster

You can tell the difference?

Ed Gamble

Yes. Fully can tell the difference. Coke Zero is, like, supposed to be what regular Coke tastes like, right?

James Acaster

Right.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

Ed Gamble

I mean, you can definitely tell the difference in the taste. Diet Coke's a bit more-, if I'm drinking Diet Coke, I can feel like I'm being hydrated, as well. Like, it's slightly thinner, it's still tasty, I love Diet Coke but it's slightly more watery. Whereas Coke Zero, it's a fuller flavour. It doesn't feel like it's hydrating me, it fills me up more.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, no, I agree with Ed. Ed, you're the best.

Ed Gamble

Thank you, Fatiha.

James Acaster

You're not the first guest who feels this way. Do you drink normal regular Coke every now and again? Or have you not had it for a long time?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

Sometimes. If I go to a restaurant and I say, 'Can I have Coke Zero?', they say, 'We only have Diet,' then I'll take the Diet. Sometimes I'll have full fat, if that's all they have or something like that. Then I'll have it. But, sorry, excuse me, that toilet water's coming back up on me now. So yes, I don't have it a lot. Only if it's the only available thing.

James Acaster

So to you it's, like, Coke Zero basically, that might as well be a Coca Cola, it doesn't really taste like a diet drink?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes. 100%.

James Acaster

Yes, I'd say that. That's how I feel.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I'm glad I've converted you.

Ed Gamble

Fatiha's doing a lot of eyebrows and air quotes there when she said, 'I'm glad I've converted you.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I have to do this with my eyebrows. Do you know how long it took me to paint them on?

James Acaster

No.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

I'm taking advantage.

James Acaster

Now, definitely, your drinking-out-the-toilet days are over because you'd stick your head in the toilet, come out, no eyebrows. All run off.

Ed Gamble

Yes, dead giveaway straight away.

James Acaster

'Have you been drinking out the toilet again?' 'No.' 'Your hijab is drenched and you've got no eyebrows anymore.' 'I don't know what you're talking about. Suck my hijab.' 'Never going to suck that hijab, you've been in the toilet.'

Ed Gamble

You know what? Sometimes a sentence happens in an episode that you never thought you'd get to, and I never thought, 'I'm not sucking that hijab, it's been in the toilet,' would come up today.

James Acaster

And I'd be the one who says it. We get onto your dream dessert now.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Oh man, this was a tough one, honestly, but I think my dream dessert is a Mars ice cream.



James Acaster

Oh yes.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Have you had those guys?

James Acaster

No, no one's ever said it on the podcast.

Ed Gamble

This is a huge shout because I, sort of, agree with you, that it is one of the best desserts. I love a Mars ice cream.

James Acaster

It's great. It's great.

Ed Gamble

Oh my god.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Don't you think it's, like, better than the chocolate bar itself?

Ed Gamble

Oh, so much better. Mars chocolate bars are pretty low down on the list of chocolate bars. Mars ice creams, woo.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

They are the best because, you know, they've got the chocolate. I don't know. See? Look, I'm going to cry of joy now, but it's just so well-proportioned, like, the chocolate's not too thick, the ice cream is just right. You know the caramel? Usually, when you have caramel in something cold, it hardens. This doesn't and I don't understand how.

Ed Gamble

How have they done that?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And I need to marry the person that made it.

James Acaster

It is magical. It's one of those things, I remember the first time I had it and it blows your mind. Because you don't know what to expect, you bite into it and you don't really know-, all you've got as a reference point is a normal Mars bar. You've had Mars bars in the fridge before maybe, so you're thinking, 'Will it be a bit closer to that?' Bite into it and, like you say, the caramel catches you off guard. The nice crack of the chocolate on the outside.

Ed Gamble

Because it looks so much like a Mars bar. Even, like, there's printed on the bottom-, has the logo printed on the bottom. And then, oh, you take that bite and it's just a bit of genius, isn't it? Tell me Fatiha, I don't think I've ever had a Mars bar ice cream and then not immediately had another Mars bar ice cream.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, I was going to say that. Yes, I do. I have them in twos. There's four in a packet. You can get them for, like, £2 or something. When they're on offer, they're like £1.50 or something. And then



there's four and I always have to have two. Yesterday, I think had two. And they were my last ones and I cried.

James Acaster

So you'd like two for your dream meal?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, two.

James Acaster

Yes, yes. I was about to say the same thing, they're never big enough. And it's a thing where, maybe there's a thing, they can't them bigger than that. They can't do, like, a Mars ice cream duo.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

It might melt.

Ed Gamble

Yes, it might melt or I guess you've got to think about the average freezer size. You can't be getting a big, long ice cream like that, can you? Because I'd want them, like, 30 centimetres plus, really. And they break if they-, yes. So, you just have two, it's not a problem.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

And they're so delicate, like, they're so different from the actual chocolate bar. The chocolate on the outside is just thin and brittle and just, oh my god. And, you know, sometimes if you take too long eating it and then it melts, and I just rip the whole packet open and I'm like, 'Grr.' Do you know what I mean? I'm like, 'There is no bit of ice cream or chocolate that is not going to go in my mouth.' Sometimes they might drop on my hijab or on my clothes and I just lick them back up. I'm just like, 'Bruv.' You know, one time, I had it on my chin here. I don't know how it got on my chin, it was here and I could smell chocolate. And I was like, 'Why can I smell chocolate all day? I don't understand.' And I think it must've got, like, on my neck here and then I must've leant down in it because I've got twenty chins underneath here. This is so good at covering them. I'm like a turkey but you can't see that. Do you know what? I had to get a baby wipe, do you know what I mean? Because there was just so much chocolate everywhere, it was all up here. It was insane but anyway.

Ed Gamble

And then did you eat the baby wipe? So you didn't waste the Mars?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

James Acaster

I'm really happy that the Mars ice cream has had a shout out. I think you're going to have a lot of people agreeing with you there. What do you think of the other chocolate bar ice creams that are out there? Because there's a few that have come about over the years. I'd say you're right in singling out the Mars as the king of it but, like, are there others you like?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

There are two others. The Twix one's quite nice. It's not too bad. The other one I like is the Oreo because I like it. But I don't like the one that's covered fully, chocolate, I just like the one that's the biscuit, ice cream, biscuit. I like that. It's a little bit salty. And I like that sweet v salty, kind of, taste. You know?

Ed Gamble

Snickers one?



Fatiha El-Ghorri

No because I don't like peanuts. They're the grandkid of the devil (TC 01:10:00). They are.

James Acaster

Do you know what? Someone's going to draw out this family tree. Keep your eyes on Twitter after this goes out. Someone is going to take the time to draw out the devil's family tree and you're going to see it. I'd forgotten the Snickers ice cream. Now, didn't the Snickers ice cream-, did the nuts come covered in chocolate as well? I've got this memory now, that the individual peanuts in a Snickers ice cream were covered in chocolate.

Ed Gamble

I don't think so.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

James Acaster

So I don't know where I've got that from. Maybe I've got it from an ice cream tub.

Ed Gamble

Maybe.

James Acaster

A tub of Snickers ice cream.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Maybe.

James Acaster

Because they did those as well with Twix and Snickers.

Ed Gamble

The Snickers ice cream is, essentially, like the Mars ice cream but, you know, just with the peanuts and the caramel.

James Acaster

Right.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes, it's crap man. It's crap.

Ed Gamble

No, it's good. See, I like peanuts a lot, so I love them.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

We make some desserts in Morocco, like, not desserts so much, like pastries. There's ones that we call briouats, and they're, like, triangle like this and they're filled with ground peanuts and cinnamon and rose water and things like that. So those I can eat but to eat an actual peanut? Allow that shit bruv.

Ed Gamble

You can't eat them though, can you? Because they're triangles. So you bite into the middle and get it all over your cheeks.

James Acaster



Straight away. I'm going to read your menu back to you now. See how you feel about it. Water, very icy still water. Out of? What are we talking? What receptacle? Just to be clear.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Just a big cup. A big cup.

James Acaster

A big cup? Okay. With a spout?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No.

Ed Gamble

With a flush?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

No. Just a big, glass cup.

James Acaster

Poppadoms or bread, you wanted round Moroccan bread from the scared man.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Starter. Hovis Granary toast with butter. Six slices.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Main course. Tagine with lamb chops and okra with the round Moroccan bread coming back again. Side dish. Hummus Beiruti with lamb. Drink. Ice cold, glass bottle of Coke Zero. Dessert. Two Mars ice creams.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Yes.

James Acaster

Feels good?

Fatiha El-Ghorri

That feels lovely. My stomach is full just from thinking about it. I love it, I love it.

Ed Gamble

Fatiha, thank you so much for coming to the dream restaurant.

Fatiha El-Ghorri

Thank you for having me. I've had a lovely meal. Do I have to pay for this shit? Because I ain't paying shit.

Ed Gamble

No.



James Acaster

No. You're the last person we're going to make pay for any of this. It is free for life

Ed Gamble

Well, there we are James. What a great episode.

James Acaster

What a great episode. So many details, learnt so much about Fatiha all the way through.

Ed Gamble

Yes, we know more about her than we ever thought we'd know. I'm so glad I kept pushing on that point about what she was drinking from, James. Otherwise, we would've never found out that she used to drink water from the toilet as a child.

James Acaster

Yes. She would've just passed off that the story was, 'I live near a bridge.' And that's not the story, is it? What's the story? 'Well, I used to obsessively drink out of the toilet.' Okay, that's more of a story.

Ed Gamble

Yes. She's a master of burying the lead. Check out Fatiha on Twitter, Fatiha El-Ghorri on Twitter. And Fatiha.El-Ghorri on Instagram. Keep an eye for what she's doing in the future, I'm sure she'll be doing plenty of gigs and TV shows and all of that, sort of, stuff. She's absolutely brilliant.

James Acaster

I'd like to thank Fatiha for not saying Shrekarrhoea. She didn't say the secret ingredient, that was good. Hummus came up. Wasn't supermarket bought but I was like, 'Uh oh. We're in dip territory.'

Ed Gamble

We are. We were in the dip territory. And supermarket hummus, I feel like that should, sort of, be a secret ingredient as well.

James Acaster

Well, we should get Nish Kumar on again, just so we can make that the secret ingredient and have him kicked out. Because he eats that with a spoon, like a yoghurt.

Ed Gamble

He does and the thing is, I would still eat it but now I've had, like, good, proper authentic hummus, then you can't help but be reminded of that when you have supermarket hummus.

James Acaster

Yes, sure. So maybe if we get Nish on again, we make that the secret ingredient and we see if we can kick him out because that would be fun.

Ed Gamble

Kick him out straight away. Yes, it would be funny.

James Acaster

Yes, he'd have that as his water course.

Ed Gamble

I am going on tour, James. I might be on tour already, who knows? The show's called Electric. It's going all over the UK. It's a good show and you can buy tickets for it from edgamble.co.uk. Thank you very much for listening everyone. We will see you again next week. Goodbye.



James Acaster
Goodbye.