

21. Spores

Richard 00:00

Business, business, business, back in, back in business, business, business.

Greta 00:06

Doing business deals, business deals.

Richard 00:10

Steals of deals, deals on wheels, that gain is still through the roof of the, you know, god damn empire state.

Greta 00:18

I think Richard if you say something in a animated fashion because I think you might..

Richard 00:23

(In an animated fashion) Beaker, beaker!

Greta 00:26

Oh, well that would be, yeah, that would be too much

Richard 00:28

You said animated so I went "beaker" (cartoon laugh)

Greta 00:32

Yeah, very nice. It's a good impression.

Richard 00:34

Yeah, of what? No one knows, you know. Scooby Doo on a bad day.

Greta 00:38

When he didn't find out who did it, you know.

Richard 00:40

Yeah, god, tough times, Scooby Doo, "I guess it was just fuckin"

Greta 00:45

Just pulled someone's actual head off.

Richard 00:48

And then he becomes the criminal, oh, the twist. You know, like in these times, there's always like a darker version, we could have a dark Scooby Doo version where Scooby's just like thinking about his life and over it.

Greta 01:01

And he's like upset about his name. Like why do I have to be called such a dumb name.

Richard 01:06

Yeah, "Scooby Doo", are you fucking kidding me?

Greta 01:09

I mean was Scooby Doo a thing before they called the dog Scooby Doo? I know that there's a, like, a joint might be referred to as a Scooby.

Richard 01:16

A Scooby Doobie

Greta 01:17

Or a doobie

Richard 01:18

A doobie, yeah.

Greta 01:19

Oh, I was saying Scooby at the party, how embarrassing?

Richard 01:22

Anybody want a scooby? It sounds fun, you know.

Greta 01:24

What are you- what would you rather be called, Scooby Doo or Chim Chiminey Chim Chim Cheroo?

Richard 01:29

Fuckin, you know, they're both such gorgeous collections of sounds. Or Yackety Yak Don't Talk Back.

Greta 01:37

Oh, yes. Lickety Split.

Richard 01:39

Yes. What is- what is that? What was that beautiful movie with the flying car?

Greta 01:45

Oh, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang?

Richard 01:46

Yeah, that's that's what I'm going for here.

Greta 01:48

Yeah, yeah.

Richard 01:49

You know, all these sounds that don't get under your fingernails or make your skin crawl, you know, none of these are like a paper cut to the- to the finger weapon. At all. Scooby Doo Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Chim Chim Cheroo How Do Ya Fuckin Do, ya know?

Greta 02:05

Yakety Yak, Lickety Split.

Richard 02:08

Don't talk back.

Greta 02:09

Don't talk at all.

Richard 02:11

Please.

Richard & Greta 02:11

(Singing) Richard and Greta, gonna make your lives better, today.

Greta 02:22

I keep getting so distracted because I want to look at your beautiful face, and then I have to like turn around from my microphone in then miss the sweetspot of it. You know, so I'm gonna- I'm gonna have to look at you through gauze.

Richard 02:33

Yes, or-

Greta 02:34

Or you're gonna have to be less divine.

Richard 02:35

Oh, no can do.

Greta 02:38

Welcome to Richard and Greta, the podcast wherein.

Richard 02:41

We discover new terrain within each other's psyches by spelunking and ice climbing. You know?

Greta 02:51

That's wonderful. I don't know what it is, "spelunking", see, it's happening already.

Richard 02:55

I believe it's cave searching.

Greta 02:58

Oh, that's gorgeous. I wanna do that mud flapping thing it's not what it's called.

Greta 03:06

Yeah, you- your burrow face down through water rivulets of mud, what is it called, mud tunnelling?

Richard 03:10

Mud flapping?

Richard 03:12

Mud tunnel? Oh my?

Greta 03:13

Mud, mud.. No, it's not called.

Richard 03:15

Oh

Greta 03:15

You know, you wear a snorkel and you're- and a good wet suit. You get in these muddy waters in Wales and you go tunneling down the.. bog snorkelling!

Richard 03:25

Bog snorkelling, thank god.

Greta 03:28

There. I got there.

Richard 03:29

Yes, bog snorkelling,

Greta 03:30

Because I almost went mud tunneling.

Richard 03:32

Yeah

Greta 03:32

That's a different thing.

Richard 03:33

Yes. Spelunking and bog snorkelling both sound like euphemisms.

Greta 03:38

Yeah, they really do. Careful what you put out there, you know, you might find a new adventure.

Richard 03:42

Yeah

Greta 03:42

Anyway, that's what we do on this podcast with each other psyches?

Richard 03:46

Yes, we search deep. We spelunk into each other's caves to go, "Oh, what's that? What lurks behind the stalactite? And what might sit behind this stalagmite? Does it bite, oh Greta's soul full of wonders?"

Greta 04:01

Oh, Richard, I'm gonna go bog snorkelling along your neural pathways and find new outlets

Richard 04:09

Please do, I'd love to know what you've found in there, you know.

Greta 04:13

A coin

Richard 04:14

A tuppence.

Richard 04:17

Oh, this coffee looks hot. (Sips) Hm! Mother Mary, fuckin god, christ, it's hot. I just singed my tongue hairs. I didn't know I had any. Holy shit. This is like a fucking gas station fire. Wow.

Greta 04:36

Ah, oh, amazing. I think it's wonderful that you don't have a hairy tongue because some dudes, you know, it's hard going, but Richard is naturally bald on the tongue.

Richard 04:46

Yes, yes, I do have a nice smooth tongue and I don't manscape it either, it's, you know.

Greta 04:51

It's natural. You're lucky that way, it's genetic.

Richard 04:53

Yes, yes. I'm blessed not to have a tongue of the hair suit, persuasion.

Greta 05:00

Yes, I am blessed that that is true.

Richard 05:02

Greta, on the other hand, furriest tongue in the business but I do not mind one bit.

Greta 05:07

Well, it has its uses.

Richard 05:09

Its uses... tantalising

Greta 05:12

It's nice for um, you know, smoothing out the butter.

Richard 05:17

Yes, our butter was full of crags.

Greta 05:20

You know when there are knife marks and gouges and you just want to smooth it out, that's where I come in.

Richard 05:25

Toast crumbs and all sorts of wreckage from the last person.

Greta 05:29

Yeah.

Richard 05:30

Greta can just come on by, smooth it out with her hairy ass tongue.

Richard 05:40

Greta

Greta 05:40

Yes, Richard

Richard 05:41

I would like you to review the sprouting jar.

Greta 05:46

This is a pack.

Richard 05:50

Yes.

Greta 05:51

You- inside the pack, you get a jar?

Richard 05:55

Yes.

Greta 05:56

And in there, you put some seeds, and you wet them. And then you drain them. And then you leave them for maybe six hours. And then you wet them. And then you drain them, and you leave them for eight hours. And then you're wet them and you drain them, and a slight sprout starts to come out of these seeds. And then you wet them and you drain them, and then you wait another eight hours and then you observe that they are covered in mould.

Richard 06:20

Yes.

Greta 06:21

The thing is full of a bio-system of shit knows what's gone wrong. What caused this bacterial bouquet? And then you throw them away, five stars.

Richard 06:36

And as urban farmers who have cultivated such things as corn on the roof, and broccoli, kale, tomatoes. In fact, everything we've grown has turned into a gnarled piece of shit.

Greta 06:49

No but we're creating a new kind of vegetable. I mean, you should see our corn. We made a corn that had three kernels on it, like a witch's warts, it made my skin crawl [in the] most exciting way.

Richard 07:01

Yes, mine crawled right out the door, and I'm still just a- I don't know if you ever saw Hellraiser back in the day but I'm like a skinless, walking, wet just muscle and sinew, waiting to die.

Greta 07:14

Richard?

Richard 07:14

Yeah.

Greta 07:15

While we're on the subject, would you like to review the Grow Your Own Mushrooms...

Richard 07:19

Yes.

Greta 07:20

Box.

Richard 07:20

Yes. So with Grow Your Own Mushrooms, you get a bag that you submerge in water for eight hours. And it's filled with some sort of dirt and it's a black bin liner kind of looking thing. And you have to order the spores immediately when you decide to do this because they come the next day, because spores are delicate.

Greta 07:38

Yes, you have to activate it with something.

Richard 07:39

You have to activate it. So what you do, is you order the spores, put them in the fridge, because Greta is out of town and you want to wait until she's back, and you go "oh, it says here that they're actually going to live in the fridge for up to five days". And then you can, you know, you wait for Greta to return so you can start this urban mushroom farm together.

Richard 07:58

And then you both forget about it. And then sheepishly throw the spores into the bin a couple of weeks later, and email the guy to get more spores because it's a small operation. You just- there's a guy you write to, you say "can I get more spores, please?", but he, he sasses you back a little bit and says, "Well hang on" you know, because he cares about his spores. He wants to know what's happening with these. So he says, "well hang on, how long have you had these ones?". And you just don't want to tell them what happened and you just never write them back. And... you still have the bag of dirt.

Greta 08:59

Okay, I have a listener question here. This comes from Jane Mervin.

Richard 09:04

Yes.

Greta 09:05

And she wants to know, would you take up a sport?

Richard 09:08

Yes, I would. Um, I would love to play tennis. I just- I think the thought of my beard with a headband was one of those sweatbands..

Greta 09:23

Oh yeah

Richard 09:24

..is mainly what I'm in it for.

Greta 09:26

Would you wear it around the chin?

Richard 09:27

I, you know, why not? You know, just tuck it back, kind of like an old timey bump-on-the-head bandage, you know, when you got a fever and you got a strap one of those ice packs to your head. You know back in the cartoons and whatever, go "oh, I'm sick", "here, strap this to your head", "alright, give me a tennis racket too, please".

Richard 09:45

And I just like the outfit, you know, little white shorts, especially if I was a hairy fucker. You know what I mean? I like that little white shorts and some nice 70s hairy legs. Remember in the old and- different, I'm going through different decades here.

Greta 09:59

Yeah.

Richard 09:59

Like the 1910s all the way up to the 1970s and 80s, you know, but it was like real men in the 80s where everyone was hairy and had moustaches and hairy legs and little shorts and hairy chests were big- big news.

Greta 10:12

But the old fashioned strong man and socks and a, you know, like a stripy kind of leotard and..

Greta 10:18

You know, on the beach, one of those old guys.

Richard 10:18

Yes

Greta 10:20

One of those old fashioned strong guys, not a lot of hair.

Richard 10:20

Yes.

Richard 10:23

Moustache, they saved it all for the upper lip.

Greta 10:25

That's exactly what they did, they used it in the moustache.

Richard 10:27

Yeah.

Greta 10:28

Yeah, I wonder how they removed it back in the day. Did they have hot wax?

Richard 10:32

Or just one at a time with a tweeze, you know? But yeah, I'd like to be a 70s tennis model.

Greta 10:38

Is this Björn Borg in your head a little?

Richard 10:40

Beyond Borg?

Greta 10:41

Björn Björg- Borg.

Richard 10:44

Is, who is this?

Greta 10:45

Swedish, he played McEnroe.

Richard 10:48

Jesus, I'm out of my depth.

Greta 10:50

Did you know- not know about McEnroe?

Richard 10:52

No.

Greta 10:53

Okay, these are big tennis stars at Wimbledon at the 70s

Richard 10:56

Wow.

Greta 10:57

Yeah.

Richard 10:57

God, I'm gonna have to look those guys up and jerk off.

Greta 11:00

Oh, I'm so glad you've got us there. Richard got us out of there. That was a beautiful finish.

Richard 11:05

I've got a listener question for you. This is from Lance Armstrong.

Richard 11:09

Oh, what an honour.

Richard 11:15

Yeah.

Greta 11:15

How gorgeous. Thank you Lance. I'm glad you're a listener.

Richard 11:18

Yes. Lance wants to know, he says my boyfriend snores.

Greta 11:23

Oh, yeah?

Greta 11:24

Well, I guess you can, you got two options. You can kick him in the back. Or you can find love for the noise. And this is what I do when Richard is snoring. I just love him. I lie there loving him. And it turns the noise into a soothing rhythm that you can time your dreams to. As these waves come at you to swim deeper into the ocean and let those waves rush over you

Richard 11:24

What do I do?

Richard 11:57

Do you sleep at all in this situation?

Greta 11:59

You don't sleep a lot but you look after your relationship.

Richard 12:02

Yeah

Greta 12:02

But there are sprays that you can use, little sort of Eucalyptusy kind of bullshit, one star.

Richard 12:09

God, I love the way you just zipped a the product review in there. I did get some of this stuff, folks.

Greta 12:14

Yeah.

Richard 12:15

And Greta would kick me in the back and I'd say okay, let me get some of that nose juice. You know.

Greta 12:21

Squirt, squirt, the squirter- it soon clogs though, so you get a little jet that goes out to the side.

Richard 12:27

Yeah, you know, you might get Greta in the eye if you're not careful. You're actually supposed to spritz your soft palate and if it's not spritz and you just- it's like a squirt gun to the tonsil and, you know, then you got to do a bunch of those and I felt like I was just drinking that shit eventually. And I don't know if it helped the snoring one iota.

Richard 12:45

Greta.

Greta 12:45

Richard.

Richard 12:46

I would like to engage you in a surprise segment.

Greta 12:52

Oh.

Richard 12:55

Oh thou mockest me.

Greta 12:57

No, I mockest you not but I'm too loud. I got too much gain

Richard 13:01

Shit balls. You know the, uh, what's happened here folks is the interface module has fallen off of the cardboard box.

Greta 13:10

It just bungee jumped right off there you know without the bounce.

Richard 13:14

Knocking Greta's gain up to the moon.

Greta 13:18

I love bungee jumping. I've done it twice and I'm ready to do it again Richard.

Richard 13:22

Greta, I would love to see your swinging and bungeeing away, you know, springing and sproinging.

Greta 13:28

So gorgeous. You know, a funny thing happened as I jumped off.

Richard 13:31

What's that?

Greta 13:32

My feet tried to get back on. You know? They- it's like I didn't tell my feet what was happening. And they tried to get back on all by themselves. So they were kind of running in midair like, "Where's the, where's the thing?"

Richard 13:42

Yeah, like a, like a old Warner Brothers kind of cartoon.

Greta 13:46

Exactly. And I was like feet. It's okay. I decided to do this.

Richard 13:50

And they went, "no no no no no"?

Greta 13:51

Yeah.

Richard 13:53

I've never bungee jumped or as it's pronounced where I'm from "bun-gee jumping"

Greta 13:58

Oh, that's better. That's more onomatopoeic.

Richard 14:01

Yes. Bung, bung, bung.

Greta 14:03

Bun-gee, gee, you know, there's a bounce in it, you know.

Richard 14:06

Yeah, everyone likes a bounce in the bung here and again, you know.

Greta 14:09

There's a couple things that happened as I went plummeting down, also.

Richard 14:13

What's that?

Greta 14:13

There was the legs first and then there was this "oh my god, I'm dying" then I forgot, after my legs I forgot I chose to. And thought, "Oh, I'm dying".

Greta 14:22

And then as I slowly, slowly slowed down, I thought, "I'm not dying, I'm living" and I did a lovely kind of curve back upwards and my keys slipped out my pocket and went gonna plop into the water below of the stream. I was in a valley.

Greta 14:38

And I thought, so then I was bouncing through the air thinking, "oh, god damn fucking keys. I'm never gonna get home. I have to call the landlord. What a fucking pain in the ass." you know, as I'm bouncing around.

Richard 14:38

Shit.

Richard 14:50

Yes, while you're springing away.

Greta 14:52

Anyway, would you like to do a mental bungee jump?

Richard 14:55

Yes.

Greta 14:56

For a surprise segment, I'm going to take you on a bungee jump.

Richard 14:59

Okay

Greta 15:00

Bring your feet to the edge there. You can't move them from each other because they're wrapped in a towel and we got you roped together.

Richard 15:06

Why a towel? Is this? What kind of cheap joint is this?

Greta 15:10

It's a little cheap. There's loud rock and roll playing and everybody's, you know, kind of cool, tattooed and quite high.

Richard 15:16

What's the towel about?

Greta 15:17

Well, it protects your ankles from the harshness of the rope, the binding-

Richard 15:22

Couldn't you get something more official, like an official sponge?

Greta 15:26

No

Richard 15:26

For the bunge, you know?

Greta 15:28

Yeah, sorry, no, we just got the normal towel and you wrap that round and then put the- goes round your ankles, through your legs, round your ankles, through your legs, and you're ready. We're hooked on.

Richard 15:37

Is there any kind of rhyme that you remember this with? I want sort of a checklist, like pilots use a checklist. Make sure they're doing everything right. You know, I don't want some stoner throwing me off the bridge.

Greta 15:48

Yeah, I'm sorry. We're all high here. So if you could just shimmy forward..

Richard 15:52

Yes.

Greta 15:53

If you could shimmy forward a little and get your toes so they're off the edge.

Richard 15:57

Okay. Oh god, I can see so far down betwixt my toes, you know, the blue sky reflected in the lake below does- does silhouette my toe just so.

Greta 16:12

Oh, so beautiful. You got to do those little shunty jumps because you can't walk but not too shunty because you don't want to do it before you mean to, you know.

Richard 16:19

Shunty, shunty, shunty, jump, ha-ta, ha-ta, jump jump jump. Oh, I'm too close, I'm too close, I'm heels only.

Greta 16:26

It's time to go, you're gonna make your arms like Christ, like a T-shape and you're gonna fall towards the horizon.

Richard 16:32

Can I put my hands in my pockets?

Greta 16:34

Sure.

Richard 16:35

Okay. Oh, that's nice. That's cosy, and I'm leaning forward.

Greta 16:39

Yeah.

Richard 16:43

I'm slowing down all my hair dips just so into the lake below. Oh and doingy dingy doing doing, oh boingy boing sproing. I am flailing like a fucking fish on a line.

Greta 16:59

Shit your keys

Richard 17:01

My keys!

Richard 17:02

That was great, Greta. Thanks for taking me on that voyage.

Greta 17:05

You know, anytime. Do you know what I realised midway?

Richard 17:08

Hm.

Greta 17:08

Little discrepancy in my story because I was remembering the towel was bound together and my feet went running. Yeah, that couldn't happen. That was when I jumped out a plane.

Richard 17:16

Oh, Greta.

Greta 17:17

The feet.

Richard 17:18

Yes.

Greta 17:18

The feet didn't happen on the bungee jump. So I just want, you know, in case anyone thinks I'm a liar, I confused the two experiences.

Richard 17:24

Yes. Uh, no one over here was thinking, "oh, that lying rat, that dirty lying rat, I'll get her". But there is a part of me going "I'm gonna get you", you know what I mean?

Greta 17:37

I'm not gonna run, you know.

Richard 17:38

Yeah. Greta.

Greta 17:39

Richard.

Richard 17:40

I would like to take you now on a surprised segment.

Greta 17:43

Oh yes, please. A surprised one?

Richard 17:44

Yes. This time the segment is surprised.

Greta 17:47

Oh, because we're so spontaneous?

Richard 17:50

Yes, absolutely.

Greta 17:51

Okay

Richard 17:52

So here we go. It's a common parlour game.

Greta 17:56

Yeah.

Richard 17:57

Many have played it.

Greta 17:58

Love those.

Richard 17:59

It's a dandy little turn called, "Would You Rather?"

Greta 18:03

Oh.

Richard 18:04

So I'm going to present you with some questions. "Would you rather this or that", and you are going to choose?

Greta 18:11

I love this game.

Richard 18:11

Yes. Okay. Greta.

Greta 18:14

Richard.

Richard 18:15

Would you rather make a sandwich on the beach-

Greta 18:20

or eat out a shark? I'd rather eat out a shark.

Richard 18:23

Yes. Would you rather listen to six hours of me playing the guitar ad nauseam-

Greta 18:29

or eat out a shark? I'd rather eat out a shark. Sorry, am I meant to not jump in?

Richard 18:34

You're supposed to wait for both answers and then choose one.

Richard 18:38

Would you rather play backgammon with the devil, or eat out a shark?

Greta 18:38

Okay, got ya. Okay.

Greta 18:48

I'd rather eat out a shark.

Richard 18:50

Yes, that's correct. You'd rather eat out a shark

Greta 18:57

Do you want to try this surprise segment?

Richard 18:59

Yes.

Greta 19:00

It's very, very quick.

Richard 19:01

Okay.

Greta 19:02

Okay. It's a trust exercise.

Richard 19:04

Yes.

Greta 19:05

Okay, Richard.

Greta 19:06

I'm gonna have to come over to your microphone. This was done by a beautiful female artist known as Marina Abramović. And she did it with her partner as an art installation. And I thought that you and I could do it together here.

Richard 19:18

Yes, okay.

Greta 19:19

So what happens is we lock mouths.

Richard 19:22

Oh God.

Greta 19:23

And we breathe into each other's lungs. We take one breath before we go in. One breathes out and the other breathes in and we share lung.

Richard 19:33

This is so alluring.

Greta 19:35

And beautiful.

Richard 19:36

Yes, let's breathe the same air.

Greta 19:38

And we both had a coffee. So at least we're matching.

Richard 19:41

Yeah.

Greta 19:42

Shall I come over to yours?

Richard 19:43

Sure. You know, I'll meet you in the middle, I'll slide my mic this way.

Greta 19:46

Now, I don't know if we're gonna be able to pick this up. So guys, turn up the volume. Okay, you're going to breathe out first and I'll breathe in. You take a deep breath and I'll breathe out.

Richard 19:47
(Long pause) Greta.

Greta 20:11
Oh my god. How long have we been lying here?

Richard 20:13
Don't know. How long have I?

Greta 20:15
Oh my god. That's so beautiful. We passed out together.

Richard 20:19
Oh, gorgeous.

Greta 20:20
That's what they did. That's what Marina Abramović did.

Richard 20:23
Oh folks, at first it was nice. I felt like I was scuba diving. You know.

Greta 20:29
I felt like I was smoking you.

Richard 20:31
Oh.

Greta 20:32
I was kind of like, "am I gonna get a high from this?"

Richard 20:35
Oh, gorgeous. If you breathe the same breath folks forever and ever. You don't stay conscious.

Greta 20:41
There's no oxygen left. You're just breathing in pure carbon monoxide.

Richard 20:46
If you're both having trouble sleeping, there's a easy fix. You've been listening to Richard and Greta.

Greta 20:53
How to get the most out of your partner.

Richard & Greta 20:55

(Singing) How to get the most, (how to get the most), how to get the most, (how to get the most), out of your partner.