

Milking Jesus

Lithos

Welcome, welcome unrepentant sinners, apostates and heretics. These are the podcasts of the Devil's Discourse. Its futile mission to expose grim old faiths, to seek out licentiousness and new sacrileges, to boldly blaspheme when no one has blasphemed before. I'm Lithos. Hail Satan. And with me I have Leraje.

Leraje

Hail Satan.

Lithos

I have Kay.

Kay

Hail Satan.

Lithos

I have Ligeia.

Ligeia

Hail Satan.

Lithos

And I have Pike.

Pike

Hail Satan, master.

Leraje

What was that?

Ligeia

I don't know.

Pike

What's his name? You know, from Dracula, um.

Ligeia

Ah, lala.

Lithos

Ah, yes.

Pike

You know who I'm talking about.

Lithos

Yeah.

Leraje

Renfield.

Lithos

Renfield, that's it. Master. Master. Uh, right. This one, you might have gathered already from the word go is not going to be a serious discussion format. It's very loose and easy.

Ligeia

Yes.

Lithos

And will be a question answer format. I will try and be the questioner and stick in the background and not manage to overstay, uh, my welcome like I did last time with pointless rants. And it is mainly, uh, designed because we've had a heat wave here, all over fucking Europe, basically, uh, just to kind of like relax and chill out after the heat wave, during the heat wave, depending on where you are.

So.

Kay

Yep.

Lithos

First question, obviously, have you got any tips for keeping cool in heat wave

Leraje

Loads.

Lithos

Go on, then.

Leraje

Put your socks, make your socks nice and wet, stick them in the freezer, bring them out, let them stand for about 15 minutes, then put them on. Uh, same token, get a big old towel, soak it, fold it up, stick it in the freezer. Takes ages to, like, freeze properly. So do it like 10, 12 hours before you need it.

Get it out, leave it for 20, 30 minutes, and it's starting to just slightly defrost. Wrap it around you like a cape. Works like a charm.

Pike

Mine is wear black, uh, robes, ideally made from boiled wool, and the Hannibal Lecter mask, ideally without any nostril holes. And if you start getting too, you feel like it's getting too cool, maybe start headbanging a little bit.

Ligeia

It's just my usual day.

Leraje

I do all those things every day.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

Who am I surrounded by here? Yeah.

Lithos

Any other tips?

Kay

Swim in the freezing Atlantic Ocean.

Ligeia

That sounds good.

Lithos

Well, it'd be the North Sea where I am, which is even more fucking freezing.

Kay

Yeah.

Pike

Don't swim in England.

Lithos

Yeah, that's a problem. Unless you want to have a bath time with the turds.

Kay

So, uh, come to where I live, uh, which I'll, I feel comfortable enough saying Portugal and swim in the freezing Atlantic Ocean.

Lithos

That sounds lovely.

Leraje

Yeah, does sound good.

Ligeia

Lovely.

Kay

Don't go to the Algarve. Don't go to the Algarve.

Lithos

I went there once and I, I, uh, I fully endorse that sentiment.

Pike

Lithos, can we have a rant against the Algarve?

Lithos

No, I'm not gonna do a rant. I'm just gonna say one of the few things I remember. It was through a friend whose parents had a timeshare down there, so it was almost, we just paid for the flights and that was it. Uh, and all I remember is the place we were in had its nightly entertainment and it had a, uh, Michael Jackson impersonator called Billy Proud.

That just says it all.

Leraje

Oh, wow.

Ligeia

I'm so sorry.

Lithos

Anyway, Ligeia, your tips for keeping cool.

Ligeia

It's simple. Get rid of your clothes. I mean. Yeah. What is stopping you? People, just do it.

Kay

Yeah, fuck the law.

Ligeia

Yeah, absolutely.

Kay

I mean, walk around naked.

Ligeia

Yes. You will get burned, like all over your body. But also, I would like to see that one day. Like the whole street is just, you know how.

Lithos

Well, not if you're indoors. You'd be all right.

Ligeia

I would be just looking. Oh, okay. Well, but I meant, like, everybody, like.

Lithos

Oh, right.

Ligeia

Let's just not care about fashion or anything. Just do it.

Pike

I don't think it's a fashion issue for me.

Leraje

It's more like a getting burnt to a crisp issue, really.

Kay

Yeah, Ligeia, you might be, uh, exposing the secret Satanist plot to turn everybody into, uh, bipedal lobsters. At least in terms of colour a little too loudly.

Ligeia

I would be the first one.

Kay

Second after me.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Lithos

Fantastic. Well, here's a, here's a follow on question because this is something we'll all have been doing a lot of during the heat. Favourite drinks, hot or cold.

Kay

I don't want to fucking think about hot drinks right now. What is wrong with you for saying that?

Ligeia

Well, I am wrong.

Lithos

English people will tell you a cup of tea, uh, cools you down, which is bullshit.

Ligeia

I drink hot drinks when it's hot and it helps, actually.

Ligeia

It does.

Ligeia

It's better than cold drinks.

Kay

I think I'm gonna go. Yeah, bye.

Ligeia

Apologies, but, you know, a part of me is from Balkan and like Greece and like that area. There we go.

Kay

There it is.

Lithos

Look at, look at what you did, Leraje.

(Dog barks)

Kay

Shut up, Lopi, shut up. No, calma. Okay. Is there a mute button here?

Lithos

There is. Right. So. Yes. Come on. Hot drinks. The hot drinks people. Let's see what your hot drinks are.

Ligeia

I mean, I just use like a, uh, Fresh mint and boiled water and a little bit of lemon. And that's my drink for the whole day. Sometimes a little bit of ginger, but not always because that is also heating. But it's good, it's good.

Leraje

Lemon and ginger I have. Or just plain old black tea with a squeeze, squeeze of lemon in it.

Pike

That is the right way to drink tea.

Leraje

I know. Um, and uh, alcohol free lager that's been sitting in the fridge.

Lithos

Mhm. I would recommend lemon balm and ginger. If you grow your own lemon balm, it's phenomenal.

Leraje

Cool.

Ligeia

I'd like to try.

Pike

I would like to recommend a tea bag with boiling water poured over it and then you scrape the tea bag out with uh, whichever utensil is clean.

Kay

What is this new technology?

Lithos

So, so we're on tea. Now this is interesting because like, I presume you're talking about like not herbal tisanes, but actually tea. Tea, as in Camellia Sinensis tea.

Now do you put in lemon? Do you have it with milk? Do you just have it as it is?
Sugar?

Leraje

For me, just lemon.

Ligeia

For me, naked.

Kay

Yeah. Plain black tea, Nothing in it.

Ligeia

Nothing.

Lithos

Pike.

Pike

I'll say. Depends on tea. Plain. So say if it's Darjeeling, then I would say plain if it's uh, something like, like Earl Grey, some citrus. There's citrus already in it. So it's quite nice to add some, some extra in. But to be honest, I'm never, I can never be bothered to slice the lemon.

So it's just the sort of thing I will have if I'm in a hotel.

Leraje

A fancy drink.

Pike

Yeah.

Lithos

Well it, the two people who said just black have, uh, my vote.

Pike

Wow. No one here is a milky tea drinker.

Leraje

No, it's an abomination.

Ligeia

Typically not in summer, maybe like around Christmas. But no, not really.

Lithos

This is where I could have a rant.

Pike

Go, go, go, go, go.

Lithos

The reason why English people put milk in their tea is because India ships the shittest tea to England. The stuff you find in tea bags and supermarkets is floor shaving shit. And that is why people put milk and sugar in it, because it's shit tea. Shoot me.

Leraje

I don't know enough about it, but, uh, I heard that Catholics put milk in tea Lithos, so surely there's a rant. There's a double rant.

Lithos

Catholics? I've never heard of that.

Leraje

No, that's because I just made it up in the hopes of getting you to rant about Catholics.

Lithos

Oh, right. No. Blood of Christ and then a bit of like cow blood of Christ.

Ligeia

Milk of Christ.

Lithos

Milk of Christ. That sounds wrong.

Kay

That's something you find in uh, a. In a very, uh, religious kink community.

Leraje

Yeah, very specific porn.

Pike

Please not while I'm drinking.

Leraje

Who've chosen to milk Jesus.

Kay

Quick, put Jesus in the milking machine.

Lithos

Judas? Judas? That's why, that's why Judas dobbed him in. He was the milker. He didn't like his job. I uh, can tell you that.

Ligeia

Oh my God.

Leraje

Judas. Yeah. Judas's job title, official job title is massager of the prostate.

Lithos

So uh, while we're, while we're on sort of biblical subjects, if you were in Eve's situation, which fruit would you give up your happy time in paradise for? You're at the tree. What fruit is on the tree? Where you go nah, fuck it Satan, I'm having some of that.

Pike

Well, whichever one is forbidden, sure.

Leraje

Not apples.

Lithos

Mhm.

Kay

I have, I have what is going to be the most controversial answer, I'm pretty sure.

Leraje

Go on.

Kay

Lemon. I eat lemons. 100%.

Ligeia

Uh, me too.

Kay

I love them. They're the best.

Ligeia

Yes.

Kay

And I'm sure my dentist hates me for it.

Lithos

Well, well, if you get sort of like the big, big ass, sort of Mediterranean style lemons, they are actually quite nice just to have like that. I don't know what the lemons are like in Portugal. I mean, lemons we get here aren't always great.

Kay

They're sour as fuck. And that's amazing.

Lithos

Yeah, right. Okay. Okay. That, that one's off the chart. I did not expect that.

Ligeia

I would go for raspberries.

Lithos

Raspberries?

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

On a tree? On a tree, Ligeia?

Lithos

Come on.

Ligeia

He didn't say that.

Lithos

This is dramatic licence. It can be a bush. But even then in the Garden of Eden, raspberries could have grown on a tree. It's all made up.

Ligeia

I would even crawl. This is what I would do. I would crawl for my raspberries. I love raspberries. They're a little bit sour and sweet and they're like, they're a little bit squishy and they are so tiny and I. Yeah, raspberry.

Lithos

I uh, I uh, do love them, but my, my old teeth do not love the seeds getting stuck between them. That's my only downer with raspberries.

Ligeia

That's the knowledge. Hello? Hello. There's the Seeds of Knowledge.

Leraje

Seeds of knowledge. Yeah, I like it. I think watermelon for me.

Ligeia

Oh, I uh, like that.

Lithos

Okay, that's good. Definitely not a tree, but like, you are forgiven.

Ligeia

I would like that tree.

Leraje

I want a tree of watermelons.

Ligeia

Poor Newton.

Leraje

A massive tree.

Lithos

You would not want to sit under that fucker and do a Newton.

Ligeia

Yes.

Leraje

Yeah.

Lithos

In this weather, a chilled watermelon is a damn fine thing to be having.

Leraje

Yes, it is.

Ligeia

I can eat the whole thing, right?

Pike

M. Oh, I, I think apple, ah, is the, the best fruit. But, um, instead of, you know, the red apples that they got there, I would take a russet, a russet, an apple that looks like, and tastes like it's already gone old. And is leathery and that perfect balance of acidity and sweetness.

Lithos

Okay, good. Yeah. These are all sort of like...

Pike

These are fruit, yeah.

Lithos

...your actual carbon footprint on those is really good, I've got to say, because you kind of picked, especially you, Ligeia. You kind of like picked yeah, well, very, very regional to Britain.

Ligeia

Okay. Okay.

Leraje

Yeah, true.

Pike

Do we grow a lot of watermelons?

Leraje

Leave it.

Lithos

Well, no, but you're not as bad as mine because I'd blow the pope for a really good mango. A Kesar mango. Hell. So my, my carbon, uh, footprint is way out there. It's like it's special mangoes flown in, in little boxes to stop them from squishing.

Pike

That's why it's a sin.

Lithos

Yes, it definitely is. Very sinful.

Ligeia

Give me the sin.

Lithos

So do you have any choices, what you'd recommend in terms of streaming or movie watches right now? If you, you said to say to someone, right, this is a really good one to watch.

Ligeia

The Backrooms, the new one, the new movie. Absolutely, yes.

Leraje

Yeah, it's very good.

Pike

I tried a little bit of that film you were, I think, thinking of watching. You were voting to, to watch, uh, Obsession.

Leraje

Yeah.

Pike

And it was so bad, I couldn't even get to the horror bit.

Leraje

The movie was bad?

Pike

The movie was so bad.

Lithos

Really?

Pike

You, you, you liked it? It was like 40 minutes of 20 year olds going, uh, uh, well, do you, do, do you like me? Oh, no, no. That's the jokes. That's just jokes. Just back, just back and forth.

Ligeia

Now I want to watch it. I haven't seen it yet. Is this. That's the new movie by Curry... what's his name? Right?

Pike

Um, it's called Obsession.

Leraje

Yeah.

Ligeia

What's his name? Yeah, yeah. I need to see it.

Lithos

Oh, I thought it was the one with Isabelle Adjani, but that's, that's...

Ligeia

That's possession.

Lithos

That's possession. Ah, right. Okay.

Pike

It's got a premise. It's got a premise a little bit like big with, um, uh, Tom Hanks. Only, uh, you know, you don't have a kid, you have older people, but they get like the magic wish thing and then it's not there. It's not what you expected.

Leraje

It's like that old monkey's paw storey, basically.

Lithos

Well, while we're on movies, and what would be your choice of snack food and not in the cinema, because that's filthy. You know, if you sat at home watching a movie, what would be your favourite choice of snack food?

Kay

Don't ask me about films. I don't know. I don't like movies.

Ligeia

I felt like we skipped. We skipped you.

Lithos

Yeah. You look like you were searching the room for something.

Kay

Uh, we were. I am looking for the dog's poop bags.

Ligeia

Lemons.

Kay

Yeah, lemons, exactly.

Ligeia

Snacks, Anything. I don't know. It changes all the time. I'm in a mood for something, I grab it, I eat it. I don't know. If I don't have it, I run to the shop because I, if I'm in the mood for something, nothing's going to stop me. So sometimes it's watermelon, sometimes raspberries, sometimes sausage.

Leraje

Are we back on food?

Lithos

Yeah, yeah, yeah. What's your favourite snack? You're watching, you're watching a movie right at home, not in the cinema. No snacks in the cinema. No dirtiness like that spoiling everyone else's experience. What are you, what are you snacking on at home while you're watching a movie or whatever?

Pike

Okay, since no one is. No one is doing this right, I will, I will say edamame beans, um, blanched and then with some salt. Uh, they're in pods. They give you something to do with your hands. You can have a massive bowl of it and it's a healthy snack. It can be dinner if you want it to be.

Lithos

Where'd you get raw edamame beans from? I've never seen raw.

Pike

Frozen. Frozen.

Lithos

Ah, okay. Yes.

Pike

Asian supermarkets, freezer aisle.

Lithos

Yep, yep, I've seen that. Okay, that's a good tip.

Ligeia

Sounds good.

Lithos

Thank you.

Leraje

I do try sometimes to theme food what I'm watching, which.

Ligeia

Okay.

Leraje

You know, given what my favourite TV series and movie is, that means I'm eating quite a lot of...

Ligeia

Found footage?

Leraje

No, absolutely not. Um, it does mean I'm eating quite a lot of cherry pie. Quite a lot.

Lithos

Yeah, I was just gonna say. Right. Okay. There we go, Mr. Twin Peaks obsessive.

Leraje

Yeah, I watch, I watched. I re-watch every series and the movie once every year starting on official Twin Peaks day.

Ligeia

Obsession. I see.

Kay

Yeah. Yeah, I am basic. Um, as. So I'm just gonna say popcorn.

Ligeia

Okay.

Lithos

It's good. Salted? Sweet?

Ligeia

Yum.

Kay

I. I, uh, wasn't even aware that people ate sweet popcorn until I moved to Europe.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Lithos

Just dirty, ignorant people eat that.

Kay

I'm gonna tell my husband, and he will fly there, and you will probably win in the fight that starts.

Lithos

Oh. Ah, dear.

Pike

But Americans eat, um, buttered popcorn.

Kay

Yes.

Pike

It's not even butter. It's like some sort of, like a long life, utterly butterly. I cannot believe it's not butter stuff.

Kay

Yep, it is, uh, like heart attack in a bucket.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

It smells very bad when microwaved.

Kay

Uh, it smells like trash always. Um, but it does taste good.

Lithos

There is, apparently, and I don't know if this, this is an urban myth. I've heard there's such a thing as popcorn lung. If you kind of, like, readily do on a regular basis that fake butter popcorn and then stick your nose in the bag and inhale. There's some chemical in it that will damage your lungs.

Pike

Just do drugs.

Kay

You know, I just think Darwin wrote about this. I'm pretty sure.

Leraje

Yeah. There are a set of awards for people who regularly violate Darwin's law.

Kay

This. Yeah. My question really is. But, like, why the would you do that? Um, m.

Yeah. So you, viewer, if you regularly sniff a... Viewer? Listener, if you regularly view. Uh, Jesus Christ. Let's try this a bit one more time.

Lithos

Hey, I don't think Jesus Christ is listening.

Kay

Yeah, you know what? Yeah, Finger up. One, two. Fingers up. Um, you, listener, if you regularly sniff popcorn, please write in and tell us what the fuck is wrong with you.

Lithos

I do like the edamame bean tip, but I would douse them in soy sauce and sesame oil. That would be my choice.

Pike

That's if you're frying them. You can also fry them. They're also nice fried.

Lithos

Never frying sesame oil. It's got a really low burning point.

Pike

As a finishing oil. As a finishing oil.

Lithos

Perfect. Right. Um, as we're on the podcast, does anyone have any podcast recommendations?

Pike

Oh, I know a great podcast. It's. It's. It's a book podcast.

Leraje

Tell us more.

Ligeia

Tell us more.

Lithos

Yes, we need to know.

Pike

It's great if you. If you like reading, uh, if you want to read along with the podcast and learn, uh, about various books. It's on BBC and it's called the Devil's Library.

Leraje

Uh, it's on BBC. Is it? Fucking hell.

Pike

I just wanted to give it a bit more, you know.

Leraje

Yeah, I've heard the people who present that show are a bunch of opinionated dicks.

Lithos

I believe they've even interviewed authors before now.

Ligeia

Who said what?

Pike

Who said what?

Lithos

Sorry. There was a confluence of opinionated dicks and interviewing authors in the same...

Ligeia

Cock tips. Sorry.

Lithos

Oh, we're not going back...

Kay

Oh, we're back on cock tips now.

Pike

Cock tips are excluded exclusively in this great book podcast that you should listen to.

Lithos

Okay, that's the Devil's Library, folks. Um, anyone else?

Kay

Yeah, actually, SHWEP, uh, the Secret History of Western Esotericism Podcast. Um, it is very large. It is clearly someone's like PhD study turned into podcast format. It's very interesting and I'm only starting it now, but it's pretty good so far.

Lithos

That sounds great.

Kay

I wasn't expecting to have an actual good insightful answer, but here we are.

Ligeia

We'd like to check that.

Leraje

Yeah, I'd like to push... Sorry. You go.

Ligeia

You should be sorry for this. Okay, so I will say it and you can, uh, then. Okay. I used to listen to the Magnus Archives.

Lithos

Oh yes.

Ligeia

Uh, do you know it? I love it.

Lithos

Oh yes.

Ligeia

So many episodes you can go crazy. It is so good. It's. It's a fiction. It's about these like, sort of. It's. It's based in London, like a secret, um, institute archive and it's called Magnus. And they go through like a catalogue of, of stories. Uh, there are recordings with people who come with these stories and they uh, are sort of like trying to find if they are supernatural, paranormal.

It's all fiction, of course, so you are not trying to like, you know, it's, you know, it's a fiction, but it's so well done and it's all based here where, you know, I know the streets and it's just really good, the acting and they have like so many voices and it is really nice.

I enjoy. Sorry. Leraje. Now you can talk.

Leraje

Uh, right, thanks.

Ligeia

Sorry.

Leraje

I uh, listened to one called Fictionable, which as the name suggests, is a, uh, podcast about fiction books. It's quite short. The episodes usually are about 20, 25 minutes and it's very irregular. They had I think three episodes in May and they haven't had any in June at all. They kind of like take the same approach as we kind of do in that they do it when they've got something to say and don't do it when they haven't sort of thing.

Ligeia

Mhm.

Leraje

But it's very interesting. They've usually got some quite good and lesser known, uh, names on there as well as bigger names.

Ligeia

Have we read anything they read?

Leraje

Pike, are you pouring tea?

Ligeia

Yeah.

Lithos

Yes. I can hear a pissing tea pot, I can hear a pissing tea pot.

Pike

I decided to ruin your pitch. Sorry.

Leraje

Sorry. Ligeia. What did you ask me?

Ligeia

If they read anything we read.

Leraje

No, they don't do it like that. It's not so much kind of talking about actual books, it's more like interviews. Very short interviews with authors about very particular subjects.

Ligeia

Mhm. Okay then.

Leraje

Good though.

Lithos

Excellent. They will all be, they will all be in the show notes. Well, in terms of actual factual podcast, I'll listen to factual, and sort of audio drama or comedy. Factual ones. I would highly recommend Origin Story by Ian Dunt and Dorian Lynskey. They basically take some concept or word that is prevalent at the moment and then go into the history of it.

And they read an awful lot of stuff up beforehand. So it's well researched and they've done some dreadful topics and they've had to read some dreadful literature about dreadful subjects. But they kind of like, it's a learning experience. Every single one they do I'll, um, come out of it going, right, okay, I didn't know that. Oh, that's interesting. Very good. And also they are... It's quite, it's quite funny in parts as well. They're not too po faced about it. They will sort of add the odd funny bits.

Pike

I didn't realise we're all nerds here.

Lithos

Yeah. In terms of. In terms of, um, audio fiction, so many. The White Vault is great. It's kind of almost like found footage audio drama.

Leraje

I keep meaning to listen to that and I still haven't got around to it.

Lithos

And then there's also Midnight Burger, which started out as a project that a couple of friends had done during lockdown and, uh, grew into something massive. And it's... It's kind of a more, more, more in line with Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe. Not the same kind of story, but sort of in terms of it's, it's more of a comedic approach. And it started out as short stories and sort of more of a comedic approach. And then gradually as they got more followers, more Patreons, they just expanded it into something that became a massive storyline in itself and it got better every time. It's, uh, really good.

Pike

Galaxy? Hitchhiker's guide...

Lithos

Sorry, what did you say, Pike?

Pike

I said Galaxy. Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe? Or is that something else?

Lithos

Oh, sorry, did I say the universe? Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Yes, sorry. Right, so. Right, well, thank you for those. They will all be in the show notes. Now, I've got some really cheesy questions in here that are fucking basic.

Leraje

Lay it on us.

Lithos

But the idea is just to kind of like keep it light. What would your superpower be?

Ligeia

Just one? Just one?

Leraje

I know what Lithos' would be.

Lithos

Yeah, just the one.

Leraje

I know what yours would be, Lithos. Because you already said it on a previous episode.

Lithos

Yes.

Pike

Are you gonna tell the whole class?

Lithos

Oh, right. Mine would be understanding every language.

Ligeia

Huh?

Lithos

Uh-huh.

Ligeia

Oh, I remember. Yeah.

Pike

You would regret that one.

Leraje

So not the Tower of Babel, but the power of Babel.

Lithos

The power of Babel. Very good. I like that.

Kay

I also like how you drew the line at understanding and not at speaking. You're like, I don't want to communicate with you. I just want to hear what you're talking about.

Leraje

Just want to overhear you. If you slag me off in Japanese or something.

Lithos

No. Okay. Speaking as well. Yes. That's... That's implicit. Sorry. I should have...

Pike

You just want to show off.

Lithos

Being fluent in every language would have been a better way to put it. Pity I'm not fluent in English, isn't it?

Kay

Um, for me, it's teleportation, because fuck airline security.

Leraje

Yeah.

Kay

And passport control and all of that fucking bullshit. I'm done with it. I don't want it anymore. Bamf! I'm there in your living room. Unannounced. What's for dinner?

Ligeia

Lemons.

Kay

Yes. I made the right choice.

Ligeia

Yeah. It's the right living room.

Pike

Anyway, I. I would like. I always wanted shape shifting because I like mystique. And also, you know, I could come into that same living room underneath the door, like Alex Mack. Just sort of liquidise and then just reappear out of there and go what's for dinner?

Ligeia

Yeah.

Leraje

That's not terrifying at all.

Kay

Um, Edamame beans.

Leraje

Yeah, that's what's for dinner. I don't know. I don't know what I'd have as a superpower. I genuinely don't know. I think I would like my superpower to be the power to be less indecisive. There you go.

Lithos

That's a good one.

Leraje

That's all I could think of.

Pike

So you tell us: Uh, I don't know, I'll cook something.

Leraje

Yeah.

Ligeia

It might happen one day.

Leraje

I don't know. Leave me alone, you bastards.

Lithos

Ligeia?

Ligeia

Mine would be. I don't have a name for it. It might be something with shape shifting, but maybe something like, I would like to have the power to change from, like, being human. Not physically, that could stay, but being able to live somewhere else but Earth. And also, I would like to be able to do that to people who I choose, my friends, so we can all leave and live on another planet and build our new world.

Leraje

That's pretty cool, actually.

Ligeia

I would like that. And we could be able to, like, come back and do some good stuff. But then, well, guys, are we tired? Are we going home? Are you going celebrate and ritual and fuck, whatever.

Leraje

Let's go back to Nibiru.

Ligeia

There was. There was a coma between fuck, whatever. Okay.

Kay

Okay.

Ligeia

So, um.

Lithos

So, Ligeia, are you saying you would like to be God?

Ligeia

Yeah. But not the cloud one. This is also... Yeah, sorry. I imagine it could be hell, you know, because it could be hell.

Leraje

Oh, I've just thought of one. Sorry.

Pike

Too late. Too late. That's it.

Ligeia

Decision made.

Leraje

The power to go into any fictional setting that I wanted to.

Ligeia

Oh, I like that.

Leraje

So I could, I don't know, join Holmes on a detective mystery. I wouldn't be any fucking good or use whatsoever.

Ligeia

But it could be fun.

Leraje

Yeah. Or, you know...

Lithos

Be the first guy to be slaughtered in a fan footage movie?

Leraje

That... Yeah, probably not that, actually.

Ligeia

Uh, last girl.

Leraje

Last girl.

Pike

Let's face it. You're just thinking about Twin Peaks again.

Lithos

Listeners, Leraje loves his found footage movies.

Ligeia

Yeah, yeah.

Kay

Now, what book would you then write for yourself to then pop in to?

Leraje

Oh, you see, that's where it gets interesting. Cause you could write anything, couldn't you?

Kay

Yep.

Leraje

And I think I'd probably go and live in one of Ursula K. LeGuin's books, to be honest with you. Or maybe the culture, Iain Banks', Culture Society.

Ligeia

No Ligotti? I am surprised.

Leraje

Ligeia, would you seriously want to live...

Ligeia

Yeah.

Leraje

...in a short story that's written by Ligotti?

Ligeia

Yeah.

Lithos

Oh, God, that would be awful.

Ligeia

I know.

Pike

And because it's short you have nowhere to go.

Lithos

Being in the culture novel, that's pretty good. You'd just be able to gland your own drugs. Your drug glands. Yes. Fantastic.

Ligeia

That is so good.

Pike

But if everyone had this power, people would be like, oh, you can write anything. And in reality, everyone would just write dirty fan fiction. That's all.

Kay

Yeah. Yeah.

Ligeia

What is wrong with that?

Kay

There's nothing wrong with that.

Ligeia

Yeah, well, yeah, we need more of that.

Pike

There's other artistic expression beyond the, you know, the realm of dirty fan fiction. But that would be where everyone gets stuck.

Ligeia

See, because we like it.

Kay

This is... This is where I let my mind go crazy and I think about sitting down and writing worlds that are slightly different from the world that we're in. Maybe? And then using it to test hypotheses. Like...

Leraje

Ooh, that's a good one.

Kay

Because if you can only jump into fiction worlds, if I write a fact, like a world that is exactly true as the world we're in and I try to jump in that, presumably it fails, right?

Leraje

Um, I don't know. It's still fiction. You're still inventing it...

Pike

So you also want to be God?

Leraje

...even if it's exactly the same.

Kay

Okay, then in that case, what I would want to do with your power fails. Um, fuck me, I guess.

Leraje

In that case, ignore what I just said.

Kay

No, no, it's fine.

Leraje

I will ignore everything Leraje says.

Lithos

I missed the logic of that. Why the fuck would you want to write your own novel that you'd be in and then make it as shit as the world is at the moment?

Kay

No, I wouldn't want to be in that. I would use that to learn things because I'm a stupid academic. Um.

Lithos

Oh, I see.

Kay

Yeah, it's like, all right, to use a really shitty example, it's like, I'm gonna write this world, except Donald Trump is in the Epstein files. And then I try to go into that world and it doesn't work because that's the reality we're in. I have confirmed it. And then I go to the news, and I say, I tried to jump into the fiction world and it didn't work. So he must be in the Epstein files. And they're like, you need help.

Leraje

And then they sectioned you.

Ligeia

Get him help!

Leraje

I think there's quite a large part of me that would want to... I mean, I don't know about you lot, but when I read a book, I'm always, I always want to go into it.

Pike

Mhm.

Leraje

And sort of like, see what it's like.

Ligeia

Not always. John Ward?

Leraje

Depends on the book. No, yeah. No, I wouldn't want to go in that book.

Ligeia

Bible? No.

Leraje

I don't know. I could maybe...

Kay

There are parts. There are parts. You don't want to see Jesus run into a temple and wreck it? Like, uh, I would see, I would, I would sit on the side with popcorn and watch that. 100%.

Lithos

Yeah. I'd also watch Judas milking him every day.

Ligeia

Okay. Okay. I'm changing my mind. I would love to do that.

Lithos

Sorry. Well, who'd have thought the cheesiest question would bring some of the most interesting answers. Never mind. Um, this is a follow on. Because of, uh what... This follows on nicely, actually, because one of them might already have been mentioned. Who is the worst person alive?

Leraje

I mean, there's quite a lot of competition.

Lithos

Yeah. Pick one. They get, they get the, um, swish of the guillotine.

Kay

You know, I might...

Lithos

Punishment of choice. Yes?

Kay

Yeah, I might. Instead of going with Trump, which is my first, like, go to. And who I really want to go with from an emotional perspective. I. I do think Netanyahu is worse.

Ligeia

Mhm.

Kay

So I'm gonna go with Netanyahu.

Ligeia

Mhm.

Lithos

Good choice.

Leraje

I'm gonna go with Musk.

Lithos

Yeah, uh, yeah, that was my choice as well.

Ligeia

I think I agree with you.

Pike

I don't really. Yeah, I guess I don't really see a point of killing one where, you know, five will spring in their place.

Lithos

Oh, no, you don't have to kill them. I mean, you don't even have to punish them. I'm just saying, what's the worst person alive? The guillotine thing was just...

Pike

I guess from the Eastern European perspective, I would say Vladimir Putin. Yeah, he's pretty up there.

Kay

He's pretty up there.

Ligeia

He's not pretty, but he's up there.

Pike

Well, what about when he's naked on a horse?

Kay

On a bear? Yeah, it's got to be a bear.

Pike

Specifically.

Ligeia

Yeah, it's very Slavic, so. Yeah.

Kay

Yeah.

Lithos

So we've got three Musks, a Netanyahu and a Putin, which is the shittiest trump card hand in the universe.

Kay

Oh, uh, guys, we gotta pitch this to a network. Three Trumps a Netanyahu and Putin.

Leraje

Five gold rings.

Lithos

No, it's three Musks, not three Trumps. Three Musks.

Kay

Oh, three Musks. That's right. Three Musks, a Netanyahu and a Putin.

Lithos

Which sounds like a really shit perfume brand for men. Three Musks. Three Musks Pour Homme. Ah, sexy, oui oui.

Ligeia

That's good.

Lithos

Uh, okay, so, right, this, this could be quite an interesting one, actually. Now I'm going to ask for your regional food recommendations. Right? If you go pick a regional food, it doesn't have to be from where you grew up. It can be, it can be from where you live. But your, your favourite regional food recommendation.

Kay

Can those of us who are immigrants answer twice?

Lithos

Yes, you can.

Ligeia

Okay.

Lithos

You can pick one per place. Yes.

Kay

Oh, am I starting then?

Lithos

Yeah. Well, you just did.

Kay

Ah, fucking hell. Okay.

Ligeia

Lemons.

Kay

No. New York pizza. I'm sorry to any Italians who may be listening. I respect you. I respect your pizza. I think it is wonderful. Okay. To anybody from Chicago, I'm not gonna. I don't respect your pizza, but, uh...

Lithos

That's not pizza by any account.

Kay

New York pizza is, in my opinion, truly amazing. It tastes not healthy, not high class at all.

Pike

Wow. It sounds great.

Kay

But just, it is amazing. It, it tastes like a, uh, great food. It's, it's just, it's hard to describe.

Pike

What's different about it?

Kay

The crust is different.

Lithos

It is really thin to the edge, isn't it?

Kay

So the edge itself is rather puffy and like high up. But everything below that is very thin to the point that it has a nice crunch on it. So, uh, you also, uh, the way you eat it is different. It is cut in larger slices, so you eat it by the slice with your hand instead of with fork or knife or whatever people do to pizza in the rest of the world.

Pike

No.

Kay

It also, the sauce and proportion of sauce to cheese is different as well. That's just a little harder to describe without you sitting there eating it. But it is very good. I can

send you a video of someone making a New York pizza and you'll see the difference.

Ligeia

Are, ah, the toppings, like, specific for New York or is it anything? It's just, um, like the way you make it there or...

Pike

Yeah.

Kay

So in New York, the most common slice of pizza does not have toppings on it.

Ligeia

So it's just cheese and the, uh, the...

Kay

Yeah, sauce. Yes.

Ligeia

It's margarita. There we go.

Kay

Yes. So the thing is, I firmly believe that a good pizza does not need toppings in order sit...

Ligeia

Exactly right.

Kay

But that's a very New York thing... Thing to... A very New York thing to think, because that's how most pizza there is. But there are toppings sold in New York, including things like meatball, chicken. Pepperoni is, obviously. Everyone knows...

Ligeia

Meatballs? You said meatballs?

Kay

Yeah. Like, it's. It's, uh, it's not a full meatball. It's, uh, like sliced.

Ligeia

It's empty?

Kay

Yeah, yeah, exactly. It's hollow. No, it's slices of meatball. Anchovies is a thing that I hear that people have eaten before, but I've never seen it in my life and never want to.

Ligeia

Not on a pizza. I love, anchovies but...

Kay

People sell Hawaiian slices like the, um, the pineapple and ham.

Pike

Oh, I like that.

Ligeia

Okay. They sell, but other people buy it. This is illegal.

Kay

It is not one of the most popular in New York. I will say that New York, a lot of New Yorkers are pizza snobs. I think this conversation started in a way that communicates that perfectly. And, um, and pineapple on pizza is considered a sin, uh, in New York, which, now that I have a very different point of view on sin, I go, go for it.

Do it, if that's your thing.

Lithos

But, you know, it's not a sin. It's an abomination.

Kay

Oh, please. You would do very well in New York, Lithos.

Pike

I've also had peach with grilled, uh, chicken breast, and that's also very good.

Kay

That sounds interesting. I would try it. As much as fellow New Yorkers may flay me, I would try that. Yeah.

Lithos

Um, incidentally, if anyone ends up in Italy and wants a pepperoni pizza, don't ask for a pepperoni pizza because in Italy pepperoni is sweet peppers. You ask for salame piccante.

Ligeia

Yeah, yeah. That's bell pepper. Yeah.

Leraje

And what's your European pick?

Kay

Yeah, so my Portuguese pick changes day to day. For now I. One of the things that you will find is that I will always recommend working class food because I believe them to be so much tastier. Um, for Portugal, that would be Alheira, if I am allowed to go on a semi serious rant.

Alheira is a type of sausage that was invented by the Jews during the Inquisition to pretend like they were eating pork so that this way when the Inquisition showed up they would be like, I can't be Jewish, look at all these sausages in my house. Um, and it worked, frankly. Um, Alheira comes from the Portuguese word alho, which means garlic.

It has a very heavy garlic flavour. Uh, and it is delicious. It is most normally served deep fried, but it can also be grilled.

Ligeia

That sounds so good.

Lithos

Yum yum.

Ligeia

Um, I love sausage.

Kay

I agree, right?

Lithos

That sounds delicious. I've always wanted to try New York pizza. It does look good. It looks actually quite similar to sort of Roman style pizza in Italy. I think that's the closest thing.

Kay

I've not tried Roman style pizza, but I must.

Leraje

Well, mine would be Moules Marinière, which is, as I'm sure you know, just mussels. Mussels and a white wine sauce and cream sauce. That's it.

Lithos

Mhm.

Pike

That is not an English dish.

Leraje

It didn't say English. It said regional.

Lithos

It's regional. I said regional and it didn't have to be from where you're from.

Kay

Oh, oh. So if I could just choose a fucking region.

Pike

Yeah, I understood it's somewhere where you grew up and somewhere where you live.

Lithos

Well, you can, I mean, it would be quite interesting to hear, you know, like...

Leraje

Black pudding, in that case.

Lithos

If you have any from where you grew up. Yes.

Pike

Mhm.

Pike

Gosh. I have to rethink the whole thing now.

Kay

Apparently we could just choose whatever.

Lithos

You can always go from where you grew up. It doesn't matter.

Pike

I feel cheated. Um, Ligeia, you go first. You go first.

Ligeia

Um, okay. From where I grew up we have like this mixture of... I will just mention a few countries. So it's, it's influenced like all swapped and mixed

together. So it's the, uh, cuisine of Austria, Slovakia, Czechia, Hungarian food. And I love all of these mixed together. I really love Hungarian spices, the paprika, the goulash and the, uh, uh, Kolbaszi and Lángos.

Ah, I would kill. My goodness. I Love Hungarian food and Austrian food. Not all of it, but yeah, I love those. Tastes are like my childhood. And the presentation and specific, like, look of the venues and the, uh, the uniforms they wear is like something that will never go away from me. And if I can choose like a really regional for my family, my, my father's family, where we come from, which is Balkan, we have Ajvar.

Do you know Ajvar?

Pike

You'll have to explain that.

Ligeia

It is like, um, sort of like, um, a something between spread and a dip. It's quite thick.

Pike

Like ajwar?

Ligeia

Ajwar. Do you like? It's Ajwar.

Pike

Is it red?

Ligeia

Yes, it's made of like baked, um, red bell peppers and garlic and a lot of oil. And. And it's mixed into. It can be mixed like completely smooth or you have bits of that. So. So I love that. I do like my little pieces I can choose.

Pike

That's how you pronounce it, right? Because I said Ajvar, but you said Ajvar. It's probably the same thing. Different, right?

Ligeia

I will not stop now.

Pike

Now I know. Now I know how to pronounce it.

Ligeia

Ajvar, you say?

Pike

Okay, well, I was reading...

Ligeia

It's delicious if you like peppers, like, my kids hate it. I don't know where my blood went. I don't know. I don't know what. Anyway, so, yes, I can bring it when we meet. You can have a little tasting. We could do that.

Pike

We could do that.

Lithos

Absolutely.

Ligeia

Bring your regional delicacies. Oh, uh, yeah. Okay.

Lithos

That would mean I'd have to bring pease pudding and stotties from up here.

Pike

No, no. You're baking your pizza as a resident pizza baker.

Ligeia

New York pizza. Yeah. Okay.

Kay

How the fuck am I gonna do that?

Leraje

That's a hell of a commute, isn't it? Really?

Ligeia

No.

Pike

You, uh, you will, uh, give that job to Lithos, who already has a perfect pizza recipe.

Ligeia

He's the chef.

Lithos

Oh. I've actually changed it slightly to make it even better.

Ligeia

Of course.

Pike

Can we have a new recipe?

Lithos

Constant, constant work in progress. Trying to make pizza in a shitty domestic oven.

Pike

Mhm.

Kay

Yeah, it's hard, man.

Pike

Recipe in the show notes.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Lithos

Right, Pike.

Pike

So I. I cannot think about the world of food, uh, or my head is going to explode. So I'll say from my motherland. I really like all the grated potato dishes. So grated

potato pancakes, which is. I think the Jewish name for it is latkes. We just call them potato pancakes. And there is another dish which is you use the same mass of grated potato, you just bake it in the oven, some fried onions.

Uh, in Lithuania we have a special machine, uh, an electric machine that is very big and bulky, that does only one job and that is grating the potatoes into a mush. And in the past, if you got married, your parents would gift you one of those machines. It takes up a lot of space and does nothing else.

And since I now live in England, I would say an English dish would be... ah, forget about it.

Leraje

I thought you were going to say lardy cakes then.

Pike

Lardy cakes were on the tip of my tongue.

Lithos

Kind of swiss, swiss Rösti kinda thing.

Ligeia

Pike. That was so bad.

Kay

Shade thrown.

Lithos

Wow.

Pike

Well, we already had black pudding. I couldn't, I couldn't do worse.

Ligeia

I love black pudding. I love it. Steak Wellington. Come on. It's good.

Kay

I absolutely love the potato cakes. They're amazing. Huge Jewish population in New York. So a lot of Jewish food in New York and it's great.

Lithos

Yeah.

Leraje

I'll give a quick shout out, um, to orange chips from the black country in the West Midlands as well.

Ligeia

What is it? Chips.

Lithos

They're battered. It's kind of like, like battered like the fish. So they're better, the potatoes. And then I think they put something like turmeric in to make the, make it orange.

Leraje

Ah, yeah.

Pike

Mhm.

Kay

Okay.

Leraje

They are fucking fire.

Kay

That makes a lot more sense than what I was thinking, which is like, oh, we're gonna make chips, but out of oranges. I was like, how the fuck does that work? And that sounds terrible.

Lithos

Battered chips are absolutely banging.

Leraje

They really are.

Ligeia

Huh?

Leraje

Oh, genuinely not good for you. But.

Lithos

No.

Ligeia

That's usually with good food.

Kay

Yeah, I didn't. None of what I mentioned was anywhere close to good for you.

Lithos

Yeah, well, this, this is kind of like leading on to the next question, which might have been answered already. Disregarding cardiologists and anything like that. It's not going to do you any harm. You're completely not gonna give two fucks about your own health. What is your dirtiest, most unhealthy food choice?

Kay

Uh, you asked me the same question twice and I don't understand.

Lithos

Yeah, you're gonna, you're gonna go New York pizza, aren't you?

Kay

I'm gonna go New York pizza and Alheira.

Leraje

Yeah.

Kay

100%.

Lithos

I like your thinking, uh, because you might have covered this already because battered chips, you know, is also.

Leraje

Yeah.

Pike

Ah, I don't really enjoy very, uh, unhealthy food, but since in this universe it's healthy. I really like a Reuben sandwich. And you know, you obviously have butter. You Have Russian sauce. It's. You have cheese, you have ox tongue.

Ligeia

Ah.

Pike

It's really very nice, very rich.

Lithos

It sounds good. Yeah.

Leraje

I'm a very rare... I'm sorry.

Kay

Um, I just said, now batter it and deep fry it.

Pike

Yes. Um, no, no, no.

Lithos

That's a Scottish Reuben. Glasgow Reuben. A Glasgow Reuben.

Kay

I was kidding, Pike. Don't kill me.

Pike

I have heard of somebody in Scotland using two pizzas to sandwich a bunch of others. Yeah. And then deep frying the whole thing.

Leraje

Called a pizza crunch.

Kay

I got to move to Scotland.

Pike

There is a name for it?

Leraje

Yeah. Pizza crunch.

Pike

It's done more than... I thought that was just one... Oh my.

Leraje

Literally, there's nothing they won't fry.

Lithos

And this is not good pizza. Right. This is the cheap Iceland type pizzas you get, which is mainly dough and, like, really cheap grated cheese and tomato ketchup. Yes, I concur with your facial expression, Pike. I think it sounds like the worst thing ever.

Leraje

Don't knock it till you tried it.

Lithos

I won't try it. Sorry. No way. Right. Ligeia. Come on. Unhealthy. You've had too much healthy stuff. You've had raspberries, and now you need to, you need to go unhealthy.

Ligeia

I do love my bloody steaks. I'm not sure if it's healthy or unhealthy. I do like everything that is a little bit bloody.

Pike

Steak is healthy.

Ligeia

If it was, like, legal, that... it would be like blood. Bloody blood. I don't know. I love, you know, the. The unhealthy thing with me probably is if I like something, I don't know when to stop. So, uh, yeah, I love my salted nuts. Like, real nuts. Stop it.

Kay

Myself and Pike just fucking lost it on that.

Ligeia

I didn't even need to look at you. Okay, Nuts.

Lithos

Nuts, nuts are really good for you.

Kay

Uh, you know, from us in the LGBTQ community, we keep saying this.

Ligeia

You know, I can't help it.

Lithos

You're gonna need to deep fry your nuts to make them unhealthy.

Ligeia

Yeah, but if you eat, like, five kilogrammes in one evening.

Leraje

Okay.

Ligeia

So I don't know. I. That's a lot too much. Yeah.

Lithos

You'll be very regular the next day, to put it mildly.

Ligeia

Oh, my God. Okay.

Pike

Maybe you'll be dead.

Leraje

As you're having your stomach pumped in hospital.

Ligeia

What did she do? She's nuts!

Kay

Doctor. It's not nice to insult patients. No, just literally full of nuts.

Ligeia

Uh, oh, and I enjoy spicy. Like, that is not good for you if it's too much. I do love my spicy meat and seasonings, and nothing tastes of anything here. I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I. I do not mind food here, but if I... If I'm in the mood for something spicy, it's not. It's not here, like, even...

Kay

Famously.

Ligeia

Even if I order something. Like, please make it spicy for me. They are like, so how do you like it? I'm like, yeah, it's here.

Leraje

Go to a Thai restaurant and order.

Ligeia

I did, I did. But it's a different spicy. It's different when I want, like, uh. Because you need to combine that spiciness with their food. But sometimes I just want my food but make it spicy with my spices. It's not possible. It doesn't...

Lithos

As in not spicy, just chilli spicy. But spicy with loads of different spices.

Ligeia

Loads of, like, flavours, you know? Yeah, it's not possible. So once. Once I'm somewhere where I can do that, I, uh, I go unhealthy and I eat everything spicy and it's, like, everywhere. Like it. Yeah. So probably that would be my... I don't believe in guilty pleasure, but if we call it that, probably.

Lithos

Excellent. Yes. Yeah, I'm all for spicy and, um. Yeah, chilli, but also all kinds of different spices and flavours in. Yeah, absolutely.

Pike

Since we dunked quite a bit on English food, I would like to say that it's mostly in jest. It's just, um. I don't know, it's just a done thing. I'm sorry. There is a lot of nice regional food in England. There are those Stoke, uh, um, cakes that...

Leraje

Oat cakes?

Pike

Yeah, yeah, yeah. That are really good.

Leraje

Yeah, they are good.

Pike

And Welsh cakes. All kinds of bland, uh, stodgy baked things I really enjoy.

Kay

Yeah, you're selling it real well, Pike.

Ligeia

I'm almost believing.

Lithos

It is. It is. It is unhealthy. It is unhealthy. So. Right, I'm gonna have to pick another couple of questions, but because we are, uh, running close to the hour mark. Okay. What is your favourite language to hear spoken? As in, which language to you sounds nicest?

Pike

Love.

Lithos

What? The language of love? This is not a Christian fucking podcast.

Kay

No, I mean, that's what the language of love, I'm pretty sure, is just made up of very explicit moans.

Lithos

Oh, we're talking that kind of love. The proper kind. Fair enough for me.

Ligeia

It's French, by the way.

Leraje

Yeah, Also French.

Lithos

Oh la la.

Ligeia

Voilà.

Lithos

Voilà, mais c'est bien, hein?

Ligeia

Bonjour.

Lithos

Well, I know how to turn you on to my good side, then. Sorry, that sounded wrong.

Ligeia

We heard it. Too late. Too late.

Ligeia

Promise. I will remember this.

Lithos

I was trying to make that not sound creepy, because I was... Then I thought sweet talk you and I thought that sounds fucking worse.

Ligeia

Are you sure? Are you sure? Are you sure that's what you tried to do? Oh, my God.

Kay

I don't know.

Ligeia

Portuguese?

Kay

It's a very hard question for me because I like so many languages. Uh, no, it's not Portuguese. I've learned enough of Portuguese to not like anymore.

Ligeia

Yeah, it's difficult.

Kay

Hard, right?

Ligeia

Yeah. Uh, but I like listening to that as well. Italian as well.

Kay

Italian's pretty cool. Um, you know, I might be a freak, but I actually like Mandarin, the sound of it.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Kay

Um, so, yeah, I'm gonna go with that.

Ligeia

Why not?

Kay

Okay, it's either that or Irish.

Pike

I was gonna say Irish.

Kay

Irish is pretty cool.

Ligeia

Scottish, too.

Leraje

Irish as in Gaelic or Irish? Uh, yeah, as in speaking English with an Irish accent?

Kay

No, as in Gaeilge, as in the actual Irish language.

Lithos

Yeah, actually saying that, Leraje makes it terribly racist, saying Irish, do you mean speaking English with an Irish accent? God's sake.

Kay

I wasn't... I wasn't gonna say it.

Lithos

We apologise to any Irish listeners we might have. That... That was... That was dreadful.

Ligeia

We used to have...

Kay

Let's run him back. Let's run him back.

Leraje

Try and gig myself out of a hole here. I used to have a friend of mine who used to really like English, but only English spoken in an American accent.

Lithos

Uh, yeah, I did specifically say language, not accent.

Kay

Not dialect.

Leraje

Okay, fair enough.

Lithos

So are you, Pike, are you gonna stick with Irish or...

Pike

I was saying. Okay, I'm gonna, I'm going to avoid the obvious jokes here, but, yeah, I was going to say Irish as well, but I don't care which language it is. But, but when you have Irish people speaking any language, I think it sounds... And a bit more of a left field choice I thought Romanian sounds really pleasant. It's quite musical and sounds a little bit like Italian, but not. It's.

Ligeia

Yeah, yeah, cool.

Lithos

Well, it is. It is the language that is closest to, I believe, to ancient Latin.

Ligeia

Yes.

Pike

Oh, really? Okay.

Lithos

Yeah, yeah, very complicated. Yeah, I like. I like hearing Spanish and people speaking English with a Spanish accent, but I think Spanish sounds lovely.

Pike

Yeah, well, you like when English people say Barcelona.

Lithos

No, no, no. Not English people saying, no. Spanish people speaking English with a Spanish accent. Not English people going, pie-ella.

Ligeia

Oh my god.

Lithos

A pie-ella and a ker-vay-sah please por favour.

Leraje

As they point to a picture of a fried egg on a menu.

Ligeia

Yeah. Mallor-car.

Lithos

Fish, Fisho and chippo.

Pike

So mean. Uh, in this international conversation, I feel that we're bullying the English here.

Lithos

Fuck's sake. I mean, we... We spoke about the Algarve earlier. You want to see the truth of that? Go to the Algarve and see some lobster coloured Brits behave.

Pike

I knew the Algarve, uh, rant was going to come, we just had to wait.

Kay

You could bully the Americans too. It's fine.

Pike

It's not fun anymore.

Kay

Oh, okay. Because it's easy now. Easier.

Pike

Well, Americans here, they start apologising about being American before you could even say anything. So it just feels like, you know, kicking someone when they're down.

Kay

I mean, uh, good. It's about time that they realised that it wasn't necessarily a good thing.

Ligeia

Yeah, the isolation.

Leraje

I think I understand Americans a bit more over the last couple of years.

Kay

I'm very sorry.

Leraje

Well, no, I mean, I remember a few years ago I was sitting on a bus and I was sitting quite near the front and I could hear the American tourists who were sitting at the back of the bus. And I don't mean I could just barely hear them. I mean, I could hear every word.

Kay

Yeah.

Leraje

And I, uh, uh. And that's just like the typical kind of, like, archetypal view that people have of Americans, that they're loud. But I've come to realise, through it being explained to me, that Americans grow up in an environment where that is encouraged. Everything is so fast and so loud and so competitive that they literally have to.

Ligeia

Yeah. Um, so I've noticed that even, like the presenters on, on a TV, like the way you open your mouth, like, so much, everybody is speaking like that and I'm like...

Lithos

No, that's just the cocaine.

Ligeia

I would be so tired.

Kay

That's just the cocaine.

Pike

Okay, you need to teach us to come out of our shell and take up space. No.

Ligeia

Oh, you don't.

Kay

Why, though? Why though?

Ligeia

You don't want me to come out of anywhere.

Kay

I, um, think you're all great as you are and I would not dream to push my sensibilities on any of you. Yeah, no, no. I will say the other thing that makes Americans quite loud, naturally, is that their accent - their, I say, as if I don't have it is. Is very nasal. Uh, a lot of our consonants and stuff are nasal and nasality carries further naturally.

All right, let's get technical. This is Kay's rant episode. In singing, if you want your consonants to carry, you put it in a place that's called the mask, which is this frontal area of the face. And it really helps the sound carry quite far. It's what opera singers do, at least in part, in order to make their sounds carry without a microphone.

And a lot of American accents kind of just sit naturally in that space. Which is why when people sing, sometimes they sound like they have an American accent. No, they're just singing in the same spot that Americans speak naturally. Um, so, yeah, there's a whole bunch of you didn't need to know and I will probably forget in about 15 minutes.

Lithos

No, it's very interesting. Right, yeah. Okay, I'm gonna launch into the last question because yeah, otherwise this is gonna go on forever. Yeah, I know. We're all having fun. I don't want to spend the rest of the week editing this though.

Kay

That's fair.

Leraje

If you, if we want to keep going, we can just keep going. You can chop the whole thing in half with us. Do two episodes.

Lithos

Yeah, can do. I also need to eat and the talk of New York pizza has made me absolutely ravenous now. Now I'm craving some really unhealthy food, so. You're welcome. Yeah, I'm going to have some traditional British sausages, some Geordie

Bangers. Um, right. What would you send into room 101, i.e. What would you get rid of?

If there's one thing you could get rid of, Anything, a phrase, doesn't have to be a person or just... It can be a concept. What would you get rid of? Um. Saying the baby Jesus is quite all right. We are Satanists after all.

Kay

Specifically as an infant?

Lithos

Well, yeah, that would be the easiest way to dispose of him because he hadn't had his magic God powers yet, had he? You know, as an infant, it would have been easy to stick him in a basket and send him down whatever fucking river he was near.

Pike

That is so dark.

Lithos

Uh. Oh, that was Moses, wasn't it?

Kay

Yes it was.

Ligeia

Okay, I have one. Spiders.

Lithos

Spiders?

Leraje

Yeah. Fair enough.

Ligeia

Mhm. No, I don't need them. I don't want them. I never wanted them. I never agreed with any of them.

Lithos

You can have spiders if I can have wasps.

Ligeia

Oh, give it here. I don't mind. Uh, no, no, no, that's fine.

Pike

But what if it upsets the whole ecosystem and the end of the world will be brought on by you?

Lithos

Well, yeah, this is... I mean, this is how deep thinking we are. What one thing could you get rid of? And one, spiders and the other is wasps. No-one's gone wars, famine, murder.

Pike

Uh, just how do I make myself a little bit more comfortable?

Ligeia

Yes.

Pike

That's all.

Lithos

Yes, that's it.

Ligeia

Well, you can bring the other stuff. Okay, I can choose my spiders. No, your spiders, not my spiders. You. You come up with the proper stuff now. War.

Leraje

I, uh, don't know.

Pike

How about violence? What if nobody could hurt anybody else, no matter how much we want to.

Ligeia

No. Well, what if. What if it's fun?

Pike

Then it's not violence.

Ligeia

Like playful violence, right?

Pike

Yeah. I wouldn't call that violence.

Ligeia

Okay.

Lithos

No, that's consensual. I think with... non-consensual is implied with the concept of violence.

Ligeia

Yeah, but then we have paedophiles and I need that violence there.

Pike

Okay. Okay. I was just kidding.

Lithos

Yeah, but then they wouldn't be able to be violent towards kids, so you wouldn't have paedophiles. See if you got rid of violence.

Ligeia

I see.

Lithos

This is quite well thought through, Pike. For an off the cuff.

Ligeia

Too well for me.

Pike

I'm trying to shame people into, uh, uh, aiming high.

Ligeia

Oh, okay. How much time do you have?

Kay

I'm going to go with the incredible pessimistic answer. I'm just going to say humans.

Pike

You don't like us?

Kay

Not today. Bye. My opinions fluctuate. There are days where I'm like, no, most of humanity is good. And if it's just the few on top who really suck. And then I think about the realities of how people have been constantly fed their entire lives from the beginning and how messy it is to try to clean that up and to, you know, help them realise that 90% of what they learned was bullshit.

And then I go, you know, it's just easier if we're just gone. Humans.

Pike

If there's no violence, you know, the kitty has no claws.

Kay

Yeah, but they could still be stupid.

Pike

Oh, that's okay.

Lithos

Well, there's. There's something to get rid of. Stupidity.

Ligeia

I like that.

Pike

I don't mind stupid people.

Kay

So here's the thing. Either way, if you get rid of humans or stupidity, I'm gone. So I'm taking y' all with me.

Ligeia

Okay?

Leraje

Lego.

Kay

Oh, I'm gone. I'm fucking out of here.

Ligeia

Did you say Lego?

Leraje

Yeah.

Pike

Explain. Did you step on it?

Lithos

Wow, that's leftfield.

Ligeia

What do you mean?

Leraje

I'm not explaining. I feel too strongly about it. I'm not... I'm not explaining it any further.

Kay

It brings back bad memories.

Lithos

Okay.

Pike

All right.

Leraje

Trauma.

Pike

All right, so if Leraje is not explaining, can we have some theories why Leraje said Lego? Yeah, I think he stepped on it.

Leraje

And I'll choose the one that's closest to it.

Pike

And it was traumatic.

Leraje

Yeah.

Kay

I think a giant animated Lego killed Leraje's parents.

Pike

That's really likely. Okay, you're not even trying.

Kay

It's Batman. It's just the beginning of Batman. Except. Except Lego.

Leraje

Yeah. None of us were billionaires, apart from that. Uh, no, it just vaguely annoys me, to be honest. I just find it vaguely annoying and I don't really know why.

Pike

Did you not have it when everyone else at school did?

Leraje

Yeah, I had loads of it. I'm just, I mean ... muuuuuuh.

Kay

I am so sorry listeners. The facial expression really made that, uh.

Lithos

Absolutely, absolutely. Fucking Lego. What, uh, what the fuck. Okay.

Ligeia

Are you against...

Lithos

It's your choice. We're not judging. We're not... We're not Lego shaming you.

Kay

Leraje is.

Leraje

Uh, I mean let's extend it to all kind of like buildable child's toys. So like Duplo, Playmobil.

Pike

That's still Lego.

Leraje

Yeah. All that stuff that you got to build, for God's sake. I don't want to build something, I want to play with it.

Lithos

So you don't like IKEA either I presume...

Leraje

I quite like Ikea.

Lithos

...which, which is just grown up Lego essentially.

Leraje

I don't put the stuff together myself, you understand?

Lithos

Oh, right, okay. I have someone do it for me, ha ha.

Leraje

Uh, no, I just don't.

Lithos

Jeeves! Assemble my bookcase.

Kay

That whole thing about not being a billionaire, Leraje, very believable now.

Leraje

I get my Lego minions to put my IKEA furniture together. My sentient Lego beings.

Ligeia

Here, play.

Leraje

Uh, yeah, Lego's shit.

Ligeia

Oh, I love it. I do like parts that go to each other.

Pike

I'll say the Lego hype is shit

Ligeia

I have one here.

Leraje

See that? It comes in kits. Yeah, it comes in kits. Surely the whole point of LEGO is to like how it's supposed to feed your imagination. You build something.

Pike

No, that's in the past.

Kay

Yeah, Legos are sold in kits.

Lithos

That's just showing your age.

Kay

With instruction manuals and everything.

Lithos

That's just showing our age because we can remember when you just got a box of mixed bricks and you had to fucking try and make something out of it.

Leraje

See, this whole enforced theming of Lego is basically fascist based capitalism forcing you to conform to a very particular model of what you're allowed to build.

Ligeia

You don't, you don't have to follow the instructions.

Pike

And that folks, was our light hearted fun episode.

Ligeia

Not heated at all.

Lithos

Ligeia. You haven't said what you'd get rid of yet.

Kay

Put humans in the room!

Ligeia

I'm sorry?

Lithos

You haven't said what you'd get rid of yet.

Ligeia

She did.

Pike

You weren't listening.

Lithos

What?

Ligeia

What did I say?

Pike

Spiders.

Ligeia

Spiders.

Lithos

Oh, spiders, yes. Oh, I thought you were gonna do serious one. It's... You're gonna stick with spiders?

Ligeia

Okay, I will not stick with spiders ever. But um, yeah, I think like these, this hot weather, I would like it to stop like for, for the whole world. I don't think anybody likes something that is above 25. That would be enough for me.

Kay

Oh, I, OK...

Pike

You're gone?

Kay

I like it around 28 to 30. I think it's great.

Ligeia

Damn, I missed that. Okay. Um. Okay.

Pike

Okay. So that's another reason why you're gone.

Lithos

Your desk has taken some punishment. But you don't know how loud it sounds when you hit that fucking thing. Don't! I'm gonna have to edit this. Don't hit it again.

Kay

Take a look at just the spike of your audio that is shown on the platform.

Ligeia

You don't love me anymore, people. I'm gonna...

Kay

We do. We do.

Lithos

You just committed spider genocide. Do you know without spiders we'd have...

Leraje

And an act of violence.

Kay

I killed all humans!

Lithos

...we'd have a shitload more flies. And they're really annoying.

Ligeia

Nobody cares. Kay killed all of us humans and our families and nobody cares. But my spiders are like bothering you. Are you all right, people? Are you nuts?

Kay

No.

Ligeia

Right.

Kay

I'm insane.

Ligeia

You know what I would get rid of? I don't. We are going to. No, we are going to. Going to lose people now. Probably. You can cut this out of whatever. I would like to limit how much money people can have. Like I think there should be a limit. And also properties or something that is like 200 millions for one house.

No, that house doesn't need to exist.

Kay

If uh, if you are a listener and you disagree with this, don't come back.

Leraje

Yeah. We don't want you to listen to our stuff.

Lithos

I don't think we've got any listeners who are anywhere near that affluent to be quite honest with you.

Kay

Quite right. Exactly.

Ligeia

Like if you...

Pike

Some of us are aspiring. Some of us are aspiring.

Ligeia

Ah. Yeah. Yeah. It's a nice dream. But you know, like some people have so much money they don't even... They can't spend it ever. Uh, and it's. And you know, I think I would like to get rid of that in this world.

Kay

Have any of you interacted with people of that level of wealth before?

Ligeia

Mh-hm.

Kay

You have? They're fucking insane.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Kay

They're truly...

Pike

They're strange.

Kay

They're very strange.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

And there's a point beyond which there's nothing to spend money on. So you end up having to start some kind of a collection and collecting something which is just really dull.

Kay

Yep. That. Or you have to see number go up and uh, you know like the bank account must go up and that in and of itself becomes an insanity.

Leraje

Yeah. I don't think it's about getting more money. It's about getting everybody else's money for some people. They just want all of it.

Pike

Oh, Monopoly.

Leraje

I do think some people, and we know who I'm talking about, I mentioned his name earlier. That Monopoly is a good allegory for, uh, how they see life. They want to own everything.

Ligeia

Yeah. And it shouldn't be, shouldn't be possible. Like they can want. This is a sentence now. They can want, but it should not be legally possible to achieve that. Like there should be a rule.

Lithos

Especially not if you are bullied at school. And I suspect Elon Musk was...

Ligeia

Not enough.

Lithos

...which would explain why he so desperately wants everyone to like him.

Leraje

Not enough.

Lithos

Not enough, yes.

Kay

That is very rough.

Leraje

Uh, can I... I would just like to interject one word in between not and enough. And that's fatally, not fatally enough.

Lithos

Not fatally enough. Not fatally enough.

Kay

Put all humans in room 101. Musk goes. Trump goes. Putin goes.

Lithos

An accidental castration might have been...

Ligeia

Pike is crying. Where is my non violent world?

Pike

Well, imagine all those people stuck in room 101. So you, you have, what was it?

Uh, Elon Musk stuck in room 101 with baby Jesus, Lego, spiders.

Leraje

My God, what could he achieve?

Pike

But he cannot do any violence.

Kay

Nothing.

Pike

So the spiders are gonna stay there.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

And multiply infinitely until they take up all the space.

Lithos

Uh, yes, that was, that was the one I missed in the New Testament. The Parable of the spiders.

Kay

The parable of room 101.

Ligeia

You mean new testicle? I don't know.

Lithos

New testicles, please.

Ligeia

Yeah.

Pike

I just had an idea. We should print the Parable of the Spiders and have it as a handy leaf to in certain Bibles, you know, as um, an update. You do get that with popular books, you know, if they've been in print for a long time, sometimes they'll insert like a new chapter or something.

Kay

Yeah, I mean, I mean, I'm pretty sure, uh, people are not super happy with the most recent sequel. They call it the Book of Mormon. Uh, so. So we could use some errata in the original to just to keep it lively.

Pike

I think the Parable of Spiders would be right, you know, would liven it right up.

Kay

Yeah.

Ligeia

Mhm.

Lithos

Aren't they really pissed off with the use of the word Mormon now?

Kay

I don't care.

Lithos

No, no, no. Neither do I. I just, I thought I heard something like that.

Leraje

Why don't they like the word Mormon?

Kay

It's... It's the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

Ligeia

I'm so sorry, but like, who is gonna say all that?

Pike

Uh, also, people sometimes skip out the second M.

Lithos

Yes, yes.

Leraje

Is that why they don't like it?

Pike

I would guess so.

Lithos

No idea. I think it's just because it has sort of now societally fairly negative connotations. As in that's a ridiculous religion.

Kay

For a fucking reason!

Lithos

Yeah, yeah, absolutely. I'm not disagreeing with you here, I mean, Jesus having got in a boat and rowed to America or whatever's supposed to have happened is, you know, absolute fucking cock shit of the highest order.

Kay

And, yeah, this is gonna be a rant, so I'm just not gonna do it. Okay.

Lithos

Well, on that note. On that note, I think, yeah, we should draw a line under it. We're talking about Mormonism now. Then it's... We're really scraping the bottom of the barrel.

Pike

So you only have half an hour to edit out. I'm sure it will be easy.

Lithos

I'll be all right. I might leave it to be a lot. I might not even bother editing out all the desk bangings and weird noises in the background and pissing teapots. But since this is a ridiculous episode that hasn't really gone anywhere other than we're trying to entertain each other and a, uh, tiny audience.

Currently tiny. Speaking of audiences. Right, Shout out to a listener. Uh, and I'm sorry if I pronounced your name wrong, Tudulul, who was the first person to leave a really nice comment for us on YouTube that wasn't something along the lines of repent and accept Lord Jesus Christ as your master and saviour in all caps, which is the usual fucking thing we got.

Yeah, you know, it's like, uh, Christians, please. If you're listening to this, what, what the fuck are you doing for a start, you're really gonna go to hell. And also, you know, just, why. What do you think you're gonna achieve by all capsing us messages like that? You know, just go and... there's plenty of Christian channels on YouTube.

Go and follow them. We don't ask you to follow us. Just...

Leraje

I don't know about you, but every time I read a message in all caps, I think, well, hell, I'm now convinced. I, um, am now absolutely convinced.

Kay

I'm... I'm currently thinking, sorry, this is totally off base, but I'm thinking that this is the episode without the Lithos rant. And I'm just watching the bar scroll and it being nothing but Lithos's audio for a while. In the best way. In the best way.

Lithos

I haven't laid into Catholics for the first time in a long time. So there you go. There you go, generic all caps Christians.

Pike

So we have one friend.

Lithos

Yes, we have one listener on YouTube at least, who does like our podcast.

Pike

So say their name again.

Lithos

Who may change their opinion after this wild ride.

Pike

Say their name again and louder.

Lithos

We hope you enjoyed this. Thank you. If you've lasted this long, uh, we will be back. And we will be back with more serious subject matter, but we might not. If it gets hot like this again, we might just decide fuck it. We're fried. Our brains are fried. Couldn't be arsed to do any fucking research and you can either listen to it or you can not.

But if you did listen to it, thank you very much indeed. I've been Lithos. Hail Satan. Oh, and there goes the motorbike. Pike?

Pike

Hail Satan.

Lithos

Ligeia?

Ligeia

What do I do now?

Lithos

You say whatever you want to say is your outro.

Ligeia

Hail Satan, I don't know.

Lithos

Our outros are getting shitter by every podcast, they're getting less serious. No matter what subject matter we talk about, we end up laughing about it. Um, it's terrible. We're so unprofessional. Apologies. Kay?

Kay

Hail Satan. Ha ha.

Lithos

You suddenly appear, you appear to have sort of sprung out of an Oscar Wilde play or something. Handbags? And Leraje?

Leraje

Hail Satan.

Lithos

Good grief. This is going to be fun to edit.

Ligeia

Just leave it as it is.

Lithos

I think I will.

Leraje

Just fucking leave it and upload it.