

Welcome to Talking Istanbullocks with me, Jorma Kirkko, recording our 66th episode from the beautiful sunny island of Crete, and him, Ray Mac, at home in Istanbul, also sunny, 23 degrees, Jimster. So, 23 degrees, eh? 23 degrees, perfect weather for sitting in your underpants, isn't it, and eating crisps, right? Eating crisps, exactly, and not the other thing that you wrote down earlier on, I'll put that down to you hitting the big 50 soon. I'm in my, I'm in my, not underpants, actually, I'm in my Bermudas, and they're that Hawaiian style, you know, Tom from Magnum PI, and I'm taking them to a brand new level.

Yeah, you're starting to look a bit like him, actually. Yes, very good, very good. It's the same weather in Crete, I'm just looking at our bedroom window at the snow-capped mountains, but with 23 degrees and sun shining on the ground, so, brilliant.

Rey's a bit annoyed with me, because this isn't the first time that we've done this today, um, we just nearly finished, and I realised that I'd forgotten to press record one of the dangers of not being, um, in the local juicer. Anyway. Did you put it down to that? I'll put it down to you being 50 in 19 to 20 weeks, that's what I put it down to, pal.

I, I put it down to the fact that you planned to spend, today sitting in your underpants, eating crisps and, um, masturbating. Look at, I've better things to be doing with my hands, pal. I know the old, I know the old male generation, they liked a little bit of, what was it again, that, that word I used to give us, beef stroking off.

Yes, yes. Yeah. Can we get back to the podcast? Grow Radio UK, home of the biggest selection of podcasts, Jimster, on the radio, 24 seven, mind you a day, of course, our main sponsors, which we are not there today, unfortunately, but at the weekend, James Joyce, Irish pub Istanbul.

Yes. And today's show is brought to you by Cheese Connoisseur magazine, the publication that is the authority on all things cheese. And this week's show is packed with more cheese than a homeless man's foreskin.

Yes, sir. Cheesy, but, rather great. Yes.

Well, if that's what you want to say about homeless men's foreskins, that's, that's your own private kingdom, isn't it? I'll defend your right to say whatever you like. Right. It doesn't mean I agree with you.

anyway, Liam Neeson is back with us again, talking telly and his new screenplay. We've got true or false post of the week. And as ever, we're going to start off with Morgan Friedman reading about one of his poems about fishing shakers.

As the spring comes in, it's a joy to be at one with nature. Duncan from Maine wrote to Jorma and Ray at talking is Stan Bullocks at gmail.com and asked if I'd write a poem about going fishing and drinking beer in the sun. And I couldn't think of anything finer at this time of year.

So I wrote a poem about a fishing weekend I had with my buddy last May. So here is gone fishing by Morgan Friedman. Tranquil water, gentle breeze, the bobbin boat.

Got my bait, got my booze, my maggots and float. My buddy steers the boat to the middle of the lake. I hope I don't fall in if I don't stay awake.

Gentle willows, the odd egret and the lapping of the water. I embrace the peace my wife's away with my daughter. To persuade my wife to go on the spa retreat required my best attempts at cunning deceit.

I booked us the days and then feigned surprise. Checking my diary, an ad for Fray Bentos pies. I explained sincerely I needed the wage.

Offers of work are more sparse at my age. My wife understood. My daughter and my place would go.

But I'd done the commercial three or four weeks ago. Not a full lie. I'd call it more juggling of facts.

So my daughter picked her up when her bags were packed. Stuck the fishing gear and sandwiches in the back of my truck. Three days of unexpected guy time with any luck.

My frustration mounts as the fish evade my line. Pesky mosquitoes are the only bites I find. My legs are stiff.

I've caught literally not a thing. So in anger and defeat my fishing rod I fling. I look on with a sigh as the wretched thing sinks back to dry land.

Emperor Burger and beer I think. As my wife does her yoga and Thai meditation I hit the bar for scoops of intoxication. The coquettish barmaids smile and a low-cut top onto a high stool at the bar.

I hastily hop. I told her I'd gone fishing. She offered me a line which I later snored off her beautiful bear behind.

The next day I awake by a slumbering lady. The details of last night have become a bit hazy. Better than a wellness break I think I recall.

Fine with a foxy milf who's about six feet tall. The angling was a write-off. Caught less than I'd wished.

But nevertheless my beard still stinks of fish. I've got a little bit of a dirt bag but I can see why. A bit of a dirty mind.

A little bit pervy Jimmy. Yeah he does from time to time get a bit rude doesn't he and then he goes back on to being a decent lad. Yeah but I mean why not? I mean you've got to think though at the same time he has his requests doesn't he and Duncan Chesley wrote in and asked could he have a poem about drinking beer and fishing in the sun and he added the surprise little bit at the end which said and can you make it just a bit sexist.

So I guess that was easy for Morgan. I guess we're going to blame Duncan. Yeah I would have thought well it was his request.

It was yeah. Duncan you dirt bag. I loved the usage of Morgan bringing in one of our favorite words at the weekends scoops of intoxication.

Yeah that was nice that actually when he gave in his first draft he actually said something about libation and I asked him if he could change it just to make it sound that little bit more talking Istanbul slash black milkshake you know. Yeah keep up the good work Morgan and good skills Duncan. Yes okay and remember if you're at home if you'd like a poem written for you specially like Duncan had this week you can write us a request by email talkingistanbullocks at gmail.com and Morgan will get the poem and if it's a topic that he has some knowledge of he will write the poem about it.

Absolutely. No other podcasts offer you that do they? So don't Jimmy. Yeah.

Even in your Bermudas or underpants. Absolutely absolutely put those crisps away Ray. Now moving on from Morgan's poetry Duncan actually that we mentioned before is the guy who played Kaiden Stokes last week on the show when he reported a crime and we got quite a few hits for it on YouTube.

It surprised me actually we've got several hundred people clicking like on it. It would be great if we could reach a thousand so what we would really really really like you to do if you've not seen that video yet or the video that went up yesterday about Liam Neeson and the Sopranos could you click on there please watch the video but most of all could you subscribe okay it doesn't cost you anything but it means that you see things when they're up there and if you like it you could always send it on to a friend as well it's just about visibility. Also if you like it tell us why you like it.

Comments on social media including YouTube get things seen more than just clicking like. Now I know you are partial Jimmy to the old animal celebrities. I am.

So we're just having and before we do that a couple of hours ago we just had a flock of sheep going past our balcony window because that's the biggest noise of the day that we get here in the little village of Drapanos. There's about 50 sheep with bells on going past which is great. It's not a sheep question is it right? Oh no no no what's that sounds sounds lovely.

I can actually just picture it now. Oh it's idyllic. Oh it really is.

Anyway I was telling you you're partial to the old animal celebrities and as it's getting closer and closer 19 to 20 weeks to your big 50 I'm going to keep the smile on your face. I'll still be younger than you when I'm 50. And I knew I'd still be younger than you.

Just because you mention it every week so it's obviously very important to you. Jimmy it's just a number pal. But it's you that goes on about it not me.

No myself and Jonathan. Jonathan is throwing out plenty of hellos and hi's there. Anyway that smile will be wiped off your face in a couple of weeks pal.

Yeah anyway when lionesses are in heat they have a lot of jiggy jiggy furious jumping Jimmy. 20 to 40 times and in a single day. I know that's true because you asked it me in episode 304.

Overall really. And the lioness who demands to mate. Now so if a male is tired and cannot take it anymore she bites his John Thomas demanding roaring at him Jimmy to continue to continue mating.

Well he'd have to put a bit of pride into it wouldn't he. I wouldn't like to be bitten on John Thomas by a lioness. I can honestly say that without without any shadow of a doubt.

So what's the question. Whether the lioness bites him on the knob. Yeah plus in a single day 20 to 40 times going at it.

Rumpy pumpy. Right okay. Well I remember you asked me this question as I said a couple of years ago and I didn't believe you.

And it was about them having sex 20 to 40 times. Okay so I did. I didn't believe you.

So I googled it and you were right. And it did say something about the lionesses encouraging the males leading them on somewhat. Um so I have no idea whether they bite them on the penis or not.

But as you implied that it was the same answer to both. I know then that that must be true. Yeah.

Little minxes aren't they. Aren't they just. Yeah but seriously Jimmy.

It definitely takes the uh the lion sleeps tonight to a whole new level doesn't it. Yeah absolutely it does. It does.

I can just imagine. I can just imagine that the lion's feeling a bit tired after 20 to 40 sessions of rumpy pumpy and he pretends that he's asleep. And then the lioness says to him you're lion through your teeth.

See what I did there. I did. I did.

I did. So when the when the when the way. That's sexual Jimmy to me.

That's sexual harassment pal. Spousal abuse. And yeah and genital.

John Thomas. I like this. Transfiguration.

Alteration. Transformation. I rest my case Jimmy for the male lion.

Can they actually bite it off though. All I'll tell you that would be a bobbit lioness. Yeah it would wouldn't it.

Lucky hell. But then again saying that I bet they can't bite it off. Because a lot of animals have those kind of corkscrew penises don't they.

So I nearly said foolhardy. I didn't mean that. I meant resistance to movement.

I would imagine it'd be like a piece of iron. Oh Jesus Christ. Seriously an interesting fact for all the shakers out there about our furious jumping lionesses.

You like that word Jimmy. Furious jumping. I do like it too.

It came up a few weeks ago didn't it. Oh it is. They are the primary hunters.

They are smaller and more agile than males. And they use teamwork to bring an animal down. After a successful hunt Jimmy.

All the lions in the pride. They share the grub. This is called a pecking order.

Originally as observed by hens. Anyway Jimmy. Is that where pecking order comes from.

Yeah. Okay. And probably where the share comes from for that matter.

But as the old adult males. A bit useless Jimmy. That's where the adult males come in.

They eat first. The adult males eat first. Followed by the lionesses.

And finally the cubs. Interesting isn't it. The women do all the work.

Mm hmm. Bring the kill. Bring it down.

And there's your man. Waiting for the grub. But actually I'm sure a lot of women would say that that exists in the human kingdom as well.

Oh it does. You know the woman goes out to work. She goes out shopping.

She cooks and you know lazy bones gets in from the pub. And it's waiting for him on the table. Not in our house though.

Because I'm something of a modern man. Like my good self Jimmy. Mm hmm.

Yeah we are modern men aren't we Ray. Circa 1988. 1998.

A lion's roar can be heard up to eight kilometres away. They usually start off with a few long deep roars. Followed by the faster ones.

They also make other noises. They meow, hiss and snarl like good old domestic cats. Domestic cats.

But louder Jimmy. Mm hmm. Well they're massive.

They're massive. Oh yeah. Massive Jimmy.

Massive roaring. Exactly. Roaring buckled.

I touched a tiger. A live tiger when I was in the Philippines a few Christmases ago. So what's bigger than a tiger Ray? I would say a leopard.

No leopards are smaller. In the world of big cats I think tigers are the biggest. But if you cross a lion and a tiger you get a liger or a ligan.

And it's like how if you cross a horse with a donkey it'll tend to have you know the donkey's head but the horse's body. But it's bigger. So yeah I touched one of the I can't remember if it was a liger or a ligon or a tigon.

Whatever. No that doesn't make sense does it. A liger.

Let's just call it a liger. In the Philippines. In the Philippines.

Where you rising up. Were you rising up to it? Yes I was yeah. But it was honestly at the shoulder it was nearly as high as my armpit.

Absolutely huge. So you think to yourself if they start a little growl or something. I mean even a domestic cat can growl and it makes quite a lot of noise.

But if you think of all the huge body that it has to let it all rumble around in it. Yep you'd be scared all right wouldn't you. Yeah hence rumble in the jungle Jim.

Yeah yeah. Basically anyway these males Jimmy are only needed believe it or not to provide sperm. So for the survival of the species he must get on with the job Jimmy.

Yeah. While the lioness is ripe. The time is fecking now.

The testicles will go Jimmy. The king must romance well. Yes what happens to the testicles? What happens to them Jimmy? And how the fuck would I know? Because you said it.

Yeah well you know. Ever so subtle. Puttiness.

But as the great Irish philosopher said Jimmy. The flesh is weak pal. But the spirit.

The spirit is willing. Yes exactly. Exactly.

Um yeah I want to know what happens. If anyone at home knows if Ray is right and the lion's balls fall off. Let us know.

And now for something completely different. You may remember that we did an interview a couple of weeks back with Liam Neeson and he was telling us about his new graphic novel. Well he's a busy lad and Jorma.

Fair play to our Jorma. He managed to get hold of him again on the phone last week to discuss his new TV series that should be out on Netflix next year shakers. And it's with great pleasure that I introduce the wonderful movie star graphic novelist and all-round top bloke Liam Neeson.

Welcome back to Talking Istanbullocks Liam. It's great to see you again. Thanks very much Jimmy.

It's good of you to have me on again. So Liam what have you been up to? Ah not much you know. Pottering around in my big mansion thinking of creative ideas and eating Cheetos mainly.

Wow that sounds very busy. Now I'm not sure if you wanted to come and talk about eating Cheetos did you? I could probably do that. Why not? They're a crunchy corn puff snack with... Why don't we talk about your latest project? Oh yeah I forgot.

Should I start? Yes please. Sorry I just have to readjust my trouser. Wait a minute that's better.

The troops are back in the trenches now. I hear that you're working on a pilot for a major new TV serial called... Yes The Caruso's. So what is it and where did the idea come from? Thank you.

Yes last summer I was in this wee restaurant in Las Vegas called Caruso's. Really posh and I couldn't work out what to have. I was looking through the menu at these wonderful names like spaghetti puttanesca, rigatoni, parmigiano reggiano and garlic bread when it occurred to me that Italian has this wonderful rhythm and all the words and names of people have a consonant vowel consonant vowel pattern.

Anyway after I'd had my especially ordered deep pan pizza I went home and googled Caruso's restaurant and by accident stumbled across the famous opera singer Enrico Caruso. Was he the one who haemorrhaged on stage? Yes but he was also arrested for pinching a woman's buttocks or goosing as I prefer to call it at New York Zoo although he went to his grave maintaining his innocence saying that a monkey did it. Well that's quite a story.

So how did this lead to your next project? Well it got me thinking that Caruso probably needed therapy and how it wasn't really accessible back then especially in macho Italian culture. Quite sad really but that's where I got the idea to start writing the Caruso's. So it's about it's about opera singers then? Ha that's the clever thing about it Jimmy.

That's what you'd think but it's going to be about a family called the Caruso's. I decided to put a more modern spin on it because nobody listens to opera these days and that's a scientific fact. So I had to think of something more viable for an Italian living in the New York area in the modern day.

Logic dictates that Tommy the protagonist would either have to be the owner of an Italian restaurant or a mafia boss. Could that not be considered a bit of a cliché about Italian-Americans Liam? Not really Jimmy. You see I've done the research and over a hundred percent of Italian restaurant owners and Cosa Nostra members in New York and New Jersey are either Italian or of Italian descent.

So tell us about Tommy. What's his last name? Don't be obtuse it's fecking Caruso. Tommy Caruso.

I'm sorry I'm sorry. Well I was inspired by Enrico Caruso needing therapy for the whole goosing thing and as I started to map out Tommy's persona I began to see this ordinary middle-aged guy just like you or me Jimmy living in his big mansion with a wife and two kids, the annoying Russian girlfriend, the narcissistic mother etc etc. But Tommy also has to counterpoise that with the demands of being a major figure in the world of organized crime.

I have a funny feeling here. Would you like a Gaviscon by the way? No that's fine. I always more about Tommy Caruso and his journey.

Well Tommy's got a lot on his plate you see. Somewhere inside him there's a likable guy but his job's very tough with all the extortion and having to brutally murder and kill informants. But the world's changing and Tommy's not blind to this though he's firmly rooted in his past.

He tries to switch off from his hectic work schedule and all the booze and hookers but he starts to get depressed as his only real solace is watching ducks. Anyway when a duck craps in his pool he loses his shit and has this full-on panic attack and decides even though he can never tell anyone that he needs professional help. From a therapist? Well I wouldn't be talking about a bloody vet specializing in duck diarrhoea would I? For god's sake! You fucking buck eejit! Egypt! None taken.

So he seeks help from the therapist right? Would she by any chance be an attractive gentle and intelligent middle-aged woman? How the hell did you know that? Did Vigella give you the script? No it's just a hunch that I might know where this could be going. Is she called Dr. Melfi by any chance? No her name's Dr. Adelphi. It's a completely different name altogether.

It starts with an A for god's sake. Do go on. Well Dr. Adelphi is this attractive middle-aged Italian-American woman.

She's everything Tommy's never experienced in a woman before but things get complicated when Tommy starts to develop feelings for her. I don't think we've ever seen anything like this on our screens before. Well it sounds like there's a lot of drama in store for Tommy Caruso but Liam I can't help but think it bears some similarities to the- No it does not! The Carusos is a completely original concept.

Sure it's got some mobster elements but it's a whole different story. Nobody could rewrite The Godfather you know Jimmy. It'd be postposterous.

Anyway if I can continue without being rudely interrupted. Sure. Thank you.

So as I was saying he has this dilemma where he needs to open up to Dr. Adelphi but he can't tell her about having to brutally murder and kill informants. So he talks about ducks and cannoli and stuff instead. So is this going to be a movie? Actually I've decided to develop it as a major TV serial Jimmy.

There's just so much depth to explore with these characters and their intertwining lives. I'll be writing and directing it myself. Well that's great.

I'm just a bit worried it might sound like it's The Sopranos isn't it? You've rewritten The Sopranos. How dare you! You can give me back that Gaviscon now for starters. If you're going to be mean to me I'm taking back my fast acting heartburn and indigestion relief so you can stick it up your hole.

You can stick it up your arse. The interview was cut short at this point as Liam received a text from HBO and David Chase's lawyers but we do hope that we can catch up with him again in the near future. You know you really are irritating Jimmy.



You can be, you know, like needle and to fork, to bug. He volunteers to come on and talk about his ideas so if I didn't ask him questions what would be the point of that? Yeah but I wouldn't like to be interviewed by you. It's bad enough.

It's bad enough working with you but not to be interviewed by you. But seriously, jibing, jibing aside Jimmy. You did a really, really great job.

I'm telling you, you're pulling in a good old friendship there. Oh yeah I think he, you know, I mean you say that I annoyed him but then again nobody's ever called me a fucking buck eejit before in an interview so you know that was a first and I think that... Well you're not taken for an eejit are you? No, no. I'll tell you what, the bit that amused me actually was I said something like yeah I've got a funny feeling and he immediately offered me some Gaviscon.

Of course to show how naive I was at the beginning when I was listening to it. I thought you were talking about Robinson Crusoe. I don't know why Robinson Crusoe came up.

Oh Crusoe as opposed to Caruso, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah and then I said Robinson Crusoe didn't have a MILF psychologist. No he didn't.

I don't think they had either MILFs or psychologists in those days. Exactly, but yeah I love the word Jimmy, you know to readjust his trousers. Trouser.

The old trouser to get the old troops back in the trenches. Yeah it's nice that wasn't it, it's nice. Guccine was another word Jimmy.

Yeah that's a good one, it's a good one. He's got a special kind of vocabulary hasn't he? But he is right in a way with that Caruso thing. I did check it and the opera singer Enrico Caruso did get done for goosing a woman at New York Zoo and apparently he denied it till the very day that he died, insisting that a monkey had done it.

So good skills though, seriously though I was really impressed. That was the second time now you got him in. Yeah yeah we had him in a bit in 2022 didn't we but I think let's see what he comes up with next and let's see if he finally creates something that is as original as he thinks.

JINGLE: BlackMilkshake Best Post Of The Week.

Post of the week comes in from Victoria Bellinger, Vancouver in Canada

I changed that one over Jimmy because of the fucking recording thing earlier, you big gobshite,

Victoria Bellinger goes on to tell us a man at his house. It was very late at night, and he was about to go to bed when there was a knock on the door and he goes to the door and it's a snail. The snail says I'd like to talk to you about buying Big Ones International and Cock Handlers Magazine subscriptions two for the price of one.

I'm sure you would be very interested. Nudge, nudge, wink, wink, say no more Say no more. Good,

Sir. Well, as you can very well imagine, Shakers the man was evidently perturbed. He was raging, furious had been interrupted at that time of the morning, and he steps back and takes a running kick as hard as he can at the snail, sends him flying and then slams the door, goes to bed

Two years later, here's another knock at the door.

He opens it and lo and behold, it's the snail and the snail says, What the fuck was all that about, pal?

Oh, nice one! Nice one, Victoria

Thanks, Victoria

All right, that's all folks for our second show in, in an hour but that's all for another week.

Don't forget to subscribe to the YouTube page as we asked you before

Let's get 1000 views in, if we can for last week's sketch and also the, Caruso sketch that, went up yesterday

Many thanks, shakers, as always, for your support

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