

JAKE, BEN, KAREN and **BEN'S** guest **DEION**, sit around the kitchen table.
MUM's serving up.

The children are playing insults (i.e.)

BEN

You are a smelly hippopotamus bottom.

DEION

[qw"ctg"Fctvj"Xcftgøu"upqv0

KAREN

You are penguin sick.

JAKE is messaging on his laptop but joins in without looking up.

JAKE

[qwøtg"cn"uvkpm{"brain-juice from a diseased Cave Troll.

MUM joins in enjoying this.

MUM

[qwøtg"c í fgcf"yctvjqiøu"dwtr0

BEN

[qwøtg"fgcf"elephant poo.

Apf"kvøu"cn"fqypjknn"htq o"vjgtg00.lots more of poo and wee. It goes a bit Tourettes.
MUM tries to stop them.

MUM

QM."QM."vjcvøu"gpqwij í vjcvøu"gpqwij#

Ujg"dtkpiu"qxgt"fkppgt í burgers, potatoes, peas, corn. She gives a plate to **DEION**
and **BEN**.

MUM

Jgtg"yg"iq í nkeg"hcokn{"fkppgt" í cn of us together
í crctv"htq o"Fcf í yjqøu"ncvg0

BEN

MUM

Swkgv" y gøtg"pqv" rnc {kpi"v jcv" ic o g"cp {" o qtg."ngvøu" rnc {"
uq o gv jkpi "gnug."K"mpqy ":-Hqtwpcvgn {"ó Wphqtwpcvgn {"øø"
OK who wants to start?

BEN

(puts his hand up)

Unfortunately I hate burgers

MUM

You said you liked burgers.

BEN

When did I say that?

MUM

Y jgp" {qw" y qwnfpøv"gcv" {qwt"hku j0 I mean, what do you like?

BEN

Pudding.

MUM

[qw"ecpøv"lwuv"gcv"r w f kpi0

BEN

You can. If you are a vegetarianant.

MUM

Vegetarians gcv"wr"cn"vjgk" xgi gvcd

rnu k O

DEION

Please may I have uq o g"nc i gt" í

(MUM laughs)

.00Tgf"uvtkrg"kh" {qwøxg" i qv"kvA""

(MUM stares)

My Dad gives it me.

BEN

Can I have red stripe too?

MUM

(evasion)

Y g"y gtg" i qkpi "vq" rnc { "÷Hqtvwpcvgn { -Wphqtvwpcvgn { ø." y gtgpøv" y g0

BEN

Kønn"uvctv0

MUM

(instant)

Pq."kvøu"QM."Kønn"uvctv00w o í "÷Hqtvwpcvgn { í 0vjg"ftciqp" y jq"ec o g"vq"uvc { "y cu"htkgrpfn {000ø

The kids play this game ó for real ó then the phone rings. MUM goes to answer but ecpøv"hkpf"kv0

JAKE

Ow o í

He reaches under a bag on the chair and hands her the walkabout. She grabs it.

MUM

J gmq í

She stares at the phone a bit perplexed.

MUM

Oh í just put it down.

JAKE

Qvvqøu"Fcd kept getting that and it turned out it was Qvvqøu"Ow o øu"dq {htkgrpfn

MUM is just a little flustered by this. JAKE is still on the computer.

MUM

Can {qw"pqv"fq"vjcv"cv" o gcn"vk o gu í

JAKE

Kø o "tgxkukpi0

MUM

Fqpøv"y g"cm"

(She takes the phone).

Uqtt{"Fcf."pq"ujg"jcupøv"uggp"hkv"vq"vgnn"wu"y jgp"ujgøu"
dropping by.

* I tcpfcf"fqgupøv"wpfgtuvcpf+0"

Pq"K"fqpøv"mpqy"y jgp"ujgøu"eq o kpi"dcem0

1B **INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

1B

BEN and **KAREN** start shouting at each other and pushing.

MUM

Dad look, uqtt{ í Kønn"tkpi" {qw"dcem"kp"c"dkv0"

(She comes off the phone)

Ben, Karen!

As she walks to the table she sees **BEN** has eaten everything.

MUM

Ben, well done, you see you did like it. And well done
you, Deion.

She turns to **KAREN** y j q"jcupøv"gcvgp"cp{vj kpi0

MUM

Mctgp í

DEION

Y j qøu"Cpi gncA

BEN

Thevøu"o {"Cwpvkg0"Ujgøu"o {"ow o øu"qnfgt"ukuvgt"cpf"ujg"
lives in America and every now and then she comes and
visits us and Mum goes really weird.

MUM

(over near sink)

I do not go weird.

KAREN

Every vk o g"ujg"eq o gu"jgt"jcktøu"c"fkhhgtgpv"eqnqwt"cpf"
ujgøu"iqv" c"fkhhgtgpv"dq {htk gpf í 0v jku"qpgøu"ecmngf"Vtgpv.

DAD
Make any enemies?

MUM gkxgu"jk o "c"swkem"-:fqpv"iq"vjgtgø"nqqm0""JAKE has gone.

MUM is cleaning up around the kitchen.

MUM
Rcuu" o g"vjcv"rncvg." ykn" {qw í and try not to worry about
vjg"dwnn{kpi í vjgtgø's no reason for him to get bullied.

DAD
(Defensive)
There was no reason I got bullied.

MUM
[qwt"Fcf"uckf"kv" ycu"-:equ" {qw" ygtg"c"dkv"ghhg o kpcvg0

DAD
Pqv"-:Ghhg o kpcvgø."-:Ugpukvkgø í Cpf"Lcmgøu"ugpukvkg0""
Vjg{øf"jcxg"jk o "hqt"dtgcmhcu"cv" o {"uejqn0

MUM
Vjg{øf"jcxg"Mike Tyson

KAREN

(to DAD)

Why do they make you go to your school?

DAD

You mean teach there?...y gnn í

KAREN

Were you naughty?

DAD

Pq0""K"ejqug"vq í

KAREN

Why?

DAD

Well, it was a long time ago when Daddy was young, and he thought that he could get quite rough children to ngctp"vq"nqxg"jkuvqt{ í Daddy was wrong. Now, eat your peas.

KAREN

Kvøu"pqv" o {"dqy n0

DAD

Fqpøv"dg"uknn{."eq o g"qp."lwuv"gcv"wr.

DAD smells something. He looks down the back of (i.e.) a bench.

DAD

Y jcvøu"vjcvA

MUM comes over to look.

MUM

Dgpøu"fkppgt0""*Anger plus admiration)

Qqj í jgøu"iqqf0

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INT. BEN'S ROOM - DAY

2

BEN gets an alarm clock and puts it on a table.

BEN has a metal laundry basket and puts it over his head and shoulders. **DEION** has a large metal waste paper basket and puts it over his head. They go to opposite ends of the room. The alarm clock goes off. They run at full speed towards each qvjgt í ewv"vq í

V jgtgøu" c"nqwf" o gvcnke"etcuj"htq o "wruvcktu0""**DAD** looks up and decides to ignore it. He cuts **KAREN's** burger in two. Y gøtg"cyctg"qh"**MUM** starting to embark on engc kpi"wr"DGPøu"fkuectfgf"fkppgt0

DAD

Alright, jgtgøu"vjg"fgcn."{qw"gat half your burger and these vegetables.

He makes a pile.

KAREN

[qw"mpqy"K"fqpøv"fq"eqtp0

DAD

QM í no corn, but all the peas.

KAREN

Køxg"vqnf" {qw"ci ckp"cpf"ci ckp"vj cv"K"j cvg"dtqeeqnk0

DAD

QM í just a few of the peas, but all the potato.

KAREN

Kønm"fq"vjg"eqtp0

Okz"vq" í

Ten minutes later. We fade up on both their voices in mid-negotiation.

DAD

OK, final offer - Five more spoonfuls.

KAREN

Two.

DAD

OK, Four

KAREN

Two.

DAD tries to make a joke.

DAD

A billion.

KAREN just looks at him. She is not amused.

DAD

í Tki jv

MUM

His wrkvkpiøu" owej "dgwgt"vjcp"Dgpøu í cpf"jku"
ftcykpi í

KAREN

(O.O.V.)

Can someone get Pusscat from the car?

MUM

OK.

Her mobile goes off and this time she finds it.

MUM

Xgtqpkec." {qw í !

(She answers the phone oversweetly)

J gnnq í

Ujg" ycnmu"qvw"qh"vjg"tqq o 0""Vjgtgøu"vjg"uqwpf"qh"qpg"qh"vjqug"dkuewkv"lctu" ykvj"cp"
animal noise when you open the lid. **DAD** turns to see **BEN** at the biscuit jar.

BEN

Mum said we could.

DAD

You dropped all your tea down there!

BEN

Pq#"Vjcv" ycu" Fgkqp0""Kvøu"pqv"hckt0"" Yj {"fq" {qw"cnyc {u"
say it was me?

DAD

Dgecwug" {qwøtg"pqv"hc o qwu"hqv"vgnnkpi "vjg"vtwvj"ctg" {qWA

BEN

Pq0""Køxg"dggp"fqkpi "tgcnn {" y gnn í 0

He goes and gets a chart.

BEN

Ugg í nqqm í

Wpfgt":Dgpø"kv"uc {u"

DAD
(taking flight)
Qj "kvøu"dkp"pki jv"
(leaves)

MUM
Cp i gnc" fggupøv" cr r tqxg" qh" dkpu0

DAD
(OOV)
Fggupøv"uj gA

4 **INT. BEN'S ROOM - DAY**

4

DEION stands there as **BEN** runs around him with a toilet roll, wrapping him up. This is the third or fourth toilet roll and only **DEION**'s eyes are showing.

MUM comes in.

BEN
J g { "nqqm" Ow o o { . "kvøu" c" Ow o o { #

She decides to ignore the toilet rolls and concentrate on the lying.

MUM
Yeh, Deion, I just need to talk to Ben for a moment.

The Toilet Roll Mummy shuffles out the door.

4A **INT. BEN'S ROOM - DAY**

4A

BEN
K" f k f p ø v" f q" kv0

MUM
What?

BEN's caught himself out.

BEN
The broken toilet roll holder?

BEN

Vj cvøu"y j cv"K"fq0""kvøu"pqv"n{kp i0

MUM

So, for example, saying {qw"fkfpøv"vj tqy"swke jg"qp"vjg"
conservatory roof when you did throw quiche on the
conservatory roof, that was sarcasm.

BEN

Yes.

MUM

Qj"dtknkcpv í

BEN

Sarcasm?

MUM

[gu."vj cvøu"uctecu o0

5 **INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

5

KAREN is joining up lots of straws to make a long super-straw which eventually she uses to drink orange juice from across the room.

6 **INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY**

6

JAKE sprawls watching T.V.

DAD eq o gu"kp í uq"ecuwcn"j gøu"c"dkv"y gkt f0

DAD

Anything good?

JAKE shakes his head.

DAD

So why you watching it?

JAKE shrugs

JAKE

Dgecwug"kvøu"qp0

DAD

Some stupid parent made some stupid complaint, but I am absolutely not a racist, OK?

MUM

K"ecpøv"dgnkgxg" {qw" ygtg"vt {kpi"vq"mggr"kv"swkgv0

DAD

I was going to tell you when it was all over.

MUM

Dtknkcqv."pqy"Køxg"iqv"yq"qh"o {"hc o kn {"n {kpi"vq" o g0

DAD

K"fkfpøv" ycpv"vq" y qtt {" {qw0

MUM

Cp{vj kpi"gnug" {qw" fqpøv" ycpv"vq" y qtt {" o g"cdqwvA"

Your conviction for war crimes?

DAD

No. No definitely not.

MUM

Good. Rgyg í yg should share things like this.

DAD

Pq0" [qwøtg"tki jv í Gt í

MUM

Yes?

DAD

There was an incident that was a little bit similar last year.

MUM

How similar?

DAD

Uk o knct"kp"vj cv"kv" y cu" c"eq o rnvgn {"dcugnquu"eq o rncpv í

(MUM is still looking at him)

í vj cv" y gpv"vq"vj g" iqxgtpqtu í

MUM

Qj" hqt í

DAD

You juuv"ecpøv" o cmg"lqmgv"vj gug" fc {u í they expect you to be robots. I mean that joke had not racial aspect, it was just an unfortunate coincidence that she was pregnant.

KAREN gives it to him.

KAREN

Kø o "y qttkgf" cdqvv" dwnn {kpi í

JAKE

[qwøtg being bullied?

KAREN

I pushed Maisie Warburton.

JAKE

[qwøtg"y qttkgf" {qwøtg"c" dwnn {A"" J qy" o cp {"vk o gu" flk"
you push Maisie Warburton?

KAREN

Once.

JAKE

Then what happened?

KAREN

She pushed me back. Then we played Spy Dudes.

JAKE

Spy Dudes?

KAREN

We follow Miss Patel around and vt {"cpf" jgct" y jcv" u jgøu"
uc {kpi í jgt" jwudcpføu" iqv" i qvv í k" fqpøv" mpqy" y jcv" v jcv"
is.

JAKE

Nqqm." fqpøv" y qtt {"Mctgp í {qwøtg" pqv" c" dwnn {"."QM0

KAREN

Can I have my toy back now?

DAD

Look, when the last complaint thing flared up, it - it
was lwuv" chvgt" {qwt" Ow o "fkgf" cpf" k" v j qw i j v" {qw" f k f p ø v"
need anything else on your plate.

MUM

Dwv"chvgt"vjcv í you could have told me then.

DAD

Then you got caught up ip"jcv"tqy"ykvj"Cpignc í you know, when she nghv" {qw"vq"uqtv"qww"vjg"yknn í then wanted that second funeral which was upsetting for {qw í

MUM

Qj" Iqf" {gcj í when she was going through her Druid rjcuq í Remember that Shamen bloke who kept asking for petrqn" o qpg { í Kø o "uwtrtkugf"ujg"fkfpøv"ycpv"vq"fk i Mum up and leave her on a mountaintop for the vultures to eat.

DAD

(puts his arms around her)

Oh í eq o g"qp í Ujgøu"pqv"vjcv"dcf.

They cuddle for a moment.

DAD

Still, at ngcuv"yg"mpqy"yjcvøu"dggp"yqtt {kpi"Lcmg now í he thinks his dad is a Grand Imperial Wizard in the Ku Mnwz"Mncp í "Kønn"vcnm"vq"jko í This whole complaint thing is just absurd.

MUM

Pqvjkpiønn"eq o g"qh"kv"uwtgn {0

DAD

Qh"eqwtug"pqv."kvønn"lwuv í

MUM

Hk| |ng"qww í

DAD

Blow over.

MUM

Of course it will.

There is a beat where they both have a little voice in the back of their heads telling vjg o "vjcv"vjgtgøu"vrouble ahead.

They hear **BEN**'s voice outside.

DEION runs off, or **MUM** and

MUM
Vjku"ku"Ugrvgo dgt0"" Jcnnqyggpøu"pqv"vknn"Qevqdt

TEENAGER ONE
K"mpqy "dvv"y gøtg"cy c{"vjgp0

12 **INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

12

DAD has got **DEION**.

DAD
Okey dokey Deion, did you bring anything?
(DEION looks blank)
Coat? Book Bag?
(DEION looks blank)
Shoeu{"qw"owuv"jcxg"dtqwijv"ujqgu í

BEN
How long would it take to fill an elephant?

DAD
C"nqpi"vkog í Deion, where are our shoes?

BEN
How long?

DAD
What fq{"qw"ogcp í with food?

BEN
Ycvgt í

DAD
If it drank water?
(to **DEION**)
Vjg{øtg"o {"ujqgu0

BEN
Kh"kv"ycu"cdwengv í "kh"vjg"gngrjcpv"ycu"cdwengv í

DAD
YjcvA í Deion are these yours?

DEION

K" fqpøv"mpq y 0

BEN

And you were filling it up from c"vcr í

DAD

7 hours 22 minutes.

MUM comes back in.

DAD

Tjg"jqog"rjqpg"tkpiu í Saved by th bUMBERED

DAD sits on the stairs momentarily defeated and bone weary. **KAREN** turns up.

KAREN

MUM

I whipped out to Boots and Karen took Pusscat, and I think she must have dropped her.

ANGELA

Surprise!

She hugs MUM

MUM

Kvøu" c"uwtrtkug"cntki j v0"" Y j {"fkfpøv" {qw"tkpi0

ANGELA

Qj" I qf" jgtg" y g" i q í uq"kvøf" dg" c"uwtrtkug"qh"eqwtug#

DAD

(from further up the hall)

J gmq" Cpi gnc í

ANGELA

(sweeping past MUM)

Hi, honey!

She gives **DAD** a very energetic hug and kiss that he joins in with a bit awkwardly. **ANGELA** shoots to the kids.

ANGELA

(moving through into Kitchen)

Gu {u." y jgtg" ctg" {qwa000kvøu" Cwvkg" Cpi gnc í

MUM

Kvøu" dgfvk o g." fqpøv" i gv" vjg o "gzekvgf í

ANGELA

Cpf" u jgøu" i qv" rtgugpvu#

Meanwhile, in the hall, **DAD** trudges **ANGELA's** bag which is on the doorstep.

14 **INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

14

ANGELA

So how are yqw" cmm í ?

(to children)

Who loves their Auntie Angela?

BEN

Me! Me! Me!

DAD walks in humping her bag. He puts it down and feels his sore back.

ANGELA

is staying with Dad.

MUM

What?

ANGELA

is staying with him full time. I did a whole load of thinking on holiday