



Off Menu – Ep 215 – Steve-O

Ed Gamble

Welcome to the Off Menu podcast. Taking the head of conversation, the tail of the internet, pulling those apart, cracking open the shell of good times, pulling out the poop chute of bad times, and chowing down on the prawn-cast.

James Acaster

In a lobster? No, that's a prawn. That's Ed Gamble. My name is James Acaster. We own a dream restaurant, and we invite a guest in every single week, and we ask them their favourite ever starter, main course, dessert, side dish, and drink. Not in that order. This week, our guest is Steve-O.

Ed Gamble

Steve-O, of course, you will know from Jackass. The guy's a cultural icon, James.

James Acaster

He's got his own podcast. Steve-O's Wild Ride is on of course. Wildboyz on TV, as well. The Jackass movies, Jackass TV series. He's a stand up comedian, has been a stand up comedian for over a decade now, touring many countries.

Ed Gamble

Yes, and eagle-eared listeners of this podcast will know that, of course, I am a massive fan of Steve-O's work, but James is absolutely obsessed with Jackass, and what the Jackass guys are up to now.

James Acaster

Yes, it's one of my favourite things, is to know what the Jackass guys are up to now. Jackass Forever is probably now one of my favourite films of all time. It came out last year. I've watched it a lot, including the extra one where you get all the different footage that didn't make it in the film.

Ed Gamble

I've watched that too. I watched it on the plane on the way to my honeymoon, and paused the film as the air hostess came round, and there was a dick just filling the whole screen.

James Acaster

Yes. Very hard to pause that film and there not be a dick filling the screen. There's quite a lot of dicks in it.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Look, you know.



Ed Gamble

We're buzzed that we're going to be talking to Steve-O.

James Acaster

This is pretty amazing. Benito's a bit scared. Steve-O's coming into the office. Toast is in the office. You know, Steve-O loves animals, but he's doing loads of stunts with animals in Jackass, so he might be about to-,

Ed Gamble

Put Toast up his ass.

James Acaster

Put toast up his ass. That could happen.

Ed Gamble

It could happen.

James Acaster

That's the risk we're taking today.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It's worth it.

Ed Gamble

I'm willing to take that risk.

James Acaster

And if he shoves Toast up his ass, we will not kick him out.

Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

But if he chooses a secret ingredient which we have deemed to be unacceptable then we will kick him out, as is the format of the podcast. Those are the rules. This week, the secret ingredient is a line of wasabi.

Ed Gamble

A line of wasabi. Which he has had before.



James Acaster

We saw him in one of the Jackass films snort a line of wasabi. It made him puke.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

It was pretty disgusting.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

And I can only imagine what it felt like.

Ed Gamble

Yes, so we're hoping he doesn't want to do that again.

James Acaster

We hope he doesn't want to do it again, but you know, we are choosing something that he might have got a taste for afterwards.

Ed Gamble

Yes, maybe.

James Acaster

Maybe he went away and thought, 'That was actually great.'

Ed Gamble

He certainly doesn't let things put him off, so maybe it is part of his dream to do something wild like that again.

James Acaster

Yes, so you know, fingers crossed he won't pick it, but if he does, then rules are rules. And if anyone can take getting kicked out of the dream restaurant, it's Steve-O.

Ed Gamble

Steve-O has a new special which is out now. It is the Bucket List Special.

James Acaster

I believe it is available on his website, Steve-O.com, but we'll see.

Ed Gamble

We'll see.



James Acaster

We'll ask him all about it. We'll hear all about the making of the special that's coming out.

Ed Gamble

Yes, very excited to meet Steve-O, to hear from Steve-O, to get some stories, and to hear what food he likes. This is the Off Menu Menu of Steve-O.

James Acaster

Of Steve-O.

Ed Gamble

Welcome, Steve-O, to the dream restaurant.

Steve-O

Yes, dude.

James Acaster

Welcome, Steve-O, to the dream restaurant. We've been expecting you for some time.

Steve-O

Love it. Now, candidly, I was told that I had to come up with a dream meal. And I got really excited. And then I found out you guys aren't even going to cook it for me.

James Acaster

People don't want to hear you eat. Although people have probably seen you do a lot worse, to be fair. Probably, yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

We like to make people really hungry, coming up with their dream menu, and then we just send them back out into the world, starving.

Steve-O

I'll tell you right out of the gate that my favourite food is picked onion Monster Munch.

Ed Gamble

Really?

James Acaster

Is it really, Steve-O, or are you pandering to us because it's-,

Steve-O

If you think I'm kidding-,



James Acaster

Why are you taking your belt off? Why are you opening your belt?

Ed Gamble

This is happening earlier than I thought.

James Acaster

Steve-O's just pulled his trousers down.

Ed Gamble

Oh my god!

James Acaster

And he has, he has the monster from the pickled onion Monster Munch tattooed on his leg. Very vividly. Is that new?

Steve-O

A large one. Yes.

James Acaster

Is that a new tattoo?

Steve-O

Uh-huh, yeah. Okay, now, we might as well peel the curtain back a little bit.

James Acaster

Yes, but what does that mean when you say it?

Steve-O

Because, er-,

James Acaster

Please, Steve-O.

Steve-O

Because this podcast, as people are listening to it, right now, if all goes to plan, they'll be listening to it substantially in the future.

Ed Gamble

Yes. We're in July now, and we're going to hold this off until your special.

Steve-O

Right. Which leaves a bunch of question marks, which makes this very, very, titillating. Number one. Will my brand new pickled onion Monster Munch tattoo-,



James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

Be a cause for a massive crippling staph infection when I jump off the tower of London Bridge into the filthy river Thames tomorrow.

Ed Gamble

Tomorrow! Hang on. So when did you get the tattoo done?

Steve-O

Yesterday.

Ed Gamble

And two days after you get it done, you're jumping into the Thames?

Steve-O

It is bad. Like, it is very bad. They say, 'Don't even get it wet.' They say, 'Don't even take a shower.'

James Acaster

Sure. The Thames is pretty wet. You've had staph infections before?

Steve-O

No.

James Acaster

You never have?

Steve-O

But I'm not even really worried about it, because I've spent my entire life challenging my immune system and, as such, building it up. I remember, you know, people maybe don't know this, I was born in England, and I attended high school- Your forms go through the age of 16, high school goes to 18?

James Acaster

Mm-hmm.

Steve-O

But I did all four years of high school in London, England.

James Acaster

Oh.



Steve-O

I was actually there even before that. I was in eighth grade, attending the American School in London, England, and this was, like, a highly privileged school. Like, almost exclusively for obnoxiously wealthy kids. My dad was, like, a wildly successful corporate executive. And, they had this week called 'Alternatives', I think. And they'd send their students on field trips, and these field trips were, like, all over the world. Like, high level stuff. So I chose to go to Egypt for a week in eighth grade. When we got to Egypt, they told us, they said, 'Do not drink the water.' They said, 'Even if you order, like, a Coca Cola, do not let them put ice cubes in it, because you'll get so sick.' And we're, like, 'Wow, creepy.' Then we're at this restaurant, and the restaurant was literally on the Nile river, eating out on the patio, on, like, the bank of the Nile river, and I watched this Egyptian dude, like, kneeling by the river. And I watched him dunk a toothbrush in the Nile river and just sit there brushing his teeth. I thought, 'Well damn. Like, if tap water's bad, then what's the Nile?' You know? It's got to be gnarly. And then my next thought was, 'But I bet this guy's just used to it, you know? And I bet if this guy who's brushing his teeth in the Nile went back to London, where I live, and drank tap water, he'd probably get sick.' You know, it's like, whatever you're used to.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

So I devised at that moment, in that moment I decided that my goal to be the healthiest person would be to travel the world, everywhere, and just gulp down tap water, which I went on to do. We filmed Wildboyz, this Jackass spin-off TV show-

James Acaster

Oh, Steve-O, just so you know, you don't have to give us any background on anything that you have done.

Steve-O

Right. We filmed Wildboyz on every single continent, except for Antarctica, and I'm reasonably sure that Antarctica's probably got pretty clean water, anyway.

James Acaster

Yes, I think you'd be alright, yes.

Steve-O

And the first thing I would do, when we'd, like, checked into our spot, I'd put down my bags-, you know, after travelling you want to brush your teeth. So I'd be brushing my teeth, I'd think about it, and it's gulp, gulp, gulp, gulp down tap water. And I've never gotten sick. I drank toilet water in Peru.

James Acaster

Yes.



Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And you never got the shits? You never had anything?

Steve-O

I'm not gonna say never. I had some diarrhoea in, in Kenya. I think every time I've gone to Kenya I've gotten some kind of diarrhoea. We just heard a dog barking. We might hear that a little more. That is this terribly badly behaved dog, which I picked up in Hull, darn it, not yesterday, the day before yesterday.

James Acaster

So this is like-,

Ed Gamble

The day of the tattoo?

Steve-O

The same day as the tattoo.

James Acaster

Big day.

Steve-O

I was laying-, oh, dude, it was such a big day. I was laying down on the tattoo table with the dog, like, laying on me. And this dog is snappy. I mean, it will bite you. Like, at one point somebody opened up the door to the tattoo parlour, and there was a crowd gathered around outside, because I was posting to my Instagram stories. So I tagged the tattoo parlour, and everybody-, so there was a crowd outside the tattoo parlour. Somebody opens up the door, and this damn dog just bolts out, and just goes straight to just attacking a much smaller dog, viscously.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

So-,

James Acaster

Okay.



Steve-O

So yes, I named this dog Tazzy, because it looks and acts like a Tasmanian devil, and it's not okay with kids, or cats, or dogs.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

And my job is to find a home for it. But if I fail, the hoarder lady in Hull will take it back.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

She told us she had 92 animals in her house.

James Acaster

Oh my god.

Steve-O

She was just down to just the one dog. I mean, I can't call her a hoarder lady. She's actually a wonderful lady who runs an animal shelter out of her own house. I just, I love animals. It's my thing.

James Acaster

Yes, no, you're a big animal-, I mean, is Peru where you got your last dog?

Steve-O

Wendy. Yes, yes, yes. We've gotten more dogs since Wendy. We picked one up in Hawaii named Lucy, and she's the greatest, but yes, we've got more question marks. 'Will I get arrested for jumping off the tower of London Bridge?' It's not that high but it's not that low.

James Acaster

You've not cleared it. You've not cleared it with anyone? You're just going to rock up and do it?

Steve-O

Oh god, no. Yes, definitely not cleared. 'Will the current be strong enough to take me out to sea where I might drown?' I don't think so. A lot of people have been worried about that.

James Acaster

What? That you will get taken out to sea?

Steve-O

They're like, 'The current is intense in the Thames.'



Ed Gamble

No, you'll be fine with it. You'll be fine.

James Acaster

You won't be dragged out to sea.

Steve-O

That's what I thought. I jumped off it 20 years ago. I've done it before.

James Acaster

Right, and what bridge was that from? Was it the same bridge?

Steve-O

Tower Bridge.

James Acaster

It's the same bridge, so you kind of know-,

Steve-O

At the time, that was the highest thing I'd ever jumped off of.

James Acaster

So does that mean you've got, like, a game plan going into this, where you know how to jump off of this particular bridge?

Steve-O

Well the only game plan is to bring a professional photographer.

James Acaster

Because otherwise, it's pointless.

Steve-O

Oh, there's another one. And these are all question marks. How's it going to go?

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Steve-O

And I believe that the universe is smiling on me, dudes. You know, every once in a while, you feel like you're just getting a little tap on the shoulder, a little wink, like, you know, everything's coming together, and there's just no way-, it's like, we call it a God shot, right? Because as part of my campaign to get killer professional photos I was like, dude, London. Like, I've got to get a photo surfing on the roof of a big, red, London double decker bus. Got to do it, you know? But how do you do that? I have a buddy in



Hull, who I flew out to LA because he won this competition. He is a bus driver, double decker bus driver, in Hull.

James Acaster

Right.

Steve-O

Of course, those pussies have blue double decker buses.

James Acaster

It's not going to look good.

Steve-O

It's not. That's blue. Dude.

Ed Gamble

Yes, no, that photo's not going to mean anything to anyone around the world.

Steve-O

Yes, that's a knock off, it's an imposter. I don't want anything to do with the blue double decker bus. It has to be red. But it was pretty clear my buddy, the bus driver in Hull, that it's not just as easy as, 'Yes, sure, hop on the roof.' You know?

James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

And I've been beaten up on them. Like, okay, he's like, he says, 'I suppose if you go to, like, the bus yard, where they park the bus-, ' Dude, I don't to get a photo of a bus parked in a crowded lot of-, you know, that's lame. It's got to be on the road. Then I get to London, and I've spent the last few days trying to figure out to get this shot, and it just so happens that in front of the hotel my lady is in. She's the production designer for my special, and she couldn't come on tour. She's just working on this insane wall of hundreds of TVs from the 80s, that all have to work. And it just so happens that right outside of the hotel is where the double decker bus drivers take their breaks. Literally, you've got, like-, at all times. At all times, there's buses that just come up, and it's not necessarily great for the photo because, like, they'll be, like, a bus-, there'll be, like, three of them. It's in the road, it's very London-y, and they literally come up, they park in front of our hotel, and the driver just gets out of the driver's seat and just goes and hangs out in the back for his, like, 15 minute break. Has a snack, like, whatever. He's just chilling in the back. So what this bus driver doesn't know is that I'm going to have a crew, like with a 15 foot extension ladder. We don't have the ladder yet. Again, this is a question mark. So it's a fascinating conversation.

Ed Gamble

I think the ladder's the easiest bit.



James Acaster

Yes, yes, it's the least of your worries.

Steve-O

But we'd need to be respectful and not scratch the bus. So we Googled it on the way here, to your studio. A London, big, red double decker bus is 14 feet and 4 inches. I don't necessarily need the extension ladder to be taller than that, right? I think if we get a 15 foot extension ladder. So, this is how many people I need to get this done. I need, two people to move the ladder in and out, and hold it steady. The ladder can't be in the photo, so they've got to get it out and then bring it back. I need one guy to fly the drone, to get the killer drone shot. I need another guy, professional photographer, to get the killer still image. I need a videographer, probably two of them, to get multiple angles. So that's five or six, and then me.

Ed Gamble

It is amazing, like, the sort of things that you do. They're obviously presented as, like, completely crazy and you've done it on the-, on a whim, but the amount of work that actually has to go into them to make them happen.

Steve-O

Well, without exception, every time I come up with an idea it has to happen immediately.

Ed Gamble

Yes, sure.

Steve-O

So, like, my whole crew is completely used to, like, 'Oh god, what's he come up with this time?' And we're always excited about it. It's always, like, generally a pretty fun idea, but I super stress out my crew because they never have advance notice to put something-, it's always, like-,

James Acaster

15 foot ladder with rubber feet.

Steve-O

Yes, yes. That's why I brought my executive assistant with me, because, like, he's out there sourcing that ladder. I told him, like, renting it would make more sense, but it would be pretty gangster to buy it.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, if you buy the ladder. Yes, yes.

Steve-O

It would probably be pretty gangster to buy it. And, like, I'm just picturing the bus thing, because I travel on a tour bus all the time. And we have, like, crazy assholes climbing up on the roof of our tour bus, and every time, without fail, we notice it. You can't have somebody on the roof of the bus, and not feel



it. We're like, 'Oh'. We've had people climb up on the roof of our bus, and jump off, and just break their ankle.

James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

One guy broke his ankle so bad. And I know what that's like. I've had my whole ankle shattered and then screwed together. Like, it's bad, dude.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

But, yes, so the bus driver's going to know when I get on the roof. There's just not-,

James Acaster

Because they're driving it, yes.

Steve-O

But it would be too late. It's not going to prevent us from getting the photo.

James Acaster

Sure, you'll get the photo.

Ed Gamble

You've got time to get the photo.

Steve-O

And then the video, I would imagine, would capture the bus driver coming out of the bus a little hot.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. You'll be getting told off.

Steve-O

A little hot. Maybe get told off a little bit.

James Acaster

And bus drivers take no shit, by the way.

Steve-O

Yes, right.



James Acaster

They are really used to people getting at them, so they will flip. They will absolutely flip.

Steve-O

I bet, you know. And now we arrive at-, I'm searching for the word. Is it 'existential'? Like, this dynamic, this double life that I live. Because that's kind of a dick thing to do. I'm going to piss off a bus driver on purpose? And at the same time, I'm this, like, reformed, clean and sober guy, like, living a spiritual life, you know? Before I can even have coffee in the morning I have to meditate for 20 minutes, do full yoga, the whole thing. I can't lie, I've got to do the right thing, but there are some things that are not okay for Steven Glover, there are perfectly appropriate for Steve-O.

James Acaster

Yes. I also, you know-,

Steve-O

And, and plus the guy, the bus driver, no matter how mad he is there's a decent chance he's gonna get a step ladder out of it.

James Acaster

He could get a step ladder if he plays his cards right. Also, you know, you've got-, we're all just on our own journeys, trying to improve and, you know, I think when you look at, you know-, if these days you might irritate a bus driver a little bit, but you've got to really great lengths not to even scratch the bus, but you know, back in the day I remember my friend getting a Steve-O live DVD of one of your tours, and one of the extras was just you on PCP for three days going absolutely ballistic and being the worst person in the world. So, like, I think it's a pretty good step. You're moving forward.

Steve-O

Yes, it's definitely progress in the right direction. And I'll absolutely be ready to throw a hefty cash tip at the guy. And I'll promise to either pixelate or replace in Photoshop the license plate number. So we'll make it-, nobody ever needs to know that that was this guys bus. We will preserve his anonymity, throw him a big tip, maybe hook him up with an extension ladder, and life goes on. Off to the Tower Bridge.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, which he'll probably happily drive you to when he finds out that's what you're doing.

Ed Gamble

If that's his route, and he finally gets you off the roof of his bus, and he's like, 'Right, I've just got to get on with my day' and then drives past and sees you on top of the-,

James Acaster

'This fucking guy again.'



Steve-O

When I first sought to jump off the Tower Bridge 20 years ago, my idea was that I would pay for one of these sightseeing tours. You know, the top of the bus is open, so they can't prevent me from-, it's easy to get in there. And I would pick one that just happens to go over the Tower Bridge, and then as it drove over the Tower Bridge I would jump out of the open top, the decker bus, off the bridge. But when I went to go scout it out it turned out that that sidewalk's, like, 30-feet wide.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

I mean, there's no way you're going to make that. It's- you never think about how wide a sidewalk is until you're trying to jump out of a double decker bus across it.

Ed Gamble

Well, I think we've all been through that.

James Acaster

Visually, that's even funnier, though. If you were to film that, and it's just you jumping off a bus and just landing on the sidewalk. I just said, 'Sidewalk'.

Steve-O

Then I'm in surgery with the other jump-off-the-bus assholes. And here's the most major question, right.

James Acaster

Sure, let's do that.

Steve-O

Is, 'Will I get arrested for the bus or the London Bridge?' They can't deport me, because I'm British and I have a valid British passport. They can't arrest me. I can't picture either of these crimes being so serious that I would be locked up and precluded from doing any shows. So that's not really a question mark. But a staph infection with my new tattoo could really put a hamper on my ability to perform, and I've the biggest show of my life in London. It's Steve-O's Bucket List Special. What's extra exciting about this conversation is that it's the very first formal promotion for this special that I've done yet. And I don't even know what the messaging is. I can tell you that I'm positive that this special will not be on Netflix, or HBO, or any other legitimate platform which presents comedy specials, because it is actually triple X rated.

James Acaster

Yes, well our friends are working on it. And one of them has told me one of the things that you've got to do, and that's not-,

Steve-O

Well I don't have to do it. It's been done.



James Acaster

That you have decided to.

Steve-O

Yes, like-

James Acaster

And I'm like, 'There's no way. Obviously that's not going to be on any-,'

Steve-O

Yes, like, part of this project, and this special-, in this special, like, I actually blow a load. I fully-, not only do I ejaculate on camera, butt naked, with another man strapped to my back, but I do so simultaneously as I fall out of an air plane at 15,000 feet in the air. Like, that's the most ambitious, like, absurd, and-, it's just challenging. You try and jack off to completion, in a tiny little air plane.

James Acaster

Yes, well, I mean, I think I would be, I would be too worried that-, because as far as I understand it with that stunt-,

Ed Gamble

Have you-, you've filmed that already, that-,?

James Acaster

And that's called sky jacking, right?

Steve-O

That's called sky jacking, yes.

James Acaster

Just to be sure. My think that I'd be most concerned about is that, as far as I understand, when you ejaculate, it's as you jump out the plane.

Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

Which I would be quite worried that when I do that, that means I just haven't got my wits about me, and I'm going to do everything wrong.

Steve-O

Well, I mean, when you've got the other guy strapped to your back, you don't have to do anything.



James Acaster

Yes, he's distracted though. He's got your jizz flying up in his face, and stuff. That's what I'd be worried about.

Ed Gamble

The blowback.

Steve-O

It definitely got on it. Yes, he definitely caught some, what do you call it? Crossfire?

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Ed Gamble

But I think if you're agreeing to do that you're not going to be bothered by a bit of jizz in your face, right?

Steve-O

It wasn't just challenging logistically. I mean, it was challenging to get the coverage. Thank god we had the camera in the right spot on the outside of the plane to really get the money shot. It's arguably the biggest success of my entire career, for how challenging it was. Because consider this.

James Acaster

I'm sorry for laughing, Steve-O. Obviously, I agree with you, but I can see it's very funny.

Steve-O

I found out that-, I was already in the air plane. That's when I found out that I needed to time the ejaculation within a very precise window of two minutes. That's counter intuitive to, like, how's that? But come to learn that-,

Ed Gamble

Learn to come.

Steve-O

If we fall out of this air plane at any other time, then we miss the drop zone. There's a very distinct area that we have to land in, and we're only over that-, the two minutes is all you've got. Now that's precision. I'm doing the most challenging thing, and it has to be precisely-, and never mind finding the company that was okay with doing this under their banner, the individual who was actively strapped to my back. And now for the biggest challenge of all, to tell the story in such a fashion that it makes a theatre full of more than 1,000 people find it permissible. Not just to watch me jack off to completion, but to watch it joyfully.

James Acaster

Yes. I mean-,



Steve-O

And I did that, I pulled that off. That's a feat.

James Acaster

Oh you pulled it off, alright.

Steve-O

When it comes to the craft of stand-up comedy and storytelling, like, I think that's testimony that, for the last thirteen years of persistently performing, I have developed the craft to a point of mastery, where in Alabama thousands of people are watching me jack off and they're okay with that.

James Acaster

I think anybody going to one of your shows, I'd be surprised if they weren't-, I'd be surprised if they're going to see Steve-O in 2023 and they stand up and go, 'Oh this is too far. I'm going home. Because, please, Steve-O.' Here's my question about sky jacking, we should ask you questions about food, but I do have questions about you jacking off and jumping out of a plane, so.

Steve-O

Sure.

James Acaster

So you know that there's a specific time you've got to jump out, and that you've got to ejaculate at that point.

Steve-O

Yes, there's a green light on the thing. The green light goes on, and that indicates it's okay to jump.

James Acaster

So the green-,

Ed Gamble

But for you the green light means it's okay to jizz?

Steve-O

Yes, exactly, and the green light's only going to be on for two minutes.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

And that's the window. So when I found this out, I think maybe this answers your question. I said, 'Give me one minute's notice before that light comes on.'



James Acaster

Yes, because-, and what's that for? Are you going, 'Right. I've got to think about-', were you thinking about a certain thing that you knew would-,

Steve-O

I had a portable DVD player taped down, queued up to a particularly salacious moment in a film.

Ed Gamble

When Cameron Diaz walks in, in The Mask?

Steve-O

The Mask? No, no, Something About Mary, where the guy's got the-,

James Acaster

Yes, yes, you're just watching the Ben Stiller scene.

Ed Gamble

Yes, that's all the guy strapped to your back was thinking about.

James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

Like, 'That'll get in my hair.'

Steve-O

But the reason for all of this-, I've been performing live comedy now for thirteen years, you know? Like, just grinding in comedy clubs, and I started 2010. And over the course of these thirteen years my comedy's improved and it's become a multimedia experience. Like, at first it was just me and a microphone. That was my first comedy special. My second comedy special was me and a microphone, and footage of the stories I told edited in in post production, to illustrate the stories in a multimedia fashion, but the footage was not with me on tour. Now, for this third show, which is the bucket list, I filmed everything so that the footage could come with me on tour. And the footage had to be shit that's not allowed on Jackass. That was my deal. I'm going to set my sights for, like, forbidden stunts. And the forbidden stunts were very clear. I had the idea for skyjacking for the last 20 years. Everything time skydiving ever came up in conversation, I would never fail to say my idea of skydiving. Then there's, like, god the things I did for this show. Like, life threatening, flagrantly illegal. For example, I got a medical professional to administer stolen general anaesthesia drugs into an IV in my vein, while I was riding a bicycle through a field. This medical professional in disguise-, I mean, it is just so illegal.



James Acaster

Disguise? What was their disguise?

Steve-O

They were wearing a hazmat suit with the face all, like, pulled. But then we got another medical professional dressed as a clown, which was kind of appropriate, and he put a four inch needle into my spine, and injected a drug into my spinal cavity which rendered me paralysed while I was in a full sprint. That was before my buddies conducted experiments to determine just how paralysed I was. So that one is so nuts. Actually, after that one I found myself paralysed on the ground sobbing because I was just-, tears of joy were flowing because it's so hard for me to raise the bar from where it's at. And like, that was such a profound success that it brought me to tears.

James Acaster

Well listen, we always start the dream menu with still or sparkling water. Now, you've already said that you go round the world drinking tap water. So would there be a certain type of tap water from a certain country that you would want to start your dream meal with? Because you more than anyone, by the sound of things, would know what the best tap water in the world is.

Steve-O

How about this? I'll go for a glass of Thames.

Ed Gamble

To kick off the meal.

Steve-O

Yes. A glass of Thames. But could we carbonate the Thames?

James Acaster

Oh yes, yes, we'll soda stream it.

Steve-O

Sparkling Thames, that sounds fantastic.

James Acaster

Sparkling Thames water.

Ed Gamble

Sparkling Thames water.

James Acaster

Popadoms or bread? Popadoms or bread, Steve-O? Popadoms or bread?

Steve-O

I'm actually, avoiding, flour.



James Acaster

Yes, yes.

Steve-O

I have to steer clear of it. There's really nothing nutritional about it, and that's where you get all your pudge from. And I'm at that age, man.

James Acaster

You know that everyone's just listened to you talking about how you're doing all of the-, and now you're steering clear of flour.

Steve-O

Yes, flour and sugar I really, really try to avoid, man. And again, this is the double life I live.

James Acaster

So what, what would you have, then, instead, like, just before the meal if we were to bring you out something? Is there anything that they sometimes bring out at restaurants? Olives, or whatever?

Steve-O

Yes, I mean, if you wanna do, like, some carrots and hummus, that sounds pretty killer. But the hummus has to be covered with Steve-O's Hot Sauce for your Butthole.

James Acaster

Yes, yes, yes. I'm familiar with Steve-O's Hot Sauce for Your Butthole.

Ed Gamble

Are you?

James Acaster

Yes, well, I've watched Steve-O's podcast on YouTube, as you know. I've talked about it on the podcast, and often at the end there's adverts for Steve-O's products, Steve-O's many products, and you have no idea how many of them contain the phrase 'For Your Butthole'.

Steve-O

Steve-O's Hot Sauce for your Butthole is the original, the original-, it wasn't really designed to be, like, explosively hot. Like this, because, you know, frankly, I like hot sauce but I don't need it to be, like, so crazy and so hot.

Ed Gamble

You want some flavour in there, like, Yes.

Steve-O

Yes, it's not that hot, and I'm frankly addicted to it. And I have a condiment disorder, so I will go through an entire bottle, like, not necessarily in one sitting, but that's not unheard of.



James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

And for the people who are just clamouring for even hotter, I have Steve-O's Butthole Destroyer Hot Sauce. And, you know the Butthole Destroyer represents one third of our sales?

James Acaster

Yes?

Steve-O

My dad's actively working on a campaign to sell the brand. He says, he says, 'What you've done with this brand, you know, it's like, ' what were-, the net sales in 2020 were, like, 700,000. And then I forget what 2021-, 2022 was well over a million. My dad says, 'If you've done this well on your own, then like, somebody who's actually a distributor, who's got the channel, who's got, you know, like, they could look at this and be, like, wow.' And dad says, 'If I throw in a commitment for you to make appearances at promotional events to help this buyer get new accounts, you know, a limited number, as well as a commitment to keep selling the hot sauce on tour-,'

James Acaster

So, are you and your dad going to go on Shark Tank, Dragons' Den?

Steve-O

We're not even going on Shark Tank, but we're preparing the proposal for Mark Cuban.

James Acaster

Right, so you are-,

Steve-O

Not necessarily for Mark Cuban to be the buyer, but for Mark Cuban to point us to-, suffice it to say that I can reasonably expect to get a message directly to Mark Cuban, who I can reasonably expect will be amenable to reading it. And my dad is this business mastermind, and it's just so crazy that this stunt career, you know, 'I want to be a crazy famous asshole,' that really drove my father and I apart, and then ultimately brought us closer together than everything. Dad's on my payroll now. Just yesterday he said that he wanted a bump in his retainer, he wants an increase in his monthly fee. And he's got me by the balls, I've got to pay him.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, let's get into your menu proper. What would be your dream starter?



Steve-O

I don't think you're going to be shocked when I say Pickled Onion Monster Munch.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

That is not, as I understand it-, I mean, and all of my rules go out of the window when it comes to Pickled Onion Monster Munch.

James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

It's even got a form of dairy in it, I think there's, like, some powder that's a derivative of milk, and I'm so violently opposed to the factory farming industry, and I believe that I'm just contributing to that. Like, it drives me nuts, man, I just throw my morals out the window when it comes to Pickled Onion Monster Munch, because I love it that much. But we've got a big problem with this product. The problem is from bag to bag, the coating varies. Some bags are, like, exquisitely powerful with the flavour, and then the next bag-, and it could be the next bag from the same box, which has virtually no flavour, and it's just like you're eating Styrofoam.

James Acaster

But are you eating these back-to-back? Because I reckon you might-, the first bag seems really strong, and then you go straight into another bag, and now you're immune to the flavour.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you've just taken all the skin inside your mouth off.

Steve-O

It's not, and I can confirm that it's not the case because my lady made me shake on it that I'm limited to just one bag of Monster Munch per day, one bag of Pickled Onion Monster Munch per day. So, it's got to be the biggest bag I can possibly find. And with this coating problem, the new Giants variation leans towards less flavourful.

James Acaster

Sure.

Ed Gamble

Oh, really?

Steve-O

Yes. Like, they're not coating those giant Monster Munch pieces effectively. So, my dream starter-, and I actually propose this to-, I want to get in business with Monster Munch, I really, really do.



Ed Gamble

You've got your Monster Munch Butthole Destroyer.

James Acaster

Steve-O's Monster Munch For Your Butthole.

Steve-O

'Monster Munch For Your Butthole', not a bad idea.

Ed Gamble

Buttmuncher.

James Acaster

We have talked about that on the podcast actually before with someone.

Ed Gamble

What?

James Acaster

We talked about-, I think Amy Gledhill we talked about shoving Monster Munch up your butt.

Ed Gamble

Oh, really?

Steve-O

Wow.

James Acaster

Yes, we talked about different crisps that you could shove up your butt.

Steve-O

I understand that Monster Munch has-, or, there are Pickled Onion flavoured just regular crisps now. I haven't found them yet.

James Acaster

There might be. Yes, there are, surely.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I'm sure, yes.

Steve-O

Yes. Now, I don't know if that's under the Monster Munch brand name, but in any case, I think I can safely say that of anybody with, like, a public profile, I am by far the most outspoken, known fanatic of Pickled Onion Monster Munch.



James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

I don't even know that there's a close second.

Ed Gamble

Well, no, we've seen the tattoo. I mean, that's it, isn't it? Game over.

Steve-O

I don't think that there's even a remotely close second. So, I'm not campaigning to be a spokesperson for Pickled Onion Monster Munch, but-, I'm sure my dad wouldn't clear that in the proposal, okay? But I do feel strongly that whether this actually happens in a very real world relationship between me and the Walkers company, Walkers crisps, the maker, whether or not this actually happens in the real world, my dream is for there to be-, swap out the milk ingredient. There are all kinds of alternatives to milk, there's no reason whatsoever to have actual milk from factory-farmed dairy cows. And double-coated.

Ed and James

Yes.

Steve-O

Double-coated. I think anybody who's a fan of Monster Munch is going to understand what I'm talking about. From one bag to the next, it's a wildly fluctuating level of flavour.

Ed Gamble

Which must be gutting if you've said you're only going to have one bag a day, and then your bag of the day is under-flavoured.

Steve-O

Right. And that has happened on this trip. Now, this is the first time I've ever limited myself to one bag per day. The problem is that I have, like, an addictive personality, because I don't know how to moderate, I'm white-knuckling and I'm losing my mind with just one bag a day. The problem is without these guardrails, like, I would be visibly ten pounds heavier by the time I tape the Bucket List special.

James Acaster

On pure Monster Munch.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Steve-O

Pure Monster Munch, 100%.



James Acaster

So, your dream starter then will be a massive bag of Pickled Onion Monster Munch without the milk, double-coated.

Steve-O

Yes, vegan, double-coated Pickled Onion Monster Munch.

James Acaster

Beautiful.

Steve-O

And I wonder if I'm even getting that right. I don't know how this product is produced. I don't know, like, if it's a coating, maybe I'm making the wrong reference. However they apply the flavouring to the baked corn, double it up, man. Double it up, and be mindful that even the double-coated bags don't fluctuate. Find some way to uniformly coat them all equally.

James Acaster

Yes. Well, I'd be interested know why they're not.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Steve-O

I know. I mean-,

James Acaster

The monsters in the factory not doing their job.

Steve-O

I've got to imagine-,

Ed Gamble

It's chaos if you've got monsters involved.

Steve-O

And here's another wonderful question mark. By October, have I figured out this proposition? Have I made the proposal? Has it been accepted or rejected?

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

You know, if they reject me, snub me, or ignore me, I'll be kicking myself for how much shine I've given them on your podcast.



James Acaster

We'll get an email from you, 'Cut out all the Monster Munch stuff, they're dead to me.'

Steve-O

Because no matter how much they offend me, I'm still helplessly addicted to their product. They could do whatever they want, they could wrong me, they could harm me, they could assassinate my character and destroy my livelihood, and I cannot stop eating Pickled Onion Monster Munch.

Ed Gamble

Where do you stand on the other flavours of Monster Munch?

Steve-O

I don't care, indifferent. I know that Flamin' Hot is right up there in popularity with Pickled Onion, but I don't-

James Acaster

People like it. There was-, I don't know if there-, is Roast Beef?

Ed Gamble

There was a Roast Beef.

James Acaster

Roast Beef was the one that makes your hands stink, you absolutely stink forever.

Steve-O

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You can have as many showers as you want, you still smell of Beef Pickled Onion-, Beef Pickled Onion Monster Munch? Beef Monster Munch.

Steve-O

I'm very, very singular in my devotion to Pickled Onion. Now, we've got to move off this topic, because-

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Because now I can see your fingers going.



Steve-O

Well, no, I'm just more concerned with how much free publicity-, I mean, and I haven't even proposed to them, I don't even know if I'm going to have a business arrangement with them.

James Acaster

I think when the special comes out and we get to watch it, and we watch skyjacking, and you're there, and we look at the laptop you're watching, and actually it's just a Pickled Onion Monster Munch advert that you're jacking it to, and there was never porno.

Ed Gamble

I hope you washed your hands before you did skyjacking.

James Acaster

Yes, you'd get all that-,

Steve-O

You know what? I don't believe in washing my hands, man.

James Acaster

Doesn't believe in it.

Ed Gamble

What, even after you've eaten Pickled Onion Monster Munch? You're not going to jack off after that.

Steve-O

The same rule applies as with tap water.

James Acaster

Immunity.

Steve-O

You know, your immune system is a muscle, and it needs to be exercised, straight up. If you live in an incubator and shield yourself from germs, you're just a pussy that gets sick all the time, you know? I have missing teeth, so-,

James Acaster

Oh, I'm aware of this, yes.

Steve-O

I've got a partial denture, and my guy who sells merch, you know, he collects the cash and he's really scared of cash, and so I just threw my denture in a bag of cash the other night and then pulled it out and put it back in my mouth, and he's like, '(Sounds of disgust).' So, yes, I don't wash my hands, I don't believe in it.



James Acaster

I shook your hand when you arrived here, you dirty bastard. You filthy motherfucker.

Let's get on to your dream main course.

Steve-O

Okay, dream main course.

Ed Gamble

Pickled Onion Monster Munch.

Steve-O

Triple-coated.

James Acaster

Respect.

Steve-O

And then people are, like, going to be expecting me to say something vegan. I've been in the past, like, a particularly outspoken-, and I'll even admit shamefully leaning militant on vegan. Like, I do tremendously care about animals, and I'm violently opposed to factory farming and all of that, and I've been very outspoken about that. And I was loudly vegan for four years, and then re-introduced seafood into my diet, then I went back to vegan, then I re-introduced-, you know, I've been bouncing back and forth. And where it's left off now, I'm pescatarian. So, we're going to have fish on this. I believe that eating fish is good for me, I think lot of these fake vegan meats, highly processed soy and wheat, which your body just simply does not recognise as food-, I mean, I went for one of these colonic hydrotherapy, where they stick a tube up your butt and flush it out.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Were you doing this as you jumped out of a plane?

James Acaster

Just getting on a train, which was going round the London Underground-

Steve-O

No, I actually just did this on my own time. And it's crazy because, like, it's like you're laid down with your legs up on these things, the tube goes up your butt, and there's a-,

James Acaster

Who did it on Jackass dressed as Santa or something?



Steve-O

That was Knoxville.

James Acaster

Knoxville did it.

Steve-O

For the Christmas episode of the first season.

James Acaster

A member of the Plosive team, who are the people who make this podcast, has a question about Knoxville, if I may ask it?

Steve-O

Go for it.

James Acaster

How is he still as handsome as he is after all the stuff that he's done that could have smashed his face up?

Steve-O

He's been very protective of his face, with moisturiser, with-, yes, he's shockingly handsome, he's the captain.

James Acaster

So, I guess, all of you have got what might appear to be a death wish, just do whatever, but you've all got these little things where you will take care of yourself. You're avoiding flour, Knoxville's moisturising, you've all got different ways that you are actually practising self-care amongst all of this.

Steve-O

I'm full-blown, like, recovery guy, so it's not just avoid flour, but clean and stuff. Like, with respect to twelve-step fellowships, I try not to go too into them, but I'm balls deep in many. It's like identifying as a sex addict, as a drug addict, as an alcoholic, as a compulsive over-eater.

Ed Gamble

How does the sex addict programme react to you using the term 'balls deep'?

Steve-O

That's a good question. And how does it deal with skyjacking?

Ed Gamble

Sure.



Steve-O

You know?

James Acaster

I don't know if they've ever had to factor that into their rules before.

Steve-O

Right.

James Acaster

Just segueing from that into what fish you want.

Steve-O

You know what? I believe pretty strongly, as it relates to eating the seafood, that death isn't something to be, like, feared. I mean, maybe dying if it's extremely painful, of course nobody wants pain and suffering, but once we're dead, I believe strongly that everything's okay. I think that it's really, really silly to grieve for the person who's died. You know, whenever somebody loses a loved one, I emphatically implore them to grieve selfishly because they miss that person. Just don't feel sorry for the person, because they're okay now, you know, let's agree on that, they're okay now. Some people would say they're just in a void of nothingness, other people would say they're in the warm embrace of our creator. You know, I'm open to the warm embrace part, I watch all these near-death experience videos-

James Acaster

Oh, I know you do, I've heard you talk about it. I've heard you talk about the near-death experience videos you watch.

Steve-O

Right. So, we're all one thing. We're all one thing, and we go back to our source, everything's okay. So, I don't think that death or being dead-

James Acaster

Are you about to choose a human being as your main course? Are you about to eat a dead person?

Steve-O

No, but I just think when it comes to fish, a fish that has lived its life swimming in the ocean and its natural habitat, you know, has had the life it was intended to have. And then, sure, it gets caught, and that's a bummer, but it's a pretty quick bummer. Like, it had a great life, it had a quick death, and then now when I eat it, my body recognises it as food.

James Acaster

Okay.



Steve-O

Like, I'm pretty comfortable with that. You know, I'm pretty comfortable with that, with one caveat, that the seas are just wildly over-fished, and the environment is just not-, it's not good for the world necessarily to eat fish. Like, the whole ecosystem of the planet is just so challenged and thrown off-kilter by over-fishing and all the extinctions and everything else. But we're getting, kind of, into the weeds when I get that far. And I just got a vasectomy so that I don't have it on my conscience to bring a human into this world that is so fast going down the drain.

James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

So, I eat fish, and we're going to go with sea bass.

James Acaster

Wonderful.

Steve-O

Yes. And I think that's particularly incendiary, like, inflammatory, offensive, because I think that on some level sea bass is endangered, I think that's why it costs so damn much, I don't know.

James Acaster

But you'd like a sea bass, you'd like some sea bass as your main.

Steve-O

I would like some sea bass, Chilean.

Ed Gamble

It's the shortest gap we've had between vasectomy and sea bass on the podcast.

Steve-O

Nice, that's good.

James Acaster

Also, I guess-,

Steve-O

Oh, by the way, the Bucket List features a bit called ' The Vasectomy Olympics'.

James Acaster

Now, this is what I was about to ask, because I was going to say if you're Steve-O and you're getting a vasectomy, surely you don't just get a vasectomy and you leave it-,



Steve-O

Right, bravo.

James Acaster

Surely there is some footage to be had there.

Steve-O

Yes, and it is in all of its glory in the Bucket List special. I mean, fantastically so. And it is the original culprit for-, I'm not going to say 'legions' but I've been at this tour for a few years, and we absolutely average at least one person in the audience completely passing out after the Vasectomy Olympics. We also have people passing out after the spinal tap, and there are two other videos that have been culprits too, but less frequently.

James Acaster

Right. So, the-,

Steve-O

We have four videos that make people literally pass out. And, like, this is a phenomenon that I never anticipated. I've never heard about people passing out during Jackass movies, but yes, as soon as I went out on this tour-,

James Acaster

There are some bits that I fast-forward in Jackass movies.

Steve-O

And what's so crazy, on every performance, you know, before the Vasectomy Olympics, I say as a rule, 'Before I play this video for you, this masterpiece, before I play you this masterpiece I have to say something for legal reasons, which is that we are all here at our own risk.'

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

That's what I say before my comedy gigs.

Steve-O

Nice.

James Acaster

Let people know.



Steve-O

There are exceptions, people don't pass out every show. But we've literally had as many as eleven people pass out in one show, so the average is absolutely no less than one person per show.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

But there's that rare-, you know, who knows, man? Maybe London's tough dudes.

James Acaster

I don't know.

Ed Gamble

I'd pass out, I reckon.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

And I was shocked that the Vasectomy Olympics went on to make people pass out because it's, like, a minimally invasive procedure. Like, you don't have to be totally awake. Like, when I watched back the footage in the edit, my main concern was that it was just plain underwhelming. You know, it was funny, there was great banter with the doctor, and then the bareback horseback-riding immediately afterwards and all the other challenges which immediately proceeded it.

James Acaster

I don't think that sounds underwhelming, Steve-O.

Steve-O

It's not. Plus, the payoff shot at the end, the two days later shot of the-, just the plum that my ball bag turned into.

James Acaster

Do you find yourself, when you've done something like that-, so, say you've done the Vasectomy Olympics and then you know that a few days later you want to get the shot of your balls. If during those days you're in the shower and, because you're going to be inspecting yourself every day, if they're just going back to normal pretty quickly, are you disappointed?

Steve-O

It would have been heart-breaking.



James Acaster

Yes.

Your dream side dish?

Steve-O

I'm going to go ahead and have-, what do you call it? The pureed mash potatoes kind of a deal. With a lot of Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole. I don't know if I've emphasised it enough, but I get high on my own supply, man, that shit is good.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You did.

Steve-O

And it's available on Amazon too, Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole. And it's available in the UK, on Amazon in the UK.

Ed Gamble

So, you want loads of Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole in the potato?

Steve-O

Yes. And I want loads of your listeners to sample Steve-O's Hot-, it's that good.

James Acaster

Yes, oh, that's coming across.

Steve-O

It's that good.

Ed Gamble

Yes, you've not buried that message, Steve-O.

James Acaster

Yes, we're aware.

Steve-O

Yes, head on over to Amazon.

James Acaster

Yes, you were like, 'We're going to buy it.'



Steve-O

And if you're really brave, try the Butthole Destroyer.

James Acaster

Sure.

Steve-O

Because you know how the ingredients list starts with what comprises the largest quantity of-, you know, you go-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

The top three ingredients of Steve-O's Butthole Destroyer are the three hottest peppers on earth. Scorpion, Ghost, and Carolina Reaper-,

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

One of those is naga jolokia or whatever, I don't-,

James Acaster

Yes, sure.

Ed Gamble

That's the ghost pepper, I think.

Steve-O

The ghost, okay, yes.

James Acaster

So, you've been on Hot Ones.

Steve-O

Yes, twice. And then they've got, like, side ones like Truth or Dab.

James Acaster

Oh, yes, you've done those things.

Steve-O

I've done them all.



James Acaster

So, everyone who's seen Hot Ones has seen people do Da Bomb, and people go nuts for it. If you can compare the Butthole Destroyer to Da Bomb?

Steve-O

Butthole Destroyer's way gnarlier.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

And the reason for that is that they've got a-, and I probably shouldn't even say this because, like, I love them, they're whole organisation, they've just been very good to me. But, Butthole Destroyer, they wouldn't want to subject the calibre of talent that they have on their show to that level of destruction to their butthole.

Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

Yes. When you went on it as well, you put hot sauce in your eye.

Steve-O

I did, yes. Not the Destroyer, I would never pour the Destroyer in my eye, but the-,

Ed Gamble

That's for buttholes strictly.

Steve-O

Yes.

Ed Gamble

That's to destroy the butthole, not the eye.

Steve-O

Yes, I did put it in my butthole, yes.

James Acaster

Not the eyeballs. Steve-O's Eyeball Destroyer is coming out another time.

Steve-O

Well, yes, I mean, and I think that might be why I'm wearing glasses, because I've squeezed so much lemon juice and hot sauce in my eyes over the years. But yes, the OG basic Steve-O's Hot Sauce For



Your Butthole, I've poured it in my eyes. I did on Gordon Ramsey's show, did that on Hot Ones. I think I would like to consider myself retired from pouring hot sauce in my eyeballs.

James Acaster

You've done it enough times now.

Steve-O

Yes, I think I-,

Ed Gamble

Yes, I think there comes a time in every man's life where they have to retire from pouring hot sauce in their eyes.

James Acaster

Yes, they've made their point.

Steve-O

Right. And you know what? There's zero doubt in my mind, I would put a substantial bet on this, that I have poured more hot sauce in my eyes than any man who's ever lived, you know? And yet, year after year I'm snubbed by Guinness. Snubbed. Do you know how many undeniable world records I've been snubbed for by Guinness?

James Acaster

Sure, yes.

Ed Gamble

Surely skyjacking's got to be a world record, hasn't it?

Steve-O

Well, one would think.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

Steve-O

But you've got to be able to, like, really qualify-, it's got to be demonstrably provable that it's a world record.

James Acaster

Yes, sure.

Steve-O

So, the one I'm most confident in, I would submit that nobody has barfed, vomited, on screen in both television and film-, like, come on.



James Acaster

Oh, no, Lance Bangs, man, Lance Bangs is always puking.

Steve-O

Yes, I mean, he is.

James Acaster

No, I'm sure you've done more.

Steve-O

The validity of those vomits I think might come into question. Sorry, Lance, I don't know, I think there's a little bit of gagging going on, not necessarily full-blown puking.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

Like, full-blown puking, nobody can touch me, man. And that's so demonstrable. Like, come on, Guinness. Come on, like, what's your beef? What did I ever do to you? What did I ever do? And, you know what? Like, one of the Bucket List bits is a demonstrable, undeniable world record. I won't even say what it is, I won't even say what is is.

James Acaster

That's more enticing.

Steve-O

But I'll have you know that I'm yet to hear from Guinness.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

And you've contacted Guinness?

Steve-O

No. That's true, that might be a shortcoming.

James Acaster

You have got to do that.

Your dream drink?

Steve-O

I am a humongous fan of Bloody Mary mix, with no alcohol.



James Acaster

Virgin Mary.

Steve-O

Right. Whenever I order one, because my sobriety is so paramount to me, I say, 'I would like a virgin Bloody Mary. No alcohol, just the mix.'

Ed Gamble

Like, go real double Dutch on that and just-

Steve-O

Yes, triple redundancy.

James Acaster

Yes, make it as clear as possible.

Steve-O

Or double redundancy.

James Acaster

Yes, you don't want any confusion there.

Steve-O

Right.

James Acaster

Is there a place where you've got, like, the best one? Where you're like, 'Oh, they nailed that Virgin Mary'? Like, 'That was the best one.'

Steve-O

I mean, you get enough Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Butthole.

Ed Gamble

Steve-O, we've had Dan Aykroyd on the podcast-,

Steve-O

Oh, how about that, what a great guy.

Ed Gamble

And at the moment you're doing what was previously known as a Dan Aykroyd Crystal Skulling, with the hot sauce.

James Acaster

Yes.



Steve-O

Ah, he was promoting his product heavily?

James Acaster

He was.

Ed Gamble

Well, his dream meal was a wonderful dream meal, like yours is, but Crystal Skull went with every course.

Steve-O

That's good.

James Acaster

Crystal Skull vodka, which is the thing that we're removing from your Bloody Mary.

Steve-O

And can you believe how much of this valuable promotion was diverted to the Walkers company?

James Acaster

We arrive at your dream dessert, Steve-O.

Steve-O

Now, I haven't been doing dessert, and this kills me, because I am a gnarly sugar addict, man.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

I have a gnarly sweet tooth, and, like, I remember making it from whenever that first Joaquin Phoenix Joker movie came out, it was, like, maybe 2019, maybe 2018, I don't know, during that Joaquin Phoenix Joker movie I got a tub, a bucket, of caramel popcorn.

Ed Gamble

Was this in America?

Steve-O

In America, yes.

Ed Gamble

Yes, so, like, the big old tubs.



Steve-O

Not like the-, it was a plastic one which was pre-packaged, it wasn't, like, where they scoop it out of the popcorn machine. But, you know, it's not wrong to call it a bucket, it is a bucket of caramel popcorn, and there is this liquorice product in America known as Red Vines, and I got a jumbo pack. And I sat there in that Joker movie just taking a handful of the caramel popcorn, putting it in my mouth, and as I chewed it, inserting a bundle of Red Vines, and, kind of, chewing it all up together in concert. I found that to be delicious. I mean, it was-, I ate the entire tub and the whole jumbo pack of Red Vines, and I don't even want to know how many grams of sugar that was. But that represented for me at the time a rock bottom, and the next day I reached out to somebody who I knew in the food programme and said, 'I need help,' and that person became a mentor to me. And for subsequent weeks, maybe months, every meal that I ate I photographed and texted a photo, so that was my accountability in the food programme. And that, sort of, food sobriety lasted for about-, I want to say ten months, I made it almost a year, and then it was during the pandemic, and Tony Hawk is a partial owner in a restaurant down in San Diego, and my lady and I were at Tony Hawk's restaurant. I was on my best behaviour and then, you know, at the end of our meal this waiter comes by, says, 'Hey, somebody got an order wrong, so we've got this extra dessert.'

It was this, like, chocolate lava cake. You know, hey, they just put it on the table and I was like, 'Man, screw it, I'm with my girl, we're-', and I had one bite of that thing, then I ate the whole thing, and then it was just like the cage door opened that little crack, and the whole gorilla came out, man. And that's how I am, like, I went into full-blown relapse mode, and when I do that it's very hard for me to get back on the rails. Of course I'm already planning for the second I'm finished filming my Bucket List special, I will eat 24 bags of Pickled Onion Monster Munch in a row.

James Acaster

Yes, of course.

Ed Gamble

You've got to celebrate.

James Acaster

Yes.

Steve-O

Yes, and that might send me off the rails, I don't know. But where I sit today, I will say that I'm going to just not have dessert. But then again, we've got a question mark. Who knows, come October, where I'm going to be at with my food programme. I might be in relapse mode, so hypothetically if I am in relapse mode, I want every single god-damn dessert on your menu.

James Acaster

Sure. Now, well, here's the thing, because-,

Steve-O

Hit me with some, because I'll tell you-,



James Acaster

Well, it is any dessert in the world is literally what we've got.

Steve-O

Alright, well, I'll tell you this. I went into-, I forget what it was called, but I was in maybe Manchester, and is it Costa? That's the coffee place?

James

Yes.

Steve-O

And god-damn, I went into Costa to get a flat white, and I looked at their display of desserts, and every damn one of them I was just like, 'Man, if I didn't care, every one of them.' Like, I was shocked at what an unbelievably appealing selection of cakes, and pies-, and just, dude, I wanted it all. Anything with salted caramel is going to be a priority.

James Acaster

Yes, salted caramel's great.

Steve-O

I mean, dude, I'm pretty bad with sugar, I really don't care.

James Acaster

Yes. Well, I think either no dessert or all the desserts in the world is a good answer.

Steve-O

Yes.

Ed Gamble

What's great about this, Steve-O, is normally when guests come in and pick no dessert, or pick something not sweet for dessert, James gets really angry because he's a sugar fiend, he gets angry with the guest. But because you connected it to your recovery journey and addiction, he can't say anything.

James Acaster

I just sit here and go, 'Well, I have to let him have no dessert then,' whereas normally I'm going through the roof at this point.

Steve-O

Yes, I mean, we could-, what's the one that's-, is it crème brûlée where you break through the caramel and then you just get into the liquid caramel?

James Acaster

Yes.



Ed Gamble

What, so, you think it's a crème brûlée, you crack the hard caramel, and it's just a bowl of caramel?

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Do you want that?

Steve-O

Well, yes, that sounds good.

James Acaster

Yes, that sounds great.

Steve-O

Yes.

James Acaster

Well, look, I'll read your menu back to you now, see how you feel about it.

Steve-O

Okay, good, great.

James Acaster

You would like a glass of sparkling Thames water, then you want carrots and hummus with Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole in the hummus. Starter, Pickled Onion Monster Munch, vegan, double-coated. Main course, sea bass. Side dish, pureed mash potatoes with Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole. Drink, a Virgin Mary, no alcohol, just the mix.

Ed Gamble

And do you want some Steve-O's Hot Sauce-,

Steve-O

I do want a little bit of Steve-O's Hot Sauce.

James Acaster

With Steve-O's Hot Sauce For Your Butthole in there. Dessert, you would like either no dessert, or every dessert in the world.

Steve-O

Correct.



James Acaster

That's fantastic, Steve-O, I think that's a good menu.

Ed Gamble

Yes, I love that menu.

Steve-O

And my little satanic dog was pretty well-behaved.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

Pretty well-behaved.

Steve-O

Yes, anybody in the-, are you guys interested in a dog that cannot be around other dogs, cats, or children?

Ed Gamble

Well, me and James both have cats, and Benito's got a dog, so I think probably not.

Steve-O

Oh, right, okay.

Ed Gamble

Thanks for the offer though.

Steve-O

Yes, for sure, man.

Ed Gamble

Thanks so much for coming to the dream restaurant, Steve-O.

James Acaster

Thank you, Steve-O.

Steve-O

That was a lot of fun, man, thank you.

Ed Gamble

Well, there we are, we got Aykroyded.



James Acaster

We got Aykroyded big time.

Ed Gamble

But actually, to be fair to Steve-O, he had a conversation with us, he didn't just do his menu.

James Acaster

Yes, he did talk to us, and he heard the words that we said, and responded to those.

Ed Gamble

Yes. I love that. I was happy to just sit back and let Steve-O talk, that was fantastic.

James Acaster

That's all you want.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

You know, he's an entrepreneur, he's a madman, but he's also very mindful.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

I mean, you know.

Ed Gamble

The guy has layers.

James Acaster

Yes. So, you know, from one sentence to the next you don't know what the subject's going to be, and that's what you want on a podcast, I guess, every now and again.

Ed Gamble

I'll be honest, when he took his trousers down within two minutes I thought, 'We're in for a wild ride here.'

James Acaster

I thought, 'At some point I'm probably going to see up this guy's buttohole and out of his mouth.' Like, he's already pulling his pants down.

Ed Gamble

Yes, but that tattoo was insane, it was brilliant.



James Acaster

It's a genuinely good tattoo.

Ed Gamble

Yes, which we hope isn't now absolutely muffled and falling out.

James Acaster

Yes, as you're hearing this, listener-, hopefully you'll be hearing it, hopefully we won't have had to pull the entire episode because-,

Ed Gamble

We're not pulling it.

James Acaster

If he dies we won't put it out.

Ed Gamble

What, you think Steve-O wouldn't want this to be released if he-,

James Acaster

Oh, yes, that's it, Steve-O said-, he said to us-, I don't know what's going to make the edit and what isn't, but at one point he said that if someone dies, you can mourn how, like, you feel, and you feel bad, but don't feel sorry for the person, they're fine.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

So, if Steve-O dies, we're putting this out.

Ed Gamble

I think more realistically, you can go and see Steve-O's tattoo in a museum because his leg will have to be amputated.

James Acaster

Yes, so, he won't have that leg anymore.

Ed Gamble

Yes.

James Acaster

But you'll be able to see the tat somewhere.



Ed Gamble

Yes. Go and watch his special, go and watch all the Jackass stuff, the Wildboyz stuff, listen to Steve-O's podcast.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

What a guy.

James Acaster

Steve-O's Wild Ride, the podcast is called.

Ed Gamble

Yes. He obviously did not say 'a line of wasabi'.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

He did say 'fizzy Thames water'.

James Acaster

He said fizzy Thames water. You know, there was a lot of-, do you know what? He said a lot of things to the point where we just had to take it that his main course was just sea bass, and we don't know anything else about that.

Ed Gamble

Yes, we didn't really have time to delve into the more foody things that we normally do.

James Acaster

Yes.

Ed Gamble

So, it was just sea bass, pureed potato, Steve-O's Hot Sauce.

James Acaster

For Your Butthole.

Ed Gamble

Yes, Steve-O For Your Butthole Hot Sauce, I mean, check it out on Amazon?

James Acaster

I don't think we need to plug that any more, do we?



Ed Gamble

No.

James Acaster

Of all the things in the world that-, I think that's fine.

Ed Gamble

Thank you very much for listening, we will see you again next week. Thank you very much, bye-bye.

James Acaster

Bye.