

**Romesh Ranganathan, cauliflower & spinach curry and a fiery lime margarita**



**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Dish from Waitrose is a Cold Glass Production. This podcast may contain some strong language and adult themes.

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Hello, I'm Nick Grimshaw.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And I'm Angela Hartnett.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And this, is Dish, from Waitrose.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Welcome. Um, hi Ange.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Hi, Nick. How are you?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I'm good. You alright?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, very well, thank you.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And you?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** How's your morning?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Good. Busy. Lots going, t- on today-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We've got a busy day today.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Smells fantastic in here today. Hey, it's Valentine's Day this coming Saturday.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. What are you doing?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Nothing, obviously, but-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But, I- When I found out this was a Valentine's Day-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Shall we all go out together and I'll give you a present- *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, no, I was just interested in, what, your take, Angela Hartnett was.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No, we do, do card and Neil might buy flowers-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh-huh.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -but we never make a fuss of it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Neil was in my dream last night!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* That's a bit weird.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. He had some chickens.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He was showing me his chickens-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So, he had them in a garden? Farm?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** In a garden.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And one had died-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -and he watched it back on the camera and someone had killed it by throwing a water balloon at it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, God!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And then he went, 'I need a drink now.' And he had an outdoor tap, and it was wine-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And that was my dream. Because sometimes my dreams unpack in my day.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And I was like, 'What happened in my day-'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Had you been to the French House? Had you had wine?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** '-for Neil to infiltrate it-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -drinking wine from a garden tap.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. Who knows.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No idea. No idea. We want to talk about our guest in a second-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -but first I want to talk about this.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]* These lips.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** This next to you. Yeah, let's talk about these lips-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** These lips.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -that are sat next to you. So, this looks, almost like a clutch bag.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Happy Valentine's.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Thank you. Tell me-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It does look like a clutch bag.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -what we've got here. For those listening to the podcast, Angela has just presented me, a plate, with some lips on.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yes.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Quite surreal-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Firm, firm, yep.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Quite a surreal offering that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. So it's the-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What the hell is it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Milk chocolate lips from Lulu Guinness that she's done with Waitrose.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So you would smash the lips-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Should we smash it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -to get into it. Yes, go, do for it and then see.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** [*breaking into chocolate*] Ooh.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ooh, go for it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Bloody hell.

[*chocolate smashing sounds*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, there you go.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** There you go. It's bloody well made, Lulu.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But, so, chocolate. But red-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, like a red, like sort of a- Yeah, a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Shiny, shimmery.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Metallic. Pass us the box?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Quite big the box, isn't it?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But I suppose it's protected because you don't want it to smash.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. Delicious. It's Fairtrade as well.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We love Fairtrade.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, we love.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Would you like anymore?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, I'm 'tryna, be, healthy this year.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay. How's that going?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Because after we had our-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Don't blame me and drag me into it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What?!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You had a kilo of cheese every day over New Year.

*[crew laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Sometimes, when I eat, excessively-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* You blame me.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -like a full cheese board, I'm like, 'I do a food podcast. It's research.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, today we've got the wonderful Romesh Ranganathan-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Love Romesh.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -coming to see us on the podcast. Love Romesh. Um, and truly, I feel like, we do say this, a lot-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -but we have wanted Romesh, on, for a really long time.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We- Well we asked him to come on, when we went on, his, Radio 2 show nearly a year ago.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So it's taken a year-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But he's very busy.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -but we got there. He is very busy, to be fair, he's never off the telly, Romesh, is he?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, but I'm happy. I think he's really brilliant. I really, really do, at everything he does.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** He's very funny.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I love his stand up. I love his radio show.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I love him hosting shows-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He's just, actually, funny, and dry.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** He's very funny, very naturally funny.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And it's not, uh- And I also do love when comedians do a bit-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -and they've got an act.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But Romesh is not that kind of guy, is he?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No and he's in the West End at the moment, but he's here on to promote his, um, tour next year.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, stand up tour.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, but a lot to talk about, yeah. We've got the weekly radio show, the Weakest Link, A League of Their Own, presenting the BAFTAs.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Stand up tours. Uh, like you say, he's in the West End, two podcasts.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He must be knackered.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*] I don't- And he's got-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He probably does not want to be here.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** He's got kids and family.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But apparently he's got a bad habit of saying- He can't say no to anything. You know, if you rang him up and said, 'Oh, let's go-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, he said no for a year.

[*crew laughs*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, no.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, should we get Romesh in now and get on with it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Definitely.

[*crew laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** [*laughing*] Yeah.

[*theme song plays*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Hi.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Hello. How are you?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Welcome Romesh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is so much-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Hello Romesh.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** How are you?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** What a Podcast. This is a proper podcast on.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Proper, real proper.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, you alright?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm really good-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -yeah, really good, thank you, yeah. How are you guys?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You're looking great.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you think so?

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You do.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thanks, man.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You look good, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, really good.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I don't feel like I look great.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Your hair's-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -good as well.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is, uh, for this play- But my kids keep asking when I'm opening the Kwik -E-Mart.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's- It's- I look like-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I like it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -every Asian man my parents brought home for, to a party in the 80s.



**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* In the 80s.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, proper.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I like it. I love it with the, with the haircut, with the sort of mullet.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, I don't know about the tache, man.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Are you enjoying it, being on the West End?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, it's good. I, I, I, sort of- I've realised- Like it's been amazing.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, didn't appreciate that it's every night. When you say that to someone, and they go, 'Yeah, of course it is.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Tha- That's what you agreed to do.' But you don't-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You don't appreciate it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You don't really appreciate it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You don't appreciate everyday.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, I see what you mean.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** People don't appreciate every day until you're doing every day-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You know?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And doing the same thing every day.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I don't think people get it!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** The routine of it. Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** People need to say, I do think any job, any situation-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh-huh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** - kids, family, marriage, whatever-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -people just say, 'It's every day.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*] Every day!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Every day.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's every day, man.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We just had Jessie Buckley on the radio, and she was saying when she got married, she like, really didn't want to say, 'Til death do us part.' Cause she was like, 'It's, so, long.' [*laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I talked about this, in my last tour show, about, the concept of marriage. I want to be crystal clear on this-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm, massively in love with my wife, and I'm really glad to be married to her.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But-

[*crew laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But, listen-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We are recording, yeah.

[*crew laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Love is real and love is great-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and it's wonderful. But I did, sort of, question the concept of marriage, as a thing. 'Cause like, when you first get married to somebody, like, you're, these people-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and then even, in a few years, you can be totally different people.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, yeah, of course.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So, you just have to- I don't know.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** If you look at the romantic side, it's, is that the fact is love is blind. You put up with it, don't you?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You don't mind that there's those- That's the whole point.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, that's the whole thing is you go on the journey together-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yes, exactly.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and it's a beautiful-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -journey-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -through all of the different changes-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and challenges.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And we have Lisa around the back, [*laughing*], she's coming to tell us about yourself.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** A, A, A- And in many ways it makes it more magical-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* Yeah, exactly.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and there's a depth and a layering, to it- I'm gonna say this down the camera.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'And love, is wonderful.'

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, so we have a wonderful guest.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We do.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** The podcast already *[laughing]* started-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, we haven't mentioned him *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But, we haven't introduced him, just in case you've not been paying attention, to this very moment. We have a presenter, a writer, an actor, comedian, who says, 'He's yet to do anything in the world of stand up that he's truly proud of.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Aw.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Here to promote his new tour.

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's Romesh Ranganathan everybody!

*[studio applause and cheering]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yay!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thank you, thanks.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Romesh!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Way!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This, is, unbelievable.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** This?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, cheers, Romesh

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh my god.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Cheers. Welcome. Cheers. Cheers.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm a big fan of this.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** What have we got here?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We have a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Cheers.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Cheers.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -spicy alcohol-free, margarita.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ooh.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So made with alcohol-free tequila and then like a sugar syrup with cardamom-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Chilli and lime. Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Really good. I'm a big fan.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Lovely.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And this is really good.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, welcome!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah [*laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, yeah. You like that?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** The little lime twist?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Little lime twist.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** A little bit of juz. Yes, please.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** That's all we're having today.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laugh]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Just that. Just nibbling that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Piece of lime and a crisp.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, I wanna talk about this line Romesh, because this struck me that you said that: 'You've not done anything in the world of, stand-up, that you're truly proud of.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You said that on Desert Island Discs with Lauren Laverne.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, it was- It's a long record, isn't it? You're trying to find things to say.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, I'm joking. I'm joking.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, it is true.

*[crew laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Lauren's like, 'Give me a- Give me a headline.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, can we have something-

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -that we can clip up?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, I do feel like- I mean, I, I, I sort of think that about everything that you, that I do, is that you're- And stand up is the thing that I'm most passionate about.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, right.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, I love it. It's the reason I, the reason I do anything is because it started from stand up, you know-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -that's what I wanted to be when I, when I moved into comedy. And so, I'm really, passionate about doing a great show.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And whenever I do a tour show, whatever anybody thinks about it, I have worked my a\*\* off to, to make this show, you know, polishing it and getting it to the point. And then what happens is, is the show comes out and the response is great or whatever, you know, I've had great response to shows, but I just feel like I'm gonna have the feeling of going, 'That is the show.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'That is a show that when I retire or I'm cancelled, like, that will be the- That'll be the show that people go, that's Romesh's show. You know-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah. People will say, 'Did you watch that one?'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. That's the one, that he did.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And so if I was to stop now.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I haven't done the show-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** In my opinion, I haven't done the show yet.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know what I mean? So that's-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So how do you feel when you come off stage? Because again, it's like you were saying earlier, you're doing it every night.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You know, maybe not seven days a week, but-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You know there's breaks, but how do you feel then when you come off?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like it's great. Like, you know, you're, you're trying to- I want the audience to, be exhausted from laughing-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -that's the aim. Because I sort of think about, as a punter, when I used to watch stand ups I love, you know, Richard Pryor is like my favourite of all time-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and I used to watch his shows and I'd feel- I'd want him to stop talking because-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Because you're aching so much. Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And, and, and so that's- I always thought I want that to be, what people's experience is when they come to my shows. But then, when you start off doing stand up-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You're so desperate to make people laugh, you will say anything. You know-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah.



**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -you're just, desperate to make people laugh.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laugh]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You just, like, you know, you'd be wagging your glasses and like-

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laugh]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[impersonating comedian]* 'And what did that guy say? What!' You know, and all that-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -because you're just so desperate to make laugh.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I mean, that's the, the job. You know? That's the-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. Course. But then as you get more experience, you sort of go, well, making people laugh is not, it's not easy-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -but it's become, it becomes easier.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And so, then you go, well, now I'd like it to be, something where I'm standing by the substance-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah of course.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -of what I'm talking about, not at the expense of like, I don't want to give- I'm not smart enough to give anybody a lecture, you know, about anything. But, when you watch stand up's that are really funny, there is some- They're letting you into their world and they're showing you the way they think about things. And it's like, there's something you take away from it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know what I mean?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But I think that's a good place, to be.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Because I don't think you'd want to- I don't think we'd love you, Romesh, if you were the type of comedian that was like, 'I think I'm f\*\*\*\*\* brilliant.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I think it's a good place to be if you're a musician or, you know, a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But it gives you an adrenaline.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah or anything, you wanna like, keep going, and-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yours- You're like, David Bowie.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. Ooh, nice-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -that's a good point.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You are. He's just, change, better, better, better.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That is, that is- 'Cause what's happened is I then panicked about how to respond to that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Cause actually, the truth is, is that I'm not. No, bu- but-

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, he is, he's incredible-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and I'm just churning out some s\*\*\*.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then if, if you go, 'You're like David Bowie,' and go, 'Mm,' I know that the comments would go, 'What a w\*\*\*\*\*.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Did you see the way he accepted that comment about our greatest artists-'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Can you believe that?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'The guy that hosts Weakest Link, is like David Bowie?'

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** In your own field.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Does he really believe it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** In your own space. You know, it works, it works.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. Thank you. No, I appreciate that-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I think so, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I appreciate that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah. And need to evolve and create and drive-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. You need to evolve.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, I like that.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, no, okay, thanks.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** 'Cause it drives you.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Sorry. Yeah, no, thanks. That's very sweet of you. Thanks.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Stop resting on laurels.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. No, I accept it. I accept it. No, I accept it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. You're exactly like him!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Exactly the same!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** If people-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Very much so.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** If people are missing David Bowie-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Don't worry.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You've got him!

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Try the Weakest Link.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He's still here!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** He's still around!

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What was it that made you, you know, when you were younger, think I could do this? Because you have a great relationship with your mum, who's often on screen with ya.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Would you do shows at home? Would you stand up and perform-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** The love language in my house growing up-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -was just roasting each other. My mum would, like, sometimes wheel me out and go, *[impersonating his mum]* 'Do- Do the impression of me, darling. Do it when I'm trying to find the coffee.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[continuing to impersonate his mum]* 'Do it, do it. No, this is so good. You should watch this, watch this. Do it, darling. Do it, do it.'

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So, it'd be like they like kind of get me out to do that. I remember this is really dark story.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* But when- When-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I'm ready.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yes.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* When my- When my- When my dad passed away.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So my brother, um, this is, this starts really dark. Okay? So, my brother found my dad-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh right, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He had a heart attack in the house and passed away, and my dad found him. And then when I came in, like, my dad, my brother called me, I was at a gig and he goes, 'Can you, like, uh, dad's collapsed.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I came into the house and then immediately started crying and whatever-

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

And then he- Then he- They- We found out, you know, he passed away. The next day, we're sat around, like, and we'd gone to see my mum and, like, we're all, like, trying to figure out

what to do. And my brother, was like, we're really quiet at the table, my brother said to me, 'Ron,' I go, 'Yeah.' He goes, 'What was that noise you made yesterday, man?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I go, 'What?' He goes, 'When you- When you saw dad,' he goes, 'You're not embarrassed?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He goes, 'Like, I know you're upset,' but he's just like, *[impersonating Romesh crying]*, 'Uhhhhh.'

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Too soon.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* We genuinely started cracking up, 'cause, it was, it was, it was bad. Like, it's like- It was like that- It was like that meme, you know that- *[impersonating crying meme]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But I, you, I didn't know that- I, I didn't know that I'd make that noise-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You know, like, it's like-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, course.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -in emergency situations, something happens.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, you don't know how brave you are until-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -you're in a situation you might have to save-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** 'Til it happens. Yeah, course.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I didn't know-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -that I made that noise [*laughs*].

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

[*studio laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I just love the fact your brother brought it up [*laughing*]. I just think that's so-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** [*laughing*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** [*laughing*] The next day! Um, should we start with, uh, we always like to go through our guests food likes and dislikes.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Sure.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Should we start with yours, Romesh?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, we love that they're written by you, um-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** [*laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** First up, full disclosure, you are famously vegan.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And when it came to food loves, uh, you start with, um, 'I love my mum's aubergine curry,' which Angela has tasted.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm, very good curry. It was delicious.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yes.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Why- Why- Why did you taste it, um Romesh?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We were on it-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** She won't leave, man.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Why did you do that?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I'm there every week around the door.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. What was it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It was the show you do with Rob when you go and do another industry.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You were opening a restaurant.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So, you had me and Tom round, and they both made curries.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And it was- Tom and I decided which one we like best.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Whose Tom?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Tom Kerridge.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And we liked Romesh's. It was great.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. Well, Rob, Rob made his in a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** He made it in a machine-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -it was all too easy-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And it sort of went, 'Oh, add this now.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.



**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then, 'Dice this.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then it dices it for you, and what a load of s\*\*\*.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Are we gonna eat in a second, aren't we?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** We are, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** In a min. Should I go through, food likes and dislikes and you get the food ready?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And I'll go get ready.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Or I'll get the food ready.

*[crew laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. No, I'll go.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No, you go. You're like, 'No, I'll go.'

*[crew laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's alright.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Off you go, okay. Um, when it came to food loves you, you love spicy. You have a tragic sweet tooth.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You eat a tonne of these crisps, the Torres-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Black truffle.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -black truffle crisps?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** They, are-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** They, they have changed, the game.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

*[crew laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Right, the black truffle. But they also do olive oil, right?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do they do fried egg? Have I just made that up?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** They do fried egg. I love the taste, I hate the smell.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm. Of the egg ones.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** The egg, smell, is foul.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Whenever I, I do a TV record-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -it's always on the rider for those; it's become a problem.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I think that's the best crisp. I do feel like an asshole asking for a black truffle crisp.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know when you felt like a tosser for talking about salted caramel?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

*[crew laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That's those.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, now, it's-

*[crew laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Try getting a caramel that's not salted.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Exactly.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Impossible.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, tha- Now you feel like a wanker, ‘Could have it, actually, I’d love it unsalted.’

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Unsalted

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** As it comes.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Impossible.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Impossible.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Impossible. I wanted to talk to you, about your, bakery-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -endeavour, as well.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** ‘Cause you’ve invested in, in a bakery. Right?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]* I, um-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Is it a vegan bakery?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It’s not all vegan.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** They, they do loads of vegan stuff. But, um, I got to know that Sean Coughlan, it’s Coughlan’s Bakeries.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I got to know him, because, his wife is a makeup artist.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And so, I, I was doing like, uh, 8 Out of 10 Cats, or something and she said to me, ‘Oh, my husband, like, runs a bakery. And he said, like, if you want to try anything.’ And so I started trying these doughnuts, and I was like- And they’re vegan. And I was like, ‘Oh, my God, this is incredible.’ And then eventually, um, I got him to do my wife’s birthday cake.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He did like an Idris Elba birthday cake for Lisa.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What? The face of Idris Elba?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Face of Idris Elba.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Really?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Brilliant.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. It's really- It's, it's really nice to do something for your wife that also, undermines you as well.

[*studio laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yes. [*laughs*]

[*studio laughter*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Did she appreciate it?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** She loved it. It was horrible. It was disgusting to watch.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then I, we kind of built up a relationship. And then, he was looking to, get some investment, or get somebody else involved and we'd become friends and I was going there all the time, so I just thought, well, I think you should invest in something that you actually, really care about and love-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I really love that stuff, so I just thought I'd get involved. So now I'm like a co-owner of Coughlan's Bakery, so. And, and every now and again I'll go and do a shift at one of, the, branches.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Do you?!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And do like it?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, what are you doing on the shift?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I just work the tills and just be like, yeah, just a general cele-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh yes! Come on!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So they don't let you make the doughnuts.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, well, no, they do.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, alright.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, that's, that's the, I have been into the actual main bakery and like, kind of, dipped the yum yum's.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, yes. Come on.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. Although I tell you, a weird thing that happened-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Is like- So, we sort of preannounced I'm going to be working at whatever, the Oxted branch or whatever. And then like people had turned up for like selfies and stuff like that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then this woman said, um, I'm just telling you what she said. She said, 'Do you know that you're the thinking woman's crumpet?'

[crew 'Ooo's']

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Ooh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I said, 'No, I didn't know that. And furthermore, I don't think it's true.' And then she said, 'I got your present,' and she gave me a pair of knickers.

*[crew laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Whoa.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** At the bakery?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** At the bake- Yeah, I know that's, exactly.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** That's- That's not the weird bit.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's weird.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** A pair of knickers?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh, were they in an envelope or something? *[laughing]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, she pulled them out of her pocket.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Whoa.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Wow.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I just arrived in Oxted.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I reckon three minutes before.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What sort of time of day are we talking?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This was like, Nick, I hate to tell you, man, it was one in the afternoon.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** One in the afternoon.

*[crew laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** When do you think would be a good time to do that?

*[crew laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I don't think there is one.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** If you think- if, if, if I'm the thinking woman's crumpet, give me a Rubik's Cube.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But the rest of it was fine. The rest of the visit was fine.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Fine. What did you do with them?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** What did I do with them?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I don't know.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, I, I think I definitely took them home.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* No, you did not, did you?

*[crew laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* I'm going to be honest with you, I wasn't expecting full out questions about what I did-

*[crew laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* I, I, I panicked. I felt like a politician on, on the BBC on Sunday Morning. It's like, 'S\*\*\*. What did you do with them?' I think I took them home to like, because I wanted to tell Lis- I wanted to show Lisa what had happened.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And- Yeah- And nice to re-gift *[laughs]*.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

*[crew laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Valentine's Day.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, we're gonna go through the rest of the likes because there was a diversion. Um, you also, um, nearly killed yourself eating Lao Gan Ma crispy chilli oil.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, I-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What the hell happened?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That chil- Have you- Do you guys like that chilli oil?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I don't know that, do I?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's like crunchy. It's got, like, I think soybeans and onions fried in it and stuff like that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh I, yeah, yeah, I do, I like it on my eggs.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's wicked. Anyways, somebody, somebody had, somebody said to me that- Or, I'd seen somewhere, this stuff is amazing, on pretty much everything, right?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I'd started getting into it and it started to become a bit of a problem.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I was eating it all the time and then it got to the point where I would happily eat it on its own.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, wow.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So what, so what would, what would happen is I'd get back from, like, it was like one of the early nights of, one of the previews of the play.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I got back, [*laughing*] and as a little, as a little treat for myself, I'd have a tablespoon of the chilli oil.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Jeepers. I can't believe you've done that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's hot.



**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* So it's like a little, 'Well done, Romesh. You did well in the play today. Have some-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Have some chilli oil.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -chilli oil.' So I opened the jar. Everyone's asleep. And I took the, um, took the tablespoon. I'm eating over, you know, I'm here, like this, like just quickly, shovel it in, because I want to minimise being caught doing this.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's beyond ick.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know what I mean?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He's eating the chilli oil, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I shovel it into my mouth. And then as I do that, it just, a little tiny bit of it goes the wrong way. And then I just go, *[coughs]*, and I like, spray every cupboard.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, my God.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Every cupboard is just, completely pebble dashed with chilli oil. And then I start choking, right. I start really choking and I start panicking. And then, honestly, I think, 'I'm going to, I'm going to die.' Like-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I thought, 'I'm going to die now.' And then for some reason, I started doing circuits of the kitchen. I started trying to walk it off. So I started, like, just doing circuits of the kitchen going, *[pretends to choke]*. And, and as I- And I gen- Honestly, I'm not exaggerate- I thought, I, 'I am gonna die today.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** This is it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I thought, 'I'm gonna die today. Alright, this is, I'm gonna die.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** F\*\*\*.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But the thing was, I just thought, ‘What is Lisa gonna walk into?’

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]* Like-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** The next morning, my body on the floor, the jar with the spoon there. Cupboards, f\*\*\*\*\*.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, what- What a horrible way for your husband to die.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** A horrible way, yeah. Chilli oil-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** How did he go? ‘Oh, he was having one of his, late-night, chilli oil tablespoon treats.’

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* Yeah, what-

*[studio laughter]*

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So, food has arrived. But just to finish your, dislikes, don't like tempeh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mate.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Tempeh. What is tempeh?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, I was going to ask that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Is it just gluten?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, it's like that sort of, like. It's often, like, used as a, if you don't like tofu. It's awful.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So no tempeh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I like that it's written here, the pronunciation, it says, ‘Tempay – not like Tinie Tempah.’

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]* Just in case.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That's one of his big bugbears.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, he doesn't like that.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Jesus christ.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** On drinks, you said, 'You stopped drinking,' because we're having alcohol free. You said basically, 'You don't drink because when you do drink, you can be, your words, 'A twat.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yes.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes. Yes.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I just, um, like- My dad was a bit- My dad ran a pub, he was a massive drinker and he was great, but, like, he was like what I would describe as a charming liability. Do you know what I mean?

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He was really- He was really fun in a cameo-

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But being married to him, I can't imagine-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, your mum.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, my mum had a hell of a time, do you know what I mean?

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So- But I have got that- I feel like I've got that gene in me. Do you know what I mean?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Where, like about everything, you know, I will- We- I am- I'm eating chilli oil.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, exactly.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** On my own.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You know, like, I've got that addictive person- I'm trying to find something to get addicted to. Do you know what I mean?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So when it's with drinking, especially with comedy, you are around booze a lot and when you finish a show, everybody's drinking, you know-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -the audience are drinking-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, of course.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -you do a TV record, people are drinking-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -you know, so it's around a lot. I think being sober gives me just the right level of inhibition.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I don't want to lose that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, I, I just- I, I've got so many memories of just being a complete, dick. I, I don't know if you- We did an episode of Rob and Romesh versus and we did, Rob and Romesh versus Heavy Metal-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And we drank with Queens of the Stone Age, right?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I got, obliterated, on camera, like, completely obliterated. And I, I've just got vague sort of recollections of running around backstage-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -while, like, Royal Blood were on-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and just going, *[impersonating himself drunk]*, 'Yeah!' Rob and I, like, snogged on the side of stage-

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and obviously, like, production found it-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Great TV

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah- It was great TV, really funny TV.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, but I went like- I was- I have a great, *[impersonating himself drunk]*, 'Yeah! Wey! I'm a f\*\*\*\*\* legend!'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Then I went to bed. I woke up the next morning. Obviously, I just got the fe- I got the fear.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** The horror.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** What happened? What did you do?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So, I immediately put on the production WhatsApp. I just said, like, 'I'm really sorry-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -if, um, for like my behaviour, if I was out of order last night or whatever, you know, I was sort of really all over the place.' It was half an hour before anybody responded.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh don't

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, God.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That was-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** That was the decision.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Longest half hour.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That was the worst half hour of my life.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, I, I do think people need to think about-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -what that effect that's having on people.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Is that you need to respond to people when they say that to you-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Quickly.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You need to have an a lot- Get in quick-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And go, 'You were fine, or there's a police investigation.' You just want to know.

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, either, or.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** HR have been called.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Either way- You just want to know, either way-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No. Please reply quicker.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right, eat before it goes cold.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thank you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, have some.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, yeah, let's- You start eating Romesh and then Ange, please, what do we have here? This looks fantastic.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So we have a cauliflower and spinach curry.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And we're serving it with, um, loads of little poppadom's. And we've got a lovely, um, array here of some fantastic mango chutney, some lime pickle.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I love lime pickle.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Fried onions.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Some lovely. Oh, God, I've forgotten.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Raita?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Raita. Thank you. Yeah, so to have with it and rice.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is so good.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, good. I'm glad.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, my God, I can't wait for this. So Romesh said that- Well, Romesh, you said that you'd be happily having-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Thank you.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You know, chef's choice with what we eat.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You'd leave it up to Angela, which is the way I would do it if I was coming on here as a guest.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Aw.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, because obviously it'd be like, 'Come on, Ange knows what's up.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So, what, what, what

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So, what, what, what made you go for curry, Ange?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, one, obviously-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Look at me.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -Romesh is vegan. *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Ange, what made you go-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** For a curry?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What made you go curry?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* What?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Why did I go curry? Um, seasonality, cauliflower. *[laughs]* Yeah, lovely.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, absolutely.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And cauliflower is a great thing to- When you make a curry-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.



**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -because it absorbs all the flavours-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -of all those different spices and everything.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow, this is delicious.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is so good.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** How did you make this so tasty?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It's the layers of flavour, isn't it?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I was gonna say, it's layers. Depth.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It's all the stages.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So you start off with- You put your little oil in the pan, put your curry leaves and cumin seeds, toast those off for a couple of minutes. Add your spinach-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -and then take that out of the pan. So in a way, you've seasoned the pan. And then it's onions, garlic, coriander stalks and ginger in the pan. Cook that down till it's softened. Um, but a good five, 10 minutes, you know, not just quickly in the pan.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is, sorry-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's alright.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's so good.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Thank you. I'm really pleased.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You have smashed this.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Aw, thank you.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It is wicked.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's very kind. And then you add your different spices, so your turmeric and garam masala and a bit of tomato purée. And then, you add your cauliflower.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And then you cook it really quickly for only for about 10, 12 minutes. And, um, once that's cooked, then you add your, um, spinach back into the pan. Little bit of yogurt and a touch of lime.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Cause the thing is, cauliflower and spinach curry-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mh-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** If somebody comes round to your house-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mh-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -as a, you know, as a vegan host-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mh-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -there's a lot of pressure on.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** People don't want to come around, really.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. [*laughing*] They don't want to come around.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But then-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** They just don't want to come.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No. And then if you go- Cauliflower and spinach, on paper-

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It doesn't sound great.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Well, it just sounds fine. Right.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, fine.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You're not gonna, not enjoy.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But this is like, it's so good.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm. But it is, you know, the point is, it's like anything, take time a little bit, don't rush it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And then the cauliflower, you just cook in, because it's not really a sauce if you're listening to this, is it? It's not like a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No, it's not a wet curry.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No, it's not a wet one. No. So the cauliflower just sort of cooks in ten minutes. That's it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It cooks in the spices-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -but you add a little bit of water as well, about 300 mls of water.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I'm surprised it's cooked. 'Cause I've tried roasting a cauliflower. Not as great.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, no, I always think that's quite dry, you need a little bit-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, that's dry, yeah. Tell us about the little, uh, salad that you've made.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So we've got this Kachumba salad-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -which is diced tomato, cucumber, red onion, coriander and mint.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** A little bit of salt in there as well. And then the raita, which is cucumber, yogurt, bit of shallot, finely diced, and again, mint and a bit of seasoning.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And it's, and it's vegan, so what yogurt?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So, yeah, yeah, vegan. Coconut yogurt, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, coconut yogurt.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Perfect, then you got it all.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Okay, so there's a wine pairing as well. The pairing that we've got is a Gruner Veltliner, which is, an Austrian wine. Dry and crisp, will be great with something, spicy and rich, like a curry. If you want to get this wine or this recipe, or all the ingredients, [waitrose.com/dishrecipes](https://waitrose.com/dishrecipes).

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Would you like some more Romesh?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Of this?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Of curry.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yes, please, I would love some. I didn't know, is that allowed?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, of course it's allowed.

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Now, this is for our Valentine's Day special.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, we were talking before you came on, that we don't really celebrate in our respective homes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, do you? Do you guys do anything on Valentine's Day? Is there-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm, not really. I mean, uh, I think, I think, when we- In the early days, when you weren't sure if the other one was as-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Cynical?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Committed, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. So then you go, I should really do something.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But then eventually, I think once we had a conversation going, 'Should we not?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* Let's save the money.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, not do it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, but I remember that I used to- When I was a teenager.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I took a girl to Pizza Hut-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ooh, nice.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -on Valentine's Day, and it felt, it felt incredible.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, very romantic.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, very good.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, but like, to do that now?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I mean, I guess now it would be Pizza Express, but-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Now you're going up in the world.

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, he's made a bit of money, yeah-

*[studio laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Crispin Pizza, fancy *[laughs]*.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Listen, not, no. Not, no.

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's a Saturday night in Pizza Express. Listen.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*] No salad bar.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Not, no.

ANGELA HARTNETT & **ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** [*laugh*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Not, no.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, do you remember the Pizza Hut- The Pizza Hut salad bar, Oh, my God-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** The salad bar was brilliant.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** When I, first, discovered the concept of a salad bar.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Not that I didn't discover it, you know, for myself-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I couldn't believe it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm. You're like, 'Wow.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then you finish and then, then go up again if you want.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What?!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

[*crew laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It's true, it was!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I remember it opening- A Pizza Hut opening in Rochdale, where I lived, and I was like, 'Wow, America.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It felt so magical-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Fantasy, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's happening, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** The pizza's were like- 'Cause before that, you'd have those little-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -one's like this.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I will never forget, honestly, man-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's like a core memory. The cheese pull-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -on the first pizza advert. There's strings-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -of cheese!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** America!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, you're like-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, my God. Wild.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Loved it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Wow.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Bring that back, go on a date night there.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What a time.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's glue, it turns out. PVA glue.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*] Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah. It's just glue.

[*studio laughter*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And they staple the pizza down.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughing*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, well, we're gonna do something now because we wanna, um, share some love with you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Share some love.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, thanks man.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Not the, not the normal type of love you make, have with someone on Valentine's Day-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, but we did our Romesh research and we found out you're quite hard on yourself.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, you know, you were asked by the Guardian to describe yourself and the words that you used were, 'Lazy, disorganised, and lucky.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I do still agree- I still stand by that. Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Okay, but quite hard.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We thought quite hard on Romesh.



**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, very hard.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So what we thought we'd do is we'd put some of your big achievements-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -into some oven gloves-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -as is tradition.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You know the game! Um, and you can just dip in, and, and take a pitch.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So Romesh is going to dip in.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm gonna dip in? Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So this is our way of instilling some self-love into you.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So are these- Is this real?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So this is your great achievements.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** These are some of my greatest achievements.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'You are acting in the West End with Sheridan Smith.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Look, yeah, there you go.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thanks, man.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah!

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We don't know if it's good, but you're doing it.

[studio laughter]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Let's have another one. Go on, you read one now Nick, go on.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, share- This is good.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, we'll read them to you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, there we go. Yeah. Okay. 'You've hosted the BAFTA's and you've won BAFTA's.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Come on!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, thanks, guys. Thanks.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, there we go.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** 'You've rapped at the Scala in London and have your own rap name.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You're a rapper!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Come on!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Hold on a sec. Can I just- I just wanna to pull you up on that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Alright.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I'm just reading this.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, well.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [laughs]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Can I tell you about that? I'll tell you the story about the-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Go on tell me,

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -Scala.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You're putting yourself down again. Come on!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Well, no, I'm just- Listen, it was a great, it was a great night.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I was in a battle, rap battle at the Scala.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I got to the final, it was me against this guy that was actually really good at it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I said my rap name, Ranga.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, like that.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I said, this is going to offend you, I think.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Okay, maybe not.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Because of the lack of culinary knowledge. And I said, 'This is Ranga. I'm here rocking the Scala. You can't handle the heat of my chicken tikka masala.'

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Right?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I like it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That, that got me knocked out of the competition. Now, obviously, chicken tikka masala.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Not that hot.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Nobody's going, 'Ooh.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'That's a bit punchy, that tikka masala.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No, no.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Right. So, I, I, I got humiliated so badly in that competition. Genuinely, my friends asked to leave separately.

[*studio laughter*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Alright, Grab that one.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** All right, that's enough.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But thank you.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But scrap that one.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Scrap that one.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, but I did it. I did it. I did it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** But you did it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I did it. Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Come on!

[*studio applause*]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Guys, put a-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You did it.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Guys, put a shift-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You got a whole crowd here. When you're pulling this out, they're saying silent-

[*studio applause*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** They're like- They weren't bothered about the BAFTA's.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, they didn't care about that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** They were like, 'No, sorry, not good enough.' Um, you've won, not won- Well, let's just say it, you've won the London Marathon.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* Yeah!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

*[studio applause and cheers]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** He won it, twice!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Won it twice. There you go.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Won it twice, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You've run it twice. Are you going to do it this year?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Nooo.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Nooo.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No, done.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** By the way, this sounds like I'm taking all of your compliments and trashing them.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** No!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I mean it does, but don't worry, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But I'm just going to tell you, I'm just going to tell you something that happened.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is a genuinely true story. So, you know, they've got this at the beginning of the London Marathon. They've got like a, a profile competitor's tent. Right. You know, and one of the guys that organises the London Marathon came up to me, on

the second one, and he said, 'Romesh, I just want to say thank you for doing the London Marathon last year. You really helped spread the message of how accessible it is.'

[crew laughter]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [laughing] He did not.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** He did. I promise you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [laughing] I can't quite believe that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You're like, 'Right...'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'It's like you really, like, you know, it's not just for elites.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You were like, 'Oh.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [laughing]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I was like, 'Yeah, cool.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** 'Great, thanks.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'I'm just about to start, by the way. Thanks for that!'

[studio laughter]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Thanks for that!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Thanks for the pep talk, Wanker.'

[studio laughter]

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But, it was fun, it was a cool thing, it was, it was a fun thing to do.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** One more?

**PRODUCER TOM:** One more.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** One more, one more, one more.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right, let's go.

**PRODUCER TOM:** There's so many.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What are we going for Ange?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** So many achievements-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, so many achievements.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Great work, that's great work.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -I'm learning. So, 'You taught maths and learnt stand up at the same time.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Same time.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yes, I did. Yeah, thank you, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I like this one, wait. 'You've put Crawley on the map.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** There you go.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** There you go!

*[studio applause and cheers]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Never heard of it. Crawley on the map.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** There you go. So, do you now feel-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You know, Gareth Southgate's from Crawley, so not even the most famous guy from there. And you've, and you've got Chico.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, Chico.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Chico!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh! He was, fa-mous.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mate, proper. I didn't realize that Chico 'Time' was the number one, wasn't it?

*[crew laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Was he?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Chico 'Time' was number one.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Huge tune. Big song.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Massive.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Well, there we go. That's our love gift for you-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -this Valentine's day.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Love you Romesh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Genuinely. That was actually very sweet.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, good.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Aw.

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Romesh, you're off on tour. 'Romesh Ranganathan Will Change Your Life,' is the name of this tour.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's not this year.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Next year.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's next year.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** 2027.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um, how do you feel, this far ahead, knowing that something, is next year? It's gonna be full on. It's a lot of dates, a lot of travel.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I love going on tour, so it's, it's not so bad- I don't find it that bad. Obviously, you get a bit nerv- You're always a bit nervous about when you start the tour.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.



**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But I love going on tour. It's like-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** The reason I started doing TV is to go on tour-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -because I wanted people to come and see me.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I think after, you know, after all the TV goes away and whatever, stand-up will be the last thing I'll continue to do. Do you know what I mean?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I think I'll always do that.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** But you said it earlier, that's the thing-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's the thing, that's what you want to be known as.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, that's what I-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Above everything, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah. That's what I love.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But, um, the one thing that I do think is weird about, because it's so far in advance.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** This is the first show where I've really had, not a concept, but I know, what I'm trying to do with this show.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh-huh.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** But I haven't written any, even a minute of it- You know, like, I know the concepts and the, you know, what I'm sort of gonna try and, what I'm aiming for. But then when you haven't written something and it's on sale, you feel like a con-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** That's risky.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Well, you feel like a con-artist, really, you know.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then they'll go to me, 'Oh, it's sold out. We're putting on another day.' And I go, 'What?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Not right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'What's sold out? It doesn't exist.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mh-hm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know what I mean?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Are you gonna be- Like, there's some comedians will go and do a really small theatre-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -to try it out, like three or four nights and sort of try out the material. Will you do that or you'll just hit it hard?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, how I tend to do it is, um, you start with like, a 10-minute routine.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then I'll phone a mate who, you know, a friend of mine- I often go to, Brighton, because I live near there.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I go, 'I've got 10 minutes of new stuff. Can I just come and try it tonight?'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then you're unannounced.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then he'll go, 'We've got a special guest who's just trying out some stuff.' And then I'll go on with a notebook and just go, 'Look, I've got some ideas. Can I talk it through with you?' And then maybe like sometimes all of it works. Sometimes a minute of it works. I would, I remember once I did like a new material hour where it's just like me and a note. It's like, 'Romesh, try some s\*\*\* out,' is what we called it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Right.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I just, I walked off, 'Well, that didn't go very well. But who cares?' Not who cares, you know?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Back to the drawing board.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And then I was at the shops-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -and then somebody comes up to me and goes, 'Do you know what would make that superhero bit work?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, no.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** No.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And I thought, 'Oh God,' I don't wanna, I don't wanna get-people giving me feedback on this when I'm out and about, living my life.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Do you know what I mean? Doing the school run and somebody goes, 'I thought of the punchline!'

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laugh]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So I started moving them a bit further afield.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Gotta move out of your county to do the comedy.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Further away. Don't do it next door.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Too much. Too much. Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And that was his mum, she was there telling him *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** She was there, too, 'Change that bit.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, I always like it when I see live comedians and they- I mean, a lot of the time it's in London, but if you watch it on tv, you see if they're in Glasgow or they've gone somewhere, they'll refer to where they are. Because everyone does have different humours as well. And the audience you must react to in different areas of the country, I imagine.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, well, I mean, the, the worst one was, like, I went to, I went to America-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -to do some shows over there. Just, they're just offended by different things.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Right, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And also, they don't, they don't have as many, like, brown people, *[laughs]*, right-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -in public kind of, so they can't sort of, they can't, can't process your background. So anyway, that- On one of my tours, I had a bit that, the gist of it was, I would join ISIS if they had good wi-fi.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** That, that, that is, that is the, that is the, like, that is the, the premise of the bit. Right, so, so when, when, when, when I was doing it, when I was doing it, when you do it in the U.K., people just go, 'He's obviously joking.' You know, like, they get it, it's a joke. Yeah. I was doing Hollywood improv and, like, I was doing a set and it was going really, really, well. And then I started doing this bit and honestly, the a\*\*\* dropped out of the room immediately.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Really?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I think they thought I was, like, announcing, like-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** They were like, 'Ah!'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, you could just feel them going, *[in American accent]* 'Oh, my God. Oh, my God.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah. *[in American accent]* 'You think he's got one on?'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[in American accent]* 'He's one of them. He's one of them. S\*\*\*!' It was horrible. So, like, you know, like, you kind of, um, you kind of get a sensibility for different places. But I do, I do, I tend to think, like- I mean, up north is, like, wicked to do stand up.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I think I feel like- Glasgow audiences, for example, when they like you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** They love you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Like, it's insane. Like, the energy is insane. It's like- So you just, you just, you do feel differences, regional differences.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. That is true about the Scots. I did a dinner up in Aberdeen and I went around to talk to all the tables and I've never, they literally kept standing up and hugging me to the point they were like, too much. And I was like, right, this is now weird.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And I called my husband, who's Scottish, I said, 'What is wrong with you lot? Why do you-'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** 'Why's everyone nice!'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I said, 'Everyone has hugged me! It's just mad!'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What's going on!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I said, 'They won't let go. And then they talk at you.' You know, but it's really, like, enthusiasm. They love it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We should go, Ange.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Have a date night, go see Romesh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'd love you to come.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I'd love to come. If you want to go to Romesh's tour, you can get tickets now. I imagine it will sell out soon, even though it's not until a year away.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Once this goes out, I mean, this is-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** This will sell it. This will sell it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Once they sell out-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** They said, 'Do Dish. It's the final push.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Whole tour sold out.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'And then you can relax.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Worldwide.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** This is it. One cauliflower curry.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

[*studio laughter*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Arenas sold.

[*theme song plays*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Romesh, it's time for your fast-food quiz.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah, great.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What is your favourite sandwich filling?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Peanut butter and banana.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ooh, nice. What's your favourite doughnut filling?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, well, there's a yum yum named after me, 'Ranga Yum Yum.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** 'Ranga Yum Yum.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's got chocolate and biscoff.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm-hm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ooh, nice.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And what's your favourite form of potato?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I like mash.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Why'd you say it like that?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, why are you saying it?

[*studio laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, don't be embarrassed. [*in monotone voice*] 'I like mash.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You say it like it's-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*in monotone voice*] 'I like mash.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -like it's not ok.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I said it like, 'I like S&M,' didn't I?

[*studio laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You're like, 'Okay-'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** 'I'll say I like it.'

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Because it's quite- Because people are quite passionate about potatoes.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, everyone sort of goes 'Roast' so it's good you've done mash.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It's good, it's something different. What about your favourite herb?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Oh, rosemary?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, lovely.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Favourite crisp?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Torres, black truffle.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Uh, dish, you miss the most when you're away from home?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Dish I miss the most, is probably, my mum's aubergine curry.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Aww.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh, Romesh-



**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Sorry, Lisa.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Sorry Lisa.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Happy Valentine's Day.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

*[studio laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Just go and have it with your mum!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah Lisa, step your f\*\*\*\*\* game up!

*[studio laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Um-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What's your favourite kitchen utensil?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm a big fan of a spatula.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Ok.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I really like it, it's versatile.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, it's great, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's handy.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It's like a bendy- Do you like a silicone, or a-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I like, the- Yeah, bendy. Bendy.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Bendy.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Is that like you're inner teacher? Like slapping the ruler?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I just sort of like it. And I like. Sometimes I'll just walk around with it when I'm not, when I don't use it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT & NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Great word as well.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's also great for, um, scraping, like, really dry chilli oil off a kitchen cupboard.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, I bet, yeah. It's up there for 24 hours.

*[studio laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** What's your favourite chocolate bar?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Um, there's a, a, like a Green and Blacks, like, dark one with, like, little bits of orange in it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, right.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm. What's your favourite nut?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Pft, um, I'd probably, go, pistachio?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I think that's, correct.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah. We like a pistachio.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, I think it is, isn't it.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Um, favourite topping on toast?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Uh, favourite- I mean, I'm a Marmite guy.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I'm a big Marmite guy. Marmite and, um, peanut butter's good.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, I've never tried that.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, yeah, Good.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, I like the peanut butter, I'll try that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** We'll give you the recipe Ange, later.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, I like that. I've never had that one. I like Bovril you see.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's just um, peanut butter and Marmite and you just blend.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, you blend. Yeah, blend.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** On the toast or separate?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I, I do a little separate.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You do a little bowl?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** I get a little ramekin.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh right, okay.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Cause-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** And peanut butter in first or the Marmite?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Um, what I like to do-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Is, I, um, I get the peanut butter and then I'll put a little well in the centre-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, then add in your Marmite.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** -put the Marmite in.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** And work outwards.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I can see how that works.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** With your spatula, no doubt.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughing]* Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, and work outwards.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, you have to have a massive ramekin.

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Okay, Romesh, we come to the end of the show.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** This is your end of the show question, to win the Waitrose goodie bag.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Okay.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Usually, Angela Hartnett will wheel it in on that trolley.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** There's no bag.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** As you can see, there's no bag there. Uh, as a special guest to bring in the Waitrose goodie bag, please welcome the one, the only, Mr. Tom Davis is here.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Woo.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** *[laughs]*

*[studio applause and cheers]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yes, welcome. There he is. Hi, Tom.

**TOM DAVIS:** How are you?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** How are ya?

**TOM DAVIS:** You good? You well?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Nice to see you. Are you alright? Yeah, I'm good, how are you?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** How are you? God lovely to see you. Thank you for bringing that in, please.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You can't even get a spot as a proper guest on this.

*[studio laughter]*

**TOM DAVIS:** No, no, no, I haven't got- I'm literally having to come in, I'm doing the bags now.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Let's start, no-

**TOM DAVIS:** I'm just bringing in gifts for people.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Just doing the bags, just doing the bags. Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** So good to see you.

**TOM DAVIS:** It's so good- In this scenario, we keep saying we'll have to go for food, so, yeah-

*[studio laughter]*

**TOM DAVIS:** -it's nice to be on someone else's podcast.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, it's done for you.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Save going out yourselves. Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Well, thanks for bringing that in, Tom.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh, Romesh, here is your end of show question-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thank you so much.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -to win that goodie bag. If you don't answer, um, Tom gets it.

**TOM DAVIS:** Oh, wow. The bag?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**TOM DAVIS:** It's not full of, vegan stuff, is it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh we'll throw a lamb chop, or something.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Maybe we'll stick some of it in there-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'Hi, Romesh. Thanks for coming on Dish. You made it look effortless.'

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** You did.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** 'To win the Waitrose goodie bag, just answer the following question. Of all the celebrity weakest links, you've had the chance to meet, whose performance stands out? Who is the weakest link of the weakest links? Thanks, Team Dish.'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** So what they're saying is slag someone off-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** -to win some shopping,

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Uh-

**TOM DAVIS:** Just quickly, weirdly, never been asked to do that show, even though I'm one of your best friends.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Unbelievable.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Rude, I call that. Rude.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Have you never been asked?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** What!

**TOM DAVIS:** No, no, no, no.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Can I tell you something? I would- I said to me- I think I said, 'He'd never come up to do it.' It's in Glasgow.

**TOM DAVIS:** Yeah. But by the way, that'd be an easy answer right now now, because I'm awful at that sort of general knowledge.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Mm.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** ‘Cause- But this is like, I know. Just, you know-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** It's about Romesh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** [*laughs*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I love a quiz.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Have you been on?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I’ve not been on.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Do you wanna go on?

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** You wouldn't do it, would you? Just be honest.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Uh.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Just be honest with me now, would you do Weakest Link?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Bit far init.

[*studio laughter*]

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** It is a bit far. It's a bit far.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** All that way.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Angela, would you do it?

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No.

[*studio laughter*]

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No, ‘cause I like playing quizzes at home-

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Right.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** -and games at home, but under the spotlight like that-

**TOM DAVIS:** I would freeze.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, no.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** I would freeze. I would never be able to do it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah.

**TOM DAVIS:** Terrible.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** No, I can barely remember recipes on this half the time. I could never do that.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Um, I think the worst answer that- Well, two people spring to mind. Um, Tony Blackburn was the first person I ever asked a question to on the Weakest Link.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Mm.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And the question was to Tony Blackburn, 'What does the B in R&B stand for?'

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughs]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And he said, 'Soul.'

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* Tony. Tony.

*[studio laughter]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* Tony.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Yeah, no, 'cause, I think, but I don't think it was so- It was so bad-

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** - that I think it was the, like, you know you were talking about the nerves.



**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** It's got to be Helen Flanagan.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And the question was, 'Are the white cliffs of Dover made of chalk or cheese?'

**TOM DAVIS:** *[laughs]*

*[studio laughter]*

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** *[laughing]* No! She did not say cheese!

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** She said cheese!

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** I think I watched that.

**TOM DAVIS:** Oh Wow. Wow. How's that not become, a more, viral?

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Oh my god.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah!

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** No, no, it was like, 'cause we-

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Jesus.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Jeez, no.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** And she's been back on again since, 'cause we did, um-

**TOM DAVIS:** Oh, I'd have her back on every week.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughs]* Yeah.

*[studio laughter]*

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** We did a redemption special where, like, everybody that did answers like that came back on.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Oh, my gosh.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** She did alright, she did alright.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Brilliant.

**TOM DAVIS:** She did a lot of reading.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Lovely.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** *[laughing]* Yeah. Uh, Romesh, thank you so much.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yep, brilliant.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Thank you.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** You've been amazing.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Tom, thanks for bringing the bag on!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Thank you, Tom!

**TOM DAVIS:** Yeah, thank you for having me too.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Yeah, I love it.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Yeah, I love a little Tom Davis drive by

**TOM DAVIS:** Yeah, sure. Yeah, yeah.

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** Round of applause, Romesh, everybody.

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Woo!

*[studio applause and cheers]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** The goodie bag is yours. You did it!

**ANGELA HARTNETT:** Thank you, Romesh.

**TOM DAVIS:** Beautiful goodie bag.

**ROMESH RANGANATHAN:** Woo!

*[theme song plays]*

**NICK GRIMSHAW:** If that episode has left you wanting more, find us on Instagram, Tik-Tok and YouTube. Just search Dish.

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