

## Monologue Jokes

Ted Cruz is now in charge of NASA. He did want to shut the agency down, but then they showed him the super-secret, crazy alien they captured at Roswell. He only had one word when he saw it – “Mom!” Actually, NASA has just launched a spacecraft with a ‘spinning lasso’ on top to help assess moisture levels and measure climate change. But, of course, Ted Cruz doesn’t believe in climate change. Luckily the lasso won’t completely go to waste, as Cruz wants to use it to catch angels instead.

Kurt Busch, a NASCAR driver, has alleged that his ex-girlfriend is a trained assassin. His ex strenuously denied the allegation, as she cut the brake lines on his Chevy.

John Boehner’s former bartender has been charged with trying to poison the House Speaker. Rumor is that someone tried the same thing with Rob Ford, but there wasn’t enough poison in the whole of Canada.

The race for the 2016 Republican nomination is hotting up with Mitt Romney starting his running, Jeb Bush starting his running, and Chris Christie starting his walking five paces before sitting down to catch his breath.

Pope Francis has named 20 new cardinals in a break from tradition. But choosing the 95-year old Jose de Jesus Pimiento Rodriguez as starting Running Back is a little too non-traditional to me.

Did you see the story about how dogs could help fight blindness. It’s not because of any special genes, they just lick your eyeballs better.

2015 is the year of Back to the Future Part Two. This is the year that Marty McFly flew on his hoverboard, had self-lacing sneakers, and took to the skies in a flying car. OK, so we might not have all that cool stuff, but... Snapchat. Actually, Back to the Future got a lot of things right – it foresaw hands-free gaming, flat screen TVs, video chat, and the rise of a chaotic dystopian city. Or as we know it, Newark.

An ex-dolphin swam nine miles from his fishing boat to the shore. It took him 16 hours to finally get to safety, after which he said ‘Squeal, click, click, squeeealll.’ Actually, he said it was an incredibly traumatic ordeal, but that was mostly because he was chased all the way by the people from SeaWorld.

Caramel apples have been linked to an outbreak of Listeria, and an epidemic of sticky palate.

Cleric Abu Hamza has been jailed for life for terrorist offences. Prison guards are concerned he will try to escape though, as he changed his hand attachments to a file and skeleton key before he went in.

Astronomers have found something in space that is so massive it can bend time. At least they thought they did. Turns out they had their telescopes accidentally pointed towards the New Jersey governor's mansion.

Scientists have discovered that humans are 90% bacteria and only 10% human. Of course, they shouldn't have conducted their research on the N train.

George Zimmerman is back in trouble again. He allegedly threw a wine bottle at his ex-girlfriend. Though she was asking for it. He told her not to wear that hoodie.

Fox News has been criticized for labeling the city of Birmingham in the UK as off-limits to anyone but Muslims. Birmingham, UK is actually an incredibly vibrant, historical city, full of art, culture and sport. Completely the opposite of Birmingham, Alabama then.

A Tiffany ad will feature a single-sex couple for the first time. I think this is great, because the phrase 'THIS COSTS HOW [BLEEP] MUCH? IT'S JUST A PIECE OF [BLEEP] SILVER WITH [BLEEP] TIFFANY WRITTEN ON IT!' should not be restricted just to straight couples.

A New York man found himself the only person on a Delta flight out of Cleveland on Monday. Unfortunately the attendant was still out of the chicken by the time the trolley got to him.

## Desk Bits

### Guest Directors

The Tonight Show gets any guests it wants. Now it is choosing to get the best Hollywood directors to come in and direct an episode. Jimmy introduces the director of tonight's show, e.g.:

- Michael Bay: Explosions are set off on the set while two robots duke it out. A girl in a bikini just stands in the middle.
- Christopher Nolan: Suddenly Jimmy, Questlove and Higgins become unintelligible. Jimmy interviews audience members and their voices are all mangled.
- Martin Scorsese: Jimmy and Higgins start fast-talking, talking over each other and arguing.

### RSVP excuses

The host says he gets a ton of invites to different parties and dinners and he has to come up with excuses not to go. The excuse is shown first and then to what he is RSVPing, e.g.:

- 'Sorry I can't come, I'm allergic to pepper' – the UC Davis Policeman's Ball.
- 'Wish I could be there guys, but my Mandolin is being restrung' – Mumford & Sons weekly jam session.
- 'I'm sorry, but I'm [giggles]. What?' – The National Pot Smokers Association.

### What your Tattoo really says

We show pictures of peoples tattoos, with a "you think it says..., we think it says..." caption underneath, e.g.:

- A tear tattoo: 'You think it says "I'm the toughest member of my gang". We think it says "I love the work of Commedia dell'arte."' (shows image of Pierrot)
- Kid's name tattoos: 'You think it says "I love my children". We think it says "I'm so drunk this is the only way I can remember their names."'
- YOLO: 'You think it says "I seize the day". We think "Hmmm, frozen yogurt."'

### Board Games

As apps and mobile gaming takes over, board games are losing out. We have come up with new versions of old games for all the family to enjoy and to get everyone around the table again, e.g.:

- Operation: Every time you touch the side you get sued, and the game costs \$100,000.
- Risk: Less of a board game, more the whole family goes out driving through Newark at 11pm.
- Monopoly: Each parent of a divorced couple tries to buy their children's love with more and more expensive gifts.

## Accents

The host has a minute to go around the audience with a microphone asking different audience members to attempt the accents that flash up on the monitors as fast as possible.

## Fallon's Fashions

The show invents increasingly crazy fashions and then goes out on to the streets to see what the people of New York think about them – Shoe gloves, Eyepatches, Mobile Wi-Fi, clothes with windows in.

## What's on the other side?

The host starts by complaining about tonight's show. Says there has got to be something better on the other side. Points remote at the camera and the 'channel' flicks to what is one the other side, e.g.:

- Religious program on the benefits of Satanism.
- Spanish telenovela with the host being slapped and then kissed, repeatedly.
- Shopping channel selling the host's DVD dirt cheap.

## YouTube Tonight

Jimmy sees that the web is the way of the future and TV is on the way out. Therefore he wants to start doing YouTube videos. Each time he tries a different type of Vlog, e.g.:

- Make-up: Jimmy puts make up on while describing what he is doing each time.
- Unboxing: Unboxes a mundane article with incredible enthusiasm, such as a wooden spoon. Spoon is elaborately packaged.
- Video games: he narrates himself playing Donkey Kong, getting irate and cussing out the other players online.

## Movies we want to see

Two different film posters are shown side-by-side and we combine them into a new film, with a new film poster:

- Foxcatcher and Snowpiercer: FoxPiercer (show a movie poster of a man chasing urban foxes with a spear).
- Exodus: Gods and Kings and Annie: Exodus Annie (Quvenzhané Wallis parting the Red Sea).
- Theory of Everything and Big Hero 6: Theory of Big Hero 6 (Baymax solving differential equations on a blackboard).

## Crowd sourcing

We pick a random topic from Wikipedia (such as Algernon Frederick Rous de Horsey) and then ask the crowd waiting for the show what they think the article is about, collating all the answers into a new description of the topic.

INT. BRET BAIER STUDIO - NIGHT

The STUDIO LIGHTS fade up as BRET BAIER sits with security expert TYRONE EVANS.

BRET

Terrorists. They are all around us wherever we look. Up in the sky. Underground. Floating outside your window. And now the previous safe haven of the 'phone' has become the latest part of our American world that the terrorists have infested. We have here with us one of the world's most renowned cybersecurity experts, Tyrone Evans. Mr Evans, how dangerous are these phone terrorists.

TYRONE

One word, Bret. They're bad. Real bad. Every single smartphone on the planet is in the service of terrorists.

BRET

How so?

TYRONE

Three words, Bret. Apps.

BRET

Apps?

TYRONE

Yes, Apps is a technical term in the industry to describe the small programs people use on their phones to help with tasks. It is short for Appliances.

Bret nods wisely...

TYRONE (cont'd)

What most people do not realize, however, is that all the apps they use of their phones have been designed and built by terrorists.

BRET

All of them?

TYRONE

Every single one.

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Tyrone picks up a SMARTPHONE from the table...

TYRONE (cont'd)

Take this app for example. It seems to steal all of your photos from your phone and then send them to strangers. It's called Snapchat. And I tell you Bret, some of the pictures people take with their phones are indescribable.

Tyrone starts flicking through the photos on the app...

TYRONE (cont'd)

See, Bret. Genitals. Genitals. Genitals. Genitals. Genitals. Oh, not genitals...

He turns the phone upside-down...

TYRONE (cont'd)

Genitals. Genitals. Aww, a puppy. A puppy's genitals...

BRET

When we show our genitals in public, the terrorists win.

TYRONE

Completely true, Bret. I don't know why the terrorists need pictures of our genitals, but that is how I know I am not a terrorist.

BRET

Great logic, Tyrone.

TYRONE

Yes. But it doesn't stop there. Some of these apps will steal all of your financial information and use it against you.

BRET

How so, Tyrone?

TYRONE

Look at this app. Two days ago. Tuesday, in fact, I remember because it was the day my wife left me and I got crazy drunk and slept with that prostitute, two days ago I put in all of my credit card details and my

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TYRONE (cont'd)  
address and it used that information  
to send me suspicious packages in the  
mail...

BRET  
Bombs? Guns? Suicide vests?

TYRONE  
No. One was a DVD boxset of the  
Gilmore Girls. Another was the  
collected works of Ayn Rand. And the  
final one was a bed-in-a-bag single  
comforter set. 1500 thread count.

BRET  
Smooth, Tyrone.

TYRONE  
You want to see a picture of my  
wife's genitals?

Tyrone goes to show Bret a picture

BRET  
Maybe later. You had a final app you  
wanted to show us. An app so hideous  
you cannot understand how it is for  
sale in these United States?

TYRONE  
That's correct. When I first saw this  
app I was astonished that it hadn't  
been pulled down and the FBI weren't  
investigating.

A SIREN sounds and a big warning flashes on the screen:  
NEVER TRUST THE GOVERNMENT.

BRET  
Never trust the government.

TYRONE  
This app is a terrorist training app.  
It shows you, me, and anyone else who  
wants to download it, how to destroy  
the farming infrastructure of this  
country.

BRET  
Oh my god.

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TYRONE

What is more, this app is expressly targeted at children. It is teaching our children, good, honest, American children how to destroy pigs. With birds.

BRET

Astonishing. And any would-be terrorist can download this terror app today?

TYRONE

You can go and get it straight from the internet, for free. I have alerted the authorities, the Pig Council of America, but my warnings just fall on deaf ears. Hopefully you can get the message out, Bret.

BRET

Is there anything we can do to halt the rise of these terrorist apps?

TYRONE

The best thing to do is do what I have done, Bret. Get rid of all your electronics. I haven't had a computer, phone, or even radio in fifteen years.

BRET

Wide words and great advice Tyrone. Next week on Bret Baier, Are Terrorists Controlling My Thoughts, Or Am I Just Hearing Voices Again? That's Bret Baier on Fox.

INT. WOODBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL - EVENING

A middle school classroom, replete with childrens' drawings and posters about the founding fathers.

MISS COLLINS sits at a small, child's desk with two tiny chairs opposite.

ANNETTE and DAVID MURPHY, an affable, slightly hippyish middle-aged couple, enter through the door...

ANNETTE

You stay outside Daniel, darling.  
Mummy and daddy just want to talk to  
your teacher for a minute. We'll be  
back soon.

MISS COLLINS

Mr and Mrs Murphy. Please. Come. Sit.

The two happily squeeze themselves into the tiny chairs.

MISS COLLINS (cont'd)

I think we need to talk about Daniel.

DAVID

We are aware that he has had trouble  
settling in here at Woodbridge, but  
he seems to be making real progress.  
For the first time last week, he came  
back home with a smile on his face.

ANNETTE

Yes, yes. He came in beaming from ear  
to ear excited about the day.

MISS COLLINS

Would this have been Wednesday?

ANNETTE

Yes!

MISS COLLINS

That would be the day he ate Harry.

DAVID

Harry?

MISS COLLINS

Yes, one of the other students. Harry  
called him some names, I'll admit  
some not very nice names, and Daniel  
ate him in one gulp.

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ANNETTE

No wonder he didn't eat his Kale that evening. Poor thing.

MISS COLLINS

Mr and Mrs Murphy. I have come across some problem children in the past. Every teacher has. We call them 'little monsters' or 'little terrors', but Daniel is different. How can I put this... Daniel is an actual monster.

A GROWL is heard from out in the hall. The doorway GLOWS RED...

ANNETTE

Out in a second darling.

MISS COLLINS

He has horns, and a tail. And is entirely red. He can conjure up demons from the netherworld. He banished Mr. Cartwright, his English teacher, to eternal torment because he gave him a B minus grade.

David and Annette nod along sagely...

DAVID

Well, he has always been proud of his way with words...

A SERIES OF GRUNTS and CRIES comes from the hallway...

ANNETTE

See? Well, we do know that if he is provoked he can have a bit of a temper on him, but he has been trying awfully hard recently to keep it in check...

DAVID

Yes, his previous school...

ANNETTE

That would be St. Anton's? That mysteriously burned down in a terrible, terrible fire?

DAVID

Yes, his previous school recommended a very good counselor that David is  
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DAVID (cont'd)

now seeing every week to cope with his issues. Real progress is being made. Is your school burned to the ground? I think not. Progress.

MISS COLLINS

He used to sit next to a girl in class, Jessica. She now resides in the sixth circle of Hell.

ANNETTE

Well, ah, you see that was her fault. Daniel told us what she did. She cheated. On a test. Was copying his answers on a geography quiz, so she had to be sent down, along with all the other frauds and liars.

MISS COLLINS

And Kevin, his gym partner, what did he do to deserve such a hideous, hideous death?

DAVID

Well, OK, but that was just because Daniel is such a sensitive child, and gym just isn't his strong suit. Sure, he may be 19 feet tall and able to control objects through the power of his mind, but that just makes him feel all the more bad when he can't hit a three-pointer...

A SINGLE CRY OF SOLACE comes from the hallway...

ANNETTE

Anyway, look how well he is doing in all of his other classes. Math. A. History A. Science. A.

MISS COLLINS

All of those things are a lot easier when you can summon the souls of the dead to help you out. Getting Sir Issac Newton to do your physics homework runs precariously close to cheating...

A ROAR sounds of the hallway...

MISS COLLINS (cont'd)

Look, I am sorry Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, but the other teachers and I can

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MISS COLLINS (cont'd)  
talked about it and think it would be best if Daniel did not return next semester. He is a disruption in class, and if the school loses anymore students to the gates of Hades some of the other parents might start asking questions.

HUFFING, PUFFING, and RUMBLING starts to come from the hallway...

ANNETTE  
Daniel, dear. One second.

The doorway GLOWS RED...

DAVID  
Are you sure you won't reconsider. Perhaps if we got him a private tutor, or some chains.

Miss Collins starts to look agitated...

MISS COLLINS  
Well, er, maybe we cou...

SMOKE starts to come through the doorway...

ANNETTE  
Too little, too late it looks like, dear. St Anton's all over again...

The LIGHTS FADE to Daniel's SCREAMS...