

BBC Interview from Hell - Interactive Questions

This story takes place in a bedroom, and there is initially one person inside. It was a rainy Saturday morning in Busan, South Korea. Our character had been waiting for this day for several months and THE day had finally arrived.

Then, minutes before his appointment, he looks at himself in the mirror, and he thinks "You'll slay it! Looking good, groomed and confident. Let's do it!"

He's a professor, and he's talking to someone, who is not in the bedroom.

(1) Can you guess what the professor's expertise is? Do not say yes or no, rather, acknowledge the answers and prolong the guessing - E.g Student: Geology? Teacher: it could be... which will then lead to the next question.

(2) How do you think he's talking to the other person? Who is he talking to? E.g Student : On the phone / On Skype / On Whatsapp?

Robert ensured his bedroom was tidy and looked professional. There was a huge world map on the wall, a wealthy bookcase and a bed full of old books. Even though he was a quite discreet man, he felt the moment would be a life changing event. But, he forgot to do something essential...

(3) What did he forget to do? Why do you think he forgot to do it?

Soon after, Robert is live on BBC News to talk about the impeachment of the South Korea's president.

Suddenly, the door opens and there's a blur of yellow. Subsequently, a tiny little creature enters the room. Robert panicked inside but carries on with his important task.

(4) Who do you think enters the room?

(5) How would you react if you were interrupted by someone in a conference call or video interview?

In a split second, that creature assesses the situation, just reading the room. The creature then decides it's absolutely OK to continue. So "it" walks on it. But "it" doesn't just walk: "it" bops its way in the room. With arms in the air, a kick with the leg and a sassy head tilt.

In a twist of events, Robert decides the only option is to shove the little creature out of sight. He managed to keep his cool.

But it gets worse. Much worse.

(6) What do you think happens next?

All at once, the second creature waddles into the room. Immediately, someone slides in the room in a failed and embarrassing attempt to keep things at bay.

We could read her thoughts: "Wait! It's better to close the door this time, maybe nobody saw us. Now it's time to feed the children"

(7) Would you rather get interrupted by your kids, your pets or your naked partner? Why?

Meanwhile, apathetic Professor Robert manages to finish the interview over the muffled cries of his two kids.

(8) What would you do if you were a- the interviewer?

b- the professor?

c- the mother who slid in the room?