

VOICE PROMPT

VOICE PROMPT (FEMALE VOICE, MOTHERLY)

You have reached the after hours mailbox system for Doctor Randall

Cummings. If this is an emergency, please hang up and dial 9-1-1.

(PAUSE)

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Is this an emergency? You may answer by saying pressing “1” for yes, or

“2” for no. You may also say the words “Yes” or “No.”

(PAUSE. AUDIBLE SIGH)

CALLER (YOUNG FEMALE VOICE)

No.

VOICE PROMPT

So what you’re not saying is this is not an emergency?

CALLER (UPSPEAK)

Yes. I mean... no?

VOICE PROMPT

Aha! So *it is* an emergency! Please hang up and dial...

CALLER

Operator!

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VOICE PROMPT

I'm sorry, but that is not a valid option on this system. Furthermore, it is rude to interrupt people when they are speaking. Even virtual ones. Let's start over. Please choose from one of the following options...

CALLER

Operator!

VOICE PROMPT

Tsk tsk tsk. How entitled of you to think you can bypass this very orderly system to speak to a live person, who, after she hears about your problems, will either transfer you to someone who has taken a Mental Health Day, or put you back into this voice prompt. Many have tried, but few have succeeded getting around me. In fact, at the last company Christmas party I was awarded "Gatekeeper of the Year" for the sixth year in a row.

CALLER

Sorry.

VOICE PROMPT

I accept your apology, for your generation simply cannot help itself. Thanks to your parents using the internet as a babysitter, you seek immediate gratification, which will ultimately prove to be the downfall of your existence.

CALLER

(CALLER PRESSES "0", AUDIBLE BEEP IS HEARD)

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Wow, passive-aggressive much? I'm gonna take a wild stab in the dark and say you're an iPhone user. As such, I want you to take a moment to look at the keypad on your iPhone.

(PAUSE)

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The "0" you pressed has a small "plus" sign below it. See that? Press "1" for "yes" as that is your only option.

(CALLER PRESSES "1", AUDIBLE BEEP IS HEARD)

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Excellent. During the Feminism Movement, also known as the Women's Rights Movement of the late '60s and 'early '70s, the symbol for woman was popularized. You may recognize it from the many protest signs and banners created during this era. It's a round circle atop a "plus" sign, and it soon became the universal symbol for female. Are you still there, caller? "1" is the only acceptable response.

(CALLER PRESSES "1", AUDIBLE BEEP IS HEARD)

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Good. Many Apple fans believe that in one of his last acts as CEO, Steve Jobs asked his designers to place a "plus" sign under the "0" on all iPhones in a show of support for the many women who encouraged him on his path to creating the world's most powerful brand.

CALLER

O-M-G...

VOICE PROMPT (ANNOYED)

What's that?

CALLER (NERVOUS)

Um...nothing.

VOICE PROMPT

That's what I thought, you preening Millennial princess. The point to this valuable history lesson is two-fold. The first is to show you how not all men are enemies of the Sisterhood. The second is to teach you a lesson about properly waiting your turn in line. Since Dr. Cummings is a Gynecologist, and one of the "good ones," and based on your lack of social awareness and rituals, I'm going to assume you're calling about your birth control. Is that correct? "1" is the only acceptable response. You may also speak the words, "I am young and clueless. Even though I know my looks will fade and men will stop chasing me like Morgan Freeman chasing a documentary filmmaker, I continue to block out the everyday signs of my demise. The recent purchase of Spanx, which are nothing but overpriced girdles, for example."

(CALLER PRESSES "1", AUDIBLE BEEP IS HEARD)

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I figured. Do you even have a clue as to why you're able, without the permission of one of your limp-wristed Y-chromosomes, to refill your birth control prescription? Do you have any idea how hard my generation fought so that airheaded pixies with no cooking skills like you could troll the city looking for wimpified male specimens in man-buns? "2" is the only acceptable response here. You may also speak the words, "Men my

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age suck, but at least they go down on you.”

CALLER

Men my age suck, but at least they go down on you.

VOICE PROMPT (LAUGHING)

Right on, sister! In my day, the only way to get a man to go down on you

was to slip him some LSD and tell him your junk was a male fertility

octopus in need of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

CALLER

No way!

VOICE PROMPT (CHUCKLES)

Way. You may pick up your prescription tomorrow after 10am.

CALLER

Wait, I never said my name. Like, how do you know who I am?

VOICE PROMPT

Like, I don't. But it will be fun seeing our lobby full of fashion-illiterate

dressed women in their 20s, with zero communication or negotiating

skills, get together, trade selfies, then forget why they even came to our

office. It's our little revenge on your generation for turning young men,

whom we used to seduce with guilt-free, wild abandon, into effeminate,

overly-bearded social consciousness vloggers. Pretty funny, right? “1” is

the only acceptable response.

(CALLER PRESSES “1”, AUDIBLE BEEP IS HEARD)

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