

TITLE: Quit Your Job: The Game Show Where No One Actually Wins!

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PREMISE: A game show that makes you reflect on your choice of employment, but also makes you realize that we all have those problems at work and there really is no escape! Yay!

SETTING: A TV/GAME SHOW STUDIO

CHARACTERS:

CHET PRESS: Overly cheerful game show host, but also the ultimate nihilist.

DAVE: Still lives with parents, not by choice.

SAM: Returning champion, direct, apathetic.

MARGARET: Woman, 20's, her "dream" job is not really what she thought it was.

(We begin with a fun theme song and an announcer.)

CHET

It's time for your daily source of pain and favorite game! That's right, it's
(audience joins in) "QUIT. YOUR. JOB." I'm your host: Chet Press!

Welcome to "Quit Your Job," the game where our contestants answer questions
about the American Workplace and have a chance to win fabulous prizes!

Let's meet our contestants: Our first contestant is 26 year old Margaret, from
Minneapolis, Minnesota. Recently, she graduated with her master's degree in
communication. Margaret, what is your occupation?

MARGARET

I am an executive assistant at the Target Corporation.

CHET

Sounds like you are just a glorified secretary!

MARGARET

No.. no..It's much more than that...

CHET

Just accept it Margaret-- we do! Let's move on to our second contestant, 33
year old Dave! It says here that you are from New York City, so tell us a
little about yourself!

DAVE

Well, yes, I grew up in New York City. But right now... I live upstate New York
working in a local law firm.

CHET

Very nice! Clearly, you have too many student loans and you are living in your
childhood home. *(wah-wah noise)* You never actually lived in New York City, did
you Dave? You actually lived in...New Jersey!

DAVE

(pause, sighs) That's correct.

CHET

No worries here, Dave! We are all failures!

Let's move on to our returning champion, 28 years old and has been out of college and working for 1 whole year! Our "expert" Sam, do you want to tell us about yourself?

SAM

(matter of fact) What's the point?

CHET

You're right! This is why you're our returning champion. Let's begin! Sam, would you like to choose the category?

SAM

Eh.

MARGARET and DAVE are shocked and disturbed by the response.

CHET

Great! I was just asking to say I did, I don't *really* want to hear your feedback! So let's get to the first question: Your boss is feeling gracious lately, he says that everyone deserves a bonus in the office, what is it?

MARGARET buzzes in.

CHET

Margaret!

MARGARET

An extra monetary bonus on our paychecks this week?

CHET

Incorrect.

DAVE buzzes in.

CHET

Dave?

DAVE

An extra day of Paid-Time Off?

CHET

Sorry, but no.
Sam, take it away!

SAM

It's a pizza party.

CHET

Extra points if you can be more specific!

SAM

There is enough for everyone to have only 2 slices.

CHET

Correct again! Next question. Your co-worker Roger has been making unwanted sexual advances at work, do you go to HR?

MARGARET buzzes in.

CHET

Margaret?

MARGARET

Yes, you document each instance and then report it to HR.

CHET

Oh sorry, that is incorrect. Another answer, anyone?

Five seconds pass, and the buzzer signals the end of time.

CHET

Time's up! That was a trick question, Roger is the head of HR.

Next question: your co-worker, Denise, overheard from others that your cat died, so she proceeded to email you in order to "comfort you." How do you respond?

DAVE buzzes in.

CHET

Dave?

DAVE

You respond with a thank you for reaching out in this hard time?

CHET

Incorrect.

SAM

You don't respond, you never have spoken to Denise before in your life, but you know she's just being a noisy busy-body. Fuck off, Denise.

CHET

Correct again, Sam!

Next question: What is synergy?

MARGARET buzzes in.

CHET

Margaret?

MARGARET

A buzzword.

CHET

Close, but no.

DAVE buzzes in.

CHET
Dave?

DAVE
The cooperation of two or more organizations to produce a combined effect
greater than the sum of their separate effects.

CHET
Very close, but not what we were looking for... Sam?

SAM
Layoffs.

CHET
That is correct! Time for the lightning round! First Question: Was that meeting
better as an email?

Each character shows a card with their written answers.

DAVE/MARGARET
Yes!

SAM
No, because you don't read emails anyways.

CHET
Sam, you got it again! Next question: There is one more slice of cake from the
party in the break room, do you take it?

DAVE
Yes!

MARGARET
No!

SAM
Yes, but you cut it half.

CHET
Sam, correct again! Last question from the lightning round. You are thinking of
taking a mental health day, is that reasonable?

DAVE
Yes!

MARGARET
Yes!

SAM
No, just say you have diarrhea because your boss will actually buy that lie
more than the truth.

A train horn is heard.

CHET

Did you hear that!? Sam, what is that?

SAM

That's the, "Fuck it," Train.

CHET

(pulls down on an invisible train horn) Woo Woo! Are you going to hop aboard on the unemployment express?

It is time for your final question of the night, we will give you some time to formulate your answers:
Should you...quit your job?

(Jeopardy-like theme plays.)

CHET

Alright, time's up! What have we got-- Margaret?

MARGARET

Reach out to your boss and explain to them you are interested in a job in a different department and give the company one more shot.

CHET

Dave?

DAVE

It's time to update your resume.

SAM

Why bother? Because money dictates our lives, all work is meaningless, and someday we'll die. No matter where you are, you're one day closer to the end of days.

CHET

Judges? Sounds like Sam is our winner!

(Music begins to sign them off. Record scratch.)

MARGARET

Wait, you never told us his prize. What did he win?

SAM

It's another Pizza Party.

(Music starts again.)

FADE OUT.