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Yo, what's up everyone? Welcome to Crusade Entertainment presents Mic Check. I am your boy Khalif and I am your girl Jamees. I guess Khalif has nothing to say right now.

This is what happens. We don't have an outline. I have scared.

So listeners, if you are listening, we used to have Friendly Fire. It is still available for streaming, but we are now rebranding ourselves to try to differentiate from the other Friendly Fires that have magically come up in this realm, you know, so everybody's podcasting, you know, Netflix. You can now watch people podcast.

And I think that's something that we have thought about also recording ourselves as well. And to be honest with that banger intro music, I was just I'm just over here just vibe. I can see myself my reflection and I'm like, yeah, we should be recording ourselves on live video feed like YouTube.

What you think Khalif? Well, I did think about that and I've been working on trying to get all of that together. It's just I have to clean my desk. It's just a little it's a little disorganized and we also need actually wait.

It's not disorganized. It's organized for the master over here who runs the command center. I know where everything is.

Okay. I mean, it's fine. It's just I think the background could use some organization.

I guess what your desk area. I really should be seen could use some more organization up here. I mean, it's just the shelves are overflowing with abundance of your possessions your riches.

Go ahead and say my collectibles. I mean, but that that's what it means. If you if you have the disposable income for collect this riches as well, it's not disposable.

It's just dispose. No, I don't you know what I mean? Like money that isn't assigned to anything else. That's what I believe disposable.

What could leave learns to sacrifice? I let go of some other things like, you know, buying new shoes or clothes or find a new way to get new shoes, but it doesn't cost the same way. It's about taking care of your needs and being able to have money to like play with, you know, and then we should actually talk about that's something that you know, just just topics going on in the world, you know, right now costs of everything right like and then your girl Jamees did something like reckless. So for those of you have followed me for a long time, you know Khalif and I are both teachers educators and I I just I quit my job.

I quit my job in the middle of the school year. I just said nope and then and then we have the war

in Iran happen and all the prices for everything went up and I was like awesome the best time to be voluntarily unemployed is when the economy is suffering and every dollar has to stretch as far as you possibly can squeeze it. So I my timing isn't always the best.

Sometimes you win. I win. I win big sometimes and sometimes I don't so well, that's because it's easier to gamble when you have somebody in your corner.

I have a lot of people in my corner. That's all I'm saying. I mean, so it's easy to kind of spoil for support.

I suppose it's really, you know, sometimes I always used to tell my students you got to bet on yourself, right? So sometimes you got to just you got to just go for it and we see the most successful people. That's exactly what they do. They just go for it.

And no, I did not have a plan for those people wondering. I just I have like save myself that that was my plan save myself and spend some more time with my baby. That's also something that we're going to talk about because that's also kind of the biggest thing why we've been on hiatus.

There have been a multitude of changes drastically in the past few years. Oh, I mean, I mean not only like just to yeah, her life is completely different than it was. We have a new addition to the household.

Y'all probably heard him squeaking on a few previous episodes, but now he's almost two years old. He's hanging out with his little homies. They call him the producer.

Of course takes after his dad. No doubt. No doubt.

So yeah, so it's Khalif and Misa has been really really busy juggling everything. All right, and to be honest, it was harder to do it when I was working full-time because my heart wasn't in it anymore. I just I wanted to be mommy, you know, I just wanted to be mommy.

I wanted to be a daughter granddaughter big sister. I just I did not want to be I did not be a teacher, you know, all in person. I want to teach is my little guy, you know, and he's come a long way like did they change and grow really fast like that first year seems okay.

They changed a lot. But the second year they really personality sets in their walking. They're talking they have likes and dislikes and you know, It's a totally you can really see their learning taking place daily.

So it's just amazing to see how much he's changed since just February when I started staying home and this is now July 1st. So we're going to do another episode though, because this is a big big weekend coming up for America and I think we did one before what was our most streamed episode or friendly fire something about America. Oh, I think we're talking about that dude Khan talking about God bless America or something like that.

I have to go back and take a look but I mean y'all could tell us. I mean when y'all get there. Well is now called Mike check at crusade.net right? You are listening to Mike check your same host, but we're on different Vi want a different word.

We slightly adjusted our path, right? So this is the podcast where you're going to come and you know, we're going to teach you about life. We're going we're going to tell you the things that we know we're going to tell you about what's going on in the world. We're going to give our points of view because I thought about it and even though and the grand scheme of life are kind of I guess hitting middle age, right? So we have learned a whole lot experienced a whole lot and that's what we're here to do is help you figure it out.

I just like to listen or follow along agree or disagree with us. Of course, you can always email us at Mike check at crusade.net. All right, and we're going to I'm going to get a tick tock started very soon and I'll let you guys know what that tick tock is. I've been avoiding it.

I've been avoiding it, but I think they mean your own personal or you're talking about one for Mike check. Well, I mean crusade entertainment has a tick tock. You tell me we don't have tick tock.

You say you have tick tock. That's what I mean. Could leave how always had to leave heads.

Oh, so crusade my mistake you guys crusade entertainment has a tick tock. So we're going to do some cool things to crusade entertainment really growing our business. This is and the website is still crusade.net. Yes.

Yes, because dot-com has been held hostage and is they they want a ransom a king's ransom for dot-com. So we're going to keep it on dot-net just going to we're going to keep it like that because we're not going to to be held, you know, well since we're having a conversation I didn't want to bring this up. Yes.

I thought this was actually quite interesting because or did you did you watch the movie with me? Which movie man? All right people Gen Z is been going crazy. Is it Gen Z or what are they called now? It is Gen Z. I think Gen Alpha is still a little bit young. Well, I don't know.

I ain't keeping up with this stuff. I'm just like, you know, the the kids that I teach the 15 to 18 year old teens younger 20s. I think is they've been going nuts over this movie called obsession.

So they're obsessed over obsession. Oh, ho ho ho ho. Yeah, and I'm just going to say I have not seen it.

I know I've seen enough of it. I think the first part and I understand the con the concept of it. Well, okay.

So basic synopsis of the movie is that guy likes girl kind of scared to share his feelings ends up going to some like store where there's like this thing called a willow tree magic store or witchcraft

store. Like, okay, so his head. Okay.

So this guy he has a friend who believes in crystals and good faith and all that good. Jazz. Hey, don't don't don't don't I'm not talking it.

I love Chris. Your tone was they believe in Christ. I'm just saying it cuz she's like, oh my God, I lost my crystal necklace.

Well, I think she what she dropped it down the sink. Yeah, it felt like her chain broke and it's like she wasn't expecting him to replace it. She just said it while they're on a phone call.

This is what I'm trying to say. This is like Edward. I like to come to your house and watch you sleep when for those of you who are younger and may not know Kalief is referring to the vampire on in the series Twilight the movies this behavior from the movies reference has gotten old.

It is very old. My bad people, you know, my students look at me in the same way and every like it's okay. Everything that's old becomes new again.

Just give it time like body suits. Oh boy. Okay, let's not get off task with with 90s fashion coming back continue, please.

Well, the whole thing is so her chain falls down breaks falls down the sink. She loses the crystals were huge in the 90s too. Yeah.

So the fact that she lost it in the middle of the night he goes to a one of them story was the middle of the night because it's open. So it's just a normal time. I don't know.

It looked like the business hours. It looked like the middle of the night. Well, he goes to the store buys it but he also sees like a stick says like the willow make a wish and it's from a willow tree.

So he buys it. I get it wishing willow never never thought put that those two together. Hey, you know, you know and the whole thing so he makes a wish and then the obsession starts and now I'm gonna just leave it like that because I don't really want to spoil the rest of the movie.

I mean y'all should have seen it by now, but maybe not. I don't know how old this maybe is. I heard about you would like to see it.

It's just it's not really my speed. It's not something that I only heard about it because again, not only do I podcast but I also listen to podcasts and they mentioned movies that were getting this younger generation back into the movie theater. So they're actually paying and going to watch this film and the movies repeatedly like they're seeing each time they go see it.

There's they're seeing something new and they're talking about it all over tik-tok and Instagram. So I said, well, let me let me go see, you know, what what's the big deal and for me at in school my kids some some kids, you know, they go through their teenage angst and their crushes and

unrequited love go through it. They in it.

They haven't passed through it yet. They are currently right. They're currently in it like tea, you know, this tea too hot this tea too cold.

I mean, they got it. They gotta have their their their relationship drama, you know, that's oh, I know I was a teenager and I definitely had my list, right? We just we just kept it going and every show geared towards us was about relationship drama. So and the kids trying to figure it out and it's funny because the kids don't understand why like I make when I do teach them and I make like relationship comparisons where it's they they understand it.

I think it's a waste of time because I really never care about relationships that much. Maybe I'm an anomaly but because these kids I just it drives at home, honey. You love talk about relations.

That's why everyone says we should talk about relationships now, but I don't want to end up like making good and then my hey, you know, I don't know. They don't know they had a podcast. I don't know.

They wrote a book about relationships. Yeah, they wrote a book about relationships and then all of a sudden they divorce. Okay.

Well, we'll talk the book did I'll have to write the book. I'm living the book. That's what I said is podcast is about, you know, letting people know answers to questions about life and how to get through life.

So that's what we're here for. And so the biggest thing about this movie was that what I did like about it because it does capture this generation access without access. What do you mean? Well, okay, you like some like think about when I was growing up, right? I did there wasn't social media right back in the 1900s.

That's my kids. Always make jokes about they wish everyone's trying to December to have a 1990s summer, right? No shit. So it's all the rage vinyl records come back at the stores.

I mean, come on. The biggest movie is Michael and that's not even 90s. They went back to the 80s for that one 60 70s and 80 low mercy.

So, you know, nostalgia is it has its place is healthy. But what you're saying is that basically this guy has a lot of access to somebody who normally through social media, right? So you think you know somebody right? You think you know, but you don't know him because he also hangs with her but he's obsessing over her social media. Like he he's in bed and I know some of these kids they're going through that and they're like looking at somebody that they like and they're scrolling through that person's Instagram, right? You know how to mess somebody up is you go back and you and you'd like some of their really old posts and that just like kind of freaks people out.

It's just really funny. It's a funny thing that actually I think my generation came up with. Oh, I love that.

Just go back and heart some old stuff that they get where they like they go on a page. Oh, I'm like good gooning gooning. I have all kinds of terms.

So I like some of their turds. Oh, I like the term gooning. But when I think of going I'm thinking like hockey like you scoping out to take somebody out but interesting.

That's neither here nor there. So we're about to have an NHL team though in Houston speaking of hockey just well, I'm hoping that they bring back the side there. Well, I'm hoping that they bring back the comments.

I really want the WNBA back and I want to go to the game WNBA is a woman's National Basketball Association. Yeah, for those of you NHL is a National Hockey League. I mean, I don't know.

It's like Houston is a really is a sports town. So I think we just have to have it all to be honest have it all and so he has access without access and then he takes her he get he goes to see her but then his cat dies and then he goes to see her and he had a weird reaction to the cat death. Like he seemed to be like, huh, but then he was broken up about it boohooing and crying.

Yeah. Okay. I didn't see that part.

I thought he was faking that I thought he wasn't like really that upset because I mean, I think you should be upset if your cat dies like you should be so I mean, it's not like it's a goldfish. No offense people goldfish, but it's like, you know, cats live years that opinion does not reflect any of the what the hell is that saying when people try to like this put that disclaimer out does not reflect the the views of the corporation that is just Jimmy's his personal views about the relationship people have to goldfish versus cats does not represent crusade entertainment. Okay, fair enough fair enough and I apologize.

You're very much love your goldfish. I just got to let you know that their lifespan is very limited goldfish enthusiasts out there and I do apologize. There are fish that do live longer than goldfish.

So if you really are attached you might want to look into those other species and the biggest thing is that I loved what I really liked about this movie was capturing that whole like the way they're dating and a lot of this stuff happens. He gets some really bad advice to try to get the girl to like it. Then the movie started like that getting well, I sound like okay advice to be at first you find out that it's his homeboy and he says call a negative point of view.

Well, you know, like dudes. We always tell you like, oh you want to check the like you got to be mean to her that so she knows that you like her and I kept trying to figure out because this is why

I'm talking about this because the kids were talking about this a lot and I kept trying to like a girl that you yeah, they're like, oh they think like, oh, I think he's being mean to me and I'm just like no, I mean he is but don't take it for what isn't that just basic like when you're a little kid like first grade and the boy hits you and it's like, oh he did that because he likes you and when you're a little girl, you're like what the mess like that is the worst thing to do if you like you see but that's like something that's culturally acceptable at least in the States, you know that that behavior. Oh, he just he just let me maybe changing because we do have younger teachers now.

They may say, oh, you know, keep your hands to yourself or what? I always hear kind or like me. I say keep your hands to yourself. We always are telling our kids to keep their hands.

I've been saying that for years and they're old enough to know better. I just I'll be like just sit on them. Just sit on your hands.

No, I do not miss trying to behavior manage nearly adults who should have learned all this stuff when they were five. I'm always trying to like I'm always trying to like I want to take those twist ties to like those heavy-duty twist ties. Thank you twist ties.

Thank you zip ties and just you know, so I put them on people. I mean that's time to their desk and just you know, like no put their hands together. They don't need to write.

They just need to talk right. Just just sit there. I'll cut them off at the end, but I repeat that doesn't that's just a joke by a Khalif Knight that is not reflected with the point of view of Crusade Entertainment.

We do not believe in zip tying children. That is abusive and we do not condone nor support that behavior, right? Of course not. Of course not.

It's just sometimes I've had had to be like you guys you take a timeout, you know, and so I guess I don't want to go to the India in depth with the movie, but it's just that the guy does something that really rubs me the wrong way. I mean, I think you just say that like, you know, he wishes the girl to be totally head over heels for him, right? Well, he says he wishes she loves him. I don't think he said love.

I had to we had to go back and take a look because I appreciate and say love but I think like to be completely head over like all in for him and she didn't really can't control her feelings. So that's really I think that's you're going to find that in synopsis for this movie. If you look it up anyway, and also in the podcast, if you guys are looking for the article, it's from the New York Times.

I'll give a little shout out to New York Times because I want to I want to support journalism and journalism journalistic integrity. Yeah, nasty journalist. Just disrespectful.

It's important to have some unbiased media. And so this is just interesting to me because I think what they said is that people see something new each time. They see the movie and they're

talking about the cabin lot discussions about it.

And I just feel like it is a good movie to start discussions about how do we love how do we but how in this day and age of social media? How do we make those those connections those real connections with people and how do we get over those fears? So I know back in the day and to leave you can probably attest to this, you know guys are like, yeah, I'm going to be rejected but I'm gonna keep going out there and it's a lot of numbers, right? So I'm going to ask 25 different people for numbers and I'm going to get something right and they just had to deal with rejection, you know, but then also on the other side as a woman early dating. I started dating in the late 90s right early 2000s and just also being aware that sometimes the guys get rejected a lot and just trying to be kind about it, you know, just kind of not just torching a dude like now a guy can get really torched and you got to be like dang and the dude got burned. He gets torched.

They put it on social media. They record everything. Yes.

And so some some parts of me. I feel really I feel you know, I'm maybe Khaleef I don't know if you agree, but I said I feel sorry for the kids trying to date now. Like I really feel like I had this conversation before and I told the kids I said dating I said here's the problem with dating.

It is exactly I mean the situation is the same the tools you have is different and that actually and because the way you all like have to have proof. Oh, where's your picture? Where is this? You need everything recorded so you can believe it but it's also like evidence gathering too because it helps I think it helps and it hurts and I told the kids when I was their age man, if I wrote a love letter and I got rejected. Can I have it back now that made me laugh so hard when you told me that it's like day.

You just didn't want to be out there. I don't want people. I mean, I already got a picture of it.

They posted it. They've got like a hundred people commenting on it and maybe it goes viral like it is it's terrible. It's hard to put yourself out there even though it's already out there to put yourself out there.

I think it's like hard. So for all you young people who are out there still dating younger than 30, I feel for you. I do.

I really do and hopefully a long that is not pity. That is really like I'm so glad that is hard. Your life is hard.

I'm so glad when the draft came. I got drafted. That's all I'm saying, right? I mean, it's good to not be still out there because everybody wants somebody every everyone should everybody want somebody sometimes that's like our grandparents generation, right? Everybody needs somebody.

Yeah, it's true. Sorry. I did not have the singing voice that Khalif has.

He is a professional singer. I just make a joyful noise. She's lying and our little boy.

He's fall somewhere in the middle. Oh, he's he's probably going to be leaps and bounds of okay. He's going to be decent by the boat of shit.

He definitely surpasses me. He can already mimic like tones, you know, oh, so it's Khalif made a beat. Okay.

I made this beat where I'm sorry for all the ADD kind of already finished talking about obsession. Oh, I didn't even give my son my opinion of the movie. Okay, go ahead.

Let's finish that and then we'll get on to the other thing. All right. Well, here's the thing and I'm just say this.

I'm going to wrap this up because I don't want to give to movie too much cloud because they ain't paying me to talk about it. But facts I did like the movie and I love the fact like it asked the question who is the real villain of the movie? I love that because it was just I mean you see it and you're like you you coward. He does seem a little bit like a loser.

Let's be honest. Oh, I'm just saying I'm like there's a reason why the girl does isn't into you. Yeah, and it just dude is like if you don't shoot your shot.

Take it. You got to really work on your personality more and so I really I would tell you I will recommend this movie. I mean, especially if it comes to streaming.

I would say watch it really give it a go and probably give it a second watch because there's other things like everybody keeps talking about how is different the second time you watch it. I'll probably watch it again because there are some things I definitely miss. I'll try to watch it for the first time but yeah, and another movie I do want to mention that we we just I just watch undertone don't waste your time and I don't even want to go into why I'm just going to tell you that it sound awesome because you got these two people that podcast but you got this woman who's locked in a house who's trapped like who's dealing with her.

She's not trapped but she's dealing with her deceased mother and some other things and it just doesn't go anywhere for me. Yeah, it's it's one of those I don't know I it's but I do I will tell the listeners that Khalif loves to try to find a good horror movie. I think it's almost impossible in my opinion.

That's why I don't like good ones. It's just like you were getting all like kind of scary because I thought it was going to go somewhere and then it didn't so that I was like like there's this one part where it was like it was creeping me out. I know you um, she's doing her podcast and something is going on.

She's freaking out and all of a sudden you see something show up in the background and you're like, oh, oh, oh, oh, run helpful run and then it's like boom nothing. Okay, but this is also the thing because I don't know if you've ever felt this or someone like if you're sitting alone in your home and you have your headphones on and it's like dark like you have you put yourself kind of like in a weird immersive de sensory kind of situation and then stuff is going on around you but you're unaware but we the audience are watching. So it kind of puts you like I like a movie that tries to put you in that position, but also the problem was it didn't go anywhere like it kept building building building but to nothing so I was really disappointed.

It made me upset, you know, plus I was trying to shield the baby from seeing anything that could be scary, you know, just in case I didn't know where it was going and he wouldn't go to sleep. So he was like, yeah, yeah. So we'll see.

Are there any I mean before we switch topics are there any horror movies you could recommend off the top of your dome? Oh, well, I mean those are the two recent ones. I've watched I haven't really because it's been hard because okay, I was requested to not try to watch any new zombie films anything with the babies around that that makes sense, right? Listeners. I mean, come on.

I'm not saying that it doesn't I was asked so I'm going I mean they scared the hell out of me when I was a kid I'm going to say it like he's a little guy when he's a little older. It's different. Yeah, when he gets older right now, he doesn't know the difference between reality and not real.

I know so that's why it's hard. So when he goes to sleep, I'm like, ooh, put something on this might look good and then all of a sudden he falls asleep and well, he's asleep. No, you fall asleep.

No, no, no, no, not that I fall asleep then all of a sudden like 30 minutes into the movie and he wakes up from his nap. I'm like damn, can you give me an hour and a half son? Jesus. I think that's every parent.

Can I just get an hour and a half? I gotta turn the movie off and I forgot where I was and I don't want to go back. You just got enough time to quickly feed your face. That's that's all you have to do.

I might as well just put him to sleep and go eat something. So our solution is to get our kid to babysitters. We can record podcast.

So this is what we're going to do. So next topic, where were you going with? Oh, no, I was just saying, Oh, well, I was just saying I've been producing beats and right now and I also have some new projects that I'm actually working on which is it's taking some time because as I get older, the topics get more personal, I guess and more direct. So it is harder not not because it's just I'm angry.

I mean Khalif is angry as hell. I'm not even going to lie, but my anger is target. Yeah, it's target.

But aren't you also angry at some stuff like me that you just really don't have a lot of control over so it makes you even more angry because at this age for like I should be able to solve these things. It's not just that it's just that I have I'm older. I have more control and well, it's just that it's the the NA the Narcotics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous prayer God grant me the serenity to accept things.

I can't change. Yes, and that has been something my mom has like used to hang in my room as a kid and I used to read that prayer when I used to be scared to go to sleep and it's like I can't control the things that are around me so I can just control that I'm going to go to bed, you know, so that has been something to me where it's like kind of like a mantra. So things that are odd.

I get angry about things that are out of like when I was younger young Khalif Oh gangster Khalif would be rapping about everything and just pissed off and just yelling and now it's like kind of like years ago when a young girl was talking to at the time Hillary Secretary of State running for her senator. I don't remember which job she had but she was Hillary Clinton and she was like, I want to change people's feelings. It's like well people's feel.

Oh, she went to in racism, but by changing people's feelings. No, no, she didn't say that part. She didn't say that part.

I remember this. I mean, I'm going to miss quote but basically she was like we need to end racism and Hillary Clinton just said you can't change how people feel because racism is a feeling right? Well, no, she was saying that but you but you can change how people even change girl was talking about feelings and she said and that's what Hillary was telling her that racism is a feeling. Well, no cheat the young girl was talking about racism and then she talked about but this is how people being racist.

Yeah. Yeah, and she said what you can't change how they feel. You can only change the system that you can change the law you can change the law right and to me there are things that are happening that are now it's like based on people's feelings that is affecting the law.

Yes, and that that is what in that we're going to go and we're going to get we're going to go into the future show and our July 4th podcast because we do need to delve into that because that's a really good point. We've been very feelings based in our society recently and enough is enough grow up like that has a really where I'm at, you know, feelings are you can feel your feelings but these can't guide your life as an adult. You just cannot as a toddler.

Absolutely because you don't know how you know, your parent has to teach you how to deal with those feelings as an adult. Come on.

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