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FROM 13 WAYS TO SCREW UP YOUR COLLEGE INTERVIEW

HAROLD, 16

INTERVIEWER, 20's

Harold, normal, nice kid, enters Interviewer 1's office.

INTERVIEWER 1
Harold, thanks for coming in.

HAROLD
Thanks for having me.

INTERVIEWER 1
Did you have any trouble finding
the Barrow building?

HAROLD
Um.... that's a personal matter
and... I'd rather not answer it.

Beat. Huh?

INTERVIEWER 1
Well, okay, shall we get started?

HAROLD
Sometimes.

INTERVIEWER 1
I... well let me start by telling
you about how this University
differs from others in the state.
We're a smaller school, with
smaller class sizes and personal
attention, but we have the
resources of a big state school.
These resources includes amazing
internships, and a faculty of
practicing professionals.

HAROLD
Well I'm glad to hear that. When I
applied in state one of my big
fears was being overwhelmed by huge
lecture classes.

INTERVIEWER 1

Well that is exactly the atmosphere we try to avoid here. Now, have you thought about a major yet?

HAROLD

That is my MOTHER you're talking about here!

Beat.

HAROLD (CONT'D)

Oh dear, you didn't just ask to see my mother in a two-piece bathing suit, did you?

INTERVIEWER 1

No, I didn't.

HAROLD

Allow me to explain. I have an extremely rare disorder known as "Chronaquestimixidous." It's a neurological condition which renders incapable of hearing a question... correctly.

INTERVIEWER 1

And by correctly you mean -

HAROLD

Every time you ask a question, I hear a completely different one.

INTERVIEWER 1

I see. How come I've never heard of "chronaquestimixidous," before?

HAROLD

Eleanor Roosevelt... probably.

Harold hands Interviewer 1 a doctor's note.

HAROLD (CONT'D)

I probably should've told you as soon as I came in. Sorry, I just don't like to make a big deal about it.

INTERVIEWER 1

Well...Harold, I don't know what I can do exactly. A college interview is primarily the asking of questions.

HAROLD

So...if a deaf person came into your office, you'd just refuse to do the interview?

INTERVIEWER 1

No, I would make sure a translator fluent in sign language was available to aid in the interview.

HAROLD

Well I'm sorry that the AMA hasn't recognized CQM as a legitimate medical condition, but I try to live my life in a normal and healthy way, and I would appreciate it if you treated me the same as any other prospective student.

INTERVIEWER 1

I... suppose you're right but, well... okay, shall we continue with the interview?

HAROLD

It's in Argentina, isn't it?

INTERVIEWER 1

Um, yes... sure is. So, what kind of extra-curricular activities are you interested in?

HAROLD

Seventh grade, Melissa Bloch. We both had braces, it was kind of awkward.

INTERVIEWER 1

What's your favorite subject in school?

HAROLD

I would take South Pike road, except during rush hour.

INTERVIEWER 1

What's your favorite color?

HAROLD

Every Sunday.

INTERVIEWER 1

Is it me or is this completely pointless?

HAROLD

I don't know too much about the
salivary gland. Sorry.

INTERVIEWER 1

Well, that went well, thank you so
much for stopping by.

HAROLD

Thank you.

Harold stands up to leave.

INTERVIEWER 1

Do you need directions to get back
on the I-40?

HAROLD

Cookie Monster. I guess I just
like googly eyes. Is that weird?

INTERVIEWER 1

A little. Yeah.

Harold leaves.

End of scene.