

PRESS GANG

THE PODCASTER PRODUCER

Skills: Computer savvy, knows their way around video and audio equipment and knows how to use the internet to their advantage. What they don't know already they're smart enough to look up tutorials and learn quickly.

Weakness: Lacks muscle.

QUESTIONS:

1. You produce a fairly popular podcast series for the media wing of the newspaper. What is the show about and what is the episode that you're most proud of?

2. You weren't born in Australia, but you grew up here. The first time you visited your home country as an adult was through work to cover a story there. Where were you born and how do you relate to your country and culture as a dual citizen?

3. You're a bit of an introvert and nothing makes you happier than working on your hobby in your spare time. Pick a hobby relevant to computers, science or engineering. What is the latest project you're working on?

4. You first met one of your fellow Press Gang members while collaborating with them for a story on another show. What was that story and how what was your working relationship like back then? (Discuss this with the other player so you're both aware of this connection.)

5. What is your name?

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THE SPORTS REPORTER

Skills: A former athlete who went into journalism, they kept up with their training and are still in good physical shape. Perfect for when you need some muscle.

Weakness: Lacks charm.

QUESTIONS:

1. What professional sport(s) did you play back in the day? How successful were you and what was your personal sporting career highlight?

2. You stayed closeted all throughout your sporting career. But sometime after you became a sports journalist you decided to be publicly queer. (Whatever queer happens to mean to you.) What was the public reaction to you coming out and how do you feel about your decision now?

3. These days you've taken up another sport or hobby to stay in shape. What is it and what do you enjoy most about it.

4. Although your sporting career meant you got to travel the world, you felt you never got to see much of the world outside of hotels and sports stadiums. What is your dream holiday destination and why?

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THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Skills: Well travelled and a war zone survivor. They speak multiple languages and aren't afraid when someone draws a gun on them. They can talk their way out of a situation.

Weakness: Not averse to risk.

QUESTIONS:

1. Your line of work leads you into dangerous situations. Describe the closest brush with death you've ever had in the field. What happened and how did it change you?

2. You find it healthy to get away from things after a stressful job away from home. Describe some of the ways you unwind and clear your head.

3. Some places get under your skin and you can't wait to leave a story behind you. But there's one city that left such an impression you've booked ticket to return there for a holiday. Where is it, what story did you cover there and what would you like to do there on holiday?

4. The first time you ever fell in love was overseas. You were young and it was your first trip outside Australia. The 4 months you spent together did more for your pronunciation than any class you ever took. What language did you share and whatever happened to this relationship?

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THE CELEBRITY JOURNALIST

Skills: They know how to get a shot without being seen, how to get into parties they weren't invited to and how to stay hidden in the shadows and hide in plain sight. For better or worse, they are your own professional stalker.

Weakness: If spotted they lack the charm to talk their way out of a situation.

QUESTIONS:

1. Back in your early days you were caught snapping photos in the front garden of your favourite star - for work of course. Your idol was pissed off and got aggressive - they started swinging and tried to take your camera. How did you deal with this confrontation?

2. You're not proud to admit that you had an alcohol addiction problem a few years ago. You got swept up in all the parties and it was fun...until it wasn't. You've been dry since then, but what was your lowest point?

3. You still love photography as a hobby - and you find it a great way to relax when you can just snap shots without any pressures. You sometimes dream of releasing a book of photos based around a central theme. What would that theme be and why does that appeal to you?

4. You're also part of a niche online community. You're a regular contributor there. What is it and what do you get out of being a part of this community?

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THE POLICE REPORTER

Skills: This one has a range of contacts across the crime and justice system, not to mention a few criminal contacts on the side. They know their way around weapons and how not to get stabbed. They've seen their share of ugly scenes and can keep their lunch down in the worst of times.

Weakness: Not tech savvy.

QUESTIONS:

1. When you were younger you had to decide whether you'd go into police work like your parents, or become a police reporter. What pushed you towards journalism and how did your parents feel about this?

2. It took you two unhappy marriages before you figured out you were queer. (You can decide whatever queer means for you.) Today you're quite happy with your partner. In fact you met because of your work and it's kind of a funny story actually. So how did you meet?

3. You once had to take several months off work to recover from an injury sustained from covering a riot that went from bad to worse. What happened to you exactly?

4. You've turned your police contacts into friends over the years, which is part of what makes you good at your job. Who is your favourite police contact and why do you still owe them a favour?

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