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Responding and interacting

NARRATOR Ash and Jordan have been discussing the complex issue

of image rights... and are now joined by our expert.

PINK TIE MAN OK, so let's say that you're a famous footballer or a movie

star. Image rights are important; something to be protected. Why is the same not true of you or I, or

anyone?

ASH Because, for celebrities, controlling and protecting their

image isn't just about making money. It's also about making sure their face isn't used to endorse or promote things without their permission. Perhaps things... things they wouldn't want to be associated with. That only

happens if you're in the public eye.

JORDAN Er... Image rights are important aren't they? I mean, if

you're in the public eye.

PINK TIE MAN What are those things on the side of your head? No, the

other side.

Actually, they are on both sides. They're called your ears.

You should use them.

TONY For listening.

PINK TIE MAN Yes, thank you, Tony. Try and make a different point,

one that will move the discussion forward.

JORDAN OK, so, look. The point about celebrity endorsements is

a valid one... but in this day and age of social media, where literally everyone can project an image of

themselves to the world via the internet... surely now it could be argued that we all need to protect ourselves.

PINK TIE MAN An excellent point. OK, so let's consider a scenario.

Let's say I want to post something online – a

photograph.

TONY A photograph? Who of?

PINK TIE MAN Let's say it's a photograph of me, and, for argument's

sake, of you, Tony.

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TONY Was it taken at that barbeque last year? Because I was

wearing, like, this really horrible shirt. Don't tag me.

Bare grim.

PINK TIE MAN It's a hypothetical situation.

TONY No, it was definitely a barbeque.

Wait! Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa! Yeah, use this old profile pic of me. I look well sick in this. You know what I

mean? Yeah.

There you go.

PINK TIE MAN You two can go.

NARRATOR Unlike Tony, Ash and Jordan avoided using

inappropriate slang, raising their voice or interrupting. They listened to each other and respected alternative points of view. This allowed everyone to participate in the discussion, which, in turn, raised more interesting questions. They did a good job and can leave with their

heads held high, unlike Tony.

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