

THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

"Episode 3 Revisited"

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Alright everyone, clear your desks! We are about to start the exam.

JARED

I have an exam today?! How could I have forgotten? Why didn't anyone tell me?

(Suddenly, a little version of himself appears on Jared's shoulder)

LITTLE JARED

That would be my job.

JARED

What the...?!Who are you?

LJ

Isn't it obvious? I'm on your shoulder. I'm a miniature version of yourself. I've appeared in a time of crisis...I'm your conscience.

JARED

Right...OK. Fair enough. So it's your fault I forgot I had an exam today.

LJ

Well, I should have made it important to you, but unfortunately I let you down when I forgot, and for that I'm sorry.

JARED

Well...thanks. I guess I have a defective conscience.

LJ

Hey! We do our best given what we have to work with. Now listen here...I dropped the ball on this one, but I do have a deal for you...a way out of this unfortunate situation.

JARED

What are you talking about?

LJ

That cell phone you have there. You know, it has quite a few other functions, other than games.

JARED

What? A GPS tracking device? It's the government! They're tracking my every move, aren't they?!

LJ

No Jared. Focus. Remember...exam...you...trouble?

JARED

Right, sorry. Well, what are you saying? My cell phone can help me with this exam?

LJ

Well, you see, it will require a little more...hmmm...how do I say this without sounding bad? It will require a little cheating on your part.

JARED

What are you talking about?! Cheating is bad!

LJ

Woah woah! Let's not jump to any conclusions here. Remember, I'm here to help!

JARED

But you're my conscience! I may have forgotten this exam, but I haven't forgotten my academic integrity. How would cheating help me anyway? I could get into a lot of trouble...I'd fail the exam!

LJ

Jared, you're going to fail anyway. Why not try?

JARED

Because I've got a lot more to lose than just failing this exam. At the very least I would have a Disciplinary Notice added to my transcript...try applying somewhere else with that on your record.

Wait a minute! You're not my conscience. You're the...the other guy! Where's my real conscience?

LJ

Hey! What can I say? *I'm* here. If your *real* conscience isn't able to manage his time well enough to be here when you need him, then that's his fault. The fact of the matter is that I'm here now, and you've got an exam to write that you haven't studied for. You can a) take my advice, or b) you can risk failing, all because of a fluke time management mistake on your part.

JARED

You were just saying that it was YOUR fault I forgot to study!

(Then Jared feels a tug at his other shoulder. Both LJ and Jared glance over to see another little Jared pulling himself up onto his other shoulder)

(JARED refers to the actual Jared. LBJ now refers to Little Bad Jared and LCJ refers to Little Conscience Jared)

JARED

Now who are you?!

LCJ

Sorry, I'm late, I don't know what happened!

Oh...it's you.

LBJ

Hello...you're looking the same.

LCJ

Jared, I'm sorry I'm late. *Someone* must have been playing a trick on me. The last thing I remember was falling asleep. But when I woke up this morning, I was in one of your repressed childhood memories.

LBJ

Sure...make excuses! I'm here on time trying to give our man here a little help.

LCJ

Oh really? What help could you possibly be offering? Listen; as soon as I escaped the closet monster, I came here. I hope you haven't taken anything *he* said seriously! He's just a bad influence!

LBJ

Hey! You! Quiet! Jared, I'm here to offer you a real deal. You can calm down, chill out, and yes, cheat a little. But all I ask in return is your academic integrity.

LCJ

Jared! Don't listen to him! He doesn't care about...and this doesn't even matter!

LBJ

Hear that Jared? He doesn't even think this matters!

JARED

Both of you! Listen to me! I don't know what you're trying to do, but I have an exam to write and there's nothing either of you can do to change that. So, go! Be gone! Or whatever.

LBJ

Alright. I've had enough of this. I'm not going to stick around while you throw away my very generous offer. (With a pop, LBJ disappears).

JARED

Now, if I let you down, are you going to go back to wherever it is that you came from?

LCJ

But, Jared -

JARED

Nope. I don't want to hear it. I don't need any self-motivating, awe inspiring lecture to teach me what's right and wrong.

LCJ

But...will you just listen for a second!

JARED

No! Now, I didn't study for this exam, but I'm going to do my best, regardless, without cheating.

LCJ

That's what I was trying to tell you from the beginning. Listen!

Jared

What's the deal? Oh...What? What did you say?

LCJ

You're in the wrong class!

Jared

Are you kidding me?

LCJ

Nope.

Jared

Well that would make sense. The reason I was playing with my phone in the first place was because I didn't recognize anyone to talk to!

LCJ

Sure ... yeah ... that makes you sound a lot smarter

JARED

Well, I do thank you for telling me that. Could you imagine completely forgetting to study for an exam?

LCJ

Yeah, really. I'm sure you studied for the exam tomorrow, right?

(With a pop, LCJ is gone!)