

20 Questions

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INT. A DARK, GRIM WAREHOUSE

A man sits tied up on a chair, gagged and unconscious. He is beaten and bruised. He is surrounded by nothing. A door opens. Footsteps. The door closes. Footsteps getting closer. Water splashes on the man's face and he wakes up and attempts to scream.

TAZ  
Hey. Pleasant dreams?

The man looks confused and attempts another scream.

TAZ  
You do realise you're gagged, right? Do you like games, sir? Because I have a special game I'd like us to play. Have you ever heard of a game... called 20 questions?

The man nods.

TAZ  
You have? Care to explain the rules to me?

The man looks helpless.

TAZ  
Oh. Of course. You can't. Well, in case you don't actually know, allow me to explain. I'm gonna ask you 20 questions. You can only answer 'yes' or 'no'. Well, in your case, you will either nod or shake your head. If I suspect you to be lying... I beat the crap outta you. If you end the game alive, you win!

Taz keeps note on his hand with a biro of what number question he's on.

TAZ  
Question One: Are you comfortable?

The man shakes his head.

TAZ  
Question Two: Are you in pain?

The man nods.

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TAZ

Good. Question Three: Do you know where my fucking money is?

The man shakes his head. Taz punches him.

TAZ

LIAR! ... Look, I'm sorry... I overreacted. Let's just get back to the game, shall we? Question Numero Quattro: Did you lie, on Question Three?

The man shakes his head. Another punch.

TAZ

You really suck at this game, you know. Question Five: Do you like ice cream?

The man looks confused and then nods.

TAZ

Six: Do you like blueberry flavour?

The man still looks confused and nods.

TAZ

Seven: Do you like the work of Salvador Dali?

The man looks confused.

TAZ

Blah, blah, blah, eight, nine, ten, twelve, thirteen, fifteen, sixteen... Question 17: Is your girlfriend at home?

The man looks angry and nods cautiously.

TAZ

Question 18: Are you sure she's not in that cupboard over there?

The man looks furious and starts trying to jump out of the chair growling and attempting shouts and insults.

TAZ

Haha..... Question 19! You know what, I'm gonna let you ask me this one! Full of surprises aren't I? I'm gonna take this gag off, if

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TAZ (cont'd)  
it's a good question I won't kill  
you. Ok? Here goes!

Taz rips off the gag. The man shouts in pain.

TAZ  
Right, ask away.

MAN  
My question is this.... do you know  
how much you suck at tying people  
up?

Man lifts gun and shoots Taz. Taz falls and the man drops  
the gun. He limps as quickly as he can towards the cupboard.  
He opens it. It's empty. He wears a beaten smile on his  
face. The sound of a gun cocking.

TAZ  
Question 20... Did you think I was  
dead?

Taz shoots the man.

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