

Boom! Lawyered 218: Kavanaugh Hearing, Day Four—Witness

- Imani: Hello, fellow law nerds. Welcome to the final confirmation hearing episode of Boom! Lawyered, a Rewire.News podcast hosted by the legal journalism team that really wants to give a shout-out to Jessica Mason Pieklo for spending four fucking straight days live tweeting these shenanigans. Like, four days. Like, 12 hours each, practically.
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- Imani: That's [Rewire.News/donation](https://rewire.news/donation).
- Jessica: And a big thanks to our subscribers, and again, a welcome to our new listeners. It's been a hell of a week, Imani.
- Imani: Buy, it's been more of a hell of a week for you than for me 'cause I've just been sort of cavorting around Portland, and giving keynote speeches while you've been just glued eyeballs staring at the computer screen while you live tweet what has really turned out to be just shenanigans, I would say. Just shenanigans. And especially today, we had all of these witnesses. I didn't watch everything, so I'm gonna be relying on you to explain what the hell went on with these witnesses. But it did seem to me that there was just a steady trickle of white ladies that all just got up to talk about how great Brett Kavanaugh was, and how he never once told me that he thought I had nice gams, or made me feel awkward, or whatever.
- Can you talk about what was the deal with this wall of white ladies?
- Jessica: I'm sorry, I just imagined Judge Kavanaugh as a duck, and all these white lady ducklings waddling behind him in the hearing room. It's been such a long week, y'all. So no, you're absolutely right. To give our listeners a little bit of context, this last day of hearings is different. We mentioned this in the podcast yesterday. It's not the senators questioning Kavanaugh, it's witnesses that both the Republicans on the committee and Democrats on the committee have called to sort of make their closing arguments, if we're gonna continue the trial analogy here.

And so, Republicans brought in an army of white women to close the case on Judge Kavanaugh, and it was really something to see. Yeah. From his neighbors and women whose daughter's he's coached in basketball, to former law clerks.

Imani: What is with this guy and basketball? My God.

Jessica: So what's amazing about the woman whose daughter he coached on basketball is, she legit spent time reading the evaluation letter that Kavanaugh wrote her daughter at the end of the basketball season, into the record.

Imani: Oh my, like that matters. You know what I mean? How is that relevant?

Jessica: We can't get the records from his time in the Bush White House, but we've got a basketball evaluation, ladies and gentleman.

Imani: Thank God, you know, 'cause I really don't care what he thinks about torture or warrant less wiretapping, but I really do wanna know how far he went to bat for some girl to get into college or school, or a job, or whatever. It's just-

Jessica: Yeah, I know. Mary Alice apparently really worked on her jump shot that season, and so he was applauding her for that. I'm not even kidding.

Imani: Oh, that's so embarrassing.

Jessica: That was the kind of stuff that we were seeing from the Republicans. To me, that signals a couple things. One, they're obviously very concerned with the messaging and the optics around Brett Kavanaugh. It's his stance on Roe, it's his connection to Kozinski, and what he did or didn't do with the Me Too allegations there. They also had one of Kavanaugh's former clerks testify, and it's a young Black man. So this is again, Kavanaugh's really-

Imani: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

Jessica: ... good on hiring diverse clerks.

Imani: So they had a bunch of white ladies, and his one Black friend? But not even his Black friend, his law clerk who Kavanaugh probably thinks is his friend?

Jessica: Oh no, they brought his Black friend out too, so he had a Black law clerk and Black friend.

Imani: And the Black friend.

Jessica: So two Black guys came.

Imani: So a total of two Black people. We know that he at least has spoken to two Black people.

Jessica: Right.

Imani: Well, that's good. That makes me feel good.

Jessica: Right, and the Black friend was really pretty astonishing 'cause he was there sincerely to just speak to Judge Kavanaugh as a person. And they said, "Well what's your experience with him?" And he basically said, "Well, I invited him ..." they're law school friends, so they go way back in law school. They used to watch Sports Center together, that kind of thing. That was actually in the testimony. This is what we're talking about, Sports Center in the Supreme Court. And so, Mr. Christmas ... that's his name ... testified that he had-

Imani: Wait, his name was Mr. Christmas?

Jessica: It's Mr. Christmas. [laughing breaks out]

Imani: I'm sorry.

Jessica: It is.

Imani: His name was Mr. Christmas. [more laughter]

Jessica: And seriously, it's been the longest of weeks-

Imani: Is he Black Santa? I have questions. I have a lot of questions. But please, carry on.

Jessica: Did we find Black Santa? [more laughter]

Imani: Tell us about how Judge Kavanaugh's friends with Black Santa. I feel like we need to call Megyn Kelly. It's been a long week, I apologize. Please tell us what Mr. Christmas had to say.

Jessica: Oh my God, but I do think somebody needs to alert Fox News. I did not put those pieces together until just now, but he may have found Black Santa. But anyway, Mr. Christmas ... I'm so sorry, everyone. [more laughter]

Imani: Oh, God.

Jessica: Mr. Christmas testified. They said, "Give us an example." He's like, "All right, well I invited Judge Kavanaugh to a wedding in my family, and effectively, he didn't make an ass of himself and say a bunch of racist stuff."

Imani: Oh my God.

Jessica: That's the standard that we have. And I'm paraphrasing here. You can go back and check the transcript, and if you think that's not fair, fine. But I am standing by those words. That's basically what he said.

Imani: Well, especially because as a Black person, that actually is a thing. It is an actual thing that when I've been to weddings where there are white folks who get drunk, and the racism just pours out. It's just this drunk racism. It is kind of to his credit that he doesn't do the drunk racist thing, I guess maybe?

Jessica: Okay.

Imani: I don't know.

Jessica: He's a good coach, and he's not a racist when he's drunk. His opinions however, remain to be seen.

Imani: Excellent qualifications for the Supreme Court, I'd say.

Jessica: That's the kind of heavy hitters that the Republicans lined up to come to testify on behalf of Judge Kavanaugh. The Democrats had a whole host of other witnesses, and really the contrast between the two is so stark. I'm gonna focus in on just a couple of them. I really wanna spend a few moments talking about these kids. I shouldn't call them kids, they're teenagers. That's not fair. I know my teenager would be very upset if I called him a kid. But these teenagers who all came up and told their personal stories. One of them was Aalayah Eastmond, who's a survivor of the Parkland shooting. And her testimony, I'm just gonna encourage everybody to go back and read it in full. I posted a link on Twitter to it. She describes, in painstaking detail, that ordeal. And she had a classmate die on her. She had people pick body parts out of her hair. She was there to testify about Kavanaugh's position on guns.

And then there's Jackson Corbin, another teenager, a young man of color who has a whole host of medical conditions, and has been talking about his experience with preexisting conditions, and the fact that both he and his brother have these illnesses, and their combined medical costs every year outweigh what their parents earn in their salary. And so, losing preexisting protections is really important 'cause it's not just right now. He's 13 right now, and that'll be a big deal when he's 25, right?

Imani: Right. That's the rest of his life. Yeah.

Jessica: Exactly, so he's talking about that. And then there was another teenager from Maine. His name was Hunter Lachance, and he has asthma. And so, he was talking about his experience living in Maine, which apparently has really terrible air. I didn't realize this, but it made sense as they were starting to talk about it. It's sort of the tail end of the jet stream, and so all the pollution kinda swoops up through there, and so Maine has really high asthma rates. He was there to talk about the effect of Kavanaugh's decisions on environmental regulations, and the health impact that that has for him and people.

Imani: It sounds like Republicans just trotted off a bunch of nonsense, and then Democrats actually got real witnesses to talk about how Kavanaugh's jurisprudence or his time on the bench will affect them. And have we ever had just teenagers, young people testify?

Jessica: Yeah.

Imani: That seems unusual, or at least that many, it seems unusual.

Jessica: I've been covering Supreme Court nominations for a while, and I don't have any recollection of this kind of collection. People will bring witnesses here or there, but really, this collection ... I don't think it was just like, oh let's trot out the kids because the children are our future. I do think that there's a real generational element that's happening here. And Imani, you've raised it about the fact that these judges are so young, and they're gonna be on the court for decades, and so these decisions aren't just like, oh my gosh, is Roe at stake immediately in the next 18 months. But for someone like Aalayah, or Jackson, or Hunter, what does their world look like in 15 years when they are just starting to enter the job market, when they would be doing all of those things and really entering those areas of adulthood?

That really was powerful to me, as was the fact that the Republicans completely ignored them. Ignored them, talked right past them, right over them. And so there's your pro-life party, people.

Imani: Yeah, well we know that they don't actually care about life, they just like to pretend that they do.

Jessica: It made me angry.

Imani: One of the bits that I did catch before I had to hop on my flight back from Portland, was one of my favorite people and I know one of your favorite people, Melissa Murray.

Jessica: Oh yes. I love her.

Imani: I saw her get up there and I was like, woo hoo, Melissa Murray! If you're listening, please send us a copy of your textbook.

Jessica: Oh, please.

Imani: Please.

Jessica: Also, you're great.

Imani: Also, we love you, and please come on our podcast.

Jessica: Your blazer today was phenomenal.

Imani: This is gonna turn into the Melissa Murray fan show.

Jessica: She's really great though, everyone. She really is.

Imani: But she is really great, and she talked about the specific ways in which his policies would not just dismantle Roe, but really dismantle abortion access, dismantle reproductive rights, and reproductive justice for people. Can you talk a little bit about what she said, what Rochelle Garza said, what these other women who are going to be actually affected by these policies or who are policy makers, teachers, professors, which is what Melissa Murray is. And again, we love her.

Jessica: Absolutely. I talked about this cadre of really impressive young people who came up to testify against Kavanaugh, and then there's this cadre of professional women who just crushed it too. And you mentioned Melissa Murray. For our listeners, she used to be a law professor at University of California Berkeley, and was their interim law dean, and is now at NYU. She is just an all-around bad ass, and one of the things that I love about her is she has a talent which I think is pretty unique among law professors about really being able to humanize the law, but still keep it in an intellectual space. She speaks to elites very well in a way that I think is just not matched by many others.

And yeah, she laid out the case, not just for how Roe is at risk, but dismantled Kavanaugh's opinions that we have on abortions, and his insistence that they apply to precedent. She pulled up the parental consent Supreme Court case, and said, "He doesn't even talk about it. He didn't even mention it. It's not a parental consent case, and he ignored this." Had he not ignored it, which is directly on point, he couldn't have come to the conclusion in the case that he did. And then she also mentioned something that I've been yelling about, and I know you've mentioned to, which is Whole Woman's Health. Republicans act like this case never happened and it didn't exist. They're trying to memory hole it. Kavanaugh did that in his hearing. The only time he mentioned it was when Senator Harris brought it up. Melissa Murray then went through and talked about how he ignored Whole Woman's Health, and had he not, he would've had to apply the test which says you balance the benefits and the burdens, and there's just no way that he would've come out, in the Jane Doe case, the way that he did. And so, that was really impressive.

And then of course there's Rochelle Garza. She was the guardian in the Jane Doe case in Garza v. Hargan, and is doing just amazing work in Texas, helps undocumented minors navigate the judicial bypass proceeding, and represents all sorts of folks in custody down there. She really spoke to the process and her experience with Jane personally, what it was like for her to be isolated from other folks while she was in ORR custody, which was one of the things that the Trump administration did to her. What her experience was-

Imani: Just for our listeners real quick, ORR is the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and that's for undocumented minors, basically go and get memory-holed until they maybe get a sponsor, and that's where essentially Kavanaugh would have had Jane Doe wither away without abortion care because, you know.

Jessica: Yeah.

Imani: White guys and Evangelicalism. Evangelicalism man.

Jessica: And the forced biased counseling that Jane had to undergo. That was really powerful because again, we've got the Democratic witnesses speaking to the impact, whether they're impacted people, or whether they represent impacted people. I think that that's big. And then, one other witness that I really wanna give some props to in this category is Elizabeth Weintraub, and she's just sort of a lion in the disability rights community. She spoke about, as a disabled person, her experience having medical consent ignored when she was involuntarily institutionalized. So she spoke to the cases that Kavanaugh ruled that ignored the wishes of the disability rights community and people at the center of those cases, and really tied them to the idea of a lack of agency for patients and women generally. It's great, yeah.

People are like, "Kavanaugh won't be that bad because he ruled that these women could have abortions." And she's like, "That's not the point. What he did was ignore agency, and in each of these cases is substituting basically male judgment." And again, most of the senators ignored her. I thought Senator Hirono ... It was uncomfortable because some of the Democrats were like, "You're so inspiring, and it's so great to see you," and that's not directing a ...

Imani: Yeah.

Jessica: Yeah, you know?

Imani: Yeah.

Jessica: It's like that kind of stuff was gross, honestly, I thought. But Senator Hirono actually had her develop her testimony, and you just can't beat that. It was moving stuff, and I encourage everybody if you can to go back and look at it. She was in the second panel. Yeah. Normally, these days are really boring. And I'm not gonna say that it was super exciting necessarily, but there were some moments here that I think it at least crystallized what's on the line with the Kavanaugh vote.

Imani: Yeah. And so, I guess ultimately ... Well, first I wanna talk about what happened at the end of the hearing when mostly all the Republicans had trickled out, and somebody thought it was a good idea to let Kennedy just take center stage. What happened there?

Jessica: Yeah, bless his heart, Senator Kennedy from Louisiana. This man is so confused about basic process, and is always interrupting Grassley and saying, "Can I ask a question? Oops, no? Sorry, okay." And one of the final witnesses that the Democrats had to speak against Kavanaugh is former Nixon counsel John Dean. That's kind of a big deal.

Imani: That's a big deal, yeah. Considering the comparisons that have been made and will be made between Russia-gate and Watergate, yeah. I think that's a huge deal.

Jessica: And that was his entire job. Dean testified very eloquently, obviously, 'cause he's a pretty brilliant man, but also very pointedly about not just his experience in Watergate, but specifically linking that to the Russia investigation, and the statements that

Kavanaugh has made about presidential power and immunity. It's just hard to rebut Nixon's lawyer in this.

Imani: Yeah. One would think.

Jessica: Which is why all of the Republicans more or less left the room, right?

Imani: Yeah. They were like, "Well, he know what this guy is gonna say, and it's not gonna make us look good, so we're just gonna go to Starbucks."

Jessica: Right, and they don't need to vote, and they don't need to be in the room at this point, so as far as they're concerned, they're having a bourbon. But Kennedy had to stick around 'cause Republicans are in the majority, and he was holding down the fort as the chair, and had to gavel the proceedings out of order. And so, John Dean gives this really powerful testimony about Trump and how he doesn't give a rat's ass about the rule of law. He actually said that's what separates him from Nixon. There was this moment where he said, "Well Nixon ultimately resigned probably because he was gonna be impeached, but that at least says that there was some inkling of respect for the rule of law. Trump doesn't even have that." That's what Dean's saying.

But so then Kennedy decides to pick a fight with Dean. I pulled the quote, because literally, I was like, "What? Kennedy's gonna talk to Dean? Okay, this is a plot twist." And then, addressed him and said, "Thank you for your testimony." He said, "This is very difficult for me to do, but I just have to say that you and your coconspirators, you hurt this country." And here's the quote that he said to John Dean. This is a man who doesn't understand senate procedure. "You did the right thing, but you only did it when you were cornered like a rat."

Imani: What? So he basically just called John Dean a traitor?

Jessica: Yeah, and Dean handled it with the utmost grace. He's like, "Well, that's not the first time I've been called a rat."

Imani: I'm sure he's just like, "Whatever man. It's 2018, I've been through this."

Jessica: He's like, "Nixon called me a rat." And then, went on into what I think is maybe the most gracious "fuck you very much" answer that you could give, and in fact offered to send Kennedy a copy of his book on the Watergate time and what his experience was like as a whistle blower. And then, that whole tense exchange happened and Kennedy was like, "All right folks, we're done," and gaveled the proceedings closed.

Imani: That's so bizarre. What a bizarre end to a bizarre week.

Jessica: Yeah, seriously. If you think about the fact that we started Tuesday with the Democrats unified in pressing to postpone the hearings, and have Republicans push back against that, and then take it one step further and start leaking documents, and then to have Kennedy gavel out the hearings by calling John Dean a traitor?

Imani: Yeah.

Jessica: What is even happening?

Imani: And that's really my question, what is even happening? What is going to happen? What is going to come of all of this? Because there's a lot of chatter on social media about, well it's obvious that Kavanaugh has ... purged himself. He just went off and jumped off a building like, "It's the purge, I'm taking myself out of the game." Oh, Jesus. He perjured himself, and there was even an article published, I can't remember by whom, but on Slate, that makes the case that he should be impeached off the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, much less being elevated to the Supreme Court. But the question remains, what can come of the fact that if he did purger himself, and it looks like he did, what is gonna come of that? Because it seems to me, not a whole lot.

'Cause in my view, people think perjury is just like, "well if you lie under oath then that's perjury, and that's a felony, and you're in trouble." But that's not the case. Perjury requires a willful misrepresentation of material fact. And so, lawyers will quibble all day about what willful means. Willful means you intended to make that statement. If it wasn't willful, do the Republicans give Kavanaugh a chance to clarify? Is it even possible for Kavanaugh to clarify his comments without making the perjury worse? And then secondly, what is a material fact? It can't just be if Brett Kavanaugh once said, "Oh no, my name's really Brent Kavanaugh." That's not material. But a material fact would be, he lies about a position that he took on a case, or for example, he lied about never having seen emails, when it now turns out that he did see these emails.

So the question becomes, what's willful, what's material, and what happens if everyone decides, well yeah Kavanaugh perjured himself. What happens?

Jessica: Yeah, so there's a lot. These are all excellent questions. Let's talk about just practically speaking, immediately what's happened, and then this sort of existential crisis, what happened.

Imani: Right.

Jessica: We have right now, Kennedy kept the record open on the Kavanaugh hearings until noon on Monday, so that means that senators and other folks have the opportunity to submit things that are supposed to be considered for the full vote. They'll schedule a vote. Democrats have the ability to maybe delay that, I think by about a week. But we're still talking, the likelihood of a cloture vote before the Supreme Court term starts October 1, absent some amazingly supernova thing happening, blowing everything up, is very good. As we've talked about many times before, Democrats don't have the votes to stop him. So what happens with all of this false, or misleading, or shady testimony that Kavanaugh gave?

One of the things that Dean testified to that was frankly, depressing was the fact that this isn't the first time we've had a judge and a Supreme Court justice in fact, likely

perjure themselves to get on the bench. One of Kavanaugh's heroes is our example. That's former chief justice, John Rehnquist. He was nominated by Rickson.

Imani: William.

Jessica: William. William, John. William.

Imani: You're all about John Roberts.

Jessica: I am.

Imani: John, William, Mike, Max, whatever.

Jessica: Brad Rehnquist. [laughter]

Imani: Brad Rehnquist. I can't. Oh my God. [more laughter]

Jessica: I'm sorry. Yes, former chief justice William Rehnquist. Jane Mayer wrote a book about this. And so, he perjured himself. We can say that now. He did, and he made it worse. You mentioned, would Kavanaugh make it worse? He made it worse because during his Supreme Court confirmation, they were like, "Hey, didn't you perjure himself," and then he said a bunch of stuff that perjured on perjured.

Imani: It's just perjury inception.

Jessica: And so, that happened. And then of course there's Clarence Thomas. That's just, yeah. Could he be impeached? Yes. But is that gonna happen? No.

Imani: Thank you for just ... Could he? Yes, it's possible. Is it gonna happen? No it's not.

Jessica: The other thing that's possible still that I haven't heard a lot of talk about, and would be interesting to see in a change of administrations, is whether or not the Department of Justice can investigate him for perjury. That would be different than an impeachment proceeding, which would start in congress. And obviously, you would assume that congress would rely on someone from DoJ to do some of that investigation, but congress has the ability to sort of set up their own independent counsel completely and thoroughly independent of that. Do I think that's gonna happen either? No, I don't.

Imani: No. Yeah.

Jessica: I think we had a whole bunch of people testify on behalf of Kavanaugh. What we saw was the legal elite protecting the legal elite. That's what I will say. And I don't see that changing anytime soon. Sorry.

Imani: Yeah, and I've been sorta saying this all week. I've just been sort of nihilistically saying nothing matters, none of this matters. And, it was nice to see Democrats sort of gather together and push back a little bit. It was great to see Senators Harris and Booker sort of

conspiring to ask the questions that needed to be asked, and to try and squeeze answers out of this man who refused to give a straight answer to anything. And I understand that we live in desperate time, and I understand that this spells the death knell of a lot of rights for a lot of people, and certainly swings the Court conservatively, like squarely conservatively to the point where most of the rulings are gonna benefit corporations and the 1%.

I get it. It sucks right now, but it doesn't help to maintain these fantasies about, well maybe if the Democrats ask the right questions, and we get the right record, then they can impeach Kavanaugh. They're not impeaching Kavanaugh, not based on anything that happened in these proceedings, I don't think. That's just not really gonna happen. And so, the reason I had been yelling about the fact that Dems should walk out and just declare these proceedings illegitimate, it's not because I wanted them to be jerks or to showboat, but it's because I want there to be in 40 years, some record, some history, some asterisk, some footnote on Wikipedia about Brett Kavanaugh and how he may have lied his way onto the court, and certainly withheld information that we were entitled to see, so that we could have these senators ask him about this stuff. I think I want that to always be memorable, right?

Jessica: Yeah.

Imani: And I just don't think that anything that happened this week is going to be so memorable that the large portion of American people are gonna remember a single thing that happened this week. It's just gonna be that first 5th vote to decimate voting rights, or abortion rights, or union rights, or whatever. Everyone's gonna be really, really pissed off. "Why didn't we do something? This is so horrible, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah." And I'm gonna be like, "Hey man, I was yelling about-"

Jessica: Hey, man.

Imani: "... about the Dems walking out, from jump, and everyone was yelling at me about how well if they do that, then the Republicans can confirm him anyway, and blah, blah, blah." I'm like, "But hey man, he got confirmed anyway, and now he's just another justice on the court. No one remembers that he may have perjured himself. No one remembers that he's shady as hell." And so, I'm irritated. I'm irritated by the whole process. And I just gotta say once again, big props to you for being able to withstand this for four days, 'cause honestly, there were times I'd turn on CSPAN and see Ted Cruz talking, and I'd just be like, "Nope," and I'd close my laptop, and just go read your feed because I just can't. It was a difficult week, especially knowing that the end result of this confirmation hearing is literally, bye-bye all of your civil rights, and that's very hard to deal with.

Jessica: I really appreciate that, and I just wanna say one thing about that because yeah, it was bananas. It was 12 hour hearing days, but I also think that that's really important, not just because this is a big nomination, it obviously is. But we're talking about people's ability to participate in democracy. And so, we've got these things scheduled when people are working on east coast time. The number of folks from California who are like, "Thank you, I just got caught up on the last three hours," that's legitimate stuff. And so, I do think that that's something that we do really well over at Rewire.News, is consider

that. And so, that's just kind of part of the mission, and it's bananas but I'm also happy to do it. And thanks for the props. That means a lot. But also, there's something about it that's important, so yay.

Imani: Yay! So that's gonna wrap it up for Team Legal this week. We are going to immediately go jump into a barrel full of whiskey, and try to drink our way out.

Jessica: Amen.

Imani: I think that's it. So, Twitter. You should follow me on Twitter at Angry Black Lady. You should follow Jessica on twitter at Hegemommy, H-E-G-E-M-O-M-M-Y. You can follow Rewire.News at Rewire_News. Oh, we have some other shows that we need to talk about.

Jessica: Oh, yeah.

Imani: Jess, can you tell them about some of the other shows you should definitely be listening to at Rewire.News?

Jessica: Yeah, so to remind you all one more time, we've got two awesome seasons of our other shows coming out this month. September's been a huge podcasting month for us over at Rewire.News. Last year, maybe you remember that The Breach was an interview series about the abuses in power. This year, they started investigating a story way back in January, so they've been working on this for months, and months, and months, and months. Now, the folks at The Breach are releasing a miniseries about what they found, and it's a law that's putting pregnant people in jail, and almost nobody knows about it.

Imani: Yikes.

Jessica: The trailer came out this week, and you guys, please just go listen to it. It's over at Rewire.News/TheBreach.

Imani: And, our storytelling show, CHOICE/LESS is back on Monday. This season is the best one yet. It's all about teens, parents, the government, and how those groups talk to each other about sex. You can even hear Jessica and I on it. So subscribe now at Rewire.News/Choiceless.

Jessica: Do it.

Imani: Put your back into it.

Jessica: We're gonna end all our podcasts quoting Ice Cube.

Imani: We really are. Thanks for joining us. Oh, and go check out our Facebook group, Boom Lawyered, and answer the question. If you've tried to get in, and we haven't let you in, it's probably because you didn't answer the question, so go answer the question. Thank you very much, and we will see you on the tubes.

Jessica: See you on the tubes.

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