# INT. FUTURISTIC PUB - EVENING

Four friends sit around a table in a cosy futuristic pub in space, perhaps in the year 2523. A planet with rings and sparkling stars is seen outside the only window of the diorama-esque scene and a neon "Quiz Night!" sign hovers in the background. On the table sits a couple of beers and the quiz answer sheet.

The character facing away from the camera is the **Player Character**. Opposite them sits **Eddie** in pink, **Nima** in yellow, and remoting in via a robot with a screen for a face is **Rashim**.

#### EDDIE:

OK squad, huddle up. (BEAT) This is serious. Last week we were the laughing stock of quiz night.

# PLAYER CHARACTER:

Take no prisoners, we're here to WIN!

## RASHIM:

I thought we were here for fries?

# PLAYER CHARACTER:

We're here for fries AND to WIN.

NIMA:

Shh, they're starting!

#### QUIZ HOST:

Alright alright, welcome back to QUIZ NIGHT!

(BEAT)

Your weekly battle royale to see who will reign supreme in the realm of knowledge.

(BEAT)

I'm your host, Chaz Marenghi!

Before we get started, make sure you've got your quiz form, fill in your answers, and we'll tally them up at the end of the round.

(BEAT)

Got it? Good. Let's get started!

## (BEAT)

Ok, first question ...

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After each question is asked the dialogue is set up in an answer suggestion VS. reaction to the suggestion structure, where the player gets to choose which answer to go with.

HOST: Which actor plays the lead in Waterworld?

EDDIE: Kevin Costner NIMA: Or was it Kevin Bacon? I always mix the two of them up... EDDIE: Mmm bacon...

NIMA: Hugh Grant RASHIM: He wouldn't last 2 secs in Waterworld. (BEAT) I saw his cryo-frozen head in a museum!

**RASHIM:** Adam Sandler NIMA: Ugh. I hate him!

HOST: Ok, next question. Name the artist and title of this song

**EDDIE:** Lil Nasa X - Intergalactic Road NIMA: I love that song so much!

NIMA: Beyond Space - Countdown to Launch EDDIE: Intergalactic Empress B!!! RASHIM: So glad they preserved her soul in a robot body.

**RASHIM:** Jamie Space XX - Loud Spaces NIMA: It's a bop!

## HOST: Next question. Who is your favourite parent?

EDDIE: Um... my mum? NIMA: Bit of a weird question for a pub quiz...

NIMA: My Dad. EDDIE: Is that a pity vote? NIMA: You know me too well.

RASHIM: Hate 'em both. NIMA: Yeah, but which one is better? RASHIM: I think I hatched fully-formed. HOST: This is a tricky one. What did the governments do with all the excess money after they stopped funding nuclear weapons programmes?

EDDIE: They bought everyone a keychain and a hat. NIMA: I didn't get one! RASHIM: It was before we were born.

NIMA: The money was used for Universal Basic income. EDDIE: That sounds too sensible. RASHIM: Is that really how it started?

RASHIM: Sent all the old people on a long holiday to Malta. NIMA: Ooof that sounds nice! RASHIM: We should do a roadtrip someday.

HOST: Somewhat related to the previous question: What was the main benefit of the 2045 Global Equity Act?

EDDIE: Allowed me to get my dream job. NIMA: You would have got that job regardless. EDDIE: I dunno. My grandad always struggled for work.

NIMA: People got different sized boxes to stand on so they
 could watch baseball.
 EDDIE: What's baseball?
 RASHIM: That super old carbon-aged sport.

RASHIM: Enforced equal pay & equal rights laws in regards to gender, race and sexuality. NIMA: The carbon age sounds like a rough time to live...

HOST: Ok, are you ready for the next question? Are you over your ex?

EDDIE: Can't even remember their name. NIMA: Excuse me! I'm sat right here! EDDIE: I know. I was teasing. RASHIM: I didn't know you two went out.

- NIMA: I see their face in my dreams. EDDIE: ARE YOU SERIOUS!?! RASHIM: I'm so glad that ended. They were so wrong for you.
- **RASHIM:** More alcohol please! NIMA: I agree. Weirdly personal question.

HOST: Ok, moving on. We managed to reverse Global Warming in the 2030s. But some things were irreversible. What is your favourite animal that is now extinct

EDDIE: I miss dogs. NIMA: OMG Dogs!!! RASHIM: Dogs were the best :(

- NIMA: It's gotta be triceratops RASHIM: Sometimes you astound me. NIMA: Aw, that's really sweet of you.
- RASHIM: Plati... ploti... plet.You know, the furry duck. NIMA: You mean Platypus? Are they gone? RASHIM: Afraid so.

# HOST: And the next question is: What is your opinion of your grandma?

- EDDIE: She was an epic, legendary postal worker!
   NIMA: She was a damn fine postal worker!
   RASHIM: The very best!
- NIMA: Her house smelt funny. EDDIE: I kinda like that old person smell... RASHIM: Bet your gran isn't a fan of how your bedroom smells.
- RASHIM: She worked hard and sacrificed a lot for her family, which had the unforeseen consequence of making my dad super lazy. EDDIE: Ha! Your dad is super lazy.

## HOST: And last question: What's the point in all of this?

EDDIE: Wait, what? NIMA: As in what's the point of this quiz? RASHIM: This is the strangest quiz we have ever done.

- RASHIM: It's a trick question.
  EDDIE: I mean, I still don't get it.

HOST: Sorry, I should have been more specific. What is the point in living?

- EDDIE: Wow. They really went there. To have fun? NIMA: So in life, all you want to achieve... is fun? EDDIE: Yeah, join me. It'll be super fun!
- RASHIM: We are but a sentient biological anomaly that will
   swirl aimlessly around the universe until we
   inevitably disappear.
   EDDIE: That doesn't answer the question at all.
   RASHIM: Sorry. I mean there is no point.
   EDDIE: Lovely.

HOST: Ding! And that's the timer for the last question, time to tally up the scores.

#### EDDIE:

I have NO idea how we did, that ex question really threw me for a loop.

#### NIMA:

The most important thing was the friends we made along the way.

## RASHIM:

Yes, the fries we ate along the way.

## EDDIE:

Shh shh shh!

## HOST:

Alright alright, and now the moment you've all been waiting for. The winning team is, of course… (BEAT) The friends you made along the way! Cuz we all know the unexamined life is not worth living, but with friends to help us talk it out, we've got the best of all possible worlds.

# HOST (CONT'D):

That's Voltaire, folks, or maybe Socrates. We'll wrap it up the way we always do, with vegetarian curry, on the house!

# EDDIE:

Yes!

# NIMA:

Told you so.

# RASHIM:

I'm STARVING.

# PLAYER CHARACTER:

What does starving mean?

# RASHIM:

Honestly no idea.