

**CONAN THE COMEDIAN**

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CONAN THE BARBARIAN

MASTER

VILLAGERS

MASTER

Conan the Barbarian! Before you  
bring ruin to these villagers,  
tell us what is good in life!

CONAN THE BARBARIAN

(Begrudgingly)

Crushing your enemies, seeing them  
driven before you, and hearing the  
lamentations of their women.

MASTER

Conan the Barbarian! You are not  
yourself. What vexes thee?

CONAN THE BARBARIAN

My Master. Conan is confused. Is  
mass murder what is truly good in  
life?

MASTER

Conan the Barbarian! This is the  
ancient way! What alternatives do  
you propose?

CONAN THE BARBARIAN

Why don't we gather these  
villagers, and well, Conan means  
no disrespect my Master -

MASTER

Speak your truth Conan the  
Barbarian!

CONAN THE BARBARIAN

Well. Why don't we gather everyone  
and instead of Conan killing them  
all, Conan will ... tell them  
japes.

VILLAGERS

Yes! Japes, tell us japes! Don't  
murder us! Japes not murder!

MASTER

Japes! From Conan the Barbarian!  
What kind of japes?

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
 Conan has not thought that far  
 ahead, my Master.

Beat

CONAN THE BARBARIAN (CONT'D)  
 Oh! Conan knows. Villagers! Why  
 did the monkey fall out of the  
 tree?

VILLAGERS  
 (confused mumbles)

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
 It was dead!

VILLAGERS laugh hysterically.

MASTER  
 (laughing) It was dead! Oh, Conan  
 the Barbarian, that is a zinger!  
 Tell us another!

CONAN moves about and points to the ocean.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
 Villagers! Look to the ocean.

VILLAGERS move about and look to where CONAN points.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN (CONT'D)  
 What does the ocean say to the  
 beach?

VILLAGERS  
 (confused mumbles)

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
 The ocean says nothing to the  
 beach, it just waves!

VILLAGERS laugh hysterically.

MASTER  
 (laughing) Another!

CONAN moves about and points to the forest.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
 Villagers! Your trees and  
 shrubbery seem ill-willed. Evil. I  
 trust not your trees.

VILLAGERS  
(confused mumbles)

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
Your trees, they seem shady!

VILLAGERS laugh hysterically, except VILLAGER 1

MASTER  
(laughing) Yes! Another!

CONAN moves about and points to his horse.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
Villagers! Conan's horse, its name  
is Mayo.

VILLAGERS  
(confused mumbles)

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
Sometimes, Mayo neighs.

VILLAGERS laugh hysterically, except VILLAGER 1

VILLAGER 1  
Bah, these japes are like the ones  
my father told me when I was a  
child. They are lame Dad Japes.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN  
Conan the Barbarian never knew his  
real father. He was raised and  
instructed in the ways of war by  
his Master. Conan the Barbarian  
knows not of laughter. Blood and  
death are all Conan the Barbarian  
knows. If you will not be  
entertained by Conan the  
Barbarian, then by his hand you  
will all die.

CONAN THE BARBARIAN draws his weapons.  
VILLAGERS cry out.  
MASTER nods in approval.

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