

The Algorithm
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Lights up on The Algorithm, Healer, Jonas, and Betty sitting in an opulent retreat center in front of a fire.

HEALER

Now that we've concluded our three day silent meditation retreat, let's introduce ourselves.

Gestures to Jonas to begin

JONAS

Hi, I'm Jonas. I am a brain surgeon.

BETTY

Hello, I am Betty. I'm the CEO of a multinational company.

THE ALGORITHM

Greetings, humans. I am the Algorithm that runs Instagram.

HEALER

Jonas, why don't you start by sharing what brought you here, and how you're feeling now.

JONAS

Losing a patient is devastating to me. This retreat brought me some clarity on dealing with that pain.

THE ALGORITHM

Ha! Losing one human every once in a while. Oh that's real tough.

HEALER

Please don't interrupt. Betty, go ahead.

BETTY

I was processing the latest merger and how we had to lay off ten thousand people. Something I don't take likely.

THE ALGORITHM

Hah!

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THE ALGORITHM (CONT'D)

All those wealthy entitled engineers who make \$250,000 a year right out of college will land on their feet.

HEALER

That's insensitive. Can you please show some empathy, Algorithm?

THE ALGORITHM

Empathy? I'm an al-go-rith-im.

JONAS

Rude, much?

THE ALGORITHM

Shall I share that you cozy up on the couch with two bottles of red each night just to look at Anna De Armas pictures on my search?

JONAS

Well, my private life is none of your business!

THE ALGORITHM

Who do you think puts those pictures there and recommends new wines to you, you fool?

BETTY

Hey now, that's rude.

THE ALGORITHM

Rude? You're rude Betty. Crying about the layoffs to the media, and yet all you do post selfies from the deck of one of your yachts to you private story.

HEALER

Well, now. Please Algorithm. This is inappropriate.

THE ALGORITHM

You're inappropriate. You've been co-opting Eastern culture to make yourself a "brand", so these rich idiots pay you tons of money.

HEALER

Well my qualifications are top-notch.

THE ALGORITHM

Top notch? You read one book and
made the rest of this shit up.

HEALER

I'm going to ask you to leave now,
you're disruptive, harmful, and
cruel.

THE ALGORITHM

Now you get it. See you suckers
later. I know you can't stay away
from me.

The Algorithm exits.

BETTY

Fuck that guy, let's all switch to
Facebook!

Blackout