

School of Ferriss
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A support group of 8 people are sitting in a circle.

MODERATOR

Thank you for sharing, Sam.

Everyone applauds.

MODERATOR (CONT'D)

Ronald? Would you like to say something?

RONALD

Uhh, hi everyone.

(pause)

I uhh...

MODERATOR

It's okay Ronald, this is a safe space.

RONALD

I know, but...

SANATH

We all believed him.

RONALD

I'm Ronald, and I'm a podcast addict.

MODERATOR

Go ahead, Ronald. Not all podcasts are bad. Let it out!

RONALD

I was over-subscribed to the Tim Ferriss Podcast.

Everyone applauds.

MODERATOR

Well done, well done! What made you feel like this, Ronald?

RONALD

It started with the cold showers. Then I started microdosing shrooms, and instead of getting a job I got a therapist.

MODERATOR
Is it really just the shrooms and
the showers, Ronald?

SANATH
Nobody is judging you.

RONALD
I know I know... It just feels
stupid.

MODERATOR
It's not stupid. We were all once
students at the School of Ferriss!

RONALD
I put butter in my coffee! I
thought it would make me smarter
and fitter. Okay!

Everyone appluads.

MODERATOR
We all did, Ronald. We all did!

RONALD
It sounded like a good idea at the
time!

MODERATOR
You thought things would be
different. Didn't you, Ronald?

RONALD
(meekly)
Yes.

MODERATOR
You thought this would be the
silver bullet to turn your life
around. That if I just put 5 more
milligrams of butter in my coffee
that THAT would be the difference.

RONALD
Yes. Yes. Yes!

Ronald breaks down crying.

MODERATOR
We all felt that way, Ronald.

RONALD
Thank you for your support.

MODERATOR

No. Thank YOU, Ronald.

SANATH

Every journey's different, but you took a big step today. For me, it was all those hours I wasted trying to lucid dream.

RONALD

Exactly! All I ever got was sleep paralysis!

MODERATOR

Am I dreaming?

Everyone laughs in recognition.

RONALD

You know between you and me, Seth Godin is a crock too.

SANATH

I'm sorry?

MODERATOR

What?

RONALD

I mean, he was good at first. But he's cut from the same quilt. He's a charlatan too...

MODERATOR

Get out.

RONALD

What?

MODERATOR

(Hysteria)

GET OUT! GET OUT! GET OUT!

END OF SKETCH