

Word up, everybody.

Welcome to Word of the Day with Comedians.

I'm your host, Deadair Dennis Maler.

And joining me on the program
today is comedian podcaster and man

with great hair
and fun things in his house Ken Reid.

What's going on Ken? How's it going?
How are you?

Great, great, great.

For those who are listening to the audio
only version,

this this is the first time
I will tell you you're missing out.

Ken and I are the only Boston
two comedians

that have the most envious podcast studios
for different reasons.

Like mine looks like a studio.

Ken looks like the Funhouse TV show from

UHF with Weird Al.

Yeah, I kind of go with Philo's laboratory
in UHF.

Yes. Yes.

Or the final game on MTV's Remote Control.

Okay.

The last thing when they just like, Hey,
audience, take home what you want.

Where they have to I.D.

the videos.

Awesome.

All right, Ken.

So our word of the day today is.

Here we go.

Can-too-mas... Nope.
I definitely said that wrong.

Let's listen to the pronouncer.

Contumacious. Contumacious. Contumacious.

Yes, Contumacious.

Of course, as our view
a long time viewers know,

if there are any byy

this point, longtime viewers and listeners
know I am not great at pronouncing words

because I went to six years
of community college and didn't graduate.

In the Baltimore area to right?

D.C..

See, I tried to get out of Baltimore
and I went to D.C.

I went to community college in D.C.

That's a bad accent area generally.

Like,
that's sort of the trifecta of bad accents

that like South Philly, Baltimore, Jersey,

that's some of the worst accents
in the country.

In Baltimore, we elongate our O's.

We add 'R's" into words needlessly.

Wurter. Yeah, wurter.

My favorite Baltimore accent
is you go down Blair Road,

which is spelled
"B-E-L Space, A-I-R" Blair Road.

You know, like the like Will Smith,
The Fresh Prince of Blair.

So you go Blair Road there to Hohme Depoh

and pick you up yourself up a zinc,
so you can warsh your clothes

in wurter in the zinc.

So point being, it's not your fault.

Yeah, fair enough. Yes.

I was born this way.

By the way.

Contumacious means to be stubbornly
disobedient and rebellious.

And I didn't purposely pick
this word for you, but as soon as I saw

the word I was like, Oh, that definitely
describes Ken Reid's younger years.

What are you contumating against?

What do you got?

Yeah, I think, you know, you and I both
you grew up

as literal punk rock kids in our,
you know,

suburban areas that are just slightly
outside of dangerous cities.

And, you know, we we
we both have a fondness for being

the Abbie
Hoffman's of our small school groups.

Maybe. Okay, I'll take that.
I'll take that.

Which, by the way,
it wasn't until that movie of the Chicago

Seven came out that I found out that Abbie
Hoffman was not a rebellious woman.

No, but he is from Boston,
and he has a real broad old man

Boston accent, speaking of accents.

But I think Sacha Baron Cohen

plays him in that movie, Correct, he does.

And he does a good job.

Yeah, he does the accent.

It's not as heavy,
but it's definitely there.

In your younger years,

when was the time that you felt like
you were the most disobedient?

I was always super disobedient.

Like,
the first first story that came to mind

was I hate egg salad
because I'm a human being with taste.

And egg salad is vile.

Like people who like egg
salad are just like, oh,

I wish this sandwich
tasted like demon farts.

And there's

so many other sandwich fillings
that there's no reason to pick egg salad.

So in kindergarten,
no, actually was preschool.

1983.

I was in I was in this weird preschool
in Arlington, I think.

And earlier that year, they had
made us be in a production of Grease

which it was bizarre.

And I have a photo of the whole class
on stage, these three year olds

and I had my hair greased back
with a leather jacket and no shirt

on, Which you have not changed that
that hairstyle since preschool.

No. Pretty similar.

But anyway,
so the school was run by these girls

who were probably in hindsight,
they were probably like 20, you know,

and one day my dad gives me my lunch
and sends me to school

and I'm like, What is that?

Because it smells like egg salad.

And he's like, It's tuna.

And I'm like, That better not be egg
salad.

He's like, No tuna.

So I get to school, it's lunchtime,
I open up the sandwich, it's egg salad.

So I crushed the sandwich.

Into a ball and I just whipped it
against the wall and it stuck there.

And they were like, "you need to clean
that up." And I was like, "no, I don't.

My father needs to clean that
up because he lied to me."

And they made him come clean it up.

He did Wow.

Now here's the difference between
you and I would rather eat egg

salad over tuna salad any day personally.

You're out of your mind.
You're out of your mind.

Well,

I don't have any love for egg salad,
but I have a lot of hatred for tuna salad.

Really what about chicken salad?

I just started eating chicken
salad a few years ago.

And I will say
I don't eat a lot of it, but

Stop and Shop specifically in Medford.

I used to work, you know, where
I used to work at the KISS108 building.

Well, yeah, I worked for everyone else.

I worked a split shift,
so I'd go in for 4 hours,

have 4 hours off,
and then come back for another 4 hours.

And then that four hour break for a while,
I would leave, go across,

walk across a dangerous highway
and go to Planet Fitness and work out.

And my treat for lunch after

working out would be going to the Stop
and Shop next door and buy a chicken salad

made with leftover rotisserie
chicken from there, from Stop and Shop.

And it also had grapes in it
and it was on a croissant

and that would be my favorite
to delightful lunch.

And I had not had chicken salad
since I stopped working at that job

because my local Stop and Shop here
in Allston doesn't carry that sandwich.

You know what they do have it that

Stop and Shop in Allston?

They have the cranberry
walnut chicken salad, which is real nice.

All right.

So that brings us to our fun fact.

Did you know about the word
which I've already forgotten

how to pronounce is con to Macias?

Let's hear one more time. Contumacious.

Yes, I got it right.

Contumacious.

Like contemplative and like tenacious.

Contumacious.

That's my favorite band, Contemplations D.

So the fun fact did you know coming from Merriam-Webster is legal contexts are one

area where you might encounter this fancy word for "rebellious" or "insubordinate"

and the link between contumacious and the law goes back to Latin.

The Latin adjective contumax means "rebellious," or, in specific cases,

"showing contempt of court." Contumax was one of the better spicy cable stations.

You just did the according to Webster's Dictionary."

Yeah, that's basically it.

Contumacious is related to contumely, meaning "harsh language or treatment

arising from haughtiness and contempt." Both contumacious and contumely

are thought to ultimately come from the Latin verb tumēre,

meaning "to swell" or "to be proud."

Oh, you know, you can use that in a sentence.

You know, unfortunately, I'm going to- I don't want to get the X rating because

when I think of the meaning tumēre, I'm already thinking of something

that I saw between the blurred lines on Contumax.

Yeah.

Although, obviously,
you got the word tumor.

Which is way less sexy.

Oh, hey, are you just happy to see me
or is that a tumor in your pants?

It's a tumor. I need a doctor.
Why does it have to be "or?"

Awesome.

So that brings us now to the time where
we will start constructing our sentence
and using contumacious in context.

And of course, every good sentence
has a subject, it is about somebody.

So we need to think of a person, Ken
and I, we need you think of a person

who would represent rebelliousness.

Now, it doesn't
have to be an actual person.

It could just be a generic name
for somebody that represents rebellion.

Harry Dean Stanton. Yeah. Okay.

R.I.P. Harry Dean Stanton.

What could Harry Dean Stanton
be doing where we would refer to him

as being contumacious?

Swinging a baseball bat.

Which by the way, for those don't

know, Harry Dean Stanton is an amazing
character actor, but in many things.

He is best known for Repo Men.

Wasn't he also the,

didn't he play the father of-
Pretty in Pink?

Pretty in Pink?

Yeah.

Because sometimes
I get the father-daughter relationship

in Pretty in Pink and

uh...

Oh, Say Anything.

I get those Father-Daughter relationships
mixed up all the time.

Yeah, that's John...

I can't remember his last name.

It's the father from Frasier.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yes.

So yeah,
I always often get those conflated

and I probably
I probably also think the same thing

about the 16 Candles relationship too,
Which is Paul Dooley.

Also, for those
who are not film buffs, you will know

Harry Dean Stanton as the security guard
from Marvel's Avengers.

That gives Bruce Banner
a pair of pants after he lands in his own

words, "green and buck-ass naked."
What is absurd thing

that he could be swinging the bat at Road
sign baseball.

Road sign baseball.

Yes! Road sign baseball. Okay.

All right, everybody, we have
officially selected our word of the day.

We have defined it, and we have created
a sentence using it in context

and to present
all that to you is my guest, Ken Reid.

Contumacious:
stubbornly disobedient, REBELLIOUS,

in all caps on rebellious, by the way.

So that's tough professionals read it.

Driving down Route 66 on a break
from the set of The Straight Story,

Harry Dean Stanton and Rebecca
de Mornay proved to be quite Contumacious

by playing road
sign baseball against society's wishes.

Yes! Perfect!

And I love you did three distinctive
announcer voices in there.

You had a regular announcer
voice. You had,

what's the guy from Succession
who also does McDonald's commercials?

Oh, Brian Cox. Yeah.

You definitely
had a Brian Cox-esque voice in there.

And then you did straight newsreader guy
for the sentence.

Great job, Ken.

All right, everybody,

we have officially expanded our vocabulary
by one more word today.

And of course, if you use contumacious
in or out of context,

please tell me all about it
in the comments below.

And thank you so much for watching
and thank you Ken for joining me.

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tell everyone where they can find you.

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Thanks for being here Ken. And thank you
everybody for watching.

And don't forget to word up.