# Kasim’s Harold Shipman remark sparks shock and amusement on The Traitors



Viewers of the BBC’s reality contest series The Traitors were taken by surprise during the third episode, aired on Friday 3 January, when an unexpected and intense exchange unfolded between contestants, making it one of the most talked-about moments early in 2025.

The latest installment of the show featured a tense roundtable confrontation involving several contestants, notably Kasim, Jake, and Joe. During the discussion, Jake and Joe suggested that Kasim, who works professionally as a doctor, would be an ideal candidate to be selected as a traitor on the show. Their reasoning was that Kasim’s profession would offer an engaging storyline – as he could “save lives” during the day and “kill” fellow contestants under the traitor guise by night.

Kasim, who is currently aligned as a faithful contestant, responded with disbelief and disapproval of their suggestion. He remarked, “The fact that I have a job is not a reason to vote for me.” When Jake attempted to retract his earlier statement, Kasim insisted on what he had heard and made an unanticipated comparison: “Literally, you just said, ‘The doctor thing makes sense: you save lives during the day and you kill people by night.’ So you’re basically calling me Harold Shipman or something.”

The reference to Harold Shipman, the British doctor infamous as “Dr Death,” immediately caught the attention of the contestants and viewers alike. Shipman was a family GP based in Hyde, Manchester, who was convicted of murdering at least 15 patients by lethal injection and is suspected to have killed as many as 218, with some estimates nearing 250 victims. He was found guilty on 31 January 2000, sentenced to life imprisonment, and died by suicide in prison in 2004.

Alex, another contestant, responded to Kasim’s comment by calling it “a bit loaded, mate,” reflecting the seriousness of the allusion. The moment resonated strongly with viewers, many of whom expressed astonishment and amusement on social media. Some hailed it as possibly “the first TV moment of 2025,” highlighting the shock value and unexpected nature of Kasim’s remark.

Comments from viewers included expressions such as: “’You’re basically calling me Harold Shipman’ has sent me west. I truly can’t breathe. Call off every other TV show this year because this will never be topped,” and “We’re only three days into 2025 and we’ve already got the TV moment of the year. Absolute box office.” Another remarked, “Anyone have a Harold Shipman reference on Traitors on their bingo card?” while one more described it as “the wildest thing I’ve heard in a while.”

The Traitors continues to unfold as a dramatic and unpredictable reality show, with this recent episode underscoring its potential for intense contestant dynamics and moments that capture significant attention nationwide.

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