## HERE'S HOW TO BUNGLE THE JOB INTERVIEW

## **13 STEPS TO FAILURE**

You have managed to find yourself among the top five applicants for a management position. Now it's important to be paying attention because if you try hard, you'll actually receive the job and then you'll be working and making money. But things can also go the other way. With the right conduct, you will be guaranteed to avoid this risk.

Absolutely: Don't prepare for the interview. It is only by so doing that you can come across as relaxed and natural. Being prepared destroys any spontaneity. The less you know about your interviewer, the more worry-free you will seem to be.

- 1. It is best to not plan enough time for your travel to the interview site so that you will get an extra adrenaline rush when you're stuck in traffic on the Autobahn.
- 2. Definitely don't be on time. Really important people arrive late to make a grand entrance.
- 3. For spiritual support, take your dog, your baby or your lover along. Or ideally all three.
- 4. However, if you should be nervous, calm yourself by taking generous amounts of beta-blockers, valium or alcohol.
- 5. Take a ballpoint pen and paper with you so that you will have something with which you can amuse yourself (doodling!). If you can even manage to succeed in pulling the ballpoint pen completely apart during the interview, you will prove your mechanical skills.
- 6. Indicate that you're needed everywhere. In order to clearly convey what you want or what type of a career you are striving for, be arrogant.

- 7. Openly criticise your previous employers, superiors, other employees or colleagues and make it known that you expect to find nicer colleagues at your new job.
- 8. Ask about the CEO's IQ.
- 9. First ask about the amount of the last bonus.
- 10. If you have more than one interviewer, then choose your favourite from the very beginning and speak exclusively to him.
- 11. Calmly take charge of the conversation and interrupt your interviewer. That shows you are self-confident. Talk about a whole bunch of different topics regardless of whether they are relevant or not and show that you know better than your interviewer.
- 12. If you unexpectedly find you are interested in the position, say nothing. Play hard to get. Stalling and hesitation show that you still have a lot of options available to you.
- 13. Last but not least: The true challenge lies in outsmarting the testers. Finding the best job is of secondary importance.