

Celebs are just like us?

THINK AGAIN

As if they'd press their own elevator buttons

Oh celebrities, they're just like us, we hear you say. They put their trousers on one leg at a time, and eat, sleep and use the loo like the rest of humankind, right?

Wrong. In fact, famous people are a special species of superhuman – the kind that gets away with the most batshit crazy demands one could ever make up, sending an entourage of minions flying hither and thither to

satisfy their every whim. And if they don't get their way? You'd better believe they'll wail like newborn babies until they do.

Listen, we love them for it, but there's no denying that some celebs take the notion of divadom and strap a rocket launcher to it – decreeing a list of demands that truly are out of this world.

Take a gander at this exacting lot and then tell us again that they're are just like us...

CHILL, BEY

Sasha Fierce may just be an onstage persona, but you'd better believe Beyoncé's claws are out if she's not adequately hydrated. According to insiders, while the superstar is on tour, she asks for her water to be chilled to 21°C and served through \$900 titanium straws. At least she's saving on plastic, if not expenses.

Had to share a lift?
Cry us a river

Don't get it
twisted

WHAT A KNOB

It's said that Justin Timberlake's rider includes the edict that all doorknobs on doors he walks through be wiped down and disinfected every two hours. What's more, he apparently refuses to share an elevator with anyone else – which, like a lonely lift heading for the basement floor – only makes him go down in our estimation.

I went
Maverick,
soz

CRUISE CONTROL

Poor Tom Cruise – all he wanted was to eat his dinner in peace when he docked at the five-star Forza Mare hotel in Montenegro in 2012 and asked management to clear out all the guests. The manager politely declined, and the actor was forced to enjoy his seafood feast on his yacht instead. Oh, the indignity.

Still a big
Di fan

CHIP OFF THE OLD BRIT

Britney Spears gave a nod to her British surroundings when she performed at the O2 Arena back in 2011, requesting fish and chips and, er, a framed picture of Princess Diana backstage, with insiders explaining "Diana was in many ways her inspiration." She also asked for 100 prunes and figs, so at least we know she's regular.

IS THAT ALL-WHITE WITH YOU?

She's the antithesis of easygoing (we've seen the docu), so it's unsurprising that J-Lo has some demands – including an all-white dressing room. Dannii Minogue, who appeared on *Top Of The Pops* with Jen in the '90s claimed, "I was told everything had to be white, including the sofa." She even alleged J-Lo refused to perform if her request wasn't met.

She's got carte
blanche to ask for
whatever she wants

Hello...
large
Margarita,
please

PI-ZZZ-A TIME

Adele doesn't actually live in the UK any more, but when she did, she made the most of it. During a stay at Soho Farmhouse in the Cotswolds with her ex-husband and her son, she allegedly phoned for room service at 11pm to order from her favourite pizzeria in Kensington. Staff embarked on a 140-mile round trip, but the pizza went uneaten because she was asleep by the time it arrived!

KIM'S WHIMS

She has the world's top jewellers clamouring to bedeck her in bling, but Kim Kardashian has one very specific requirement when it comes to her diamonds: she needs them warmed up with a hairdryer. According to the SKIMS founder, cold jewellery "gives [her] chills", sending shivers down the spine of any lackey who might forget.

Dropping hot
pearls of divadom



KEEPING UP WITH J-LAW

While filming the dark and surreal drama *Mother!*, Jennifer Lawrence had a novel way of decompressing. She had the crew erect her a Kardashians tent – filled with pictures of the famous family, their reality show playing on loop, and (on an unrelated note) gumballs. Sounds like a stress-inducing space to us, but whatever works.



THE HOUSE THAT PRINCE BUILT

In perhaps the most staggering diva demand to date, Prince reportedly asked the owner of the O2 Arena to build him a luxury five-bedroom home near the venue in 2007. And in his 2004 rider, the late pop star requested that “all items in the dressing room must be covered by clear plastic until uncovered by the main artist”, insisting it was “absolutely necessary”.



NOT SO YEEZY-GOING

According to Kanye West's former bodyguard, the rapper makes his underlings wear all black as patterns “distract” him, and also refuses to press lift buttons himself. He also once demanded that his dressing room carpet be ironed before performing on *Later...With Jools Holland*, because it was “too bumpy” – to which we say, too grumpy, more like.

Dogged by diva rumours



IT'S ALL ME-ME-MIMI

Mariah Carey wouldn't be Mariah Carey without her long list of notoriously diva-ish demands. Rumour has it her rider requests include baskets of puppies and an attendant to dispose of her chewing gum. Kate Garraway even said that when she interviewed the singer for *GMTV* in 2009, she had two producers lower her onto the sofa to avoid creasing her dress.



WHAT A WONKA

Rumour has it a certain megastar had a chocolate fountain, bags of crisps, a slush machine and a separate room for all of their wigs on their rider in 2019. No, it wasn't Willy Wonka or a ten-year-old child star, it was Cher. During the UK leg of her Here We Go Again tour, she didn't want to be short of a few sweet treats. We can hardly blame her.



GENIE IN A BOTTLENECK

A little birdy told us Christina Aguilera is NOT a fan of a tailback. Who is? But not many of us can request a police escort to swerve congestion on the way to a gig. The party line is, “Under no circumstances are the vehicles to be allowed to encounter any delays due to traffic.” Good luck playing in London...



VAN RAILING

Rockers Van Halen had one non-negotiable: that all brown M&M's be removed from any of the candy on their rider, and if they weren't, they'd cancel their gig. OTT? Not quite. In fact, it was a genius move, ensuring stagehands paid attention to the band's contract in full, specifically when it came to health and safety requirements.



PICKY WOMAN

According to insiders, Julia Roberts demands four gallons of Evian water per day while filming, no matter where she is in the world. And no, she doesn't even drink it, using it instead to wash those famous locks of hers. But wouldn't Perrier work better for fizzy – sorry, frizzy – hair?