

How did you get out of going to Vietnam? Were there any alcoholics in our family? Did your Bar Mitzvah mean anything to you? Did you ever think of killing yourself? How did you feel knowing everybody who lived near us had more money? How important was it for you to marry a Jew? How many women have you slept with? Did you ever cheat on mom? Were there any black kids in your school? How did you feel about Martin Luther King? How about Joan Baez? Did you ever march on anything? Did you ever come across cocaine? Did anybody ever try to convert you to Christianity? Have you ever eaten foie gras? Did you ever wonder if you were gay? What did you talk about on your first date with mom? What sports were you good at as a kid? Did you ever go to a hooker? Did you ever have anal sex with mom? Do you often think about dying? Did you ever shit your pants? Why did you decide to have children? Were you ever depressed as a young man? What if I came out retarded? What did you think about Nixon? Did you have a favorite sibling? Does it feel to you that time is speeding up? Did you ever fuck a black girl? Why haven't you gone to Israel? What charities do you give to? Did you ever wish you chose a different career? What did you want me to be? Did you have any friends who died in Vietnam? Did you wish you were taller? Did you ever get into a fistfight? When did you stop feeling like a boy? Do you read the letters I send you? Did you ever disappoint your parents? Do you ever wish your life turned out differently? What are your regrets? What makes you cry? Do you think you are good looking? Do you often want to fuck other women besides your wife? Did you ever jerk off while thinking about one of my girlfriends? When were you the happiest? How did you learn to cook? Why were you so angry all the time? How close did you come to hitting me? Did you ever vote for a Republican?

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