### A SORDID AFFAIR

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#### Cast of Characters

NONA VENT: Business woman style reporter

MIME : Classic looking mime does not

speak.

Sound effects person. : (male or female) A person of

few words.

Fade up theme music and audience applause. A female host is sitting in an interview chair. Another chair is beside her for her guest. To one side is a person with a range of objects for making sound effects.

#### NONA VENT

Good evening & welcome to another edition of A sordid affair. Bizarre, strange, out of this world and just plain weird. That's what people are saying about the canteens lunch. I wouldn't know I bring my own lunch. But I digress. My next guest can't speak for himself so we'll do the talking for him. He is the leader of The interplanetary society of Mimes. A cult that believes that the human race descended from a race of Alien mimes and developing the power of speech is a step back in evolution. Since he has no name we'll refer to him as Mr...

SFX Clown horn.

A mime enters. He mimes opening a door & goes to the seat provided.

### NONA VENT

Because our guest cannot speak we will substitute sound effects for dialogue.Mr

SFX Clown horn.

### NONA VENT

Welcome, How do you know we descended from Aliens ?

SFX Odd noises. The mime gets up & describes his story in mime.

### NONA VENT

The aliens told you. But what if I told you there is no such thing as aliens.

SFX Odd noise.

### NONA VENT

How do I know? The fairies told me.

SFX Angry noise.

#### NONA VENT

No, I'm not trying to make fun of you.

SFX Farting type noise.

### NONA VENT

Language, please this is a PG show.

SFX Apologetic noise.

That's okay. Back to the question How do you know we descended from aliens ?

SFX Long and various collection of sounds. As the mime continues to tell his story in mime.

### NONA VENT

Really ?

SFX Acknowledgment

### NONA VENT:

That's quite a story can you prove any of it.

SFX Long sequence of sounds. As the mime continues his story.

### NONA VENT:

I find that very hard to believe.

SFX Angry sound

#### NONA VENT:

Oh, I'm sure you believe it's true but our audience aren't convinced.

SFX Farting noise

#### NONA VENT:

(Firm) Language, please.

SFX Complicated noises.

### NONA VENT:

Yes, that's very interesting but it still doesn't answer the question.

SFX Grumbling noises.

### NONA VENT:

What do I want ? I WANT THE TRUTH !

SFX ANGRY NOISE.

## NONA VENT:

What do you mean I can't handle the truth ?

SFX Complicated noises.

#### NONA VENT:

As if we're going to believe that. (To audience) Do you believe anything he said ?

Audience reaction.

I didn't think so. Getting on to another matter. This Mime Meld agenda. It states that you plan to make sign language the dominate form of communication and people will only talk in sub titles as a second language.

SFX Acknowledgment

#### NONA VENT:

How do you plan to introduce such a ludicrous plan?

SFX Noises

## NONA VENT:

Vigorous debate in Parliament. But wouldn't that involve talking?

SFX Pause then hmm noise. The mime goes into an aggressive mime.

## MONA VENT:

You'll launch a radio campaign. Haven't given this a lot of thought have you ?

SFX: Angry noises.

### MONA VENT:

You don't think a more visual medium would be more appropriate ?

SFX: Random noises.

### MONA VENT:

Most of your team is camera shy. I see. On to a more serious topic. The Mime bombing attacks. Now, correct me if I'm wrong, your group goes to a crowded venue, reenacts an explosion in mime and lay all over the place pretending to be disfigured body parts.

SFX Acknowledgment

## NONA VENT:

And this is to draw attention to your cause ?

SFX Complicated noise.

# NONA VENT:

Oh, it's not as simple as that huh? Well, We did some on the street interviews to ask witness's what they thought of your demonstration. Do you want to know what they said.

SFX: Acknowledgment

MONA reads from the cards.

It was horrible, truly horrible. The worst miming I've ever seen.