

# 'LICENCE TO CLEAN' (W/T)

# Pilot Episode: 'NOT ON MY SOFA'

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#### EXT. A GRAND HOUSE.

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A pheice car sits outside a fairly grand house in a well-todo suburb. POLICEMAN TONY is packing away scene of crime paraphernalia in to the boot. RUTH, a Sergeant sits at the wheel with the window open.

#### RUTH

Here he comes, Mr Mop.

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WI CKY

I don't use a mop as well you know. What am I dealing with?

RUTH The most boring bloodbath I've ever seen. Posh old lady disturbs burglar, he falls down the stairs and die§. Case **e**  1

She smiles.

RUTH How come you weren't at Villa on Saturday?

WI CKY Someone was sick in my shoes.

RUTH

Weasel?

WI CKY

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WI CKY Lausen cleaning. The police recommended us?

VIVIEN You are not the charming elderly gentleman I spoke to.

WI CKY

That's the boss, he sent me but I can assure you when it comes to charm I...

She cuts him off.

**VI VI EN** And you are?

#### WI CKY

Wicky.

**VI VI EN** And that's on your birth certificate is it?

WI CKY Oh, no it's Wickstead, Paul Wickstead. Wicky for short.

**VI VI EN** 

I.D Please.

WICKY holds up an I.D.

VIVIEN (CONT'D) I need to see it next to your face.

WICKY holds it up next to his face.

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VIVIEN I have lived

WI CKY Bit strong, what's so special about a sofa?

[TIME JUMP]

VIVIEN'S eyes dry up and she looks incredulous. Disgust fills her face.

> **VI VI EN** You are familiar with Blenheim Pal ace?

WI CKY Naturally. (Beat) I am not.

**VI VI EN** The bulldog himself sat there!

WICKY senses a rage building in her.

**WI CKY** You're not talking about an actual dog are you?

She is thunderous.



**VI VI EN** 

VIVIEN You just want to do your work and get home.

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She is watching WICKY who is hard at work on the stairs scrubbing blood from  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{t}}$ 

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#### **VI VI EN**

Go on...

WICKY is earnest.

#### **WI CKY**

If someone's died in their own home... I like putting things right for them.

#### VI VI EN

Putting things right? How noble.

WI CKY

Better for the place to be left as it was in the happy times (beat) before their brains got splattered on the carpets...

VIEVIEN looks lightly horrified.

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0 VIVIEN 8 For God's sake man!

**WI CKY** Sorry. (Beat) Be thankful this one was fresh. If they've been left it

can be rank...

#### **VI VI EN**

Rank?

WICKY gets animated.

WI CKY

You don't want to know! Insects, bacteria, gross. I sometimes have to use an industrial steamer to get them in a bag. One last week that was so decayed it looked someone had chucked jelly and hair at a skel eto

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A tap is running fro

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She leaves the room. SIR JAMES monologues.

SIR JAMES

I predicted this when I played golf with the chief inspector last week, there's social housing a moped ride from here, all on benefits!

#### WI CKY

I magi ne.

VIVIEN reappears. She has a large white block of fat in her hand.

> SIR JAMES They only leave the house to rob. Rest of their time spent on video games, it won't be long until they evolve giant thumbs. What then? Hopefully they'll starve to death because they can no longer open their precious bags of crisps!

#### **VI VI EN**

Tal I ow!

SIR JAMES takes it and throws it to WICKY on the stairs.

SIR JAMES Excellent, get that applied to the Bteps.

WI CKY What is it?

VIVIEN AND SIR JAMES Mutton fat!

WICKY drops it down

(MORE)

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#### WICKY (CONT'D) Only a specialist fluid would get this out.

VIVIEN considers denying it but then sighs defeated.

VIVIEN I'll make a pot of tea.

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#### 10 I NT. DRAWI NG ROOM.

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WICKY and VIVIEN sit in two chairs. A pot of tea steams on an occasional table.

WICKY So the fall didn't kill him?

VIVIEN I thought it had at first, he really did land badly, the sound was like...

WICKY Yes mighty oak/crunchie. So...

VIVIEN I picked up one of the clubs he'd pulled down in the fall. I wanted to be armed incase he came for me...

We see disturbed wall mounted golf clubs.

WICKY After his broken neck had healed?

VIVIEN I was going to call the police, I really was but then I saw it again...How could he?! All of that heritage destroyed...for what?!

WICKY NotEthe damned chair aga**na?**Bundaniah#HuannaHushRumatahahumatashAnnaadabahumata

VI VI EN

I barely remember picking up the club. It was a beautiful swing8 1 Tf (u) Tj ET BT 12 2 299 17

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WI CKY You killed him?!

**VI VI EN** Anyone would have done the same.

**WI CKY** I wouldn't.

She stands up and takes the club from WICKY.

VIVIEN Well. What's done is done. I must get on...

She walks toward the bottom of the stairs. WICKY is solemn.

## WI CKY

I know.

### WEASEL

0h, right, it's just Jen said you might have thought it was fat Carl and at first I was happy because you'd be cross with him instead of me. Then I thought if you end up punching him I'll feel bad.

WI CKY

lt's okay.

### WjEOY



# **VI VI EN** GET. OFF. MY. SOFA! WICKY turns around and see's her. WI CKY Wait! Before he can say any more she brings the golf club down in a chopping motion (slo-mo Alex??) WICKY leaps in to the air avoiding the swing. The club falls on the sofa with such force that it shatters the back off. **VI VI EN** No! No! She paws over the sofa desperately trying to pull it back together. WICKY watches her incredulous. **VI VI EN**

VI VI EN Well (we must get on) I imagine you have a phone call to make.

#### **WI CKY**

# Yes. I'm sorry.

She's back to organising mode. WICKY walks away to the middle of the room phone in hand. Behind him we see VIVIEN pick up the golf club and walk up the stairs. WICKY is about to \* \*