

Rare Douglas Adams Interview Sketch

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EXT. UNKNOWN LOCATION - NIGHT

ANCHOR (VO)

To celebrate Douglas Adams' birthday, we have given our newest Reporter one final chance to turn his career around from the doldrums and come up with one of those rare final interviews. I hope you come through this time, Tom.

REPORTER

Thanks, Barry. Don't worry, I'm at an undisclosed location with all the tools that I need to carry out this task. I won't fail you again.

SFX. Scrape of a shovel on the ground.

SFX. Digging.

ANCHOR (VO)

It sounds like you're digging?

SFX. More digging.

REPORTER

(a little out of breath)

That's true Barry. You wanted an interview with the great man, and an interview is what you'll get.

(little bit desperate)

I can't afford to lose this job.

ANCHOR (VO)

But we wanted...

SFX. Crowbar on Coffin.

REPORTER

Mr Adams, can we have a word on your birthday?

(beat)

I think he's playing hard to get, Barry. Always a tease.

ANCHOR (VO)

Oh my God. Tom?

REPORTER

Yes, Barry?

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ANCHOR (VO)

He's dead.

REPORTER

I'm fully aware of that. I'm not delusional.

ANCHOR (VO)

And he was cremated. I don't that's his grave. You've failed us again, Tom. For shame.

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REPORTER

You've put me under a lot of pressure, lately. Saying my reports aren't up to scratch. And that they'll easily be forgotten as soon as I sign off at the end of each one.

(beat)

Well, no one's going to forget this one, are they, Barry? No one'll forget my name.

(beat)

One more thing before I sign off.

ANCHOR (VO)

What's that, Tom?

REPORTER

Stop sleeping with my wife! I know you two did it at the Christmas party. I know it was you! I've seen your birthmark. I have the colour photocopies to prove it. Colour, Barry, colour!

ANCHOR (VO)

Join us at ten for an editorial on grave Robbing. Goodnight.

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