

EXTRA in English

Episode 26: 'Alibi'

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

This is the story of Bridget and Annie who share a flat in London and the boys next door, Nick and his friend from Argentina. Annie cares about animals. Hector cares about Annie. Bridget mostly cares about herself, but Nick doesn't care very much about anything. Stand by for EXTRA!

Sound of knocking on door

DETECTIVE HUNT

Bridget Evans? Annie Taylor? Detective David Hunt from the Metropolitan Police. Could I have a word with you, please?

ANNIE

So we went to the restaurant and it was a very good vegetarian restaurant and I had the peppers and Hector had the mushrooms, which was very nice because Hector doesn't like mushrooms, so I said to him that it was good for him to try.

BRIDGET

Annie!

ANNIE

Oh, and then afterwards, we went for a lovely walk and it was such a beautiful evening, and the birds were singing...

BRIDGET

Annie! Will you shut up!

ANNIE

Sorry.

BRIDGET

You have been talking non-stop for twenty minutes.

ANNIE

I know. It's, it's because I'm doing a sponsored silence for the charity Pigs With No Parents.

BRIDGET

Sponsored *silence*. So why are you talking?

ANNIE

Well, it doesn't start till 10 o'clock so if I talk a lot now, then I won't have to talk later. Anyway, what's wrong with your mouth?

BRIDGET

Oh, er, nothing.

ANNIE

Have you got a spot? Oh! I'll call an ambulance.

BRIDGET

No, but I *am* going to see my beautician later.

ANNIE

What for?

BRIDGET

Oh, just for a check-up.

ANNIE

A check-up? But you go to the dentist for a check-up, for your teeth.

BRIDGET

Exactly. I'm going to the beautician's to check...

ANNIE

Check that you're beautiful?

BRIDGET

Of course not. I don't have to *check* I'm beautiful, do I.

NICK

Oooh!

HECTOR

Hey, Nick, do you like my new clothes, huh? Nick!

NICK

Ohhhhhh!

HECTOR

Nick! What is the matter? You can tell me. Oh, you have a toothache. Then if you have a toothache, you must go to the den.....

NICK

Aaaarrghhh!

HECTOR

Can't I say the word 'den....'? OK, I won't say the 'D' word. I call him, erm, plumber. OK, so

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when did you last see the plumber?

NICK
Ah-ah?

HECTOR
That's not too bad, five months ago.
Five *years* ago? No?
When you were five years old?

NICK
Ah-ah-ah.

HECTOR
Whoo-hoo-hoo. It's going to be a big job. He'll need a big drill. Come on! The girls must know a good plumber. Come on! Do you want a sweetie? Do you want a sweetie? Uh-uh-uh, sweets are bad for your teeth. Come on.

NICK
Ah-ah-ah!

HECTOR
Oh, hi, sugar-plum.

ANNIE
Hello, snuggly-puppykins. Ooh! Nice clothes. New?

HECTOR
Yeah, thanks.

ANNIE
Is Nick rehearsing for the pantomime?

HECTOR
No, he has a toothache so he must see the plumber.

ANNIE
No, no, no, Hector. For a toothache, he must see the dentist.

NICK
Whaaaaahhhh!

HECTOR
Shh, shh, shh! I *know* that, but Nick doesn't like the 'D' word.

ANNIE
Oh, dentist.

NICK
Ah-ah-ah!

HECTOR
So I'm calling the dentist a plumber. So do you know a good plumber?

BRIDGET
A plumber? What for?

ANNIE
Nick has toothache.

BRIDGET
Well, he doesn't need a plumber. He needs a dentist.

NICK
Aaah!

Sound of dentist's drill

ANNIE
Yes, Hector, we have the number of a very good plumber - Julian.

BRIDGET
Oh, Julian! He's so gentle.

ANNIE
He's so married! Oh, hi, Julian. Listen, we have an emergency here. What are the symptoms? Oh, shaking, squealing..., yeah, just a toothache.
You can? Oh, thank you! Bye!
Sorted. He'll see Nick now.

HECTOR
OK, come on, Nick. Come on. Come on, Nick. Come on, Nick.

Assorted groaning noises/sound of door slamming

BRIDGET
Julian looked in my mouth once. He said, "Bridget, you've got *wonderful* teeth."

ANNIE
With a mouth that big, I'm surprised he didn't fall in!

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Sound of telephone ringing

BRIDGET

Hello? Who's this? Bernard?

BRIDGET *[In flashback]*

Oh! Hello, Bernard.

ANNIE

Oh, hello, Bernard. You've been what?
Robbed? When? When you were in the bath?
All your clothes? And your keys? Oh, poor
Bernard. Listen, you *must* call the police, OK?
OK. Bye.
Poor Bernard. It's ten o'clock! My sponsored
silence starts now.

NICK *[Composing email]*

Oh, I've got a toothache. I don't want to go to
the - dentist, but Hector says I must go.

HECTOR

He'll need a big drill.

NICK

Arrrghhh!

HECTOR

Ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta!!! Ha-ha-ha-ha!

NICK

Owwwww!

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

This morning I started my sponsored silence
for the charity Pigs With No Parents.

ANNIE

If I talk a lot now, then I won't have to talk
later.

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

I won't have to speak, because Bridget has
gone to see a beautician.

ANNIE

Have you got a spot?

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

Oh!! It was urgent!!

ANNIE

I'll call an ambulance!

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

You won't *believe* this, but our neighbour
Bernard has had all his clothes stolen.

ANNIE

All your clothes? And your keys?

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

I wonder who could have done such a terrible
thing?
Poor Bernard! I told him he *must* call the
police.

Sound of knocking on door

DETECTIVE HUNT

Bridget Evans? Annie Taylor? Detective David
Hunt from the Metropolitan Police. Could I
have a word with you, please? Why not? You
can't speak, I'm sorry. Oh, you *can* speak.
Are you trying to be funny with me, young
lady? I no speak for, hmm, one word, three
syllables. First syllable - sit. Seat? Chair?
Second syllable - A, E, I, I, Tea. Chair-I-Tea.
Chair-i-tea?
You're being silent for charity! Ah, but which
charity? Cow? Dog? Cat?
Pig? Got it! Pigs Without Parents!

HECTOR

Is this man bothering you, Annie? Because if
he *is*, I am going to show him some
Argentinean....

DETECTIVE HUNT

Detective David Hunt of the Metropolitan
Police.

HECTOR

...respect.

DETECTIVE HUNT

And you are?

HECTOR

Hector Romero.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Ah, I suspect you're not English, eh?

HECTOR

He is a very good detective.

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NICK
Ha-ha-ha!

DETECTIVE HUNT
And you are?

NICK
[...*Unintelligible* ...]

HECTOR
He's just been to see the plumber.

DETECTIVE HUNT
The plumber?

HECTOR
Yes, he had a toothache.

DETECTIVE HUNT
But you don't go to the plumber when you've got a toothache.
You go to the den...

HECTOR
Biscuit?

DETECTIVE HUNT
Den....
Anyway, I'm here to investigate a robbery of Bernard Reynolds.

HECTOR
Huh! Somebody has stolen Bernard!

NICK
Ha-ha-ha-ha!!

DETECTIVE HUNT
It's not a robbery. Bernard Reynolds' *clothes*!

HECTOR
Oh, who would want Bernard's clothes?

DETECTIVE HUNT
So I'm investigating everybody in the building, because someone has stolen Bernard Reynolds' clothes. Where were *you* last night?

HECTOR
I was with Annie. Annie?

DETECTIVE HUNT

Oh, it's OK. She can't speak for chair-I-tea!
Anyway, what about Nwiff?

NICK
Huh? Well, I [*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
Show me, Nick.

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
Ah! I went to Leo's Bar...

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
I had a beer...

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
There was a beautiful girl...

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
And a motorbike?

DETECTIVE HUNT
You were with a young woman on a motorbike? Motorbike. Registration?

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

DETECTIVE HUNT
Name of the young woman?

NICK
[*Assorted noises*].

HECTOR
Oh, he wasn't with her.

DETECTIVE HUNT
Ah! The young woman was on television on a motorbike!

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HECTOR & NICK

[Assorted noises].

DETECTIVE HUNT

I saw that! Very nice! Gee, I'm getting good at this.

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

Anyway, I was being silent and there was a knock on the door.

Sound of knocking on door

DETECTIVE HUNT

Bridget Evans? Annie Taylor?

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

It was a policeman, a detective!

DETECTIVE HUNT

Detective David Hunt from the Metropolitan Police. Could I have a word with you, please?

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

Unfortunately, I could not speak, because of my sponsored silence.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Chair-i-Tea?

ANNIE *[Composing email]*

And worse still, I *had* to tell him why.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Got it! 'Pigs Without Parents!'

NICK

Oh!!

NICK *[Composing email]*

When Hector and I came back from the dentist – [oww!] - a policeman was waiting for us. He wanted to know where I was last night. [Uh-oh!] Huh? Oh, well, I Ow! Anyway, Hector managed to translate for me, unfortunately!

DETECTIVE HUNT

Motorbike. Registration?

NICK

[Assorted noises].

DETECTIVE HUNT

Name of the young woman?

NICK

[Assorted noises].

Sound of knocking on door

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Oh, there you are!

DETECTIVE HUNT

Oh, hello, Mr Reynolds.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Well, have you caught them?

DETECTIVE HUNT

Who?

BERNARD REYNOLDS

The robbers.

The robbers who stole my clothes.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Ah, yes. My investigations are going very well.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

[Makes loud sneezing noise]

HECTOR

Oh, you have a cold, Bernard? Oh, you need some clothes?

BERNARD REYNOLDS

What a week!

First Mum went away to play bingo all weekend!

HECTOR

Bingo?

NICK

[Assorted noises].

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Two fat ladies, 88.

NICK

[Assorted noises].

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Clickety-click, 66. Well, anyway, and then

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someone stole my clothes.

DETECTIVE HUNT
Bingo!

BERNARD REYNOLDS
Ah, Digestives! My favourite.

Sound of door opening

DETECTIVE HUNT
Aha! You must be Miss Evans.

HECTOR
And this is Sherlock Holmes!

DETECTIVE HUNT
Bridget, I'd like to ask you a few questions.

BRIDGET
Bernard's wearing my dressing gown! What are you staring at?

HECTOR
Nothing.

NICK
[Assorted noises].

DETECTIVE HUNT
Is there something wrong with your top lip?

BRIDGET
No.

BERNARD REYNOLDS
Yes, there is. It's bright red.

BRIDGET
It doesn't show, does it?

HECTOR & BERNARD
No, no, no.

BRIDGET
They told me in the salon no one would notice!
[Sound of Bridget blowing her nose]. Thank you.
I wanted perfect lips, but I didn't have enough money, so a student did them.

HECTOR
What, a butcher student?

DETECTIVE HUNT
There, there. You're still very pretty.

BRIDGET
Am I? Really?

DETECTIVE HUNT
Really. Where were you last night?

BRIDGET
Looking in the mirror.

DETECTIVE HUNT
All night?

BRIDGET
Yes, all night.

DETECTIVE HUNT
How can anyone spend all night looking at themselves in the mirror?

NICK
[Assorted noises].

HECTOR
Oh, Bridget would.

DETECTIVE HUNT
So let me summarise everybody's alibis.
Annie is doing a sponsored silence for 'Pigs With No Parents.' *She* would not have had time to take Bernard's clothes. And what's more, Bernard's clothes would be too big for her.
Hmm, Nwiff was watching 'Babes and Bikes' on television. I watched that too, so he *may* be telling the truth.
Bridget was looking at herself in the mirror all night. Huh! An unlikely story.
However, if I accuse her, she'll start crying again and I can't *stand* hysterical women.
Which brings me to Hector.
Hector's wearing a terrible suit. It *looks* stolen.
Nobody would *buy* it, surely.
And his only alibi is Annie, and guess what?
She can't speak!
But the clues *do* speak!
Hunt, you're a genius!
I think that someone here is not telling the truth and I think that someone is *you*!

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But I *told* you: I was with *Annie*.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Annie hasn't said she was with you.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

That's true.

HECTOR

She can't speak. *She* is doing a sponsored silence for chair-I-tea.

DETECTIVE HUNT

It doesn't matter. Did you go out at all?

HECTOR

Yes.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Where?

HECTOR

Shopping.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Shopping? For what?

HECTOR

Some new clothes.

DETECTIVE HUNT

These new clothes? Now let me get this straight. You need some new clothes and Mr Reynolds' clothes have been stolen. So what does that tell me?

HECTOR

Yes, but I...

DETECTIVE HUNT

Why buy new clothes when you can steal somebody else's?

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Yeah!

ANNIE

Oooh!! Do these *look* like Bernard's clothes?

**HECTOR, BRIDGET, NICK &
DETECTIVE HUNT**

Ooooh!!

BERNARD REYNOLDS

They could be. My colour.

ANNIE

Oh no! I spoke! *You!* *You* made me speak!

BRIDGET, NICK & HECTOR

Oooh!

Sound of telephone ringing

BRIDGET

Hello? Yes, he's here. I'll get him. Bernard? It's your mother.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Hello, Mum. You're back. How was bingo?

Mum, someone stole my clothes.

Oh! Oh! Ah.

HECTOR & NICK

Ahhh.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

OK. Right, I'm off. Mum's back.

She's cooking my tea.

BRIDGET

Bernard, what about your clothes?

BERNARD REYNOLDS

It's OK. *She's* got them.

DETECTIVE HUNT

What?!

HECTOR

What?

NICK

What?

BERNARD REYNOLDS

She put them in the washing machine before she went to bingo.

HECTOR & NICK

Oh.

BERNARD REYNOLDS

Bye!

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HECTOR

So Bernard's clothes were in the washing machine all the time.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Well, yes, as I suspected. That's another case solved. I'll be off then.

ANNIE

Oh no you won't.

DETECTIVE HUNT

What?!

ANNIE

You owe me £120 for 'Pigs With No Parents.'

You made me speak.

DETECTIVE HUNT

Well, will dollars do?

NICK

Ow!!

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

Next time in EXTRA, the girls enter a game show and guess what Hector finds on his jumper?

EXTRA, don't miss it.