Hothead

"Pilot"

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1. ATMOS:	EXT. COUNTRY PARK. DAY
2. <u>F/X:</u>	ICE CREAM VAN MUSIC
3. ADONIS	I heard that on average you eat 7 spiders in your sleep
	every year.
4. FRANK	Right and?
5. ADONIS	I reckon it's more like 9.
6. FRANK	(To a child waiting for ice cream) There you are kiddo,
	two 99's. That's a five note. Fifty and twenty and ten
	makes eighty and that's your change. Enjoy.
7. ADONIS	You alright Frank, you're sweating something chronic.
8. FRANK	I told you to park in the shade.
9. CHILD	I want a Mcflurry.
10. FRANK	(to the next child in line) Be with you in a minute kiddo.
	(to Adonis) Make yourself useful and move us under a
	tree before I keel over.
11. ADONIS	Righto.
12. <u>F/X</u>	VAN DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES
13. CHILD	I want a Crunchie Mcflurry.
14. FRANK	(Sigh) Just what you see on the board kiddo, take your
	pick.
15. CHILD	(Stubborn) I <u>want</u> a Crunchie Mcflurry!
16. FRANK	And I want mouth fun from Nigella Lawson.
17. PARENT	You get what you want Alfie?

18. CHILD	The old man won't give me a Mcflurry.
19. PARENT	(Conciliatory) Right, well what's the closest thing
	you've got to a Mcflurry, he'll have one of those.
20. FRANK	Well I sell ice cream, so if you want that frozen rat jizz
	you can fuck off to the motorway services.
21. PARENT	(Stunned) Sorry?
22. FRANK	He could stand to skip a treat or three.
23. PARENT	You can't you can't talk to/
24. FRANK	Now piss off out of here before I back the van over
	little Alfie's fat arse. (Groans)
25. ADONIS	You alright Frank?
26. FRANK	(gripped with pain) MAC – FUCKING- FLURRY!
27. ADONIS	FRANK?
28. <u>F/X</u>	CRASHING NOISE THEN A THUD
29. ADONIS	You alright? Frank?

1. ATMOS:	INT. STUDIO. AFTERNOON
2. <u>F/X:</u>	HICH OCTANE SCORE
3. VOICE OVER	Ari Poitier – Businesswoman of the Year 2020
4. <u>F/X:</u>	EXPLOSION
5. VOICE OVER	Ari Poitier – Media Guru
6. <u>F/X:</u>	EXPLOSION
7. VOICE OVER	Ari Poitier – Advertising Wunderkind
8. <u>F/X:</u>	EXPLOSION
9. ARI	I'm Ari Poitier. I've travelled the world, started multiple
	businesses, advised the great and the good. Now I'm
	bringing my expertise and my cash to the Den.
	Dragons watch out!
10. ISH	Ari, once you're done can we/
11. DIRECTOR	(Distant) CUT!
12. ISH	Sorry. Sorry, were you not done?
13. DIRECTOR	(Distant) Who is that?
14. ISH	Sorry! My bad!
15. DIRECTOR	(Distant) Alright, reset!
16. ARI	(annoyed) What are you doing?
17. ISH	You have a meeting starting in
18. ARI	I'm in the middle of/
19. ISH	You said you wanted me to remind you/
20. ARI	I'm literally in the middle of filming.

21. ISH	You said you didn't care what you were doing, this was
	important.
22. ARI	I was mid take.
23. ISH	You said I should pull you out of whatever you were
	doing.
24. ARI	What's wrong with you?
25. ISH	You're telling me off for doing something you told me
	to do before.
26. ARI	In future, do what I tell you do to now, not what I told
	you to do in the past, ok!
27. ISH	(confused) Ok.
28. PRODUCER HUGO	(Posh, effusive) Ari! You should have been an actor,
	that was terrific!
29. ARI	Really, was that one ok?
30. PRODUCER HUGO	Great, bang on, just what we needed until
31. ARI	Yes, sorry about him.
32. PRODUCER HUGO	Oh, he's with you is he.
33. ISH	We've met several times.
34. PRODUCER HUGO	(Blankly) We have, of course we have.
35. ISH	At your office twice, at that tapas restaurant, then
	again at your/
36. PRODUCER HUGO	You're the assistant.
37. ISH	Executive Assistant. Ari has a meeting with a client and
	its very/

38. ARI It doesn't matter. We can do it later. Go away, go do work.

39. ISH (Flatly) This is all work.

40. PRODUCER HUGO Actually the Director thinks he has everything he needs. Do what you have to do. Duty calls.

41. ARI Are you sure? I can do another one.

42. HUGO PRODUCER Absolutely. (Loudly) That's a wrap everyone. Thank you Ms. Poitier.

MUTED CLAPPING

43.<u>F/X:</u>

1. <u>F/X:</u>	DIALLING INTO A ZOOM CALL
2. ARI	Who am I talking to?
3. ISH	It's the Skoda campaign.
4. ARI	When? Where?
5. ISH	On the laptop, now. Just hit the red button to enter the
	meeting.
6. ARI	Christ I miss 2019.
7. <u>F/X</u>	PHONE VIBRATING
8. ISH	Your phones ringing.
9. ARI	Answer it then!
10. ISH	Hello, Ari Poitier's phone.
11. ARI	Not in here, outside!
12. ISH	(Distant) She's actually in a meeting right now, can I
	take a message?
13. <u>F/X:</u>	OFFICE DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES
14. ARI	Hello everyone, can you hear me?
PAUSE	
15. ARI	Am I on mute?
16. GARY (ON CALL)	No.
17. ARI	Are we doing a sponsored silence? Is it Children In
	Need again already?
18. GARY (ON CALL)	I didn't think we didn't think you'd/

19. ARI	Be in this meeting? Pretend I'm not here, honestly. I'm
	just floating around in the internet.
20. GARY (ON CALL)	Well uhhh Liz was just walking us through the final
	plans for the Skoda campaign. Liz?
21. LIZ (ON CALL)	(Warily) Sure, sure. So to recap we're targeting the 25
	– 45 female market, upwardly mobile, young mums etc
	we threw a couple of concepts at them and they've
	gone with and can I just say I think its, well you
	know, just perfect "The Cappuccino, for women with
	drive".
PAUSE	
22. ARI	Can I just say and I know I said I wasn't here but
	secretly I totally am here. I. LOVE. IT.
23. LIZ (ON CALL)	Great.
24. GARY (ON CALL)	Such a relief.
25. ARI	If I had one tiny criticism it would be the
	demographic, the name, aaaaaannndddd the slogan.
	Yep, that's it.
PAUSE	

26. LIZ (ON CALL)	That's every that's all of it.
27. ARI	Yes, all of it. I <u>HATE</u> all of it.
28. LIZ (ON CALL)	But/

29. ARI

The CAPPUCCINO? Do I drive it or sprinkle it with

chocolate? It's a car! You DO understand the difference

between a car and a drink don't you? That's why
you've never heard of the Toyota Pimms or the fucking
Vauxhall Ribena.

30. GARY (ON CALL) Skoda nave airead	30. GARY	Y (ON CALL)	Skoda have already
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31. ARI Change it.

32. GARY (ON CALL) Stephen Fry is locked in for the ad campaign.

33. ARI And you ok'd this?!

34. GARY (ON CALL) it wasn't easy to get him.

35. ARI (Incredulous) Are you...? Stephen fucking... He flogs

more crap than an Argos catalogue.

36. GARY (ON CALL) Stephen Fry is a national treasure.

37. ARI Stephen Fry is a condescending public-school windbag

who anally ingested a scrabble board. And you want

him selling cars? Have you listened to one of his talking

books? He'll put you to sleep faster than Bill Cosby's

Mojito.

38. GARY (ON CALL) This was all in the brief I sent you.

39. ARI WHY DO YOU THINK I AM HERE? To flush this idea

down the toilet and prey it won't spill on my shoes.

Once again you lot have proved as useful as a shopping

trolley in a fucking canal. Or a canal for that matter.

40. F/X: DOOR OPENING

41. ARI Who else have we lined up? Harold Shipman selling

hay fever tablets?

42. ISH	Ari, sorry to interrupt the rant but that call was from/
43. ARI	(Ignoring him) Let's get Anne Widdicombe selling Max
	Factor.
44. ISH	Ari
45. ARI	What about Myra Hindley as the new face of Fisher-
	Price!
46. ISH	Ari, you've had a call from/
47. ARI	I'm in the middle of a meeting.
48. ISH	Oh, is this not the sensitivity awareness workshop?
49. ARI	Ish. Think of a name for a new car.
50. ISH	A car?
51. GARY (ON CALL)	I don't think this is very constructive.
52. ISH	The The Lancelot?
53. ARI	That's actually better! And he's my assistant.
54. ISH	Executive Assistant.
55. ARI	I found him trying to heat up milk in the kettle!
56. ISH	(Interrupting) Do you know anyone called Frank
	Potter?
PAUSE	
57. ARI	(Wrong footed) No. What? No I don't.
58. ISH	Fine. That's all I needed.
59. ARI	Why? What does he want?
60. ISH	(Casually) Oh, nothing. He's dead.

1. ATMOS:	INT. TRAIN CARRIAGE. DAY
2. ISH	I googled Horble. Nothing.
3. ARI	The funerals at 2, right?
4. ISH	Uh huh. We get in at 1.30. So, what's in Horble then?
	Paint me a picture.
5. Ari	Nothing. Main reason I left.
6. ISH	Any sites? World's largest Hay bale?
7. ARI	England's shallowest gene pool. More mutations than a
	Chernobyl day-care centre.
8. ISH	I'm picturing a young Ari Poitier frolicking through
	fields of wheat.
9. ARI	Stop picturing things.
10. ISH	Just surprised to learn you're from somewhere. I
	assumed they grew you in a lab in Soho.
11. ARI	And if anyone ever asks that is exactly what you tell
	them, understand!
12. ISH	Sure. Got it. Lab in Soho.
PAUSE	
13. ISH	(Thoughtfully) Horble. What's it mean do you think?
14. ARI	Its Olde English for "Do I look like David fucking
	Starkey? How should I know?"
15. ISH	So who was Frank Potter then?

16. ARI	(Sighs) Remember that night we went for drinks? I had

a few too many Aperol Spritz, you were knocking back the Baileys and we got into a deep and meaningful

about your family and where you're from and what

makes you tick and what you want out of life. The

barman had to ask us to leave, it was so late they'd

started putting the chairs on the tables all around us.

Do you remember?

17. ISH (Enthralled) No I don't.

18. ARI (Abruptly) Because it never fucking happened. I don't

poke around in your business and I don't need you

digging around in mine.

19. ISH (Crestfallen) Sounded like a really nice night.

20. TRAIN GUARD (Distant) Tickets please.

21. ARI We swing by the funeral and do sad faces, make a big

entrance at the wake before the pound shop buffet is

put out. In and out as quick as we can. Think of it like

one of those escape the room things you're always

banging on about.

22. F/X: PHONE RINGING

23. ARI Hugo, how are you?

24. HUGO (ON CALL) Marvellous, is this a good time?

25. ARI I always have time for my favourite Producer.

26. HUGO (ON CALL)	Perfect. Just pencilling a date to meet the other
	Dragons and wanted to check you were available for a
	face to face.
27. TRAIN GUARD	(Closer) Tickets please.
28. ARI	I'm sure I can make myself available.
29. ISH	Here you go.
30. TRAIN GUARD	You appear to be in the wrong compartment. If I could
	ask you to move into the standard section.
31. ARI	(Whispered) Ish! Sort this out for Christ's sake!
31. ISH	The ticket machine must've made a mistake. She would
	NEVER travel anything but first class.
32. HUGO (ON CALL)	We can do this later if you're in the middle of/
33. ARI	What? No, its nothing, the waiter forgot the olives in
	my martini.
34. TRAIN GUARD	Olives in your what?
35. ARI	Can you just come back later, I'm on the phone.
36. TRAIN GUARD	Sorry Madam, I'm going to have to insist you move into
	the standard section.
37. ARI	Sorry Hugo, can I call you back in 5?
38. HUGO (ON CALL)	Sure thing, I'll be/
39. <u>F/X:</u>	PHONE CALL IS CUT OFF
40. TRAIN GUARD	You can upgrade if you like for/
41. ARI	What possible difference does it make where we sit?

42. TRAIN GUARD Well *Madam* . . this is first class and that over there is

standard.

43. ARI They are EXACTLY the same.

44. TRAIN GUARD You won't mind moving then will you.

45. ISH (Squirming) Lets just move to the/

46. ARI Stay put.

47. ISH We should just move.

48. ARI Why? Because the fat controller said so?

49. ISH We're only a couple of stops from/

50. TRAIN GUARD Madam, if you refuse to cooperate, I'll be forced to

eject you from the train.

51. ARI In your dreams. Just after you give a reach around to

Michael Portillo on H.S fucking 2.

52. TRAIN GUARD Madam/

53. ARI Call me Madam one more time...

54. TRAIN GUARD This is your final warning.

55. ARI No. This is <u>yours</u>.

56. F/X: TRAIN SCREECHING TO A HALT

1. ATMOS:	EXT. COUNTRYSIDE. DAY
2. ARI	Time?
3. ISH	1.40.
4. ARI	Bollocky bollocks!
5. ISH	Exactly how did you see that playing out?
6. ARI	When's the next train?
7. ISH	I don't know October?
8. ARI	Why is there even a stop here? Like building a Costa at
	the bottom of the Mariana Trench. (Having an idea)
	UBER! Do an Uber!
9. ISH	I don't have 4G. I don't have 3G. Oh my god I'm
	completely G-less!
10. ARI	A local cab then.
11. ISH	I'd still need reception for that though wouldn't I.
12. ARI	Watch that attitude. Plenty of spots to bury your
	scrawny body out here.
13. ISH	I can't load G-maps, I can't google the address, texts
	don't work, I can't call for help, its like we're living in
	Amish country or the 90's. I can't breathe!
14. <u>F/X:</u>	ICE CREAM VAN MUSIC FAINTLY IN THE DISTANCE
15. ARI	Wait! You hear that?
16. ISH	What?
17. ARI	Listen.

19. ARI

Follow that sound!

1. ATMOS:	EXT. GRAVEYARD. DAY
2. <u>F/X:</u>	GENTLE SOBBING
3. MOURNER	He always used to say "keep your chin up", always had
	a smile when he saw someone in the street, I think a
	lot of people will remember that.
4. ARI	(Breathless) Sorry we're late, sorry. Sorry. Carry on.
	Sorry.
5. MOURNER	He had a way of cheering you up, he always said "if you
	can't find something to be happy about then what the
	hell is the point". (Bashful) Sorry Father.
6. <u>F/X:</u>	TWITTER ALERT ON PHONE
7. ISH	(Whispered) I've got 3G.
8. MOURNER	He was always on hand if you needed a favour, never
	heard him say a bad word about anybody.
9. ISH	(Whispered) Ari, you're all over Twitter.
10. ARI	Yeah, anything good.
11. MOURNER	(Irritable) As I was saying He never had a bad word
	about anyone, don't care who it was.
12. ARI	What is it? I haven't said anything on Twitter have I?
	I'm more about the Gram at the moment.
13. ISH	(Horrified) Oh no. Oh dear me.
14. ARI	What? Gimme.
15. ISH	No. Don't look.

16. ARI	(Struggling) Give me the phone!
17. <u>F/X:</u>	PHONE BEEPING
18. RECORDING OF ARI	"Stephen fucking He flogs more crap than an Argos
	catalogue", "Stephen Fry is a national treasure"
	"Stephen Fry is a condescending public-school windbag
	who anally ingested a"
19. <u>F/X:</u>	PHONE BEEPING
20. PRIEST	(Furious) Would you both please show some respect
	and shut the ffff (restraining himself) Be quiet!
PAUSE	
21. Mourner	I know his passing will leave a permanent hole in our
	community.
22. ARI	(Confused) Huh?
23. Mourner	(Breaking down) He was my rock, my everything. It's a
	comfort to me that he passed, at home, peacefully, in
	my arms.
24. ARI	(Baffled) In your arms. (Sudden realisation) Oh for
	Christs sake. (To Ish) Come on, let's get out of here.
25. ISH	What?
26. ARI	(flippantly) Wrong coffin.
27. PRIEST	(Incandescent) Do you mind!!
28. ARI	Yeah, yeah, we're going. Who've you got in there any
	way? Princess Di?

1. ATMOS:	EVT COUNTRY BOAD AETERNOON
1. ATIVIO3.	EXT. COUNTRY ROAD. AFTERNOON
2. ARI	Somebody is trying to fuck me. Somebody How did
	they even Did you know you could record those
	meetings? Why is that a thing you can do?
3. ISH	Whose funeral did we just crash?
4. ARI	(Snapping fingers) Focus! Who was in that meeting?
	Gary, Liz, the pale one, with the, with the watery eye.
5. ISH	Sean.
6. ARI	Someone's trying to fuck with me, someone with an
	axe to grind, someone with a vendetta.
7. ISH	We need to narrow it down a little.
8. ARI	Watch it!
9. ISH	I'm just saying You have more enemies than
	friends. You made me compile a spreadsheet. I think I
	have it on Dropbox.
10. ARI	Gary. Get him on the phone.
11. ISH	(Negotiating) Sure, but is shouting at him definitely
	going to make things better do you think?
12. ARI	I'm going to shout at someone, who would <u>you</u> prefer
	that to be?
13. <u>F/X:</u>	DIALLING TONE
14. ISH	Good point, here you go.
15. ARI	Gary you FUCK!
ID. AKI	Gary you fock!

PAUSE

16. ARI	(Calmly) Voicemail.
17. ISH	Maybe just/
18. ARI	Gary you FUCK! I know it was you! I know it in my
	bones! You maggot. I'm going to wreck your career so
	badly your grandkids won't be able to get jobs.
19. <u>F/X:</u>	PHONE CALL ENDS
20. ISH	Feel better?
21. ARI	Ok, call Liz next.
22. ISH	So you're just going to scream at everyone.
23. ARI	(Panicked) Yes. No. I don't know.
24. ISH	Just try and stay calm.
25. ARI	I am CALM. Like a Buddhist at a day spa. I am <u>very</u>
	calm.
26. ISH	Just take a second. This might not be that big a deal.
	Just a funny thing on Twitter. Tomorrow, nobody cares,
	nobody remembers.
27. ARI	Yeah?
28. ISH	(Convincing himself) Yeah, sure, maybe.
29. <u>F/X:</u>	PHONE RINGS
30. ARI	Its Hugo. Tell him I'm in a meeting.
31. ISH	(Nervous) Don't make me lie, I'm no good at it.
32. ARI	Its easy.
33. ISH	I get carried away in the detail.

34. ARI You can do it. Just . . be breezy. 35. ISH Hi Hugo. Its Ish. **BEAT** 36. HUGO (ON CALL) Ish? 37. ISH (Sighing) We met twice at your office, once at that Tapas place then again at/ The Executive Assistant. 38. HUGO (ON CALL) 39. ISH Yes that's right. Ari is just in a meeting with with some business people from . . . Bosnia? 40. ARI (Whispering) Bosnia! 41. ISH Not Bosnia. Their nationality isn't important right now. 42. HUGO (ON CALL) Right. Can you just let her know I'm having second thoughts about/ 43. ISH The thing on Twitter, we really think that's not a big deal, it'll blow over in a day or two, might even boost Ari's profile. 44. HUGO (ON CALL) Sorry, Twitter thing? **BEAT** 45. ISH (Squirming) What? You said a Twitter thing... 46. HUGO (ON CALL) 47. ISH No. No. 48. HUGO (ON CALL) You said/

It's a bad line. I only have 3 G's.

49. ISH

50. HUGO (ON CALL)	(Confused) Ok, well I was going to say I'm having
	second thoughts about the dates I emailed over, better
	to meet on set when we record. Ok?
51. ISH	Yes, great, I'll pass that on.
52. HUGO (ON CALL)	This Twitter thing, should I/
53. ISH	Ok. Bye for now.
54. <u>F/X:</u>	CALL ENDS
55. ARI	Was that ok? How was that?
56. ISH	Great.
57. ARI	Has he seen it? Was he worried?
58. ISH	(Squirming) Yep. No. He's good. He's super chill about
	it actually. Not worried AT ALL.
59. ARI	(Takes a big breath) What am I doing here?
60.ISH	I was hoping you could tell me.
61. ARI	Let's go home. I could murder a Pret.
62. <u>F/X:</u>	TAPPING PHONE SCREEN
63. ISH	(upbeat) So an Uber can be here in (downbeat) 8 and
	a half hours.
64. ARI	What was I thinking coming back here?
65. ISH	(Excited) Ooh! Ooh! Last train to London leaves in 9
	minutes!
66. ARI	We can make that! Station's round the corner.

1. ATMOS:	EXT. ROAD. AFTERNOON
2. F/X:	HURRIED FOOTSTEPS
3. ISH	God, I can't wait to have decent wifi again, I'm going
	straight home and cuddling my router.
4. F/X:	FOOTSTEPS SLOW
5. ISH	Ari? You ok? We need to keep moving.
6. ARI	That's where they'll be having the wake.
7. ISH	The Hangman's Arms. Sounds rustic. Let's go.
PAUSE	
8. ISH	Train leaves in 7 minutes.
PAUSE	
9. ISH	Just got to keep moving this way
10. ARI	Lot of people in there I haven't seen for a long time.
11. ISH	I mentioned it was the last train, right?
12. ARI	Maybe I should just show my face
13. ISH	(Weighing it up) Or we could send them an email when
	we get back?
14. ARI	It'll just take a minute.
15. ISH	We have less than 6.
16. ARI	If I go in there, it's going to blow some minds.
17. ISH	So long as it blows them quickly.
18. ARI	(Deep breath) Here goes.
16. F/X:	HEAVY OLD WOODEN DOOR BEING PUSHED OPEN

19. KAREN

1. ATMOS: INT. COUNTRY PUB. AFTERNOON 2. F/X: **CLINKING GLASSES/FRUIT MACHINE** 3. ARI (CLEARS HER THROAT) SILENCE 4. ARI (CLEARS HER THROAT LOUDLY) SILENCE 5. ARI (Expectantly) Hello? 6. ADONIS (Casually) Alright, Ari. 7. ARI (Stunned) Uh, "Alright Ari?" 8. ADONIS Yep, you alright? 9. ARI Is that it? 10. ADONIS Is that what **BEAT** 11. ADONIS Oh yeah, really sorry about your Dad, its dead sad, him dying. 12. ARI What? No, not that. Its me. I'm back. 13. ADONIS Where'd you go? 14. ARI (Baffled) I went . . . I left. I went to London. 15. ADONIS Oh right, when was that then? Bank holiday? 16. ARI <u>1998!</u> 17. ADONIS I thought you were on the till at Robert Dyas. 18. ARI No I do not work at... Where did you even/

(Bit drunk) What's all this then?

20. ADONIS	Ari was just saying she's been on holiday up to London.
21. KAREN	Alright, Ari, Not seen you in a bit. How's it going at
	Robert Dyas?
22. ARI	I don't work at Robert Dyas!
23. KAREN	Oh, sorry to hear that love, you'll find something else.
	Clever girl like you.
24. ARI	What is wrong with you people! Ish, tell them!
25. ISH	Trains in 4 minutes.
26. BARMAN	Anybody need a refill?
27. KAREN	Get Ari a short. (Sensitively) She got fired from Robert
	Dyas.
28. BARMAN	(Solemnly) And after your Dad died. Fuckers.
29. ARI	(Exasperated) I didn't get/
30. ADONIS	She's been up in London for a bit.
31. ARI	(Defeated) 22 years.
32. BARMAN	London. Never fancied it myself.
33. KAREN	So, you coming back to Horble then?
34. ARI	I'd rather let Harvey Weinstein administer my next
	smear test.
BEAT	
35. ADONIS	(Blankly) Friend of yours, is he?
36. ARI	What was I thinking? Can we still make that train?
37. ISH	(Hopeful) 2 minutes.

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(Loudly to the room) For the record: Leaving this festering, backward, hell scape was the best decision I ever made in my entire life. I walked away from this toxic landfill and I never looked back. I reinvented myself, into someone new, someone better. I made a success of myself. A huge, a massive success... I did a charity fun-run with Nick Clegg. I punched Piers Morgan in a Wagamama bathroom. I ate fondu with Jason Donovan, twice!

39. ISH

(Proudly) She really did.

40. ARI

And now its my turn! MINE! I'm going to be on the TV.

I've arrived. I've made it. People are going to say they

ate fondu with ME! I'm going to be a household name!

I'm going to be a TV personality!

BEAT

41. ADONIS

My Nan was on Cash in the Attic. You doing Cash in the

Attic?

42. F/X: PHONE RINGS

43. ARI

(Smugly) My producer.

BEAT

44. ARI

Hugo! My Favourite/

45. HUGO (ON CALL)

Ari, I've just been on Twitter.

46. ARI

Right, yes, I think that will all blow over in/

47. HUGO (ON CALL) "Stephen Fry is a condescending public-school windbag" 48. ARI I mean . . am I wrong? He's a national/ 49. HUGO (ON CALL) 50. ARI Yeah I know. It was a private conversation. 51. HUGO (ON CALL) "Was" was a private conversation. 52. ARI It could be worse. 53. HUGO (ON CALL) Yeah, you could've punched David Attenborough in the balls or taken a dump on the Cenotaph. 54. ARI In a couple of days we're going to laugh about this. **BEAT** 55. ARI Right? 56. HUGO (ON CALL) Ari, this is the Beeb. There are certain things you just can't say. 57. ARI What do you want me to do? I'll do it. 58. HUGO (ON CALL) Nothing. Do nothing. Don't talk to anyone. Don't go anywhere near social media. Keep a low profile. Go off grid. Get out of London for a while, somewhere quiet. Can you do that? 59. ARI (Crestfallen) Sure. 60. HUGO (ON CALL) I'll try and call . . . soon and see where we are then. Next week. 61. ARI Do you still want to do the meeting with/

PHONE CALL IS CUT OFF

62. F/X:

PAUSE

63. ISH (quietly) We've missed the train.

64. ARI Yep.

BEAT

65. KAREN So who was it that served me in Robert Dyas on

Tuesday?

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