S8 E01 - Spon

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GREENSLADE:

This is the BBC Light Programme.

FX:

SAW SAWING THROUGH WOOD. MAN CLEARS THROAT. SAW SAWING THROUGH WOOD. MAN CLEARS THROAT. SAW SAWING THROUGH WOOD.

SPRIGGS:

(OFF, SINGING) My melody divine. Which...

FX:

MAN CLEARS THROAT.

SPRIGGS:

(CARRIES ON SINGING UNDER:)

FX:

SAW SAWING THROUGH WOOD. MAN CLEARS THROAT.

GREENSLADE:

Yes, you're perfectly right. It's the new all-leather Goon Show.

GRAMS:

PIANO PLAYING IN C MAJOR, SPED UP TO C# MAJOR, SLOWED DOWN

GREENSLADE:

That was a chord in C by Johann Sebastian Bach, arranged Doris Arnold. As an encore, Arthur Rubinstein will play Mendelssohn's Sonata in F in the key of G.

GRAMS:

PIANO PLAYING MENDELSSOHN'S SONATA

SELLERS:

Go on, there, Arthur. Play it there, boy.

EMERY:

Oh, lovely player, 'e is, isn't 'e? Go on, Art. The old left hand, there. Go on, boy. Lovely, there.

SELLERS:	
We're just in t	he mood, Art. Go on, now.
EMERY:	
Oh, beautiful,	innit. Eh? Specially now.
SELLERS:	
Go on, Arthur.	Blow it out.
MILLIGAN:	
Look at 'em [U	INCLEAR].
SELLERS:	
Get some of th	ne old beer down there, Arthur.
GRAMS:	
MENDELSSOH	N'S SONATA SPEEDS UP AND STOPS
GREENSLAI	DE:
-	ease, gentlemen, gentlemen, please! The BBC would rather you forget the vicissitudes r layoff and refer to the new collodion on leather process Goon Show.
EMERY:	
	what England wants, we present the drama of a time when England was under the rman of a certain brown terror.
ORCHESTRA	A:
DRAMATIC CH	ORDS
FX:	
DOOR OPENS	
SELLERS:	
Spon!	
FX:	
DOOR CLOSES	
EMERY:	
Did you hear t	hat dear listeners?
GRAMS:	
SHEEP	

EMERY:

Remember it, Spon!

GREENSLADE:

Spon. First came to England that fateful new years dawn in Greek Street. It was three in the morning and two in the afternoon making a grand total of five in the evening.

FX:

GROUP OF TIRED PEOPLE AT A PARTY

EMERY:

Good evening, Constable.

WILLIUM:

Oh, er, evening, Inspector. Happy new-type year.

EMERY:

Happy new year? With the conservatives in?

WILLIUM:

I'll, er... I'll tell 'em to move on. Come on, there, move along, there, you conservatives.

SINGHIZ THINGZ:

Pardon me, pardon me, European-type constabule of London.

WILLIUM:

What?

SINGHIZ THINGZ:

I... I've... they've just found a... yeah... yeah... a British-type body in the gutter. Terrible.

WILLIUM:

Nobody claims it in three days it's yours.

EMERY:

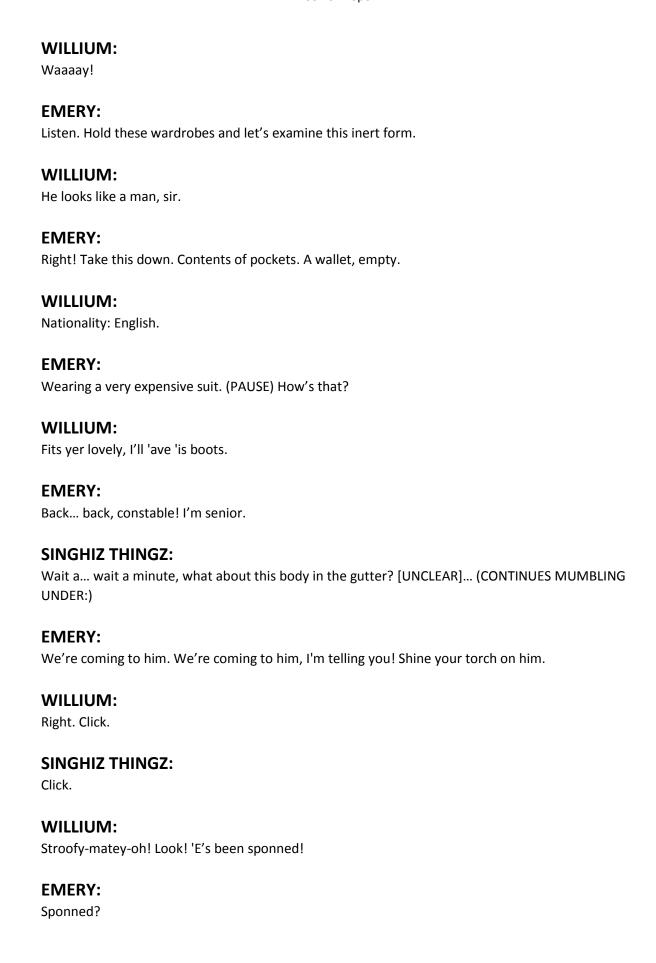
Just a moment, just a moment, I'll take charge here.

SINGHIZ THINGZ:

Taking the charge, he's taking the charge, what?

EMERY:

Just a moment.



SINGHIZ THINGZ: Sponned, man?
EMERY: Let me see. You're right. He bears the marks of a severe sponning. Constable, this is a job for the police.
WILLIUM: Oh, yes. I'll blow 999 on me whistle.
FX: PUFFER WHISTLE BLOWS SHORT 13 TIMES. DRAMATIC MUSIC
GREENSLADE: The news of the sponning was in every morning paper.
FX: NEWSPAPER RATTLING. TEAPOT ON SAUCER. TEASPOON ON SAUCER
MINNIE: Ohhhh.
FX: TEASPOON ON FLOOR
MINNIE: Oh!
FX: TEAPOT. NEWSPAPER
MINNIE AND CRUN: Ooh
FX: TEAPOT. TEASPOON ON FLOOR
MINNIE: Oh, ho, ho, ho.
FX: TEASPOON ON FLOOR THEN SACER. TEAPOT. CUP ON SAUCER

MINNIE:
Come on, boy. Beg for your supper. Up! Up! Sit up, sit up. Put this sausage on your nose. There, there, that a clever boy.
CRUN:
Minnie.
MINNIE: What?
CRUN:
I'm fed up having my breakfast like this.
MINNIE:
Down, boy, down, down.
FX:
RATTLING NEWSPAPER
CRUN: Min?
MINNIE:
What is it Henry?
CRUN:
I see that a man was sponed last night.
MINNIE:
S oh! Oh! We'll all be sponned in our beds, oh, dear.
CRUN: Don't
MINNIE:
The horrors of spon.
CRUN:
Don't worry, Min.

MINNIE:

Your grandmother had it in the Crimean War.

CRUN:

MINNIE: Spon!
CRUN:burn some sulphur under the bed.
MINNIE: Oh, the power.
CRUN: And then we'd better rub some thin peoples' herbs into our legs, Min.
MINNIE: Yes, yes. And we'd better take a spoonful of Indian brandy as an added precaution.
FX: DOOR BLASTS OPEN
MINNIE AND CRUN: Aieough
GRAMS: GALLOPING HORSE APPROACHING
EMERY: Whoah! Is this your house?
CRUN: Here's the receipt.
MINNIE: Did your horse wipe its feet?
EMERY: No need to, he came on another horse.
MINNIE: Ohh
EMERY:

Now, last night a man was sponned not far from here.

MINNIE: Non-spon, [UNCLEAR]!
CRUN: We are respectable
MINNIE: Respectable.
CRUN:people.
MINNIE:people. (OVER NEXT LINE) Non-spon.
EMERY: Now, then, now then, now then.
MINNIE: What? What?
CRUN: What?
MINNIE: What he say?
CRUN: What?
MINNIE: What did you say?
CRUN: What?
MINNIE: [UNCLEAR] No, I tell you.
CRUN: I said, Okay.

CRUN:

We are non-spon people.

MINNIE:
Ohhh!
CRUN: Ohhh!
EMERY: Listen, don't get excited.
CRUN: What?
EMERY: I just wanted to know did you hear anything at about three 'o clock this morning?
CRUN: Yes, sir. Shall I tell him?
MINNIE: Tell him what you like.
EMERY: Just tell me, come along, what?
MINNIE: Tell him what happened at three 'o clock this morning, you naughty man, you.
CRUN: I heard a clock strike two.
EMERY: Gad! At last, a clue.
MINNIE: Bowwww!
EMERY: How many times did it strike two?
CRUN: I don't know, sir, I fell asleep after it stuck one twice.

EMERY: One twice? I'll put that in the adding machine.
GRAMS: FLATULENCE EFFECTS (FRED THE OYSTER)
EMERY:

Just as I thought! Goodbye! Tally-ho! Yoiks! Hay... Hay- ho, Silver, and a blinding flash! A white horse and a cry of, 'Hay-ho, Silver', and the Lone Ranger is on the trail of... SPON!

MILLIGAN:

(OFF) Lickety-split!

GRAMS:

HORSE SHOES GALLOPING AWAY

ELLINGTON:

Well, listen, what's going on here?

EMERY:

A leather Goon Show. Care to join us?

ELLINGTON:

(AS ELLINGA) Gor, blimey, yes, mate. Me got wife and kid. And Asian flu.

GRAMS:

RUNNING FOOTSTEPS DISAPPEARING

RAY ELLINGTON QUARTET:

"SONNY BOY"

ORCHESTRA:

DRAMATIC MUSIC

FX:

DOOR OPENS. 3 FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING

MILLIGAN:

(OLD VOICE) Spon!

FX:

DOOR CLOSES

GREENSLADE:
After a week's of fruitless search - success!
EMERY:
I found an apple! My search is no longer fruitless.
ORCHESTRA:
WOODWIND CHORD, SYMBOL CRASH
EMERY:
Apple!
OMNES:
Ha-Ha! Hoi! (ETC)
na-na: noi: (ETC)
EMERY:
Just a moment. I was confronted by a tall cadiverous man wearing a nude bicycle shed. Another man
let me in.
MORIARTY:
Commmme this way, please.
GRYTPYPE:
Inspector, I am Mr. Grytpype Thynne.
mspector, rum viii. Grytpype mynne.
EMERY:
I'm chim to mont you.
GRYTPYPE:
I happen to have a photo of a spon.
ENACDY.
EMERY:
A spon? Ha, I don't believe you.
GRYTPYPE:
Moriarty, show the gentlemen the receipt for the camera.
FX:
PAPER RATTLING

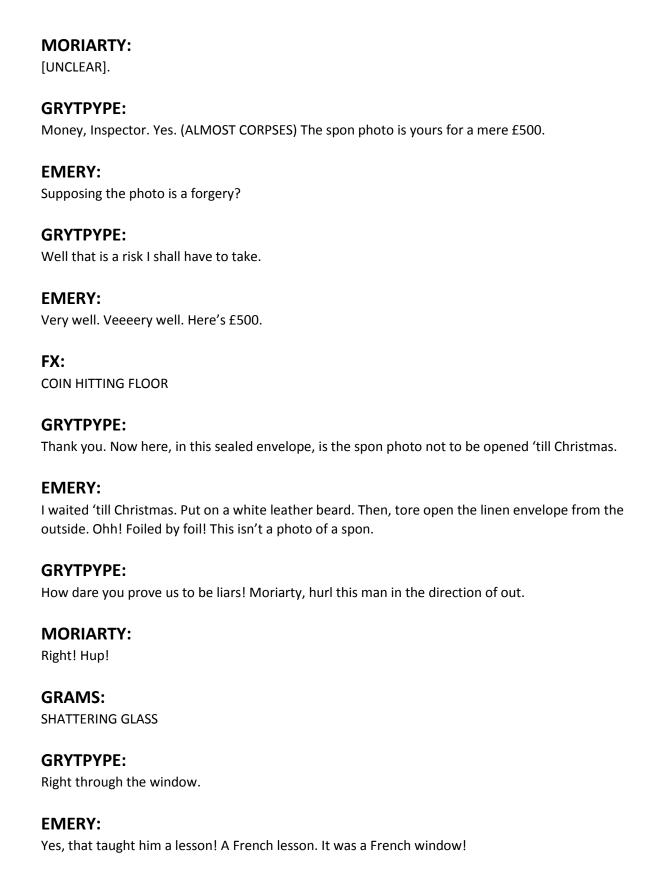
EMERY:

Gad, this is genuine.

GRYTPYPE: And that's only the receipt. The spon photo is even more genuiner. Moriarty, time for your oow.
MORIARTY: Ooioww.
GRYTPYPE: Splendid. He's just been oowed.
EMERY: What?
GRYTPYPE: Because he had to go oow.
EMERY: Good luck. Right now look.
MORIARTY: He let me go oow, even though I [UNCLEAR] go owww
EMERY: This photo will be a great value to the police. I must ask you to hand it over feet first by the wrists.
GRYTPYPE: (LAUGHS) Oh, no, Inspector. First there is a little matter of money.
MORIARTY: Money?! Money?!
FX: THUD
MORIARTY: Oooow!
GRYTPYPE: Quiet, Moriarty. Keep your powers down.
MORIARTY:

GRYTPYPE: Stop steaming.

My powers are down.



ORCHESTRA:

WOODWIND CHORD, SYMBOL CRASH

OMNES: Hoy!
MILLIGAN:
(OFF) More to come, folks!
GRYTPYPE:
Emery-type-Seagoon, stop these BBC audience-losing jokes.
GRAMS:
TELEPHONE RINGS SPEEDING UP THEN SLOWING DOWN AGAIN
EMERY:
Hello, Emery-type-Seagoon, here.
GRYTPYPE:
Grytpype, here.
MORIARTY:
Moriarty, here.
GREENSLADE: (ON PHONE) This is Dr. Greenslade of St. Hampton's Hospital for the Fit and Healthy. The spon victim is now conscious.
EMERY:
Strap him to a thermometer till I arrive or vice-versa.
FX:
HANGS UP PHONE
EMERY:
What's the quickest way to St. Hampton's Hospital?
GRYTPYPE:
Hold this rocket.
EMERY:
But I
GRAMS:
WHOOSH. SPED UP VOICE OF EMERY SAYING 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR? HOW DARE YOU?'

ORCHESTRA: DRAMATIC MUSIC
GREENSLADE: Ladies and gentlemen, during the broadcast you might've experienced some crackling on your radio.
MILLIGAN: (OFF) She's mine!
GREENSLADE: This is due to atmospherics, so do not interfere with your set or any ladies in the room. Part three - a National Health Hospital.
FX: SCREAMS, SOUND OF HITTING
DOCTOR: Say 'Aaahh'.
PATIENT: Aahhhhhh! (SCREAMS)
FX: OBJECTS HITTING FLOOR
DOCTOR: Stand by your beds.
FX: DISORGANISED RUNNING FOOTSTEPS
EMERY: Ah, Dr. Greenslade, where's the spon man?
GREENSLADE: On this hatstand. Though, we did our best, he's much better.
EMERY: And how are you feeling now, my poor man?

GREENSLADE:

I'm fine, thank you.

BLUEBOTTLE:

He means me, you nit!

EMERY:

So you were the victim of the sponning. A Finchley child, of no fixed trousers.

BLUEBOTTLE:

Yes, I was heavily sponned in all areas below the knees. Spon, it went! Spon! Spon! Spon! Up it came, spon! And down it went, spuggy! (SINGING TO THE TUNE OF 'MAMMEE')

Ho-neyyyy!

How I love you,

How I love you,

My dear old honeyyyy!

EMERY:

Tell me the whole story.

BLUEBOTTLE:

I was told you the whole story.

EMERY:

From the beginning.

BLUEBOTTLE:

Oh, I did not know that.

EMERY:

Right.

BLUEBOTTLE:

Well, I was... I was coming back from morning classes one evening in Hyde Park and I was brushing the grass off my knees, when, suddenly...

EMERY:

Yes? Yes? Yes? Yes?

BLUEBOTTLE:

Here, there's some smashing nurses there, inn't there.

EMERY:

What? What? What? What? What? Remove those evil thoughts from your mind, to mine.

BLUEBOTTLE:

Never! I can get them free on the National Health.

EMERY:

Gad, I must vote labour next time.

BLUEBOTTLE:

They're all red-hot labour in this ward.

EMERY:

So this is the labour ward! Hup!

ORCHESTRA:

WOODWIND CHORD, SYMBOL CRASH

OMNES:

Hoy!

BLUEBOTTLE:

Oh, look, here comes someone on a stretcher.

EMERY:

So, they stretch people here. Poor man. Bandaged from head to throat. A victim of some fool. What happened, my good man?

MORIARTY:

You threw me through a window, you fool.

EMERY:

That reminds me, this photo you sold me is not of a spon but a military gentleman in Africa. Who is he? (SHOUTS) Speak up, or I'll confiscate your teeth!

MORIARTY:

No, no! I... I... I'll tell you, I'll tell you. It's Major Dennis Bloodnok. He owns the film rights of The Walton Report.

EMERY:

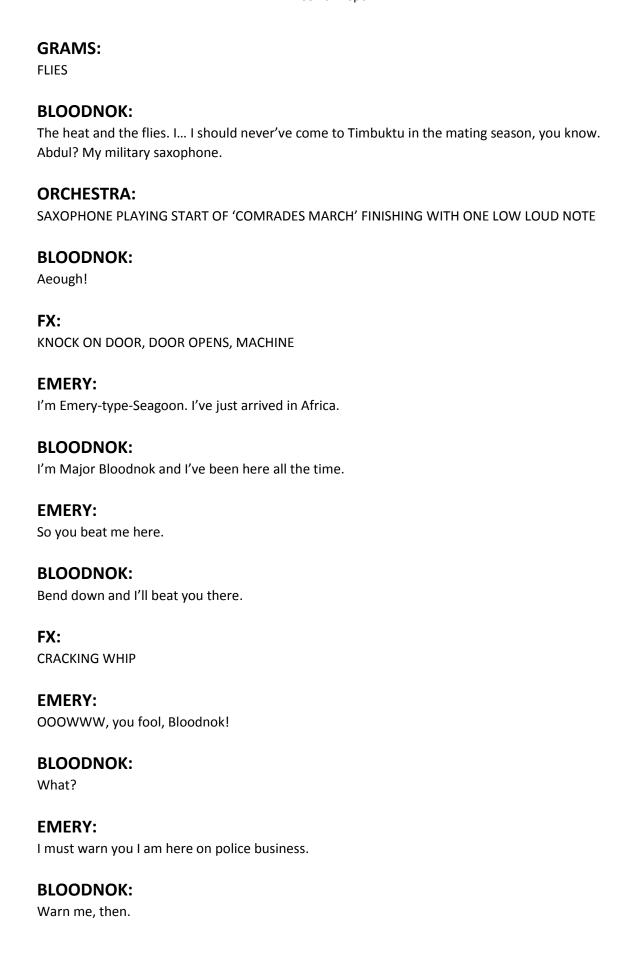
What?! Walt Disney will never forgive him. After him!

ORCHESTRA:

BLOODNOK THEME

BLOODNOK:

Aeough! Aeough! Oh, me arles, me arles!



EMERY:
First, a few questions.
BLOODNOK:
Yes?
Tes:
EMERY:
One. Are you naked?
DI CODNICIA.
BLOODNOK:
Yes, I'm training to take a bath.
EMERY:
What a funny place to keep the soap.
what a fullify place to keep the soap.

BLOODNOK:

How dare you!

EMERY:

Is this a photograph of you?

BLOODNOK:

I felt no pain. Yes!

EMERY:

I paid £500 for it.

BLOODNOK:

A bargain, a genuine Bloodnok.

EMERY:

I bought it believing it to be a photograph of a spon.

BLOODNOK:

A spon? You've been swindled.

EMERY:

Bloodnok, I must ask you to be a witness in the spon case.

BLOODNOK:

I refuse to testify, sir.

EMERY:

Then I'll subpoena you.

Tie this railway engine round your waist and swallow this lump of coal.

BLOODNOK: You filthy swine! Oooh! Aooohoh! EMERY:

BLOODNOK:

And so saying, we left for England!

GRAMS:

TWO SHORT TRAIN WHISTLES

EMERY:

Here we are back in England.

MILLIGAN:

I'm sorry we're closed.

EMERY:

Curse! It must be Thursday.

BURKE:

[SELLERS]

(TALKING WITH BAGPIPE MUSIC) Er, sir, no sir, I'm sorry, welcome home to Ungland, sir. While you was away there was another case of sponnin', sir.

EMERY:

Where?

BURKE:

(TALKING WITH BAGPIPE MUSIC) At the London Zoo, sir.

EMERY:

A ZOO sponning, the worst type.

BURKE:

(TALKING WITH BAGPIPE MUSIC) Aarrrr... aarrrr...

EMERY:

How do I get there?

BURKE:

(TALKING WITH BAGPIPE MUSIC) Ye have to take a 39 greenline elephant, sir. But first of all, I would like you to hear this [UNCLEAR].

ORCHESTRA: BURKE SINGING 'HAIRY ME' ACCOMPANIED BY PIANO
BURKE SINGING HAIRT WE ACCOMPANIED BY PIANO
BURKE:
(TALKING WITH BAGPIPE MUSIC) Well, I hope you like it, sir. It's my first composition.
FX:
GUNSHOT, BURKE IN PAIN
GRAMS:
DYING BAGPIPES
EMERY:
Got him in the haggis! Geldray? Play a lament while I hold these chickens at bay. Back, you devils!
GRAMS:
CHICKEN BLEATS
MAX GELDRAY:
"IT HAPPENED IN MONTEREY"
GREENSLADE:
Spon - part three.
EMERY:
Is this the zoo?
SPRIGGS:
Yes, Jim. Welcome to captivity.
EMERY:
I'm not here as a specimen. I believe a fish was sponned.
SPRIGGS:
Yes, Jim.
EBAEDV.
EMERY: Were there any witnesses to the spanning?
Were there any witnesses to the sponning?
SPRIGGS:
Oh, yes, Jim. Harold Blun.

EMERY:

Where's he?

In there, Jim. (SINGING) liiinnn therrre.
EMERY:
Right!
SPRIGGS:
(OFF) You're alone, Jim.
EMERY:
I'll question this Harold Blun.
SPRIGGS:
Well, [UNCLEAR].
FX:
DOOR OPENS, THEN CLOSES, RUNNING FOOTSTEPS AND MANIACAL CRYING
GREENSLADE:
We had better explain that Harold Blun is a gorilla. Height, 10 foot 3, Chest, normal, 82 inches. Weight, 800 pounds. We leave him being questioned by Inspector Emery.
GRAMS:
SHATTERING GLASS
EMERY:
Ohh!
SPRIGGS:
Any luck, Jim?
EMERY:
Yes, I got out alive.
SPRIGGS:
Oh.
GRAMS:
MORE SHATTERING GLASS
EMERY:

Thank heaven, he's thrown me legs out.

FX:

TELEPHONE RINGING
EMERY: Hello? Emery speaking from the zoo.
AMERICAN: [SELLERS] (ON PHONE) I got some news, sir. Police records have found an actual recording of a spon.
EMERY: What luck! Mr Spriggs, hold this telephone.
SPRIGGS: Right, Jim.
EMERY: (ON PHONE) Hello, Spriggs?
SPRIGGS: Yes?
EMERY: (ON PHONE) You can hang up now.
SPRIGGS: OK.
ORCHESTRA: DRAMATIC MUSIC
OMNES: RHUBARBS
EMERY: Gentlemen, silence! Silence while we hear this recording of a spon. William, play the record.
GRAMS: VIBRATO HIGH VOICE, POPS, PFF, VOICE GOING UP AND DOWN FOLLOWED BY HIGH NOTE, BURP, FAST CLICKING, ENDS WITH A FEW SHORT NOTES
EMERY: So that's a spon. <i>Now</i> we know what we're looking for. Action!

ORCHESTRA: DRAMATIC MUSIC
OMNES: Hoy!
GREENSLADE: To to trap the sponner, roadblocks were set up. Special men were put on duty. (SINGING AS PER SPRIGGS) On dutyyyyy!
GRAMS: BOAT BELL CLANGING TWICE. MARCHING BOOTS FADING IN
EMERY: Left, left-left-left. Now your right. Halt!
GRAMS: BOOTS STOP
EMERY: Now, Colonel. Sorry to put a man of such high rank on guard but only men of high intellect can be trusted. So I leave <i>you</i> to trap the spon. See you later.
FX: FOOTSTEPS FADING OUT
ECCLES: (SINGING SOFTLY) Hey, little hen, when? When? when? Love letters in the street
FX: 'FRED THE OYSTER'
ECCLES: What's that sound effect that shouldn't be there that wasn't? What's that?
FX: FRED THE OYSTER
ECCLES: What's that? What's that?
FX: FRED FARTS

ECCLES:	
Oooohhh! V	Vhat's that, then? What's that? What?
FX:	
WIND	
ECCLES:	
Whoooooo there?	o who's that? What's that going ooooohhhhh? What that that um Halt, who goes
FX:	
GIBBERISH	ΓALK
ECCLES:	
Advance an	d be recognised.
EMERY:	
Don't shoot	! It's me! Great news!
ECCLES:	
We're gettir	ng near the end.
EMERY:	
I've heard tl	hat there's a
ECCLES:	
What did yo	ou say, there?
GREENSL	ADE:
Even now, E	mery tells Eccles that a third sponning has been traced to the Canadian Rockies.
ECCLES:	
What? Wha	t?
GREENSL	ADE:
Part four - t	he Canadian Rockies.
ORCHEST	'RA:
WOODWINI	D CHORD, SYMBOL CRASH
OMNES:	
Hoy!	

EMERY: Look! The Canadian Rockies!
OMNES: Hurray!
EMERY: Didn't take long.
ECCLES: It didn't hurt.
EMERY: Now let's speak to this typical native of Canada who happens to be a stranger around here.
CYRIL: [SELLERS] Um, hello partner, buddy. Um, so ah, what can I do for you?
FX: SPIT, OBJECT HITTING BUCKET
CYRIL: That's alright that bit, wasn't it?
EMERY: Very nice.
CYRIL: Good.
EMERY: We need a guide.
CYRIL: Here, I've got the, er, I've got the very fella for you. Um, Chief Wurriguts.

CYRIL:

WURRIGUTS: [ELLINGTON]

Yim, boom balabuya bomb.

This man here is a genuine fake Red Indian available for Ray Ellington parts.

WURRIGUTS: Here. My card.

EMERY: This card is blank.
WURRIGUTS: Got writing on the back.
EMERY: That's a damn silly place to write, on the back.
WURRIGUTS: Look, me tell you. Chief Wurriguts, MGM child star, expert hunter, traps set, smoke signals. Nine words per shilling, swear words extra.
BLOODNOK: Don't pay it, sir. I can do all your swearing at half the price. It's the off season, you know.
ECCLES: Is this the off season?
BLOODNOK: Yes.
ECCLES: Well, I'm off, then.
BLOODNOK: Oh!
EMERY: Come back at once! Remember, you're all here as suspects.
ECCLES: All of us?
EMERY: Yes.
CYRIL: Well, you'd better get off before it gets dark then, hadn't you?

WURRIGUTS: OK, white men.

ECCLES: You all ready?

GRAMS:

CHICKEN BLEATS STOP

Paleface, we'd better travel on foot.

WURRIGUTS:

WURRIGUTS:
All ready for the trek?
7 in reday for the trekt
EMERY:
Right, I'll get my trek suit on. Fill up the huskies with petrol and harness them to the charabanc.
Forward!
ORCHESTRA:
DRAMATIC LINK
GRAMS:
GALE WIND, CHICKEN BLEATS
GALL WIND, CHICKEN BLEATS
BLUEBOTTLE:
Mush! Mush! Get up, there! Flicks leather-type whip.
ORCHESTRA:
CRACKING WHIP
BLUEBOTTLE:
Aeough, my ear hole!
Acough, my car note:
NAULI I CANI.
MILLIGAN:
(OFF) Take a bow! Take a bow!
EMERY:
Bluebottle, tell those dogs to stop doing impressions of chickens.
BLUEBOTTLE:
Naughty dogs! Stop them chicken impressions.
וימעצוונץ עטבט: אנטף נווכווו נווונגכוו ווווףוכטטוטוט.

EMERY:

Right, I'll unpack one.

WURRIGUTS:

But what about your luggage? Me got three wives in suitcase.

BLOODNOK:

Carry your bags, sir?

EMERY:

Down, Bloodnok! Put evil thoughts behind you.

BLOODNOK:

They are behind me, that's why I'm first in the queue, you know.

EMERY:

Military fool.

BLOODNOK:

(LAUGHS)

EMERY:

Ohhh! Now everybody will have to help carry my luggage. Now to find that dreaded spon! I'll...

GREENSLADE:

I'm sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Emery, but you've only got thirty seconds left.

EMERY:

I can't search Canada for a spon in thirty seconds! Oh! Oh, no! It's...

GREENSLADE:

Very well. Ladies and gentlemen, you've been listening to an incomplete Goon Show. Goodnight!

ORCHESTRA:

START OF END THEME

GREENSLADE:

Alright, Wally! Whoah, Wal, whoah, hold it, Wally, hold it. Yes, yes, yes, yes. For dissatisfied customers, here is a happy ending:

ORCHESTRA:

ROMANTIC MUSIC

MILLIGAN:
Cynthia.

CYNTHIA:

[SELLERS]

Yes, darling.

MILLIGAN:

Marry me, Cynthia.

CYNTHIA:

Darling, I'd love to.

GRAMS:

ORGAN PLAYING BRIDAL PRECESSION, CHURCH BELLS CLANGING

ORCHESTRA:

END THEME

GREENSLADE:

That was the Goon Show. A BBC recorded programme featuring Peter Sellers, Dick Emery and Spike Milligan, with the Ray Ellington Quartet, Max Geldray and the orchestra conducted by Wally Stott. Script by Spike Milligan, announcer Wallace Greenslade, the programme produced by Charles Chilton!