

TV Interview
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The casually dressed TV PRESENTER (50) sits on a comfy sofa facing equally relaxed interviewee, AARON (65), long-haired and in a cardigan. In-between the two is a table with wine and biscuits on it. Two large cameras and suited CAMERAMEN in their 30s face them. Behind them is the 50 strong AUDIENCE.

TV PRESENTER

Hello Aaron, it's nice to have you - one of the UK's finest actors - here today.

AARON nods with respect.

AARON

Thank you for having me.

The PRESENTER does the same.

TV PRESENTER

As you know, you're here to reflect on your very extensive and illustrious career. It's certainly been fascinating.

AARON smiles.

AARON

Yes, I've worked hard. But I've had great times, too.

TV PRESENTER

Would you like a biscuit?

AARON

I'm finally being rewarded for my effort, huh?

TV PRESENTER

Ha. Excellent stuff.

AARON

Thanks.

As AARON eats, the PRESENTER turns to the AUDIENCE briefly.

TV PRESENTER

Would you mind telling the audience about how you first got into acting?

AARON relaxes further.

AARON

Well, when I was just five years old I got a role in an advert where I said to a shopkeeper 'this is the best chocolate I've ever had!' It had very simple dialogue, but it was powerful dialogue and that helped the food company really take off. Consequently, so did I. Soon enough, I was appearing in all kinds of commercials.

TV PRESENTER

You were advertising 'Best Chocolate', if I remember rightly?

AARON

Yes. When I was just six, I got the part of a young boy in a soap opera and since then I've been 'soaping' constantly as they say in the profession.

TV PRESENTER

You've also won many Oscars for the powerful films you've appeared in...

AARON

Yes. That would be six, now.

TV PRESENTER

Making you the most successful actor of all time...

AARON looks smug.

AARON

Oh you.

The PRESENTER looks quizzical and his tone darkens.

TV PRESENTER

Interestingly however, you've decided to turn your back on the acting world, to focus on your music project.

AARON looks proud.

AARON

Yes.

TV PRESENTER

I have to be honest with you... People are very surprised.

AARON

I'm sure they'll get used to the idea.

TV PRESENTER

No, I don't think so. It's just you saying 'boo!' repeatedly in a high pitched voice over a disco beat.

AARON

I don't mean to blow my own trumpet, but it has been described as 'unique'.

TV PRESENTER

You call it 'Aaron's Special Disco', I understand?

AARON

Exactly.

TV PRESENTER

Why are you doing this?

AARON

Well, music has always been a bit of a passion of mine, and I always wanted to be a musician. Sure, it hasn't been a true passion otherwise I would be better at it, but again, it's just something I wanted to do.

TV PRESENTER

There are many who believe you're having a mental breakdown...

AARON frowns then shakes his head.

AARON

No, I don't think so...

TV PRESENTER

Aaron, people are scared...

AARON

Rubbish.

TV PRESENTER

Would you like me to read some of the reviews?

AARON

Yes, please do.

TV PRESENTER

(seriously)

Once legendary actor, Aaron Jones has demonstrated a complete lack of understanding of the music industry.

If he believes making funny noises over bland music will ever sell, he's gone truly mad. Put simply his project sounds like ass.

AARON raises his head in superiority.

AARON
My music is selling, actually.

TV PRESENTER
Aaron, your biggest fan is a schizophrenic tramp who keeps saying 'boo!' over and over. Doesn't that bother you?

AARON
No.

TV PRESENTER
Another reviewer just said 'boo boo boo' about a hundred times.

AARON
A very talented reviewer.

TV PRESENTER
He gave you one star.

AARON sighs.

AARON
Oh.

The PRESENTER tries to be cheerful and encouraging.

TV PRESENTER
Don't you see what this means?

AARON
What?

TV PRESENTER
People want you to be an actor again. Why don't you say to yourself that you've tried, but admit defeat?

AARON
Would you like to see some of my artwork?

Two MEN (mid 20s) enter the room, carefully carrying a six foot tall and eight foot wide painting of an apple. On the fruit is 'boo!' painted in large writing. They lean it on the table so the AUDIENCE can see it, then they leave. The PRESENTER stares at it for a bit too long.

TV PRESENTER
What does it mean?

AARON
(awkwardly)
Ahem...

TV PRESENTER
You don't know, do you?

AARON
Of course I do. I painted it.

The PRESENTER face-palms.

TV PRESENTER
Never mind. Look, Aaron, I'm saying
this as a friend. Forget about the
music. Ok?

AARON
Would you like to know about my new
fast food chain? Burgers with
woooobarb in them...

The PRESENTER looks down in frustration.

TV PRESENTER
Aaron, it was nice talking to you...

AARON
Thanks...

TV PRESENTER
So y'know... Leave...

AARON
(childishly)
No.

The PRESENTER storms out of the room. A hairy and badly
dressed man shouts 'boo!'