

Written by Worm Mad. Based upon the users of the Team17 Open Discussion Forum.

17's Company : The Daft is Rising... (Digitally Remastered)



Picture by philby4000.

Note: Although the above picture features a worm, the characters in the sit-com are human.

Starring

*Worm Mad,
Paul.Power,
APJ,
Vader,
K^2,
mocoworm,
Blinx,
thomasp,
UnKnownX,
Striker,
Star Worms,
FatWhitey,
Kjatte,
SargeMcCluck,
Spadge,
Squirminator2k,
Zero72*

SargeMcCluck is seen walking down an alley. Suddenly APJ and Vader jump out of nowhere (one behind, one in front).

SargeMcCluck: Uh, hi – APJ, Vader. Haven't seen you two in a while.

APJ: Hello, McCluck. We've been expecting you.

SargeMcCluck: Well tha-

Vader ties McCluck's hands behind his back and puts a gun to his back.

APJ: Walk.

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Vader forces McCluck towards a car. APJ walks alongside.

APJ: Get in the car. You're going for a ride.

SargeMcCluck: Well at least I wont be driving for a change.

Muffled Canned Laughter.

APJ: Er... Actually you will be.

SargeMcCluck: But you tied my hands behind my back!

APJ: Pfft... So? You can drive with your chin, can't you?

Canned Laughter. Cuts to bar – at bar.

Worm Mad: There doesn't seem to be very many people around lately, Spadge.

Spadge: No and I have an unnatural dread (pause) I feel forces beyond our control are amassing to throw the world into chaos and none of us will be safe. (pause) The daft...is rising.

Canned Laughter.

Worm Mad: Don't you mean – 'dark'?

Kjatte (off-screen): What have you been doing today, Spadge?

Blinx: (off-screen): JACKPOT! I'VE WON THE JACKPOT! WOHO! Now back in the machine to see what else I can win!

Star Worms: (off-screen) The farce is strong with this one.

Canned Laughter.

Spadge: No. I definitely mean 'daft'.

Canned Laughter. Cuts to titles.

Title Music Lyrics

*Not 1, Not 2 and Certainly Not 3,
There's a number which makes people believe,
Just pay the 300 post fee,
And you'll never want to leave...*

*17,
17's Company,
Between 16 and 18, it's true.
It's Open Discussion through and through.
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*The jokes are flowing thick and fast,
The drink's are cheap and numerous,
The fun you have is sure to last,
But above all this – it's humorous!*

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Cuts to secret room.

K^2: (mid conversation) I still don't see why I get all the daytime jobs! Why can't you do some of them?

Token Girl: We agreed, K^2. You're not backing out on our agreement. You do the day jobs, I do the night jobs.

K^2: But there AREN'T any night jobs!

Canned Laughter.

Token Girl: Well maybe you should have considered that before you took part in this little escapade. As I said – there's no backing out now.

Cuts to pier. A fisherman sits catching fish. A little brat approaches.

Brat: O, Mr Fisherman, why do you catch fish?

Fisherman: Because the sea is full of fish.

Brat: O, Mr Fisherman, why is the sea full of fish?

Fisherman: Because the sea is a large expanse of water.

Brat: Why?

Fisherman: Never ask that.

Brat: When?

Fisherman: Never think that.

Brat: Where?

Fisherman: Somewhere.

Mr.Cat: (a man in a novelty cat costume arrives) YAKKO! SPAMMO! YOU SUCK!

Brat: It's true.

Fisherman: I prefer "waste people's time"

Cuts to bar.

Zero72: I thought you were leaving.

Striker: Can't.

Zero72: (smiling) What, because of the friends that you've made? The experiences you've had?

Striker: No, I literally can't. There was glue on the seat when I sat down and now I'm stuck.

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Canned Laughter.

Zero72: Just walk out with the chair.

Striker: That's glued to the floor.

Zero72: What kind of sick person would think it was funny to glue a chair to the floor?

Blinx: (walks up to table, laughing) Ha Ha. I see your glue-trick worked, eh, Zero?

Canned Laughter.

Zero72: (mock-laughing) Ha-ha. Shut up Blinx.

Blinx: But you told me to glue that chair to the floor and then to put glue on the seat.

Zero72: Shut up, Blinx.

Blinx: You even paid me for it. Ten Pence, remember?

Zero72: (to Striker) I don't know what he's talking about.

Striker: I was there when you paid him. It was only five minutes ago. (Pause) You were standing right by the table and laughing.

Zero72: I should go. (he attempts to get up but can't)

Blinx: You did say – both chairs – didn't you?

Canned Laughter. Moves to table.

thomasp: Hey, Kjatte! (attempts brainwashing) Macs are cool.

Kjatte: Hey, thomasp! What have you been doing lately?

thomasp: Brainwashing people.

Kjatte: What's mocoworm been up to, today?

thomasp: Uh... I don't know. Maybe you should –

Kjatte: (interrupting) How's progress on the 'get W3D onto the Mac' campaign going?

thomasp: Well...

Kjatte: (interrupting) What's SargeMcCluck been doing recently?

thomasp: (shouting) I DON'T KNOW! Why are you asking me, anyway? I thought you only pestered Team17 staff!

Kjatte: How's the shouting been going?

Canned Laughter. thomasp storms off.

Spadge: (approaches table) Thanks, Kjatte. That's the last time he'll brainwash my customers!

Kjatte: What has Kel been doing today, Spadge?

Canned Laughter. Cuts to petrol station.

Petrol Station Employee: Uh... Nope, haven't seen 'im.

UnKnownX: (upset) But you MUST have seen him. He's a NUT!

Petrol Station Employee: Like you, then?

Muffled Canned Laughter.

UnKnownX: Yes, like m- (backtracks) NO! Not like me! I'm just trying to find him to carry out a bloody revenge upon him for sticking a sharp stick into me! I'm SANE!

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Canned Laughter.

Petrol Station Employee: (sarcastic) Yup, Suuure you are. (Pause) Y'know, I had a cousin once who were crazy. Ate his own foot, so he did.

UnKnownX: (patronisingly) How lovely for him.

Petrol Station Employee: Quite painful actually. He used to come to see us an' ask us if we'd seen it. We'd say 'No Cuz, aven't seen hide nor hair of yer' foot' and he'd just smile and say 'That's cause I ate it'. Yessir, he did.

UnKnownX: Well, I guess I'll find my nemesis myself.

UnKnownX storms off down the road (he doesn't have a car so he just storms down the street)

Petrol Station Employee: Man, what a nut.

Petrol Station Employee's Hand: (clearly Petrol Station Employee talking) Yup, wouldn't get me hanging around with nuts like that.

Petrol Station Employee: Shhh, Handy – We've got another customer!

Canned Laughter. Cuts to bar. Moves to table.

FatWhitey: So, Star Worms.

Star Worms: What?

FatWhitey: So.

Star Worms: So – What?

FatWhitey: I'm not sure. I was hoping you'd just understand and start up a conversation.

Star Worms: But there's absolutely nothing to understand! What you said was utterly meaningless!

FatWhitey: Real Ice-Breaker though.

Star Worms: What do you mean?

FatWhitey: Well, we're having a conversation – aren't we?

Canned Laughter. Moves to table.

Worm Mad: Can I brainwash you, mocoworm?

mocoworm: Uh... I don't think so, Mad. Spadge says it isn't very good for my sanity.

Worm Mad: (laughing) Spadge says a lot of things. (Pause) Anyway, what does he know about brainwashing? I've never seen him brainwash anyone. (Pause) Come on, it'll be fun.

mocoworm: Alright then.

Worm Mad: (brainwashing voice) Is it not nifty?

mocoworm: Sounds like you're the one whose been brainwashed.

Worm Mad: Hey! The brainwashed are just as capable at brainwashing as everybody else. (with reflection) Perhaps more so.

Canned Laughter.

mocoworm: I heard that Vader actually had his brain washed for real.

Worm Mad: Really? (Pause) That's funny, I heard the exact same story.

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Canned Laughter. Cuts to car being driven by McCluck who is using his chin to move the steering wheel. Vader is next to him. APJ is at the back of the car.

APJ: McCluck, we need to talk...

SargeMcCluck: Bit tricky at the moment. What with the 'hands tied behind back – using chin to drive car thing going on'

APJ: Oh, come on! You can drive a car with your chin AND talk!

Canned Laughter.

SargeMcCluck: Do you want to try?

Vader: That's the spirit! You're getting the hang of it!

SargeMcCluck: The hang of what?

Vader: The 'driving with your chin while talking' gig. It isn't that hard, I do it all the time!

SargeMcCluck: Why don't you do it now then?

APJ & Vader: Shut up and Drive!

Canned Laughter. Cuts to bar - bar.

Paul.Power: (concocting chemicals) This is going to make millions!

Spadge: What's that you're making, Paul?

Paul.Power: This is a chemical which causes the person drinking it to fall asleep – instantly.

Spadge: There's already that kind of stuff on the market.

Paul.Power: Yeah, but this is instant and has no side-effects whatsoever.

Spadge: (sad) But I liked the side-effects.

Canned Laughter.

Paul.Power: Hmm... how could I use a sleeping potion?

Worm Mad: (grinning) That's a tricky question. Why don't you sleep on it?

Paul.Power: (not amused) Ha...ha. (Pause) I really need someone to test this, though.

Worm Mad: Let's see if it works then. (he tastes it) I'm no- (he falls asleep)

Paul.Power: That wasn't even the chemical, it was just a glass of water.

Canned Laughter.

Worm Mad: (getting up) That's some p-powerful stuff.

Canned Laughter. Cuts to table.

UnKnownX: (walks up to table) Uh, sir – do you know where I might find a Mr.Betong?

S-2k: Erm, yeah. He lives in the church along the road from here.

UnKnownX: Thank YoU.

S-2k: Er...no problem.

UnKnownX: No – no – you're quite correct - it isn't a problem anymore.

Bwahahahahahahaha! (he leaves)

S-2k: I'm beginning to think perhaps that wasn't such a good idea.

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Canned Laughter. Cuts to secret room.

K^2: Look, Token Girl.

Token Girl: Yes.

K^2: I don't want to be part of this whole world-domination scheme. I'm just too lazy. I hope you understand.

Token Girl: (slightly sad) Oh, why of course I do.

K^2: Anyway, if there's anything you need...

Token Girl: (smiling) Actually, now you mention it, I could do with a bite to eat.

K^2: Sure, I'll go get you something.

Token Girl: If you don't mind, I think I'll just help myself.

Token Girl grins – two sharp white teeth are clearly visible. She advances towards K^2 who attempts to escape but trips over a chair. She grabs him and pushes his head to one side so that his neck is visible. He screams. She bites.

Outtakes

Worm Mad: There doesn't seem to be very many people around lately, Spadge.

Spadge: No and I have an unnatural dread (pause) that um... I've forgotten my lines.

Director: CUT!

Petrol Station Employee: Man, what a nut.

Petrol Station Employee's Hand: (clearly Petrol Station Employee talking) Yup, wouldn't get me hanging around with nut's like that.

Petrol Station Employee: Shhh, Hanky. Oh – shoot!

Petrol Station Employee's Hand: Who are you calling 'hanky', Minimum-Wage boy?

Director: CUT!

Petrol Station Employee's Hand: Cut? Cut what? Is my name 'Scissors' now? I want my agent!

Director: CUT!

K^2: Sure, I'll go get you something.

Token Girl: If you don't mind, I think I'll just help myself.

Token Girl grins – two sharp white teeth are clearly visible. She advances towards K^2 who attempts to escape but trips over a chair. She trips and falls over him. Her vampire teeth fall out.

Token Girl: (laughing) Sorry.

K^2: This wasn't in the script!

Director: CUT!

The Making of...

The 'McCluck Chin-Driving' Scene...

SargeMcCluck: When it came to filming the 'Chin-Driving' scene. I was expecting some kind of stunt-double or blue screen or something. But you know, the director –

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Worm Mad – is very particular. So (laughs) he insisted that I had to drive the car with my chin down a real motorway. (Pause) Which as it sounds is very difficult.

Chin-Driving Teacher: I was responsible for teaching McCluck how to chin-drive. (Pause) Because I've been chin-driving for twenty two years and (laughs) it can be pretty hectic. Pretty dangerous. Once you get the hang of it though – it's much more relaxing than driving with your hands.

Annoying Voice-Over Guy: The real challenge came when it came to filming the scene. Filmed from inside the car and out. It was an incredible challenge for the team.

Camera-Man: Worm Mad didn't want the camera equipment to be visible on the video footage (pause) so we really had to sit on top of the car and poke the camera through the sun roof. Which was risky as the car was being driven down this busy motorway with all these cars going by. And then there was always the danger of the car crashing because McCluck was driving it with his chin. (Pause) Yeah, it was pretty dangerous.

SargeMcCluck: (laughing) I know it sounds tough but - the danger has been exaggerated really. The motorway was pretty busy and we all knew we only had one shot at this, but in the end, my expert chin-driving skills paid off.

With thanks to...

Worm Mad – Director/Actor,

SargeMcCluck – Actor,

Chen Drave - Chin-Driving Teacher for SargeMcCluck (and Three-time World Chin-Driving Champion).

I.Ceyu - Camera-Man

Joe Bobby 'Fun' Fraiser Freddy June Voice Sampson Smith – Annoying Voice Over Guy.

Fork Motors – Car Manufacturers.

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