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# **Scoop!**

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THIS IS IT!

THE PICTURE THAT'S GOING TO GET ME MY FIRST FRONT PAGE. A REAL-LIFE VAMPIRE EXPOSED!

THE EDITOR IS GOING TO LOVE IT!

TOP TEN CONSPIRACY THEORIES

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?  
Conspiracy and Cover-up

I BELIEVE!

SPOON BENDING FOR BEGINNERS

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PHONE  
MUM

SET VIDEO FOR  
'FLYING SAUCERS  
THE TRUTH'

Molenski-  
in my office  
NOW!  
the Editor

you Mum  
proned!

LEN'S LENS CAP  
CAMERA REPAIRS

Checked  
Shutter-  
Seems OK  
£75.00

MOLENSKI

THE DAILY  
ROAR

NAME:  
MONTY J. MOLENSKI  
EMPLOYEE NO: 054567  
D.O.B.: 19TH FEBRUARY  
YEAR OF THE MOLE



AGE  
TIN LOR- REPORTER

JOURNAL OF MONTY MOLENSKI  
(ACE REPORTER)

OH, BOTHER! JUST ABOUT TO START  
WRITING UP MY GREAT NEW  
EXCLUSIVE STORY WHEN THE EDITOR  
STARTS BELLOWING MY NAME  
FROM HIS OFFICE — AGAIN.  
SUPPOSE I'D BETTER GO AND FIND  
OUT WHAT HE'S ABOUT

HONESTLY! MY TALENTS ARE ENTIRELY WASTED AT THIS RAG OF A NEWSPAPER. THE EDITOR IS REJECTING MY 'VAMPIRE EXPOSED' STORY. SAYS SHE WAS JUST A HARMLESS OLD LADY. AS IF! HE REALLY CAN BE A LITTLE BULL-HEADED AT TIMES. THOUGH MUST ADMIT, THE PICTURES I SNAPPED DIDN'T COME OUT QUITE AS PLANNED. MUST GET MY CAMERA FIXED — THINK IT'S ON THE BLINK.

THE DAILY ROAR  
**ILL-FATED FÊTE!**  
CAKE COMPETITION ENDS  
IN CONTAMINATION



"BRING ME A PROPER STORY!" SNORTED THE EDITOR. "CHRIS CROC GOT HIS THIRD FRONT PAGE IN A WEEK! STOP WASTING YOUR TIME LOOKING FOR ALIENS AND SPOOKS THAT DON'T EXIST. GET OUT THERE AND FIND A REAL STORY — THEY'RE GOING ON RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE!"

HUH. SPOOKS DON'T EXIST, INDEED. WHAT PLANET'S HE FROM? I'VE YET TO PROVE THAT THEY DO. THAT'S ALL.



SAT AT MY DESK ALL DAY WAITING FOR A STORY TO APPEAR UNDER MY NOSE. NOTHING.

6 PM: MY COLLEAGUES ON THE DAILY ROAR HAVE ALL JUST LEFT TOGETHER... UNUSUAL.

OVERHEARD KEN GWYN, THE CRIME CORRESPONDENT, MENTION SOMETHING THAT SOUNDED LIKE 'I.P. CLUB'.

WHEN I POLITELY ASKED HIM WHERE THEY WERE GOING, CHRIS CROC SNIGGERED, "TELL YOU WHAT, MOLENSKI, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD REPORTER — WHY DON'T YOU FIND OUT?"

BLOOMING CHEEK! HMMM. THE I.P. CLUB... A SECRET SOCIETY, EH?

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON HERE. THIS COULD BE JUST THE SCOOP THAT MONTY MOLENSKI, ACE REPORTER, HAS BEEN WAITING FOR!