

BIG BROTHER

By Rod

This sketch is based on the TV programme 'Big Brother'. As much authentication as possible should be brought to bear by the actors. It looks at the issue 'Does God exist?'

CAST

Narrator Ideally with a Geordie accent
Alex Male. A thinker. Fairly serious. He is seated on stage with his feet up on a coffee table – thinking!
Jade Female. Not a thinker! She is seated. Surrounded by bottles, cans, glasses, etc.
Kate Female. A doer. She is standing armed with duster, etc..
Dave Male. A lad. Keen on football and not much else. He is standing with a football under his arm.

Narrator It is year 2002 (*adapt to current year*) in the Big Brother house and a lot is happening. Kate is doing the dusting [*Kate starts to dust*]. Dave is practising his footballing skills [*Dave starts playing 'keep ups', counting as he does so*]. Jade is drinking herself into a stupor [*Kate drinks, belches, snores, grunts, etc*]. And Alex is thinking [*Alex scratches his head, etc. He obviously finds thinking difficult*]. This year's challenge is the same as it has been every year: To figure out why they are there.

Alex I've been thinking.

Jade What with?

Kate Careful. That's twice this week.

Dave What were you thinking about, Alex? [*Stops footballing*]

Alex The Challenge. You know, the answer to the question: 'Why are we here?'

Jade Oh, I gave up thinking about that a long time ago. What's the point? We're here because we're here because we're here. And that's all there is to it.

Dave Well, I reckon we're here to enjoy the things we've got – like football and that.

Alex You mean, just to have fun?

Dave Precisely. [*Resumes footballing*]

Kate I'm with you to some extent Dave, but I think we also have a responsibility to look after the things we've got. *[To Alex] Move your feet please, Alex. [Dusts under where his feet were as he lifts them]*

Alex Ah yes, but a responsibility to who?

Kate Big Brother of course.

Alex But who is Big Brother?

Jade I don't reckon he exists.

Kate Course he does.

Jade Have you ever seen him?

Kate No, not exactly seen him but .. er ..

Jade I rest my case.

Alex Moses reckoned he saw him. He said he spoke to him face to face. At least that's the explanation he gave when his face was all-aglow.

Jade Huh, rubbish. He just spent too long in the sun. That was his trouble.

Dave Yeah, and he was always making up silly rules and that like "Thou shalt not eat bacon butties". What a prat. I'm glad he was voted out.

Kate Then there was Jeremiah. He was a miserable so and so.

Jade And Isaiah. He had a funny squint didn't he?

Dave Yes, we used to call him 'One Eye's `igher Than The Other'. *[Dave, Kate and Jade all laugh]*

Alex Isaiah kept going on about the importance of 'one who was to come'.

Kate So did John.

Dave You mean John the Bather. You couldn't keep him out of the Jacuzzi. And he was always trying to persuade us to join him. Obsessed with cleanliness he was.

Kate That's never been a weakness of yours has it Dave? *[Smells under his armpits, turns up nose, etc]*

Alex John said that Jesus was the one that Isaiah was talking about.

Kate *[Remebering]* And do you remember that time when John ducked Jesus under the water in the Jacuzzi?

Jade Not half. I thought that was a great laugh.

Kate But Big Brother didn't seem amused. He said, 'This is my son; with him I am well pleased'.

Alex I have a feeling that Big Brother may not be too pleased that we got rid of Jesus. *[The others look sheepish]*

Dave *[Anxiously]* I thought we agreed not to mention that.

Kate Perhaps it was a mistake.

Jade *[With bravado]* Well I'm not worried. I still don't believe Big Brother exists.

Alex We could check it out in The Book.

Dave What book?

Alex The one that Jesus kept referring to. He was always saying, 'It is written ..'

Dave Where is The Book?

Kate *[Pointing]* It's over there. I dusted it yesterday.

Dave *[Going over and picking up book]* It's got funny writing on it. ELCID *[All one word]* I think it's called. Yes, *[Spelling it out letter by letter]* E.L.C.I.D.

Jade It's probably a foreign language version. That's Spanish for The Bill – 'El C.I.D'.

Alex *[Getting up and grabbing book]* Let me have a look. You've got it upside down you idiot. It's not ELCID it's BIBLE. *[Starting to look through book]*

Dave Oh sorry. *[Goes away sheepishly]*

Kate *[To Dave as she goes over to look at Bible with Alex]* Elcid – really! That's a film not a book.

Alex Listen to this: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Kate 'God' has got to be Big Brother.

Alex And the son must be Jesus.

Kate Yes, Big Brother said he was his Son.

Alex And it goes on: “But whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only son”. *[Pauses. Looks up at Kate in realisation]* Are you thinking what I’m thinking?

Kate Maybe we did make a big mistake over Jesus.

Jade Rubbish! What is that book anyway? I tell you, Big Brother doesn’t exist. *[Resumes drinking]*

Dave And even if he does – what does it matter? *[Resumes footballing]*

Kate Well, I think he does exist; and we should make sure the place is spick and span just in case he drops in. *[Resumes dusting]*

Narrator It is year 2002 in the Big Brother house and a lot is happening. Kate is doing the dusting, Dave is practising his footballing skills, Jade is drinking herself into a stupor and Alex is still thinking. *[Alex should be pondering deeply what he has just read. Action freezes]*

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