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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!



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PHONE MUM

SET VIDEO FOR 'FLYING SAUCERS THE TRUTH'



LEN'S LENS CAP CAMERA REPAIRS
Checked shutter - seems OK £75.00

you Mum proned!

Molenski - in my office NOW!
the Editor



THE DAILY ROAR
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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 SAYING.

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 **SOOP!**
ILL-FATED FÊTE!
CAKE COMPETITION ENDS
IN CONTAMINATION
See reporter Chris Croc brings you a slice of the action!
CAKE FÊTE
DANGER: KEEP OUT



"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.



HOTEL

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 CREEK! 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!