



FAN FICTION NOTEBOOK



THE GODDAMN DAVE HILL SHOW: HALLOWEEN 2016

Missing Pieces

A RADIO
DRAMATISATION OF
THE UNSEEN EVENTS
DURING THE 2016
HALLOWEEN
BLACKOUT

*"No archive of the now legendary
Halloween blackout show on WFMU
Either you was there, or you wasn't!"*

*"If we combine talents
together we can surely
write & create a mystery
theatre dramatization!"*

WFMU: Oct 31st 2016

On the 31st Oct 2016, Dave Hill made his way to the WFMU studio with the hopes to put on the best Halloween special in the history of radio, or something like that.

Not every Halloween lands on a “flippin” Monday, which is Dave’s day to have keys to the studio. Tig Notaro was lined up as his guest, and he was certain that regular listeners and especially those who would call into the show would make it a memorable show.

One hour into the show, the power cuts out, and then thirty minutes later, Dave goes dark and is officially off the air.

02m45s
Angelwitch.

17m45s
Dave Introduces
his show.

01h01m10s
Station Blackout.

*“Oh man.
The building lost power.”*

01h09m40s
Power is
out in JC.

01h30m58s
Dead air.

“What’s that lurking ominously in the shadows?”

“Whoa! Dave looks visibly shaken, terrified even!”

*The call is coming from
inside the building!*

02h52m00s
Dave returns
on the air.

*“We lost a lot of blood at the station.
Gonna need a mop!”*



RADIO SHOW SOURCE

Danne D's late arrival.

Dave returned to the airways ten minutes before passing over studio control to Jesse for his late night slot.

Dave's reaction to limited edition Oreos.

Whatever happened during “dead air”, Dave did his best to appear as though everything was fine. He carried on taking calls, and chatted with his guest Tig who called in via his cell and on the station phone – when it worked.

The Blackout and dead air.

Or so we were led to believe.

James's disappearance.

Thankfully, WFMU provides several services that allowed us to put the pieces together and then recreate what actually happened.

YngDave feeling under the weather.

Was there something wrong with the Necco wafers?

We have the archives: the partial show post gave us this information. “Was Dave joking? What parts of this were actually true?”

<http://www.wfmu.org/playlists/shows/69285>

“This all sounds like the makings of a horror show. Lights go out. Host goes missing. Kelly the bookkeeper is the murderer. I know it!”

October 31, 2016: [Partial archive recording put together from scraps found after the blackout!] It's Halloween and Studio A is covered in blood and stuff as Dave welcomes Tig Notaro to the show via telephone. Also, James Fernandez and Danne D are possessed probably.

The transcript from the chatroom also provided many clues that gave many clues that there was more to the gap than we thought. Social media also provided us with clues, and soon we pieced together a theory.

ORIGINAL VERSION

The original draft was a 30 minute radio play that brought together archived elements of the actual broadcast, as well as drawing upon discussion points within the WFMU chat room, and other various sources such as social media and station blogs.

The story revolved around two elements: Possession and Danne D's encounter with a man in a hat and raincoat while he is out buying snacks for Dave at the studio.



The shadowy man follows Danne D to the station and is seen to be waiting for them at the front door. Panic sets in and Dave sends James, Jesse and Danne D to find out what the shadowy man is up to. Meanwhile Dave experiences phone pranks from two mystery callers. Eventually the man disappears, but his hat and coat are found inside a storage locker within Studio A. Danne D's cell phone is inside the coat pocket. Was it all an elaborate prank? Or was something else going on that goes beyond their understanding?

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Edited for Grammar and Spelling by Valerie Lopez 11/27/2016

"You know dangerous things can happen in the dark. Somebody from the inner city can come and find you... really make a mess of you."

CAST LIST

DAVE HILL:

TIG:

DANNE D:

JAMES:

JESSE:

KEN:

YNGDAVE:

KELLY:

DAVE WYNDORF:

BRIJET:

THE SHADOW
MAN:

YNGDAVE
AS NORMAN
BATES:

WYNDORF
AS THE
HITCHHIKER:

THE RADIO EDIT

With the first script finished, I passed it over to James Fernandez who made some very logical and sobering remarks.

CAST LIST

CBC ANNOUNCER

MAC TENDY

DAVE HILL

YNGDAVE

JAMES FERNANDEZ

DANNE D

KEN FREEDMAN

YNGMOM

- For one thing, there were far too many players. The cast list was too long.
- After speaking to Dave Hill, it was clear that the length was a problem too. 30 minutes, albeit packed was probably too much of a project to put live on the air.
- Also., the story with the shadow man – albeit visually compelling – didn't utilise the show's most valued and under used asset – YngDave.

James proposed changes that included: making the play more like a "60 Minutes" feature with narration – from a Canadian news network, - investigating the mysterious found footage from WFMU that was thought to have been lost.

YngDave would be key to the plot – with the idea that he wants to send out a message to warn against the conspiracies that are at play without our knowledge. To do this, he attempts possession through astral travelling and taking over Dave Hill's mind.

This idea allowed Dave to play out AS YngDave which was something we wanted to see. This was the entertainment value that was lacking from the original story. It was shortened to thirteen minutes. The B story concerning Danne D and the shadow man was cut, and no archived footage was kept in for continuity within the "gap" left out from the original show recording.

"The power's back on, but soon, we'll all be dead."

