

THE GODDAMN DAVE HILL SHOW
“Missing Pieces”

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CBC ANNOUNCER	To Be Confirmed
MAC TENDY	To Be Confirmed
DAVE HILL	Himself
YNGDAVE	Himself
JAMES FERNANDEZ	Himself
DANNE D	Himself
KEN FREEDMAN	To Be Confirmed
YNGMOM	To Be Confirmed

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And now, we join Mac Tendy with a special Halloween report for “Tendy at Ten”, affiliated with the CBC network, and brought to you by Beef & Barber: serving prime cuts with your prime cuts. This is **The Goddamn Dave Hill Show: Missing Pieces**.

MUSIC: DARK BROODING RADIO BROADCAST OPENING

MAC TENDY

Imagine Halloween night, 2016 in downtown Jersey City, where ghouls and goblins wandered the streets in search for a bountiful candy haul. On that same night, comedian and fashion plate Dave Hill was hosting yet another scorching hot episode of the Goddamn Dave Hill Show, on free form radio WFMU.

SOUND & REVERB: DAVE HILL GUTTERAL UTTERANCE OPENING THE SHOW (17m30s)

DAVE HILL (ARCHIVE)

Jees... Okay. I was getting a little scared myself. Hi, how are you? I’m petrified and yet I feel incredible, thank you very much for asking!

MAC TENDY

Dave Hill opened his show with the usual fayre, but less than an hour in, trouble reared its head when comedian and phone guest Tig Notaro couldn't keep her phone connection. Things took another drastic turn when YngDave, Pride of Bensonhurst - a regular call-in guest - checked in, all agitated over a recent misunderstanding.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

I won't bore you with the details. I had hoped to talk to Dave about some important stuff. The election was coming up and there was vital information that needed to get out there. While everybody was being distracted by the controversial build-up of election tension, the rest of us with eyes open were seeing what was really going on. Dave did a show in Brooklyn so I was able to go. That was the night I wanted to bring some theories up but Dave disappeared upstairs at the club.

MAC TENDY

(Interrupting)

...That's right. YngDave is a conspiracy theorist.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

....The Cabal! That's what was going on. Trump was being actively installed to be the shield while the Cabal ran everything in the background. It's obvious, you know, that I had to get the word out through Dave. After missing out at the club, I couldn't take any chances. The election was just 8 days away. It was the right time, it was the right night. And we all know how that went.

MAC TENDY

Undeterred by circumstances, YngDave hatched a plan. This is YNGDAVE.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

I don't have internet. Instead, I read a lot of books. You know what happens when cut out all that web crap? You leeaarrnn! I have a tumor in my brain. My body is nothing more than a primitive ailment riddled vessel. Go ahead, take two drinks.

MAC TENDY

YNGDAVE explained in his own way about his abilities to achieve an "out of body" state; a form of astral travel where the mind projects beyond its material form.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

Open Minds! Astral travel, I absorbed it all like a sponge. That Halloween night, last year, I tried it for the first time. My plan was to transport my energy into the studio, like a ghost, an apparition if you will. That's why I visited the studio two months earlier. I took in the entire station aesthetic, and in particular, Dave Hill and his velvet aura, printing a distinct memory to all my six senses. That's right: Six.

MAC TENDY

YNGDAVE had an overwhelming need to communicate his ideas, and without knowing it, Dave Hill would become the instrument needed to spread the word.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

It's like mind control. You know how sometimes a random thought appears out of nowhere? The Cabal is probably at work on ya. Well, that night, it *almost* worked.

MAC TENDY

As YngDave noted, he was relatively new to this kind of magic and he overlooked one particular detail.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

For starters, you have no idea the amount of heat that Dave brings.

DAVE HILL (COMMENTARY)

Not to brag, but my heat is blistering. Ask anyone at the Burn Center!

MAC TENDY

But YngDave could not anticipate nor could he control the immeasurable power he was dealing with. In addition to Dave Hill's "quote unquote" heat and other atmospheric and pseudo-scientific conditions, the power across Jersey City went out.

SOUND: AUDIO OF POWER GRID POWERING DOWN

SOUNDBYTE: AUDIO FROM SHOW OF MOMENT THE POWER WENT OUT

MAC TENDY

Reports from listeners indicated that this was the moment the signal was lost on the FM dial and online stream. Ken Freedman, the Station manager had to act fast to stop things from falling apart.

KEN FREEDMAN (COMMENTARY)

I was home listening to the show, like I do every Monday night. I heard talk of lost power, so I got in my car, headed right over. I had to turn off all the computers that we have running before the power came back on and fried the circuits. Especially those linked to our server and stream services. Everything was being kept alive with our emergency generator. A radio station never sleeps.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

The Cabal never sleeps. I had to at least try and beat them at their own game.

MAC TENDY

The power outage meant that only landline phone lines and mobile devices were available. WFMU Chat room and social media were the only outlets. But luck had it there was one laptop in the station that night, running from battery, which never got switched off. The laptop belonged to James Fernandez, Dave Hill's right hand man and sound board operator who at the time was cueing up some last minute sound effects with sound recording software.

JAMES FERNANDEZ (COMMENTARY)

I was using the laptop to create a few scary sounds... you know, ambient noise you expect for any Halloween themed show. The clips I found were too short, so I was attempting a loop. Weirdly, I had hit the record button on the sound recorder program. For the life of me I don't know why, but it recorded everything that happened in Studio A and the adjacent music library.

MAC TENDY

When asked how the footage had been leaked to Montreal based hackers, James replied...

JAMES FERNANDEZ (COMMENTARY)

It must have saved itself onto the cloud. Canada must have been listening to his show probably waiting for Dave's *censored* from the north segment.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

You see James should know better. Those Canadian Hackers were listening, and they took advantage of the studio with its safety net down. I wouldn't be surprised if they were parked outside the studio every Monday night, waiting for an opportunity. In fact, you can count they're here right now.

MAC TENDY

YngDave's reaction was of no surprise. After listening to the tape, he had this to say.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

They have NOTHING! I told you all I want to tell you on this news show. Whatever you have there is a complete fabrication... .. What was it you have again?

MAC TENDY

We reached out to Dave Hill to comment on our reporting but he declined, stating he knew nothing about this tape.

DAVE HILL (COMMENTARY)

Tape from the blackout? I don't know what you *censored* from the north are talking about. I don't care if saying that means me getting a deep heart felt cavity search when I next visit. Gloves at the ready, I say. Bring it on! I kid: I love Canadians.

MAC TENDY

We will now play for you, the unedited and somewhat secret recording and please remember that this audio never made it to the air.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

MUSIC: DARK BROODING RADIO BROADCAST OPENING

SOUND: PHYSICAL STUDIO ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT / FOUR BEEPS HEARD THROUGHOUT.

KEN FREEDMAN

I've got everything turned off. There's good news and there's bad news. The good news is that we have a backup and we're still on the air.

DAVE HILL

Sweet!

KEN FREEDMAN

The bad news is, the backup is about to run out of power. We're about to go off the air.

DAVE HILL

Oh wow. How much time do we have to...?

SOUND: POWER PUNCH INTO SILENCE / EMERGENCY SIRENS IN THE DISTANCE.

KEN FREEDMAN

Well that's it... powers off; we're totally off the air.

DAVE HILL

We're being held hostage by dead air and darkness.

KEN FREEDMAN

(Fading audibility)

Sit tight here, Dave. I'm going to go check on the rest of the building.

DAVE HILL

Thanks Ken!

SOUND: DOOR OPENS HARD

DANNE D

Hey, only me. Wow, it IS dark in here. BOO! Happy Halloween guys!

SOUND: PACKET OF OREOS HITTING THE DESK

DAVE HILL

Danne D! See what happens when you leave us in the lurch? Stuff breaks...

DANNE D

You and the rest of Jersey City.

DAVE HILL

Really? It's not just us? ...What is this? Oreos? Oh, hey James, Halloween Oreos: he didn't let us down! Wait, why are these orange, and already opened?

DANNE D

Pack must have split when they hit the ground.

DAVE HILL

(Enraged)

Jesus Danne D! You're enraging me. Why would you bring me these Oreos after they were on the ground??!

DANNE D

Let me explain. There was this out-of-time creepy guy, wearing a brimmed hat and a raincoat. I knocked his elbow with mine, dropped my bag. As I gathered everything up I noticed he was still standing there, holding the Oreos I'd dropped. I said sorry and took the Oreos back. That was when the power went out across the whole city.

YNGDAVE (COMMENTARY)

I guess that was the moment I started moving out of my body. I'm not saying I was responsible for the blackout... but somebody or something was paying attention.

DANNE D

Yeah sure, but that wasn't the end of it. Two blocks later, I got set upon by a group of youths yelling "Trick or Treat." I told them to "go find a door!", and then they threw raisins at me.

DAVE HILL

(Laughing)

Sounds horrible... ...Did you save the raisins?

DANNE D

No I didn't. Raisins are the kale of Halloween candy. How do you like these Halloween Pumpkin Spice Oreos?

SOUND: BOX OPENING, WRAPPERS BEING UNWRAPPED

DAVE HILL

They're all individually wrapped? This is infuriating. Dammit Danne D!

DANNE D

The orange stuff is a little more luminescent this year.

SOUND: SOUND OF PACKET RUFFLING, & CRUNCHING

DAVE HILL

I see what you mean. The longer you have them in your mouth... no. I was right the first time. It's like my body is rejecting them. What else do you have?

SOUND: BUTTERFINGERS HIT THE DESK

DAVE HILL

(Cont)

Butterfingers? Fun-size? Also individually wrapped?

SOUND: DOOR OPENS HARD

DANNE D

There's more to the story...After the trick or treaters, I look back and I noticed that guy in the hat and raincoat was following behind me. I *think* I lost him.

SOUND: SOUND OF MUNCHING...

DAVE HILL

Is that it?

DANNE D

What do you mean is that it?

DAVE HILL

I'm sorry. I mean... is it just me or were we all expecting more...

JAMES FERNANDEZ

These Oreos are addictive...

DAVE HILL

They taste weird, but I'm trying to ignore that.

SOUND: A DOOR SLAMS

DAVE HILL

Oh look! It's Station Manager Ken! For the folks at home who aren't listening...

KEN FREEDMAN

Blackout is limited to downtown Jersey City. News reports on Twitter say the problem should be fixed soon. I still need to double check Monty Hall downstairs...

JAMES FERNANDEZ

I can do that, Ken.

KEN FREEDMAN

That would be great, thanks James!

JAMES FERNANDEZ

This is not how I expect the end of the world to be... everybody running around unplugging things... I'll be right back!

DAVE HILL

Clearly... and to be honest, we might not all survive this. Hey Ken! If you had to kill someone here first, who would it be?

KEN FREEDMAN

You mean to eat?

DAVE HILL

Yeah, I guess kill is not the best word.

KEN FREEDMAN

Sacrifice!

DAVE HILL

That's it, Sacrifice. Ritual sacrifice...

KEN FREEDMAN

Slim pickings. James is a fill-in DJ and could board op at least. I'm gonna choose Danne D. Who would YOU choose Dave?

DAVE HILL

Well you're off the hook, naturally.

KEN FREEDMAN

Being Station Manager gives me immunity. Sure. I dig that.

DAVE HILL

Exactly. It goes without saying. Okay, if I reason with the idea, it would have to be Danne D. Wait, where'd he go? Danne? Quit foolin' around and come back here. You're in a lot of trouble, damn it!

SOUND: SOUND OF FIRE TRUCKS OUTSIDE

DAVE HILL

(cont)

Sounds like Armageddon outside.

MUSIC: DRAMATIC STING

SOUND: DAVE'S MOBILE PHONE RINGS

DAVE HILL

Holy crap! Crazy stupid cell phone. Scared the living daylights... Hello?

JAMES FERNANDEZ (ON PHONE)

Dave, it's James.

DAVE HILL

Hey James, where are you? We're all locked up right? Front and back?

JAMES FERNANDEZ (ON PHONE)

Checked and double checked.

DAVE HILL

Then get back up here. I need you to take these Oreos away from me.

JAMES FERNANDEZ (ON PHONE)

I'll come up, but because I'm needed. I'm not coming up for Oreos.

SOUND: SUDDEN REVERB / STATIC / YNGDAVE GUTTERAL UTTERANCE ON LOOP.

DAVE HILL

What the hell?

SOUND: DAVE HANGS UP

SOUND: PA SYSTEM - BUZZING – YNGDAVE GUTTERAL UTTERANCE ON LOOP.

DAVE HILL

What is that noise? Sounds like... is that YngDave?

SOUND: THE BUZZING, WAW WAW EFFECT – YNGDAVE GUTTERAL UTTERANCE FADING

DAVE HILL

I'm getting a strange feeling... I don't think I can stand up...

SOUND: DAVE DROPS HIS PHONE – HE THEMES CRASHING DOWN – HITTING THE FLOOR

DANNE D

Dave, are you okay? Did you just collapse?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Oh my god... did it work?

DANNE D

It's okay. Can you smell toast? Is your right side numb?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

You think I'm having a stroke or something?

DANNE D

That would be my first guess. Should I call for an ambulance?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Oh no, I'm fine. See, I'm just doing crunches... In fact, I want to take this body for a complete physical, just to prove how good I feel.

SOUND: DAVE STANDS, STARTS JOGGING ON THE SPOT

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Hey Danne D! Hey Dave! Okay... what'd I miss?

DAVE HILL

(Jogging on the spot)

James, it's good to see you. How are you doing?

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Dave? I'm good... You're either trying to warm up or you really need the bathroom.

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Are you kidding me? No sciatica and not a trace of blepharitis. My head feels tumor free... and less said about this hair the better. I can't believe it worked.

DANNE D

James, something strange is going on here. I found Dave lying on the ground. Now he's suddenly Richard Simmons on acid.

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

I better sit the heck down. Being Dave Hill is a lot of work.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

What the hell Dave? Do you need water?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

When are we going back on the air? I have so much to say, and I don't know how long I can hold this form.

SOUND: THE DOOR OPENS... SLAMS

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Excuse me a moment...

SOUND: THE SOUND OF CD'S BEING RIFLED THROUGH

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Whow, go steady Dave? Are you looking for something?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Where's your Jay Z section?

JAMES FERNANDEZ

I don't think we have one... Why Dave?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

The Cabal. They shipped millions of copies with tiny listening devices. We have to make sure we can talk freely.

DANNE D

This doesn't sound like you Dave.

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

No Jay Z... we're safe. For now. But it's only a matter of time. They're onto us.

DANNE D

YngDave? Is that you in there? Dave?

MAC TENDY

Say what they want about Danne D. He was onto something here, and at this juncture, it was very apparent that YngDave's plan to possess and speak using Dave Hill as an instrument was working.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

MUSIC: DARK BROODING RADIO BROADCAST OPENING

MAC TENDY

Witnesses confirm that YNGDAVE had indeed found a host body in DAVE HILL in order to voice his conspiracies to the world. Unfortunately, with the entire station still offline, there would be no outlet for YngDave to deliver his message.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Dave, you must be hallucinating. There must be something in the Oreos...

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

Yes! The Oreos! That would make sense. They'll get you with the candy.

YNGDAVE (commentary)

I thought at that point to go along with the ruse. Obviously it wasn't a case of poisoning but I wouldn't put it past The Cabal for a second!

JAMES FERNANDEZ

You're probably right. Don't eat anymore Oreos.

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

I can't hold this in any longer! Guys! I need you to listen to me. Listen and take note.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Are you trying a new bit or something Dave?

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

The problem is with technology. They say that people have much more choice these days, well that's false. There's a word... a word.... But Dave is getting in the way of my thoughts. The word, where people think they are in control but... Hand me that AXE. That's Dave's Axe. I'm going to show you exactly what I'm talking about.

SOUND: GUITAR RIFF

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

(Continued)

Hey YngDave... What did one Conspiracy Theorist say to the other Conspiracy Theorist moments after stepping on an airport traveller? This thing goes further than I expected.

SOUND: GUITAR RIFF

DAVE HILL (AS YNGDAVE)

(Continued)

YngDave, Try this one on for size: How many Conspiracy Theorists did it take to change a light bulb? None, because that's exactly what THEY expect you to do. And besides, THERE NEVER WAS A LIGHTBULB TO BEGIN WITH, DAMNIT!

SOUND: GUITAR RIFF / RIFF STOPS / DAVE STARTS COUGHING UP A LUNG

JAMES FERNANDEZ

(Aside)

Okay what the heck just happened?

DANNE D

(Aside)

I already said, he sounds like YngDave. He's either really into this or he's not even aware he's doing it.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

What if YngDave is in on this?

DANNE D

We have his number, let's give him a call.

SOUND: PHONE BLEEPS - DIALLING SOUNDS - RINGING

YNGMOM (ON PHONE)

Hello? If you want David, he's not here.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Hi, it's James, YngDave's friend.

YNGMOM (ON PHONE)

Yng who?

JAMES FERNANDEZ

It's James, Dave... David's friend from the station. At WFMU. Is David there?

YNGMOM (ON PHONE)

He's asleep in his room. An atomic bomb can't even wake him. His mind is off wandering... Which is great because I get to spend some time with his AXE!

SOUND: YNGMOM SLAMS OUT A FEW RIFFS WITH YNGDAVE'S GUITAR

JAMES FERNANDEZ

He's asleep? YngMom? Mrs David? Hello? – I can't hear her, she's playing the axe.

DANNE D

She's what?

SOUND: PHONE HANGS UP

DAVE HILL (AS HIMSELF AGAIN)

She's right you know. YngDave's mind is all over the place.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Dave? Are you okay?

DAVE HILL

I'm fine but I'm not in right now.

JAMES FERNANDEZ

Ha! You relax Dave. We're going to figure out what the hell is going on.

SOUND: DOOR OPENING

KEN FREEDMAN

Is everybody okay in here?

DANNE D

How do we explain what happened here over the air?

KEN FREEDMAN

I don't know about you, but whatever happened tonight was baffling. Doesn't look good if people find out station members are losing their minds.

DAVE HILL

I posted in the chat room "Lost a lot of blood at the station. Gonna need a mop."

JAMES FERNANDEZ

That'll keep 'em guessing.

MUSIC: DRAMATIC UNDERSCORE

MAC TENDY

From that moment, all power returned to downtown Jersey City, and within moments, life within Studio A of the WFMU Station continued its regular programming. It was as if nothing had happened, which begs the questions: Was Dave Hill really possessed by the astral mind of YngDave? Or, was this nothing more than an elaborate prank; a plan thwarted by the coincidence of that electrical blackout? Whatever you believe happened that night you can be sure... it was nothing short of extraordinary. This is Mac Tendency for "Tendency at Ten"... signing off...

SOUND: THE SOUND OF KNOBS AND BUTTONS / CHAIR ADJUSTING / A TAP ON THE MIC.

DAVE HILL

The power's back on. Thank you for staying with us. We're still here...So many moving pieces. Blood everywhere... But, it's still Halloween, time to take some calls...

SOUND: THE PHONE CONNECTS.

DAVE HILL

Hello, you're on the air!

(MUSIC OUT / THE END)