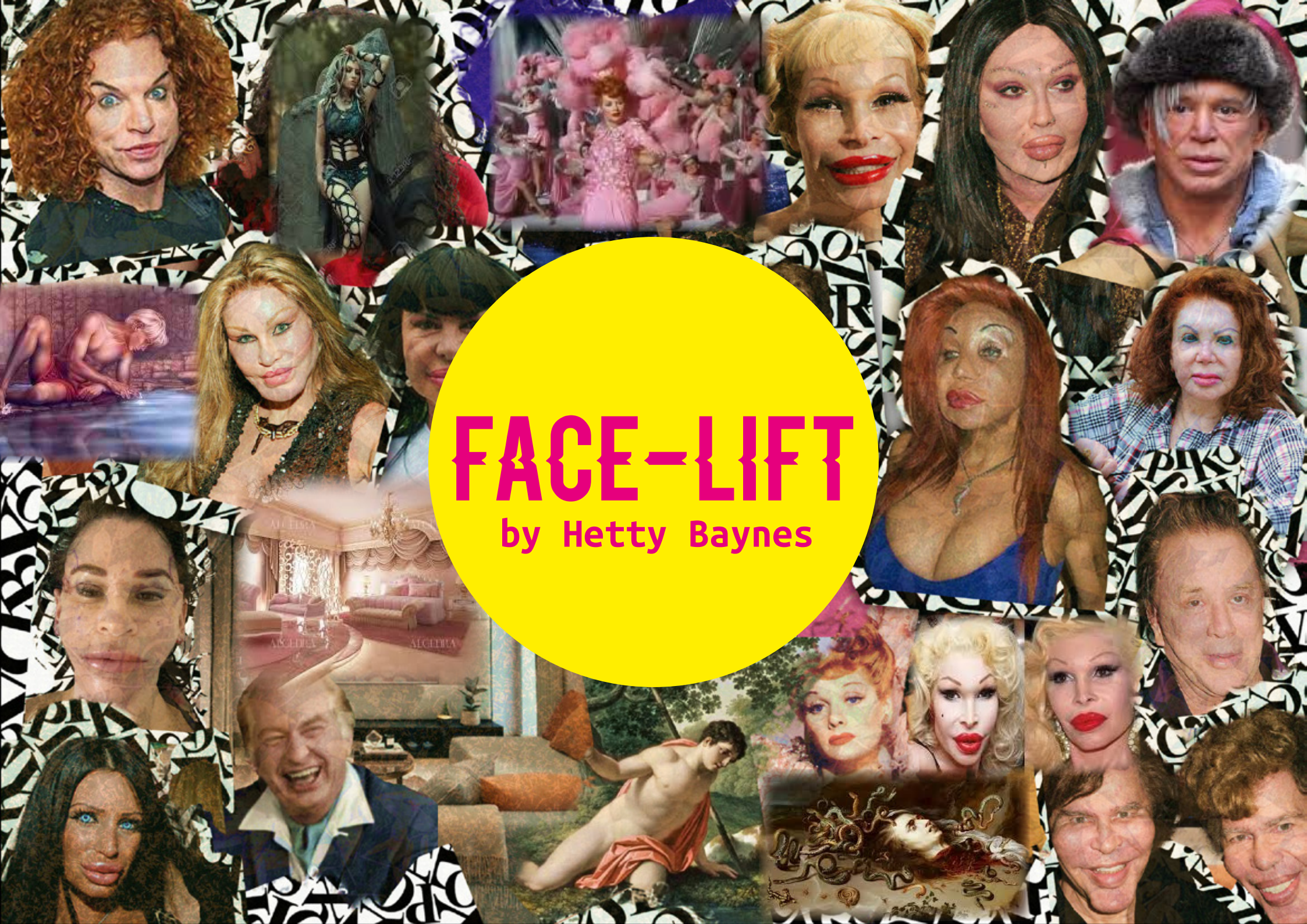

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RETURNABLE COMEDY TV SERIES

WEAVING IN A THREAD OF DARK DRAMA

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT meets SCHITT'S CREEK

ENSEMBLE CAST

two families...
one self-made nouveau riche, one entitled upper-middle class,
and...
an infamous plastic surgeon!

AVAILABLE:

- episode 1, 2 & 3 scripts (season 1)
- plotlines for season 1 & 2

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Set against a backdrop of the upswing of social media, internet dating, reality TV, addiction, mental health issues, plastic surgery and fame...
enabling the Cult of Celebrity to take hold.

Turning a darkly comic eye on the private angst and public meltdowns of our over stressed society.

An irreverent look at addictive personalities in search of 'The Answer', creating the need for an ever-greater fix...

...how wrong they get it and how wrong it goes!

The predators within our cult of celebrity are on the make, like our **devilishly salacious plastic surgeon DR. DIFFÉRENT...**

LEMONA EVERLANDS is a TV reality star, but actually her reality is desperate.
Her most important relationship is with her plastic surgeon...

TITUILA ROPE-SINCLAIR has to wear curtains in order to find her liberté...

Set in present day Marylebone, London, but flexible for regional city relocation eg Manchester, and also international eg LA, Manhattan, Paris, Rome.

The visual tone is a **heightened reality,** creating a uniquely stylised look.
Referencing the bright, luminescent and technicolour films of the 50's, eg **Magnificent Obsession.**
There is an undertow of narcissism visible, with metaphors alluding to **Narcissus, Medusa** and **The Portrait of Dorian Gray.**

THE EVERLANDS…

…are brash, self-made, and drip with nouveau riche panache. **Lemona Everlands,** freshly famous TV star, is hopelessly hooked on her new found fame and desperately clutches at her youth with the help of the charismatic **Dr. Différent.** Her **husband Roy,** with a mafia backstory, built their dazzling empire after arriving in England in the 80's. While Lemona basks in the spotlight, Roy seeks attention elsewhere, on www.dadadaddies.com. Their **daughter Poppy,** adrift on her gap year, feels utterly sidelined and turns to her **Granny Pat** for solace.

THE ROPE-SINCLAIRS…

…**Fiona** and **Bruce** are entitled, spoilt and still pissed and having a party, stuck in a time warp of sex, drugs, and rock & roll. Bruce, a Tory Housing Minister, enjoys cocaine binges and escapades with hookers, whilst Fiona lurches from one drink to another in a co-dependant haze. Their **daughter Tituila,** anorexic, dysmorphic and depressed, is on a perpetual search for the answer, finds herself in a cult Orb Centric Mazonaa with **Heseuse (Jesus)** the magnetic leader, a Poundland Messiah. By episode 2 (season 1) she is discussing total facial reconstructive surgery with Dr Différent.

DR. DIFFÉRENT…

…the devilishly suave plastic surgeon, flatters the vanity of his affluent clientele, with seductive Faustian pacts. He juggles a clandestine affair in London with his beautiful **assistant Angelique** – and in Paris with his exasperated French **wife Carole**, who stays for the status and their two young boys.

OTHER CAST INCLUDES…

Jago, a coked-up, narcissistic TV producer; **Dulce Dearleap,** a facelift addict and lesbian activist; **Norman Kat 'Kat Man Do',** convinced he's the reincarnation of Audrey Hepburn and goes to Dr Différent to help him achieve that wonderful face.

Each episode has a 'Bleeding Celebrity' running from the back door of the clinic (literally bleeding)! This will be an actual celebrity each week.







‘KEEP YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL’ music plays
(by Roy Fox and his Band, 1934)
with WITTY GRAPHICS and CAST...

LEMONA EVERLANDS ... A REALITY STAR
ROY EVERLANDS ... A SELF-MADE-MAN
POPPY EVERLANDS ... A DARLING DAUGHTER
PAT TODGE ... A NORTHERN ROCK

FIONA ROPE SINCLAIR ... A SOCIALITE
BRUCE ROPE SINCLAIR ... A TORY MP
TITUILA ROPE SINCLAIR ... AN INNOCENT

DR DAVIDE DIFFÉRENT ... A SEDUCTIVE SURGEON
MDM CAROLE DIFFÉRENT ... A BOURGEOIS WIFE
ANGELIQUE ... A PERT ASSISTANT

JAGO TURNBULL ... A COKE-HEAD PRODUCER
HESEUSE/JESUS ... A POUNDLAND MESSIAH
GILLIAN WARREN WILSON ... A SNOW WHITE

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ensemble character backstories...



DR DAVIDE DIFFÉRENT

Davide Différent is a highly successful and well-known plastic/aesthetic surgeon who runs clinics in both London and Paris. He has a long-suffering wife Carole (African French origin) and two children who live in Paris. Davide leads a double life, travelling to London every Tuesday morning and returning on Friday night, like clockwork. His life in London involves a steamy relationship with his assistant Angelique. Raised in Lyon by a violent father and silent mother, who never stood by him. Deeply disturbed by this environment he was sent to a psychiatric hospital at 12 for violent behaviour after attacking a fellow pupil at his school. He subsequently resides in a 'special' boarding school through his teenage years, during which time he creates a new persona for himself. When he leaves and launches himself into the real world at 20, he seems like a completely different person. Determined to make a super success of himself with his new persona, in order to erase all trace of his former self-years of humiliation, shame and vilification. He is never out of the public gaze. A sociopath and a dangerous man.



LEMONA EVERLANDS

Lemona was originally Mona Todge from Bradford North of England. The dream was to be a Hollywood film star. The reality is dancing on cruise ships, being an underwear model and working at The Hot Potato, a night club in Leeds, this is the 80's. She has a wild affair with the married owner, Mick Smiley-Kong who inveigles her into acting in his porn film under false pretences. Time to change, she moves back home with Mum and goes to work at the beauty counter. Enter Roy, a New York trader, who sweeps her off her feet. In London they create the Everlands Empire and have a daughter, Poppy now 20. But in the last two years Lemona has been following her long-lost dream of being an actress... Well actually, she becomes one of the stars of the hit reality TV show WIVES OF BANKERS. Oh dear! It all goes to her head and desperate is too soft a word to describe her more recent behaviour. She is glamorous, but with too much glitz, trapped in the 80's as a cross between Zsa Zsa Gabor and Abba, fluffy dogs and lots of pink. A fame and surgery addict.



ROY EVERLANDS

Roy Everlands, originally Roy Bianco is a sexy alpha male. Raised by 'Mama Lanz', a single parent from a long line of Mafia in the Bronx. She and her two boys are taken care of by 'the family'. As a teenager, Roy becomes mixed up in low life crime, but at 20, uses his streetwise know-how and genius for dealing and lands a job at the Bank of America. He is sent over to London in the 80's, where his career quickly rises. His brother 'Truff', stays with the gang, he is still a paid-up member today. (Truff and Mama Lanz appear later in the series). Whilst visiting his father's relatives he meets Lemona. The two fall head over heels, and on a vacation to see Mama in the US, are married in The Chapel of Love in Vegas. This is a turning point for Roy, he 'goes straight'! They change their name to Everlands for British effect and with Lemona at his side, they build a multimillion pound equity company. His recent dalliance into seeking much younger female company on www.dadadaddies.com is his first infidelity. As 'Rhett Butler' he meets 'Snow White', who unbeknownst to him, is a good friend of his daughter Poppy's. Roy is a good guy with a weakness for Snow White.

CASTING SUGGESTIONS (* denotes actors with Letter of Intent/would like to attach)

*** Simon Callow**

*** Phil Daniels**

ensemble character backstories...



BRUCE ROPE-SINCLAIR

Bruce is handsome, intelligent and wealthy, now a member of parliament as Conservative Housing Minister. With a public-school Education and a sophisticated lifestyle, he has no emotional intelligence whatsoever; he swims though life with drugs and sex, but is just a tad dodgy, tax wise. He marries Fiona in his 30's and they continue to live the high life with constant parties and holidays. They have been terrible parents. Born with a silver spoon, but with no real honey on it, like his wife, as a young boy he suffers from neglect at the hands of his self-centred parents, this was one of the similarities that bonded Fiona and Bruce in the first place. History repeats unless you wake up, which Bruce certainly has not. Because of his fraudulent dealings, he becomes publicly exposed when the world comes tumbling down; they end up homeless camping on Shepherds Bush Green, press swarming. He has the added threat of a prison sentence for fraud. Bruce is a cocaine addict and a penchant for prostitutes.



FIONA ROPE-SINCLAIR

Fiona is seemingly fabulous, fabulously happy and everything in her fabulous garden is roses, but really… she is a total mess. Not keen to face reality or see anything 'negative', she escapes into alcohol or shopping. Fiona has always had a trust fund, Daddy was 'big in biscuits' and she was raised in Scotland. Her maiden name was McFriday of McFriday Biscuits. Her parents were never there for her, the public persona of the family and company was stiff upper Scottish lip, but she suffers the loss of her twin sister Samantha, who is given away to a 'poor family' at only a year old, as a kind of do-gooder sentiment. Samantha turns up later in the series. Fiona is concerned about Tituila but just doesn't 'get it' and is merely critical. Wrong! They have a son Maximillian, a handsome rogue and lawyer, whom she idolises. Fiona is an alcoholic/shopaholic/co-dependent.



HESEUSE MAZONAA

Currently known as Heseuse Mazonaa, sports an orange glow fake tan, a long white and gold caftan and speaks in a 'Transatlantic accent'. He glides through life with a charisma that he lathers on each morning with the tan. Both stop at the neck. He is the founder and guru of Orb Centric – Gogon Mazonaa. They have accrued millions from their followers. Their headquarters are in a castle in Cornwall and a shop in Bloomsbury. He courts his prey by offering to sell them peace at a price, by way of various courses and gold-plated orbs to be worn as headgear, all sold for thousands of pounds. Son of an alcoholic car salesman in mid- west America in the 50's/60's, life was hard. He escapes at 20 to become a priest, but instead is lured by shady characters and has had short jail stints for fraud. He has changed his name many times. Orb Centric has been going for nearly 10 years and so far, so good. He has a 30 something Thai bride, Y, with whom he has a polyamorous relationship, as he sleeps with most of his disciples, whenever the whim and wherever the whisper of cash takes him. Heseuse is a con man, who believes his own con.

CASTING SUGGESTIONS (* denotes actors with Letter of Intent/would like to attach)

*** Simon Shepherd**

*** Tim McCinnerny**

ensemble character backstories...



TITUILA ROPE-SINCLAIR

Tituila is mentally unstable, raised with all the advantages of a privileged upper middle-class home, but without any real emotional stability. She is on medication and seeing Dr T at The Friary Clinic who appears later in the series. She has been diagnosed with Dysmorphia, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, Chronic Anxiety and Clinical Depression. She is repeatedly drawn to spiritual cults for the answer, has an angel visitation and is consequently seconded by the cult 'Orb Centric', their leader Heseuse (pronounced Jesus) kidnaps and attempts to seduce her during the series. Because of her dysmorphia she attends Dr Différent's clinic for total facial reconstruction. Tituila acts out the neurosis of her family's dysfunction but, is the sanest of them all, if only she could realise it! She is both intelligent and beautiful, but her world view is so far removed from the real one, it is hard for her to navigate her way back to herself. A victim of psychological/emotional abuse and neglect. An innocent.



JAGO TURNBULL

Jago is an attractive Oxbridge, clever, funny, ex BBC bright young thing, who has risen easily up the ranks. As assistant producer on WIVES OF BANKERS he carved a niche for himself and is now Producer on BEE ON THE WALL. Charming, charismatic and ruthlessly ambitious, public school from an unsettled background. His childhood was constantly on shifting sands after his parents' divorce when he was 8, because his mother has an affair with a woman. There is a lot of shame lurking beneath the surface, early public-school humiliations and sexual abuse, when he is sent to prep school, also at 8. He has never recovered from these traumas, so pursues success as if his life depended on it and in some ways, it does. He has had relationships, but they never last long. He was jilted at the alter by his fiancée, Tabitha McColl 5 years ago. He enjoys a flirtation with Lemona, but this is merely a manipulation along his pathway to success. They do, however, have an encounter during the series. Jago is a cocaine addict, running from himself at high speed.



POPPY EVERLANDS

Poppy is simply lovely and with everything at her feet. Maybe a little bit too lovely, at times? We know that Lemona and Roy are going through a tsunami just now, but they have been bloody good parents. Ok! She has had the advantage of their raised status and private education, but their formerly earthy attitude kept her in the real world. The chaos of today is a recent phenomenon, with Lemona's hysteria and her father's absenteeism, Poppy is still preparing for her 'Gap Year' travel to Uganda to teach at a Charity School for underprivileged children. Her plan is to do a degree in Anthropology at Bristol. She is friends with Tituila from school days and becomes romantically involved with her brother Maximillian, towards the end of the first series when they rescue Tituila from the cult in Cornwall. Poppy turns to her Granny Pat for emotional support. Poppy is just a little lost and resistant to growing up.

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*** Ella Shrey-Yeats** *** Julian Rhind-Tutt** *** Daisy Waterstone**

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plotlines season 1

EPISODE 1: VIVE LE DIFFÉRENCE!

Chaos unfolds as Lemon Everland pitches her family for a reality TV spin-off, while her husband Roy secretly meets his younger lover Gillian, only for their worlds to collide. Meanwhile, the Rope-Sinclairs navigate drunken antics and romantic woes, and plastic surgeon Dr. Davide Différent juggles a scandalous lawsuit and an affair. The drama crescendos as secrets unravel and lives intersect.

EPISODE 2: SHUT UP – LOOK PRETTY

Snow White flees the restaurant, avoiding detection, while Tituila, battling mental health struggles, adopts a DIY burqa and joins the Orb Centric cult after a dream of the Angel of the North. Lemona picks up her mother, Pat, for the Reality Celebrity Awards but ditches her to drink with Jago, who tempts her to stage a live reveal with her estranged son and sleazy ex for a reality show spot. Tituila fights Fiona, plans surgery with Dr. Différent, and is drawn deeper into Orb Centric. Meanwhile, Différent escapes a lawsuit but faces pressure from his wife.

EPISODE 3: MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL

At the chaotic RCA's, Lemona loses her award and melts down after a journalist mocks her age, while Fiona and Bruce attend the glitzier LAFTA's, ending in an NHS hospital when Bruce overdoses on chem-sex drugs and alcohol, disgracing himself further as housing minister. Press swarm the hospital but ignore Roy and Lemona's limo as they head home, where Lemona sees her billboard replaced by the RCA winner. A tense post-mortem with Roy is interrupted by a call from Gillian/Snow White, sparking Lemona's suspicions. Devastated, she locks herself in the bathroom, drinks gin, and watches reruns of Wives of Bankers in the tub.

EPISODE 4: THE FAUSTIAN PACT

Tituila is a fully paid up member of the The Orb Centric Mazonaa Cult, but her parents refuse access to her trust fund, focusing instead on spinning their recent scandals with an Affordable Housing Charity Ball. Amid rumours of Bruce's tax fraud, a journalist arrives seeking an interview. At Harley Street, Lemona brings Pat for treatments while Davide and Angelique continue their affair. Tituila schedules surgery after tea with Poppy and Gillian. During a TV recce, Roy arrives dishevelled, and Taddy reveals Lemona's secret son, Darren, shocking Roy and Poppy. The stress overwhelms Lemona, who collapses. The next morning, lost and unrecognisable, she wanders London, reliving her past with Roy, who ignores her for Gillian. Alone, she agrees to Jago's Faustian deal at Crouchos.

EPISODE 5: HELL BREAKS LOOSE

Tituila consults Venal, Dent & Cribbins solicitors to access her trust fund for Heseuse and Orb Centric but is later caught resisting his advances at a sweat lodge while partially veiled. At Harley Street, Dulce Dearleap arrives in the waiting room, where chaos erupts when Lemona's dogs snatch a breast implant, just as French police arrive to question Dr. Différent over the death of a former patient, Hortense, linked to a manslaughter charge and a past affair. Angelique is revealed to have financial ties to the scandal. Meanwhile, Tituila, Poppy, and Gillian bond at lunch, Roy fails to end things with a distraught Snow White, and Lemona tells Pat that Bee on the Wall is happening.

plotlines season 2

EPISODE 1: BEE ON THE WALL

First day of filming on 'Bee On The Wall' at Everlandia. Lemona panics as Tree Tops adoption agency questions the TV crew about Darren, unaware they're being filmed. At Harley Street, Dr. Différent enjoys the police attention. Kat Man Do, is transitioning into Audrey Hepburn. Tituila, redirected by Angelique to a private hospital, prepares for surgery as Heseuse arrives with flowers. Meanwhile, Fiona and Bruce ignore a Tabloid exposé on his taxes, opting for sex, drugs, and rock & roll. Back at Everlandia, Smiley Kong's sleazy Zoom to Lemona is caught on camera. Darren (40's) arrives at the door, asking to see his mother. Lemona freezes.

EPISODE 2: IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS

Darren hides in the loo with Pat, the only camera-free spot, where Poppy joins them, bonding over a toilet seat. Roy gets an unwelcome call from his mother Mama Lanz, threatening a visit with Truff. Seeking escape, he confides in Gillian at Red's, flashing back to his mafia youth in Manhattan. At the hospital, bandaged Tituila hears Heseuse's plans to move her to the Orb Centric headquarters, Shangrilar. The Rope-Sinclairs host a lavish Cats and Dogs charity ball, attended by our ensemble cast and celebrities. Tituila's handsome brother Maximillian shows up and charms Poppy. Tituila arrives, unveils her new face, and Fiona faints.

EPISODE 3: I WANNA TURN BACK TIME

The police question Carole Différent in Paris about her husband. She calls Pearl Court to warn them, but Angelique feigns ignorance. Angelique confronts Dr. Différent, accusing him of murder and begins to subtly blackmail him. At Everlandia, a filming day derails when Gillian and Poppy arrive, leading to a chaotic hallway scene. Gillian screams at Roy, and the fiasco, caught on camera, leaves Poppy distraught. Lemona, maintaining a front, later flees to Dr. Différent's clinic, demanding instant facial fixes. Furious, Davide injects her with something unsafe. Back at Everlandia, Lemona's face swells grotesquely on camera. Panicked, she locks herself in the bathroom and overdoses.

EPISODE 4: THE DESCENT OF THE MOB

Sedated after a session with her therapist Dr. T, Lemona lies unconscious at The Friary. In the waiting room, Pat, Poppy, and Roy linger at the house as Gillian/Snow White storms out, with Roy chasing after her. He's interrupted by a call — his brother and Mama Lanz are heading to Everlandia. Pat and Poppy share a heart-to-heart. That night, Davide gains control over Angelique at Pearl Court. At Everlandia, the Bee on the Wall TV cameras continue to roll, despite protests from Roy and Poppy. Mama Lanz and Truff with mafia in tow arrive. Roy threatens Jago with a lawsuit, but filming continues. Meanwhile, mob members use the mansion as a hideout.

EPISODE 5: SHANGRILAR

Roy convinces the mob to leave due to TV cameras. He calls Gillian, promising to make amends but won't change his marriage while Lemona is being treated in the Friary. Tituila, with a new face, is taken to Shangrilar, where she realizes she's being kidnapped. She befriends her new friend Amanda, who calls Tituila's brother Max for help. Max and Poppy, drawn to each other, plan a helicopter rescue. Tituila, devastated by the Orb Centric scam, admits she gave Heseuse a fortune. Bruce is warned of a tax investigation. Fiona arrives drunk. Max and Poppy infiltrate Shangrilar but fail to find drugged Tituila. At Dr. Différent's clinic, police arrive. Roy and Gillian are in bed, while Bruce and Fiona hover in a helicopter, possibly fleeing. Lemona, unrecognisable, lies drugged at the Friary.

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