

Hitchcock  
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HANA and JANA, two peppy morning show hosts, stand together in front of a counter in studio. Alfred HITCHCOCK stands to one side, awkwardly apart. The two hosts are clearly unnerved by his presence.

HANA

It's Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
time for another episode of *Good  
Morning! With Hana, Jana, and  
Simon!* Good morning, I'm Hana!

JANA

Good morning, I'm Jana!

HITCHCOCK

*(slow and intense  
throughout)*

Good evening, I'm Alfred  
Hitchcock, filling in for Simon,  
who's feeling a bit under the  
weather. But hopefully not six  
feet under.

HANA

Ha haha alright. Today I'll tell  
you how to turn last night's  
roast chicken leftovers into a  
hip new look for fall.

JANA

And we'll look at five products  
found in every kitchen your  
toddler might be using to get  
high.

HANA

And then we'll play some clips we  
found on YouTube, because that's  
what TV is now!

HITCHCOCK

And I will show you the hairy  
underbelly of human nature, black  
as pitch and reeking of fear and  
contempt.

HANA

*(pause)*

'Kay, now we're going to jump

right in and show you how to make  
a Mediterranean almond omelet.

JANA

Ok, so the first thing we're  
going to do is heat our pan over  
a high flame. Once that's nice  
and hot we're going to throw  
three eggs, lightly beaten, into  
the pan. Now we're going to throw  
in our other ingredients. We've  
got some artichokes here...

HITCHCOCK

As the only vegetable with a  
heart, artichokes are the only  
food capable of malice.

HANA

And here we've got some chopped  
almonds.

JANA

Almonds in an omelet? That's  
nutty! (*JANA & HANA laugh  
gratuitously*)

HITCHCOCK

Almonds are an excellent addition  
to mask the tell-tale smell of  
cyanide in any dish. If your  
preferred poison is arsenic,  
you'll find garlic makes a more  
perfect pairing.

HANA

(*pause*)

Thanks for that helpful tip!

JANA

And we're just going to finish it  
off with a sprinkle of parmesan  
cheese.

HANA

Who doesn't love cheese?

HANA & JANA laugh gratuitously and look over at HITCHCOCK,  
expecting a dark response.

HITCHCOCK

I love cheese.

JANA

Great! I think that looks done,  
why don't you take a bite?

HANA

You did all the work, you should  
have the first bite... Al?

HITCHCOCK

Nope.

JANA

No I insist -

HANA

No, really, go ahead -

JANA

EAT IT.

JANA shoves the fork in HANA's mouth.

HANA

Mmm, this is delicious, you can  
really taste the al-chck... ack...  
uggghg

HANA chokes and slumps over.

JANA

Oh my god. Can we get - is there  
a doctor in the audience? There's  
been some sort of accident.

HITCHCOCK

An accident, JANA? (*intensifying*)  
Or is everything going according  
to plan?

JANA

No... no... there's been some sort of  
terrible mistake!

HITCHCOCK

Mistake... or *murder most fowl*... you  
know, because the omelet... chicken  
eggs...

JANA

Alright, I did it! I killed her,  
and I poisoned Simon, too. I want  
to do *real news*. Not 'which  
toilet paper doubles as a zesty  
low-calorie snack!'. It's going

to be nothing but *real news* from  
now on. Because now *I AM the*  
*news*.

Security guards haul JANA away. HITCHCOCK takes centre stage.

HITCHCOCK

Once again, the darker side of  
human nature triumphs over a good  
morning. I hope you'll join me  
tomorrow, when I'll bring you  
another tale of moral depravity  
and show you how to make a  
festive fall centerpiece the  
entire family will love.

END