

AN EMERGENCY APPEAL by David Paul Nixon

GRAMS **Tragic melodramatic music**

PRESENTER [V.SERIOUS] This is an emergency appeal on behalf of a neglected and forgotten part of society. People who once enjoyed the public eye but have now been left on the scrap heap of life.

ATMOS **Music stops, man shuffles, uncomfortably quiet**

ROBERT [DOWNTRODDEN] Well I said to them that I suffered from bi-polar disorder and that I was also a cross dresser and an alcoholic. [PAUSE] They said I'd be absolutely perfect for big brother 5.

PRESENTER Robert is just one of many who have suffered because of the reality TV phenomenon. He hasn't appeared in Heat magazine or on The Mint for over 12 months. Desperate and alone, he spent the money he made from selling his last exclusive story on have his whole house fitted with close circuit TV cameras and then paid local teenagers to watch him there day and night. [PAUSE] Psychotherapist Dr Tiersen understands the problem only too well

DOCTOR The problem is that these emotionally sub-normals are suddenly raised to a level of prominence in society. They start to think that they are special, important,

talented, even intelligent. When this is simply not the case.

ATMOS **Uncomfortable silence.**

ROBERT I went into a supermarket the other day and no one recognized me, not a single person. So I went and stood in front of the customer service desk and had a crazed psychotic fit just like I used to on the show. [TEARFUL] Then security asked me to leave and confiscated my clubcard.

PRESENTER Things went from bad to worse for Robert. Only last month he was arrested by police for drilling a hole in his bathroom wall, because he couldn't go to the toilet without the thought of somebody watching him. [PAUSE] But with your help we can give former contestants like Robert a chance. By just donating three pounds a month we can give an old contestant hair a different colour to attract a magazines attention. While a donation of 8 pounds a month will buy the services of a personal one to one euthanasia consultant [pause] But we also need your help to fund our vital medical research.

DOCTOR We've managed by harnessing tiny molecules of unsoiled memory to regrow a Love Island contestants dignity by 5%. But this research is only in the early stages. We're still along way from producing anything

close to an iota of self-respect.

GRAMS **Melodramatic music fades in**

PRESENTER Robert clearly has a long way to go. But with your help he can live an abnormal normal life once again.
Please give generously

GRAMS **Music fades out.**

2ND PRESENTER Since this appeal was first aired, we've managed, because of your donations, to buy Robert his own E4 programme, The show features his dangerously unstable adventures as a doctor in a old folks home. The show was recently nominated for a Bafta.