

## SHADOWS

### Panel 1

Job applicant (Lewis) a young Black person with short natural hair and in a suit, tie and carrying a briefcase stands by an open door labelled 'CEO', waving. CEO (Tracey, an older white person with short hair and square glasses) sits behind desk, waving back.

CEO - "Hey! Come in!

Applicant - "Hello... I'm here for the job interview."

### Panel 2

Lewis and Tracey shake hands, smiling, as the CEO's partial shadow falls across the desk.

CEO - "Pleasure to meet you. I'm Tracey."

Applicant - "Likewise. I'm Lewis."

### Panel 3

Lewis sits facing Tracey, who is in the foreground. Tracey's shadow falls over the table, Lewis' shadow falls behind him.

Tracey - "So, tell me about yourself!"

Lewis - "So I grew up in London & studied Goldsmiths. I love it here..."

### Panel 4

Tracey sits behind her desk, looking at Lewis with a now unfriendly expression on her face. Her shadow falling over her desk.

Lewis - "...!In my spare time?' I love socialising, listening to music, I'm really into hip-hop & grime..."

### Panel 5

Lewis, with raised eyebrow, looks unsure. The shadow that falls behind Lewis is wearing a baseball cap and a hoodie.

Lewis - "Ummm... Is something up? You're looking at me a little weird... Like something's behind me..."

### Panel 6

Tracey, looking unfriendly, not making eye contact as she looks to the side, a hand raised as questioningly.

Tracey - "It's just, I'm a little surprised. You seem like such a *together* individual. I'm shocked you indulge in such violent, aggressive, soulless, talentless music.

Panel 7

Lewis, looking serious with brow furrowed, faces Tracey. The shadow that falls behind Lewis is wearing a hoodie and holding a gun out aggressively. Tracey's shadow that falls across the desk has two horns and sharp claws.

Tracey - "...I mean, I really liked you, I just don't like your music taste - Ha! Ha!"

Lewis (thinking) - "Why are CEOs *a/ways* like this!!!!"

Panel 8

Lewis and Tracey face each other animatedly, pointing a finger at each other. Tracey's shadow falls across the desk and has two horns.

Lewis - You've been judgemental! And prejudice!

Tracey - "You've been rude! And abrupt!"

Panel 9

Lewis' hand sweeping his briefcase away.

Lewis - "I'm leaving!"

Panel 10

Lewis walking away from the office, brow furrowed and eyes scornful. Tracey, through the open door, stands behind her desk with hands on hips.

Lewis (thinking) - "How could she be so rude! I know their type!"

Tracey (thinking) - "Ugh... That kind of music perpetuates violence! That's all I was getting at!..."

## WOLF TEETH

### Panel 1

Two Black friends watching TV together on the couch, one has short natural hair and is wearing a t-shirt and pendant, the other has shaved hair and wears a long-sleeved striped shirt. A politician stands behind a podium on the screen.

### Panel 2

Friend 1 - "Oh here we go, another politician and political campaign."

Friend 2 - "How interesting."

### Panel 3

Politician on the screen standing with both hands holding the podium, lots of people behind him holding banners with 'Go Ben!', 'Ben for leader' and 'He'll save us!' on.

Politician - "I care about each & every one of you. I am *committed* to making change. I promise to erase all national debt, cut taxes, and support the homeless..."

### Panel 4

Friend 1, close up, looking thoughtful.

Friend 1 (thinking) - Hand on... This man says this *every time*. Last campaign, same thing, and what's changed? Judging by his fancy suit, the only thing that's financially benefitting is his bank account.

### Panel 5

Friend 1, close up, looking angry. Their mouth is open, showing sharper teeth.

Friend 1 (thinking) - In the last rally he made the same promises. We are financially worse off... There are more homeless people on the streets..."

### Panel 6

Friend 1's mouth close up. They now have sharp wolf teeth and are chewing.

Friend 1 - "I refuse to believe another word of this!"

### Panel 7

The two friends sitting together on the couch, friend 1 leaning forward, animated. Friend 2 sits back.

Friend 1 - "He's such a liar! His actions are the opposite of his words!"

Friend 2 (thinking) - "Yeah, but..."

Panel 8

Friend 2 close up, they gesture, with their mouth open.

Friend 2 - "Actually, I have to disagree. If he's saying it he'll be held accountable. Have we seen the results yet? No, but I'm sure he's still working on these promises... What else can we do? If he says it, I guess he must mean it...?"

Panel 9

Friend 2 close up, their face even more animated, their mouth open even wider.

Friend 2 - "He cares about each & every one of us... He just said so... And he'll erase national debt!"

Panel 10

Friend 1 turns to face friend 2 on the couch, hands out and furrowed brow.

Friend 1 - "You're not looking at the facts, or taking his previous actions into consideration! Just because he says it, doesn't mean it's true!"

Panel 11

The politician on the screen, hand out dramatically. His supporters wave banners behind.

Politician - "Thank you for your time, love, belief & support. I'm so happy we can finally unite over a shared vision & faith that change will come. Right?"

Panel 12

The two friends on the couch next to each other, both looking deflated and unhappy.

Friend 1 (thinking) - "*I'm* no fool. I'm *done*."

Friend 2 (thinking) - "He's a hero..."

## WOLF EARS

### Panel 1

Two people sit across from each other at a table, dressed smartly. The man/masculine presenting person is white, and wears a shirt and trousers, the woman/femme is Black, wearing hoop earrings, a black top and using an attendant propelled wheelchair, A bottle of Pinot Gris & two half full glasses on the table, along with a vase of flowers.

Man - "I'm so glad we're finally getting round to this dinner..."

Woman - "Likewise, it's so great to meet you."

### Panel 2

Some time later. The man sits, face on, with his hand out gesturing as he talks to his date.

Man - "So, I grew up in Leeds, but moved to Ireland when I was 19..."

### Panel 3

Woman reaches out, holding her date's wrist and admiring his watch.

Woman - "I'm sorry to interrupt, but I *love* your watch! That looks expensive..."

### Panel 4

Close up of the man's watch on his wrist, which is sparkling. He talks about it.

Man - "*Oh*, this old thing!?... This is actually my spare... I have hundreds of other, actually... After I bought my Bentley I had to save for a while to get this. It looks great next to my Armani suit..."

### Panel 5

Woman faces her date, looking exasperated and bewildered.

### Panel 6

Man continues to talk, face on, getting carried away.

Man - "I remember when I was in Dubai, a guy offered me 500K for it. Imagine! But I said no, I didn't need the money..."

Man (thinking) - "I am talking about money... A lot... I need to show wealth... I want you to admire me... I *need* to impress you..."

### Panel 7

Woman stares at her date with wolf ears protruding from her hair. She looks with a penetrating gaze and a considering expression.

### Panel 8

As a waiter walks past, the man sits with his hands out and eyes closed as he continues to talk. The woman hails the waiter.

Man - "Blah, blah, blah"

Woman - "Excuse me, the bill please?"

Panel 9

The man holds the bill, totalling £69.30, next to his phone with his bank balance displayed as overdrawn by -£20.11 in his current account, and -£5.40 in his savings account.

Man (thinking) - "Oh... no..."

Panel 10

Man stares at the glowing screen of his phone, looking anxious and worried.

Panel 11

Woman stares at her date with sharp and alert wolf ears protruding from her hair. She has a knowing expression and the image of a clown appears in her mind.

Panel 12

The two sit at the table as the waiter stands by. The man looks emotionally flat, while the woman offers her bank card to the waiter.

Woman - "Don't worry babe, I got this..."