

## Noises Off—Selsdon Monologue

***(Selsdon plays the Burglar in the play Nothing's On. He is a lovable, unreliable character actor who loves the drink. After waiting for hours and taking a long nap, he finally gets to make his entrance by breaking into the house.)***

No bars, no burglar alarm. They ought to be prosecuted for incitement. No, but sometimes it makes me want to sit down and weep. When I think I used to do banks! When I remember I used to do bullion vaults! What am I doing now? I'm breaking into paper bags! Right, what are they offering...? One microwave oven. What? Fifty quid? Hardly worth lifting it. Junk, junk, junk... if you insist ***(He pockets some small items)*** Where's the desk? No, they all say the same thing... They all say the same thing... It's hard to adjust to retirement. No, I miss the violence. I miss having other human beings around me to terrify. It's nice to hear a bit of shouting and screaming around you. All this silence gets you down... I'm going to end up talking to myself.

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