



# Talking Heads

## by Alan Bennett

**A Lady of Letters**  
**Bed Among the Lentils**  
**A Chip in the Sugar**





## **Three Plays Three Directors Three Actors**

### **A Lady of Letters**

**directed by Nicola Dawson.**

Irene Ruddock is not afraid to speak, or rather write, her mind. She writes letters to her MP, the police, the chemist – etc., to remedy the social ills she sees around her. After one too many accusations of misconduct from Irene's pen, she is sent to prison where, for the first time in her life, she truly feels free.

### **A Chip in The Sugar**

**directed by Freda Storey.**

Graham is a middle-aged man with a history of mild, mental health problems, living with his mother in Leeds. He is an absolutely stereotypical Guardian reader – he wears flares, avoids deodorant, is environmentally conscious, likes date and walnut bread and is very anti-Thatcher. It is also hinted that he is a closet homosexual. His life is dramatically changed when his mother, to whom he is effectively 'married', meets her old flame Frank Turnbull after many years. Turnbull is bigoted, right-wing and racist but he is also well-dressed and well-off. Graham becomes increasingly jealous as Turnbull proposes marriage to Mum and suggests that Graham should move out. But Turnbull is hiding a secret which Graham discovers and confronts his mother with it, restoring the status quo but destroying her happiness in the process.

### **Bed Amongst The Lentils**

**directed by Ron Roberts.**

Susan is an alcoholic, a nervous vicar's wife, distracts herself from her ambitions and, as she sees him, her vainly insensitive husband by conducting an affair with a nearby grocer, Ramesh Ramesh. In doing so, she discovers something about herself and God. Interestingly, she does not feel cheated when he 'moves on' to get married.

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