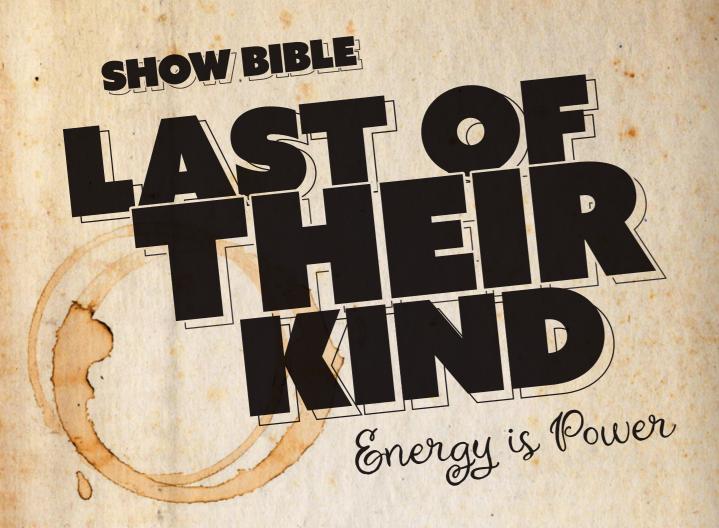
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Energy is Power



> Impulsive energy vampire Shirley arrives to purge another town, but battles local resistance and unearths the truth: she's not alone.

At first glance, the sleepy town of **Shortall** is unremarkable, like any other well-to-do town. People don't ask too many questions and they keep to themselves. Yet, scratch beneath the surface just a little, and Shortall harbours a **darker secret**.

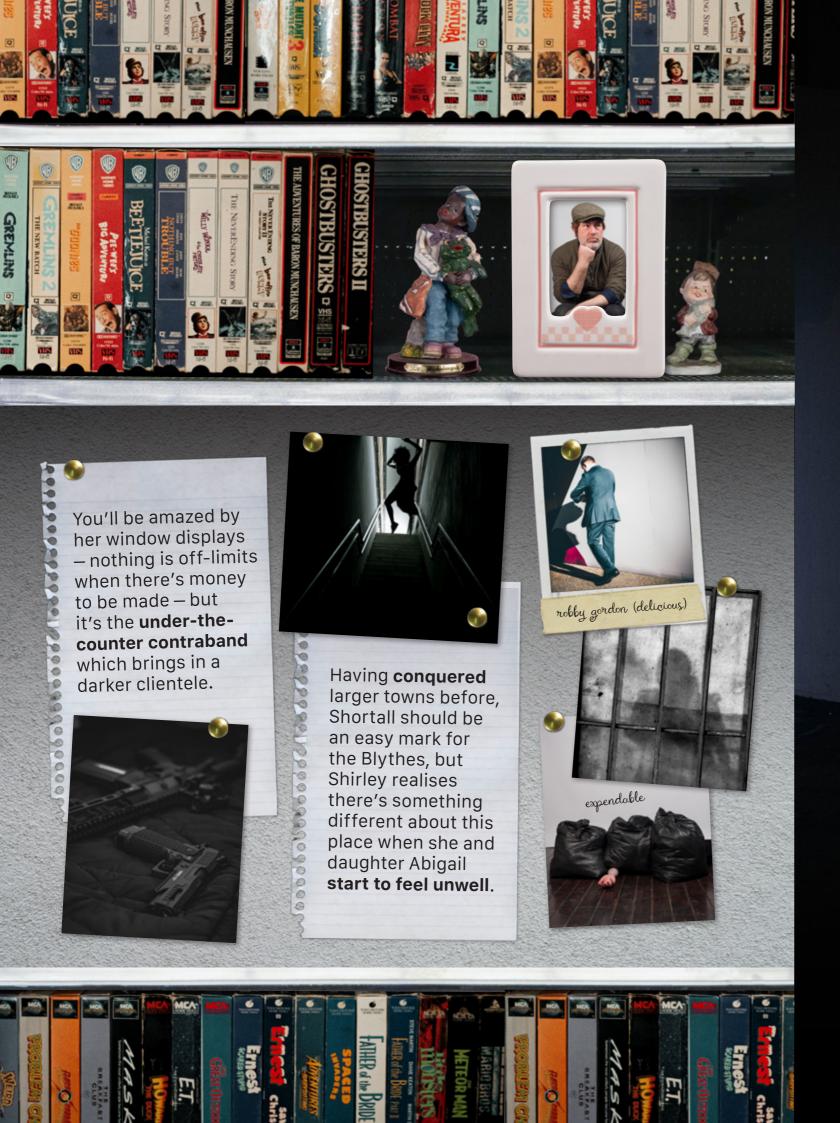
Unknowingly, the residents of Shortall have been drawn into a cult-like existence — engineered by the town's 'trustworthy' GP. Doctor Gibney is an ancient psychic vampire who quietly feeds off their life force during consultations. Believing he's the last of his kind, the decrepit doctor takes great care to stay unseen, allowing him to control his flock for generations.

Blissfully unaware that their life force is being drained – except for feeling a bit tired – the locals are loyal and subservient, content with their lot. This is how its always been.

Nothing out of the ordinary here.





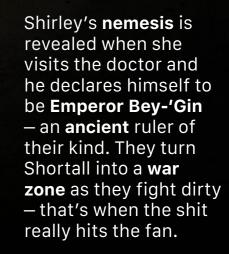


When Shirley's dominance challenges Gibney's stranglehold of the town, the doctor takes steps to remedy the situation to preserve his empire. He administers a bygone potion to his flock that will slowly kill Shirley as she feeds.

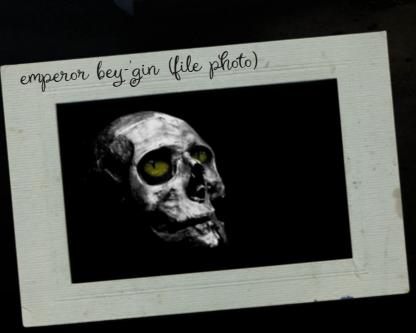
FUN FACT:
Shirley employs
powerful mind
control techniques
to subdue her prey
and feast at her
leisure.

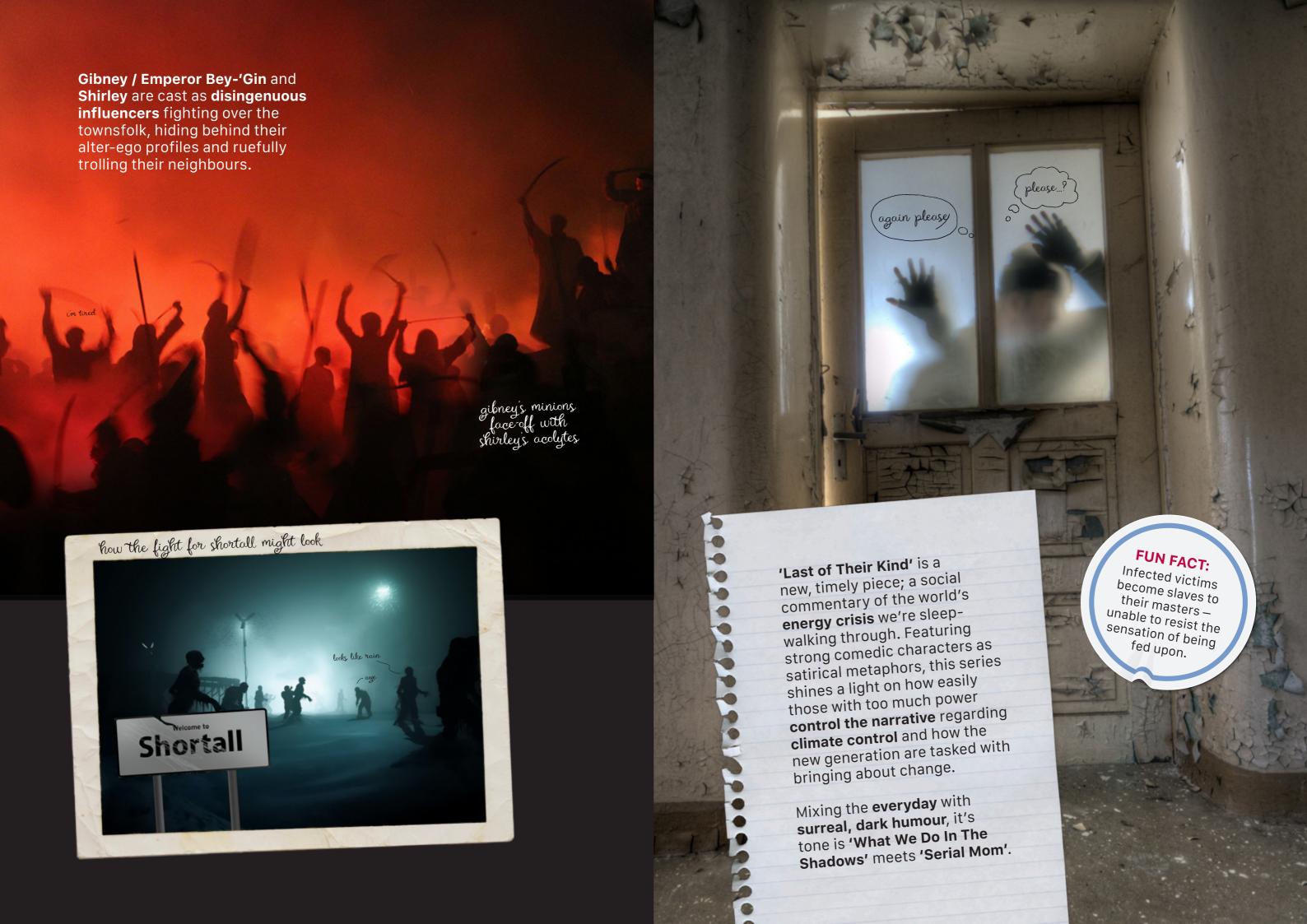
FUN FACT:

Victims are kept fresh in the basement for weeks — thanks to Dave's kind human nature.



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AST OF THEIR KIND

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SHIRLEY BLYTHE

Shirley is a person you'd really love to hate. She's a socially inept psychic vampire. Jealous and unpredictable, nothing will stand in her way. Under the guise of 'The Black Widow', Shirley runs rampant, cultivating a web of black market activity. She's greedy and feeds voraciously off others to rejuvenate. Shirley bends people to her will without their knowledge and wants to reintroduce her species to the world, eventually siding with her nemesis to achieve her goal. Shirley is fiercely protective of her daughter Abigail.

ABIGAIL BLYTHE

Street-smart teenager Abigail knows how to play both Shirley and Dave, but there's a vulnerable side to her too. She doesn't really know who she is yet, but she's following her mother's influence whole heartedly. Abigail's hormones are clashing with her burgeoning powers, making her feel unstable, but also a little special under Shirley's tutelage. She wants a normal life and to put down some roots, to find some friends her own age. Uncomfortable with some of her mother's ideals, she leans on step-dad Dave for parenting she can count on.





DAVE BLYTHE

Fifteen years ago, Dave went to buy milk and never returned to wife Felicity. In the freezer aisle, Shirley abducted Dave, manipulating him to be her protector and trophy husband. He's a people-pleaser but struggles to keep Shirley and Abigail out of trouble. He's loyal but blinkered to reality under the constant threat of Shirley's powers. Dave believes he loves Shirley, convinced he'll be rewarded for his efforts one day. That is, until his real wife Felicity tracks him down and brings him back to himself.

DOCTOR GIBNEY / EMPEROR BEY-'GIN

An ancient psychic vampire who's been quietly controlling Shortall for generations. The doctor feeds from the community in his practice, careful not to take too much precious energy from his patients (unless they're on their deathbed). Intolerant and judgemental, Gibney is disgusted by all ailments and his patient confidentiality is questionable. Formerly Emperor Bey-'Gin, he now lives frugally in plain sight. That is, until Shirley arrives and starts pissing him off with her antics. When Shirley strokes his dormant ego, his thirst for power returns.



> The locals of Shortall:

ROBBY GORDON

Engaged office worker Robby is the first to fall under Shirley's spell. He's one of the lads, into sports and pints but underneath it all, he's unfulfilled, yearning for something more. Robby easily becomes Shirley's number one acolyte. Bridezilla fiancé Kate can't stand to watch him grow despondent and takes action to 'save the date' (and Robby).

JEAN O'DWYER

Plucky Irish widow Jean is a ferocious gossiper with a sharp tongue and dry wit. She's independent, generous and friendly. Rents a room to Jalen.



JALEN DERBY

Brash drama queen Jalen loves the banter with his best mate and landlady Jean. He exploits his disability, race and sexuality to his own advantage.

BEVERLY LETHER

Voluptuous, morally-corrupt relationship therapist Bev loves the sound of her own voice. She's addicted to sex, but not with her husband Frank. Alright?

FRANK GROAN

Quiet man Frank is downtrodden and weak. He relies on his dark imagination to deal with the infidelities of his wife Beverley.

BECKY TURNPIPE

Bubbly straight-talker Becky runs a café with her mum where the health and safety isn't on the top of the menu. She's downto-earth, wears what she feels good in.

DOT TURNPIPE

Old school Dot is well-worn and thrifty. She works the kitchen in her daughter's café (Becky's Pie Hole), where nothing goes to waste.

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EPISODE 1: WE'RE A NICE NORMAL FAMILY

The Blythe family arrive and Robby is immediately hunted down for Shirley and Abigail to feed from. We get acquainted with Shortall and the Blythe's shop 'Charitable Causes' gets ready to open. Suspicious Jean comes a cropper when she discovers Robby is incarcerated in the basement, which leads Dave to rush Jean to Doctor Gibney's practice.

EPISODE 2: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MAD TO WORK HERE

It's the shop's 'grand' opening and punters get to meet Shirley upclose and personal. Jean is bruised and on a mission to find out the truth. Dave secretly asks Doctor Gibney about a persistent wound. Jalen flamboyantly falls to Shirley's will, and Abigail tests her powers in school.

EPISODE 3: IT'S ALL GOOD FUN UNTIL...

New and unusual stock is piling up in the back room. Shirley cultivates an underground web of black market dealers under the guise of 'The Black Widow' — even Abigail is roped in to sell drugs. Shirley's activities start to upset the delicate balance of the town and Doctor Gibney initiates a plan of attack. Abigail enjoys her power trip.

EPISODE 4: IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

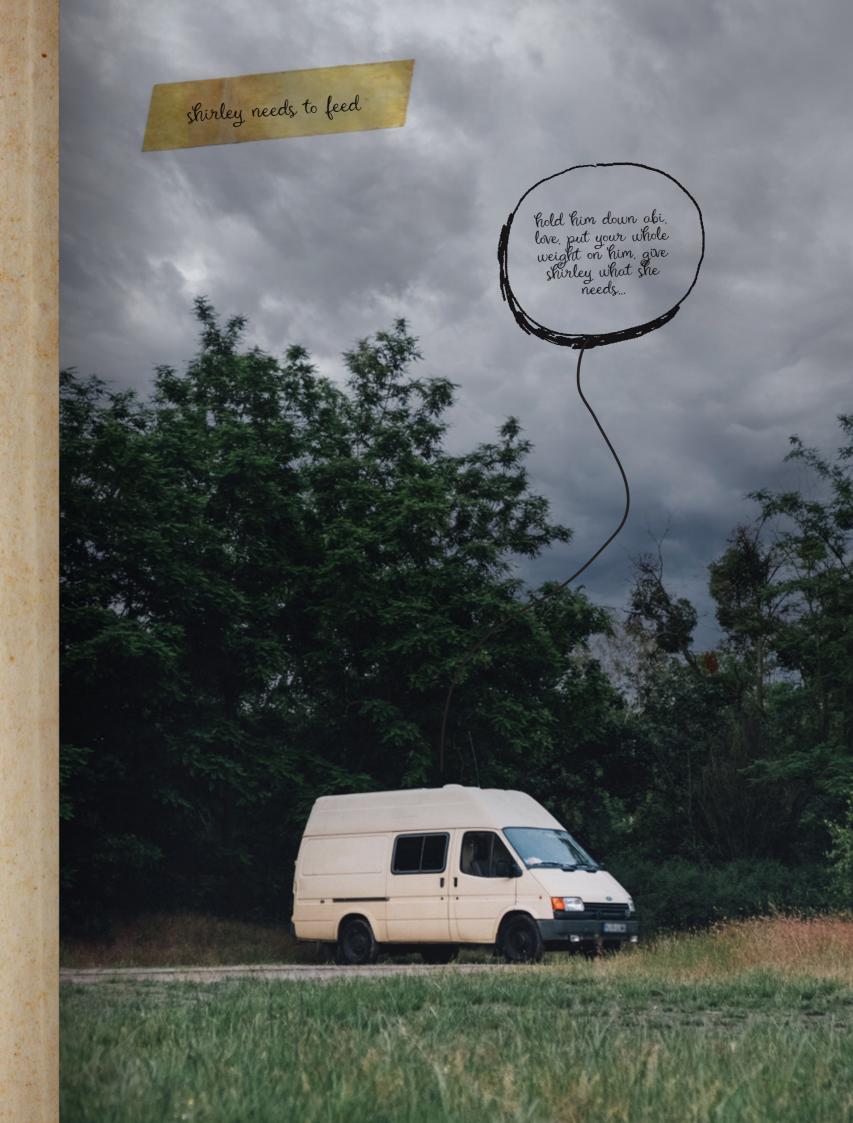
The police pay a visit to the shop, under the good doctor's orders.
Shirley starts to feel unwell after feeding from one of Gibney's acolytes. Robby escapes the basement, Shirley panics and murders Jean. Dave buries the body — just as real wife Felicity rocks up.

EPISODE 5: YOU EAT A TON OF MUCK BEFORE YOU DIE

Shirley suspects the doctor is the cause of her illness. Their meeting invokes a fight. Weaponising the locals, they almost destroy the town. Dave's real wife wants to reclaim her husband and appeals to Abigail's human nature. An underground resistance bands together.

EPISODE 6: BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN

To save her own skin, Shirley convinces Emperor Bey-'Gin to form an alliance with her — a new dynasty begins. Shirley turns Abigail away in order to keep her safe. Dave escapes with Felicity and Abigail. The town falls to this new reign — and Abigail vows revenge.



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Whitby and Whyte write surreal stories with darkly comic undertones and authentic, multi-layered characters. Fuelled by a shared past and similar take on humour, these two have an appetite for telling original and funny stories - that bite!

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