

**Cast In Order Of Appearance:**

**Interviewer  
Ornithologist**

**SFX: opening theme**

INTERVIEWER : Today we have with us the Cave Clan's resident ornithologist. What got you interested in studying birds?

ORNITHOLOGIST : Fear.

INTERVIEWER : You're afraid of them?

ORNITHOLOGIST : Oh yes, very much so. Razor sharp beaks to peck your eyes out, claws that can rip you to shreds. You can never be too wary of our feathered friends.

INTERVIEWER : But don't you have to get close to the birds you're studying?

ORNITHOLOGIST : Absolutely. However I've discovered a guaranteed method of scaring them off if they get too close or even look like they're going to attack. It's the call of the Ancient Trogon. Would you like me to demonstrate?

INTERVIEWER : Please do.

**SFX: bird screech**

ORNITHOLOGIST : Would you like to hear it again?

INTERVIEWER : Oh, please, no. That was awful. How did you discover this call?

ORNITHOLOGIST : Ah, now that's an excellent question. One day, I was following a flock of fancy flamingos on their daily trot through the bogs. When all of a sudden I heard this cry and WHOOSH! Up went the flamingos and every other bird in the bog. It was a madhouse. All that was left was this tiny little puff of a creature, no bigger than my palm.

INTERVIEWER :           And that was a Trogon?

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Absolutely. I believe they are a direct descendent of the Giant Pterodactyl. But I've never been able to catch one, you see.

INTERVIEWER :           Because they're so fast?

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Oh no, no, no, no, no! Because I'd probably go deaf. They're so LOUD!

**SFX: bird screech**

INTERVIEWER :           Hey hey hey! Please! I get your point!

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Sorry about that. I get a little carried away.

INTERVIEWER :           What are your favorite birds to study?

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Well, let's see now. That would have to be grebes and barbets. Oh, and let us not forget the Hooded Pitahui. It's poisonous, you know.

INTERVIEWER :           Really.

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Yes, very poisonous. Just gave one to a friend the other day. We had a little fight, you see. So I thought I'd make amends with the gift of a Hooded Pitahui.

INTERVIEWER :           And did your friend like it?

ORNITHOLOGIST :        Oh, yes, very much so. Right up until he began to stiffen and lose consciousness. Terribly sad. Terribly.

**SFX: closing theme**

INTERVIEWER :           So sorry to hear. This is King Fisher for the CCC - Continuous Caveman Coverage.

\* **NOTE:** There really is a bird named the Hooded Pitahui. I kid you not.

\* **NOTE:** grebes (pronounced grehbs) - various swimming and diving birds

\* **NOTE:** barbets (pronounced bahr-bihts) - various brightly colored tropical birds related to the toucan

