

CAN WE PULL YOU FOR A CHAT?

THE COMEDIAN SPILLS THE TEA ON
THE TRAITORS: UNCLOAKED

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GAMBLE**

January is always pretty bleak, so thank God we have *The Traitors* to make those long chilly evenings brighter and convince us that staying in on a Friday evening is a good idea. And if we're gripped, imagine how

Ed Gamble feels. The stand-up comedian presents the official video podcast *Uncloaked*, meaning Ed, 38 – who also co-hosts hit foodpod *Off Menu* – knows all the tea before the rest of us. In a catch-up with *heat*, Ed reveals he takes

keeping those secrets very seriously...

It's been quite the series of *The Traitors* already – how are you finding it?

I am absolutely loving it. It's amazing that I've managed to make it part of

my job somehow.

Claudia has teased that the players won't reveal if they're Traitors or Faithful until the very end of this year's final – how will that change things?

I think it balances it out a bit more. The fact that the Traitors won last year is a bit of an anomaly, and it was because Harry was so good. This twist

A boy in his hood





With Claudia Winkleman



Flash Harry: with the series two winner

doesn't make it harder for the Traitors, but it's still all for the Faithful to win.

You have to watch the show before it's broadcast for the podcast. How do you avoid letting stuff slip?

I'm as far ahead as I need to be, but no more than that.

for, especially after her comment last year of, 'It's like the olden days of TV'.

Let's make sure that some female traitors get a go, right?

Minah's been playing a really good game as a Traitor so far, whereas there's been more heat on Linda.

'Rob Beckett would make a good Traitor'

Your mates must be terrified of spoilers...

Yeah, it's a real problem. I've got text groups that I've been kicked out of!

This series began with three female Traitors. Do you think that was needed after the series two boys' club?

It was definitely the move I hoped Claudia would go

Should Minah throw her under the bus?

I don't know. It depends how obviously one does the throwing under the bus, because there's nothing you can do and not be suspected. I feel like Minah has proven herself to be a more subtle Traitor so far, certainly than Armani was, and I think she's more thoughtful.

Are there any tips you've picked up along the way from interviewing the players?

I think the key might be just rolling with the punches. Realising that you can have a game plan, but don't stick to it rigidly.

Which previous Traitor would you be most like?

I mean, it's definitely not Harry. And I wouldn't have had enough swagger to be like Paul. I think I'd be like, 'I'm a Traitor. I'm going to do so much stuff!' And then I'd get absolutely fed to the wolves.

A lot of people have been theorising that you can figure out the Traitors by the order people walk into breakfast...

I've seen a little bit of chat about this, saying that if the last three are coming into breakfast, then you know they're definitely not Traitors. These people need to do their research – there's so many examples of times when Traitors

have come in with the last two Faithful or something. **A celebrity version of The Traitors is coming. Who's on your wishlist?**

Josh Widdicombe.

I think he'd be absolutely brilliant, and I think he would snap quite quickly, which I'd love to see. Judi Love is another comedian I would absolutely love to see boss it.

Do comedians make for good Traitors, then?

Probably not, to be honest. I think quite often they're trying to make people laugh too much and it's a little bit suspicious. I think Rob Beckett might be a good Traitor. He's sort of got that cheeky chappy, everyman thing, but I think secretly, he would absolutely love to murder everyone. ■

Traitors Uncloaked is available directly after every episode of the main show on BBC Two and iPlayer, with an extended version available on BBC Sounds