

Working Men
Transcript

ANTON: Home is Govan, where I was born and raised. I don't know anything outside of Govan. People come and say Govan has got such and such a reputation. Aye, It's like everywhere in Glasgow man. Everywhere is the same.

PETER: Govan, Teuchar Hill, Gorbals, Wine Alley. You always have the bad bits. As you say, it is... unfortunately you get a name for the murders and suchlike.

See the likes of, you say you were born in Govan. Have you any experience outwith or going abroad or anything?

ANTON: Aye I've been abroad. I've been to Spain. I've been all over the place.

PETER: You enjoy it?

ANTON: Aye. I like going out and seeing...

PETER: do you see a different way of life?

ANTON: Like, when I was abroad it was completely different. For starters - the weather!

PETER: The weather. Aye.

ANTON: You're walking about Govan on a cold rainy day then you go abroad it's - "Oof! This is better than Govan". But as much as I liked it I don't think I could ever move abroad or anything like that.

I like physical work. I'm not the type to just sit in an office all day.

PETER: No. I couldn't sit in an office. As you say. Doing physical work - it keeps you.

ANTON: There are certain people that cannot do physical work anymore. Like if they're Peter's age they've got too old and, no offence Peter...

PETER: Decrepit? LAUGHS

ANTON: ...too fragile and stuff. So they're all sitting in an office being bored out of their brains.

I was like... Well I've got a job now but I was looking for a job for about two years before I finally got one. I was on the Buroo (unemployed) and they were trying to make me work in Asda. No offence to any people that work in Asda but it's basically, to me it's meaningless work because you've not got an end product like you've got with what we do in the Galgael, stuff like that. Once you've done, say you were making the bench, you've got a beautiful product at the end of it, and so

that's meaningful to me. You are producing something at the end of it. Like, Asda, all you are doing is stacking shelves for the rest of your days. Or when you get to wee Peter's age you're out collecting the trolleys.

PETER: If you are Anton's age you think you're never going to get old.

OTHER UNIDENTIFIED VOICE IN VAN: Exactly!

ANTON: The only person I've got near Peter's age is my granny.

PETER: LAUGHS

ANTON: No offence Peter. She's the only old person I know. Until I came in here and met all these nutcases.

SAT NAV INSTRUCTION: You have reached your destination.

OFF CAMERA: LAUGHTER

PETER: I've got a funny feeling this is a dead-end.

OFF CAMERA: Bloody Hell!

PETER: Everything you can't eat nowadays... They didn't do us any harm... Alright my cholesterol was a bit high, and that was a combination too, of what I ate and what smoked. I smoked so that didn't help my cholesterol any. But you eat everything fatty... Cream. You put cream on your cornflakes and things. You were eating all the unhealthy food. But I was never fat with it or never felt any difference. 'Cause I've never been the Buroo (unemployed) or never been (on) the sick. Its not until you reach old age you're down to the doctors. LAUGHS

Now see that's the difference. I've experienced both sides of it, being young and being old. I mean I can hardly remember when I was young. LAUGHTER. He's just at the baby stage.

ANTON: Yeah I'm at the baby stage.

PETER: I think his generation's got it worse than I had when I was young. See if I wanted to work - I could work.

ANTON: What's the best job you've ever had Peter?

PETER: I couldn't put myself down to one. The longest I've had was on the taxis. I enjoyed that. Any job I've had, I basically enjoyed it. And it never annoyed me going to work. Not really. I could always get up and go to my work. But there again when I got married my wife used to heat my clothes before I went out in the winter. I got up to my T-shirt, my underpants, my socks, my trousers, shirts - on the heater. LAUGHS. I got into all warm gear.

What they expected they boys to lift up, John and Rico and that, if it hadn't have been that they two... They two have got the muscle to do it. You know they really have.

ANTON: I take offence to that.

PETER: Ahh No, no. It's not that.

ANTON: I'm built like a jackhammer.

PETER: I'm not being offensive but... Give you another couple of years. You'll have the bulk.

ANTON: Listen to the man who sat in the van and did nothing.

PETER: It does though. Once you're past your teens.

ANTON: Once past my... I've only got a year left to go.

PETER: LAUGHS. Just think, another 60 year and you're a pensioner.

ANTON: Yeah I can't wait. Then I get a free bus pass.

PETER: He's got waiting-list! LAUGH