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eorge S. Kaufman famously said: "Satire is what closes on Saturday night." When the third season of Get Smart debuted on September 16th, 1967, which fell on a Saturday... Kaufman was proven incorrect. Sorry about that, Kauf.

How to explain the enduring popularity of Maxwell Smart's adventures? The answer exists within these third season episodes you've purchased...or perhaps got as a gift or borrowed from a neighbor. (If you did the latter, please return them after you're done.) Season three contains some of the funniest half-hours in the history of television.

Still, the secret for the show's success remains camouflaged beneath the hilarity. Watch closely or you'll miss it. At the end of the episode "Witness for the Persecution," Agent 86's delectable partner, known only as "99," helplessly watches as assassins seemingly gun down Max on a public street. Barbara Feldon portrays the moment with utmost gravitas: Bloodcurdling screams followed by anguished sobs. It's a powerful moment and Ms. Feldon's acting is extraordinary.

In "99 Loses Control," wherein Feldon's character resigns to marry a beau from outside espionage, observe how Don Adams as Max poignantly grapples with his emotions during the prologue. It's not played for laughs, but genuine feeling. This spy didn't come in from the cold. He had warmth.

Children have long held an affinity for Maxwell Smart. He was easy for kids to relate to, projecting innocence while living in a scary world. Growing up, Max was our pal. In fact, when you wrote him a fan letter, the autographed picture you'd get back was inscribed: "Your friend, Agent 86."

Would you believe...to a lonely kid that actually meant something? As a boy, I vividly remember watching the third season take-off on *The Fugitive* entitled "Don't Look Back." The plot had the bad guys framing Max for a bank robbery, forcing him to go on the run. While the episode had uproarious moments, I sat before the TV with bated breath, desperate for my hero to exonerate himself. This was a comedy I took seriously.

And therein lies Get Smart's secret weapon: It's emotionally involving. "Don't Look
Back" remains my favorite Get Smart episode. Don Adams was the director.
Years later, while I was having lunch with Don, he confessed his personal
connection to the episode's subject matter: His favorite book was
Les Miserables, Victor Hugo's classic tale of a man trying to
escape his past. Ironically, this revelation was

interrupted by a restaurant patron approaching our table, holding out a shoe, proclaiming, "It's for you."

Get Smart has never been referred to as an educational tool, but for me, it was m Sesame Street. And when I created my own satirical TV show, a lampoon of Dirty Harry I kept all the lessons I'd learned in mind. Audiences and critics favorably compared m series Sledge Hammer! to Get Smart. Who was I to argue?

I'm fortunate to count many people responsible for *Get Smart* as personal friends, pretty much owe my entire career to Leonard Stern, the series' brilliant executive producer, who imbued both the character of Maxwell Smart as well as the show itse with class, wit and charm.

In 1989, I helped set up a *Get Smart* reunion TV movie. As a favor to Leonard, I too some of the network meetings in his place, as they tended to be about as much fun a

a trip to the dentist in Marathon Man. During production, I recall the surres experience of walking down a re-creation of the famous Get Smart hallway from th credits, as well as hobnobbing with Barbara Feldon, Bernie Kepell and Dick Gautier. And then there was Don Adams.



Don was a "pussycat" throughout the shoot, working long hours and never complaining. On occasion, he'd ask for an additional joke, and I'd offer suggestions that he'd accept. I knew I'd passed muster when he decreed, "Stay close to me, kid."

My favorite recollection came near the end of the shoot. I took Don aside and let him know, with utmost sincerity, that he'd always be my hero. To my surprise, Don was visibly touched and wrapped an arm around my neck...shepherding me back to the set that way.

Don Adams and Maxwell Smart shared a lot in common. Both could be suave yet klutzy, worldly but innocent, brave as well as silly. Still, the heart of gold that Max possessed was all Don's.

Get Smart has been revived as a feature film, a movie of the week and an updated TV series...but this DVD provides the best possible rebirth: The original shows using "the old digital restoration trick." Who knows? Maybe some kid will watch these and be inspired to create his own TV show. Would you believe...stranger things have happened?

Creator of Sledge Hammer!

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