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Yes Yes Yes

at the Pegasus Theatre on Friday, 13 October

Ingredients: a block of ice, talcum powder, a kazoo, one rubber glove, a Portuguese-speaking lion, two lunatics and (hopefully) a very good-natured audience - you name it. *Ridiculousness*'s latest offering has it. It's pure theatre of the absurd (and the confusing at times), a comedy in which two asylum patients ponder the mysteries of life. The imaginings which unfold involve a Mr Harry Murthi and his friend Mr Chatterjee who present Mr M's autobiography, (or 'autobiographical', as it's called), in which he is, among other things, thrown out of the Sabits club - a peculiar type of London club - abandoned by his wife, argues with his dog and then witnesses his own funeral. Don't expect this to be obvious from the action though. The plot (if it can be called that) is punctuated by the contemplation of several pithy questions, such as 'Can a fella reclaim blood from lice?' and, very amusingly, 'Is a woman worth it?' (answer: Not really).

Forget this if you don't like the following things: mess, mess and more mess, a nonsensical course of events, and the constant threat of being involved in the action as a member of the audience - for one scene, my friend's coat was borrowed, and for another, I had to look after a hammer. But what the dastardly duo Jon