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Last week Sam Hyman, David's best friend, started telling you about the real Cassidy — and what he's like to live with.

Now, to put us more in the picture, Sam's come up with a few more gems. He's got some real funnies to tell about David. They reveal what this superstar is like when he's not acting or singing but just being himself lazying about the house that he shares with Sam.

Mind you, that's not something he seems to be much good at these days, lazying. See what Sam's got to say about David's energetic outbursts!

He's done a lot to the house. He's painted it all over and there's a new carpet that he laid himself in the living room and he's found a load of really funky furniture. The settee is great. You can launch yourself on to it from the middle of the room — which is the way both of us usually sit down!

But the most remarkable thing is what's happened outside. David's not normally one of those people who goes looking for hard work, but just recently he's been acting like his idea of fun was talking all day to a shovel!

For a start, he's put in a new lawn —well, almost. The seeds are just beginning to take root. It may not sound like much, but it takes an incredible lot of hard work, especially for someone who likes doing nothing as much as David does!

First you've got to dig up what was there before. In our case, it was a fantastic collection of interesting-looking weeds. David worked for three days, from dawn to dark, getting those out of the way.

Then he had to fertilise the soil, dig it, rake it, and then plant the seeds. By the time he'd got that far he looked a bit like superman. The work has certainly got him in good physical shape. You ought to see his suntan!

Naturally, the day after he planted the seeds, we woke up to find the dogs had dug some interesting-looking holes in the new lawn. It took most of that day to fill them in again!

David's next project is going to be growing vegetables, he tells me. He's bought a book on it and wanders around mumbling about radishes and onions and tomatoes. Actually, I think it's a good idea. It'd be great to be able to have fresh vegetables a few yards away.

Anyway, all this work may not be typical of David, but I think it's done him good. He's had time to think, without being bored.

Since he came back from Europe he's been doing a lot of thinking. He told me that his tour made him look at himself differently. He came back feeling less important but more real.

Mind you, sometimes when he's thinking I wonder what's going