PART ONE

1. Les Halles de Rive – Politicians on the Campaign Trail

Les Halles de Rive is an unmissable landmark in Geneva, but also an ideal setting for political encounters. As elections approach, public figures come to shake hands, sample local specialties and be seen among the people. In the sketch, Ismet becomes a central character: his large, extended family represents a potential voter base that candidates cannot ignore. Suddenly everyone seems to enjoy his products and his company, hoping to win a few votes.

2. Dugerdil – The Winemaker Takes Justice into His Own Hands

This sketch is inspired by a news story: a winemaker surprises two burglars in his home and decides to take justice into his own hands.

3. Les Grappes – Geneva Winemaking in Crisis

Geneva's wine industry is going through a difficult period, caught between changing consumption habits, competition and economic uncertainty. The canton has announced a reduction of about 10% of its vineyard area, against a backdrop of falling demand. Younger generations are turning more to other drinks, notably spirits, while wine has to fight to keep its place in people's habits.

4. The UN – Conflicts, for Lack of a Budget

Geneva hosts many international organizations and is a major hub of world diplomacy. But budget cuts affecting international institutions complicate their work and weaken their capacity to act. The sketch imagines a UN that, lacking resources or major files to handle, has to turn to local conflicts. A dispute between two FC Servette supporters, who are nonetheless fans of the same team, becomes an international matter to be settled urgently.

5. The Emergency Room – The 50-Franc Consultation

The sketch refers to a proposal put forward by Geneva deputy Cyril Aellen to introduce a mandatory 50-franc contribution for any emergency room consultation. The stated aim, according to supporters of this type of measure, is to limit visits deemed non-essential and to relieve overcrowded hospital services.

6. Swiss Army – A Fighter Jet for Such a Small Country

Switzerland has decided to acquire American F-35 fighter jets to renew its military fleet. The program, initially planned for 36 aircraft, was later shaken by debates over costs, the final price, and the number of planes the country could actually afford: just 1. With such a powerful aircraft… one wonders whether it isn't Switzerland that is too small…

PART TWO

7. The G7 – Frustrated Police Officers

Police officers are frustrated at not having been able to clash with protesters as much as they would have liked during the long-awaited G7. Carole-Anne Kast, head of Geneva's security, then offers them a gift to make up for their disappointment: a Black Bloc of their very own.

8. The SPA – When Donations No Longer Go to the Animals

The Société protectrice des animaux (SPA, the animal protection society) lives largely on public generosity, with people donating money to feed, treat and house the animals. Part of the donations is allegedly diverted for the benefit of the director instead of going to the residents.

9. The Tenants – The Naef Agency and the Renovations

Housing is a particularly sensitive subject in Geneva, where rents are high and finding an affordable apartment is often an obstacle course. The real estate agency Naef raises rents and evicts tenants after renovating apartments, even though the work is presented as having been financed, in part, by the money paid by the residents. Renovation, which could improve living comfort, thus becomes a tool for justifying increases and replacing occupants with tenants able to pay more.

10. Bertrand Piccard and PrimeEnergy – Trust That Costs Dearly

The PrimeEnergy affair involves a company active in financing photovoltaic projects, which went bankrupt in November 2024. Around 2,000 savers reportedly lost considerable sums, estimated in the press at some 120 to 150 million francs. Bertrand Piccard, a renowned aviator and explorer, had been the company's ambassador for 10 years, which helped lend a reassuring image to its investments. Questioned by the justice system in 2026, he says he was himself deceived and denies any knowledge of the alleged wrongdoing.

11. The "Parmelin Evenings" – A Very Media-Savvy Mix-Up

Guy Parmelin, former President of the Confederation, is linked in the sketch to a new idea for society soirées. His wife, Caroline, wants to launch the "Parmelin evenings" and get people talking, in a deliberate confusion with the Epstein parties.

12. La Comédie de Genève – The Escalade, Chavrier-Style

La Comédie de Genève is one of the city's major theatrical institutions. The arrival of Séverine Chavrier as its director in 2023 was followed by sharp controversy over her management, her relations with staff, and the place given to local artists. Known for putting the French in the spotlight without the Genevans' knowledge, what if Chavrier reinterpreted a deeply Genevan tradition: the Escalade?