Now out of action are: British acrobat Sue Brent, with a twisted back; a French showman with a broken collarbone; Eric, the fire-eater, who has a broken foot; and a sound engineer who ripped his buttocks on a rogue nail. Perhaps they should consider themselves lucky. French journalist Cyril Kasmese was assigned to write a feature on Archaos - he now dons a leather jock-strap, describes himself as Dogman and dives through flaming hoops.

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