

## **THE SUFFERER: GARRY EGGER**

From since he could remember, he had diagnosed his own problems from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). First was 'existential syndrome:' which made him wonder in his early life: 'why me? Why now? Then came the 'Truman syndrome', where like in the movie, 'The Truman Show' he believed his life was so important that he was being watched, as if on television. 'Somatic syndrome', after this, was characterised by clinically significant medical complaints - not aided of course by his 'Ekborn's syndrome' (the belief that one's skin is crawling with bugs, worms and other parasites). This then morphed into 'Munchausen's syndrome' where he feigned illness to attract attention. But after this didn't work, he was convinced he had 'Imposter's, then 'Aspberger's syndrome', which explained his difficulties in discussing this. However, after consulting yet another psychiatrist, he was told he had developed 'syndrome syndrome' – no further explanation needed.