

THE DERAILEMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SHAVE  
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INT. BARBERSHOP - DAY

NATASHA BABYSHKINOVOLOVICH IS GIVING BEN BRADY A PROFESSIONAL SHAVE. THEIR SMALL TALK IS JOVIAL.

NATASHA

The weather, it is good, no?

BEN

40 degrees in February! I love it!

NATASHA

If only job did not keep us inside.

NATASHA & BEN

Haha.

BEN

The only good my job does is to provide money so I can get professional shaves every day from you, Natasha, my favorite Ukrainian... shaver... lady.

NATASHA

The man is nice. I enjoy shave.

SFX: CELL PHONE RINGS. NATASHA GRABS HER PHONE.

NATASHA (CONT'D)

Very sorry, but school where my child goes calls. I answer?

BEN

Oh my, of course.

SHE ANSWERS.

NATASHA (OVER THE TOP)

Hello. No! Noooooooooooo! This is terrible, I come as soon as possible.

BEN

Are you all right?

NATASHA

Oh yes, shave.

NATASHA CONTINUES SHAVING BEN.

NATASHA (SNIFFLING) (CONT'D)

Local sports team is superior to teams from other cities, yes?

BEN

Um, sure... is everything OK?

NATASHA

Husband not pick son up at school. He waits outside for ride. I go later.

BEN

What! Go now, get your son!

BEN STANDS UP AND POINTS HER TO THE DOOR.

NATASHA

He is in God's hands. I finish shave.

HE RELUCTANTLY SITS BACK DOWN AND SHE SHAVES.

NATASHA (CONT'D)

Now tell me: latest sitcom in which lazy man becomes dad makes funny, no?

TV NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

News of an Amber Alert. A child was abducted moments ago outside of Whitestone Elementary.

BEN

Natasha, your kids are on TV!

NATASHA

Aw, it's his 15 seconds of fame America offers all.

TV NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

The child's name is Sergei Babyshkinovolovich, and his life is in danger. His mother is a Ukranian shaver lady at 54th & Lexington.

BEN SEES ON HER NAME TAG THAT SHE HAS THE SAME LAST NAME AS THE BOY. HE JUMPS OUT OF HIS CHAIR.

BEN

Isn't he in a rough part of town?

NATASHA

Whitestone only 3rd in most burglaries, assaults and forced sex.

TV NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

This just in: Whitestone is now 2nd in most forced sex.

BEN

Please, your son is more important than my shave.

NATASHA

Do not say such things. In Ukraine we  
have saying about shave: [SPEAKS  
SERIOUS UKRAINIAN]. So now we shave.

SHE GRABS HIM AND FORCES HIM BACK INTO THE CHAIR. SHE  
CONTINUES SHAVING.

NATASHA (WEEPING) (CONT'D)

The weather... it is still good, no?

BEN

It's nice. [FAKE LAUGH]

SFX: PHONE RINGS. IT'S BEN'S.

BEN (CONT'D)

Sorry, it's my wife.

HE ANSWERS.

BEN (CONT'D)

Hi, hon. Noooooo! I'll be right there!

HE HANGS UP AND JUMPS UP.

BEN (CONT'D)

My quintuplets all need bone marrow  
transplants now or they'll die. I'm  
the only person who might be a match.  
I must go.

NATASHA

First shave.

BEN

Natasha, my quintuplets may die!

NATASHA

The businessman's kids are more important than Natasha's? They are more important than shave?

BEN

Well... no to the first question, but to the second I think, maybe, yes?

NATASHA (WEEPING MORE)

The man make Natasha cry!

BEN

What about your son?

NATASHA

He is surely dead. But still at 8 years old he outlive life expectancy of average Ukrainian.

THEY SHARE A TENDER MOMENT, WITH HANDS TOUCHING AND A HUG. THEN HE STRUGGLES TO ESCAPE BUT SHE OUT MUSCLES HIM WITH A SLICK MARTIAL ARTS MOVE, PUTTING HIM BACK IN THE SEAT AND STRAPPING HIM IN WITH A SEAT BELT.

NATASHA (CONT'D)

Now answer: Olive Garden bread sticks good, but always fill up on before spaghetti come, right?

TV NEWS ANCHOR (V.O.)

Attention all New Yorkers: a meteor is heading directly toward Natasha's Shavery at 54th & Lexington. Evacuate the area immediately or risk certain death.

BEN

Sweet mercy!

HE UNBUCKLES THE SEAT BELT, BUT SHE PUTS THE RAZOR TO HIS THROAT, STRAPS HIM BACK IN WITH THE SEAT BELT AND PUTS HANDCUFFS ON HIM.

NATASHA

Your wife like kissing shave.

BEN

I won't die for a shave!

THEY STRUGGLE AND NATASHA'S RAZOR SLITS BEN'S THROAT. BLOOD FLIES EVERYWHERE.

BEN (CONT'D)

Natasha, I'm dying. I don't blame you,  
your shaves are the best. Tell my  
family I love them. Please get me to  
the hospital so my last act can be to  
save my quintuplets.

BEN DIES IN HER ARMS.

NATASHA

Businessman must look good for  
transplant and funeral. Shave first.

SHE FINISHES SHAVING HIS DEAD BODY.

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