Screenplay "Good Communism" (Heaven)

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EXT. AIRPORT LOS ANGELES (LAX) 11:45 NIGHT.

Total darkness. One can hear a plane far away... the noise becomes stronger... strong thunder like the noise of airplane engines... Airplane Boeing 757, Los Angeles - New York takes off from the runway. Endless city lights of Los Angeles...

INT. AIRPLANE BOEING 757 NIGHT

The airplane is almost empty. Al travels alone. He is a middle-aged man. Wears an expensive suit, white shirt and tie. Looks elegant.

Stewardess is a young, attractive looking woman. She serves refreshing drinks. Approaches Al.

STEWARDESS

Would you like coffee or tea?

ΑL

Coffee please.

STEWARDESS

Sugar, milk?

AL

Yes please.

The stewardess pours coffee in a cup on the tray which she holds with another hand. She hands it to Al with a smile.

STEWARDESS

Here you go.

ΑL

Thank you.

Brandon sits two rows behind Al. Young, athletically built man. Dressed sportily. Frances, a beautiful brunette, naps on his shoulder. Dressed casually.

Kevin sits on the opposite side of the aisle of Brandon. He is a man in his best years. Wears a cheap grey suit. Travels alone. Talks to Brandon.

KEVIN

(proudly emphasizes)
I have never written a
parking ticket without
saying "Have a
nice day". Good manners in
first place...

Brandon half interested approves such behaviour by nodding his head. In this moment Al passes beside them. Kevin opens his eyes in surprise.

KEVIN

(says to Brandon
confidently covering his
mouth)
That is Al...
(emphasizes)
He is a mafia boss...

Brandon nods his head still not very interested.

John sits two rows behind Kevin. Late fifties. Extremely modern clothes. Armani. Rolex. He speaks to Diane, an attractive dressed up blond woman, half his age.

JOHN

...everything will look completely different. We will reduce CO2 emission by 80% and that will end global warming... we will be able to breathe again, not to speak of ozone holes...

Behind him sits Jack. By his looks one would guess he is a retiree. Wears wrinkled grey clothing.

Jack heard what John said. It revolted him. Jack interrupts him with a lot of malice.

JACK

You politicians are the biggest liars. This world would be much better

without you...

Spouse Kathy sits beside him and gives him a sign to be silent.

John has a short fuse. He tries to respond calmly and well-mannered but his vanity is hurt.

JOHN

I contributed a lot to society...

JACK

(cannot resist to say)
Yah, yah. I can only
imagine...

John slowly loses his temper and reacts with more tension.

JOHN

I am the one who reduced crime in Washington DC! (gives more passion)
I am the one who brought help to New Orleans after Katrina!! (continues almost in the manner of Adolf Hitler.)
I am the one who told Bush not to leave Iraq until we win!!! I am the one...

DIANE

(calmly interrupts him) John stop, what's wrong with you?

JOHN

Huh?

John brings himself together. Disapproved by shaking his head.

JACK

(interrupts)
What the heck...

Kathy grabs Jack's sleeve and stops him by putting her finger on her lips.

JACK

(says to Kathy)
Why are you telling me to
shut up? Is this what we
fought for? This is a free
country!

KATHY

(calms him)
You don't know the man.

JACK

They're all the same!
Before elections they are
angels then after they only
watch out for their own
asses...

Jack mumbles disapprovingly to himself.

Behind them sits a well-dressed couple in their mature years. Danny is short and chubby. He talks to his wife Bette who reads a journal.

DANNY

...it should be bought for the bedroom.

BETTE

Danny, slow down... first we need to consult S&F, to see what they think... (continues reading journal)

DANNY

I can't wait to get home...

Camera moves into the cockpit. The pilot and co-pilot sit there. Both look young. They routinely take on their duties.

PILOT

Delta 704 calling flight control New York, do you

copy.
Delta 704 calling flight control New York, do you copy.

FLIGHT CONTROL Delta 704, here is flight control New York.

PILOT

Delta 704 asks permission to land at Kennedy airport.

FLIGHT CONTROL Roger that. OK Delta 704. You are in queue now. Continue flight through the same corridor.

PILOT

Delta 704 Roger that.

CO-PILOT

(says to pilot)
We have excellent weather
for landing...

In the plane one hears murmur, and noise of the engine. One can hear through the speakers that the weather in New York is clear. The temperature is 77 degrees Fahrenheit. SUDDENLY ABSOLUTE SILENCE AND DARKNESS. It lasts for about 10 seconds so that the movie viewers become a little bit upset. After about 10 seconds everything appears back the same way it was before. However, it is not night any more, it is day. The passengers are confused. Most of them feel something happened but do not know what. Comments are heard...

KATHY

(looks at Jack)
What happened?

JACK

Even airline companies aren't what they used to be...

FRANCES

(says worriedly to Brandon) Something very strange happened...

BRANDON

(looks around)
Everything looks fine...

The pilot, doesn't understand what happened either. He inspects the commands. Everything looks normal, but the sun shines brightly. The pilot looks at the co-pilot with a questioning look. The co-pilot shrugs his shoulders.

PILOT

Wasn't it just night?

CO-PILOT

It was...

PILOT

And now it's not?

CO-PILOT

It's not...

PILOT

That's what I thought...

Tries again to communicate with flight control.

PILOT

Delta 704 calling flight control New York.
Delta 704 calling flight control New York.

Radio whizzes, static, but there is no response. Pilot tries again...

PILOT

Delta 704 calling flight control New York. Do you copy? Roger.

FLIGHT CONTROL

(strong foreign accent
responds)
Here is Condor. Here is
Condor. No Roger here...

PILOT

(surprised but continues)
Roger that. Delta 704 calling.
I've lost connection with
New York. Can you help me?

FLIGHT CONTROL
No Roger here. Here Condor.
Thirty miles ahead of you
is the airport Heaven.
I recommend landing because
after it is Hell.

The pilot looks at the co-pilot surprised. The co-pilot responds by shrugging his shoulders.

PILOT

Roger that. Flight control, where is the airport John Kennedy?

FLIGHT CONTROL

Hey, here is Condor. No John here. I recommend landing now because after it is Hell...

PILOT

Roger that. I'm coming down.

The airplane flies over rocky mountains. One can see beautiful lakes, woods and meadows in the mountains. It decreases in altitude reaching the beautiful blue sea. Frances looks through the window.

FRANCES

(tells Brandon)
Look how beautiful it is
Here...

BRANDON

(peeks over her)
It is indeed....but it
doesn't look like New York
...not even like the US...

Pilot informs the passengers through the P. A. System: "It seems we have small technical problems. We will land in the emergency airport. We are planning to continue the flight to New York soon." The stewardess continues: "Please fasten your seatbelts and put your seat back in an upright position..."

Passengers look at each other questioningly...

EXT. AIRPORT DAY

The airplane Boeing 757 lands on a small airport. The main building is small. There is a board there and on it is the name "Heaven". It is not a busy airport. Light, clearness, and beauty everywhere.

At the airport a brass band plays "Imagine" by John Lennon. The passengers get out of the plane...

BETTE

(frowns her face)
What kind of music is that?

JACK

The moment I got on the plane I knew there would be problems...

FRANCES

Where are we?

At the airport domestic officials, a middle aged married couple Miki and Mirjana greet them. They are very friendly and hospitable....

Miki is a former high official of the communist party, seducer, cheater. Now almost an exemplary man. He wears a light linen sport suit. It fits him well.

Mirjana is somewhat younger than Miki. One would say she is a pretty beautiful woman. Her turquoise dress is waving, emphasizing her elegant look.

MIKI

Welcome, I am Miki and this is my wife Mirjana. We wish you a nice stay...

The passengers protest loudly.

JACK

What stay? What are you talking about...

JOHN

It's out of question...

BRANDON

Brandon has a final soccer cup in Milan...

DANNY

I am not staying here...

BETTE

I have a concert in Paris!

Al is very surprised and watches what happens there.

Commotion rises.

Miki tries to calm down the situation but he is not very successful.

MIKI

I think you will have to forget about your obligations and wishes...

JACK

What is this?

BETTE

Who are you?

KEVIN

You cannot threaten me! (shakes his finger as a warning)

JACK

I will report it to the police as soon I get home!

KEVIN

I am the police! What is this?

Miki finally gets a chance to respond to them in peace.

MIKI

This is Heaven.

JACK

What heaven?

MIKI

Exactly the one you can see... There is no return...

Now protests culminate into revolt. Mirjana raises her arms in order to calm down the situation.

MIRJANA

Please people...

Newcomers calm down. They are curious what she has to say...

MIRJANA

No one forces you to stay here. Simply, there is no exit... I wanted to go back home too when I got here. We all looked for an exit but didn't find any...

DANNY

I will find it...

MIRJANA

You are free to search for an exit as much as you want and I wish you with my whole heart to find it....

DANNY

(relaxingly says)
Uh, I thought I was in
prison...

MIRJANA

(smiles and continues)
But this place is very
nice. We are very happy
here and do not want out
any more. This is Paradise.

JACK

What paradise?

MIRJANA

Now we will take you to the Welcome houses where you will be explained where you are and what you might expect here.

They look oddly at each other but get on the two buses and go to the welcome houses.

EXT. WELCOME HOUSE DAY

One welcome house is located in a small town on a beautiful small island. It is connected with a coast by a pebbled path. The little town has about thirty houses. A very nicely arranged island.

One bus comes to the Welcome center. Newcomers take off the bus and walk to the island.

Bette looks along the pedestrian path towards an unusual island. Talks to her husband Danny.

BETTE

Isn't it wonderful here!
...like in fairy tale...

DANNY

Nothing is clear to me...

INT. WELCOME HOUSE DAY

The Welcome center is a contemporarily adapted old rock house. An unusual combination of old and new. New comers enter a big room which looks like a modern classroom. Each table has a computer. Instead of a blackboard there is a huge monitor. The chairs are upholstered. The room is bright and comfortable for staying in.

New comers all sit like students in classroom. Miki and Mirjana speak....

MIRJANA

You have come to another world, in Paradise.

Their faces reflect surprise and confusion. Absolute silence in the room. Frances breaks the silence with a silent and fearful question...

FRANCES

Are we alive?

MIRJANA

The life you've had so far is finished. Now you are starting a new one...

Massive refusal steps in...

JACK

I haven't planned it yet...

DANNY

I refuse cooperation...

JOHN

Me too...

DIANE

I haven't even gotten a face lift yet...

MIRJANA

(interrupts them)
You should be happy to be here. Most of you do not deserve it. Most of you are here just because there is not enough space in Hell.

MIKI

(continues)
There they get stacked up
four people one above another.
(shows it with his hands)
Newcomers go to the bottom.

The newcomers are disgusted and horrified. Murmur is heard. Mirjana looks at the newcomers. Waits a little bit in order to get attention, and continues.

MIRJANA

We have your records and know exactly what you deserve.

DANNY

(furiously interrupts
Mirjana)
I have not authorized you
to collect information
about me!

MIRJANA

I haven't collected information about you. I've received it from above. I am just doing my job...

DANNY

(responds with mocking
sarcastic voice)
Who has given it to you
from above?

Mirjana looks above and says nothing...

Danny takes a probing glance at her but asks nothing...

MIRJANA

(continues)
Because of the crowd at
Hell and humanitarian
reasons one has come to the
conclusion to give one more
chance to bad people...

MIKI

(interrupts)
You are very lucky. Many
people do not have access
here.

MIRJANA

Those who do not deserve to be in Heaven will get a red hat from us.

She shows a hat. This is a simple knitted hat with a knitted ball on the top

MIRJANA

(continues)
Those who get a blue hat...
(shows a blue hat)
...deserve to stay here.

Silent and very tense atmosphere in the room.

MIRJANA

A red hat will tell

(continues)

everybody that you are sinners in trouble and that you are supposed to go to Hell...

But, there is an escape!
(she stresses and continues)
We have a principle of mutual evaluations among the people here. If you do good things to other people

they would give you good marks. Each favourable evaluation you receive takes off one knot from your red hat. If the red hat fully disappears you will not go to Hell.

DANNY

curiously)

How does the evaluation work?

MIRJANA

The evaluation is anonymous over computers or phones. Everyone has an equal evaluation right.

DANNY

(jumps from a chair)
I do not want everybody to
evaluate me. Only owners
of corporations may
evaluate me!

MIRJANA

If you want to stay here or Not you do not have a choice...

JACK

It's too hot. I will not
wear a wool hat!

DIANE

It will mess up my
hair.
(touches hair
indulgently)

MIRJANA

(continues calmly)
A red hat is a punishment.
You have to wear it. But
wearing the red hat is also

very useful. The people will see that you are in trouble and would help you if you deserve it.

DANNY

(sarcastically)
Thank them very much...

MIRJANA

(continues)
That is the reason everyone here tries hard to please other people and to diminish making possible inconveniences...

FRANCES

Interesting...

MIRJANA

(continues)

A blue hat you wear only if you wish. Good marks enlarge it. It actually presents your merits... Possessing a bigger blue hat tells you are a better person.

BRANDON

I am not sure I understand. Could you please repeat it for me?

Mirjana now talks slowly in order to be taken seriously and understood better.

MIRJANA

Please listen to me very carefully. It is very important! If you behave properly you will get positive evaluations from the people here and that would decrease the size of

your red hat or increase the size of your blue hat. (she shows the hats in order to be more understood)
On the other hand, if you produce evil you would get negative evaluations from the people here and that would increase the size of your red hat or decrease the size of your blue hat. A blue hat means you stay here...

MIKI

Red hat means that within a year you will be on the bottom, below three people.

MIRJANA

Are you ready for the hat distribution?

JACK

I am ready. I know that a big blue hat belongs to me.

Al shrinks himself and does not say anything.

BRANDON

Brandon is ready. Everyone likes Brandon!

MIRJANA

Let's go then...

Ghostly silence in room, fear of distribution...

MIRJANA

(continues)

John! ... Here is your hat.

She takes a red hat out of the desk. John does not care much about it and takes the hat.

MIRJANA

Diane! For you...

Gives her a small red hat.

DIANE

(watches the hat)
It's cute...

(but she is not confident)

MIRJANA

A1!

He crosses himself and fearfully approaches her. Mirjana takes out a blue hat for him. Relaxing smile immediately illuminates his face, but...

MIRJANA

Oops, my mistake...

Mirjana returns a blue hat and pulls out a red hat five feet long for him. Al closes his eyes in pain because of the sudden inconvenience and sighs deeply.

AL

They could knit a sweater with this wool... (takes the hat)

KEVIN

(heckles)

Don Corleone, justice is slow but attained!

MIRJANA

Kevin!

He approaches confidently thinking he is supposed to receive a blue hat.

MIRJANA

(continues)

Your hat...

Mirjana takes out a smaller red hat for him.

KEVIN

(shake head protesting)
All my life I was in the service of law enforcement.
This is injustice!

MIRJANA

(replies calmly)
Your laws do not apply
here.

MIRJANA

Jack!

Now he approaches less confident. He receives a smaller red hat as well. He is very angry and verbally attacks his wife Kathy...

JACK

You are guilty for this! You! Why did God create you? To hurt me?

Kathy is silent.

MIRJANA

Kathy!

Approaches sadly and frightened. She got a red hat. Returns to her seat with a tear in her eye.

MIRJANA

Brandon!

Approaches very confidently and receives a blue hat. He returns back happily the same way he approached Mirjana.

BRANDON

(smiles)

Everyone likes Brandon!

MIRJANA

Frances!

She approaches a little bit afraid. Takes a blue hat and happily returns back to her place.

MIRJANA

Danny!

He got a red hat. Protests....

DANNY

I have been a president and CEO in many corporations. Humankind has received unlimited benefits from my work... You are criminals, thieves, cheaters...

MIRJANA

Bette!

She receives a big blue hat. Returns to her place dancing with her hips.

MIRJANA

Now you know how things are...

KEVIN

(sadly complains)
I go to church every
Sunday. Pray to God to
forgive my sins. This is
injustice...

MIKI

Have you prayed to Him to forgive your wastefulness while people are hungry around the world?

KEVIN

If they worked they would have enough food. What do I have with that?

MIKI

A lot! Here everything is evaluated... Have you prayed to God to forgive you for the aggressions on Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan?

KEVIN

I had nothing to do with it!

MIKI

You have not, but you are guilty anyway! Have I voted for the Presidents who occupied these countries or you? Have you paid the taxes that they used to buy bombs? Yes, you have done it. You are responsible for it!

KEVIN

Sometimes power must be used in order to prevent greater evil...

MIKI

That was done against your own laws, not to mention how much it was against our laws....

KEVIN

(looks for an escape)
We haven't done this. Our presidents did.

MIKI

We know how big your guilt is and how big the guilt of your president is. Your presidents do not have access here. They go straight to Hell! (he thinks a little bit and continues) Haven't you established competitions practically everywhere?

KEVIN

You could say that. What is wrong with that?

MIKI

Wrong is the fact that winner takes all. That is the reason you try to win at any price. That is evil...

JACK

(sarcastically)
Can we be enlightened with
the information how you
have become such good
people?

MIKI

We compete as well but a winner does not profit much more then a loser. We base our relationships mainly on mutual agreements...

JACK

(continues sarcastically) You agreed to be good and you are good?

MIKI

Something like that...

MIRJANA

(continues)

You who received red hats with your own effort may escape Hell. Miki had a big red hat at the beginning here. Hadn't you Miki?

MIKI

(mumbles)
Yes...

MIRJANA

If he escaped from Hell I guarantee you that you can do it as well, for sure.

Miki does not like this comment but stays silent.

MIRJANA

We have organized our life here on the top of the level, far above the one you came from. Heaven is an ideal place for living. I believe that you are interested in how it looks like... From now on, it will be your life as well.

They are all very curious. Some of them show it loudly, some just nod their heads, and some are afraid to show any interest. Miki concludes that they should continue with presenting the new world to the newcomers.

MTKT

(continues)

Let's go further... We can freely choose every job we want.

DANNY

(interrupts)

What does that mean?

MIKI

We can work wherever we want.

DANNY

OK. I always wanted to be a medical doctor. May I?

MIKI

Are you a doctor?

DANNY

No!

MIKI

Theoretically you may be a doctor but practically I would not recommend it for you.

DANNY

Why not?

MIKI

Because here patients choose their doctors. I can easily bet you won't be busy. Besides that, patients evaluate doctors. If you make a mistake in healing somebody the patient would give you a negative evaluation and that is not good for you. If you make a big mistake, the whole town can give you negative evaluations. I would highly recommend you study medicine first...

JACK

And what if 10 people apply for the same job?

MIKI

Then the applicant who offers the highest responsibility for the work gets the job ...

JACK

How in God's sake would you measure the responsibility of medical doctors?

MTKT

Well, we do it by collecting marks that

doctors receive from patients.

JACK

Concentrates suspiciously.

MIKI

A candidate for every work position can increase their responsibility level. Double responsibility, for example, would double the influence of each mark received from patients. (looks at Danny) If you offer a value of 10 for responsibility, each positive evaluation will take 10 knots off your red hat. But negative evaluation will give you 10 new red knots. The person who offers the highest responsibility gets the job. (stops a bit to make the conclusion) This is in fact a developed market of work...

DANNY

(mocks him)

Oh oh oh! This is the market of work!!!

MIKI

Yes, the best worker always stays at every work post. That's why we have the best possible production.

DANNY

Then, one cannot have whatever job they want!

MIRJANA

Yes, they can! The person who really wants some job would invest more effort to get it. Here, nothing can stop them...

Frances joins the conversation.

FRANCES

Everyone can get a job here and choose what to do?

MIKI

Yes, here we do not have neither privileged nor unemployed people.

FRANCES

(smiles surprised)
Cool...

John asks a question.

JOHN

Do you have a mayor?

MIKI

Yes, we do.

JOHN

And everyone may become a mayor if they want?

MIKI

Yes, everyone may become a mayor if they want. Of course, he or she has to offer the highest responsibility for the position. Greater responsibility brings a higher reward for good evaluations obtained from patients, but also larger penalties for bad evaluations.

JOHN

(says absorbed in thoughts) Interesting, I'm starting to like this place.

Danny asks a question with a very arrogant voice.

DANNY

Who is the owner of companies?

MIKI

We are all equal right owners of companies.

DANNY

So, you are commies?

MIKI

We have equal rights here.

DANNY

(sarcastically)

We have seen very well how these equal rights look like!

MIKI

Everything is fine here.

DANNY

If I do not want to be equal, do I have a choice?

MIKI

You have the choice here only if we all agree about that. Unfortunately such a chance is very weak...

DANNY

That's what I thought...

MIKI

(thinks a little bit and

continues)
However, you have a choice.
At the end of the main
street turn left and maybe
you can find a commune
you like more. If you turn
right you will reach
Hell. I do not recommend
entering!

DANNY

I'll look for something better...

Murmur. Most agree with Danny.

BETTE

You will not go anywhere before we see what it is like here.

Danny is dissatisfied but silent. They are all absorbed in thoughts.

MIKI

Let's have a lunch break. We will continue after that...

They all agree, standing up from the chairs and leave the room.

INT. RESTAURANT SELF-SERVICE DAY

A very cozy self-service restaurant gives a homely atmosphere. Silent background music plays from speakers. The restaurant is full of different tasty foods nicely arranged in buffets. There is also a middle-aged chubby cook in white with a big hat who helps serve.

BETTE

(asks a cook)

Is this organic food?

COOK

We have healthy food only.

BETTE

(nods her head satisfied) Our farmers poisoned us with pesticides and hormones.

The cook, a cheery man by nature, smiles to this comment, he raises his arm and makes a face as if to guarantee his food is of good quality.

At the end of the line of food Bette finds out that there is not a cashier to pay the lunch to.

BETTE

(asks and looks around)
Where is the cashier?

They turned around and searched for a cashier but could not find one...

DANNY

(shrugs his shoulders)
It must be complimentary
of the airline company due
to the shit we are in...

BETTE

Might be ...

They carry trays with food and sit at the tables.

BETTE

(continues)

... but it seems we are in a much bigger problem.

DIANE

(sits beside Bette)
What do you mean?

FRANCES

You heard what they said!

They speak loudly so that everyone in the restaurant hears what they're saying. Jack, who sits at the neighbouring table, responds.

JACK

Yeah, I think someone's playing us. Maybe we're on Candid Camera?

Everyone looks around trying to find a camera, which is possibly making a video of them.

BRANDON

I can't see a camera.

FRANCES

Me neither...

JACK

Of course you cannot see it! The show wouldn't be called "Candid Camera" if the camera isn't hidden.

BETTE

(seconds his opinion)
It's true, it sounds
unrealistic that everyone
can work whatever they
wish!

DANNY

Someone is screwing around with us!

KEVIN

It seems serious to me!

ΑL

Me too...

JOHN

I don't think it's bad here...

John puts a bite in his mouth as if nothing strange has happened.

DIANE

(a bit worried)
I hope not...

INT. WELCOME CENTER (again)

Danny is first to return to the welcome center. He sits in front of the computer and types an e-mail to his business partner...

Hi George,

Something very strange has happened to me. If you receive this letter maybe it is not that strange...

Write to me,

Danny

Sends the e-mail and immediately receives the response "The recipient is unknown." He gulped, inhales and exhales unsatisfied.

At that time the others return from lunch. Mirjana continues the speech after the break.

MIRJANA

(continues)

We have developed direct democracy here...
...especially in the economy...

DANNY

(mocks her sarcastically)
Oh oh oh...

MIRJANA

We all participate in the distribution of common money.

DANNY

(mocks her again)

Oh oh oh...

Mirjana looks at Danny and smiles.

MIRJANA

Now comes a real surprise for you! We have directly decided to direct all the money for the needs of mutual consumption.

She presents a diagram on a big screen where individual consumption is reduced to zero. The mutual consumption accumulates all of the money.

DANNY

Wait a moment, what does it mean, all the money goes to the mutual consumption?

MIRJANA

That means we do not receive incomes here. We all consume what ever we need and everything is financed from the common consumption budget.

DANNY

Incomes do not exist, everyone takes what they need? ... You are even worse than commies! You are crazy!

MIRJANA

We are not crazy. We function excellently.

DANNY

So who decides what a consumer is going to consume?

MIRJANA

The consumer alone.

DANNY

How convenient! Let's say I am a consumer who orders a pizza and while waits to be served asks politely for ten Mercedes cars to be packed to go. Any problem there?

MIRJANA

Here we have completely different values then you are used to. If somebody takes ten cars here it would be equally foolish like the one who takes ten dinners instead of one. No intelligent person does this...

DANNY

OK, let's say I am foolish and stupid and still ask for ten Mercedes. What would happen then?

MIKI

Cars are made by the orders of the people. With such behaviour you can produce a shortage of spare cars. Then the people here may get angry at you and give you negative evaluations. A lot of negative evaluations and you finish at the end of the main street on the right...

Danny does not look satisfied with the answer, neither do the others...

MIKI

(continues)

When we came here we thought the same as you. We directed all of the

money for incomes. We had no taxes at all. We were full of money. Normally we had to pay each good or service. We had to pay doctors, schools, police, courts, everything... (he thinks a little bit) What was even worse, we privatized everything. On my way to work I had to stop 13 times to pay crossing over someone's private property. That Lazar wanted to privatize even air, but he didn't succeed! Police did not want to talk to you before you paid them. Firemen did not want to extinguish a fire before you pay them. Medical doctors did not want to look at you before you pay them. We have produced a worse situation than you have had, and almost finished right in Hell...

MIRJANA

Not me!

MIKI

(ironically)

Sorry I forgot to say that you have always been perfect. That's the reason I am very happy with you.

Mirjana pretends she didn't hear irony in his voice.

MIRJANA

Do you ask yourself if I am very happy with you? (asks with silent voice) Have you cleaned the

carpet?

MIKI

(silently responds to Mirjana)
Oh, you have started delivering compliments to me in public...
(continues loudly)
When we saw that it could not be worse we started directing money for the common consumption purposes.

Mirjana passes a minor conflict and continues...

MIRJANA

But we didn't allow anyone to use that money in our name. Not the presidents, nor representatives, neither the professionals, nobody! We requested to spend the money alone where we want to.

MIKI

(continues)

That's how we finally took the privileged power from the leaders. That's how the taxes started to serve us!

DANNY

(mocks him)

Oh oh oh...

Miki does not pay attention...

MIKI

That ended up so well that we all finally individually gave all our money for taxes. In that manner we abolished incomes. Now we finance all consumption from the common expenses budget. These are significant changes...

DANNY

If I ever work here, I would still like to receive an income...

MIKI

Why do you need it when everything is free of charge?

DANNY

I do not believe in your
system. (says honestly)

MIKI

You could all vote to keep your salaries but your voices will be drowned in the sea of votes from all of us who do not need salaries any more. The result of all your votes could ideally affect us to receive a salary in the amount of a few dollars. This would slightly reduce the common consumption but still everything would be free of charge because we who live here want it. We do not want salaries. That's how we live. However, if you persuade most of us to keep wages then incomes would return and normally most of the goods would have to be purchased. Honestly, We do not see it as a possibility because we know our way is the best.

DANNY

I do not believe in your
system. (repeats honestly)

MIKI

OK. We cannot give you an income because it does not exist here, but we can give you money, as much as you want, with which you cannot buy anything because everything is free of charge here.

Danny nods his head satisfied.

JACK

Wait a moment! If everything is free of charge why would anybody work hard to get something when he can have it without work?

MIRJANA

Here work is not a difficult trouble but pleasant satisfaction. Work is a value itself.

They are all absorbed in thoughts. Jack breaks the silence...

JACK

I was told that the market determines the value of work.

MIKI

That's correct too, but you still do not know how the free work market looks like.

JACK

(repeats surprised)

We still do not know how a work market is supposed to look like?

MIKI

Correct! The market of work is supposed to make balance between the demand and supply of work. Have you had an equal demand for all work posts?

JACK

Work cannot be equally demanded. Somebody always gets better jobs and somebody worse jobs...

MIKI

Here we do not have better and worse jobs!

JACK

(sarcastically)

How convenient!

MIKI

You think better jobs are those that give bigger statuses and influences in society. These are illusions... We have eliminated them... The workers at more influential work positions receive more evaluations from the people. If they fail terribly they can easily finish in Hell...

DANNY

(mocks him powerlessly)
Yeah...

MIKI

(doesn't pay attention to

him)

The moment we abolished work privileges all jobs became equally demanded.

JACK

?

MIKI

Nobody would choose bad jobs if they exist. The work is free here.

JACK

(excitedly)

So you think we didn't work freely?! That I was a slave for 45 years?

MIKI

(calmly)

To be honest, that's right... You do not know what free work is!

JACK

(asks sarcastically)
Would you be so kind and
tell us poor, ignorant
people what free work is?

MIKI

Here we choose whether we want to work, and then we choose what we want to work. That is free work.

JACK

(continues)

So what if all the people choose not to work?

MIKI

That is impossible! We confirm our productive powers by the work. By

giving up from it we would practically negate ourselves...

JACK

Everything is possible!

MIKI

That would be the same as your top sportsmen give up from competitions. We have competitions for each work post here.

JACK

Now that sounds cruel!

MIRJANA

It's not cruel at all.
There is a job for everyone here. No ones job is better than others'. No one's economic existence depends on work. Each person competes exactly as much as it is suitable to his nature. Everyone likes their jobs and finds satisfaction in work...

Jack watches Miki suspiciously.

MIKI

(continues)

Let me conclude, work values more than goods here. If that would not be the case, then we would return back to individual incomes, you are used to. But this is paradise and everything is OK.

MTRJANA

That would be all for now. Any questions?

FRANCES

You said that you direct production and consumption on your own. It's not clear to me how?

MIRJANA

Here we have fictitious money that everyone directs where he thinks is more or most important. An individual who thinks that health care should be more developed than public recreation, would direct more money for health care and less for the public recreation. The sum total of all statements of all individuals determines production.

FRANCES

So how can you order a car?

MIRJANA

We order cars individually...
We successfully cover all individual orders by the common consumption budget. If we are not able to do so, we would return to individual incomes...
...which would not be a problem at all...

Thinks a little bit and then continues.

MIRJANA

The point is we have created a democratically planned economy that implements the most rational and useful

production. The system of work competition carries out the best possible production. Our economy is the best one.

DANNY

OK, now you came to the subject I am an expert at. Good old capitalism has the best economy because it makes the highest profit. That's a well known thing!

MIKI

Incorrect! The best worker on every public work post makes the highest profit that capitalism cannot follow. Public companies won over private ones and that sent capitalism to history...

Danny makes a face as if something hit him but does not have the guts to continue discussion.

MIRJANA

(continues)

When capitalism started leaving, the profit started losing its importance...
...people have become the main value. Now profit does not exist any more at all and man is all for us...

FRANCES

(concludes)
Sounds good...

DANNY

Sounds bad!

MIKI

(smiles and continues)

And now, the last surprise for today. It's enough that workers here work two hours a day in order to satisfy the economic needs of the whole community.

DANNY

(suspiciously)

We will see...

JACK

(sarcastically)
So what are you doing the rest of the time, if one is allowed to know?

MIKI

We can work what we want and as much as we want. The rest of the time we do the same as we do while work - we enjoy life.

MIRJANA

More questions?

Murmur in the room but there are no more questions.

MIRJANA

We know that you are full of surprises, but don't worry, everything will be OK. We are actually one big good family, happy and satisfied...

MIKI

Now you are free to go where ever you want and to do what ever you want. All inhabitants of Heaven will gladly help you whenever you need it...

FRANCES

So where will we sleep?

MIRJANA

Uh, thanks for reminding
me...

Mirjana types something into her computer which automatically inserts pictures and descriptions of available houses and apartments into all monitors in front of them.

MIRJANA

(continues)
I've just opened pages with available houses and apartments here. Please choose which place suits you best... If somebody is not handy with computers

They all move towards monitors and search...

I will help them.

INT. BEDROOM LATE NIGHT

Kathy and Jack have chosen a rustically arranged and very pleasant apartment.

They both lie in bed ready to sleep, watch the ceiling, and think.

KATHY

Have you noticed that blue hats have been given to a soccer star and a famous singer? That looks like protection to me. There is no justice anywhere!

JACK

And we went to church every Sunday. I ask myself why?

KATHY

I went to church every Sunday. You did not.

JACK

Are you starting again?

KATHY

You have accused me in front of everyone that it was my fault we got red hats.

JACK

Then whose fault is it?

KATHY

Why mine? I live a fully standard life. I am the one who washes, cooks, and cleans. You are the one who comes home drunk on Fridays!

JACK

You are the one who persistently cooks the "healthy" food I cannot stand. You are the one who likes to sling mud at me whenever I drink a little bit with friends. You are a grumpy witch! God sees everything!

KATHY

Me a grumpy witch! And what are you? You are the one who sent everyone to Hell! You are a grumpy old goat!

JACK

Me, grumpy? You have not seen, in all your life, a more tolerant person than me!

KATHY (sarcastically)

Yeah, that is the reason our relatives often come over and enjoy spending time with us.

JACK

They do not avoid us, I avoid them. None of them are normal people!

KATHY

Uh, what a tolerance!

JACK

I am tolerant! It is not my fault they are abnormal.

Kathy gave up from the discussion and turns angrily to her side of the bed.

EXT. STREET MORNING

Newcomers are going out of their apartments and houses into individual research and action in Heaven. They walk through the town and look around. Street with no car traffic. Green everywhere. Children drive bicycles and skate carefree. The people sit on benches and talk pleasantly. Smile of adults and laughter of children is heard.

John walks fast straight to the mayor's office.

INT. OFFICE OF MAYOR'S SECRETARY DAY

A big office full of documentation. The secretary Anica sits beside the table and types something on the computer keyboard. She wears a simple outfit. The office is full of flowers. John enters through the open door.

JOHN

Hello, is the mayor here?

ANICA

Yes he is, but he is not available right now.

JOHN

It's important...

John does not pay attention to Anica any more and continues to walk towards the door with the sign Mayor Aleksandar...

ANICA

Excuse me! Please...

John knocks on the door and enters without waiting.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE

The office is large. Classical dark rustic furniture. Work table with a computer and big monitor. One lower table with four chairs for guests. The walls are arranged with pictures. The shelves are full of books. The big window opens a view of the sea.

The mayor wears a dark blue suit and tie. He reads electronic mail.

JOHN

Hello Aleksandar!

Aleksandar raises his eyes from the computer.

JOHN

I am John. I would like to become mayor instead of you.

ALEKSANDAR

(gives a surprised look) Oh really...

JOHN

Yes. How can I do that?

Aleksandar stands up from his table. They shake hands.

ALEKSANDAR

Hello, please sit down....
(shows the chair)

They sit in chairs.

ALEKSANDAR

(continues)

The best way for you to become a mayor is to make an agreement with me.

JOHN

Let's make an agreement.

ALEKSANDAR

First, you need to show me your program and a greater productivity than I offer. If you make me believe you are better, I will support you and withdraw from here.

JOHN

That seems too complicated to me. I was told that I may become a mayor whenever I want. Nobody mentioned programs and agreements...

ALEKSANDAR

Yes, they told you right...

If you offer just a one percent larger responsibility for the commune productivity than I do, and if I would not be able to compete, the position is automatically yours. But that is very risky because it excludes an agreement.

JOHN

How do you measure responsibility?

ALEKSANDAR

We measure it by the evaluations we receive for our work from the people.

JOHN

That means I only need to offer a higher responsibility?

ALEKSANDAR

Yes.

JOHN

How?

ALEKSANDAR

In the computer center!

JOHN

I will!

ALEKSANDAR

But it is not as simple as it looks. The Mayor directly manages all business in the commune and he is responsible for it. This chair is very hot... (shows his chair)

JOHN

OK! (says self-confidently)

ALEKSANDAR

(continues)

If people give negative evaluations for your work that hat on your head (red) will grow.

John does not pay attention to his warnings any more.

JOHN

Where is the computer center?

ALEKSANDAR

Each computer you use here is connected to the computer center.

JOHN

Thanks... (smiles and starts leaving the room)

ALEKSANDAR

(adds with good intentions)
Our system awards good
work. If you increase the
productivity of our commune
this hat on your head will get
smaller... But I'm warning
you again, if you screw up
your hat will grow...

John confidently waves back to him and leaves the office.

INT. OFFICE OF MAYOR'S SECRETARY DAY

John passes Anica without a word. Anica looks at him very surprised.

INT. CITY ADMINISTRATION HALL DAY

John randomly enters into the next office in which he sees an officer at the desk and pulls back into the hall without a word. In another attempt he encounters an empty office and enters.

INT. OFFICE DAY

John sits at a computer. Types in the increase of responsibility for the mayor position by 1%. Thinks a little bit and adds one zero. Thinks a little bit more and adds two zeros. He makes a grimace but waves his hand carelessly and registers his offer. So greed has pushed John to offer ten times greater responsibility for the mayor's position.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE DAY

At the same time the Mayor's computer starts to flash and sound the alarm. Aleksandar is very surprised when he sees that John has offered 1000% greater responsibility for the Mayor's position. He silently picks up his things, and leaves the office rolling his eyes.

INT. CITY ADMINISTRATION HALL DAY

At the exit Aleksandar meets John, shakes hands with him and leaves without a word.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE DAY

John sits in the mayor's chair, puts his feet on the table, rubs his hands with glee, and smiles self-lovingly.

EXT. STREET DAY

Street full of small locals. Pleasant peace fills the air.

Kevin stops a passer-by Bogdan on the street. Bogdan is a middle-aged man, carelessly dressed, a little bit slow in comprehension. Phlegmatic.

KEVIN

Hello, excuse me please, where is the closest police station?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

We do not have police stations.

KEVIN

(surprised)

How can I find policemen?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

We do not have policemen.

KEVIN

(surprised)

How come?

BOGDAN

Just like that... (says like it is the most natural thing)

KEVIN

(is more surprised)
So, who protects you from
crime?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

We do not have crime.

KEVIN

Well, who enforces the laws?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

We do not have laws.

KEVIN

(is very surprised)

What?

BOGDAN

We do not have laws. (repeats like it is the most natural thing)

KEVIN

How come?

BOGDAN

How come? (thinks a little bit) That's how! At the beginning we had laws but we developed our relationships so much that nobody uses laws any more. They become unnecessary.

KEVIN

(very surprised)

How can you exist without laws?

BOGDAN

Exactly as you see... We alone create, carry out, and change the rules in

our relationships. Alone!

KEVIN

(is very surprised)

How?

BOGDAN

It is clear what is right and what is wrong and we observe to it. Sometimes we listen to opinions of experts and then we make agreements about how things need to be done. At the end, the mutual evaluations give power to each of us...

KEVIN

Then I am in charge too?

BOGDAN

Yes. That is what insures good relationships in society.

KEVIN

So you do not have prisons?

BOGDAN

No.

KEVIN

(very surprised) And it works just like

that?

BOGDAN

Yes, it works just like that. (He thinks a little bit and adds) It works perfectly, much better then where you have come from. Brandon and Frances pass by across the street. They wave their hands to Kevin. Kevin relaxes a little bit when he sees them and waves back.

KEVIN

(shouts to them)

Where are you going?

BRANDON

(shouts to Kevin)

To the soccer stadium!

Kevin waves his hand again. Then he turns back to Bogdan, thinks a little bit and asks...

KEVIN

Are there any available jobs in the army?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

We do not have an army.

KEVIN

(is not surprised any more) I should have thought so...

BOGDAN

(smiles on that and adds)
When we citizens of this
peaceful place decided to
stop supplying our army
with money that was its
end... We dismissed it and
destroyed the arms...

KEVIN

You do not have arms?

BOGDAN

No... Not that we do not have baseball bats and kitchen knives but nobody gets the idea to use them as arms.

KEVIN

So, what protects you?

BOGDAN

(phlegmatically)

Nothing attacks us.

KEVIN

?

BOGDAN

We have learned that the worst danger comes from great leaders, those to whom their nation or homeland is the most important thing.

KEVIN

Why?

BOGDAN

Such people just use their nations for their megalomaniac goals and nothing good can come from that...

KEVIN

So how do you protect yourself from them?

BOGDAN

Simply, we easily recognise such people... then we give them very negative evaluations... That shuts their mouths far before they are able to produce any evil.

KEVIN

(thinks a little bit and
asks)
So what will I do? I do not
know anything but police

work!

BOGDAN

(thinks deeply and says)
You do not need to do
anything that you do not
want to do. When you find
what you want to do, you
will do it because you will
like doing it.

KEVIN

?

BOGDAN

(continues)

Don't worry. If you need anything just ask for Bogdan. I am always here somewhere...

Bogdan waves to him and starts walking away.

KEVIN

(calls over)

Thank you.

Kevin leaves to another direction with a worry on his face. Some children pass by cheerful and smiling. Kevin absorbedly watches them and after a while he starts smiling too...

INT. MIKI'S OFFICE

Miki sits in his office and sets up some papers. There is a picture of his wife Mirjana on the table. The furniture is modern, the chairs are comfortable. Light curtains at the window let in light wind. Birds chirp outside.

Somebody knocks on the door.

MIKI

Come in!

Diane enters the room. Looks magically hot in her bright red dress.

DIANE

Please excuse me for disturbing you. Do you have time for me?

MIKI

Of course.

They shake hands.

MIKI

Please sit down.

Diane sits in a chair.

MIKI

(continues)

Drink?

DIANE

No thanks...

Miki sits too.

MIKI

What can I do for you?

DIANE

I am very confused here in a new environment...

MIKI

I understand. I was confused as well.

DIANE

I supposed you are an influential man in a high position here?

While asking the question she crosses her legs and shows her beautiful thighs.

MIKI

Yeah, something like that... (responds half confused

half calculatingly)

DIANE

Can you advise me with what I should work here?

MIKI

What did you work so far?

DIANE

Mainly I have helped successful people... (thinks little bit) ...is it getting hot in here...

She unhooks upper button on her dress, shakes it, and shows the place where her beautiful breasts are joined. Blood rushes to Miki's head but he restrains because he is married with Mirjana. He stands up, approaches the window, and opens it widely.

DIANE

(continues)

What have you worked before?

MIKI

I was a party official, something like a director.

DIANE

I thought something like that.... I immediately recognise a successful man.

MIKI

(tries to be modest)
It's not just like that...

DIANE

Oh no, I do not make mistakes here. (smiles) I recognise a man in charge.

Miki smiles modestly and nods his head self-lovingly. Diane thinks a little bit and continues shyly.

DIANE

I always wanted to be an actress. I participated in part of an acting course with Mr. Blabinger. I was supposed to take an exam but I couldn't because I was very busy. You know, we travel... Mr. Blabinger had a lot of respect in my skills. He offered me a role in a theatre performance. It was not supposed to be a big role but he told me it would be a very noticeable and memorable role.

MIKI

What role would that be?

DIANE

I was supposed to be a striptease dancer...
But, as I said I was very busy... Now I have more time so I can accept a more significant movie role. Can you help me?

Tension rises...

MIKI

(says calculatingly)
I'll look for something...

DIANE

Oh, thank you very much...

MIKI

(smiles)

Nothing, nothing...

DIANE

You would never understand how much it means to me. This is my greatest wish. If you help me I will forever be in your debt. Just tell me how to pay back the favour and I'll do it.

Diane stands up seductively from the chair to hug Miki in the "friendly" manner. Miki is surprised a little bit. He stands up from his chair as well and spontaneously embraces her waist. She kisses his cheeks.

Tension culminates...

She notices that he is very sensitive to her closeness, hesitates what to do, thinks a little bit and then slowly moves her head towards Miki and kisses his lips. He moves his head a little bit away. She slowly kisses his lips again. He moves away his head a little bit again. When she kisses his lips third time, he does not move his head away any more...

EXT. STREET IN FRONT OF THE LAZAR'S HOME DAN

Rock paved street. Two rows of stone houses. Each balcony is full of flowers. Doors, windows, shutters are freshly coloured.

Al tries hard to decrease the size of his red hat. He is a trash remover. He has a trash collector's uniform and tricycle with a garbage box. Right now he is cleaning the street in front of the Lazar's house with a broom. Lazar is coming. He has sympathized Al from his childhood. Lazar is a former communist leader and a criminal. In Heaven Lazar is almost an exemplary husband and worker. He wears something similar to a military uniform and a hat "titovka" with a red star.

Lazar is very pleasantly surprised to meet Al. He widens his arms...

LAZAR

Al!

Al looks at him half interested.

LAZAR

You are an idol of my youth!

Al does not change his face. Lazar tries to imitate Al. A smile emerges on his face because he is not a skilled actor. He puts his forefinger on his chest and asks...

LAZAR

Are you talking to me? Are you talking to me? Are you talking to me?

But he meant Robert de Niro in the movie Taxi driver.

ΑL

(responds melancholically)
It wasn't me...

LAZAR

Doesn't matter...
(he waves with his hand happily)
Let God give you good health and a long life!

Al looks at Lazar a little bit better...

AL

Do I know you?

LAZAR

We cooperated a little bit. Do you remember cocaine from Colombia?

ΑL

(convincingly)

I have never done cocaine in my life!

LAZAR

C'mon, I am not your judge. Besides that we transported firearms to Iraq...

ΑL

(now Al recognises Lazar)
Oh, I remember you now...
... you are a communist
from Yugoslavia...
...Lazar?

LAZAR

(says proudly)

That's me!

They shake hands friendly.

ΑL

So how are you doin'?

LAZAR

Not bad...

ΑL

Do you know something about my relatives?

LAZAR

Your father is good. He is not far away from here....
I don't know about others... Ask him.

Al is satisfied with the answer and continues...

AL

You communists have always impressed me strongly. The way you arranged your underground we were not even able to dream about. Nobody was able to interfere with your business...Nobody!

LAZAR

Those were good times.

And you have remained in my memory as a very moral man. You have always helped friends and killed enemies.

ΑL

Those were good times, but it is not recognised as good here.

(shows up his long hat)

LAZAR

(complains)

No, one cannot kill a man like a man here! They immediately send you right to Hell! Yes, they do...

Al thinks a little bit...

ΑL

If I were in power here, I would return good old values back. In the first place a hierarchy. Authorities would have an unconditional power. I would establish order and discipline. One would know what anyone is supposed to do and allowed to do. Everything would bloom. Flowers would grow everywhere, birds would chirp like in the old days. (his eyes start to sparkle for a moment)

LAZAR

Do it for God's sake. I would support you strongly.

Anica, Lazar's wife, interrupts them from the balcony of their house.

ANICA

Lazar you haven't done the dishes...

LAZAR

(responds unwillingly)
Just a moment...

ANICA

Do it now, it will start to smell bad!

LAZAR

(says silently so that her wife cannot hear him)
Godfather, let's continue this conversation later.

Al agrees and continues to broom the street.

EXT. STREET DAY

Large building with a board "Auto Salon". Through the glass of window one can see displayed models.

Danny stands on the street in front of the auto salon. In the glass of the store window he sees himself with a big red hat. He is unsatisfied. Thinks a little bit and takes the hat off, rolls the edge of the hat so that it looks smaller and puts it back on his head. Now he is satisfied. He enters the auto salon full of new cars.

INT. AUTO SALON

A contemporarily arranged place. Rade works there. He is the chief of the salon, an elegant gentleman in a suit and tie.

DANNY

Hello.

RADE

Hello. Can I help you please?

DANNY

I need ten Mercedes.

RADE

Ten Mercedes?

DANNY

Yes...

RADE

Why do you need ten Mercedes?

DANNY

I just need them.

RADE

You are supposed to order cars you need. These are exhibition models.

DANNY

No problem, I'll take them.

RADE

I can't help you.

DANNY

Uh...

RADE

But if you need one immediately I can give it to you from reserves.

DANNY

I need ten Mercedes urgently.

RADE

Sorry, I cannot help you.

Danny sees on the Rade's coat a tag with the name Rade. He pulls the chief of the salon into a corner.

DANNY

(says confidentially)
Rade, I'll give you one
Benjamin Franklin if you
try to help me. (he shows
a \$100 bill)

RADE

Ha ha ha ha... (smiles)
Money is worth nothing
here!

Danny is embarrassed because of the wrong estimation of the situation and tries to escape...

DANNY

I did not offer money but the artistic picture of Benjamin Franklin.

RADE

(now seriously)

You cannot buy me. Besides, your orientation is pretty unhealthy here. If you continue like this your hat (red) will grow.

Danny wants to finish the conversation.

DANNY

OK, give me then a beautiful new model, but a big one please!

RADE

Please fill the application.

DANNY

(grumbles)

Ah, this bureaucracy!

Danny fills the application and Rade brings keys...

RADE

Here are the keys. Your car is there... (he points to it with his finger)

Danny takes a Mercedes cabriolet and leaves whispering..

EXT. SOCCER STADIUM DAY

A big stadium. The amphitheatre may hold about 35,000 people. It is covered with a metal grid structure. One can say that it looks like somebody put two slippers with ends inside each other.

Brandon wants to play soccer in Heaven as well.

INT. DRESSING ROOM DAY

Brandon enters the club's dressing room. Big room. Lockers, benches, hooks... On one door is a sign that says massage, on second sauna, third showers...

Here Brandon meets Srđan a soccer player.

BRANDON

Hi, I am Brandon.

Brandon gives a hand to Srđan to shake.

SRĐAN

Srđan, nice to meet you...

They shake hands.

BRANDON

May I play soccer here?

SRĐAN

You can if you are good. Have you already played somewhere?

BRANDON

Of course! I played for Manchester United, for Barcelona and for Zaprešić.

SRĐAN

Excuse me?

BRANDON

(confidently)

Really!

SRĐAN

Have you played with Ronaldinho?

BRANDON

Yes.

SRĐAN

In what position?

BRANDON

Right winger.

SRĐAN

(very satisfied)
You are accepted. Here is
the uniform. The game is
about to start!

EXT. SOCCER STADIUM DAY

Only one person is in the public. This is Frances who has come to support Brandon because she is in love with him.

BRANDON

(asks a team-mate)

Where is the public?

SRĐAN

There is no public.

BRANDON

I see but why?

SRĐAN

People come very rarely to watch us. They live here actively...

BRANDON

What does that mean?

SRĐAN

They like playing soccer themselves or doing something else rather than watching us play.

BRANDON

(makes a face)

So why do you need such a big stadium?

Srđan feels that Brandon is naïve so he starts pulling his leg.

SRĐAN

It stayed here since ever. I offered to carry it down to your place, but was refused...

BRANDON

What?

SRĐAN

(smiles strangely)

I was told it is too heavy for me...

BRANDON

(understands the joke and smiles)

I know you are joking me.

SRĐAN

I used to be a devil, but I improved myself and now I am good...
(he makes a devil face)
Ha ha ha ha...

Brandon makes a surprised face. Srđan calms down and continues seriously.

SRĐAN

The stadium should be removed but no one knows if it would be needed one day. (shrugs shoulders)

The play starts. Brandon gets a beautiful goal. Team mates congratulate him by slapping his shoulders. Frances applauds from the amphitheatre.

SRĐAN

(is surprised)

You have a fan! I haven't seen one in a long time.

BRANDON

That's Frances. She is my girlfriend. (thinks a little bit)
No fans here?

SRĐAN

No. People are self-confident here and do not need idols.

Brandon shrugs his shoulders. He turns to Frances and waves to her. She responds the same. Now he is very happy she is there.

BRANDON

(says to himself)

Brandon is good, Frances is the best.

EXT. PARK DAY

After the game Brandon and Frances walk through the park. Old pine trees. Sea is close by. Brandon looks Frances in the eyes.

BRANDON

I love you more than ever.

Frances smiles but her face shows she worries about something.

BRANDON

What's wrong?

FRANCES

(worries)

If I do not get back to work on Monday I'll lose my job...

BRANDON

It's not that bad?

FRANCES

It's even worse. The company is in a crisis. They just wait for an excuse to fire workers...

BRANDON

You will find a better job...

FRANCES

There are no good jobs on the market. They cannot even provide enough income to pay the rent...

BRANDON

Uh...

FRANCES

I will need to find a roommate like a student...

BRANDON

Brandon earns a lot. He will find a solution...

FRANCES

You are a sweetheart but I cannot accept it.

BRANDON

We will find a solution. First we need to find an escape from here. (he is absorbed in thoughts)
But it doesn't seem bad here at all...

They leave absorbed in thoughts.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE DAY

John enjoys sitting in his chair doing nothing. His secretary Anica gets to the room and reminds John on his daily duties.

ANICA

Chief, you have a meeting in 10:00 AM with the director of public feeding. In 1:30 PM lunch with the director of public transportation. In 3:00 PM a meeting with the director of city sewage...

JOHN

Cancel everything. Let them do everything like they are used to so far.

ANICA

They may work as they are used to but that will certainly not increase the productivity of commune in the scale you proposed.

JOHN

(waves his hand showing it does not matter to him)
Who is the boss here?

ANICA

What do you mean who is the boss?

JOHN

Who decides things in Heaven?

ANICA

God?

JOHN

I was not thinking of God nor Jesus Christ but who is the boss among you people here?

ANICA

Nobody, we are all equal here.

JOHN

OK, if we are equal, why don't you go to those meetings instead of me?

ANICA

This is your job...

JOHN

Now you see... that means we are not equal! Who is the boss here?

ANICA

You.

JOHN

No, me as a professional executive needs powerful people. Somebody has to protect me. Who are these people here?

ANICA

We don't have such people here. We don't have powerful nor weak people, nor influenced nor uninfluenced, nor rich nor poor...

JOHN

How come?

ANICA

That's how we live!

JOHN

(asks scared)

Who will tell me what to

do then?

ANICA

Here everyone tells themselves what to do.

JOHN

(says honestly)

But I know nothing about this job!

ANICA

Then learn it fast otherwise this hat on your head will grow really big.

JOHN

OK. I'll take these people...

Director of public feeding Slavko enters the office. He is a man in his forties. Suit, tie. Serious and busy.

SLAVKO

Hello.

JOHN

(he does not stand up from chair) Hello. What can I do for you?

SLAVKO

Where is Aleksandar?

JOHN

(says very arrogantly)
I am Aleksandar now.

SLAVKO

(is surprised)

Oh I didn't know that...
(he gets to the point fast)
I am Slavko, director of
public feeding. People
complain that pancakes are

not tasty enough. They accused the cook for it. But it is not the fault of the poor cook, the flavour is not good. We need to get a new flavour and use this one as fodder...

John interrupts him arrogantly.

JOHN

You are wasteful!

SLAVKO

(politely)

No, no...

John doesn't listen to him.

JOHN

No, we are not going to do this.

SLAVKO

But...

JOHN

Tell the cook to put some sugar in it.

SLAVKO

OK, but...

John interrupts him again.

JOHN

Excuse me, I am very busy. Do you have another issue?

SLAVKO

I don't. But...

John stands up from his chair interrupting Slavko again and walks him to the door. Slavko's tie occupies him...

JOHN

Nice tie. Where did you get it?

SLAVKO

I ordered it through the internet.

JOHN

I am very busy these days. Could you please order the same one for me?

SLAVKO

I will, it's not difficult for me...

JOHN

I would appreciate it very much... Nice meeting you...

Slavko is very confused and leaves without a word.

John shakes Slavko's hand, and closes the door in his face. After that John stretches out in his chair and puts his feet on the table...

JOHN

(says to himself)
It's not easy being a mayor
today.

INT. CLASSROOM MORNING

Huge high school classroom. It is unusually furnished. Every table has drawers, a computer and an upholstery chair. At the corner of the classroom is a love sofa and a triple-seat sofa for students to have discussions and rest. Beside them is a fridge stacked with refreshing drinks. Students are all cheerful. One student takes a drink from the fridge.

At that moment, Kathy walks in. She chose to be an English teacher.

KATHY

Good morning, I am your new English teacher. I hope we

will get along together...

The students sit at their tables. Murmur is heard. Kathy continues...

KATHY

Today we will do Shakespeare. Do you know who said: "To be or not to be, that is the question?"

No one answers so she picks a student.

STUDENT I

My dad said it before he tried to turn on a washer... ...he'd been fixing it all day.

KATHY

This is a famous sentence. Do you know where he has heard it?

STUDENT I

No.

KATHY

In the theatre. (she
stresses affectionately)

STUDENT I

I doubt he was ever there. He listens to folk music only...

KATHY

This sentence is said by Hamlet in the drama by the same name

STUDENT II

(asks Kathy a question)
Do you know who said:
"To drink or not to drink,
that is the question?"

KATHY

No...

STUDENT II

This famous sentence is said by me!

Students laugh loudly...

KATHY

(seriously)

It's not funny!

STUDENT II

Relax a bit, maybe it'll become funny... (smiles)

Kathy pretends she didn't hear it, but she is mad.

KATHY

Now I will give you roles from Hamlet. For the next class you will memorize the lines and we will put up a play.

STUDENT I

I don't think so...

KATHY

Excuse me?

STUDENT I

(repeats)

I don't think so...

Now her madness comes out...

KATHY

You will learn Hamlet by heart for me! (says in a threatening voice)

STUDENT I

I am going to park.

(he starts collecting his school supplies)

KATHY

You cannot leave the class! (she is very angry)

STUDENT I

Watch and see if I can...

He leaves the class. Other students follow him one by one. Kathy is left surprised with no words...

EXT. ROAD DAY

A winding road follows the coast. The waves hit the reef. Pines and cypresses swing slightly in the breeze. The sky is blue without any clouds. Barely any traffic to be seen.

Danny drives his wife Bette in their Mercedes cabriolet.

BETTE

Look how beautiful nature is here!

DANNY

(uninterested)

Yeah...

BETTE

I cannot breath enough of this clean and aromatic air....smell of pine and sea salt...

Danny does not pay attention to her. Actually he looks for something...

BETTE

(continues)
Have you noticed that we
passed only a few cars...
...it's pretty quiet here...

Danny does not listen to her. Smile covers his face when he approaches to one brand new garage. Parks the car...

DANNY

Bette, come here to see these beauties...

BETTE

What have you found?

Danny stands in front of garage, gives a significant look to Bette and starts imitating fanfare.

BETTE

Danny opens the door of garage and proudly presents to his wife 10 Mercedes cars he collected and hid in the garage. He smiles while she rolls her eyes....

BETTE

What is this?

DANNY

Mercedes!

BETTE

(suspiciously)

Whose are they?

DANNY

Ours darling!

(responds very happily)

BETTE

How did you get them?

DANNY

(modestly)

Hard work.

BETTE

Excuse me?

DANNY

...OK, with a little help from this wonderful place.

BETTE

Why do you need them?

DANNY

Huh?

BETTE

Why do you need them?

DANNY

I need them...

BETTE

Why do you need them, are you mad?

DANNY

(starts worrying)

Darling, I have been collecting them all day...

BETTE

Why do you need them?

DANNY

If one stops running...

BETTE

Return them immediately!

Danny desperately looks for an escape.

DANNY

Darling, may I keep just three?

Bette shakes her head in protest...

DANNY

Two?

BETTE

Return all but one!

Danny shakes with his head unsatisfied.

INT. APARTMENT OF MIRJANA AND MIKI DAY

A very modern apartment. One can easily see the furniture is chosen and arranged tastefully. Everything is set in order.

Mirjana enters the apartment. Miki sits in a chair and reads newspapers.

MIRJANA

Hello Miki.

MIKI

Hi.

Mirjana takes off her shoes and puts on her slippers.

MIRJANA

Have you cleaned the carpet?

MIKI

Yes, darling, I did.

MIRJANA

Are you sure?

MIKI

Yes I am sure!

MIRJANA

(smiles provocatively) You will get an award tonight...

Miki smiles satisfied as well.

Mirjana looks for something in closet and finds that Miki's blue hat shrank. She takes it and shows to Miki.

MIRJANA

(surprised)

What happened to your hat?

MIKI

(innocently)

I do not know. It must have shrunk in the wash...

MIRJANA

(says angrily)

It has shrunk in the wash!! Now you will see what a shrink in the wash is!!! Oh, yes you will...

Mirjana angrily goes to kitchen, takes a rolling pin, returns back and threatens Miki with it.

MIKI

(wails)

I'm not quilty!

MIRJANA

What happened. Tell me immediately! (still threatening with a rolling pin)

MIKI

I'm not guilty! (wails)

Mirjana waves the rolling pin.

MIRJANA

What happened!

MIKI

(afraid)

She attacked me, she attacked me...

MIRJANA

(asks angrily)

Who attacked you?

MIKI

Diane!

MIRJANA

(angrily)

How did she attack you?

MIKI

(responses afraid)

In the office...

MIRJANA

(angrily)

I am asking how she attacked you?

MIKI

(tries to be convincing)
Furiously!

MIRJANA

(angrily)

How did she attack you?

MIKI

(says broken)

As a woman attacks...

MIRJANA

Arrrghhh, the bitch will get what deserves! Oh, yes she will...

Mirjana catches Miki by hand and drags him to the street.

EXT. STREET DAY

Mirjana carries a rolling pin and drags Miki along the city street. That attracts peoples' attention and they start following them. She catches Diane in the corner between two houses. Diane has a bigger red hat then before. The people form a circle around them.

MIRJANA

(screams)

Bitch, stop!!!

Diane turns towards her surprisingly.

MIRJANA

Listen to me bitch! Miki is my man and only my man. If you ever come closer than ten feet to Miki, first I will thrash you with this (shows rolling pin) and then I will personally ship you right to Hell!!!

DIANE

This must be a misunderstanding...

Then she sees Miki and finds there is no point of lying.

DIANE

Please, forgive me. I will never do it again... (she is afraid)

MIRJANA

Just try me, bitch... (turns to Miki)
And you, go home!

MIKI

I'm going honey, I'm
going...

The people around them smile...

MIRJANA

This attacked you, ha?

Miki is silent.

MIRJANA

You couldn't defend yourself, ha?

Miki is very silent.

On returning home they are passing children ages 10-15 years who plant flowers in the park.

INT. BEDROOM MORNING

John wakes up beside Diane, takes a shower, sings, takes clothes and suddenly twitches in pain when he sees his hat. His hat has become five feet long. Runs to his office.

INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE DAY

John rushes off to the office, looks for the secretary Anica. She is already there. He wears the red hat on his head and holds the knitted ball at the end of hat in his right hand. He raises his hand to the side. The middle of the hat droops because the hat it longer than his arm.

JOHN

Anica, what is this?

ANICA

A red hat.

it is?

JOHN

(says frightened)
I know, but why is it as

ANICA

The people are very dissatisfied with your decisions. I am afraid your hat will grow more.

JOHN

Stop, stop, stop... Stop this unjustified process.

ANICA

You can do it alone by resigning from the position....

JOHN

I want, I want, I want,
now!

ANICA

That will bring a penalty that will increase the size of your hat but the process will stop soon.

JOHN

OK, OK! Where?

ANICA

In your computer...

John takes a keyboard and fills a resigning form. Leaves the office without a word. While leaving the building he meets Aleksandar. John is embarrassed, looks to the floor but still...

JOHN

Hello.

ALEKSANDAR

Hello Mr. 100%, how are you doing?

John runs away to the street saying nothing.

EXT. STREET DAY

John exits to the street where he deeply exhales and feels relief. But a big red hat gets lots of attention from people. Everybody who sees him becomes shocked because such an appearance is very rare. John is embarrassed, takes off the hat, and hides it in his bag. Accidentally Jack walks by. He sees that John does not have a hat on his head...

JACK

(smiles and says cynically)
John better put your hat
back on. It is useful.
If you behave properly the
people will give you
positive evaluations and
you will escape from
Hell...

John understands the lesson, brokenly puts the hat back on the head, and leaves absorbed in thoughts. When Jack sees how big hat John has, he cannot resist but to mock him behind his back.

EXT. PARK DAY

Kevin drives a local bus. Stops at the bus station. Lazar gets off the bus. Kevin smiles kindly...

KEVIN

Have a nice day!

Lazar waves to Kevin. Kevin waves back. Lazar continues towards park. In the park he accidentally meets Al who is absorbed in thoughts. Lazar approaches him with a smile.

LAZAR

What's on your mind, godfather?

They shake hands.

AL

I've thought about what to do...

LAZAR

(is jolly)

And what did you come up with?

AL

I cannot go against the system.

LAZAR

Why?

AL

It's too strong. And it's not bad at all...

TAZAR

That's right, but we can do something!

ΑL

Something else bothers me...

LAZAR

What?

ΑL

My past persecutes me.

LAZAR

How come?

ΑL

I am deeply sorry for being a criminal...

LAZAR

So you are done?

AL

(nods his head
affirmatively)
I want to devote myself to
spiritual life. I've
decided to become a priest.

LAZAR

But why priest? Come to us in a communist party. The spiritual life we have, nobody has...

AL

I've decided.

LAZAR

Well, it's your decision, so good luck... (he smiles) Let's have a drink in the name of your decision!

Al smiles, hugs Lazar, and they go to have a drink.

EXT. SQUARE LATE NIGHT

Middle-aged town surrounded by huge bulwarks. Houses made of stone. Simple architecture. At the end of the main street is a Baroque church.

Here John meets Diane. Late night. Empty town.

JOHN

It seems I screwed up totally...

DIANE

I see... (red hat long five feet says it all)

JOHN

Guaranteed, I'll finish in Hell... For God's sake, do you know what the trial period here is?

DIANE

Miki mentioned one year but I am not sure...

JOHN

Uh, then maybe I still have a chance...

DIANE

Now you are the same as Al. If he has a chance you definitely have one too. We must grow wiser quickly...

JOHN

I agree, but how?

DIANE

I think the best choice is to behave same as others, and what will be, will be...

JOHN

I agree, that's the best.

They leave absorbed in thoughts.

EXT. PARK AT BEACH AFTERNOON

Sunny day, no winds but rough sea. A picnic is arranged with barbecue, entertainment and sport contests. Food in abundance, lots of beers and wines. All characters are present. They sit together by the tables and around on the grass. Somebody plays the guitar and sings. Many join him when they recognise the song. Everything happens in perfect harmony, joy and laughter.

BETTE

(asks Danny)

Have you returned the Mercedes?

DANNY

Yes, I have, darling. You know, all night I have been thinking, why would I need all these Mercedes...

BETTE

And what did you come up with?

DANNY

I don't need them.

BETTE

You thought well.

DANNY

I came up with something else.

BETTE

What?

DANNY

You always know what is good and what is not. You are my sunshine. (tells gently)

Bette is very flattered and joyful.

Kevin meets a girl he likes. They whisper something and smile all the time. He is very satisfied.

Suddenly somebody screams. A huge whirlpool appears in the sea. One boy in a canoe tries to escape it. He paddles strongly but the canoe overturns. The boy does not swim well. The whirlpool is reaching him slowly. Only a good swimmer can pull out the boy from the sea before the whirlpool takes him down. Nobody dares to help him. John takes off his clothes, grabs a surfboard, jumps into the sea and rescues the kid. All the people applaud.

Lazar and Brandon stand close to each other by chance and watch John exiting the sea and carrying the child.

LAZAR

(murmur to himself)

He steals water again!

BRANDON

(asks him)

Excuse me, what did you say?

LAZAR

Satan steals water.

BRANDON

(asks him)

Who?

LAZAR

Satan!

BRANDON

Why would he do that?

LAZAR

The people are very thirsty down there.

BRANDON

They drink salt water?

LAZAR

That's why it's called Hell.

Brandon gives a confused look on his face.

Some people congratulate to John, some take their cell phones out while watching John, and type something. Somebody says John is a hero. Diane watches John proudly. He rinses himself and takes his clothes back. Looks for his hat but cannot find it. He does not recognise it because it shrunk to a normal size. Proudly shows it to Diane. She happily gives him thumbs up and asks him...

DIANE

Did you know that was the entrance to Hell?

John widens his eyes, looks at Diane very surprised, but says nothing.

The people continue to entertain and drink. Kathy talks to Jack.

KATHY

How can they drink beer in a park?

JACK

Kathy this is not the US. This is Heaven.

Jack takes a look to the sky and makes mouth mimicry: (without a voice) "Thank you." Kathy just nods her head complying.

Suddenly Kathy sees the student she had a misunderstanding with in school passing by. She stands up and approaches the student...

KATHY

Hi!

STUDENT I

Hi!

KATHY

Please forgive me. I was very arrogant in the classroom.

STUDENT I

No problem.

KATHY

That will never happen again... Please come to the class and bring your classmates.

STUDENT I

(smiles satisfied)

I will, no problem.

Jack hears that but cannot believe what he is hearing.

JACK

Such nice words I have never heard from you all my life.

KATHY

(says honestly while smiling) It's never late to learn.

Jack expresses great satisfaction. He climbs up on a chair and shouts out loudly...

JACK

People, please pay attention!

They all turn towards him.

JACK

(continues)

Kathy and I have been married for forty years...
That was a marriage full of ferment, pleasant and less pleasant moments. I will never forget how devoted she was to me when I broke my leg at skiing 30 years ago. But I also remember she spent a lot of time

with a skiing teacher while I was in bed... She likes working with kids very much but her own she could not give birth. God is my witness, I worked hard on it... Sometimes she cooks what I cannot stand and complains when I drink a little bit, but if we exclude these small shortages, she is a good woman... Therefore I am making a solemn vow - Kathy, I love you.

He said it loudly, clearly, and proudly. After that the audience joyfully applauses. Jack bows to her and to everybody else. Kathy begins to shed tears.

When Brandon has heard the declaration of love, he gets an inspiration, kneels on one knee before Frances.

BRANDON

Frances I love you. Will you marry me?

FRANCES

Brandon I love you very much. I will marry you!

He jumps to the sky. They are both very happy, kiss each other. Brandon pulls a ring from his pocket and gives it to Frances. Again they kiss. Again people applaud.

BRANDON

(tells all)

You are all invited to celebrate our marriage.

People applaud and congratulate them.

Al comes to park in a black priesthood. He has a cardinal's type, size, and red color hat with a small knitted ball on the top.

AL

(shows his priesthood to
Kevin)
Does it suit me well?
(smiles)

KEVIN

Super, even your own mother wouldn't recognise you! (he smiles)

Beside Al in priesthood stands Lazar. Lazar still has hat "titovka" with red star. Together they make a very strange picture.

ΑL

(asks Lazar)
If this is Heaven, where
is Jesus Christ?

LAZAR

He stops by sometimes.

ΑL

To control us?

LAZAR

No there is no need. He comes over for dinner, we drink and enjoy time.

Joy continues. Everything is full of laughter.

EXT. PARK BESIDE THE SEA DAY

Marriage celebration of Frances and Brandon. The altar is in the park. The wedding guests sit on the chairs. The bride is in white with a blue hat below the veil. Brandon has a dark dress suit and of course a blue hat. They all have blue hats. John has so little hat he has to wear it on the top of his small finger. He shows it to camera and winks satisfied. One man who sits in the middle of the table, has a blue hat ten feet long wrapped around his shoulders like ribbons. Lazar has a blue hat with red star. Al has red cardinal's hat with a small blue knitted ball on the top.

Brandon holds Frances's hand in front of the altar. He kisses her cheek. Al starts the speech of the marriage procedure with the help of the book and marries them...

ΑL

We are gathered here today to witness the coming together of two people, Brandon and Frances, whose hearts and spirits are entwined as one. Marriage is a promise, made in the hearts of two people who love each other. Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's lover, teacher, listener, critic, and best friend.

Frances looks at Brandon with love in her eyes. Brandon returns the look...

AL

(continues)
Do you Brandon, take
Frances, to be your
lawfully wedded wife, to
love, honour, and cherish
her as much as you can?

BRANDON

I do!

ΑL

(continues)

And do you Frances, take Brandon, to be your lawfully wedded husband, to love, honour, and cherish him as much as you can?

FRANCES

I do!

ΑL

You may now exchange rings.

They put their rings on each other happy and smiling.

ΑL

The ring is a symbol of unity into which your two lives are now joined in an unbroken circle; in which, wherever you go, you will return to one another. Let these rings bring you closer together forever in love....love has no other desire but to fulfill itself!

Brandon and Frances watch each other lovingly. Frances has a tear in her eye.

ΑL

(continues)

May this day shine eternally in your lives! I now pronounce you husband and wife. (watches Brandon) You may now kiss the bride!

Brandon kisses Frances. The wedding guests cheer and applaud. Then Frances turns around and throws the bouquet. Diane catches the bouquet and laughs. John smiles. Jack borrows a flower from the bouquet and puts it in Kathy's hair. Kathy is very happy.

They all move to the dinner tables close by and sit there. Bette sings folks songs with the brass band. They all salute with champagne, dance folk dances (professionals help them so that it looks perfect) happily and satisfied. Movie ends full of joy and optimism towards the future.

Words come up: "IT'S NOT THE END"

EXT. PARK BESIDE THE SEA DAY

Silence. Beautiful green nature and blue sea. One can hear birds chirping and a silent overture to Beethoven's IX symphony. The camera zooms in and stops on one man. It is the same man who had a ten-foot long hat at the wedding celebration. But he has not it now. He wears a simple shirt and jeans. He stands on a big rock beside the sea and tells to the camera...

MAN

Bless you.

Then he makes a small bow and friendly smiles.

Music CRESCENDO. Choir sings "Song of Joy" FORTE. The camera stays a few seconds on a man and then zooms out long.

Words come up: "NOW IS THE BEGINNING"