

Beaner

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FADE IN:

EXT. CROWLEY MARITIME PORT - JACKSONVILLE -FLORIDA - DAY

A Crate is slowly unloaded on a palette and laid on the dock by 2 long shore men. As the chains go slack the men release the hooks from the mesh. A side panel of the box drops open and packaging material rolls out and riding on top of it comes out our hero with a bottled water under one armpit and a sealed bag with none perishable food on the other. The long shore men move to his side.

JOSE

Hola, is this United States?

LONG SHORE MAN 1

Yes, welcome to America.

LONG SHORE MAN 2

(Talking to radio)

Dispatch we need a customs officer at the northeast dock 1.

JOSE

Well I'm from America too. Only Central America.

LONG SHORE MAN 1

Yeah, good to hear it kid, Right now you'll be on your way to a hold cell and later on a flight to wherever you came from.

The strong long shore men lift young Jose and hold him. As the customs inspector arrives.

CUT TO:

INT. CUSTOMS HOLDING AREA

Jose is sitting smiling at the MCKENNA. He has handcuffs on and is sitting in a metal chair.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Well you seem like a happy young fellow. Do you have any idea in the kind of trouble you are in?

(Smiling, pauses)

Do you speak English?

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JOSE

Oh, yes! I speak English very well.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Good! You are in several immigration law violations. Yet you're still smile.

JOSE

I'm just happy to be in the United States.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Well we have too many of you guys here. You needed to get here through the proper channels, son.

JOSE

Oh, I know but I couldn't get a visa.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

You sound educated. Not my typical beaner.

JOSE

Beaner?

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Forget I said that. It wasn't appropriate. Modest people that come to work to our country in construction and agriculture but don't do it through proper channels.

JOSE

Ah, I don't mind being called a beaner. My family used to collect coffee beans for a living before getting in to cattle. It's my heritage and I'm proud of it. I went to college but money is not so good as an architect where I'm from.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Where are you from?

CUST OFF DANIELS (O.S.)

(On radio)
Dispatch. Patrol 4 here.

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CUST OFF MCKENNA
 (Talking on radio)
 Dispatch. Go ahead Patrol 4.

CUST OFF DANIELS (O.S.)
 Looks like it's going to be a busy
 day Mckenna. We just found a
 container with ten illegals. You
 better get a paddy wagon. What is
 it with these people?! Do they
 think we have gold in our streets?

CUST OFF MCKENNA
 (Talking on radio)
 Mind your words Officer you are on
 an open channel.
 (Talking to Jose)
 Listen... Eh

JOSE
 Jose Federico Garcia Lorca Rodrigo
 Andujar.

CUST OFF MCKENNA
 Okay. Jose, stay put.

JOSE
 Stay put? What is stay put?

CUST OFF MCKENNA
 That means stay here. I'll be back
 in a few minutes. I need to get
 some more of your compadres in
 retrain. Someone will bring you
 lunch later and take you to the
 bathroom. This door has a metal
 panel and there is no way out of
 here.

JOSE
 Can you take the esposas off?

CUST OFF MCKENNA
 The what?

JOSE
 These.
 (He turns around and shows
 his handcuffs)

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CUST OFF MCKENNA

Sorry son. That particular piece of jewelry you'll get to wear for a little while longer.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE PADDY WAGON BACKS UP TO THE DETENTION AREA - DAY

McKenna comes around from the passenger seat walking to the rear of the wagon as the other officer joins him. Two other officers had driven up in their car and stand by for assistance.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Okay, line them up. Start getting information. I'll go in and get I N S on the horn and check up on our boy in there.

INT. CUSTOMS HOLDING AREA

McKenna opens the door.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

Okay Jose are you ready for your trip to the bathroom?

The room is empty and resting on the chair are the handcuffs.

CUST OFF MCKENNA (CONT'D)

(Shocked)
What the?!

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The door bell rings and a young woman in short hurries toward the door. She looks through the peep hole and jumps in excitement and opens the door.

LUCY

Primo!

They jump into each others arms hugging and jumping.

JOSE

Prima! Prima! Que bueno verte!

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LUCY

¿Cuándo llegaste?!

JOSE

English cousin. English. I need to practice my English if I'm going to live here. I got here today.

LUCY

I'm so happy! Oh Lord! Boy! You need a shower! What the?! My guess is you didn't exactly fly in, did you?

JOSE

Eh, tu sabes. You didn't fly in either. Is your husband home?

LUCY

No, but he should be, in a couple hours or so.

JOSE

Do you think he would mind if I could sleep here tonight?

LUCY

No. He's really a good guy. Boy you are ripe. Caramba!

She rushes to a closet and gets a towel and tosses it at him.

LUCY (CONT'D)

Vallase a bañar que apesta. I suppose you didn't bring a change of clothes.

JOSE

I did but I think that crate is on its way to the Patagonia, cousin.
(Smiling sheepishly)

LUCY

I'll go to Wal-Mart and buy you some clothes.

JOSE

Here, I have lots of money with me.
(Taking money out of his wallet)

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LUCY

Unfortunately they only take U S currency at Wal-Mart Jose. That's a good sizable amount of money. I'll go to the consulate tomorrow and exchange it for U S dollars. In the meantime I'll just use one of my credit cards. Now go take a bath and scrub hard behind the ears. Darn cousin, were you sleeping with hogs?!

JOSE

Pretty close.

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - BATHROOM - NIGHT

Jose enters the guest bathroom and sees a bottle for bubble bath.

JOSE

(Talking to self)
She did say take a bath.

He starts the bath and reads the instructions on the bottle.

JOSE (CONT'D)

(Reading out loud)
Revitalize and refresh with Gardenia Foam Bath. Rich long-lasting foam soothes and refreshes. Pour one cap into running hot water. Hum, well, it's been a long trip and I'm specially stinky. I think I better use 2 caps. Man, this is a big bathtub.

He pours two caps, opens the water faucet, and starts taking his clothes off. He gets in the tub.

JOSE (CONT'D)

Rayos! This is a little too much foam. Oh what the heck.
(Relaxes and falls asleep)

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - FRONT DOOR - NIGHT

Kevin walks in with briefcase on hand and locks the door behind him.

KEVIN

Hey baby. You cannot believe the smashing day I've had today. My cell phone died on me from all the calls. Lucy? Oh Lucy.

(Imitating Ricky Ricardo from I Love Lucy)

What have you done this time Lucy?!

(Imitating Spanish accent)

Tosses his briefcase on the sofa and walks to the bedroom.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

You kinky latina wife of mine! What are you up to?

He walks into the guest bathroom.

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - GUEST BATHROOM - NIGHT

Jose is buried in bath foam bubbles and his face isn't seen.

KEVIN

Oh baby. You know how I love our bubble baths together!

Jose wakes up under the bubbles but is afraid to say anything. Kevin takes his clothes off in seconds and jumps in the tub with Jose.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

(Play talk)

Where is my girl? Do you have a kiss for me?

Jose sits up and brushes the foam of his face and Kevin sits back shocked.

JOSE

He-he-hello.

KEVIN

Hello. This is awkward.

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JOSE

A little bit. Although when I studied in Japan the, eh, at the public baths you could see entire families naked together.

KEVIN

I've never been to Japan.
(Pauses)
So, eh, been here long?

JOSE

No, I, eh just arrived this noon and decided to stop by and visit my cousin.

KEVIN

Cousin! Cousin! Oh, good! So you're family!

JOSE

Yes! Lucy and I grew up together. My mom is her tia. Eh aunt.

They shake hands.

KEVIN

Well, please to meet you.

JOSE

Same here.

Pausing looking at each other awkwardly.

KEVIN

So, eh, maybe I should get out of this tub. What do you think?

JOSE

No, it's you're tub. Maybe I should.

KEVIN

No, no. I'm British and we are exemplary in our manners. You are family and our guest and I'll get out. You stay here. Relax.

They both look at each other awkwardly.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

You a little heavy on the foam there cousin Jose.

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JOSE

I, um, was particularly stinky and thought I need the extra strength. Sorry about that.

KEVIN

Oh, I understand. Sort of like two cups of detergent in the washing machine rather than one.

JOSE

An honest mistake. It is my first bubble bath.

KEVIN

Well I suppose I should get out.

They stare at each other.

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - FRONT DOOR - NIGHT

Lucy walks in with a bag of clothes and another of Chinese take out.

LUCY

Kevin I saw you car outside. Did you meet my cousin Jose? I didn't have time to cook and I brought Chinese take out. Kevin? Mi amor? Is everything okay? I was trying to reach you at your cell phone. Where are you guys?

She walks into the guest bathroom.

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - GUEST BATHROOM - NIGHT

Kevin and Jose are still sitting in the tub covered with bubbles.

LUCY

This is pretty weird.

KEVIN

Oh, hello love. Um, it's all quite simple you see...

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JOSE

He thought I was you and the water was hot but it got cold and...

LUCY

Oh lord! Men and their stupid male pride! Here!

She sets the bag with clothes on the bathroom floor, grabs the towels from the racks nearby and tosses at them.

LUCY (CONT'D)

Kevin go and get the suds of and please set up dinner I brought Chinese. Jose here are clothes, socks, underwear, and tennis shoes.

Kevin gets up covering himself and sneaks by Lucy and she spansks him on his way out.

KEVIN

Ouch!

LUCY

Men!

CUT TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - DINNING ROOM AREA - NIGHT

Everyone is done eating.

KEVIN

So you arrived here in a crate and lived to tell about it. Amazing!

JOSE

It was ruff by I am very healthy and physically fit. I had measured the amount of food, and water. The crate had, how you say, hinges. I could open it and sneak out and use the ships facilities.

KEVIN

But so many things could've gone wrong. You could've been pinned or killed.

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JOSE

I labeled the crate fragile and carrying medical equipment in the bill of lading. They tend to be more cautious with medical equipment.

KEVIN

I'm amazed that with your degree you couldn't get a visa.

LUCY

I'm a lawyer and you remember the problems I had. Yet you are a civil engineer from England and you didn't have as much problems. Go figure that one out.

KEVIN

How was it that you escaped the Customs detention area?

JOSE

Oh that was easy.

LUCY

Mi tio.

KEVIN

Your uncle. I don't follow.

LUCY

One of my uncles. The Great Andujar.

KEVIN

The one that was a magician?

JOSE

Si.

LUCY

When Jose was a child my uncle would take him everywhere. That is how he learned English. In his tour of the United States in the eighties Jose had picked on most of my uncles tricks. Including slight of hand, and..

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KEVIN

Cracking locks.

JOSE

Yes. My uncle used to say that the flaw of all enclosures is in the lock.

LUCY

There is no lock that Jose cannot open.

KEVIN

You mean to say no one saw you leave through the front door?

JOSE

I actually climbed through the false ceiling and used the piping to guide me to the bathroom and exited the building through the bathroom window.

KEVIN

Great Scott man. Lucy I fear the consequences of this.

JOSE

I understand if you want me to leave Kevin. I won't blame you. One thing you should know is that they didn't have a chance to take my prints or photos.

LUCY

Please Kev. At least for the night.

KEVIN

No prints of photos you say?

JOSE

They didn't get around to it. For all purposes I am invisible for the time being.

LUCY

Papi, please. He is family!

KEVIN

Okay, mate. You can stay. For a while. What are your plans?

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JOSE

Find out what I need to do get my degree validated in the U S. In the meantime find a job. Send money to my parents. The whole six yards.

KEVIN

Nine.

JOSE

Nine?

KEVIN

The whole nine yards is the saying.

JOSE

I'm a little rusty in my English. I'll get better.

EXT. WATSON REALSTATE OFFICE - DAY

Lucy is well dressed and walks in accompanied by Jose who is wearing casual wear.

LUCY

Sit here for a little while I check my messages.

JOSE

Esta bien. Do you think that guy you mention will hire me without too many questions.

LUCY

I'm sure of it. He owes me several favors. Give me a second.

A young woman walks into Lucy's office as she is listening to her messages.

MELANIE

Who is that stud out there?

LUCY

That is my cousin Jose. Melanie, aren't you married?

MELANIE

Oh what he won't know won't hurt him. Is he married? Does he have a girlfriend?

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LUCY

No, no, and no.

MELANIE

I only asked two questions.

LUCY

Melanie you are such a freak. We latina's got a bad rep but, man! Are all girls from Ohio that randy?

MELANIE

Well I can't speak for all of the others. I would take him and cover him in Honey and ...

LUCY

Hey, hey, hey! Yuck! That's my cousin I grew up with. Uh!

MELANIE

When did he get here?

LUCY

He got here last night from, um, Michigan. Listen, Melanie, I, um gotta go and meet with a guy for a job for my cousin. Can you let Sandra know when she gets in.

MELANIE

Sure. It's not like we're selling any houses with this economy. Will you introduce me to him?

LUCY

No problem. But I can't promise he will introduce himself into you.

MELANIE

Ha ha ha.
(Sarcastic)

CUT TO

INT. LUCY'S CAR - DRIVING - DAY

JOSE

Nice car!

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LUCY

You've only said that ten times primo.

JOSE

Infinity. Hey that Melanie lady is a hot...

LUCY

She is married Jose. She is trouble.

JOSE

A super freak! Super freaky, ow!

They both laugh.

LUCY

You know better than that, Rick James! I want you to say out of trouble and Melanie is trouble.

JOSE

Hey, I know better. I'm not a kid you know. I'm only a year younger than you are. I'm down with it.

LUCY

Your slang is coming along nicely cousin.

JOSE

So this guy cleans pools for a living.

LUCY

He owns his own business and he won't ask questions and provide a steady paycheck for you. The bank account I opened with your money won't forward a debit card for a couple of weeks, so I'm afraid when you need money I'll have to go get it for you. In the meantime I've requested the information for naturalization be mailed to my address. When I did mine a few years back I had tossed everything and these things change constantly anyway.

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JOSE
Muchas gracias prima!

They arrive at the pool cleaning business.

INT. POOL CLEANING BUSINESS - DAY

Lucy shakes hands with a tall African American male and both walk into his office.

WATKINS
So I understand the situation and I must admit it makes me a little nervous. I could face severe fines and even lose my license.

LUCY
It's just for a little while until we get his green card and everything else going.

WATKINS
He cannot work in the U S without a green card and you know this.

LUCY
Paul I hate to call on favors.

WATKINS
I know, I know, I owe you. Shoot.

Jose is reading the instructions on the chemicals.

WATKINS (CONT'D)
Hey, Jose is it? Tell me that you can do this.

JOSE
Easy.

WATKINS
Easy? You're cocky little fella aren't you.

He pulls out a chemical kit with vials and presets one vial with tap water.

WATKINS (CONT'D)
Show me.

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Jose removes the vials selects a portion of chemicals and swirls them into one vial and takes a reading. Then shows to Watkins.

WATKINS (CONT'D)

How did you do that?

JOSE

I read the instructions.

He points at a manual by the floor where he was sitting.

WATKINS

You read all of that?

JOSE

Pretty much. Oh, and I memorized it.

He looks at Lucy.

LUCY

Speed reading. Our parents were into that and math.

WATKINS

Can you drive?

JOSE

I have my license from my country.

WATKINS

I'm going out on a limb for you on this, Lucy. But this sets us even.

LUCY

Agreed.

WATKINS

Tomorrow here at eight and you drive like a little old lady. No driving accidents. Here's your uniform.

Tosses a light blue shirt and navy pants.

WATKINS (CONT'D)

This is a listing of clients in Ponte Vedra. Since you're so good a memorizing I'm sure you won't have problems going into the internet and learning where every residence is.

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WATKINS (CONT'D)

The job pays twelve dollars and hour and in your case, for the time being, cash. Good lord what I'm I getting into. Be punctual. These people are wealthy, don't break or steal anything or so help me.

LUCY

My cousin has always been on the straight and narrow Paul. Unlike some other people.

(Frowning at him)

WATKINS

I haven't said anything. See you tomorrow Jose.

Both Jose and Lucy walk away.

JOSE

Huh, you seem to have him by the cojones. What dirt do you have on him to make him so cooperative?

JOSE (CONT'D)

Aside being a Real Estate Broker I'm also a Loans Officer. A few years back I saw his request for a loan for a small business. It turns out that Mister Watkins there had a criminal record. Under those circumstances the bank wouldn't have loaned him the money. I got to know the man and I felt his interest in going legit so I pulled a few strings. Four years later he's been doing great but he still has that little piece of history behind him to deal with.

JOSE (CONT'D)

Wow! Prima you can be ruthless.

LUCY

I am a business woman, Jose. You gotta be tough.

JOSE

You know, you're husband is really a nice guy.

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LUCY

I knew you'd like him. Maybe you rub each others back next time when you bathe together.

JOSE

Lucy!
(Annoyed)
Where to now?

LUCY

The naturalization papers. We need to get his going as soon as possible.

JOSE

Yeah. I don't know How kindly that Customs Officer took it that I disappeared on him.

CUT TO:

INT. CUSTOMS HOLDING AREA

McKenna is seen walking around the detention area looking intently at everything. Looking at the walls and barred windows, at the ceiling. He notices the neon light fixture slightly out of place.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

(Talking to self)
It can't be! The that couldn't hold your weight. You'd have to be an acrobat or something.

CUST OFF DANIELS

McKenna, give it up. He got away. Someone will pick him up. It's an I N S issue now.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

You don't understand this young man wasn't like the others. This guy is smart. This guy is trouble. I keep seeing Al Pacino in Scarface but here in Jacksonville.

CUST OFF DANIELS

I think you're letting your imagination get away from you.

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CUST OFF MCKENNA

Okay, Daniels. Tell me, how did he get out of this room?

CUST OFF DANIELS

You probably left the door unlocked.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

I did not leave the door unlocked! Explain to me the handcuffs! Did I leave him the keys to the handcuffs as well?

CUST OFF DANIELS

So he's got skills.

CUST OFF MCKENNA

I saw him. I made him. I'm going to as to work with I N S in locating this guy. I'm telling you he's trouble or he's going to be in trouble.

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - DINNING ROOM AREA

Jose is reading naturalization materials.

JOSE

Do you think any U S citizens know all of this?

LUCY

I know they don't Jose but they are born with all the rights and privileges of being born citizens of this country. We have to show interest and intend in being part of it.

JOSE

I know, I know. I just can't believe I didn't have a problem getting a visa to do courses in Japan and I couldn't get a visa here because your past president antagonized the president of my country. What does that have anything to do with me?! To me they are both pendejos.

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LUCY

Hopefully the new president will heal that relationship. How are you coming along with that?

JOSE

I can see how it could be trying for most people cousin. If it weren't for the memory training courses and speed reading it would take me for ever. Well, I'm going to inflate my air mattress and go to bed. Kevin is working late?

Walking off to the guest room.

LUCY

Yeah. You won't get a good night kiss from him tonight.

JOSE

Lucy! No me molestes mujer!

LUCY

I'll give him a good night kiss to him for you.

JOSE (O.S.)

Esta bueno ya!

FADE TO:

INT. POOL CLEANING BUSINESS

WATKINS

(Hands him a clipboard)

So you know all of Ponte Vedra by now?

JOSE

Sure do. Up Beach boulevard hang a right at A 1 A.

WATKINS

You have ten pools to do. I fashioned this I D for you. Don't ask.

(Sighs)

You won't have a problem, except for Mrs. Gretscky. She is always a problem. She's one of our older clients.

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WATKINS (CONT'D)

Very wealthy, very picky, just be patient, respectful. She's hosting a pool party and is a bit difficult sometimes. She has issues. Here are you keys. In the back are the chemicals and tools. Start loading up and get going.

CUT TO:

EXT. POOL CLEANING BUSINESS

Jose is loading bottled chemicals into the pick up beg and securing them. He checks to secure tools gets on driver seat and pulls away.

EXT. FIRST HOUSE

Jose arrives at the first house and rings the doorbell but no one answers. He sees a note that says.

Go right in Fluffy is harmless. Please make sure Fluffy doesn't get out of the backyard.

He enters the backyard through the gate and walks toward the pool to check for chlorine measurements. Looks back to see a German Sheppard Dog panting and looking at him.

JOSE

Fluffy?! Fluffy!? Pe-pe-perrito...
Buen perrito... Good Fluffy...

The dog barks and snarls at him.

JOSE (CONT'D)

Perrito malo! Perrito desgraciado!
Bad Fuffly! Fluffy hija de....

Jose runs for dear life being chased by the German Sheppard and jumps over the fence with a single leap.

CUT TO:

INT. POOL CLEANING BUSINESS - OFFICE - DAY

Answers the phone.

WATKINS

What are you talking about?

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JOSE (O.S.)

This dog is trying to eat me man!

WATKINS

Fluffy wouldn't hurt a fly. Get in there an clean that pool! Just sing anything from Burt Bacharach. It calms her down.

JOSE (O.S.)

Burt, quien carajos?

WATKINS

Don't talk to me in that voodoo language of yours. Just sing something to the dog. It'll calm her down.

EXT. FIRST HOUSE - BACK YARD

JOSE

Okay. Let's try this.

He walks to the back yard and Fluffy barks ferociously at him.

JOSE (CONT'D)

Odiame por piedad yo te lo pido.
Odiame sin medida ni clemencia.
Odio quiero mas... Yo know that's not a good song. Okay, let's see. I like big butts but cannot lie... ta da ta da,,, I forgot that rap song. Fluffy, I'm not a good singer. Okay, Elvis. Oh bless my soul what's wrong with me. I'm itching like a man on a fuzzy tree.

The Fluffy sits and quiets down and starts wagging her tail.

JOSE (CONT'D)

My friends say I'm actin' queer as a bug I'm in love I'm all shook up
Mm mm oh, oh, yeah, yeah!.

He opens the gate slowly and steps in.

CUT TO:

EXT. SECOND HOUSE - BACK YARD

Jose walks into the fenced back yard with chemicals to the pump and takes measures. He grabs the rake to remove the leaves and moves toward the pool and sees a woman sun bathing in the nude wearing only sun glasses.

JOSE
 (Shocked speaking to
 himself)
 Virgen santisima!

He moves around and cleans the pool. Checks the chemicals in the pool. Cleans the filters. Cleans the filter by the compressor.

JOSE (CONT'D)
 (Talking to himself in a
 low voice)
 Ahi mama! Keep it professional,
 Keep it professional. Is this what
 they call a cougar.

He moves slowly to one side looking at the curvy middle aged woman and loses notion of where he's standing and falls in the pool. The naked lady client sits up and notices and starts laughing. Jose scrambles out of the pool and notices that he's missing one of his tennis shoes. He grabs the pool skimmer and tries to fish it out but it's too heavy for it to get pulled up.

JOSE (CONT'D)
 Joder.

He dives in the pool and gets the shoe.

NAKED FEMALE CLIENT
 Are you okay?

JOSE
 Yes. I-I'm okay.

NAKED FEMALE CLIENT
 I gather you're not used to nudists
 where you're from.

JOSE
 Actually I've been in France and
 I'm used to it. It just took me by
 surprise. You are very, um,
 beautiful.

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NAKED FEMALE CLIENT

Well, thank you. What is your name?

JOSE

Jo-Jose.

NAKED FEMALE CLIENT

Thank you Jose. You are very handsome yourself. You are also about my son's age. There check is on the table at the far end of the pool. Have a nice day.

JOSE

Mu-mu-Thank you. My hormones and I will be leaving now.

She smiles and turns on her side.

EXT. THE GRETSCKY RESIDENCE

The mansion is luxurious and Jose is impressed. Jose parks in the drive way and MRS. Gretscky steps out the front door almost immediately.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Please don't park in the driveway.

JOSE

Oh, I'm sorry.

He drives the vehicle down by the sidewalk.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Please move away from the mailbox.

JOSE

Yes mam.

(Talking to himself)

Como molesta la vieja.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Where is Timothy?

JOSE

He's surfing in Hawaii and I'm covering for him.

MRS. GRETSCKY

You have a heavy Spanish accent. Are you a wet back?

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JOSE

When I shower and sweat a lot it does get wet back there.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Don't be a smart ass Pedro. No one likes a smart ass.

JOSE

My ass doesn't smart. I don't eat hot spicy food and don't have hemorrhoids and my name is Jose.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Are you trying to match wits with me boy?!

JOSE

No mam. I wouldn't dream of it.

MRS. GRETSCKY

What are you Mexican?

JOSE

I'm...

MRS. GRETSCKY

Who cares. Listen, my niece is having a birthday pool party tonight and I need this pool in tip top shape. Timothy did a great job. I expect no less from you.

JOSE

Ya boll mein fuehrer.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Excuse me.

JOSE

Yes mam.

Jose rakes the leaves out as MRS. Gretscky is henpecking him and following him around. He cleans the filters. Loads the appropriate amount of chlorine. Takes a sample in the vials. Registers it in his log and takes a picture with his cell phone of the readings.

MRS. GRETSCKY

That's not enough chlorine.

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JOSE

MRS. Gretscky that is the exact measure in relation to the amount of gallons of water that your pool holds. Any more and it will smell funny and deteriorate fabrics.

MRS. GRETSCKY

With all the greasy teenagers that are going to be swimming in that pool! I need more chlorine.

JOSE

MRS. Gretscky you have your own set of chemicals. I've done my job in compliance to what your manual states. If you want to add more Chlorine that's up to you. Have a nice day.

MRS. GRETSCKY

I'll talk to you supervisor about this. Why in the world would he hire a moron is beyond me!

Jose jots down readings on his log, picks up gallons with chemicals walks out the gate.

JOSE

Me le mis saludos a su madre señora.

MRS. GRETSCKY

What?!

JOSE

I said have a nice day.

MRS. GRETSCKY

I'm not sure that's what you said!

MRS. Gretscky grabs a several large pellets and places the in the units pool dispenser.

CUT TO

LUCY'S APARTMENT - DINNING ROOM AREA - EVENING

Jose is bringing in food from the kitchen and placing it on the table. Kevin is already seated drinking beer and reading a newspaper.

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KEVIN

It seems to me this MRS. Gretscky is quite a character.

JOSE

Oh, she's something alright.

LUCY

Pretty weird. I've been here in Florida and to be honest I felt more racial prejudice in Illinois than here in Florida.

JOSE

I think Paul said she is from Illinois.

LUCY

Weren't the northern states the ones that fought for the absolution of slavery and all of that?

KEVIN

You're asking the wrong chap. I'm British remember.

JOSE

Anyway, I left the pool according to standards. I recorded it on the log and took photos of the readings with my cell phone and sent them to Mr. Watkins email address. Lord knows what she did to it after I left. I called him and let him know she was being stupid about it.

EXT. THE GRETSCKY RESIDENCE - BACKYARD POOL - LATER THAT EVENING

Young people are drinking and talking listening to music but now one is jumping in the pool. MRS. Gretscky has caterers setting up food and drinks.

NIECE

Aunt Helen. The pool smells, uh, kind a funky and my friends aren't getting in.

MRS. GRETSCKY

Nonsense child. I had it serviced and it's in great condition.

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MRS. GRETSCKY (CONT'D)

Just dive in. Happy eighteenth birthday sweetie.

NIECE

Okay. Maybe I can break the ice.

The sexy young woman dives in and swims across the pool coming out the other end.

NIECE (CONT'D)

Hey guys, The pool is great just dive right in.

Her bathing suit falls apart and she finds herself stark naked.

BACK TO:

INT. LUCY'S APARTMENT - DINNING ROOM AREA

KEVIN

What about Fluffy?

JOSE

The German Sheppard. After I got tired of singing the only Elvis song I know I let it hump my leg and we became friends.

LUCY

Maybe next time you can take a bubble bath with her.

JOSE

I'm never going to live that one down am I.

KEVIN

You and me both mate. This food is excellent Jose!

JOSE

Thank you. It's called Vaca seca.

KEVIN

Very good! Why don't you cook this good baby?

LUCY

Hey! I'm a working woman.

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JOSE

Cooking is a hobby I picked up in Italy.

KEVIN

Jose you've travelled quite a bit. I don't see why you would have a problem validating you're college degrees here in the U S. The thing with the naked lady happens more often than you would think. Some of us are naturalists and enjoy interacting with nature.

LUCY

Kevin has been trying to talk me into going into this nudist thing in Wakulla springs but not me, mijo. Besides there are alligators out there.

JOSE

I've heard there not as aggressive as our Caimans but I wouldn't want to be swimming with my thing floating around as bait.

(Laughing)

KEVIN

Being nude doesn't preclude sin. Don't you agree Jose?

JOSE

Our Indians barely wore anything and many frescos use nudity as an expression of sensual beauty. No nudity doesn't preclude carnality or sin. Sin is in the mind not in the body.

LUCY

This is a very deep conversation for a beaner.

Everyone laughs.

JOSE

Or a wetback as MRS. Gretscky so colorfully called me. Anyway, a toast.

Lucy and Kevin raise their cup.

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JOSE (CONT'D)

Salud, amor, dinero, y tiempo para
gastarlo.

KEVIN

Cheers!

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