Single Radicals

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Characters

DENISA, math teacher, 25

ADA, student, 24

BOHUS, art teacher, macho, 28

SASHA, gatherer of apples and strawberries, freelance wiseman, 29

The action takes place in a music club in Presov but it can take place in every city that has a pub, in which people live over the Friday's five measures of drinking and evenings full of expectations every week.

1_The Trinity

Denisa has been waiting on a bus stop for a while now and she's smoking nervously. It's cold.

Bohus gets off the bus.

BOHUS Hey.

DENISA Hi.

BOHUS So, what's up? Who are you waiting for? A date?

DENISA I'm standing here like an idiot, do you think that's because of a guy?

BOHUS Isn't it? My biological clock is ticking. Tick tack.

DENISA I'm waiting for Ada. Wasn't she on the bus?

BOHUS Nope. /he provokes her/Tick, tack, tick, tack.

DENISA How about you, are you having a date tonight?

BOHUS Oh please, I'm going to get drunk tonight. Got a lighter?

DENISA Bam! /she takes out the lighter to light up and wants to light up his cigarette as well/ Do you smoke?

BOHUS I don't. But I'll have one, I smoke when I drink. Got a smoke?

DENISA But you're not drinking yet.

BOHUS But I can already feel the heat of the night. A handsome young man, vodka, a bar, funky music, a smoke, unknown women.

DENISA Got a boner?

BOHUS Yeah. Gimme that fag.

DENISA Do you want me to roll one for you?

BOHUS Yes please, if you can.

Ada gets off the approaching bus.

ADA Hi! Sorry, sorry, I'm late. Have you been waiting for too long?

DENISA That's fine. Twenty minutes?

ADA Sorry, sorry, sorry, I missed my bus.

DENISA D'ya mean the same bus that you've been unable to catch every Friday for the past ten years?

ADA Don't be mean. The lecture had overran by half an hour until I got home.

DENISA I'm not mean. I'm just cold, I've had an awful day and blah, blah.

ADA Come here, give me a hug! I've had an awful day too and look at me!

BOHU I've had an awful one too.

ADA /doesn't pay attention to him/ Positive thinking, Deni. We'll get wasted.

DENISA Okay, I'm positive.

BOHUS Where are you heading ladies?

ADA Into the Revolution.

DENISA Please, no, not there, I got so terribly drunk there last weekend.

ADA So where do you wanna go?

DENISA To Jamaica.

ADA You want to be around those punky junkies or whatever they are? How about a coffee in Dasein first?

DENISA Children go to Dasein to make out. I really don't want to watch my pupils tickle each other's tonsils with their tongues on a Friday night.

ADA What's wrong with you tonight, honey?

DENISA Don't you know what's wrong with me? Decide quickly 'cause I'm really cold.

ADA I've got vodka in my purse, do you want some?

DENISA Yep.

BOHUS /tells them a "big secret"/ Girls, there are cameras here.

DENISA And if I pretended I was opening the zipper with my teeth?

BOHUS But what if we get busted?!

ADA Let's go to the Revolution then.

DENISA The bartender remembers me.

ADA He's paid not to remember stuff. Sasha will be there, he's back from Italy.

BOHUS Yeah, there's a concert tonight, some funky, right?

ADA Yep, I think it's something like that.

DENISA But I'm not even dressed for that kind of club. I got here straight from school, I'll look like a hoodie lover next to you.

ADA No you don't, you look good, stop it!

DENISA Really?

BOHUS Well, you look good if you have no plans on hitting on anyone tonight.

ADA Shut up! You look good. I can borrow you a hairpin or lipstick if you want. I have an awesome new lipstick.

BOHUS Can I join you or do you have some chick's stuff to go through?

ADA The only chick's stuff we've got is our period.

DENISA Don't be stupid.

BOHUS /ironically/ It turns me on, you know.

ADA A chick's period turns you on?

DENISA Let's go now! /to Ada/ Don't let me to get drunk.

2_Under the jumper

Denisa, Ada and Bohus enter the Revolution, pay the entrance fee, got the entrance wristbands.

Bohus talks to the bouncer. Girls go to the bar.

Music is playing in the bar but it's not the funky band yet.

ADA There's nobody around here yet.

DENISA Do you wanna go and take a look in the back?

ADA No!

DENISA /to the bartender/Three vodkas and a coke!

ADA I thought that you didn't want to get drunk.

DENISA I don't feel good being sober today. Look how everybody's dressed in here and I'm wearing this jumper.

ADA What are you wearing under the jumper?

DENISA I can't show you.

ADA Show me!

DENISA No!

ADA Show mee!

DENISA I'll just tell you that I had my first parent's meeting today and don't ask me anything else.

ADA Oh my god, parent's meeting! You're a proper adult now. What did you wear, a blouse?

BOHUS /joining them/ He almost didn't let me in, asshole. He said that I'd harassed his girlfriend last time.

ADA And isn't that true?

BOHUS A Isn't he the one hitting on babes, while sitting on a door-gate? She was bored. So what's new sweethearts? Tell me 'bout it.

ADA Deni had a parent's meeting and doesn't want to reveal the secret what she she is wearing under her jumper. It's hidden underneath, should I get her drunk and take her jumper off? You know how to do it, don't you?

DENISA Ha-ha. /toasts/ Cheers! To this weird life. /to Ada/ I hate it when you're being my date fixer.

Denisa hands Ada and Bohus a shot and drinks.

BOHUS You're a class teacher? Well, fuck me! How could you take that job, that's pure blackmail for that kind of money. I refuse everything I can.

DENISA Now I don't understand it neither.

BOHUS /to the bartender/Three more vodkas!

DENISA It's weird, standing in front of the blackboard and teaching. I was sitting at the desk just a year ago. Look at me! What can I explain to those kids?

ADA You're supposed to teach math, not catechism.

DENISA I spent three days preparing for one lesson at first and was terribly afraid that they'd know more than I do.

BOHUS And do they?

DENISA Well, it looks they don't.

ADA They won't teach you anything practical at school anyway. For instance, every morning while brushing my teeth I think about how it's possible that there are three colours always coming out of the tube? Or when a smoker wakes up from coma, does he wake up as a non-smoker? Or when you tie a butter bread on a cat's tail and throw her on the floor, will the cat land on her feet or the bread down on the butter side?

BOHUS Or what did we use before toilet paper? You can find everything on the web.

ADA What's the point of school then when we have the web pages.

DENISA But that's only information. Nobody teaches you how to think. If you don't know how to think, how to count, how to live?

BOHUS It's just a job, nothing more. You just have more holidays.

ADA I wouldn't give a shit about school but they say it's super important to have a diploma these days.

BOHUS Diploma is nothing these days. There's no place in the world where they have as many social workers as we do and did they help anyone? Did they solve the gypsy problem or what?

DENISA Well, there's a difference when a person doesn't do the work because of the title but because he enjoys it.

ADA /sees Sasha, to the bartender/ Don't talk about work, we're here to get drunk. Three vodkas! Deni, don't smoke! Good I didn't wash my hair, it's awfully smoky in here.

DENISA I have to. I'm nervous today.

ADA I'm more nervous than you and I don't smoke.

DENISA Why are you nervous?

Denisa and Ada secretely, so Bohus can't hear them.

ADA I've seen Sasha.

DENISA So?

ADA He's talking to some stranger. Should I go to him?

DENISA Don't you dare! He'll come.

ADA I can't take it!

DENISA You've managed for four months, you can take a minute more.

ADA Should I text him?

DENISA No! If he wasn't coming for too long, I'll get him but don't you dare!

Bohus brings the vodka.

ADA How do I look?

BOHUS Awesome, as usual.

ADA Really?

DENISA /ironically/ You've got nothing on me, I'm the hottest chick in this club tonight.

BOHUS Cheers! To sex, drugs and rock and roll!

They drink. Sasha comes out from somewhere behind the bar and joins them.

ADA He's coming, coming, coming!

DENISA Act normally or I won't be friends with you anymore.

SASHA To the journey!

ADA To the journey! I haven't heard that for ages. Hey.

They're all saying hi.

DENISA Sasha, hi!

BOHUS Hey. I'm Bohus.

SASHA Sasha. And so we are on the same playground once again.

ADA /pointing at her empty glass/ And I have some awesome molds with me!

BOHUŠ Look! I know her!

Bohus leaves.

ADA /sings awkwardly/ How many roads must the man walk down before you call him a man.

SASHA It's so hot in here, isn't it?

DENISA Not really. Everybody's only in their T-shirts but I think there's a terrible draft in here.

ADA How was it? Speak!

SASHA Well, I'm glad to be home. It's so fuckin cool here.

ADA Well, if you come here only once in a while, it's nice.

SASHA It's overall fuckin cool here. Last weeks in Italy was terribly freezing, what kept me alive was the thought of five B's. Beer, be cool, be friends, be stoned... be nature.

DENISA You work your ass off somewhere abroad for a year and after you come back, you find it fuckin cool here. Come back for a whole year and if you say it's fuckin cool here even after that, you've won that way.

SAŠA What will I win?

DENISA You'll win your life.

SAŠA You're a bit off, Deni. You've got poop coming out of your little mouth. I'm here for six months when I don't work. And I'd come back completely if there was something around here to make my living from.

DENISA You can find a job if you want to.

SAŠA And if I don't want to work?

DENISA Then you're weird. What would you do if you don't work?

SAŠA What do you think is more difficult? To work or not to work?

ADA I think not to work is more difficult.

SAŠA /to Denisa/ How long have you been here? Half a year?

DENISA Yeah, so?

SAŠA So what, are you Miss Fearless now?

DENISA Yes, I am because I came back from Bratislava and I'm able to arrange my life so I can live in Presov and prevent the outflow of brainy people of the West.

SAŠA To your local patriotic bravery, then.

ADA Let's talk about something else, we're here to get drunk.

DENISA /to the bartender/ More vodka! Ada, here's the money to pay for it. I'm going to take a piss on it.

Denisa leaves.

3 Even though I will drink, I won't stop smoking

Ada and Sasha.

At the bar. Music playing.

The bar is getting crowded.

SASHA What's wrong with her?

ASA No idea, maybe she needs a boyfriend. She's been doing this constantly past month.

SASHA What about that guy she was with during the summer?

ASA /sings awkwardly/ Summer loving had me a blast Summer loving happened so fast. He was a total pot-head. She's treating all men like this now.

SASHA But I'm not really a man, she could act normally around me.

ASA She's touchy. Just ignore it.

SASHA Has she fallen in love so badly?

ASA I'd say she just wanted to think she's finally really in love. Scientific experiment. She's been doing all kinds of statistics and charts since she came back from Bratislava. Last month she was all about, that -

Denisa came back from the rest room and stands aside with Bohus.

DENISA A generation of carieerists between twenty-five and forty is lacking around here. I called all the offices to get the numbers I need.

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SASHA What result did she get?

ADA Ireland, England, Scotland, Prague, Bratislava, Australia, Spain, Italy, America. Ask her, I don't know exactly.

SASHA I'd rather not.

ASA She only barks, she doesn't bite. Have you gathered all the apples?

SASHA I have, I even brought you one.

ASA Gala?

SASHA Did you want gala? I've got something better, Miles Davis among apples. Fuji, I'm sure you've never tried it before.

ASA Miles Davis? Should I be excited?

SASHA I guess so. Don't you like Miles Davis?

ASA I don't know. I've never really listened to him. So what, you've got time off now?

SASHA November off, December off, January off, February off and I'll go to strawberry picking to Scotland in March. I kinda like Scotland, factories and magical nature.

ADA I'd go with you right away if I didn't have to go to that stupid school.

SASHA You'll go during summer.

ADA I'll die under parents' terrorist attacks on my index by then.

SASHA Why, did you choose the wrong school?

ADA Do you know what it's like to live with your parents?

SASHA Move out then!

ADA So what if I don't want to have a university title and I don't want to work nine-to-five for the rest of my life? Maybe I'd rather sell doughnuts on the beach. Vodka?

SASHA I've quit drinking.

ADA Are you out of your mind? Let's get drunk.

SASHA I don't like alcohol, I tend to lose my judgment. Everybody drinks just to kill the time they've tried to save.

ASA That's relax! Bottoms up!

SASHA I'm only going to drink beer today, but I'll guit that as well.

ADA You know what, I don't drink as much alcohol as before either. Much less.

SASHA Smoking pot is my favourite.

ADA I can't smoke pot too much.

SASHA Why not?

ADA It doesn't do any good to my head and especially when smoking it in a pub.

SASHA Western people only get themselves drunk with alcohol but isn't the Eastern way much better? Isn't the way of smoking pot, drinking tea, opium, just exist and think much better than getting totally wasted?

ADA Maybe it is, but even drinking has its own kind of magic.

SASHA Only those people drink, who don't know how to be alone.

ADA I know how to be alone. I'm alone all the time.

SASHA Alone on Facebook?

ADA I don't use Facebook that much.

SASHA I'm going to roll a spliff to the loo, you want some?

ADA But let's go to use the ladies, I've got vodka in my purse.

4 Math lesson

Denisa with Bohus at the bar.

BOHUS More vodka?

DENISA The bartender is our enemy. Look at him scowling. I'll meet you under the bar!

Denisa hides under the bar. Bohus makes an order and joins her after.

BOHUS There's more men than women in here.

DENISA Watch their shoes.

BOHUS Why?

DENISA I can tell for sure if I'd sleep with a guy or not by his shoes.

BOHUS And what kind of shoes do I have?

DENISA Like a town pastor. Seventy percent of the people in this room are men, out of which zero percent is interesting.

BOHUS Are you able to calculate everything?

DENISA Applied math has always been my favourite subject. The average age is twenty-one, should I get involved with a toy-boy?

BOHUS It won't hurt, maybe. It might save your bones. What about girls?

DENISA Aren't those your pupils? Won't they assume that you're hiding while drinking?

BOHUS They should hide, they're not eighteen yet.

DENISA You know, I've calculated the graph of the function *Potential partner*.

BOHUS What? Really?

DENISA The definitional domain of the function *Potential partner* equals Presov, a male, from twenty-five to forty, reads at least one book a month, has a job which he enjoys, he doesn't live with his mommy, he's single and I like him. X equals two. The function *Potential partner* equals two.

BOHUS That's optimistic! You like two boys!

DENISA Wait, then I reduced the conditions and calculated the definitional domain of the function *Shall we be together?* which equals Prešov, from twenty-five to forty, reads at least blogs, has a job, will move out of his mommy's after we start dating, he's single and I like him. X got up to around five. But when I added the condition he likes me, the function *Shall we be together?* equals zero.

BOHUS Are you out of your mind?

DENISA I'm a realist.

BOHUS Do I fulfill the conditions?

DENISA You live with your mom.

BOHUS But I can move out if we start dating.

DENISA You're not my type.

BOHUS You're neither mine.

5_Build a house, plant a tree

Ada and Sasha at the loo. Smoking a joint.

SASHA Wanna hit?

ADA It's not allowed to smoke pot here.

SASHA Shitty Slovakia.

Sasha lights up the joint anyway.

ADA Alright, maybe one hit.

Ada draws on.

ADA That's a very nice lamp. I'd like to have such a lamp at home. Overall, this is one of the most beautifully designed crap I've ever seen. I mean the dramaturgical interconnection with the whole concept of the club. I'd love to have a bathroom like this.

SASHA Does it matter where you take a shit? It only needs to be clean, that's important.

ADA You wouldn't care about where you lived?

SASHA Nope.

ADA Don't you have your dream house?

SASHA That's like dreaming about having a toast with butter for breakfast.

ADA I can totally see my house - all tiled, high ceilings, viny plants, in the city centre.

SASHA Well, if I'm to live somewhere, I want it to be cheap and I want to be alone there. I'll have a goat, that's cheap and I'll have milk. And most importantly, I want it to be near the forests.

ADA Alone in the forests?

SASHA One doesn't need to travel and go through the doors of his appartment to discover the world. I want to get rid of all the desires, I want to be self-sufficient, I'll have what I grow. No money and shops, no people. I'm just unable to get rid of cigarettes and pot.

ADA What a lovely and romantic image. That's beautiful to live in a secluded house.

SASHA Can you imagine that?

ADA Well, you can have such a tiled bathroom even in a secluded house.

6_Out of vodka

Ada and Sasha are coming back from the rest rooms. Everybody's standing at the bar.

DENISA Where have you been for so long?

ADA And you?

BOHUS Nothing was going on between us.

DENISA Sadly, we're out of vodka.

ADA So what are we going to drink?

SASHA Beer.

DENISA No, not beer.

BOHUSH I've read that women fart after beer.

ADA Positive thinking! We'll have some beer.

DENISA Why does everything have to be positive in the 21st century? Think positively, beam with positive energy, be positive. My mom calls me every day: if you were positive, you wouldn't suffer the way you do. There are not only positive numbers. There are also negative, real, irrational, even and odd numbers, prime numbers.

SASHA Be a prime number then.

DENISA So I will! I turn on the telly and all I see are pretty, positive people right off the sunbeds. It has to stop one day.

SASHA Who among us has a telly? It's been five years since I don't have one.

ADA We do have a telly at home but I don't watch it at all.

BOHUS Reality shows are shit. It's like you muted the sound at a disco, you can only hear the dialogues.

DENISA The fashion of stupidity and positivity. What kind of a trend is that?

ADA The important thing is not to surrender to it. You know, find some other way to show that we have a culture of our own as well.

BOHUS So what's it gonna be? Brandy or whisky?

SASHA Nothing for me, thanks mate.

BOHUS It's on me.

ADA He doesn't drink anymore. He wants to get rid of it.

BOHUS So what are you going to do tonight? Have some...

SASHA Okay, maybe I'll have some.

BOHUS Brandy or whisky or tequila?

ADA I don't know! I can't decide. It's a huge pressure. Don't they really have any vodka left? I still have some vodka in my purse.

DENISA I hate it when people are afraid to mix.

SASA Deni, you're like a Brazilian piranha.

DENISA A Brasilian dancer or basketball player?

BOHUS Is there any difference?

SASHA No, I meant that you're like a penis fish.

BOHUS What's that?

SASHA That's the kind of fish which bites your dick when you try to catch it.

ADA Yuck. But you're absolutely right. Deni's a total penis fish.

DENISA Let's have whisky. It's on me and today it's my birthday afterall.

ADA What? Facebook didn't tell me.

DENISA I don't have it on my Facebook profile, maybe that's why.

ADA Well that's awkward. Sorry, Deni. Let's celebrate then. Happy birthday. You'll get you a present later.

DENISA You don't have to get me a present. I know when your birthdays are even without Facebook. Bohus August 9th, Sasha February 10th, you September 18th.

SASHA February 12th.

DENISA Yeah. Sorry, February 12th.

BOHUS Happy birthday then! I wish you plenty of love. To you!

SASHA Happy birthday. May all your wishes come true finally.

DENISA Don't wish me anything and let's not celebrate at all, I hate it when people wish me things.

BOHUS Wish for yourself then.

DENISA I have no wishes. I'm twenty-five and I've achieved everything I wanted. What am I supposed to wish when I have no goal? What's supposed to be my goal? To have a career? Find a guy? Have a family? It's strange to live without a goal.

SASHA If we only had some drugs now. We had a lot more drugs when we were fifteen than we have now.

BOHUS Well, we've forgotten your birthday and you have no wishes and you don't want us to wish you anything, so you should come up with something that would please you.

ADA Great idea. Make a wish!

Everybody looks at Ada.

DENISA Okay. Bohus, lend me your sweater.

BOHUS I can't.

DENISA That's the only thing that would please me.

ADA Please, please, please. Lend it to her.

BOHUS No.

DENISA Imagine the difference. You'll be looking at my tits instead of this disgusting jumper. V-cuts have always looked good on me.

BOHUS It took me two hours to get dressed and make the impression it took me five minutes. Come up with something else.

ADA You're such a bore.

DENISA Okay, let's play a game.

SASHA What game?

DENISA The prize for life.

SASHA Are we going to try to commit suicide or what?

DENISA Third place for life if you steal the Che Guevara hanging above the bar. Second place if you exchange all your clothes with someone of the opposite sex. And the first place for life if you get the foreign band to sleepover at your place.

SASHA Has anyone ever won that game?

ADA Me. First place. And not once.

SASHA Where did they sleep? In bed with your mommy?

The band starts playing. Denisa sees the singer.

DENISA Which prize do you dare to win?

ADA All of them.

BOHUS You're all about playing games. I'm not a kid anymore.

7_morgen, morgen nur nicht heute

Everybody's drinking by the bar.

Loud funky music playing.

DENISA I'm sorry, I won't be mean nor obnoxious anymore, we'll only enjoy ourselves tonight. I won't be thinking about how idiotic I feel in this jumper and I won't be thinking about how terribly life bores me. When I have a drink, I instantly feel more upbeat. We could make a trip tomorrow.

SASHA Let's go into the woods.

ADA Yes! Let's go!

SASHA I can't remeber the last time I've been to a real forest. If you'd only seen how it looks like in the Alps - that's not even a proper forest.

ADA Totally like in a commercial, kitschy clean land, no branch on the ground, it just makes you sick.

SASHA You're like sitting in the meadow and thinking about leaving at least a can of beer there to remind you of home. Bio and eco everyhwere.

ADA No wilderness whatsoever.

SASHA I don't even know why but I feel sorry for those people. And maybe they are the ones who know how to protect forests better than we do.

ADA Well, they definitely make more money.

BOHUS I'd rather go to the castle. I don't have shoes for going to the forests.

SASHA No, not the castle, there will be too many people. Let's just go to a real dense forest. To such a forest where it's dark. Where there are no people and no noise.

ADA Whatever, it doesn't matter where we'll go, let's just go together, all of us.

SASHA But we need to go early in the morning. Eightish in the morning at least.

BOHUS I'm not sure about going somewhere in the morning, I'll be so hungover.

DENISA Don't get wasted then. And come with us.

BOHUS I've managed to invest so much money into getting wasted tonight and now you tell me not to?

ADA But even if Bohus didn't come, the three of us will still go, right?

DENISA Three is not enough. We should call somebody to come with us. Who else would join us?

SASHA Not enough? You're unable to be alone. We should go to the woods tomorrow and everyone on their own.

DENISA Don't exaggerate. We haven't seen each other for a long time. You should be happy that we'll be together.

ADA I'm so excited about tomorrow's trip.

BOHUS I hope I'll get up.

SASHA Well, we need to set off at least at ten. It gets dark soon, we'll have nothing of it.

ADA I feel much better now that I know we'll be together tomorrow doing something meaningful.

BOHUS I better get up then, I want to be with you, too.

ADA God, I love you so much guys.

DENISA Me too.

They're hugging.

DENISA Adi, do you have more vodka?

ADA Loos?

SASHA You two are loose and natural only when you drink.

DENISA That's not true, we're fabulous all the time.

8_Do you know this one?

Bohus and Sasha are standing at the bar.

BOHUS So you work in Italy?

SASHA Yep.

BOHUS With apples?

SASHA Yep.

BOHUS Is it good?

SASHA YEp.

Silence.

SASHA You're a teacher?

BOHUS Art teacher.

Silence.

BOHUS Do you know Milos?

SASHA The one that used to own a coffee shop?

BOHUS No, the one who used to gather apples as well.

SASHA Is his wife blonde?

BOHUS No, he's gay, he left with his boyfriend for Prague.

SASHA I don't know him.

Silence.

SASHA Do you know Tchongi?

BOHUS Tchongi?

SASHA He used to do streetart and skating also.

BOHUS At Sekcov?

SASHA No, at Trojka.

BOHUS I don't know him.

Silence.

BOHUS Man, look at that chick! Cute, right?

SASHA I know her.

BOHUS So, did you hit on her?

SASHA I don't have to hit on women, they hit on me themselves.

9_Prague

Girls are coming back from the rest rooms. Boys are standing at the bar.

Denisa has a different hairstyle. She's got her makeup done.

BOHUS Oooh, what kind of hairstyle is that?

DENISA Just like Prague, right?

BOHUS Yeah, right, girl! You bet on it.

ADA The best hairdresser in Prague did it, Nikolai Dementiev.

SASHA They make the best Russische Eier in Prague. It's called adyin yayo and you can buy at the Wenceslas square.

BOHUS Chicks in Prague are colorful.

DENISA And many people who like to use the underground and are standing on the escalator thinking like what if I fall in love at the first sight with someone who's going in the opposite direction?

ADA Oh, and it is so windy in there! It lifted my skirt up once. Everybody was looking at me. My picture was in the Prague Evening Post.

BOHUS No shit!

SASHA You can seriously buy pot in the club on a daily basis, you can seriously smoke it there and nobody gives a damn.

BOHUS Jesus, so many cute Japanese chicks are waiting under the Orloj Clock and they're taking more and more pictures of themselves.

DENISA Prague has a heart of stone. It's like a big strong stone. Oh, that atmosphere.

SASHA Oh, yes.

BOHUS The atmosphere of Prague is even more than love.

ADA And when you're standing on the street, people smile at you holding a beer in their hand, unlike over here. Everybody's just happy in Prague.

SASHA I don't know whether they're actually happy, maybe they're just free in a different way.

ADA You know what guys, I don't give a damn about Prague, I've never been there before.

DENISA So?

ADA So now you know everything about me. The last awkward secret is out. Hey everyone! I've never bee to Prague! I'm nobody.

10 In gloves

Denisa and Bohus at the bar.

DENISA Drink up!

BOHUS I think I'm becoming an animal.

DENISA Tiger or squirrel?

BOHUS I'm serious. I'm emotionally dried up.

DENISA Bohus, what happened?

BOHUS I was fingering this girl last week and I didn't feel anything.

DENISA How old are you? Fifteen? Fingering?

BOHUS So what? Nobody fingers you?

DENISA Nope. That's old-fashioned, I bang normally.

BOHUS I bang normally, too.

DENISA Really?

BOHUS Yes, really, but I finger as well.

DENISA But that's awful when a guy -that terrible word- with his dirty hands.

BOHUS When a guy knows how to do it, it's very stimulating.

DENISA And you want to feel something while doing it?

BOHUS So? Don't you feel anything while doing it?

DENISA No, I've always kept thinking about which bus line did he travel with and whether he was holding on to the poles. You mean like a girl comes to your home, you get her to bed and finger her?

BOHUS Nah. Here. Under the staircase.

DENISA Oh, now I can find a moment of excitement in that. Did she wear a skirt?

BOHUS No.

DENISA Wasn't it cold?

BOHUS Why the hell are you asking such bullshit, I'm making a confession here that I feel nothing while doing it and you're asking about the weather forecast, type weather.com and check it out yourself.

DENISA I had no idea you were taking it that seriously.

BOHUS I guess I'm dating her or something but I have no feelings for her.

DENISA You have a girlfriend?

BOHUS I don't know.

DENISA Well, it can be cool for as long as the woman likes it.

BOHUS She's not even a woman. And I don't want to be in a relationship.

DENISA Why not?

BOHUS Imagine that I was in a relationship and we would be in a relationship even on Facebook. It's a huge responsibility. What if she starts to control me? You need money to have a girlfriend and I wanted to buy myself a new bicycle before I have a girlfriend.

DENISA Try to save some money then.

BOHUS Deni?

DENISA What?

BOHUS I know we've known each other for too long to have something going on between us even theoretically but you've beautiful skin and I've felt very attracted to you lately. Would you like to have sex with me tonight?

Bohus kisses her.

DENISA Ew! Stop it!

BOHUS Just sex. As friends.

11_Loo-logues

Sasha and Ada at the loos.

Ada drinks vodka a starts to undress while Sasha rolls a joint.

ADA I know it's ridiculous that I've never been anywhere. Only to Nowy Sacz and once to Bratislava.

SASHA It's not ridiculous.

ADA And you're such a big traveller.

SASHA You will travel too when you want to.

ADA I want to all the time.

SASHA Then you'll do it when you are able.

ADA I was looking forward seeing you. I was even counting days. Take me with you.

Sasha turns around.

Ada is undressed.

SASHA Are you out of your mind?

ADA I know it's sentimental.

SASHA Get dressed!

ADA Why? Were there also some girls with you? Are you seeing someone else?

SASHA I'm not.

ADA This is awkward.

SASHA Cool, don't worry. But nothing's gonna happen.

ADA That's awkward, I though you were telling me to come here.

SASHA Ada, I don't have a wiener.

ADA What?

SASHA I don't have a wiener. I'm like a girl down there.

ADA But I've seen it before.

SASHA I lost it.

ADA I'm confused.

SASHA You only want to have sex with me.

ADA No, I have feelings for you as well.

SASHA I thought so.

ADA What?

SASHA That you have feelings for me.

ADA Shove that up your ass then!

SASHA You have feelings for me but I don't like you as a woman. We can't be together anymore.

ADA Did you love me before?

SASHA I didn't.

ADA So why did you act like you did love me?

SASHA Because when I know that I can, I want to - but then I don't. Life is a struggle. I have to eliminate all my desires, all the thirst I have.

ADA You're such an idiot.

SASHA Don't be mad. I don't even wack off anymore.

12_Into oneself and one another

Ada and Denisa in the rest room. Ada's drinking and crying.

DENISA Are you crying?

ADA I don't know.

DENISA What happened?

ADA I don't know. Let's drink!

DENISA I need to slow down cause I'm drunk already.

ADA Let's get drunk then, it doesn't matter anyway. Whether you're sober or drunk, it doesn't matter at all in this city. It doesn't matter what you have in you head, what you wear. Nobody will remember it in twenty years because everybody acts like they know the meaning of life.

DENISA You're into Sasha.

ADA I've always been into him, that's no news.

DENISA Are you into each other?

ADA He's into himself, everybody's into themselves today. There are no mutual feelings anymore. People are together only to fall in love with themselves even more.

DENISA It's always been like that. A man wants to be loved by someone else.

ADA But I don't want such love. I'm in love with him because I'm in love with him. And when he'll be in love with me then I'll be into him and not into myself.

DENISA Fuck it and let's get drunk. We'll dance. We'll flirt with the band.

ADA But I don't want to fuck it. I don't want to flirt with anyone.

DENISA I have a self-erasing memory. That's a technique they used on Vietnam veterans so they could forget what they'd been through. You have to cut yourself off the memories. Don't think about them, don't bring them up. Destroy all the photographs, don't remember anything. I can't remember all the men I've ever been involved with. I'm not even able to feel sympathy anymore. I don't have sympathy for you either.

ADA Me, me, me. The era of the big saint Ego. You have an ego, you're cool. You don't have ego, you're weird.

DENISA Do you have an ego or not?

ADA Look, men have enormous ego but no wieners. I think I'm gonna be sick. Hold my hair.

DENISA Don't worry. Matriarchy will come. Maybe you'll give birth to a child, maybe I will as well. But we'll give birth to them without men. It won't be the kind of love our moms have experienced. It's impossible for such love to exist because women got rid of the last piece of their naivity.

ADA But I don't want to have such kids.

DENISA And maybe we'll get overruled by Arabs and Asians.

ADA Aren't you giving any hope for the normal heterosexual monogamous relationship between a Slovak woman and Slovak man?

DENISA It's simple, we just have to come to terms with that we won't experience the classic novel-kind-of-love, but you can still have a family or a dog or things, books, you just have to forget about men. Enjoy the here and now. The morals are changing, there's not one God anymore, everyone has a God inside themselves. There's not one truth anymore, you know, everybody has their own truth and when everybody has their own truth, there's no truth at all. And after we redefine love, we have to redefine God as well.

ADA I would be even able to be with three men. I'd have a child with each one. There's not even only one scenario of my life, there are at least three. I could

experience parts of the story with each man, parts of that story that I want to experience with only one. That's just awful. If there was only one, I would be with Sasha.

DENISA Throw up!

ADA I'm unhappy when I'm single. I need love to bloom. What if I slept with Bohus? That could help.

DENISA You think so?

ADA I'm just affraid that the whole city would know how I looked naked afterwards.

DENISA But the whole city would know what's his wiener like, too.

13_Mister proper

Bohus and Sasha at the bar. The concert's hitting its climax.

BOHUS Haven't you seen the girls?

SASHA They're dancing at the front.

BOHUS You don't dance?

SASHA Dancing is so weird, I mean the movements. People look like bears when they dance.

BOHUS But you have to dance if you want to hit on some chick.

SASHA And if I don't want to?

BOHUS Denisa is so after the singer. What the hell does he want around here with his freakin French cock? Have you noticed how he's playing all the chicks?

SASHA How long is it since your last fuck?

BOHUS A month.

SASHA You mean three.

BOHUS Tell me, where are the doable available chicks at? At the discos? Or where at?

SASHA Have you ever tried thinking with you head? Look, it's here on your neck.

BOHUS I read on the web that when you cut somebody's head off, it's still able to sense for another twenty minutes. Do you think it's the same with every body part? /notices a girl/ What a piece of ass.

SASHA Do you like all the girls you see?

BOHUS I'm not looking for some female ideal, I'm looking for the one to fill in the freakin hole in my head. What do you want?

SASHA I don't want a chain around my leg. I want a girl who thinks about herself. Pure. Pretty. Bright.

BOHUS What do you want a princess?

SASHA Maybe. A girl who will want more than just to fuck me.

BOHUS Look how cool they are. They're way cooler than us. You want to be proper, you want to pay, she already has her purse in her hand. The hookers in Madrid have gone on strike and don't want to sleep with bank managers cause they're responsible for the economic crisis. Do you get it? Even when it comes to sex they think like Miss World and want world peace.

SASHA So what, would you rather have a housewife?

BOHUS Wouldn't you? You come home and there's a warm dinner and warm bed waiting. Tell me what do they need us for.

SASHA Well, they can't be that cool, they just pretend to be.

BOHUS You bet they are. The world is upside down.

SASHA It's just a matter of what kind of glasses you have on right now. You haven't fucked anyone for three months now, so the world seems to be upside down. You have a gypsum on your leg, so everybody seem to be crippling around. You have a dog, so you see dogshit everywhere around you.

BOHUS I've walked down the street today and there were families with strollers all around. Does it mean I want to push a stroller soon?

SASHA Maybe.

BOHUS I've never pushed a stroller in my life.

SASHA Me neither.

BOHUS That would be weird.

SASHA Imagine that you'd have to live this life through once again. In the exact same way as you do now. The exact same thing. Minute after minute. Would you like that?

BOHUS I don't know.

SASHA There are many people who want it. I walk down the street and there are only families with children around.

BOHUS But those people are different, they're not like us. They have a TV and they take all the news they see or read literally.

SASHA Do you know what's the problem of Slovak people? They see their lives only from the economical point of view. The newspaper says that the GDP is increasing, the Slovak people are relieved. The newspaper says that there's a crisis, the Slovak people get terrified. The newspaper says that it's all OK, the Slovak people are relieved again. Slovak people seriously live and breathe with the GDP.

BOHUS So how do you want to be free with no money?

SASHA And how do you want to be free when you want a wife, children, a friday's hangover and a permanent job?

BOHUS So what am I supposed to do?

SASHA I don't know, I wish I knew. Get rid of your desires. That's what I do.

Ada joins them, gives Sasha a beer.

ADA Here's a beer.

She leaves.

SASHA When I drink, my desires are back right away. Look, I don't have to do anything and everbody cares for me. My life is like a reward.

BOHUS Yeah, but they will win the first place for life. We should try to win the second or the third at least.

They're looking at the Che Guevara on the wall.

14_X-ray of a soul

Denisa is standing at the bar with Ada.

ADA What did he tell you? What did he tell you?

DENISA Nothing. He's French.

ADA And then?

DENISA He was asking about you.

ADA Aaaaaa. That's awesome. What did he wanna know?

DENISA Whether you had a boyfriend or not.

ADA What did you tell him?

DENISA That you had many boyfriends.

ADA You bitch.

DENISA That will turn him on.

ADA He's here only for one night, you didn't have to complicate it.

DENISA And then he kissed me.

ADA You total bitch.

DENISA And told me to forward it to you.

ADA Is he looking?

DENISA Yep.

ADA Forward it it then.

Denisa is leaning over to Ada. Bohus is coming back from the rest room dressed in what Sasha was wearing before. Girls are kissing.

BOHUS Wow.

ADA What are you looking at you perv?

BOHUS Can't I?

ADA This show ain't for you.

BOHUS It's for others and not for me? So what, have I won?

ADA The night's not over yet.

BOHUS But I've won the second place.

DENISA The night's not over yet.

BOHUS That's not fair, I can't win the first place tonight.

ADA You mean like only girls can sleep at your place? Boys can't?

BOHUS What am I, a faggot?

ADA Please, I'm talking about friendship here.

BOHUS Why do you think I'm only hitting on chicks?

ADA Because you act like it.

DENISA That's not true, he has feelings as well.

BOHUS Thank you. Denisa, what are you drinking? Let's have the most expensive alcohol they have, it's your birthday.

ADA He doesn't have feelings, he's just drooling. All women are disgusted when they see his mouth watering. If I said I wanted to sleep with him, he'd immediately drag me away into his cave.

DENISA No, he just acts like it, but he's not like that really. I mean deep in his soul.

BOHUS Deni, you see through my soul. /whispers/ ADA, do you want to sleep with me?

ADA /Whispers/Yeah, but I want to sleep with the French guy first.

BOHUS /Whispers/ I'll wait then.

Sasha dressed as Bohus joins them.

SASHA I've drunk seven beers and three shots.

DENISA Looking good.

BOHUS You didn't tell me that.

SASHA I feel like, actually, whatever, it doesn't matter how I feel like. I'll have more beer.

BOHUS Ada, let's dance. I'll help you get the guy.

Bohus and Ada go dancing.

DENISA I can't watch how Ada hits on guys. She's my girlfriend but sometimes she appears like a piece of ambitious shit to me. She's not able to leave a pub without a guy cause such an evening doesn't count. Sorry I'm telling you this, I should't be anti-advertising her.

SASHA Are you jealous?

DENISA How could I be jealous of her? But tell me, why didn't I get the singer, why did she?

SASHA I can't answer these female questions.

DENISA I don't want you to answer them like a woman, I want a man's answer.

SASHA Do you think I'm a man?

DENISA Is she beautiful, because she got him for she's beautiful? I'm not ugly but I'm not beautiful. I've heard that beauty is when a person has a symmetrical head. I don't have a symmetrical head. I sucked my pacifier only on one side, now when I eat soup, it always trickles down my chin.

SASHA What am I supposed to tell you?

DENISA Don't say what I want to hear. There's no use.

SASHA See?

DENISA I'm glad I'm not beautiful. Now I understand. If I was beautiful with all the twisted stuff I have in my head, I'd be dead by now. Just like Nastasia Filipovna. Men tend to replace beauty with goodness. You desire fallen angels.

SASHA Better a fallen angel than a bat.

15_Dance around

Bohus and Ada on the dancefloor.

They are dancing to attract the singer who doesn't sing anymore but is also dancing to the music DJ's playing.

ADA Lift me up!

BOHUS What?

ADA Lift me up?

He lifts her up.

BOHUS Fling your head back!

ADA What?

BOHUS Nothing! Be quiet and let me lead you.

ADA It's no use anyway. He's not looking at me. He's dancing with another girl.

BOHUS Let's take him from her then.

ADA I guess he thinks I'm with you. Don't be so close to me.

BOHUS That's a strategy to make him jealous.

ADA How can he be jealous when we haven't spoken together yet? The body language says I'm your girlfriend. Take his chick and I'll take him.

BOHUS How am I supposed to get her in these clothes?

ADA Just dance.

BOHUS They're kissing.

ADA Shit! Fuck! Why do I have such a bad luck tonight? Do you get it? Sasha refuses me, I don't get the singer, this evening completely sucks!

BOHUS Do you want another drink?

ADA Yes.

At the bar.

ADA That one over there is quite doable.

BOHUS I'm out of luck also. The last girlfriend I had said she was seventeen and she was fourteen.

ADA Do you know that guy? What's his name?

BOHUS No, I haven't seen her ID. Everytime I wanted to see it, she told me she'd forgotten it.

ADA I have seen him only a few times. Do you know him?

BOHUS Who?

ADA /pointing at the guy/ Him.

BOHUS I don't know him.

ADA Too bad. Lame evening.

BOHUS Do you want to sleep with me?

ADA Where?

BOHUS Do you live alone?

ADA I don't. And you?

BOHUS No.

ADA I wouldn't sleep with you anyway.

BOHUS Are you dating someone?

ADA Hell no!

BOHUS Why don't you want to sleep with me then? Kiss me!

ADA I don't want to kiss you.

BOHUS Do you know anyone in this room?

ADA I don't.

BOHUS Can I kiss you?

ADA More shots?

They toast.

BOHUS Let's go under the staircase.

16_Ass'd out

Closing time. Denisa and Sasha are left without their friends.

SAŠA They're closing this place.

DENISA Where are they?

SAŠA I don't know. Do you want to wait for them?

DENISA Well. I guess I'll be heading home.

SAŠA Don't.

DENISA What shall we do?

SAŠA Let's take a walk.

DENISA It's cold.

SAŠA Let's go to the nonstop then.

DENISA God, I'm done for tonight, I should go home.

SAŠA Come oon, come with me.

17 Buddha Bar

Denisa and Sasha. Heading to the next bar.

DENISA Too bad, the birds don't sing.

SASHA Should I sing for you?

DENISA Please, no folk songs.

SASHA I thought I should do a chitter for you like a birdy.

DENISA No. Not today.

SASHA Are you cold?

DENISA Yep.

SASHA Do you want my gloves? Or you can put your hand into my pocket.

DENISA I don't know.

SASHA Can I cuddle you?

DENISA I really don't know, don't ask me. I don't want to be responsible for you cuddling me, do it if you want to but it won't be my fault.

Sasha cuddles Denisa.

SASHA What fault? We love each other.

DENISA Well then you should've told her something real instead of that you don't have a wiener.

SASHA But that's true, what was I supposed to tell her?

DENISA That you're dating someone else or that you're not attracted to her. She won't be able to analyse the fact that you don't have a wiener by the female magazine methods and you have no idea what theories will come to her mind afterwards.

SASHA Why would she analyse that I don't want her?

DENISA Women have to analyse everything. When a woman sees a man, she knows the scenario and the ending from that very moment. The less she can anticipate what will happen, the more she is interested in the guy.

SASHA That's boring.

DENISA That's intuition, punishment for motherhood. Intuition tells you who can get the permition to inject their sperm into you and make you a baby.

SASHA Disgusting.

SASHA Do you know it even with me?

DENISA I think I do.

SASHA What will happen between us?

DENISA Nothing.

SASHA Really?

DENISA You know what Sasha, I'll tell you something. If I didn't have the option of being a mother one day, I would've killed myself a long time ago. I'd shoot myself, hang myself or I'd eat some pills. It's just that the stupid check light in my head won't let me. I know I'm too much of a chickenshit for committing a suicide.

SASHA That's bullshit. Even if you killed yourself, it wouldn't help. You have to teach your soul to live without the body.

DENISA But do I have a body and that's fine. I have a body that was taught to live in abundance since infancy, enjoy the privileges of the new-age hedonism. Am I talking to your body or soul?

SASHA Jesus met a farmer and this is what he told him: Come, I invite you to my feast. And the farmer said to him: I can't go now, I have to plow my field first. Then he met another man, invited him to his feast but he couldn't go because he had to rig a wedding for his brother first. If Jesus invited you to his feast, would you go?

DENISA Maybe.

SASHA Kiss me.

DENISA No.

SASHA I'll kiss you then.

DENISA You look like Bohus.

SASHA Why can't we kiss normally, like two drunk people?

DENISA If I was drunk, I'd kiss you but I can't do that now, I've drunk myself into sobriety.

SASHA Kiss me.

DENISA No, not you.

SASHA Who then?

DENISA Nobody. Do you get it? Nobody.