

HARD DRINKS FOR SOFT SOULS

A very short film
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EXT. ALTSTADT, IN FRONT OF BAR - NIGHT

POV ALIEN: The ALIEN is standing in front of a bar in light rain. It's in an old-town building plastered with posters and stickers and has a sign with the name «HARD DRINKS FOR SOFT SOULS». The small windows glow warmly. The Alien approaches and opens the door.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

The Alien enters the bar, immediately overwhelmed by the chatter, music, and drink noises. It's a crammed space with moody lighting. The Alien looks around nervously, then whips out a Mo-Eeb travel dictionary, hastily whispers a sentence to himself, and walks up to the bar counter to order a drink.

The Alien jumps up onto the barstool. The BARTENDER comes over.

BARTENDER
(in Mo language)
Mamome mommom?

ALIEN
(in Mo language with a heavy Eeb accent)
Meeohmeh...eemeenmam.

BARTENDER
(tilts head in confusion)
Memo-ehmo? Mommommenomemenon?

ALIEN
(frantically pages through dictionary)
Ehh...umm...

The Alien panics, grabs a menu, and points to a random drink. The bartender pauses, but then goes to prepare the order without another word. The Alien sighs, slumping. The drink slides down the bar to him; he takes a sip, makes a sour face, taps his phone to the reader, and leaves the bar counter.

The Alien goes to the back of the bar, where a hodgepodge assortment of couches, stools, and chairs are arranged around a stage in the corner. Two microphones, a laptop, and a TV screen are set up for karaoke night. Almost all the seats are taken. Everyone has their eyes on a plushie singing a ballad in Mo language.

The Alien looks around at everyone chatting animatedly. He sits down in a free seat. People move and laugh, and the Alien shrinks into his seat.

The ballad has stopped; everyone claps. Then the TEDDY BEAR walks onstage. On the screen behind him, he selects the song «Eep Beeble BaDeep». The album art is of a green alien diva, just like the Alien in the audience. The Alien can barely contain his excitement and wiggles around in his seat while the song begins.

The bear sings the chorus smoothly.

TEDDY BEAR
(singing in Eeb with a Mo accent)
Seebeebadaleep...annalee-anna-peep...eep beebble
badeep!

The song starts to pick up energy, and the crowd is bobbing along to the beat. But then the rap verse kicks in, and the Teddy Bear starts to stumble.

TEDDY BEAR
(trying to keep up)
Seep-mamama-hmmhmm-eedeedaleep!...

The Alien watches the Teddy Bear fumble the verse with horror. He looks around, trying to decide what to do. And finally...

He jumps out of his seat, leaps onstage, and grabs the second microphone, hitting all the beats and dancing badly.

ALIEN
Eep-ada-beep-enani, ana-neeep!

The Teddy Bear is surprised, but starts to join in and dance too. When the chorus comes around again, they sing it together, improvising a couple's dance and gazing into each other's eyes:

ALIEN, TEDDY BEAR
(together)
Seebeebadaleep...annalee-anna-peep...eep beebble
badeep!

The song ends, and they take a bow while holding hands. The crowd goes wild! They kiss.

THE END.