

AROUND

THE

WORLD

Nole vs Radio

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EXT. ZACH CHAPMANS HOUSE- NIGHT

A white Ford Explorer pulls up to the front of 26 EAST BANNER AVENUE. In the car- NOLE BALANOWITZ and SCHMITTY in the drivers seat.

SCHMITTY

Wow- not what I was expecting...

He turns to NOLE.

SCHMITTY

NOLE- have you ever been to ZACH's house?

NOLE doesn't answer.

SCHMITTY

Uh.... alright. You okay?

NOLE sighs.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

yes... just trying to get in the zone.

SCHMITTY

What? Why?

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Because- 12 hours is a long time to be on air- and- like- I'm happy we got airtime on an actual radio station but I'm just nervous on how we're gonna kill time.

SCHMITTY

You're just overthinking it. The conversation will just flow naturally I'm sure. Just be confident- like me.

They sit in an awkward silence as NOLE scowls at SCHMITTY's boast.

SCHMITTY

You'll be fine.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

I also always feel weird leaving my wife and her boyfriend alone together. I man Brantley is great. I meann that. But I don't know...

SCHMITTY is baffled.

SCHMITTY

God I forgot about that, we don't have time for this but you need to leave her.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Eh- I don't know.

SCHMITTY

I've only ever seen you two fight-

SCHMITTY exits the car. NOLE snaps out of it.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Did you bring food?

SCHMITTY

12 hours is a long time- I'm sure ZACH has something.

CUT TO:

SCHMITTY AND NOLE WALKING UP TO ZACHS HOUSE

NOLE BALANOWITZ

(mid conversation)

And another problem with this radio thing is what if I want to show off my karate?

SCHMITTY

Uh yeah don't- it's radio- they won't be able to see it.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

(unconvinced)

ooooooooookay...

SCHMITTY

I still don't think you get it.

They arrive at the door- and knock. NOLE is about to stick gum in his mouth- SCHMITTY knocks it out of his hand.

SCHMITTY

Don't chew gum- it's a radio show.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

(unconvinced)

ooooooooooooooooookay...

SCHMITTY

(baffled)

Thank god we'll be with you- just follow our lead and you'll be okay.

ZACH CHAPMAN opens the door- behind him the living room has been dismantled to a radio station set. NOLE looks over ZACH's shoulder to ogle at it.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Whoa.

ZACH CHAPMAN

Hey guys-

SCHMITTY

Wow- nice setup.

They enter the house.

INT. ZACH CHAPMANS LIVING ROOM- CONTINUOUS

They notice CASPIAN sitting in the corner on a mixing board.

SCHMITTY

Caspian, what are you doing here?

CASPIAN ignores him and types on his typewriter- which lies next to the 2019 soundboard.

ZACH CHAPMAN

Oh I asked him to just kind of keep everything going on the technical side. He's not allowed to talk under any circumstances, so don't even bother.

SCHMITTY

Does our head writer know anything about technology?

ZACH CHAPMAN

He's a head writer on a docuseries I can't imagine he knows anything about anything, but it's relatively easy, so we should be okay.

ZACH gives CASPIAN some thumbs up. SCHMITTY nods in understanding. ZACH checks his watch.

ZACH CHAPMAN

We got twenty minutes before our broadcast starts- good timing- seriously you guys- way to not stress me out.

SCHMITTY

You have anything to drink while we wait?

ZACH CHAPMAN

Yes brother, you want a beer?

ZACH starts to walk towards the kitchen.

SCHMITTY

Just bring everything, let's just go crazy.

ZACH stops.

ZACH CHAPMAN

That. is. a great idea.

ZACH looks at NOLE.

ZACH CHAPMAN

Nole- you want any?

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Nah- I don't like putting that stuff in my body.

He takes a drink of a MONSTER. ZACH looks back to SCHMITTY.

ZACH CHAPMAN

Yeah, you know what- we're way funnier when we're hammered.

SCHMITTY

Yeah I've noticed that too- let's just drink whatever you have- and we'll be hilarious in time for the broadcast.

ZACH snaps and points.

ZACH CHAPMAN

Good call.

CUT TO:

TWENTY MINUTES LATER

ZACH and SCHMITTY are passed out on the floor- NOLE sits alone at the radio table.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Guys?

He pokes SCHNITTY- no response. He turns to CASPIAN.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

We're about to be live- what do I do?

CASPIAN shrugs.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

You can talk now- just tell me what I should do.

CASPIAN

Show must go on- do it alone.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Alone? no. how?

CASPIAN

Well- we have some callers teed up to ask for advice- just do that and see where it goes- we go on in 20 seconds I can't talk anymore.

NOLE is unconvinced and super nervous.

CASPIAN

Just be yourself.

NOLE lights up.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Myself?

CASPIAN

Five- four- three-

NOLE BALANOWITZ

myself.

CASPIAN points- hinting at the broadcast having started. NOLE deepens his voice unnaturally. Slow jazz music starts in the background.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Hello- ladies and gentlemen-
welcome to the Around the World
broadcast- thank you for tuning
in. Your patronage is appreciated
and in return we hope to show you
a spectacularly intimate and sexy
time. Make sure you check us out
on Quickstream- where you can find
me going on more adventures- this
time not alone in a booth but
around the planet surrounded by my
best friends.

He clears his throat- he turns and sees CASPIAN- who looks
at him- baffled.

CASPIAN

(mouths)

Yourself dipshit.

NOLE realizes and breaks his persona. The music dissipates.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Oh right. Soooo We are going to
listen to some people that need
advice- I am told we already have
a caller- let's see how we can
help this fella out.

NOLE presses a button on the laptop in front of him-
answering the call.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Yellow?

CALLER

Hi yes thanks for taking my call,
I'm a huge fan of the miniseries.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Thank you! And of course, happy to
help out a supporter. What's the
advice?

CALLER

Okay so I work for the government
and-

NOLE hangs up the call.

CUT TO:

2 HOURS IN

NOLE is on the phone with someone- CASPIAN'S computer reads 1500 listeners.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
(MID CONVEERSATION)
No no no- obviously do not do that.

CALLER
Why not?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Because- If your wife is sleeping with your sons karate teacher he has already bested you by taking your mate- and he can best you in combat- it's time to find a new wife, and maybe a new son.

CALLER
(disappointed)
Well... alright. Does it help that I am very good at kava marga- Israeli fighting- which is more physi-

NOLE hangs up. CASPIAN holds up a piece of paper that reads "STOP HANGING UP ON PEOPLE"

CUT TO:

2 AND A HALF HOURS IN

SCHMITTY and ZACH are still asleep but they are in different positions.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
(mid rant)
Alright and I bet you're wondering how this all goes back to Hillary.

NOLE smokes a cigarette and wears a tinfoil hat.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
A fair question- but remember those Saudi deals with the Greys?- which is one of the species of aliens that the elites make trades with- we talked about them earlier.

CALLER
(confused)
wait, there's multiple species of
aliens?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Yes- remember- at least four that
we know of- try and keep up.

CALLER
And their.. relation-

NOLE BALANOWITZ
(interrupts)
-Yes their relationship with the
Saudi's is what gives them their
power.

CALLER
What about the oil?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
After all this you seriously still
believe in oil. I'm telling you,
man, you're the first to go when
the new world order hits. I mean I
am trying to help.

CALLER
And what about my daughter?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Oh right- well- it's important to
give her boundries- she needs to
grow up on her own- all you can
really do is try and teach her
some of the lessons you've learnt.
It's up to her whether she listens
or not- either way- you're a good
dad and you need to be confident
in that.

CALLER
Thanks.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
No problem- everything will be
okay- a lot of parenting is just
being patient.

He hangs up.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
I hope everything works out for
them.

CUT TO:

3 HOURS IN

The listeniners have doubled- a weird sonar frequency plays
from noles laptop into the mic.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
So, again, you ever hear that
noise- you know you're close to a
being that's undercover in our
dimention- and while they can be
any one of us- they're usually
jews.

He gets a call- he turns off the sounds and answers it.

CALLER
So about the drone strikes on-

NOLE BALANOWITZ
-the original city of atlantis?-
(sighs) okay I am going to explain
this one more time-

CUT TO:

4 HOURS IN

NOLE sits watching the TV- Super 8 is playing. He's eating
popcorn. A new caller is on the line.

CALLER
What's happening now?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Okay the train monster is
attacking the bus now... and the
main kid- I don't recall his name-
is in love with the annoying one.
My wife would love this movie. her
boyfriend though? I am not too
sure.

CUT TO:

5 HOURS IN

NOLE BALANOWITZ

It is now three in the morning
and-

He stops to let out a long winded yawn.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

- It is definitely starting to get
to me.

His eyes start to close.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

And...

He starts to drop out. CASPIAN crumples paper from his
typewriter and throws it at him.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

(awoken)

Agh.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

- anyways- so I'll be taking calls
for the next thirty minutes with
guesses as to what Obama's last
name is- serious answers only.
It's time we get to the bototm of
this.

CUT TO:

6 HOURS IN

NOLE has dragged the body of SCHMITTY up to the table and
holds a marker.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Okay- whatever the first
suggestion is- I will draw that
thing onto SCHMITTY.

He picks up the line.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

So- what will it be- a penis
maybe?

CALLER

Edward Hopper's Nighthawks

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Oh my god why would you suggest
 that oh my god.

CUT TO:

7 HOURS IN

On SCHMITTY's stomch is an expertly drawn Nighthawk by Edward Hopper. CASPIAN is asleep.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 And that is edward hoppers night
 hawk. Be sure to call in and let
 me know what you think.

He picks up another caller.

CALLER
 You know we can't see anything
 you've done- this is radio.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 OH MY GO-

CUT TO:

8 HOURS IN

NOLE looks exhausted- his eyes feel heavy and his moral is low. He waits a few beats in silence for the energy to talk.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 - uhm- (rubs eyes) I don't know
 how long I can keep this up- Let's
 just do one more call and then
 we'll be done- I don't know if I
 can do three more whole hours.

CASPIAN is still asleep- as are SCHMITTY and ZACH. NOLE answers the phone. The other end's voice is something NOLE has never heard. The voice is beautiful. It sounds intelligent and gorgeous. She speaks calmly- and intimaitely too.

FEMALE CALLER
 You've done such a good job
 tongiht helping everyone out.

He doesn't react, as he's too tired to.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Thanks- what do you need?

FEMALE CALLER
I was wondering what someone would do if they fell in love over a medium where they would never actually meet that person. And the entire moment would eventually be over and gone forever.

NOLE doesn't get that she's talking about him.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Interesting... How would a person fall in love under a circumstance like that?

FEMALE CALLER
Well if the person was intelligent- funny- charming- and the most passionate person they had ever heard.

NOLE sits up in intruige at the quesiton.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
In that case- I would make the most of the moments they had. I would talk like the world was about to end. I would try to find out everything about that person and would make the moment last as long as possible, life is too short.

French romance music starts to play slowly in the background. Maybe Madeleine Peyroux.

FEMALE CALLER
Well then- thank you. (a beat) you've helped me out a lot- just like so many others tonighta. But we don't know anything about you.

NOLE is taken back.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
Me?

A beat.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
I...

A MONTAGE BEGINS

FADE TO:

NOLE laughs.

FADE

NOLE sits up, intruiged.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Whoa I didn't know about that. How
 is Biden involved?

FEMALE CALLER
 well...

FADE

NOLE looks more awake than he has this entire time.

FEMALE CALLER
 Well then what'd you do?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Well I joined a hacky sack league-

FEMALE CALLER
 (laughing)
 A hacky sack league? haha that's
 amazing. I didn't even know they
 had those.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Yeah its actually really
 competative.

FADE

NOLE can't contain his contemptment.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 How is that relevant?

FEMALE CALLER
 Well how can someone who plays
 cornhole every Tuesday-

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Wait how can someone in a cornhole
 league give me shit for my hacky
 sack league.

They break into laughter. It goes silent.

FEMALE CALLER

Well I mean as long as you enjoy
it. That's all that matters.
Life's too short, remember?

More silence for a few seconds.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Well actually my wife made me
stop.

A loooong silence.

FEMALE CALLER

Why do you stay with her?

He sighs.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

I... am... not sure. truth be told
this is the most I've laughed in a
long time.

FEMALE CALLER

Well I am happy I could be here
for that.

He looks down.

FEMALE CALLER

You know you're extraordinary- you
deserve to feel like how you've
made me feel tonight all the time.

His eyes start to water ever so slightly.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

Thanks.

It goes silent.

NOLE BALANOWITZ

You know after all this time I
never got your name...

No response- then white noise is heard.. after a few
seconds he looks up- the time reads 12 HOURS.

He lets out a long and defeated sigh. An alarm goes off-
waking up ZACH, SCHMITTY and CASPIAN.

SCHMITTY

Oh my god.

ZACH CHAPMAN
 What.. happened?

They take a few seconds and get their barings straight.

SCHMITTY
 Oh no.

ZACH CHAPMAN
 Oh god dammit. Who let NOLE do the
 entire thing?

SCHMITTY
 How badly did you fuck it up?

SCHMITTY and ZACH laugh.

ZACH CHAPMAN
 Don't even answer. I don't wanna
 know.

SCHMITTY
 Good idea. what time is it?

He checks watch. NOLE is looking off at the wall- deep in
 thought.

ZACH CHAPMAN
 You guys wanna go to Mcdonalds?

SCHMITTY
 Hell. yes. I am starving.

CASPIAN
 I'm in.

They look at NOLE. NOLE waits a few beats- still reeling.

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Yeah- I think I'll go.

they get up to walk out. ZACH turns to NOLE.

ZACH CHAPMAN
 You okay?

NOLE BALANOWITZ
 Yeah- just tired.

CUT TO BLACK.