

We hear chinking glasses and chatter in the background. Three boys age between 10 and 13 with Cardiff accents talk with each other.

JULIO

O. David. Michael. Look over there.

DAVID

One minute. Julio, I'm sorting my flower pin out, It keeps coming off. Ah, I'll just put it in my pocket- Oh look, there's a fella taking photographs in the corner. I've never had one.

JULIO

I'm gonna get one.

DAVID

Me too. Let's do it, come on, Mike.

MICHAEL

Yeah, go on then. The Photographer deserves to take a picture of at least one good looking fella at this wedding today.

All three run over.

PETERSON

Ah hello there gentlemen. Don't you all look smart. Would you like a picture?

JULIO

I would indeed Mr...

PETERSON

Peterson. Let me just adjust the height levels. So, bride or groom?

Peterson adjusts his equipment.

DAVID

No, we're just guests.

JULIO

O. Dave. I think he means who are we here for. The groom's my brother, Mr Peterson.

MICHAEL

And me and Dave are the bride's brothers.

PETERSON

Wonderful. Beautiful service I imagine in St Mary's.

JULIO

Beautiful service, beautiful bride and some beautiful bridesmaids too. I'm gonna get a picture of me to give to one. That bridesmaid, Dave, the one who gave me the eye.

MICHAEL

The evil eye you mean.

PETERSON

Alright gents. We'll do a few different ones. How about all three standing. And...

A picture is taken.

DAVID

She didn't look too happy when you swiped that boo-ket from her in mid air.

JULIO

I gave it back to her though didn't I. And it's bouquet, not boo-ket. Daft as a brush you are.

MICHAEL

O. Watch it sunshine. That's my little brother you're talking about. And your brother only just married in to my family today, so your both on probation as far as I'm concerned.

PETERSON

And how about two of you sitting perched on the chair. That's it...

A picture is taken.

MICHAEL

Still got to suss out whether or not you're decent enough to associate with this us.

DAVID

Ah, give over Michael. I told you I've knocked about with Julio for a while now, since before we left school. He's alright.

JULIO

And so's my brother too.

MICHAEL

He better be good to our sister.
Treat her right.

JULIO

She don't have to worry. He'll take good care of her. I know he's shipping out next week, but he's a hard worker. Always seeing my mum right and sending money over to our Nanna in Cape Verde with his donkey greaser work off the Dock. He's a good egg. No matter where he is in the world he'll see your sister right. He won't break her heart.

DAVID

Unlike you with the brides maid.

JULIO

I had my eye on her for a while actually. I saw her once when I was swimming in the canal. She was splashing about with some of her girlies from Cardiff High.

MICHAEL

And you think you got a chance. Bit old for you ain't she. Who you kidding, kid.

JULIO

She might be a year or older, maybe five, but if I'm old enough to earn a wage shimmying up a chimney with a brush in my hand, I'm old enough to be doing some wooing. And who you calling Kid? You're about two minutes older than me.

PETERSON

And why don't we have you, Julio is it? Lets have you sitting and you two stand behind. That's it and...

A picture is taken.

MICHAEL

The point is, You want to make some proper money for wooing, you want to pack in the chimney sweep lark and sell wood like us.

DAVID

Odd splinter now and then but the money makes up for that.

JULIO

I was starting to get stuck a bit, last chimney I was up. Getting bigger see. Occupational hazard. Not that I should even be going up a chimney no more, what with labour laws and that. Should just be assisting the boss.

PETERSON

Yes, I think that last shot was the best, boys. I'll just re adjust my camera for the next people. There's a queue starting.

JULIO

You know what boys. I think I will get in the wood game too. Get a few more shillings in my back pocket and less soot on my longs. Then I'll really be able to wine and dine that girl. I'll come work with you two doing the wood.

DAVID

(excited)

Yeah.

MICHAEL

Wow. Hang fire. It ain't that simple. We got higher ups who may not want another employee.

DAVID

But we could put in a good word, Mike.

MICHAEL

What's in it for us?

JULIO

Excuse me Mr Peterson, How many pictures do we get?

PHOTOGRAPHER

These are for the bride and groom as a memory of their special day and who attended.

JULIO

How about this, You get your chimney cleaned out for free by the best sweep in Cardiff, that be me, and I get a couple of copies each for me and my friends here.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Free is it. I don't-

JULIO

Two chimney cleans for free.

PETERSON

Done. Pop over to my office in the week and we'll sort some thing out. Here's my card and address.

The boys walk away.

DAVID

Good on you, Julio. Thanks.

JULIO

You're welcome boys. It'll be my chimney sweep swan song.

MICHAEL

Not bad, kid. Not bad. Maybe I will put a good word in for you with our boss about the wood. And...that bridesmaid too.

DAVID

She is our cousin after all.

JULIO

Your cousin?

MICHAEL

Yeah. Wait. Coz Your brothers married in to our family, that sort of makes you related to us. And her.

JULIO

(horrified)
Really?

MICHAEL

Yeah. I think it makes you her Aunty.

All the boys laugh.

JULIO

Funny.

MICHAEL

Only joking.

DAVID

So you gonna give the photo to your future bride to be then?

JULIO

Reckon I will. And I'll give my other copy to my brother to take with him when he ships out. He told me stops at Cape Verde. He's gonna meet our Nanna. He can give the photo to her. We've written letters to each other but she's never seen me. Now she can. Just a shame she'll have to look at your two ugly mugs an'll.

DAVID

O.

MICHAEL

O. Watch it.

JULIO

Only joking.

We hear a band strike up in the near distance. They play salsa music.

JULIO

Come on lets go watch the bride and grooms first dance.

DAVID

Yes aunty.

MICHAEL

Yes aunty.

JULIO

Shut up.

All the boys laugh and run off. The music fades.

THE END.