

INT. A ROOM - DAY

A refugee from Ukraine, ALEKSEI, enters the room and greets the audience.

ALEKSEI

Hellos. I am here to tell you my story and could be convince yous.

ALEKSEI pauses, reflecting on something.

ALEKSEI

So I hear that Steven Seagul is coming to my town and he is supposed to represent Russia. Ooo big problem, Russia is very bad now.

ALEKSEI shrugs and continues.

ALEKSEI

So I am thinking to myself- who is this Steven?

ALEKSEI turns to the audience, looking for an answer.

ALEKSEI

So I ask my cousin, Yergei, and he says he is from the movies, from America.

ALEKSEI

So I go to the internets. My nephew, he is good with the internets, and I tell him to look for the Seag- the Steven Seagul.

ALEKSEI

And he is like the what?

ALEKSEI

And I am like the Steven Seagul.

ALEKSEI

So we find the movies- and these movies, these movies they are so bad ass.

ALEKSEI pauses, looking serious.

ALEKSEI

And I, I am a religious man, and "thank you God, thank you." But these fuckin movies, my God.

ALEKSEI

Steven Seagul, he is one bad ass  
mother fucker.

ALEKSEI continues, now more excited.

ALEKSEI

So anyway, Steven Seagul, he comes  
to my town, and I think to myself, I  
must meet this man. Maybe he can  
convince me that Russia is not so  
bad.

ALEKSEI pauses, as if considering the possibility, mock  
scratching their chin.

ALEKSEI

So, I go to the event where he is  
speaking. And there he is, the man  
himself, the Steven Seagul.

ALEKSEI makes a gesture as if they're seeing Steven Seagal  
for the first time.

ALEKSEI

He starts to talk about peace and  
love between our countries, and I am  
listening, but my eyes, my eyes are  
on his ponytail. It is so majestic,  
like a horse's tail.

ALEKSEI

And he is even wearing the Hawaiian  
shirt, like he does in the movies.

ALEKSEI

And I am thinking, I think to Alexi,  
I think, if Russia likes the seagul,  
and I like the seagul, can we not  
find a shared understanding?

ALEKSEI

So, he starts speaking, and he talks  
about how we can bring peace through  
martial arts and Japanese culture.  
You think "oi, alexi, this is  
crazy", but you will listen, as I  
listened, and you will believe, as I  
believed.

ALEKSEI

He says that if we open dojos and train together, we can create understanding and unity among people, and if we all wear Hawaiian shirts, we can spread joy and happiness.

ALEKSEI nods, as if agreeing with the idea.

ALEKSEI

So, I decide to join him on his mission. I leave my town and start traveling the world with Steven Seagal, spreading the word of the Seagul.

ALEKSEI

Now people start coming together, and they forget about their differences. They train together, laugh together, and wear the Hawaiian shirts together.

ALEKSEI pauses, looking emotional.

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