TAROF

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INT - LONDON - NIGHT CLUB

2 young female friends at a nightclub. Aslim - Turkish, short, slim, artsy - and Shima - beautiful Arabic look, long legs, casual outfit. Shima is elegant and shy.

ASLIM

Let's go for a smoke

SHIMA

What?

ASLIM

Let's go for a smoke!

They both walk out of the door to the smoking area.

EXT - NIGHT CLUB'S SMOKING AREA

Two young guys - Felipe and Marcelo - already smoking nearby see them approaching. Speaking something in Portuguese, one guy encourages the other to go talk to the girls. He resists and the friend encourages him again. He gives in and walks towards the girls.

FELIPE

Hey, I was talking to my friend over there about this and I wanted your opinion. Who do you think lies the most? Man or women?

INT - ZURICH - LIVING ROOM

Shima is in front of the TV, sitting on the couch under a blanket. She has her feet up on the couch and rubs her own legs to try to warm herself up. Felipe comes into scene holding two glasses of red wine.

FELIPE

Babes, do you remember what I first said to you?

Shima tries to think about it while Felipe sits down on the couch, under the blanket next to her.

SHIMA

No, I don't think so...

He gives one of the glasses to her and wraps an arm around her shoulder.

FELIPE

It was a line from a book I read

SHIMA

A book?

FELIPE

Yeah, about picking up women

SHIMA

So you used that line on other girls too?

Felipe smiles embarrassed.

FELIPE

Maybe?

Shima sits up straight, puts down the wine glass on the coffee table, raises her free hand and pinches Felipe's nipple.

SHIMA

O really?! How many?!

In a small pain but laughing, he puts down the wine glass. Shima still holds his nipple between her fingers.

FELIPE

Maybe zero. Maybe one thousand.

SHIMA

(jokingly angry)

One thousand?!

She squeezes his nipple harder.

FELIPE

Oh yeah? That's how you wanna play?

Felipe holds Shima's hands, stands up from the couch, and while still holding her hands he gently comes on top of her crossing her arms over her breasts.

SHIMA

Hey that's not fair.

FELIPE

Not fair? How about this.

With his fingers he tickles the back of her arms making her laugh uncontrollably.

INT - NIGHTCLUB - CONT PREVIOUS NIGHT

Felipe dances with Shima while Marcelo dances with Aslim. Shima leans towards Felipe's ear.

SHIMA

Where are you from?

FELIPE

Would you like to guess?

SHIMA

Poli...

FELIPE

(interrupting)

Brazilian!

Shima doesn't believe him

SHIMA

Say something in your language.

FELIPE

Why? Do you speak Portuguese?

SHIMA

No, but I have Brazilian friends and I'll know if it's real

FELIPE

(sarcastically)

Do you want to see my passport too?

SHIMA

(smiling)

Yes, thank you.

Felipe reaches his back pocket and pulls out an Italian passport. He opens it on the first page and points to where it says "Place of Birth: Brazil"

FELIPE

See?

SHIMA

But how come you have an Italian passport?

FELIPE

It's a long story

EXT. ZURICH - STADELHOFFEN PARK - LATE MORNING

It's winter, Felipe and Shima spot each other across the park. They walk towards each other and exchange a kiss and a warm hug.

SHIMA

Thanks for meeting me for breakfast baby.

They hold hands and start walking together across the park.

FELIPE

Thanks for awesome company.

He looks at what she's wearing

FELIPE

Rächte Schuss! Nice outfit

SHIMA

Rächte Schuss? Right shot? That doesn't make any sense.

They continue walking towards the lake. Felipe puts his hands on his jacket's pockets while Shima hugs his arm.

FELIPE

My colleague says it's like "gata" in Portuguese. That means hottie.

SHIMA

Yeah, I know. So another nice term to use referring to women, huh?

Felipe smiles.

FELIPE

Exactly! Look at us! Propagating sexism.

They enter a café

INT - CAFE - CONT.

SHIMA

Are you trying to learn Swiss German?

FELIPE

Nah, just some funny words.

SHIMA

Not sure those are worth it.

They sit at a table

FELIPE

Oh right, I forgot that you kids from Lausanne don't like Swiss German

SHIMA

No, it's not that. It's just that normal Deutsch is already hard enough.

Felipe is about to reply but a waitress approaches the table. Shima turns to the waitress to order

SHIMA

Zwei cafe und zwei vollkorngipfeli, bitte

WAITRESS

(in a thick swiss accent)

Ist das alles?

SHIMA

Was?

WAITRESS

Is that all?

SHIMA

oh, ja ja dankeschoen

The waitress nods and walks away to pick up Shima's order. Shima turns to Felipe re-starts the conversation.

SHIMA

"Ist das alles?" [Trying to imitate the waitress' accent] It's hard to understand their accent

FELIPE

What?

SHIMA

It's "ist das alles" in Hochdeutsch, but they say "ist das alles" [swiss pronnunciation] here.

FELIPE

Oh really? And can the German understand that?

SHIMA

I don't know, I don't think so.

INT - LONDON - NIGHT CLUB - CONT FIRST NIGHT

SHIMA

I'm Swiss

FELIPE

So you speak German, right?

SHIMA

No, I'm from the French part

FELIPE

Oh yeah, you have that three languages thing.

INT - ZURICH - CONT PREVIOUS CAFE SCENE

The waitress interrupts the conversation by placing a coffee and a croissant in front of each one of both. Felipe looks at his plate and grabs the coffee cup.

FELIPE

En guete

SHIMA

Bon appétit

They start drinking coffee and eating a croissant.