

Cousins

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INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - MORNING

The door to an apartment slowly opens and RALPH is at the door in a robe. He just woke and is sleepy.

CUT TO:

INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

On the other side of the door standing in the hallway are two EASTERN EUROPEAN men named MAKSYM and MALTIVO. They drop their bags, throw their arms in the air..

MAKSYM

Cousin!

MALTIVO

Cousin!

Ralph is sleepy. He just blinks and returns to the apartment. The cousins continue to smile. They still have their arms up.

MALTIVO

Ahhh... Cousin Ralph.

CUT TO:

INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - MORNING - CONTINUOUS

Ralph is dressed for work holding a travel coffee mug.

RALPH

Hey guys...

The cousins are sitting at a table playing cards.

RALPH

Well guys I'm off to work. Make yourself at home. I made you a little list of things you can sightsee and if you want and we can meet for lunch as well..

The cousins keep playing cards.

RALPH

Ok then, see ya..

The cousins don't see him leave as they are still into their game.

MAKSYM

What do you mean I lose?!

CUT TO:

INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

Cut to the cousins wearing nothing but shower towels around their waist. They each have an abundance of gold chain around their necks. Maksym is looking over the list.

MAKSYM

This seems to be *American Challenge*. I hear about this. Each citizen is asked to complete challenge in order to get automobile street access pass..

MALTIVO

(combing hair)
Is called LICENSE PLATE.

MAKSYM

Whatever plate, we will win this.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD - CONTINUOUS

Cut to a shot of the FORD FIESTA.

MAKSYM

Come on, we take cousin's car.

Maksym and Maltivo get in and put on their seat belts. After a moment, two STRANGERS get in the car.

MALTIVO

Who is this?

Both are normal businessmen. They put their seat belts on and hold mugs of coffee.

MAN #1

Hey there, ready to go.

MAKSYM

What is this?

MAN #2

It's car pool day.

MALTIVO

Car pool?

MAN #1

Yeah.

MALTIVO

(to Maksym)
What is car pool?

MAKSYM

I think it's where you take car... for *swim*. [beat] Makes no difference, they are now part of License Plate Challenge...

The Fiesta starts up. The two in the back look confused.

MAKSYM

Ok: Sears Tower, Chicago White Sox,
Chicago Cubs, Cloud Gate and Navy [at]
Pier. Not problem. Let's go!

They drive off. Slowly.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHICAGO - SEARS TOWER

All four men are standing in front of the Sears Tower.

MALTIVO

I don't see it, you sure?

MAKSYM

Gypsy says it is here...

MAN #1

Not 'Gypsy', 'G-P-S'.

MAKSYM

That's what I said, Gypsy.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHICAGO - CONTINUOUS

All four cousins walk and stop.

MAKSYM

There it is, THE SEARS TOWER!

The camera pans to reveal Sears, the retail store.

CUT TO:

INT. SEARS - CONTINUOUS

Maksym, Man #1 and Man #2 all stand inside the store. Maltivo pokes his head up from some clothes.

MALTIVO

I found Chicago White Socks!

He brings them over.

MAKSYM

Really? THIS is what President Barry says
is the best? Is just sock?

CUT TO:

EXT. CHICAGO - CONTINUOUS

At the famous "Bean" formally known as Cloud Gate.

MAKSYM

It says "Cloud Gate". Do you see gate? I don't see gate?

Maltivo grabs the piece of paper.

MALTIVO

Also says "Bean" and "shiny like Werewolf bullet.."

Man #1 points to the Bean which is behind them.

MAN #1

Guys, the Bean is right there..

MAKSYM

No no no, that is sign for INFINITY. Everybody knows it.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHICAGO ZOO - CONTINUOUS

At the ZOO the cousins stand before a bear exhibit. Maksym gets a phone call from Ralph.

RALPH

Hey, how's everything going? Did you guys get lost?

MAKSYM

Of course we are fine, we are visiting Chicago Cubs right now actually..

RALPH

Wait, what? It's not baseball season...

MAKSYM

They look.. Happy? (looks on) Maybe a little sleepy? (looks on) I think they just ate...

Ralph is confused.

CUT TO:

EXT. NAVY PIER - CONTINUOUS

All four at Navy Pier. They approach two guards, a woman and a man.

MAKSYM

Excuse please, we are looking for (looks at note) the Chicago Navy.

CARPOOL MAN #2

Pier. It's Navy Pier. And you're here.

MAKSYM

Pier. "Chicago Navy AT THE Pier". Well...

SECURITY GUARD
What are you looking for?

MAKSYM
Ok ok, Gypsy says you have Navy, in Navy
there is submarine boat. Explotions.
American superpower. Missile rocket. This
is which what we wish to see with.

MALTIVO
For *License Plate Challenge*.

The guards are VERY confused.

SECURITY GUARD
(Using CB)
I think we have a situation here..

CUT TO:

EXT. RESTAURANT - CONTINUOUS

Ralph is about to walk into a restaurant when he gets a call.

RALPH
Hello? They did what?

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. NAVY PIER OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Ralph is walking through with his phone in hand. He has a worried look on his face.

CUT TO:

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - CONTINUOUS

A door opens and Ralph sees everyone with the security guards in this room. Ralph thinks they are in trouble.

MAKSYM
Cousin! We had the best day - we are now
owners of famous Chicago White Socks for
which President O'Bracket says is best.
AND! Meet "Linda", I find out she is from
same village, so now we will be married!

MALTIVO
AND! We won License Plate American Auto
Pass Challenge! So we can now swim in car
pool! Just like you!!

Everyone cheers! Ralph is confused.

THE END.