

"Speak English"

INGA SAMPLE SCENE

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(TAYLOR WALKS INTO CLASS AND NOTICES THE ATTRACTIVE NEW STUDENT, INGA)

Inga
Taylor
M/W
Sit-C

TAYLOR

Well hello.

(SHE PARROTS BACK EVERYTHING HE SAYS, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE IS SPEAKING WITH HIM, AND HE THINKS SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH PERFECTLY)

INGA

Well hello.

TAYLOR

It's nice to meet you.

INGA

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TAYLOR

You speak English very well.

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TAYLOR

(REALIZING)

No, you don't.

INGA

No, you don't.

TAYLOR

You're Swedish.

INGA

Ja.

TAYLOR
Parla omu? Pinnolius?
Speakski any Englishski?

INGA
Homma?
(UNDERSTANDING)
Engelsk? Oh, ja.

(THEN, BRIGHTLY)
Tom Cruise--nice buns!

TAYLOR
(REACTS, THEN)
Well, that's a start...

(SEES NAME ON HER CHEST. POINTS TO IT)
Inga?

INGA
Homma?
(LOOKING DOWN)
No, brost.
(REALIZING, THEN EMBARRASSED)
Oh! Ja, me Inga! Inga Bergstrom!

TAYLOR
I'm Taylor. :

INGA
Homma?
(HAPPILY, SHOWING RECOGNITION)
Oh!...Tailor!

TAYLOR
Very good.

INGA
Homma?
(PANTOMIMING SEWING)
Sew!

TAYLOR

No, no, that's my name. I'm your teacher.

INGA *face*

(CONFUSED)

Teach sew?

(PANTOMIMES SEWING AGAIN)

TAYLOR

No...English.

INGA *face*

(PROUDLY POINTING TO HERSELF)

Speak English.

(POINTING TO HER EYE)

"Eye."

(POINTING TO HER NOSE)

"Nose."

(POINTING TO HER FACE)

"Fish."

TAYLOR

(RUBBING HIS CHEEK WITH HIS HAND)

No, you mean "face."

(INGA SMOOTHS HER HAND ACROSS TAYLOR'S CHEEK)

INGA *face*

"Face."

(SHE RUBS HER FINGERTIPS ACROSS TAYLOR'S LIPS)

Hxad? *face*

TAYLOR

(FLUSTERED)

Well that's enough Engelsk--I mean English, for now...Why don't you have a seat Inga?

INGA

Head?

TAYLOR

Sit down.

(SHE LOOKS AT HIM BLANKLY)

Sit.

(POINTS TO HIS CHAIR)

Sit.

INGA

(IN SWEDISH)

Thank you.

(SHE SITS IN HIS CHAIR)

TAYLOR

Not there.

(POINTS)

There.

(SHE REACTS AND BOUNCES OFF TO HER SEAT, BABBLING SOME SELF-CRITICISM IN SWEDISH)

TAYLOR

I know you've only been here a little while Inga, but what do you think about America?

INGA

I like TV!

(VERY EXCITED, MIMICKING TV PHRASES SHE'S
HEARD)

I love Lucy..."No Lucy, you can't
be in the show"... "June, I'm
home"... "Ring around the
collar"... "I want my MTV"... "Born
in the U.S.A.!"... "Opens Friday at
a theater near you!"

TAYLOR

Boy, you really do like TV don't
you?

INGA

Yeah, that's the ticket.