



Episode 12

**Narrative**

**NICK**

Nearly ready. Oh, there we are! Oh, perfect! Now - the living room! Oh, there! Just there! Oh, yeah, perfect, baby! Now, refreshments!  
Ha-haa! Cola - yes! Crisps - yes! And finally, mwah! Dial-A-Pizza - yes! Ohh! Only two hours to go!

**BRIDGET**

Nick!  
What is *your* television doing in *my* bathroom?

**NICK**

Oh, hi Bridget. So I don't miss anything.

**BRIDGET**

Miss anything?

**NICK**

Yeah, if I have to, you know, when the match is on.

**BRIDGET**

Oh, the *match*. So who's playing today?

**NICK**

It's the semi-finals. England...

**BRIDGET**

Versus...?

**HECTOR**

Ar-gen-tina!

**NICK**

Hey, Hector, *great* outfit - but wrong team! Ha-haaa!

**HECTOR & NICK**

Oooohhhh!

**NICK**

And *I've* got my lucky World Cup pants on. Ooh-oo-ooohhh!

**BRIDGET**

Your lucky World Cup pants?

**NICK**

Yup. I don't change them when the World Cup is on.

**BRIDGET**

But it lasts for *weeks*.

**NICK**

Yeah!  
So, Hector, I've got the refreshments ready - Cola, crisps...

**BRIDGET**  
TV in the bathroom.

**HECTOR**  
At what time is kick-off?

**NICK**  
Midday.

**HECTOR**  
Oh, we had better sit down then!

**ANNIE**  
Hello, everyone. Charlie and I are ready for the match.

**HECTOR**  
Oh, Annie, you look nice!

**BRIDGET**  
Your ribbons are different.

**ANNIE**  
That's right. One for England and one for Argentina.

**HECTOR**  
Oh, how sweet.

**NICK**  
But of course England will win.

**HECTOR**  
I don't think so, Nick.

**NICK**  
We beat Jamaica 4-2.

**HECTOR**  
But we beat Italy 3-0.

**NICK**  
Well, our strikers are the best in the world.

**HECTOR**  
But your defence is poor.

**NICK**  
No, it's not.

**HECTOR**  
Yes, it is.

**NICK**  
It's not! It's not! It's not!

**HECTOR**  
It is! It is! It is!

**ANNIE**  
Break!  
And now make friends.

***Sound of dog barking***

**BRIDGET**

Oh, you're so childish. Miguel arrives today. At least *he's* a real man.

**NICK**

Yeah, but he loves football too. **[*Sound of telephone ringing*]** ... A Spanish supporter.

**BRIDGET**

Hello?

**NICK**

We'll beat *them*, in the final.

**BRIDGET**

Nick, for you. Your agent.

**NICK**

Ooh, goodie! Hi, Cameron. How are you? Good.

An audition? For me? Hey-hey! What for? *London On Fire*? The soap? Yessss! When? *Today*? At midday? Where? *Birmingham*? But that's 100 miles away! No, of course I'm pleased!

OK, thank you! Bye!

**ANNIE**

An audition for *London On Fire*? That's brilliant!

**HECTOR**

Yeah, you must be pleased, man.

**NICK**

Yes, I am.

I am very, very pleased.

I am so happy.

**HECTOR**

I can see that.

**NICK**

Why *today*? Why this *afternoon*? Why in *Birmingham*? What about the football?

**BRIDGET**

Oh, it's only a football game.

**NICK**

Bridget, there are some people who think that football is a matter of life and death. It isn't. It is *much-more important-than-that!*

**BRIDGET**

Don't go to the audition then.

**NICK**

Don't *go*? Don't *go*? I *must* go. Drama is my life.

**ANNIE**

Look, Nick, we can record it for you.

**HECTOR**

Yeah, and we won't tell you the score.

**NICK**

Really? You won't tell me the score. You promise?

**ANNIE**  
Promise.

**HECTOR**  
Promise.

**BRIDGET**  
OK, promise.

**NICK**  
OK! I will go - and perform for *England!*

**BRIDGET [Composing email]**  
World Cup! World Cup! World Cup!  
Today England play Argentina.

**NICK**  
But of course England will win.

**BRIDGET [Composing email]**  
Do I care?

**HECTOR & NICK**  
Oooooohhhhh!

**NICK [Composing email]**  
The good news is: I have an audition for *London On Fire*. I am so happy.

**NICK**  
Yesss!

**NICK [Composing email]**  
The bad news is: it's in *Birmingham* this afternoon, so I *won't* see the *semi-final!* What a tragedy!

**NICK**  
I am so happy! **[Sobbing noises]**

**BRIDGET**  
I don't *believe* it. It's a very, very bad hair day. Oh, and *Miguel* is arriving this evening.  
It's a disaster.  
Ohhh! It's a catastrophe.  
I *said*, it's a catastrophe.

**HECTOR**  
What is a catastrophe?

**ANNIE**  
Bridget's hair.

**HECTOR**  
Oh.

**BRIDGET**  
Got to do something.  
I know - Carol! *She'll* help me.

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**  
*...we've got all the action coming up.*

**BRIDGET**

Hello? Carol? Bridget here. Look, this is an emergency. I need a hair appointment. I need a style that a Spanish football fan will adore.  
You can? Oh, goodie.  
I'll see you at 5 o'clock.  
Sorted!

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*...this semi-final we're seeing the two giants of football, England and Argentina...*

**BRIDGET**

Come on, England!

**HECTOR**

Come on, Argentina!

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*...but that strong team. England ... .. I think ... .. score! Yes! It looks like it - aww! Oh! Now, Argentina, have they got ... .. They're looking dangerous! They've got through the defence and, and they score! Come on, England. They've got to pull themselves together. And who's this? Look at him. ... .. match and England have ... .. and yes! ... ..! ... ..*

**BRIDGET**

Wow! What a game!

**ANNIE**

Yeah, it was fantastic!  
Oh, poor Hector.  
Argentina did very well against England.

**BRIDGET**

Yeah, but not well enough!

**ANNIE**

Ooh, we must not look too happy.  
We promised Nick not to tell him the score and Hector, *you* must not look too sad.  
Come on, try to smile. Come on, snuggly-puppykins. Like this. Hmm, it'll do.

***Sound of door opening***

**ANNIE**

Oh, hi Nick.

**NICK**

Hello.

**BRIDGET**

Hi, Nick.

**NICK**

Good match?

**ANNIE**

You know, so-so.

**BRIDGET**

Yeah.

**NICK**

Where's the tape?

**BRIDGET**  
Hector's got it.

**NICK**  
Where's Hector?

**BRIDGET**  
In your apartment.

**NICK**  
Oh. Bye then.

**BRIDGET and ANNIE**  
Bye.

*Sound of door slamming*

**ANNIE and BRIDGET**  
*[Laughing/sound of handclapping]*

**NICK**  
Hi, Hector.

**HECTOR**  
Nick, my friend, you are back.

**NICK**  
Is this is the football match?

**HECTOR**  
Yup.  
What?

**NICK**  
You won, didn't you.

**HECTOR**  
Won what?

**NICK**  
The football. Argentina beat England, didn't they.

**HECTOR**  
Nick, I promised you I wouldn't say anything.

**NICK**  
But I *know*. You're so happy.

**HECTOR**  
No, I'm not.

**NICK**  
I knew it! I knew it!  
Oh, poor England, my country. Oh.

**HECTOR**  
Nick, you can watch the match on video.

**NICK**  
Oh, I can't bear it. How, Hector, how *could* you? How could Argentina beat England? Ohh!

**HECTOR**

Nick, just watch the tape.

**BRIDGET**

Oh, I can't *wait* to see Miguel! I'm going to the hairdresser's to get my hair done for *gorgeous* Miguel. Bye!

**Sound of telephone ringing**

**HECTOR**

Hello?

**MIGUEL**

Hola, Hector, soy Miguel ¡de Barcelona!

**HECTOR**

Hola, Miguel, soy Hector ¡de Argentina! O Bridget acaba de salir.

**MIGUEL**

No, quiero hablar contigo. Necesito aprender inglés para Bridget.

**HECTOR**

OK, repeat after me - repita conmigo: "Bridget, you are so beautiful."

**MIGUEL**

"Bridget, you are so beautiful."

**HECTOR**

"Bridget, I love your hair."

**MIGUEL**

"Bridget, I love your hair."

**HECTOR**

"And your smile."

**MIGUEL**

"And your smile."

Hector, muchas gracias!

**HECTOR**

No problem, Miguel. See you later.

**ANNIE**

Hector and Bridget! How *could* they?

**BRIDGET [Composing email]**

I love football, especially our *gorgeous* English players. But I *am* sorry for Hector, because England beat Argentina.

**ANNIE**

Argentina did very well against England.

**BRIDGET**

Yeah, but not well enough!

**BRIDGET [Composing email]**

Well, only a little bit sorry!

**ANNIE [Composing email]**

Bridget is having a bad hair today and she is worried because Miguel is arriving this evening.

**BRIDGET**

This is an emergency. I need a hair appointment. I need a style that a Spanish football fan will *adore*.

**ANNIE [Composing email]**

But then I heard Hector talking to Bridget on the phone. He said she was beautiful.

**HECTOR**

"Bridget, you are so beautiful."

**ANNIE [Composing email]**

I don't understand.

**Crashing and banging noises**

**HECTOR**

Annie. An-nie?

**ANNIE**

Yes, Hector?

**HECTOR**

Are you all right?

**ANNIE**

Yes.

**HECTOR**

Are you cross about something?

**ANNIE**

Oh, why do you think that?

**HECTOR**

Oh, Annie, come and sit down.

**NICK [Watching football match]**

Aagh/oooh/yes!!!

**HECTOR**

Annie, have I done something wrong?

**NICK [Watching football match]**

... .. Yesssss! Wooohh! ... ..

**HECTOR**

Well, if you don't tell me, I won't know.

**ANNIE**

Oh, *you* know Hector.

*You* know!

**NICK**

Yesssss! Yesssss! Yesssss! We won! We won! We're in the final!

Sorry, have I missed something?

**ANNIE**

Bridget?

Bridget, what's wrong? Why have you got a bag on your head?

**BRIDGET**

Ohhh, ohhh!

**ANNIE**

Come on, let's take it off.

**BRIDGET**

Leave it!

**ANNIE**

Is it your hair?

Well, but it can't be *that* bad.

**BRIDGET**

It *is*!

**ANNIE**

Oh, come on.

**BRIDGET**

Do you promise not to laugh?

**ANNIE**

We promise. Don't we.

**BRIDGET**

All right then, here goes.

**ANNIE**

It's very... nice.

***Sound of laughter***

**BRIDGET**

I *knew* it. I *knew* you'd laugh. Oh, it's a disaster. And Miguel will be here any moment.

***Sound of door being knocked***

**BRIDGET**

Ahhh! That's him! Oh! He mustn't see me like this!

**ANNIE**

Miguel? Oh, come in! I'll just tell Bridget. Pssstt, Bridget! Miguel's here.

**BRIDGET**

I don't want to see him. I can't.

**ANNIE**

Trust me, Bridget, he will *love* your hair.

**BRIDGET**

Miguel!

**MIGUEL**

Bridget, you are so beautiful. I love your hair, and your smile.

**BRIDGET**

I love *your* hair.

**MIGUEL**

So, Spain versus England in the World Cup final. Poor old England.

**NICK**

On the contrary, my Spanish friend. Prepare to die.

**ANNIE**

Nick, please ask Hector to pass the crisps.

**NICK**

Hector, Annie says can you pass the crisps.

**HECTOR**

Ah-ah-ah-ah.

Please ask Annie why hasn't she spoken to me for two days.

**NICK**

Annie, Hector says why haven't you spoken to him for two days.

**ANNIE**

Tell him - hmm!

**NICK**

She says - hmm!

**BRIDGET**

Shhh! It's starting.

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*....final between England and their arch-rivals Spain!*

**NICK**

Come on, England, come on.

**BRIDGET**

Come on, Spain.

*Assorted inaudible comments and noises*

**BRIDGET**

Go on!

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*...and here's Spain - and it's a goal!*

**ALL**

Yes!!/goal!!

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*England have the ball. They are heading for gold. And it's...*

**HECTOR**

Annie?

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*Now, the final...*

**HECTOR**

Can I ask you something?

**ANNIE**

Yes, Hector?

**HECTOR**

Have you ever thought about getting married?

**ANNIE**

Who to?

**HECTOR**

Oh, to someone - someone like - me.

**VOICE ON TELEVISION**

*...and he shoots and he scores!*

**NICK**

I don't believe it! What a match!

**BRIDGET**

Oh, Spain played really well.

**NICK**

Yeah, but not well enough!

**BRIDGET**

Oh, poor Miguel. Speak to me in English again.

**MIGUEL**

"Bridget, you are so beautiful. I love your hair and your smile."

**NICK**

Is that all he knows?

**HECTOR**

Yup, and I taught him.

**ANNIE**

When?

**HECTOR**

On the phone.

**ANNIE**

Oh! You were on the phone to *Miguel!*

**HECTOR**

Teaching him English.

**ANNIE**

Oh, silly me. *I* thought you were talking to *Bridget*.

**HECTOR**

Oh, Annie, there is only one person for me.

**NICK**

Me?

**HECTOR**

Well?

Will you?

**NICK**

Will she what?

**HECTOR**

Marry me?

**ANNIE**

Yes, Hector!

***Whooping and shouting***

**COMMENTARY [v.o.]**

*Next time in EXTRA, Hector and Annie plan their wedding, Nick is in for a surprise, and guess who's coming from Argentina?*

*EXTRA, don't miss it!*