

Som Wang/Maggie/Mrs. Childers 14.

29 INT. MASTER BEDROOM - NIGHT 29

Gene is in his bed alone. The room is too big for him.

He turns on the TV. The light of the screen falls onto him as he switches channels until he stumbles upon a pornographic film.

He stares at it for a few seconds, and then exhales and turns off the TV.

He reaches over to the bedside table he picks up a brochure from the THAI MAIL ORDER BRIDE AGENCY. He looks through it and smiles.

He puts it aside, he then turns off the lights.

CUT TO:

30 INT. BEN'S ROOM - NIGHT 30

Ben stares at the elephant that due to the lacquer has resisted catching on fire.

CUT TO:

31 INT. SPARTANBURG DAY SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY 31

Ben walks down the hallway looking straight trying to make it to his destination as quick is possible.

Trying to keep up is Som Wang, on her shoulder is purse.

Various STUDENTS walk by looking at the strange guest.

As they reach the door the classroom an applause erupts and a BOY with his DAD walk out of the classroom excited and head down the hallway.

CUT TO:

32 INT. CLASSROOM - DAY 32

Ben stands in the doorway with Som Wang.

MS. CHILDERS, 40's female 9th grade teacher, overly energetic greets Ben and Som Wang.

MS. CHILDERS
Come in! Come in! Everybody is so excited to meet you!

Start

Ben walks into the classroom followed by Som Wang. Ben sits on a chair in the front while Som Wang stands in the front of the classroom.

Some of the STUDENTS giggle. Maggie Cash sits in the middle of the room.

MAGGIE

(whisper)

Do you think she can speak English?

MS. CHILDERS

Okay Ben, introduce your guest, and remember as part of the assignment you have to lead the interview.

BEN

Please meet Som Wang. She is from Thailand.

The class claps in greeting to Som Wang.

SOM WANG

Sawatdee kaa! Hello!

BEN

Where is your country and how big is Thailand?

SOM WANG

Thailand is in South Asia. It is a very big country. We have more than 60 million people.

BEN

How many of them are single women looking for a husband?

The class giggles. Ben grins at them.

SOM WANG

Many.

(beat)

Just like in your country.

BEN

What is wrong with Thai men? Why did you come here?

MS. CHILDERS

Ben! Appropriate questions only.

BEN
 Sorry Ms. Childers.
 (to Som Wang)
 What is your education?

SOM WANG
 I finished school and studied
 hospitality business in college for
 one year.

Some students raise their hands. Ben points to STUDENT X.

~~STUDENT X~~ *Maggie*
 I watched on TV that in Thailand
 many parents sell their young
 daughters to prostitutes.

Som is taken-aback.

SOM WANG
 Yes, it happens ... but not that
 often.

BEN
 (showing hand around as in
 court)
 Clearly, often enough!

MS CHILDERS
 Benjamin!

A few kids snicker as everyone looks down at there desks
 embarrassed for Som Wang.

Som Wang shocked, excuses herself from the room.

MS. CHILDERS
 (after Som Wang)
 Thank you Ms. Som Wang for your
 time!

Ben looks to the rest of the class. Everyone is silently
 uncomfortable. Maggie is the only one looking at Ben.

MAGGIE
 That was uncool Ben ... even for
 you.

As the BELL rings Ben's grin disappears and he guiltily looks
 out at the door where Som Wang left.