

Episode 13

Narrative

ANNIE [Reading on screen advert]

Pet Weddings, the wedding for you and your little friends. Oh, Hector, it's perfect!

HECTOR

Yeah, perfect!

ANNIE

Oh – Hector, you have mail! Ah, and they're all from your mother. Shall I?

HECTOR

Yes please, do.

ANNIE

What do they say?

HECTOR

¿Cuántas damas de honor va a llevar Annie? ¿Diez o doce? Well, she says, "How many bridesmaids is Annie having? Ten or twelve?"

ANNIE

Ten or twelve?!

HECTOR

You will like this one Annie.
"Have you booked Westminster Abbey yet?
I'm coming to London soon, to help you."

ANNIE

Oh, Hector! Your mother is very kind but we want a small wedding. She must not interfere!

HECTOR

Oh, Annie.

Sound of telephone ringing

HECTOR

Hola, Mamá.

MRS ROMERO

¡Hector cariño! ¿Recibiste mis e-mails?

Si, Mamá. Mamá...

MRS ROMERO

Hector, ¿Quién es el padrino?

HECTOR

Erm, Nick.

MRS ROMERO

¿Es inteligente, trabjador, responsable?

HECTOR

Si, si.

MRS ROMERO

¡Oo perfecto!

HECTOR

Mamá...

MRS ROMERO

¡Me voy! Donatella Versace está por llegar de un momento a otro. Tiene ideas maravillosas para mi traje para la boda ¡Hasta pronto!

Sound of telephone receiver being put down

MRS ROMERO

Gracias, Antonio.

ANNIE

Hector, we want our pet wedding, don't we?

HECTOR

... Erm, yes.

ANNIE

Well she must not interfere any more!

HECTOR

It's OK.

I won't let her - come here.

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Hmm, you look happy! Man trouble? How is – erm, ah, Miguel?

BRIDGET

Miguel is finished!

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Oh!

BRIDGET

It's all football, football with Miguel.

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Oh!

What do you expect from Spanish men?!

BRIDGET

So I said, "Bye, bye, Miguel."

Oh and Annie and Hector are so happy.

It's weddings, weddings, weddings ... I'll never find a decent man.

I'll just be single for ever!

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Oh rubbish!

What you need is a new man in your life!

BRIDGET

But where can I get one?

Oh hi - Bridget here - can I have a new man please?

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Oh - and what about - that gorgeous - Nick!

BRIDGET

Nick?!

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Oh, he's great as 'Pierce Steele' in London on Fire - oh, what a hunk!!

BRIDGET

But he's ...

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Come on Bridget, you said you want a new man – well let me introduce you to the *new* Nick! I want you to interview him for *Stars at 9* on 9!

BRIDGET

Interview Nick?

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Ahm.

BRIDGET

But all he talks about is *girls* – oh and motorbikes.

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Forget what he says - ask him - to take his jacket off!! Hmm-hmm, here, look at this - London on Fire!

Enjoy it! Ahm!!

Sound of coughing

WOMAN

Oh Pierce, how can I ever thank you?

PIERCE STEELE [Nick]

It was nothing!

It's all – in a day's work for – Pierce Steele.

NICK

Hi Bridget ...

BRIDGET

Oh, hi Nick.

Come and sit down.

NICK

OK.

What are you reading?

BRIDGET

Oh, a magazine about weddings. I love weddings, don't you?

NICK

Erm ...

BRIDGET

The problem is I'm always the bridesmaid, never the bride!

NICK

Oh, wow!

BRIDGET

Isn't it lovely!

NICK

Yeah!

The Ferrari Testarosa.

What a great car!

BRIDGET

I meant her dress! Do you like it, Nick?

NICK

Well, it wouldn't suit me! Ha-ha!

BRIDGET

[Laughs]

Nick - you're so funny! I love funny men.

NICK

I need a drink!

Would you like one?

BRIDGET

And good looking ones.

I'd love to marry a funny, good looking man.

NICK

[Makes loud burping noise]

BRIDGET

By the way, Nick, I saw London on Fire - you're very good in it.

NICK

Really?

Did you think so?

BRIDGET

In fact, I wondered if ...

NICK

... Yeah ...?

BRIDGET

... If you want to ...

NICK

... Yeah ...

BRIDGET

Will you ...?

NICK

... Yeah ... ?!!

BRIDGET

Will you do an interview with me for Channel 9?

NICK

Oh - yeah.

ANNIE [Composing email]

Nadia.

I really want a small wedding, but Hector's mother keeps interfering.

ANNIE

She must not interfere, it's too much!

BRIDGET [Composing email]

I don't have any luck with men!

Eunice says I should think about Nick.

BRIDGET

Interview Nick?!

EUNICE MOUNTAIN

Hmm-hmm.

BRIDGET

But all he talks about is girls - oh and motorbikes.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

Anyway, I'm going to interview him on Stars at 9.

BRIDGET

Will you do an interview with me for Channel 9?

NICK

Oh - yeah.

Sound of knocking on door

DELIVERY MAN

Courtesy of Mrs Romero – Reception Venues.

Sound of knocking on door

DELIVERY MAN

Courtesy of Mrs Romero – Wedding Dresses.

Sound of knocking on door

DELIVERY MAN

Courtesy of Mrs Romero – Honeymoons.

ANNIE

Hector's mother is driving me mad!! Maybe I should just cancel the wedding.

BRIDGET

Really?

Well / wouldn't!

I suppose marriage will mean sacrifices.

No more shaving your legs on the toilet.

No more soaps on TV.

ANNIE

Oh no!!

BRIDGET

No more midnight chocolate feasts!

ANNIE

[Gasps]

BRIDGET

But then you will be Mrs Romero!

NICK

Do you think Bridget is ill?

HECTOR

No why?

NICK

She's being very nice to me – very nice.

HECTOR

Well maybe she is ill.

NICK

She's talking about weddings, you and Annie.

HECTOR

You don't think she wants to get married too, do you?

NICK

Ha! Who to?

HECTOR

Well – you said she was being very nice to you.

NICK

No!

You don't think?!

BRIDGET

Annie – I have something to tell you.

ANNIE

What?

BRIDGET

Nick.

ANNIE

Nick what?

BRIDGET

I fancy Nick.

NICK

Aagh! She did mean me!
Oh Hector – help!
Once you're married – they've got you!

ANNIE

You fancy Nick?

BRIDGET

Yes I do, I do!

ANNIE

But you don't like Nick.

BRIDGET

I do like Nick.

ANNIE

No you don't, you think he's an idiot!

BRIDGET

Yes, but he's so macho!

ANNIE

You think he's vain!

BRIDGET

But he's so good looking!

ANNIE

Huh! You don't like his clothes!

But now he wears a fireman's uniform.

ANNIE

Ah, so that's it! The uniform.

BRIDGET

He's so sexy in London on Fire.

ANNIE

So, what are you going to do?

BRIDGET

Tomorrow I will interview him for Channel 9 ...

ANNIE

... And then?

BRIDGET

You'll just have to wait and see.

NICK

There's one good thing about getting married.

HECTOR

Yeah, love.

NICK

No - no!

The Stag Night!

HECTOR

The what?

NICK

The Stag Night.

It's when the bridegroom – that's you, is taken out by his best man, that's me to say – goodbye.

HECTOR

Goodbye?

NICK

Yep.

Goodbye to your fantastic life as a single man.

HECTOR

Oh.

NICK

Goodbye to drinking beer and watching football in bed.

HECTOR

Oh.

NICK

Goodbye to eating curry for breakfast.

Oh.

NICK

And worst of all - goodbye to Kylie Minogue!!

HECTOR and NICK

Oh!!

NICK

Don't worry Hector – we will face this together!

HECTOR

Oh thank you Nick - you are a real friend!

NICK

Anyway – this stag night! What are we going to do?

HECTOR

Go to the cinema?

NICK

Wha ... ?!

In England – we do crazy things!

We party, we go to Brighton, we dress up ...

HECTOR

... As what?

NICK

Women!

RRIDGET

So, I am here with Nick Jessop – or Pierce Steele, straight from the set of London on Fire – Nick.

NICK

Good evening.

BRIDGET

Do you think London on Fire accurately reflects the pressures on London's emergency services?

NICK

Dunno! But the women are good looking! [Laughs]

BRIDGET

Erm, do you get very hot?

NICK

When?

BRIDGET

In the flames, when you're filming.

NICK

No, not really.

Do you take your jacket off sometimes?

NICK

Yeah, sometimes.

BRIDGET

When it gets very ... hot?

NICK

Yeah.

BRIDGET

Do you want to take your jacket off now?

NICK

Erm, eh, no, not really.

BRIDGET

Erm, and what about the women?

NICK

The women?

BRIDGET

The women you rescue.

You carry them out of the house that is on fire.

NICK

Oh yeah.

BRIDGET

They must love it!

NICK

Well they are acting.

BRIDGET

And do they ask you to ...?

NICK

Do they ask me to what?

BRIDGET

Take your jacket off.

NICK

Oh, erm, no.

BRIDGET

Will you take it off now?

NICK

Er – OK.

[Nervous laughter]

Could you carry me?!

NICK

When?!

BRIDGET

Now!

Carry me like you do on London on Fire!

NICK

Er – OK.

BRIDGET

Oh ... you're so strong!

This is Bridget Evans with Nick Jessop for Channel 9.

Ah!

NICK

Shall I put you down now?

BRIDGET

Oh, do you have to?!!

Thumping noise/sound of Bridget screaming

ANNIE

Oh, hi Hector.

HECTOR

Hi Annie.

ANNIE/HECTOR

Em, Hector/Annie ...

HECTOR

Oh, no, you go first.

ANNIE

Oh, no, you first.

HECTOR

OK.

Annie, this wedding ...

ANNIE

I was going to say "this wedding ..."

HECTOR

Oh, OK, you say it then.

ANNIE

Oh - no - you.

HECTOR

OK, let's write it down.

ANNIE

Good idea.

HECTOR

Ready?

ANNIE

Uhuh.

HECTOR

One, two, three, show!

ANNIE

Oh, yes Hector, let's wait! This wedding is a nightmare!

HECTOR

Yeah!

ANNIE

Let's celebrate not getting married!

HECTOR

Yeah!

ANNIE

OK, erm, I'm going shopping now, but meet me at Leo's Café at 5pm.

HECTOR

I'll be there!

Sound of kissing

ANNIE

You must tell your mother!

Thank goodness she's thousands of miles away in Argentina!

Sound of telephone ringing

HECTOR

Hola, Mamá.

MRS ROMERO

Hector, cariño. ¡Vengo a Londres!

ANNIE

Make sure you tell her before she leaves.

HECTOR

Escucha, Mamá... Annie y yo...

MRS ROMERO

Mi avión llega a las cinco a Heathrow. ¡Hasta pronto!

MRS ROMERO

Gracias, Antonio.

Oh no!!

ANNIE

Meet me at Leo's café at 5pm.

HECTOR

Annie - or Mum?

MRS ROMERO

Mi avión llega a las cinco a Heathrow.

HECTOR

Mum - or Annie?

NICK [Composing email]

Bridget is very nice to me, it's very strange!

BRIDGET

Nick, you're so funny!

NICK [Composing email]

Hector thinks she wants to get married too!

NICK

Oh-ha!

NICK [Composing email]

Mm – anyway, as best man I am organising Hector's stag night.

NICK

The stag night!

HECTOR

The what?

NICK [Composing email]

We are practising tonight!

NICK

We dress up!

HECTOR

As what?

NICK

Women.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

But you know, Nick is very cute.

NICK

Ah-uh!

BRIDGET

Especially in his fireman's uniform!

Oh you're so strong!

Sound of plane landing

Sound of door opening and closing

HECTOR

Oh hi Nick, did you have a good day?

NICK

Gre-at! I saved London again. Oh, and I was interviewed by Bridget. Man, I thought she was going to ask me to marry her! Ha-ha!

HECTOR

Gre-at.

NICK

OK, what's up?

HECTOR

My mother is coming to London.

NICK

Ooh! Does Annie know?

HECTOR

No.

NICK

Oops!

HECTOR

But we have cancelled the wedding.

NICK

Wow!

Does your mother know?

HECTOR

No.

NICK

Whoops!

HECTOR

It gets worse.

I was supposed to meet both of them this afternoon in different places!

NICK

Ha-ha-ha – triple oops! Oh Hector, don't worry. Women always forget.

Hmm.

Sound of telephone ringing

HECTOR

Oh.

HECTOR

Hola, Mamá.

MRS ROMERO

Hector. ¿Dónde estás?

HECTOR

Mamá... hay un problema...

MRS ROMERO

Oh no importa. Tomaré un taxi.

Sound of telephone ringing

HECTOR

Hi Annie.

ANNIE

Hector, where are you?

HECTOR

Annie, listen!

ANNIE

I'm glad we're not getting married!

NICK

Ha-hmm.

So they didn't forget!

Sound of vegetables being chopped

HECTOR

Annie please, listen to me!

ANNIE

What, or who is more important than me?

BRIDGET

Tut-tut-tut.

First marriage row!

HECTOR AND ANNIE

We are not getting married!

BRIDGET

Pardon me!

Annie, today was difficult, impossible.

ANNIE

I don't want to know!

HECTOR

Annie – it's my mother!

ANNIE

What about your mother?!

Sound of knocking on door

MRS ROMERO

Heeere's mother!! Hector darling! Mw-mw.

HECTOR

Hola, Mamá.

MRS ROMERO

Oh, speak to me in English. I've taken lessons! Where is Annie, where's my little bride? What a beauty! Hector! You've kept her beauty a secret!

HECTOR

No, Mamá – this is Bridget. *This* is Annie.

MRS ROMERO

Oh!!

Donatella can help you.

HECTOR

Annie is the prettiest, sweetiest, kindest girl in the world.

MRS ROMERO

Really?

ANNIE

Didn't you tell her the wedding is off?

HECTOR

I didn't get the chance.

ANNIE

Well now's the time.

HECTOR

[Clears throat]

Mum.

MRS ROMERO

Yes.

Annie and I have decided to ...

ANNIE

... Wait a few years before we get married.

HECTOR

No nos casamos todavía.

MRS ROMERO

No wedding!

Oh no!! [Sound of crying]

Oh, thank you Bridget. [Sound of crying/nose blowing]

Do you have a boyfriend?

BRIDGET

I hope so, Mrs Romero.

MRS ROMERO

Oh – is he handsome?

BRIDGET

Yes, he's very handsome - and muscular!

MRS ROMERO

I love macho men.

What's his name?

BRIDGET

Nick - Nick Jessop!

MRS ROMERO

Nick?!

Hector's best man!

BRIDGET

Yes, that's him.

NICK

Time to party!

HECTOR

Mama - meet Nick.

BRIDGET

So, have you booked Westminster Abbey yet?!

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

Next time in EXTRA – Bridget tries to change Nick. Hector's mother comes to dinner, but why does Annie behave badly? EXTRA – don't miss it!