

SUBURBAN STANDOFF AUDITIONS

SIDE: **BEATRICE / LOUISE**

Beatrice: This will be the highlight of the trip!

Louise: Sleeping on a train?

Beatrice: Absolutely!

Louise: Bea, we just saw the Peterhof Cascades, the Hermitage, and the National Ballet perform Swan Lake. How could sleeping on a train top that?

Beatrice: I didn't sleep at the Hermitage.

Louise: But you slept at the ballet.

Beatrice: That's true. That was nice. Where is this train going?

Louise: Moscow. We arrive tomorrow morning.

Beatrice: And what'll we do there?

Louise: Everything. The Kremlin, Lenin's tomb, and a Palace built for Catherine the Great.

Beatrice: Did Catherine the Great really... you know, with a horse?

Louise: For crying out loud, Bea. No. That was a rumour created by her enemies. The problem is, men are threatened by female sexuality. As an independent woman it's something I've faced. At work they all thought I was a lesbian.

Beatrice: That is not true!

Louise: To set them all straight I had to sleep with the only eligible man on staff.

Beatrice: Who?

Louise: Barry Fritz, biology.

Beatrice: Barry Fritz! How was it?

Louise: Horrible. He reeked of formaldehyde. My point is, it's pathetic that all people know about Catherine the Great is a myth about bestiality.

Beatrice: But I learnt it at school.

Louise: School?!

Beatrice: Well, the schoolyard.
Great Catherine was so carefree
For her horse she made a decree:
"I ride him all day
So I thought, what the hay
It's high time the horse should ride me"

Louise: Goodnight, Bea.

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