

EXTRACT

Cate Blanchett wants to be my friend on Facebook

a ten minute comedy

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Characters

BARRY - A construction worker

MORRIS - The foreman of the construction site

SARAH - Secretary in the site office

CATE BLANCHETT - A famous actress

Time

Morning. Working day.

Setting

Construction Site office.

Synopsis

Facebook. It's a valuable "social networking" tool. But what if you haven't got any friends? Cate Blanchett, Academy Award winning actress (She played Galadriel in Lord of the Rings 1, 2 and 3!) knows the feeling. And now she's out to get some more. Whether Barry likes it or not. A comedy - with one very famous person...

Construction office. Morning. **BARRY** sits at a desk working on a computer. **MORRIS** enters.

MORRIS: Morning Barry.

BARRY: Morris.

MORRIS: You gettin' on to that pouring this morning?

BARRY: First thing. Just checking my Facebook.

MORRIS: Don't be too long. (LOOKING THROUGH FOLDERS) You see that invoice from the Cement company?

BARRY: Put it in the folder.

MORRIS CONTINUES TO LOOK.

BARRY: You know someone called (READING) Cate ... Blatchett?

MORRIS: Who?

BARRY: Cate Blatchett?

MORRIS: Don't think so. Why?

BARRY: She wants to be my friend on Facebook.

MORRIS: How you spelling it?

BARRY: C - a - t - e

MORRIS: C not K?

BARRY: Yeah C.

MORRIS: And the last name?

BARRY: B - l - a - n - c - h - e - t - t.

MORRIS: I think you'll find that's Blanchett.

BARRY: Yeah.

MORRIS: (COMING OVER TO SCREEN) B - l - a - n - c - h - e - t - t.
Blanchett.

BARRY: Right. You know her then?

MORRIS: Can't say I do. (HE GOES BACK TO FOLDER) You sure that invoice is in here?

BARRY: Yeah. Says here she won an Academy Award.

MORRIS: What for?

BARRY: The Aviator. Best Supporting Actress.

MORRIS: Well that's obviously a lie.

BARRY: You reckon?

MORRIS: Course. If you've actually won an Academy Award you're not going to brag about it on Facebook are you? You're going to be humble about it. Probably some wannabe. Just hit ignore.

BARRY: But then she'll know won't she?

MORRIS: No mate. That's the good thing about Facebook. People don't know when you ignore them.

BARRY: But she'll see I'm not in her friend list.

MORRIS: Take her awhile to work that out. How many friends she got?

BARRY: Three.

MORRIS: Maybe not so long then.

BARRY: If she's my friend then I can make her my neighbour on Farmville.

MORRIS: What level you up to?

BARRY: Deluxe Rancher.

MORRIS: (ONE-UPPING HIM) Barnyard Behemoth. You sure that invoice is in here?

BARRY: Unless Sarah paid it already.

MORRIS: She in yet?

BARRY: Getting coffee.

MORRIS: Come and get me when she gets back. Just going to go and have a look at that copper piping they dug up yesterday.
(LEAVING) And Baz, really need you to get on to that pouring.

BARRY: On my way.

MORRIS EXITS.

BARRY: Confirm – ignore – confirm – ignore.

SARAH: (ENTERS WITH COFFEES, HANDING ONE TO **BARRY**) Here you go. Skim decaf flat white with one sweetener.

BARRY: Thanks.

SARAH: There's some woman at the front gate for you. Says her name's Kate Blatchett.

BARRY: Cate Blanchett?

SARAH: I'm pretty sure it was Blatchett.

BARRY: What did she look like?

SARAH: Plain. Very pale skin. Wearing a big hat.

BARRY: Could be "beautiful in certain lighting conditions"?

SARAH: Guess so. Why?

BARRY: (POINTING TO COMPUTER) That's what it says here, under "About Me." "Beautiful in certain lighting conditions."

SARAH: Is that her? Good picture.

BARRY: She doesn't look like that?

SARAH: Not at all.

BARRY: She wants to be my friend on Facebook.

SARAH: What's she doing here?

BARRY: I don't know.

SARAH: Maybe she's stalking you.

BARRY: Yeah, right. Morris wants to know where that invoice is for the cement.

SARAH: Under the folder.

BARRY: Under? I said in.