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# Summary

This is a story about a small town where simple people, who all know each other, frequent the town bar to pass, time and try to forget about their hard times and calm down after a long, hard day's work. At the Small Town bar, they talk about their problems, and all kinds of important issues; whatever's on their minds and things that have concerned everybody since the beginning of time.

# Cast of characters

1. Jack Ronaldson – owner of the Small Town bar, barkeep, in his 40's, Small Town people's friend. Cousin and husband to Julie-Juliette.
2. Fred Borne – aged 44, factory worker, married with kids, bar customer, Jack's friend.
3. George Bird – aged 25, married to Julianne, factory worker, friend of Jack's.
4. Julianne Bird – aged 24, married to George, housewife, law student.
5. Jeff Stefan – aged 44, factory worker, married with kids, customer at the Small Town bar, Jack's friend.
6. Johnny John – aged 44, factory worker, married with kids, customer at the Small Town bar, Jack's friend.
7. Julie-Juliette – aged 22, waitress and barkeep at the Small Town Bar, has a great sense of humor, is bold, Jack Ronaldson's cousin and wife.

Act 1 –

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That's Life





## Soundtrack for Act 1:

### Happy hour at the Small Town Bar

I love the Small Town Bar. It’s always happy hour there. Exotic and so heartwarming. JULIE-JULIETTE keeps us happy. JULIE-JULIETTE is a big tease who keeps all the boys and girls happy all the time.

We all love her...all the customers from the Small Town bar.

JACK RONALDSON is the barkeep; He and Julie -Juliette are cousins. They’re kissing cousins...She’s exotic and perfectly gorgeous...

Lots of people come to the Small Town Bar to forget their pain and the bitterness of life, they drink and eat as much as they like...

Jack Ronaldson’s many friends come to his bar. He and his friends talk about current events and all kinds of stuff.

## 1.Int. Small Town Bar – Eve.

It's a warm, summer Friday evening at the Small Town Bar. The Small Town folks are passing their time as they do every evening. They're drinking and eating as they please. There are four permanent customers that spend every evening at the Small Town Bar around the circular bar facing the barkeep with the sexy, bold barkeep/waitress at his side. The four customers at the Small Town Bar are: Fred Borne, George Bird, Jeff Stefan, and Johnny John. The barkeep's name is Jack Ronaldson and he is a good friend of the Small Towns. The sexy, bold and funny barkeep/waitress is Julie- Juliette. She has a perfect body.

### **JOHNNY JOHN**

Jack, give me a foamy beer and a rum chaser

### **FRED BORNE, GEORGE BIRD, JEFF STEFAN**

Jack, give us what Johnny ordered, too, please

### **JACK RONALDSON**

Ok, pals, your orders are coming up

Jack Ronaldson serves Johnny John and all the others frothy lager beer with rum chasers on the side; he brings them plates of pickles and peanuts. JULIE-JULIETTE pours frothy lager and serves little servings of peanuts and pickles to other customers and at the same time keeps taking orders from other customers.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Here you go guys, cheers, bottoms up!

This is the time to be happy and make the best of life!

**JOHNNY JOHN**

Thanks Jack, cheers guys!

**FRED BORNE**

Cheers friends!

**GEORGE BIRD**

Cheers all!

**JEFF STEFAN**

With respect, cheers to everybody!

JACK RONALDSON turns on the radio to Middle Eastern oriental music, while JULIE-JULIETTE finishes serving other customers. Then, she takes off her shirt

and slacks, puts them on a chair in the bar, puts the tips in her personal safe. JULIE-JULIETTE keeps only her underwear on and starts dancing to the wild music while everyone whistles and yells and claps their hands with great joy. While JULIE-JULIETTE is dancing to the radio music, she keeps on bartending and waitressing; the customers at the Small Town Bar work up a huge appetite and order more food and drink.

### **JOHNNY JOHN**

Believe me, guys, the situation in this country can't go on as it is, there's got to be a huge change, there has to be a big change in this country of ours.

### **JACK RONALDSON**

You're right Johnny, it's not right what's going on in our little country; on the one hand when it's time for elections there's competition between all the candidates, every candidate for Prime Minister makes promises for improvements for everyone because first of all he's looking out for himself and to become the Prime Minister, but on the other hand when he gets elected and the government is in place then there's the opposition party and everyone in between, and then there's always the less than great situation of the country. ..

I think the President doesn't interfere enough to  
try to

make a difference for the people and for the country.

**FRED BORNE**

You’re both wrong, the state of the country is just fine, changes are being made every day; you need to be patient. The Prime Minister is looking out for everyone with his government in spite of all the interference from the opposition and the support of the President...maybe I’m just a dummy but I’ve got some things figured out.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Fred, with all due respect my friend, you’re wrong... the Prime Minister, with the complete cooperation of the government, only take care of themselves and their high society friends, business men, industrialists, hi-tech people and such like, especially when it comes to lowering their taxes down to nothing...

**JEFF STEFAN**

You’re absolutely right, George, that’s the truth!

**GEORGE BIRD**

All those rich business people, industrialists, hi-techies and so on, lookout for their work places so everyone profits from them. The government profits, the country profits from the income tax, and so on. It’s only us from the lower middle class and the poor that can’t even earn minimum wage.

**JEFF STEFAN**

George is right; anyways I'm pretty sure that in the government there is someone who has the last word on any decision, no matter how much discussion there is. I guess it's the Prime Minister. That's who has the last word. This Prime Minister is ruining the country slowly but surely...it's no wonder that lots of places in the world are putting sanctions on Israel, and it's no wonder that anti-Semitism is on the rise and lots of people hate Israelis, especially Jews.

**FRED BORNE**

I don't believe what I'm hearing here, you're not making sense....you're talking rubbish.

Fred is upset and doesn't know how to respond but keeps his cool for now and drinks his beer. He knows that the others are right but doesn't want to justify the facts. He stubbornly keeps his pride, too stubbornly.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Hey Fred, have another beer...it's on the house

**JOHNNY JOHN**

Don't take it to heart, pal, there are facts and there's nothing to argue about. As long as the government doesn't look out for the simple citizens from the weaker sectors – the middle

and poor classes, then there will be a real catastrophe coming.

**JACK RONALDSON**

I’ll tell you something, guys, the ones that are earning at the expense of all the others are the weapons industrialists...because there is no shortage of wars in the world, terrorism and such. The ammunition dealers make all kinds of weapons, guns, grenades, bombs, shells, missiles and all kinds of other types of weaponry. They make tanks and all kinds of machines.

**GEORGE BIRD**

That’s the main stay of the world’s economy, wars are waged, terror attacks and so on...the weapons industries make ammunition, Merkavas, machines, etc....they make enough to supply the whole world and in the end they earn a fortune.

**JEFF STEFAN**

Too bad there are wars and terror, too bad there’s no peace...

Fred Borne is drinking his beer



**JOHNNY JOHN**

Really, the weapons industry makes more profit than any other industry, that's for sure, but in the end all the people of the upper class enjoy government protection; the high class and the poor class lean together on the middle class that suffers more than ever.

**FRED BORNE**

Okay..! I kept quiet till now...you're talking so much rubbish and I can't listen any more. The right wing government and the left-wing opposition forever! I'm in favor of this Prime Minister and I'm in favor of this government, and that's a fact!

Fred Borne keeps to his opinion without worrying about the responses of the others, full of pride. He drinks his drink with a big smile on his face, his friends look at him and view him as a total idiot, but they keep on talking.

**JEFF STEFAN**

Our friend, Fred Borne, is so stubborn, even more than Haya and he keeps to his ideas without listening to anything that's being said or anything that comes out of his own mouth.

**GEORGE BIRD**

We need to get rid of the high cost of living, to make prices come down in all the stores and businesses and in all the pharmacies and food outlets; we need to lower the price of real estate by at least 80% and the municipal taxes and utilities by at least 70%. The prices of energy and fuels need to come down by 70% and minimum wage should be 20 thousand shekels including all the taxes and benefits. Income tax should be lowered to 1% and

VAT and taxes should be done away with. Get rid of unemployment, send people to work, raise pensions... and make sure that all the citizens of this country get what they need when they need it.

### **JOHNNY JOHN**

You said it, George. You're a wise man, George, but there are a lot of other things that need to be done for the citizens to make sure there is equality.

## 2. Int. Small Town Bar - Night

In spite of the discussion between the friends at the Small Town bar – the music is on and JULIE-JULIETTE continues to dance and serve the customers.

**JEFF STEFAN**

Hey Jack, give me a double whiskey- neat

**GEORGE BIRD**

Jack, give me a brandy on the rocks.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

Jack, hey Jack, give me a foamy draught beer

**FRED BORNE**

Jack, get me champagne and a cheese plate with  
t he house bread, and make it quick!

**JACK RONALDSON**

**Coming right up guys.**

**JEFF STEFAN**

The Prime Minister and all the rest of his cabinet keep on making promises right and left but when it comes time to act none of them do anything.

**FRED BORNE**

That's not true, you're wrong. Our leaders are doing all they can. Instead of complaining, start to see the positive side of things. Start appreciating your leader and the government so you can appreciate what they're doing. Stop supporting the left and be happy that there's a good leader worrying about the people of this country

– and our leader is looking out for us.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

You're an idiot, Fred, you're wrong and you know it.

It's no wonder you're such a right extremist...

**GEORGE BIRD**

We have to have a serious revolt in this country, to bring down the current government and to get a better one that...to choose the perfect leader that would lead this country wisely and with respect without doing damage. The citizens in this country can't go on living the way we do now, even though so many think like Fred, I think it's possible to make serious changes in our beautiful and well-developed country.

**JEFF STEFAN**

In the meantime, we're just talking, but we should

think about what we can do about this. JACK RONALDSON serves our friends their orders.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Here are your orders, guys, dig in!

**JEFF STEFAN**

Tell us your opinion Jack; I’d like to hear what you think about all this.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Every one of us is allowed to express their opinion and think whatever way as to what’s right as far as I’m concerned. But you’re all right, except for Fred, who thinks that the current situation is the best.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

It’s a good thing the Prime Minister and his cabinet aren’t here right now, I’d let them have it and demand they rectify the situation for the entire population.

**GEORGE BIRD**

In today’s reality, it’s hard for young people to survive. No matter how much they work and struggle. Even if they study and find work in their profession it will still be hard for them to earn enough to live on. And for the married ones it’s even harder to save enough to buy a home.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

It's hard for young couples to get a mortgage. You're lucky your wife already has a home.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Yeah, you're right Johnny John, but still, there needs to be some justice in this country. It can't be that things will stay this way forever in our country. We need to make a change right away.

**JULIE-JULIETTE**

Jack, wow, I'm so happy to be working for you...

**JACK RONALDSON**

See, guys, here's someone who's happy with her job.

**JULIE-JULIETTE**

I sure do enjoy it, the work is fun, I love to dance and the tips are great.

**JACK RONALDSON**

I'm glad you're enjoying every moment at work; at least you're happy because not everyone else is, and that's for sure.

**JULIE-JULIETTE**

I'm just putting these tips with all these others and I'll get back to work.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Okay, JULIE-JULIETTE, here, take some vodka neat,  
no rocks...it’ll do you good.

After JULIE-JULIETTE finishes what she’s doing, she takes the vodka from JACK and drinks it all in one gulp. Then she goes back to work.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Guys, let’s leave all this talk about politics because it gives me high blood pressure. Let’s talk about something else.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

You’re right, let’s talk about something else...Jack give me frothy draught beer and some turkey wings with hot chili peppers and barbecue sauce on the side.

**JEFF STEFAN**

Jack, give me a gin and a plate of fries and greens with a side of pickles and Thousand Island dressing.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Let me have vodka on the rocks and a veal cutlet with garlic and onions and a couple of lettuce leaves with a side of olive oil and mustard dressing.



**FRED BORNE**

I'll have a straight cognac, an order of veal cutlet with lots of gravy, and a side of mashed potatoes with fried onions and garlic on top.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Gladly fellas, you'll have your orders right away.

JULIE-JULIETTE is giving private dances to customers while in the nude.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Soon everything will change for the good.

**FRED BORNE**

I hope you're right George, maybe over time everything will be different, much better than it is now...even though it's my opinion that life is very good now, but if there's a chance that life would improve, then, amen.

**GEORGE BIRD**

I believe that this government won't last and soon there will be an election...I figure that after those elections a new and more stable government will strive for a better future for all Israeli citizens.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Amen to that, George, we all hope that you’re right and that’s how it will be. It would be great for this country if that would happen.

JACK RONALDSON tells JULIE-JULIETTE to serve the fellows their orders, which she proceeds to do.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Thanks, Julie, good for you, kiddo.

**JEFF STEFAN**

Thanks, sweetie, bless you.

**JOHNNY JOHN**

Good on you, Juliette, more power to you.

**FRED BORNE**

Great, good for you!

**JULIE-JULIETTE**

Thanks guys, I’m happy to serve you and will be happy to serve you in the future.

The four friends pool together and give JULIE-JULIETTE a generous tip; she continues on with her work enthusiastically.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Why is there a residence for the Prime Minister and why should the PM and his wife live there? I think they should live with their family in their own house and the Prime Minister's residence should be demolished. Why is there a Presidential residence and why does the President need to live there? The President should live with his family in their own house and the President's residence should be demolished, too.

**JEFF STEFAN**

You're right, George, the taxpaying citizens pay for the Prime Minister's and the President's residences at great expense. The President should live in his own house with his family, just as the Prime Minister should live with his family in their own house...we all agree with you on that. The nation should demolish the Prime Minister's and the President's residences...with all due respect...

**JOHNNY JOHN**

Taxes pay for their bodyguards too, for the Prime Minister and the President, and all the members of parliament and they all have cars and drivers and free gas, newspapers, and all kinds of benefits, everything included! And to top it off, none of them pay taxes...

they all live off the taxpayers’ money, the citizens pay for everything.

**GEORGE BIRD**

Citizens need to stop funding these important persons, all of these respected folks should start funding all of their needs from their personal money and not from public sources gathered from good taxpaying citizens. They all earn a lot of money and unlike all the simple citizens who work hard to earn a minimum wage of not even 4650 shekels before deductions! Also, I think, it’s the obligation of all those important people to decrease their salary by 50%. The salaries of those important people should be cut by at least 50%!

**JACK RONALDSON**

You’re absolutely right, guys; this country is facing a real catastrophe!

Fred Borne gets upset, and replies in anger, he yells at them and talks with impertinence.

**FRED BORNE**

You’ve got a lot of nerve... I thought you were all so smart. But it turns out that you’re stupid, you’re animals that don’t know anything; I don’t understand how you dare to talk like that. You’ve got a lot of nerve!

JACK RONALDSON warns Fred Borne to behave himself, he tells him if he continues that way he'd better just get up and go home to his wife.

**JACK RONALDSON**

Fred, this isn't parliament, even though it's a great and outstanding country...I'm running a bar and not a 'brothel'. Behave yourself and watch your manners. There's a limit and if you push it, behave like an animal you'll have to go home to sleep with your wife.

**FRED BORNE**

Okay, okay, Jack, let me have another whiskey, neat, no rocks, please. Let's talk about something less annoying. I've got a hot temper!

**JACK RONALDSON**

Sounds good, Fred!

JULIE-JULIETTE walks over to Fred Borne and gives him a private dance in front of all his friends; he's agreeable and incredibly happy.

**JULIE-JULIETTE**

I'm happy to see that I'm giving you a bit of joy; I can take good care of you, you manly, man...