

SIDE A

14

VANYA: Well she hasn't asked us to come.

MASHA: Well you're not famous. She's inviting famous people and literary people, and interesting people. And, of course, you and Sonia are very interesting. And I told her that, so she wants both of you to come with me and Spike tonight.

VANYA: Spike?

(Enter SPIKE, carrying a large garment bag, which holds the costume, and a shepherd's crook. He finds somewhere to hang up or put down the garment bag and the crook.)

SPIKE: *(friendly, charming)* Yup, that's my name. Don't wear it out.

VANYA: I'll try not to.

SPIKE: Okay, I got the costume and this weird shepherd's thing.

MASHA: Thank you, Spike.

SONIA: Is Spike the name you were given at birth?

SPIKE: No, it's my acting name. My real name was Vlad. But my agent said that that was hard to hear, and I was wearing my hair all spikey that day, and he said, why don't you call yourself Spike. And so I do.

MASHA: Spike is a very gifted actor. He was almost cast in the sequel to *Entourage*, *Entourage 2*. HBO thought he was wonderful.

SPIKE: Yeah, I should've gotten that part.

MASHA: But, darling, you came very close. They brought you in to network. You were down to the last three.

SPIKE: Yeah. And they put me up in a fancy hotel.

MASHA: Well, of course.

SONIA: Maybe you'll come close to getting another part soon.

MASHA: Well next time he'll *get* the part.

SPIKE: Yeah, it's only a matter of time.

VANYA: I'm sorry, who is Spike? Is he your driver?