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MASHA: Now, Spike, I'm sure Vanya thinks you're a perfectly nice looking young man. Let's leave it at that. *(to VANYA)* He craves attention slightly. But all good actors do.

SPIKE: I'm hot!

VANYA: Oh yes? Shouldn't you leave that for others to say?

SPIKE: *(laughs good naturedly)* No, I mean I'm warm. The air is warm, I'm *hot!*
(looking out the window)

That pond that's out there. Can you swim in it?

VANYA: Swim in it? It's not very deep. You can wade in it,

SPIKE: Yeah. Maybe I'll do that.

MASHA: Really, darling, you want to wade in a pond?

SPIKE: Yeah, it's a hot day.

MASHA: I guess it is. There are frogs in the pond you know.

SPIKE: I like frogs.

MASHA: Did you bring a swim suit?

SPIKE: No, I can just strip to my underwear. See you later, babe, I'm gonna go cool off in the pond.

MASHA: Well, if that's what you want, darling. *(to VANYA)* He's so unpredictable.

(Very comfortable, but also liking people to watch him, SPIKE takes his shoes off, then takes his shirt off, then takes his pants off. With abandon, he throws his clothes onto a couch or chair. He puts his shoes back on. He is now only in his underwear. He looks very good. He starts toward the pond, but gives MASHA a quick kiss on his way out.)

SPIKE: See you later!

(He moves quickly out of the room, but oddly ruffles VANYA's hair on his way outside. It's a playful gesture but VANYA finds it strange. SPIKE happily exits on to the grass, looking forward to wading and frogs...)

MASHA: The younger generation is like that. They strip to their underwear right in front of everybody.