Office Romance

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Director
Misa Shkolina

Act One
A day in the life of a statistician. Work centers on an unusual mold test.
Samokhvalov comes between. Old friends reunite and hatch a plot to plan
for Novoseltsev to get a promotion.

Act Two
Samokhvalov's oldest plot. Just dealing with the boss. What could go
wrong?

Act Three
Back at the office. Novoseltsev is afraid he will lose his job. Lyudmila wants
to try a new look. Olga tries to rekindle things with Yuri.

Act Four
Lyudmila and Novoseltsev are getting close. What will happen? Could it
be a work-related emotionally-based entanglement?

The Cast of Characters

Lyudmila Prokofievna Kalugina: director of the statistics institute.
Anatoli Yefremovich Novoseltsev: worker at the Statistics institute.
Yuri Grigorievich Samokhvalov: head of
Lyudmila's and Yuri's assistant director.
Olga Petrovna Kuznetsova (Olya): worker at
Lyudmila's and worker at the Statistics institute.
Verochka: secretary to Kalugina

If there were no statistics, we would
dache na podozravli o tom, kak korosho
my rabadem...

1970's Moscow: Anatoli Yefremovich
Novoseltsev works in a statistics institute,
whose director is an unattractive and bossy
woman. An old friend of his, Yuri Grigorievich
Samokhvalov, who gets appointed assistant
director of the institution, wants to make
Novoseltsev the head of the department but
encounters objections from Lyudmila Prokofievna
Kalugina, the director. Samokhvalov then advises
Novoseltsev to lightly hit on the boss. Ironically,
there might be office romance in the air...
Dedicated to...

In memory of Eldar Ryazanov (1927-2013)
and many others.
Mariam Haidar

When she’s not struggling to get out of bed, coding over-complicated algorithms, or working on a last minute Russian translation, Mariam can be found planning her next road trip, managing her Etsy, and/or loving her cat Tiger. Mariam is a graduating 5th year Senior majoring in Astronomy and Astrophysics, Interdisciplinary Physics, and minoring in Russian.

Arthur Mengozzi

An ardent learner of foreign languages and a proud member of the University of Michigan Men’s Glee Club, Arthur spends his time reading Russian literature, listening to classical music, and exploring the intricacies of whatever language suits his fancy that day. Arthur is a sophomore studying Russian Language and Literature and International Studies.

Amelia Feuka

Amelia is a junior majoring in International Studies and Russian Language and Literature. She loves spending time with her sisters in Ann Arbor and hiking with her boyfriend. She aspires to one day work in the intelligence field as an analyst. In the meantime, Amelia enjoys being a full-time mother of her cat, Jefferson.

Peixin Yang

Peixin is a graduating senior majoring in Economics and Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies. She’s been thinking about visiting Central Asia after graduation and still haven’t completed the Tran-Siberian Railway trip on her bucket list. As a non-native speaker, she is hoping that someday her Russian would be as fluent as her English.
Jason Rumsey

Jason is a graduating senior with degrees in communications and Russian culture. Whenever he’s not trying to find time to do important things like eat and sleep, he’s busy pursuing dreams of working in the intelligence community and competing on American Ninja Warrior.

Michael Fealey

Michael is a second year M.A. student in the Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies. He is also a member of the reference department at the Bentley Historical Library here at U of M.

Paul Rizik

Paul Rizik is a graduate student in the Center for Russian and Eastern European Languages.

Haley Larson

Haley is a graduating senior majoring in Russian and Statistics. As a fifth year senior, she has been counting down the days until graduation for as long as she can remember.

Mark Dovich

Mark is a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio. He initially became interested in Russian due to family background in the region and began studying Russian in high school. At Michigan, Mark is pursuing a double major in Political Science and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. He hopes to work in international relations after graduation.