

Hangover Cure

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Premise: A holiday hangover cure becomes a lesson in friendship and culture.

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Cast: 5 - Scoot, Tiago, Lincoln, Ada, (+ Server 1 line)

INT. PUB - HOLIDAYS - EVENING

It's holiday season, and a #YoungAndHip group of friends are gathered for dinner at a pub. A SERVER, 24, takes their orders.

SERVER

Welcome to Grady O'Flannahan's,  
where we wish everyone a happy  
non-denominational holiday season.  
What can I get you?

SCOOT

I'll have the Ho-Ho-Channukah Stout.

LINCOLN

And I'll have the Dandy Diwali IPA.

ADA

Beer. Don't fuck it up.

The Server turns to TIAGO.

SERVER

And for you?

TIAGO

I'll have a water.

Record scratch. *What did he just say?*

SCOOT

Wooah, Big man over here.

ADA

Hey everybody, huge guy over here  
in need of hydration.

Lincoln hits a vape.

LINCOLN

Massive. Defying tradition at  
our annual holiday get-together.  
Way to betray our collective  
drunkenness.

TIAGO

Sorry, gang. I'm hungover.

SCOOT

You know what you need?

Pitcher full of water with  
cucumber slices.

ADA

Oh yeah... water. Make it warm  
lemon water with cayenne pepper  
and honey.

TIAGO

Spicy water? Maybe not.

LINCOLN

My pop always said Menudo -

TIAGO

- The band?

LINCOLN

The soup. It's like a soup with  
dry toast.

TIAGO

The band?

Lincoln shakes his head.

TIAGO (CONT'D)

Where do I find this food?

LINCOLN

(sadly)

Ask a cow.

TIAGO throws up his hands.

ADA

My Slovenian grandmatrushka says  
rubbing duck fat on her thighs  
has never once failed her.

SCOOT

Ok, maybe, but first what you've  
gotta do is squeeze a durian through  
a garlic press, then let the resulting  
paste sit in a mixture of hen broth  
and lake salt for 4-6 hours over a  
low boil.

TIAGO

That's what your family does?

SCOOT

(sadly)

No, my family just keeps on drinking.

ADA

(cutting in)

Smart! Hair of the Dog! Everyone has their own recipe, of course, but what I like to do is take a fistful of fur from an older basset hound - maybe seven, eight years - and muddle it in a rocks glass with about a half ounce of unpasteurized table cream.

TIAGO

You do know that's supposed to be a metaphor?

Ada's expression: completely blank.

TIAGO

I'll probably pass on that one.

LINCOLN

(exhales vape)

When all else fails, hit a dab and go ride the teacups at Wonderland.

TIAGO

Is that a hangover cure?

LINCOLN

Nah, but that shit is tight.

The Server returns with everyone's drinks.

Tiago tries to take a sip of water and suddenly gets up.

TIAGO

Oh God, I think I'm going to shit myself.

He runs off to the bathroom.

SCOOT

Well *that* won't help.

Everyone turns to camera and makes that "Oh, you *rascal*" sitcom face. Reeally highlighting how bad of a joke it is.

END