

23 AND MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY

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Character List: Matthew McConaughey, Síoban (Shiv-awn), Seamus (Shay-mus), Tadgh (Tie-guh) and Aoife (Eee-fah), TV Announcer

INT - IRISH COTTAGE - DAY

SÍOBAN, SEAMUS, TADGH and AOIFE sit around a kitchen table, having tea. They all wear stiff Irish sweaters.

SÍOBAN

Seamus, Tadgh, and Aoife, today, our long-lost American cousin Matthew is visiting, so let's have a proper cup of tea with him and chat nice-like when he comes in.

There's a knock on the door.

SÍOBAN

That must be him!

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY enters, wearing a half-buttoned cubavera shirt, aviators and cowboy boots. He chews on a toothpick.

MATTHEW

Alright, alright, alright, how's it hangin' to my longest, most-distant Irish relatives?

The cousins all smile and stand. Matthew immediately leans on a wall in an exaggerated way, arms folded and legs crossed.

SÍOBAN

Cousin Matthew McConaughey, what a delight! We're just sittin' down for some tea.

MATTHEW

Well, isn't that tea-lightful, heh heh heh!

He moves over to the table, sits down and props up his feet. Síoban pours him some tea.

SÍOBAN

Now, I'm Síoban. [*Shiv-awn*]

SEAMUS

I'm Seamus. [*Shay-Mus*]

TADGH

I'm Tadgh. [*Tie-guh*]

AOIFE

And I'm Aoife. [*Eee-fah*]

MATTHEW

Yeah...I saw all your names written down and had myself a little panic attack, so I decided I'm gonna call all y'all Sheila.

SEAMUS

What?

MATTHEW

Yeah, Sheilas 1 through 4. You can be number one! Heh heh heh! It'll help me feel like we're all speaking the same English.

He points two finger guns at Seamus. The cousins look annoyed. Síoban tries to smooth things over.

SÍOBAN

So, cousin Matthew, I was delighted when I got your message. What made you get in touch?

MATTHEW

(Getting a little mystical. He starts gesturing with his hands.)
Well, I got the idea when I realized "McConaughey" was Irish.

TADGH

You's never knew that McConaughey was an Irish name?

MATTHEW

I just assumed it came from Austin, like everything else that's cool.

Matthew points two finger guns at Tadgh. He gets up and leans in another exaggerated way against the wall.

AOIFE

And how'd you find out about us?

MATTHEW

I took a 23 and Me test! I figured
it'd be a gas to find another 23
versions of me.

Matthew moves to another wall and leans on it suggestively.

SÍOBAN

Cousin Matthew, would you like to sit
down? You don't always hafta be
leanin', all exhausted-like.

MATTHEW

Nah, I've got a condition where I have
to lean on stuff constantly. Haven't
you seen a poster of any of my
romantic comedies, heh heh heh?

AOIFE

(To Tadgh)

I wonder if we can figure out a way to
lose this guy in LESS than ten days.

Matthew saunters back over to the table. He takes a sip of
his tea.

MATTHEW

Hey, Shiela 2-

SÍOBAN, TADGH AND AOIFE

Me?

He points to Síoban.

MATTHEW

-do you happen to have any Stevia for
this tea?

SÍOBAN

I'm sure I don't, cousin Matthew.

MATTHEW

It'd be a lot cooler if you did, heh
heh heh.

He points some finger guns at Síoban.

TADGH

Cousin Matthew, what accomplishment
are ye most proud of?

MATTHEW

Well, that's a great question, Shiela
3. It'd probably be the time I proved
to Jodie Foster that God exists.

AOIFE

You mean your movie, "Contact"?

MATTHEW

No.

The cousins stare at Matthew, who peers back at them over his
aviators.

MATTHEW

...Y'all want some bolo ties?

He reaches into his pocket and pulls some out. While he does,
the cousins exchange glances. Seamus gets an idea.

SEAMUS

Oh, cousin Matthew, has anyone told
you what the coolest place in Ireland
is?

MATTHEW

Not yet, Shiela 1! You gonna blow my
mind?

Matthew starts handing out the bolo ties, putting them around
the cousins necks. They look at the ties with WTF faces.

SEAMUS

Oh yeah, yeah. It's this really cool
part of Ireland that you can only get
to by boat.

MATTHEW

Oh really?

SEAMUS

Yeah, it's called Scotland! You'll
love it, it's like the Austin of
Ireland.

Done handing out bolo ties, Matthew just finger guns every
which way with excitement.

MATTHEW

Now that's what I'm talkin' about,
cousin Shiela 1! That sounds like an

actual hoot AND a holler!

AOIFE

(Playing along)

Oh yeah, they've got a Burning Man festival, an ayahuasca retreat, and everything Ireland's famous for!

MATTHEW

Say no more, Shiela 4, I'm there! Now which way to the boat?

TADGH

(Checks his watch)

Golly gosh, I think the next boat leaves in 20 minutes! You better run, Cousin Matthew!

MATTHEW

(Starts shaking the cousins hands as he gets up to leave)

Well, it's been fun being related to y'all, but I've got a cool boat to catch. I'll catch you Shielas later!

Matthew walks out the door.

Later that night, the cousins are all watching the evening news on TV.

TV ANNOUNCER (VO)

In other news, American Actor Matthew McConaughey has arrived in Scotland, and in less than 24 hours, he's started his own festival in Edinburgh.

MATTHEW (VO)

It's called Edin-Burning Man! Yeehaw!

SÍOBAN

I'm just glad he's having fun.

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