

ANDREA PASS

FINALE

Hommage à Mark Fisher

Helga Káldi – Headmistress

Ottó – the Janitor

Imre Pál and Bertalan Pál – Father, and his 9-year-old son

Miklós Márfi - television producer and influencer, husband of the Reporter;

Ilona Kovács Larissza – TikTok star

Gerda Kincses –Teacher

Ében – celebrity, appears projected on the screen

Adrienn Kedves – Reporter and influencer, wife of Miklós

2 Mothers in a mask

Father in a mask; Man in a mask

The Cleaning Lady in a mask

Students, appears projected on the screen

Enter HELGA – a portrait of Rembrandt is projected on the wall.

Berci is sitting in the classroom.



HELGA Hi Berci! My name is Ms. Helga. I'm very glad that you'll be joining us. But we have a tradition here. You need to stand up when we meet.

Berci stands up.

HELGA And there's another rule. You can't enter this room in street shoes.

Berci doesn't know what to do.

HELGA Feel free to take off your shoes.

Berci takes off his shoes.

HELGA Take them out to the corridor.

Berci takes out the shoes, stops at the door.

HELGA Now you can come in!

Berci comes back.

HELGA You can sit down. How old are you exactly?

BERCI I'll be nine in nine months and nine days.

HELGA Wow. Are you counting?

BERCI Yes. Who's that in the picture?

HELGA He's a painter. His name is Rembrandt.

BERCI Did he paint himself?

HELGA Yes, he did. In the old days that was like taking a selfie is today.

BERCI *(looking at the picture)* I think it's very different.

HELGA *(smiling)* From what I understand, you like to draw too.

BERCI I also like to paint.

HELGA Would you paint something for me?

BERCI Paint what?

HELGA I thought that every week you could paint somebody or something that makes you feel good here.

BERCI Okay.

HELGA Thank you.

BERCI And aren't you going to ask me what I want to be when I grow up?

HELGA But of course! What do you want to be when you grow up?

BERCI Can I show you?

Shows his phone to Helga, Kurt Cobain appears projected on the wall (in place of Rembrandt).



BERCI My father has a T-shirt like this. He bought it not too long ago.

HELGA Really? It's very cool!

BERCI I'm not sure whether it's still available or not.

HELGA Do you like his music too?

BERCI Of course! Do you think people sell things like that because he died?

HELGA ...Perhaps.

Ottó arrives

OTTÓ Headmistress!

HELGA What is it, Ottó?

OTTÓ The chocolate milk has arrived.

HELGA Great.

OTTÓ It's already turned sour.

HELGA Have the kids had any of it?

OTTÓ No way! I taste everything first.

HELGA And are you okay?

OTTÓ Me? No worries. Even if a miniplanet crashed into Earth, I'd survive.

HELGA Is a miniplanet going to crash into us?

OTTÓ Sooner or later, yes.

HELGA *(turns towards Berci)* Mr. Ottó has a vivid imagination...

OTTÓ All of us have seen the crash of a meteorite on the screen of our imagination. A cloudburst tearing the sky apart, an earthquake shaking the earth....

BERCI Firestorm, landslide.

OTTÓ Interplanetary space attack.

BERCI Rain of frogs, swarm of locusts.

OTTÓ Snake pit...

BERCI Devil's inn...

OTTÓ Ulcer, sting, abscess...

BERCI Zombie, UFO, bladder...

OTTÓ Cockroach feeler, larval meat...

BERCI Rat-faced centipede.

OTTÓ Vampire barbie, poltergeist...

BERCI *(imagines)* Vampire barbie...

OTTÓ Right? Everything else is incomprehensible.

BERCI When is the miniplanet going to crash into us?

OTTÓ I don't know exactly. But if you pay close attention, you may be able to see how one reality covers another.

HELGA Thank you, Ottó! Why don't you call the supplier and tell them we will no longer be ordering chocolate milk from them.

OTTÓ Right away, Headmistress!

Another scene:

OTTÓ All people are prisoners of their own imagination.

The media is competing to see who can better serve the cell in which we are aborted. Now there's even such a thing as emotional marketing! And collective depletion of consciousness! They create a deficit in our fantasy, make us starve, and they delete our memories from the tape so

that we don't drown in craving. And then we are amazed that realities are updating like a piece of software? That long-term memory blocks are being installed in our heads? That they are spreading the mental plague? Everyone feels the same way in the realm of the self, Gerdácska.

Adrienn and Miklós appear separately in the two openings, holding phones in their hands, recording themselves and the “invisible” products of the baby shop.

ADRIENN See this, Miki? It's a unicorn and a highchair in one!

OTTÓ We're floating together in a big dream. In a dream which isn't the jerk spitting in his girlfriend's mouth, nor the dude who wants a park and a dance, nor the brother-in-law knocking out the teeth of his wife's mother, his stepdaughter's half-sister's fuckboy, but these...

Adrienn and Miklós step into the space.

OTTÓ They have colonized us.

Adrienn already has a small belly. Gerda and Ottó are watching them.

ADRIENN *(talks to the camera)* This is Disneyland! Even people who don't have a baby yet should come to Lollypop.

MIKLÓS *(also to the camera)* Look, sweetheart! They also sell maternity clothes.

ADRIENN Oh, they're so cute!

MIKLÓS Now I understand what it is we're actually doing. That we can have a real connection with you... That it can work both ways...

ADRIENN At first, we tried vlogging just for fun...

MIKLÓS But we've grown to love it.

ADRIENN We've stayed here with you...

MIKLÓS We're starting to be like a big family.

ADRIENN And it's so nice that you can also be part of our fairy tale. Look! Another unicorn!

MIKLÓS Well, choose which one you want.

ADRIENN (*touches her belly*) We can't decide....

MIKLÓS Okay, you'll get both.

ADRIENN (*kisses Miklós, then talks to the camera*) It's a bit chaotic, sorry, we're still not good enough at this double-camera livestreaming...

MIKLÓS Here are the baby carriages too. They have Porsche ones for the boys.

ADRIENN I read all your messages after our baby announcement video, and I don't want to exaggerate.... but I think I cried for a whole hour. Right, Miki?

MIKLÓS So much that I even got it on video.

ADRIENN Poor dear, at first you were scared that something was wrong.

MIKLÓS I wasn't scared.

ADRIENN Yes you were. I saw it in your eyes. But I was just touched by your messages...

MIKLÓS ... that you could tell just how much we'd been fighting for this baby...

ADRIENN ... and that we can celebrate it together.

MIKLÓS And that's the beauty of it.

ADRIENN So thank you so much, guys.

MIKLÓS And we'd like to thank you guys somehow.

ADRIENN Not only with words.

MIKLÓS Well, Adri has a great idea. Like always.

ADRIENN The truth is... as you've already noticed... several sponsors appear in our videos.

MIKLÓS Of course they do. But we only say yes to products that match our channel's profile. So, the ones that are cool.

ADRIENN So it's not about accepting every single request, because then you'd basically be watching one long commercial instead of us, and you obviously wouldn't follow us.

MIKLÓS But there are certain products that we're proud to promote. Do you want to say it, or should I?

ADRIENN You should because it's the kind of gadget that you're into.

MIKLÓS This shop is full of treasures... Like this. *(takes out a small handheld ultrasound from Adrienn's bag)* You use it by downloading an app on your phone.

MIKLÓS And when the mother places it on her belly *(Adrienn places it on her belly)*

ADRIENN Or the father places it on the mother's belly...

MIKLÓS ...then all of a sudden, the baby appears on the phone.

The video of the embryo comes into focus.

MIKLÓS Are you guys seeing this miracle?

ADRIENN It's incredible...

They look at the embryo, then continue deeply affected.

ADRIENN Is that his penis?

MIKLÓS I don't think it's visible at this age.

ADRIENN But I saw something there...

MIKLÓS Why don't you tell them your idea, sweetheart.

ADRIENN We've thought about starting a new channel...

MIKLÓS A birth channel...

Pause

ADRIENN That's great, Miki! That should be the name of the channel!

MIKLÓS Of course, that's why I said it.

ADRIENN So we're going to start a "Birth Channel" where you can follow everything about the baby's development and see what's happening inside the mother during the different periods...

MIKLÓS So, inside you.

ADRIENN What to eat, what dietary supplements and prenatal vitamins to take and so on.

MIKLÓS We hope we'll be able to help a lot of pregnant women this way.

ADRIENN So, please subscribe! And a big thanks to Mammon for making this possible...

The embryo's picture becomes distorted for a moment.

MIKLÓS Mammon?

ADRIENN *(still to the camera)* Yes, that's the company. The supplier.

MIKLÓS Mammon...

The picture becomes noisier.

ADRIENN *(laughing)* Yes, Mammon... What is it?

MIKLÓS Nothing...

ADRIENN *(to the camera again)* Thank you to Mammon, who gave us this gift...

The embryo's picture becomes distorted, the music is also noisy.

ADRIENN Miki! Keep holding it on my belly, or the picture will disappear.

The video is becoming more distorted: as if the embryo is being dragged, Miklós moves away from Adrienn, his head is splitting.

ADRIENN We're going to go pay for this real quick and keep using it at home. We'll be back soon! Bye guys!!! *(turns off the camera, turns towards Miklós)* Are you okay?

MIKLÓS No.

ADRIENN What's the problem?

MIKLÓS My head is fucking killing me.

ADRIENN Oh dear... Does it hurt that much? I don't have any medicine on me...

MIKLÓS Don't they sell any in this shithole?

ADRIENN I don't think so...

Adrienn takes out a red folder, music and picture is nothing but noise.

ADRIENN *(hands him the folder)* You need to sign this.

MIKLÓS *(while suffering from the pain)* What is it?

ADRIENN *(takes out a pen)* The contract with Mammon.

Adrienn gives Miklós the pen, he falls on the ground as he takes it from her, the embryo is flickering like a stroboscope. Adrienn once again hands Miklós the pen, he grabs it, but it drops. He picks it up off the ground, but drops it again. Finally, Adrienn helps him to hold it. It takes a lot effort for Miklós to sign the contract – projection disappears, and suddenly the man calms down.