

Anya .

I am not from your country. If I tell truth I do not want to be here, I want to go America but the President of USA he say no. He not like the people from my country. He thinks were are all communists and communists want to take over America. If we like communists so much why are we all trying to get away from them? I think President of USA is stupid man.

So I am stuck here in England, but now, life is not so bad. Back in my country, things are bad. They have been bad for a long time, since the war. First we had the Nazis invade and when we get rid of them we get Russians take over. Nazis or Communists it makes no difference to the people we just suffer. But I get lucky or so I think. I get a chance to get out. A man he say I pay him money and he smuggles me out of the country to England. I tell him I have no money but he say that okay, I can do work and pay him back when I get to England. I think he lies but I see no choice. My family all die in the war, so I have no-one and communists would make me work in factory or have me marry some strange man and make ten babies to serve their revolution. *Pieprzyć to!**

The man and his friends they take what you call - how you say it - the scenic route. The journey is long. Sometimes by truck often we walk. Some not make it, but the men just left them where they fall. So for days and weeks we roamed until we get to France. They tell us to get on a boat which is very small and we cross the sea at night. The sea was calm if not I think we drown. I was scared. Me - Anya Kowalska - I fear nothing and I was scared but we land just before dawn where another man, take us in a van to London. I am lucky again

- I get job as chambermaid in hotel. I get room and food but not wages. The hours are long and the work is hard. They say once I work off the cost of getting me to England they give me papers. But I work for years and no papers. When I say I will quit the hotel manager he just laugh but I had enough. He hit me. But he make mistake - a guest in hotel saw him hit me. It was Miss Millington. She was looking for Manager and hear argument and see him hit me. Miss Millington say she do something and Manager laughs and tells her to go another hotel. But Miss Millington's father is powerful man and soon police come to arrest Hotel Manager. But they want to send me back home! I no want to go back! But Miss Millington help me again - she takes me to countryside and gives me job as Housekeeper. And Colonel Millington helps get me papers so now I am legal Alien. I know not what Legal Alien means but I can stay in England. I hope one day to go to America when they get a President that is not stupid. So for now I stay with Miss Millington in this funny place. The people in this place are very peculiar and I not understand them. Especially the mad old one, she is crazy! She forgets things all the time and keep leaving things in the wrong place, then blames me for moving them! And now I have a wedding to plan for and they want me to cook for sixty! Mrs Bolton say she will help. Her cooking is terrible. She burn a boiled egg! *Bóg w niebie***. But I have baked special cake for Miss Millington. She is nice. She is kind. She deserves to be happy for helping me.

**Fuck that!*

*** God in Heaven*