

The Big Sargowski

Skit 4. “The Big Sargowski”

Cast: Jim as Tom, Paco as Chris, Kjetil as the recruit

Tom: Chris, ummm, is it okay if I question the candidate. I have a really good sense now of who is a good match for Minnesota.

Chris: Fine.

(Kjetil comes in and shakes hands)

Kjetil: Professors Sargent and Sims, it is an honor to meet you.

Tom: Please have a seat. I have a few questions if you don't mind.

Kjetil: (Enthusiastically) Mind. Gosh no, not at all.

Tom: Do you bowl?

Kjetil: Did you say “Do I bowl”? Gosh, no, I don't bowl. But I can learn. (Pause) Perhaps I should tell you about my job market paper.

Tom: (Cuts him off) Did you go to public schools?

Kjetil: Public schools? Well, ummm, I went to Harvard....you know, like you guys. (Pause) I should say that I also took a bunch of classes in the math and statistics department and at MIT.

Tom: (Cuts him off) Do you drink Leinenkugels?

Kjetil: Leinenkugels? Ummm, I can't say that I know what that is, but I am happy to learn! (Pause) And, did I tell you that I wrote a second paper in the area of Bayesian econometrics....

Chris: (Slams fist on table, stands up and says loudly) You are hired! And you can be on the damn bowling team if you want.

(Chris walks off and on the screen pops Caty's picture of the Big Sargowski)



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