

Act 2

Once a week, between 17:45 – 18:00, N does a live broadcast of the news. The following messages begin after she has finished on air.

Tuesday 14th April

18:05 A: hello
18:05 I hope you don't mind me contacting you on here?

Tuesday 21st April

18:13 A: you were great tonight

Tuesday 28th April

18:08 A: new hair?
18:08 looked different to last week

Wednesday 29th April

13:47 A: you know I can see when you've read my messages

13:59 N: yep

14:31 A: there's this thing that you do with your lips
14:31 like a twitch
14:31 I keep noticing it
14:31 it's quite cute

Tuesday 5th May

18:15 A: today's story was a good one

18:24 N: ?

18:25 A: I liked how dark it was

19:32 you look so good on camera

Tuesday 12th May

18:03 A: I liked the bit at the end before it cut
18:03 I don't think you realised you were still being filmed

19:06 actually I bet you did

Tuesday 19th May

18:12 A: too much makeup today

18:12 in my opinion you don't need it
18:12 you're very attractive you'd look better without

Tuesday 26th May

18:24 A: you delivered it well tonight, very impressive

20:44 did you write the story?

20:48 I hear about these kinds of things all the time but your report was very unique
20:48 you seem motivated to present an unconventional narrative
20:48 I appreciate that

20:52 N: thanks

20:53 A: did you write it?

20:54 N: yes

20:54 A: clever girl

20:56 N: why do you say that??

20:56 A: do you write all of them?

20:56 N: no not all but most of them.

20:56 A: because you are

20:57 I think I can tell which are yours
20:57 you tell them with more feeling
20:57 it's beautiful to watch

20:59 N: that's funny you can tell
20:59 what you see is just a performance

21:02 The research part of my job is a lot more interesting

21:04 A: I would have to disagree

21:48 What are you researching at the moment?

Tuesday 2nd June

18:09 A: I recognise that blouse

18:24 N: yes I've worn it before

18:25 I don't dress like this normally
18:25 I have like three shirts I rotate for work

18:26 A: I noticed

Thursday 4th June

09:31 A: why is it always some fucked up thing that's happened?
09:36 N: what do you mean?
09:37 A: the stories you get given
09:37 do you pick them on purpose?
09:38 N: because they're always violent?
09:38 most of the news is violent
09:39 A: yeah but you get all the best ones
09:39 N: hmm
09:40 A: I know why they give them to you
09:40 N: ...?
09:41 A: they suit you
09:41 it's that look in your eye
09:44 N: hmm
09:44 I think the ratings go up that's why they keep doing it
09:50 it's kind of depressing

Wednesday 10th June

10:21 A: I accept I may have been wrong about less makeup
10:21 you looked tired last night
10:22 N: I am tired
10:24 A: do my comments about your appearance make you uncomfortable?
10:25 N: I'm not uncomfortable
10:25 but yes it is quite reductive
10:28 A: Why are you tired?
10:29 N: I can't sleep

Tuesday 23rd June

21:00 A: it's impressive how you can maintain a friendly face and smile
21:00 I couldn't do it
21:00 I wish I could
21:00 N: I wear it
21:01 A: I need to learn that

21:01 my skin hurts when I smile
21:01 super unnatural

21:01 N: I imagine I'm ironic
21:02 like all of what I'm saying is irony

21:02 A: yeah that's the impressive part
21:02 I'm super arrogant when I present
21:02 I've spoken to big audiences many times

Wednesday 8th July

09:28 A: I think last night was my favourite
09:28 the lipstick was a very good choice

09:34 N: do you watch me every week?

09:35 A: yes

09:36 N: why?

09:36 A: for the news

09:37 N: oh ok

Thursday 9th July

01:47 N: Are you awake?

Tuesday 14th July

19:15 A: I liked the performative aspects today

19:16 N: I tried my best

19:29 A: you succeeded

19:29 N: did you really like it?

19:29 A: yes

19:30 N: I wanted to do more

19:30 A: I wanted you to do more
19:30 why didn't you?
19:30 it's entertaining

19:30 N: it's too artificial for me
19:30 I'm not like this

19:31 it's performance

19:31 A: you do it well

20:02 I think you love performing

20:02 you know how many people are watching

20:13 I want you to perform for me

Tuesday 28th July

19:20 N: did you watch tonight?
the story made me think of you

19:27 A: I almost missed it, network was weak and it was buffering

19:27 I don't remember anything you said I was focused on how you move your face
and eyes

19:27 your hair has more volume today

19:28 N: did you like it?

19:28 A: what? the show or the hair?

19:29 N: the show

20:00 A: yes, always nice to see you on the screen

20:00 your part is always so short

20:00 until my brain gets used to Ukrainian, it's already over

20:01 N: Thank you. I almost want to do it more often now

20:02 A: more often and longer

20:02 I know you don't like your job but your fans do

20:02 but I guess not many know