

TRANSLATION

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EVA WITH FRIEND ÇIGDEM AND HER MOTHER

The difference between an ‘acquaintance’ and a ‘girlfriend’ is that girlfriends need just a few words to understand each other. Eva: “Annelieke is a make-up artist and had her internship at *Meiden van de Wit*. She knew like no other how tough and heavy it is to work so hard for a series. We often had to go out into the cold for outdoor shoots and it was fun to complain a bit together. At the end of the day we both had to travel from Amsterdam to The Hague. That creates a mutual bond. In two years I got to know Annelieke better than anyone else.”

PROFOUND

In each circle of friends there is always one person who is different from all your other girlfriends, but who nevertheless captured her way into your heart. “Çigdem is such a person,” Eva says. “Our friendship is very special, especially because she is so different from my other girlfriends. I met her at the Acting school. During one of our first meetings I went home with her after class for a chat and to drink cola – no alcohol, because she doesn’t drink that. We talked for twelve hours about all sorts of very profound matters. When I looked at my watch it seemed like only three hours had past.”

From that moment there was a close bond. “During the Acting school years we were almost inseparable. We shared really a lot of sadness, philosophized about life, discussed about the path you choose *and* of course talked about theatre and acting in general. Really special were also the weeks we spent with her family in Turkey, where the pictures of the two of us were taken. That stay was very primitive – they didn’t have a shower or anything – but at the same time very special. After that time I understood Çigdem even better and our friendship became even more profound.”

Eva describes the friendship between her and Çigdem as ‘profound’. “We are both very philosophical, study subjects in depth. I can also have intense talks with Claudia, but she is much more down to earth than Çigdem. Claudia puts my feet firmly on the ground, instead of joining me in my dreams. The funny thing about Çigdem is that she is not a cliché friend: she doesn’t remember my birthday and doesn’t come to the premiere of my latest film. When I’m sick she won’t ask how I’m doing – she just sits on my bed and talks about what she’s been doing lately. That makes her so much fun.”

JEALOUS

And then there are colleagues from work who can become friends. People with whom you spend more time with than with your partner and whom you get on so well with that they also become part of your life after work. Like Bho (picture 5), stylist and one of Eva’s best friends. “Just like with so many other girlfriends I got on well with Bho right from the start. She was immediately more than just a colleague. The picture was taken in our favorite café, Dimitri’s, where we go at least once a

month to drink coffee and eat club sandwiches. Or apple pie. Bho helped so much with furnishing my new house in Amsterdam. I'm really jealous of her knowledge of fashion and design!"

Also fellow actresses Angela Schijf and Frederique Huydts, her sisters in *Meiden van de Wit*, found a place in Eva's heart forever. "We are very close. I consider Angela and Frederique girlfriends, but also sisters. We are caring towards each other and support each other in hard times. When one of us is having a hard time, we are there for each other. We often call each other 'sister'. I notice that I started to love those two girls. It's some getting used to that Angela has a child now and lives in Antwerp, but that doesn't stand in the way of our friendship. We just see each other less often." Eva sees Frederique much more often. "The friendship with Frederique is very special to me. We have a strange sense of humor, only few people understand our jokes. When we're on the set together, we can get the giggles something awful, annoying for other people, but real fun for us. At this moment Frederique is recovering from her chemo therapy: she had a growth in her belly. Really terrible. She lives close by, so we regularly visit each other and we also call often. I want to support her as much as possible. That, according to me, is what friendship in essence is: be there for each other. "You really know who your friends are in difficult times."

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EVA WITH GIRLFRIEND BHO

EVA WITH BHO (TOP) AND ÇIGDEM (BELOW)