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DANNY

Why am I doing this anyway?

EMMA

The lease is up on this place in a few months. It's market research ahead of the new boss.

DANNY

Ahh, is that why you're looking so fabulous?

EMMA

Oh no.

(twirls her hair)

THIS is for Operation New Horizon.

DANNY leans in.

DANNY

What's Operation New Horizon?

EMMA (CONT'D)

Let's get you on an app. T

BRIAN
It alleviates bruising and
swelling. Apply a thin layer and
massage into the skin.

BRIAN mimes this to be extra helpful then hands the tube to
DANNY.

BRIAN
I'll admit I was a sceptic at
first. Thought it was all a bit
hocus pocus. But it's done wonders
on the aggressive gout in my left
big toe.

DANNY looks down at the encrusted tube in his hands.

DANNY
Thanks. That's really thoughtful.

A beat.

BRIAN
And you're aware, are you, that
there's a baby in the garden?

DANNY
Yes. It's all good, mate. She's
having her afternoon nap.

He puts his fingers to his lips in a 'shushing' gesture.

DANNY
Thanks, Brian. Bye.

And he shuts the door.

BRIAN

Sorry, Steve. Baked potato on the
go in there. Better get to it
before it's a fire brigade job.

And, with that, he's off. STEVE stares after him -- strange
bloke.

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CLARE is making a mountain of sandwiches. KATIE looks on,
tired and stressed.

CLARE

Why don't you go get your pyjamas
on? Or run yourself a bath?

KATIE

I don't want one.

CLARE

How about a nice sit down in the
bedroom? Put your feet up? We can
stay all evening if you like? I'll
make supper.

KATIE

Please don'

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(Alternatively, Rosie could be in her pram with Ralph SQUEAKING the toy in her direction).

STEVE is reading his newspaper.

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CLARE

Katie's not like Ralph. She doesn't ask for help. I have to intuit her emotional needs.

LOUISE

Last time I intuited one of Ralph's emotional needs, it turned out I just had gallstones.

This makes CLARE smile.

LOUISE

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CLARE (CONT'D)

All this with the four other new
mums on the ward listening in.

LOUISE looks at her -- genuinely moved. She shakes her head.

LOUISE

Charming.

A beat.

CLARE

I imagine it was the same for you?

LOUISE transfers her attention to ROSIE. A beat.

CLARE

With Ralph?

But LOUISE is not going to open up. CLARE continues
carefully.

CLARE

I didn't want to feel alone. That's
why I helped set up the local
support group. And the phone-line.
They were life-savers for me.

LOUISE

Oh I never went in for any of that
sort of thing.

CLARE

Really? Why?

LOUISE

Because I never understood why,
just because two women have babies
with Down's Syndrome, it means they
automatically have to be best
friends.

This is a little too blunt for CLARE but she hides her hurt.

LOUISE swiftly changes the subject. She looks down at ROSIE.

LOUISE

Do you want to feed her or shall I?

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KATIE and TOM sit in comfortable silence.

KATIE looks over at TOM. A beat.

KATIE

How do you know if you're doing it
right?

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TOM
Wonderful .

This makes KATIE smile.

TOM
Fuck the rest of 'em, darling. ~~_____~~
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LOUISE (CONT'D)

I still can't listen to Oliver's Army without getting the distinct feeling I've been conned.

EMMA smiles. LOUISE softens - can see this is a big deal for her.

LOUISE

Must be strange. Being out there again. After all that time with Gary.

EMMA

(yeah)

I haven't been on a first date since I was fifteen. (panics) God, what if it's him who starts looking for an excuse to leave?

LOUISE looks at her.

LOUISE

Then you just shrug, wave him off and make sure he pays for the drinks before he goes. (BEAT) Enjoy yourself. Take your time. You'll find what you're looking for in the end. (BEAT) Or maybe you won't and you'll end up di e e

BRIAN looks pleased with himself. Heads back to his seat.
EMMA turns to LOUISE.

EMMA

How's Katie? Is she going to be
alright?

LOUISE

I think she'll be just fine. Good
luck.

LOUISE heads to a table. BRIAN calls over.

BRIAN

I thought I might pop round to see
Katie later. I'll report back if
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KATIE
Don' t you dare.

RALPH gets up and hobbles to the kitchen.

KATIE stretches out until she takes up the entire sofa.