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But Andy's attention has been taken by Maxine the irate überslim London stylist.

MAXI NE

I've nothing for the one with frizzy hair and glasses...

ANDY

'Denise', her name's Denise, Maxine...and keep your voice down.

MAXI NE

 $\dots$  She told me she was an eighteen and she's clearly a twenty eight.

We see a make-up artist trying to fathom out what to do with Denise's hair. Denise is northern, (mid  $40^{\circ}$ s), normally would wear thick glasses, frizzy hair. She has a pink make-

MAXINE (horrified) No! Absolutely not.

ANDY

(diplomatic) Do you know what I think would be a really great idea? If they all wore their Right Buy U overalls.

Cut to a nervous Leanne  $(30'\,\mathrm{s})$  who looks glamorous with her make-over and hair done, she's wearing a vibrant blue fitted dress. She heads towards Jamie who's still busy loading up the supermarket trolly.

JAMI E

Bloody hell, you scrub up well.

LEANNE

You don't look so bad yourself.

JAMI E

Got this from 'Designer Outlet yesterd'y.

LEANNE

Maxine is doing her best to hide Denise behind the trolley. Denise has been given a magnum bottle of champagne and a big bunch of flowers to hold. The make-up artist is putting her finishing touches to Denise's hair.

**DENISE** 

How long do I have to hold this lot for?

MAXI NE

'Til the press conference has finished.

**DENISE** 

But I get hay fever, and the pollen's making me eyes water...(to Jamie)..I don't think she likes me.

Cut to Maxine and Andy.

MAXI NE

When is the other one going to get here?

**ANDY** 

He left the hospital ten minutes ago so he should be here any minute.

MAXI NE

He told me he was wearing slacks and a jacket so hopefully...

**ANDY** 

He'll be fine. Happy?

MAXI NE

Horrified more like. I just wish...

**ANDY** 

(cutting Maxine off) Now remember as soon as I make the announcement, the cameras will go off, so big smiles and try to look happy Leanne.

Andy gets his mobile out to make a call as we cut to Leanne, Denise and Jamie...

LEANNE

I don't know if we're doing the right thing.

JAMI E

Course we are.

**DENISE** 

I feel really ugly.

LEANNE

What, don't be silly.

JAMI E

Hey come on! Yer a beaut. Take no notice of Madam Snotty Nose.

LEANNE

Your not crying are you?

**DENI SE** 

No it's just the pollen (clearly she is)... I just wish we were all here.

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3 <u>EXT. BOB'S HOUSE - DAY.</u> Outside a small Barrat-style house on a new estate we see Bob's car parked in the drive.

BOB (0.0.V)

You can cut down Cardigan Road, it's only ten minutes from Jake's school.

4 INT. BOB'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY.
Tidy but kitsch, bar in the corner, collection of Spanish memorabilia along with a spoon and thimble collection mounted on the wall. Bob (mid 50's) the overweight Store Manager paces about as he talks to his son on the phone, looks occasionally at the photo of him and his two sons on the mantelpiece.

**BOB** 

I wouldn't ask but I'm not feeling too good today, I've been up all night. I thought if you could take me, I could get a cab or walk back. (irritated) Nothing's wrong with the car Peter! It's just lately I've been going a bit light-headed when I've...Look it doesn't matter, forget it.

Bob's partner Annie enters, she is in her dressing gown and has a cup of tea in her hand.

BOB CONT.

Yes I know the traffic's bad this time on a morning.

ANNI E

Bob!

BOB

I've said forget it. I wish I'd never rung you now.

Bob finishes the call.

Peter?

BOB

Well it's not Mathew is it. I can't even get in his car. It's alright when they want sommat, I've got to drop everything. I've never asked either of them for a bloody mortal thing.

ANNI E

I'll get dressed and take you.

BOB

No you won't, you've been up all night too. I'll be fine. I've taken me antisickness pill. (kisses her) I'll take a carrier bag just in case. I'll see you tonight love. You go back to bed.

AMY (0.0.V)

Why don't you just say I'm a crap mother Joyce, stop pussy-footing around!

JOYCE (0.0.V.)

I never said you were a crap mother.

Stuart wakes, becomes aware of the row, pulls the duvet over his head as...

7 Stuart's mother Joyce (50's) is in her dressing gown, she is ladling some porridge out into a bowl for her younger son Jamie who is sat at the kitchen table in a t-shirt and sweat pants watching a trashy chat show on the kitchen t.v. Stuart's girlfriend Amy (late 20's) is a WAG wannabe with an orange tan and heavily pregnant. She is trying to put her son Jack's (3) shoes on as she rows with Joyce.

AMY

What I give my son for his breakfast has got nothing to do with you.

**JOYCE** 

It has 'cos he's my grandson!

**AMY** 

Why don't you just keep yer nose out of our bloody business Joyce.

**JOYCE** 

Don't you talk to me like that madam. While you're living in my house, under my roof / you'll...

**AMY** 

I don't want to live in your bloody house.

Jamie's struggling to hear the t.v. He turns it up louder.

JOYCE

JAMI F

Well you should've thought about that when you were flashing yer credit cards about, buying new handbags and shoes... (yells at Jamie)... Turn it down! (shouting at the t.v) She's lying, it's not his! What an idiot!

JAMIE CONT.

I can't hear!

**JOYCE** 

(to Amy) My son had never been in debt 'til he met you.

AMY

Right, so it's all my fault we're in the shit is it?

**JOYCE** 

No it's his as well, 'cos he can't say 'no' to you.

JOYCE CONT.

Lewis Viton handbags, it's (of the t.v) I knew it! She's a bloody ridiculous, he works in a lying bitch. supermarket!

AMY

It's Louis Vuitton and it's a fake! It cost thirty nine, ninety nine and it was me birthday present!

JOYCE JAMIE
I don't know how your mother I can't hear the bloody telly.
brought you up, but...

AMY

Oh and you're so good at it are you? In case you hadn't noticed, your Jamie's a druggie...

JAMIE JOYCE (pauses the t.v) Hey don't Not any more. bring me into it.

AMY

We never had dealers bootin' the

**JOYCE** 

Get out of this house, go on, sling yer bloody hook!

AMY

I'm goin', don't you worry.

Stuart enters followed by Jamie...

**STUART** 

What the hell's going on?

AMY

Yer mother's stickin' her neb into our business again, tellin' me what to do.

Amy races off upstairs taking Jack with her.

**JOYCE** 

All I said was why don't we try Jack with some porridge and she went mental.

**STUART** 

Why do you do it?

**JOYCE** 

Do what? He's my grandson, I've got every right to say what I think.

**STUART** 

She's pregnant mam.

**JOYCE** 

More's the pity. She can't look after one, let alone two. Poor

DENI SE

Right Milly, that's three poops you've had now and I've only got one bag left and that's for Tilly.

She carries on with her walk, carrying the plastic bag with the dog poo in. We see that another dog is following behind, it's a tatty looking chubby stray dog. Denise notices it.

DENISE CONT.

Now then what's your name? Do you want a biscuit.

She takes out a dog treat from her pocket and gives it to the dog.

INT. STUART'S HOUSE - STUART AND AMY'S BEDROOM - DAY. 11 Amy is dressed now and throwing some of her things into a suitcase. Jack's things are in a bag on the bed along with his favourite teddy. Stuart is getting dressed throughout the scene...

**AMY** 

I'm not having your mother tell me how to bring up my own son. She thinks 'cos she's a dinner lady she knows everything and she blames me for the mess we're in.

JAMI E

(to Stuart) Are we right?

**STUART** 

No. I'll see you there.

JAMI E

Yer gonna be late and we've got those idiots from 'head office' coming up.

STUART

I said I'll see yer there.

(TO BE USED IN EP5 FROM JAMIE'S POV)

This is not what Jamie wants to hear, he needs his brother's protecti on.

JAMI E

They're waiting for me.

**STUART** 

Yer paranoi d

Jamie goes reluctantly. Stuart looks for his inhaler as...

AMY CONT.

Tina's boyfriend took her to Lanzaroti for a fortnight <u>and</u> he bought her an engagement ring.

12 <u>EXT. GROVE ROAD - O/S STACEY'S SCHOOL - DAY.</u> Leanne walking her daughter Stacey (7) towards school.

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**STACEY** 

Mia's daddy took her on an aeroplane to Disneyland.

LEANNE

Did he now...Well I bet Mia hasn't been to Center Parcs like we did last year.

**STACEY** 

Can we go to Disneyland?

**LEANNE** 

It costs a lot of money sweetheart and I thought we were saving up to buy you a DS?

And they arrive at the school gates.

**STACEY** 

Why haven't I got a daddy.

**LEANNE** 

Well...You've got me.

Leanne holds out her little finger. Stacey does the same and they entwine them.

LEANNE CONT.

(kisses her) I'll see you tonight. Don't forget Mia's mummy's picking you up from after school club, so be a good girl.

Leanne heads off with Stacey's words echoing around her brain.

13 <u>INT. DENISE'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY.</u>
Denise enters the stone built through-te

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Denise enters the stone built through-terrace house, she lets the dogs off their leads and they bound into the chaotic kitchen...she doesn't see that the other stray dog has followed her in too.

**DENISE** 

We're back!!!!

Denise sees a telephone bill on the door mat, she picks it up, peers at the addressee and opens it as she goes through to the kitchen.

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14 <u>INT. DENISE'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY.</u>
Denise is looking at a telephone bill as she enters...

**DENI SE** 

I ran out of bags. I think that new food's made Milly a bit loose...

Denise's husband, Dave, is sat at the kitchen table, reading his paper and eating some toast. The house is a mess - pots and milk bottles on the kitchen table.

**DAVE** 

What the bloody hell's that?

Dave is looking at the stray dog that has followed Denise in

DENI SE

Oh I don't know he must've followed me.

DAVE

Well get it out of this house. We've got enough dogs!

Denise ushers the dog out of the door.

**DENISE** 

Go on, go back home, you can't stay here.

Denise looks back at the telephone bill.

DENISE CONT.

I don't know how come my phone bill shot up to a hundred and eighteen pounds. Last one was only thirty seven.

Denise pours some milk into a bowl and puts it down on the floor for the dogs.

DENI SE CONT.

And I haven't been using it any more than I normally do.

**DAVE** 

What are you doing? We eat out of them bowls.

DENI SE

Honestly Dave, it's only Milly and Tilly.

**DAVE** 

They've got their own bowls.

**DENI SE** 

Who's 07700...952...

Dave snatches the telephone bill off her...

**DAVE** 

Give us it here. You've opened one of my letters again.

DENI SE

Oh I'm sorry love, my eyes are getting worse. I thought it said Mrs D Simpson.

DAVE

You better get to 'opticians.

DENI SE

That'll be another two hundred pounds. Right, I better make tracks, Leanne'll be waiting for me.

DAVE

You're not going to work like that are yer?

**DENISE** 

I've got me shoes to change into at work and I'll put me overall on, I'll be fine. 'Carers will be here at eleven, but if you could take her a cup of tea up around ten.

Denise goes up and kisses the dogs, they lick her face.

DENI SE CONT.

Bye bye my beautiful babies. Daddy'll take you out for a nice walkie this afternoon...(to Dave) ta-rah love.

**DAVE** 

Bye.

As Denise heads out, she shouts up the stairs.

**DENISE** 

See you tonight mam!

15 <u>EXT. INGRAM ROAD - O/S AMY'S PARENT'S HOUSE - DAY.</u>
A road of pre-war redbrick-build back to back terrace houses. Amy is walking at some pace as she pushes Jack in his pushchair up the road. Stuart walks at the side of her.

STUART

So what's going to happen? I can't stay at your mam and dad's, there's not enough room.

**AMY** 

Not my problem. There's enough room for me and our Jack and that's all I'm bothered about.

**STUART** 

What yer sayin'?... (no answer)...We can't split up, we're a family now and when you have the baby...

**AMY** 

Well why don't you find us somewhere to live then if we're a family, a flat or sommat?

**STUART** 

You know why, 'cos we can't afford it.

**AMY** 

Well get a better job then.

STUART

There aren't any better jobs. Besides I'll be manager when Bob retires and then I'll get...

**AMY** 

We need money now Stuart! Now!! Tina's boyfriend works on a building site and he gets loads of money.

They arrive at Amy's parents' house. Amy lifts Jack out of his pushchair.

**STUART** 

Don't you love me any more?

**AMY** 

If you want us all to be together Stuart, you're gonna have to get a pay rise or find sommat else 'cos I'm never going back to your mam's house. Never.

STUART

I asked you a question?

**AMY** 

If you love <u>me</u> you'll find somewhere for us to live.

And with that she enters the house...

**STUART** 

I do Love you.

She slams the door in Stuart's face, he takes a puff on his inhaler and sits down on the kerb - gutted and wounded by Amy's actions and harsh words.

16 <u>EXT. GROVE ROAD - DAY.</u>

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We come up on Denise's muddy wellington boots walking at some pace along Grove Road towards the bus stop. The stray dog's paws follow.

DENI SE (0. 0. V)

Yer can't come with me.

We pan up to find Denise is sweating profusely in her grubby orange padded coat. She waves at Leanne who's waiting at the bus stop.

DENISE CONT.

Hi ya!

**LEANNE** 

I thought you weren't coming.

DENI SE

Mam wanted an egg instead of her porridge and 'vet's changed Milly's food and her bowels are playing up so everything took longer than usual. Oh my giddy aunt, I've got a right sweat on.

Leanne Looks at Denise and then the dog sat beside her.

LEANNE

Who's your friend?

Denise Looks down at the dog.

**DENISE** 

He's a stray, followed me home from the park this morning...(To the dog)Go on, I haven't got anything for you.

LEANNE

We've got head office coming up this morning.

**DENISE** 

Oh bugger I forgot, yer haven't got any deodorant with you have yer?

We hear a car horn beep and Bob pulls up in his car.

**BOB** 

Now then you two lovely ladies can I offer you a lift?

**DENI SE** 

LEANNE

What a gent.

Aww thanks Bob.

DENISE CONT.

Aren't we lucky having a boss like you.

And Denise climbs into the passenger side and Leanne climbs into the back. The dog watches as they go.

17 EXT. PARADE O/S RIGHT BUY U - DAY.
Right Buy U is a small supermarket, nestled in a shopping parade which consists of a butchers, a charity shop and an estate agent. Stuart heads towards Right Buy U where he and his brother work. He's just about to pass the estate agents when he glances in the window, sees various properties 'TO LET'. He decides to go inside.

18 INT. ESTATE AND LETTING AGENCY - DAY.

A handsome man is behind the desk looking at suitable properties for Stuart on his computer. Stuart looks at the clock on the wall it reads. 9.40. am. The estate agent swivels the computer screen around.

**JOSH** 

Right I've got a two bed here on Richmond Road, five hundred a month it's a first floor conversion, just been decorated throughout and had new windows and a boiler.

**STUART** 

Looks great.

J0SH

Would you like to see it?

STUART

Yeh, I'll ring me girlfriend and see what she says. So if she likes it how long before we could move in?

**JOSH** 

Next week, it's just a matter of doing the paperwork and checking your credit rating. It shouldn't be a problem.

Beat - clearly it is a problem.

## STUART

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**STUART** 

Where's Bob?

**DENISE** 

Offi ce.

Stuart marches purposefully towards the back office.

DENI SE CONT.

(to Leanne of Stuart) Bloody hell he's got a face on him like a donkey on a wet weekend in Scarborough.

20 INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - OFFICE - DAY.
Pick up Stuart. He sees Bob sat in the small half glass,
office. It' a shabby affair, paperwork everywhere. Bob looks
decidedly unwell, he constantly wipes the sweat from his
forehead. He has ten large supplement tablets on the desk
which is ladened with paperwork, he takes the tablets
throughout the scene. Stuart enters...

**BOB** 

You missed the meeting.

**STUART** 

I've been working here since I was fifteen. I've been here longer than anyone else and l've been l'ate twice. I worked every single Saturday 'til I was sixteen. I started at half eight on a morning and I worked 'til seven at night. It wasn't legal, but I did it anyway and I was glad to. When I turned sixteen I started coming after school on a Wednesday and Friday to stack and I used to get a right bollocking from 'teachers 'cos I never had time to do me homework. But it didn't matter 'cos I didn't want to stay on at school. I didn't even go to 'Careers Advice', 'cos I knew that I wanted to work here when I left. And, when you took over in 2003 and made me assistant manager I were made up 'cos that proved to me that you thought I had potential. It didn't matter that it was only 80p an hour more, I like having responsibility. I like cashing up at the end of the day and seeing how much we've taken and I'm proud if we' ve done good.

**BOB** 

(bewildered by Stuart's rant) 'Sorry' would' ve done.

**STUART** 

But the thing is Bob, I've got to earn more money than I'm getting now. You know me and Amy got into a bit of a mess with us cards and we had to go to that court hearing and move back home to me mam's...

**BOB** 

Yes.

**STUART** 

...well Amy and her don't get on.
They've been having these big
stonking rows and this morning our
Amy's packed her bags and gone back
to her mam and dad's and taken our
Jack with her. She's laid it on the
line Bob, unless I can get us a flat

BOB

They're knocking us down son and building a new store with underground parking and a restaurant, I only found out meself this morning.

STUART

(stunned) No they can't do that.

**BOB** 

They already have and they ve bought next door and 'charity shop... (rummaging in his desk drawer)... They ve had plans passed and everything, here y'are, they ve left us with the architect's drawing to look at.

STUART

I don't want to see 'em.

**BOB** 

They've said we can apply for a job, but there's no saying we'll get it. They're sending someone up next week to talk about options.

STUART

Options?

**BOB** 

Redundancy, relocation, all that stuff. But as far as head office are concerned we shut up shop at the end of next month.

**STUART** 

They can't do that without tellin'us?

**BOB** 

Seems like they can. They've offered me and Denise 'Holbeck branch.

**STUART** 

And what about me?

BOB

You weren't mentioned. (swallows a tablet) I thought it must be sommat important if they were sending the big boys up.

STUART

Jesus Bob, how many of them have yer taken?

BOB

Nine...(swallows another one)...Ten, they're like bloody horse tablets.

**STUART** 

What are they?

**BOB** 

It's alright, they're supposed to be good for me.

Bob reaches down the side of the desk where there's a cardboard box with bottles of gin and whiskey.

BOB CONT.

Here you are, they've sent us a sweetener, a bottle of whiskey or gin. What's yer tipple?

STUART

I don't want either, they can fuck off.

**BOB** 

Please yourself. Oh yes, he left us some application forms for Newburys an'all

Bob hands Stuart a form. Stuart takes it and screws it up.

STUART

I wouldn't wipe me arse with it.

Stuart Leaves the office.

BOB

Fair enough.

21 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - DAY.</u> Denise is talking to an edgy Jamie...

**DENISE** 

He's not gonna be happy, he had a face on him before he went in. I can't believe it I don't know what I'm gonna do. What will you do when we shut?

**JAMIE** 

Dunno, sign on. Bugger off! Sell me body!

**DENISE** 

(bl ushi ng) Jami e!!!

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22 <u>EXT. AMY'S PARENTS HOUSE - DAY.</u> Stuart heads towards Amy's parent's house, he knocks on the door. Amy's father, Paul, comes to the door, it's clear he has little time for Stuart.

STUART

Stuart doesn't answer, he falls to the floor.

25 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - SIDE ROOM - DAY.</u> Stuart is laid on a hospital day bed - he's fully-clothed, but has an oxygen mask over his nose and mouth.

NURSE (0. 0. V)

Can you hear me? Stuart?

**STUART** 

Where am 1?

**NURSE** 

Hospital. You passed out. It's alright, don't get up, there's no rush.

Stuart pulls the oxygen mask away from his face...

**STUART** 

My girlfriend was brought in today, she's eight months pregnant and...

The nurse places the mask back over Stuart's face.

NURSE

Just breathe in and out, nice and slowly. That's it. Try not to talk.

Jamie comes in.

JAMI E

You alright? They rang 'shop. Said you'd fainted. Mam's on her way in 'cos they were asking me a load of questions and I didn't know 'answers.

NURSE

What's your girl friend's name?

Stuart pulls his mask away from his face...

STUART

Amy Cartwright.

NURSE

I'll find out what I can for you.

And the nurse puts the mask back on Stuart, then goes off to find out about Amy.

JAMI E

You shouldn't get yourself so worked up Stu.

**STUART** 

(pulling the mask away again) It's alright for you, I've lost me girlfriend, me son, me job, for all I know she might've lost...lost the baby.

**JAMIE** 

Alright, calm down...take some breaths (Jamie puts the mask back on Stuart's face. Quiet) I've been thinking. We take about six grand on a Friday and Saturday with 'lottery and weekend shoppers.

STUART

So?

JAMI E

So, Bob dun't bank 'til Monday...

JAMIE CONT.

STUART

That means it's in the safe all weekend...

(pulling the mask off)No! No!! No!!!

JAMIE CONT.

And you know the number...and well, what if there were a robbery?

STUART

I don't want to hear it Jamie, 'cos it's not gonna happen.

JAMI E

Just think about it for a minute.

**STUART** 

I don't wanna think about it. I don't want to hear another word about... (wheezes)...about...

**JAMIE** 

You get money for somewhere for you and Amy to live and Right Buy U get their insurance, not that they deserve it after treating us like shite. But everyone's a winner Stu, even them.

The nurse enters.

**NURSE** 

Everything's alright. It seems like your girl friend gave birth to a baby girl half an hour ago, five pound four ounces. Let's pop the mask back...

Stuart struggles to get off the trolley, unfastening his mask, as...

**STUART** 

No, I've gotta see her. Can you take this thing off me?

26 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - MATERNITY HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT - DAY.</u>
We come up on a little baby laid in an incubator, she has a tube up her nose.

AMY (0.0.V)

She looks like me Nanna Ellis.

We pull back to find Amy and Stuart looking at their new little baby daughter.

STUART

Look at her little fingers. Jack's gonna love her.

AMY

They said she's gonna have to stay in 'til her breathing gets right, but I can go home tomorrow all being well.

Stuart takes hold of Amy's hand...

STUART

Come back to me mam's Amy. Just 'till get sommat sorted. I'm going to look at a flat for us.

**AMY** 

Real I y?

**STUART** 

Yeh, it's a two bed, ground floor and it's all been done up... And I've asked Bob for a pay rise and he says he's gonna have a word with Head Office.

**AMY** 

Too right. You deserve it after working there all these years.

Stuart feeling bad about lying...

STUART

Yeh well Bob said the same thing, he said if it were up to him he'd just give me it.

**AMY** 

So when will you know?

**STUART** 

Soon, next week. I'm doing the best I can... You still love me don't you?

**AMY** 

Stuart, I'm worried about how we're gonna manage.

**STUART** 

Everything's gonna work out I promise. And now we've got our family, a boy and a little baby girl. Look at her, she's beautiful, just like her mam.

Amy sees Joyce approaching, pulls her hand away from Stuart's.

**AMY** 

Oh God no.

**JOYCE** 

I've been looking all over for you. What's happened?

STUART

I passed out, I'm fine.

**JOYCE** 

(accusingly at Amy) It's all this stress. Right, which one is she then?

**STUART** 

That's her.

**JOYCE** 

(warms) Oh bless her little cotton socks, poor thing, what a start in life. Prem babies never do well.

**STUART** 

JOYCE CONT.

Mam!

But she's a little poppet and (pointed at Amy) she's a good weight to say she came early and lived on instant noodles.

STUART CONT.

Why do you always have to have a go at her?

AMY

I'm off back to me mam and dad's when I leave here and so is 'baby.

And Amy heads back towards the maternity ward...

**STUART** 

Amy!

But Stuart turns to his mother...

STUART CONT.

You can't keep yer bloody gob shut can yer.

27 <u>INT. FLAT IN HEADINGLEY - DAY.</u>

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Josh has a large bunch of keys in his hand and is showing Stuart around the flat which is basically furnished, but looks fresh and clean...

**JOSH** 

The big bedroom has plenty of room for a cot and your little boy can go in here...

He pushes the door open of the second bedroom, to find a single bed, wardrobe and chest of drawers.

JOSH CONT.

He's put a brand new bathroom suite in and it's a professional couple that live above so you should have no trouble. I could let this place tomorro'.

STUART

No don't do that. When's he need 'money?

**JOSH** 

Mond'y and it's two grand.

**STUART** 

Two grand?! I thought you said...

**JOSH** 

A month's rent and three months bond.

Stuart takes a puff of his inhaler as...

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JOSH CONT.

... He's only doing it 'cos I vouched for you, said you were a decent guy with a family.

**STUART** 

I am.

**JOSH** 

He wouldn't normally take a tenant with a bad credit rating. I've stuck my neck on the block for you, so don't let me down.

Beat - Stuart decides he has to do something.

28 INT. STUART'S HOUSE - JAMIE AND JACK'S BEDROOM - DAY.

Two single beds are in Jamie's room, one of them is the bed

Jack slept in. Jamie pulls a drawer-cum-toy-box from under

Jack's bed. He rummages through the toys as...

JAMI E

Did she take any of Jack's toys with her?

STUART

I don't know. Look, let's just forget it.

JAMI E

I know he's got one that looks dead real, 'cos l've seen him playing with it... (he finds Jack's toy gun)...Here it is.

STUART

It's not gonna work, it dun't even look real.

JAMI E

On CCTV it will.

STUART

It won't! It looks like a toy. It's a bloody crazy idea. We'll get found out.

JAMI E

How? The's nothing that can go wrong, I've thought of everything.

Beat as Stuart thinks.

**STUART** 

What happens if Bob dun't leave?

**JAMIE** 

He all'us leaves bang on time on a Saturd y 'cos he has to be home in time for Strictly, him and his missus never miss it. All we have to do is stick to 'plan.

### SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER. DAY OF THE LOTTERY WIN.

### 29 INT. RIGHT BUY U - DAY.

29

Denise is collecting money for Stuart's new baby. Leanne is mopping up some spilt juice, she hands Denise a five pound note. Bob has a clipboard and is counting up various items on the shelf and entering the numbers onto his spreadsheet.

**LEANNE** 

If we all give a fiver we should be able to get something decent.

DENI SE

Bob might give a tenner, he usually gives a bit more. Awwww fancy him having a little girl, how lovely is that. I wish I'd had kids.

LEANNE

Why didn't you?

DENI SE

It just never happened. (pensive) Anyway, we've got Milly and Tilly and mam now, so...

Connie hands her lottery card to Denise who puts it into the machine to compute the numbers...

**DENISE** 

What would you do if you won?

**CONNIE** 

Have me eyes lasered, do sommat with all these wrinkles and get meself a young lover.

**DENISE** 

(laughs) What are yer like, you naughty girl. There you go, enjoy Whitby.

**CONNIE** 

No chance, they're all old cronies.

Denise and Leanne Laugh as Connie races off.

**DENISE** 

Hey Bob! Would you have yer eyes lasered if you won the lottery?

**BOB** 

Lasered? Not a cat in hell's. What's wrong with me glasses?

**DENISE** 

Nothing, but can you imagine waking up and being able to see?

**BOB** 

I can't think of anything worse, our Annie's not a pretty sight first thing. I like life to come into focus very slowly.

Bob heads off to the back of the shop.

**LEANNE** 

I don't know why you just don't get contact lenses like me.

DENI SE

I'd love it if I didn't have to wear these jam jars and they're getting worse. I opened Dave's telephone bill this morning, thought it said Mrs D Simpson and it was Mr. Do you know, he made eighty seven texts to the same number last month?

LEANNE

Eighty seven! Whose number was it?

**DENI SE** 

Nobody I know.

LEANNE

Well I'd find out if I were you.

We take a moment on Denise - it never occurred to her. Stuart and Jamie enter. Jamie has a canvas satchel over his shoulder.

**DENI SE** 

Morning...(to Stuart)...I thought you'd be with Amy and the new baby.

**STUART** 

They're in the hospital, I'm going to see her tonight after work.

**LEANNE** 

Congratulations. What you gonna call her?

**STUART** 

Daisy I think.

**LEANNE** 

Aww that's a lovely name.

BOB CONT.

And there never was a truer saying believe me. Both my lads only show up when they want sommat, but ask 'em to do sommat for me and they don't wanna know...Yer entitled to paternity leave yer know.

STUART

Yeh, I was thinking maybe I could take the money instead?

BOB

I'll look into it for you, but you'll need some time off surely?

STUART

I need money, more than I need time off.

Jamie enters...

BOB

Well that suits me 'cos it was mental yesterday with you not being here and it being a rollover weekend.

Stuart glances at Jamie who's heard what Bob said. Jamie continues towards the staff area...

BOB CONT.

You should fill one of them application forms for Newburys,

JAMIE
(whisper) I all'us leave me bag
there. We've just got to act normal
and stop freaking out. Get yer tunic
on and get back out on the floor.

- K) See Stuart meet Jamie's eyes as he hands the customer his change he knows what Jamie is thinking, there's a lot of money going in the till. Stuart is nervous, he turns away from the next customer waiting and takes a puff on his inhaler.
- 31A <u>INT. RIGHT BUY YOU MONTAGE PART 2 CONTINUOUS NIGHT.</u> 31A The montage continues as night falls.

LEANNE

I don't know and I don't care. And Stacey's not bothered, she doesn't really know him, she was only two when I left.

**STUART** 

Were you married?

LEANNE

What's this, twenty questions?

**STUART** 

I'm just interested that's all. I'd like to marry Amy 'specially now, I just can't afford an engagement ring.

**LEANNE** 

Well why don't you fill in the form for Newburys? I have.

**STUART** 

'Cos I don't wanna work for 'em.

Leanne finishes her cigarette.

LEANNE

But you've got your new baby to think of now. Do it, then we can still work together. I better get back in.

Leanne goes back in. Stuart takes a large slug of the vodka. Jamie appears from the back room...

**JAMIE** 

Bob's puking in 'toilet again... (sees the vodka)...What yer drinking for, you've gotta keep a clear head tosser!

**STUART** 

I don't want to do this.

**JAMIE** 

Too late bro.

Jamie heads in, Stuart finishes the vodka, slings the bottle in the skip and heads inside.

33 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - O/S STAFF TOILET - NIGHT.</u> 33 We hear Bob heaving from inside the toilet cubicle. Stuart bangs on the staff toilet door...

STUART

Are you alright in there? (knocks again) Bob?

The cubicle door opens, Bob looks pale, sweaty and like someone that's puked the entire contents of his stomach up.

**BOB** 

I ate one of them out-of-date pork pies and it must've been off.

**STUART** 

You did that the other day with a chicken sandwich.

**BOB** 

I know, I'm just a greedy bastard. I've cashed up till two. I'll just mark down the sell-by's and then I'll get off. Will you be alright to cash up till one and lock up?

STUART

Yeh 'course, I can do the mark downs and the floats if you like. You go if you don't feel well.

**BOB** 

I'll be alright.

STUART

I'm catching 'five past seven bus to 'hospital, so I can sort everythin'.

BOB

Alright, good lad.

Bob heads off into the office to grab his coat and things. Stuart's mobile rings. He looks at the display, it reads 'AMY'. His heart lifts...

**STUART** 

(into his phone) Hiya?

34 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - STOREROOM/INT. HOSPITAL -</u> 34 <u>MATERNITY - NIGHT.</u>

It's a four bed small maternity ward. Amy is dressed now, she's sat on her bed, on the hospital pay phone.

**AMY** 

(into the phone) They've said I can go home.

**STUART** 

(into the phone) Fantastic, I'll come and get yer.

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**AMY** 

No, me dad's gonna pick me up.

STUART

What for? I'll get us a cab.

**AMY** 

I don't want you to. I'm just letting you know I won't be here later, I'll be at me mam's.

**STUART** 

But I'm getting this flat lined up for us and...

**AMY** 

Well when you've got it, let me know.

STUART

I wanna see Jack!

**AMY** 

You'll see him and the baby when we move into our new home together.

Amy hangs up.

**STUART** 

Yeh, but...Amy?...Amy?..Are you there? (realising she's gone, he hangs up) Shit!!!

Stuart is upset - Makes a decision and heads out on to the shop floor.

35 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - NIGHT.</u>

The shop is much quieter as it draws near to closing time - the rush is over. Leanne is by the cooler counter checking for food nearing its sell by date as Stuart passes her.

STUART

I can finish doing that if you want to get off Leanne.

**LEANNE** 

It's alright I'm nearly done.

Stuart passes Jamie who's stacking and pricing some rice pudding that's on one of the shelves.

STUART

(loaded) Bob's going early, he dun't feel well.

JAMI E

Right. I'll mop around.

Jamie Leaves the rice puddings and starts to mop around - fast. Denise is handing a Lottery ticket to a Late customer as Stuart approaches to take over Till 1 from her.

**DENISE** 

(to her customer) Have a nice evening.

**STUART** 

I'm gonna make a start cashing up, if you want to finish off pricing up the rice pudding.

DENI SE

I'm cream crackered, it's been nonstop today.

**STUART** 

I tell you what, you get off and I'll finish pricing.

Bob's got his coat on as he heads towards the till, he puts a pound coin on the counter in front of Denise.

BOB

Me lottery money. (to Stuart)

Jamie heads towards the door from the back of shop - staff area. He has his coat on and the canvas satchel across him.

**DENI SE** 

Hey where do you think you're going? It's not half past yet.

**JAMIE** 

I haven't had a break all day and I've gotta get home, get changed and get into town, I'm on a promise tonight.

**DENI SE** 

Oooo! What's she like?

**JAMIE** 

Fat, forty and a specky-four-eyes, but she goes like a frog on speed.

Deni se laughs.

**DENI SE** 

Cheeky monkey!

**DENI SE** 

I don't like saying anything though, I know he's got a lot on with the new baby and everything.

LEANNE

Yeh, but you can't keep forking out for him every week. Ask him if he still wants to be part of it.

DENI SE

Yeh yer right. I'll ask him.

Jamie watches them head across the street and turn the corner, then he pulls on a thin black hoodie, bandana and takes Jack's toy gun out of the canvas satchel.

- 39 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U NIGHT.</u>
  Stuart peers out of the window onto the parade, then drops the shutters. They fall with a clatter.
- Jamie now has the bandana up covering his mouth and nose, the black hoodie is pulled down onto his forehead, only his eyes can be seen. The toy gun is zipped up inside the hoodie. He hears the second window shutter being prepared to be closed. He peers out of the shop doorway to check the coast is clear, then unzips the hoodie and takes the gun out.
- 41 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U NIGHT.</u>

41

Jamie, who is unrecognisable, points the gun menacingly at his brother. Stuart opens the tills.)

Stuart puts the two floats from the tills into a Right Buy U carrier bag.

**STUART** 

I don't believe I'm doin this!

**JAMIE** 

Shut up!!! (whisper) Right I'm asking you where the safe is? Don't answer... I'm gonna come towards you with the gun. Back off like you think I'm gonna whack yer.

(CCTV FOOTAGE: Stuart Looks genuinely terrified as Jamie comes towards him and yanks the plastic bag off him. Jamie Looks in the bag then grabs hold of Stuart.)

Jamie still has hold of Stuart by his tunic.

**JAMIE** 

Right we're gonna walk towards the office.

Jamie drags Stuart from behind the counter, pushes him forward.

JAMIE CONT.

I'm right at the back of you. Go on move!!!

Stuart heads over to the back of shop - store room, Jamie is right behind him with the gun at Stuart's back.

JAMIE CONT.

Faster!! Come on, I wanna be out of here.

41A <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - CONTINUOUS - NIGHT.</u>
Jamie is right behind Stuart with the gun at his back.

STUART

I must be off me bloody head letting you talk me into this.

JAMI E

What's that noise?

They both listen, they can hear a phone ringing somewhere in the distance.

**STUART** 

Dunno, sounds like a phone.

**JAMIE** 

Keep moving.

Stuart opens the office door with a key.

42 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - OFFICE - NIGHT.</u> Stuart tries to open the safe as Jamie stands in the office doorway watching.

42

**JAMIE** 

Come on!!

**STUART** 

I can't go any faster, my hands are shaking. I can't see the numbers. Can I turn the light on?

**JAMIE** 

Oh yeh, so they can see me better you mean? No you bloody can't.

STUART

(of the phone) It's ringing again.

**JAMIE** 

Just ignore it.

The safe door opens and we see there are several filled cloth money bags in there. The phone ringing stops.

JAMIE CONT.

Bi ngo.

Jamie throws the plastic bag with tomorrow's float in towards Stuart.

JAMIE CONT.

Put it in there!

**STUART** 

All of it?

**JAMIE** 

Every last penny.

Stuart scoops the cloth money bags into the plastic bag. Suddenly we hear from the shop floor...

BOB (0. 0. V)

Hello! It's only me!

JAMIE (0.0.V)

Fuck, it's Bob.

**STUART** 

Get down.

STUART

(panic) The's blood coming out of his head...

Jamie races back towards the office to look for the plastic bag. Stuart pulls his t-shirt off and tries to stem the flow of blood from Bob's head.

STUART CONT.

Bob?... Can you hear me Bob?... Aww shit what are we gonna do?

Jamie runs out of the office with the bag of money.

STUART CONT.

Jami e!!

- 44 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U NIGHT.</u>
  Jamie racing through the store, heading for the doors. He stuffs the plastic bag full of the money in his hoodie and leaves.
- 45 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U BACK OF SHOP OFFICE NIGHT.</u> 45 Stuart's hands are covered in blood, his hand trembles as he speaks into the phone.

**STUART** 

Right Buy U, Bentley Parade, Meanwood. We've been robbed and me boss is injured. The's blood coming from his head, can you come as fast as you can?

46 <u>EXT. RIGHT BUY U - NIGHT.</u>
Blue flashing lights. Police cars, ambulance parked up. A

DCI NEWALL

(consolidating his notes) So he was white, about five foot ten to six foot, average build and you think he was aged about twenty?

STUART

Like I said, I'm not good with ages, but he looked about that to me. All I could see were his eyes and they were brown.

DCI NEWALL

And he had a Birmingham accent?

**STUART** 

I think so, he was definitely from the South.

A gaunt-looking Denise approaches...

DENI SE

Jane rang me from 'flat upstairs, what's happened?

STUART

This is Denise, she works here.

DCI NEWALL

DCI Newall. I'll need to ask you a few questions.

STUART

We've been robbed, I was just about to lock up and he barged in, he had a gun.

**DENISE** 

Oh my God, are you alright?

**STUART** 

I am, but Bob isn't. He came back, he'd left his mobile phone in 'toilet.

Two ambulance men wheel Bob out of the supermarket on a trolley. A large blood-stained wad of dressing is strapped to his head. A drip has been rigged up and an oxygen mask is over his mouth and nose. Stuart's stomach lurches when he sees Bob on the trolley. Denise gasps.

STUART CONT.

**DENI SE** 

(to the ambulance man) Is he My God! gonna be alright?

AMBULANCE MAN

He's still unconscious.

DENISE What happened?

STUART (to Newall) Have you finished?

DCI NEWALL

For now, I'll need to speak to you again though.

**STUART** 

Yeh whatever. (to the ambulance man) Can I go with him in the ambulance?

47 INT. AMBULANCE - NI GHT.

47

Stuart still has the blanket around him, he looks pale and anxious, almost in shock as he watches the two ambulance people work on Bob.

AMBULANCE MAN

Bob, can you hear me Bob? We're taking you to the hospital, squeeze my hand if you can hear what I'm saying...Bob? (radioing ahead)
Patient is GCS6, E1, V2, M3. We're about five minutes away.

Stuart's mobile phone rings, he looks at the screen: 'JAMIE'.

AMBULANCE MAN CONT.

49 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - A AND E WAITING AREA - NIGHT.</u> Stuart sat on an orange plastic chair in a waiting area. Annie approaches, she's in a state of panic. Stuart stands to greet her...

ANNI E

Where is he?

**STUART** 

Annie. They ve taken him down that corridor, but you can t...

Annie ignores Stuart, heads off down the corridor. Stuart watches Annie meet up with a doctor. Stuart is racked with guilt and remorse, doesn't know what to do. He watches Annie and the doctor talking. Annie starts crying. A concerned Denise, Leanne and Stacey, in her dressing gown, approach.

LEANNE

How is he?

STUART

Not good, I think they're gonna do an operation.

LEANNE

And are you alright?

STUART

Yeh I'm fine.

**LEANNE** 

I'd be freaking out if it happened to me. He must've been lurking about outside, waiting for us all to leave.

**DENISE** 

Creepy...poor Bob.

**STUART** 

LEANNE CONT. He could've killed you and then what would your Amy have done?

STUART

I've gotta go, I can't handle this. WENISyou let me know if anything happens?

DENI SE

Yeh course I will, you get off home.

Stuart heads off down the corridor.

DENISE CONT.

## JAMIE What's up with...

Stuart barges his way in to the bedroom...

**JOYCE** 

(sarc) Well that's nice in't it? All them years you've worked for them.

**STUART** 

(low) Alright mam.

**JOYCE** 

What's up with yer dinner?

STUART

Nowt.

The doorbell goes, Stuart's heart drops, he looks at Jamie.

**JOYCE** 

Seeing as the pair of you are paralyzed, I'll get it.

Joyce goes to see who's at the door.

STUART

(whisper) It'll be 'coppers.

JAMI E

So what, they can't prove a thing.

Joyce comes in...

**JOYCE** 

It's Denise from 'shop.

Denise follows Joyce into the kitchen, she looks pale.

**STUART** 

What is it?

**DENISE** 

I don't know how to tell you this.

Stuart and Jamie think the worst...

**STUART** 

He's died.

**JOYCE** 

Who's died?

DENI SE

Nobody...We've won the lottery.

STUART

Eh?

**DENISE** 

All our numbers came up.

Beat - they all sit stunned, shocked, staring at Denise.

JOYCE What did you say?

**DENI SE** I know it's a shock, but we've won eighteen million pounds.

Jamie screams...

JAMIE JOYCE Yes!!!! Yes!!!!!!Yesss!!!! What?..You can't have.

STUART Are you being serious? **JOYCE** 

My God!

**STUART** 

Have you told Annie?

DENI SE

Not yet 'cos when I rang the lottery line they said I have to inform everyone in the syndicate first.

**JOYCE** 

Is Bob not in the syndicate?

DENI SE

Bob's in a coma.

**STUART** 

We haven't told me mam yet.

**JOYCE** 

Told me what?

Beat.

**STUART** 

Shop got robbed tonight, just as I were I eaving and Bob got coshed over the head.

**JOYCE** 

That's terrible, why didn't yer say anything. Is he alright?

**DENI SE** 

No, he's fighting for his life.

**JOYCE** 

Oh dear. Well let's hope he wins, 'specially now, 'cos he'll be dead happy when he finds out he's a millionaire.

**DENISE** 

JAMI E

Multi-millionaire!

They told his wife that sometimes they never recover properly after a head injury.

JOYCE

Well at least she'll have no money worries.

JAMI E

What else did the lottery people say?

**DENI SE** 

They said everything seemed to be in order with the numbers and...

DENISE CONT.

JAMI E

.. the Winner Advisor's gonna come to the shop tomorrow to check the ticket and our I.D's and discuss publicity.

Fantastic...Who's that?...Who's coming?

STUART

(to Jamie) Will you let her speak!

**JAMIE** 

Publicity?

**STUART** 

She's trying to tell us, yer moron.

**DENI SE** 

He said it's really important we don't tell anyone 'til the press conference on Monday.

**STUART** 

The's gonna be a press conference?

Jamie's ecstatic, jumping for joy - punching the air.

**JAMIE** 

We're gonna be famous!!

DENI SE

But we've not got to tell a soul 'til then.

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**STUART** 

We've won the lottery.

AMY

If this is some kind of sick joke to get me back...

**STUART** 

I swear on our Jack's life. Five of us won 18 million, only I'm not supposed to say anything to anyone, not 'til 'press conference. We're gonna be in all the papers and everythi ng.

Amy screams and throws herself at Stuart, he's suddenly got his girl friend and son in his arms.

I don't believe it, that's brilliant.

**STUART** 

We can buy a house and a new car and go on holiday, we can go to Lanzaroti.

AMY

You can buy me an engagement ring. Now, I'm gonna get dressed, yer gonna take me out and we're gonna celebrate our new baby daughter and bein' rich.

This is the last thing Stuart wants to do.

EXT. TOWN CENTRE OUTSIDE A TAXI RANK - NIGHT. 56 It's the end of the night, music's pulsating from the clubs. Stuart and Amy head to the taxi rank having had a great night. Amy, baby bulge still showing, has her arms draped around Stuart.

**STUART** 

Do you love me now?

AMY

'Course I love you. It's just yer mam I can't stand. We could go to a hotel tonight?

**STUART** 

I haven't got enough for a hotel. Money dun't come into bank 'til Wednesday.

AMY

I know,

(Waves her new Credit card) but I've got a new card.

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STUART

Where the hell did you get that

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But he's glad to be spending the night with Amy anyway. They head off towards a hotel.

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER. DAY AFTER THE WIN.

57 INT. CITY CENTRE HOTEL / INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - DAY.57 Stuart and Amy are naked under the sheets and wrapped in each other's arms asleep in the hotel bed. A mobile phone is ringing. Stuart opens his eyes, realises where he is, leaps out of bed and searches for his phone. He finds it under the pile of his and Amy's clothes, in his jeans pocket.

STUART

(into phone) Hello?

JAMI E

(into phone) Where the hell are you, it's twenny past nine?

We see Denise, Leanne and Andy Faraday - the Winners Advisor all talking together.

JAMIE CONT.

You were supposed to be here at half eight. We're all waiting for yer.

Stuart's fastening his jeans.

STUART

I'm on my way. (Ends the call). I've gotta go. Get yer stuff, you and Jack are moving back to me mam's 'til we find a house.

Stuart's on his way out. Clearly Amy will just have to put up with Joyce if she's going to get her hands on the money.

58 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - DAY.</u>
Andy is verifying all the numbers on the winning lottery ticket.

58

ANDY

Well everything seems to be in order with the ticket.

Denise and Leanne squeal with delight.

LEANNE

**DENI SE** 

Yes!!!!

Fantasti c!

ANDY
And all your I'D.s are fine and dandy, so we're just waiting on Stuart now.

JAMI E

**STUART** 

Will me driving licence do?

**ANDY** 

Perfect.

**LEANNE** 

If we decide to go public which newspapers will it be in?

ANDY

I should think all of them will cover it, tabloids, locals, even some of the broadsheets.

**LEANNE** 

I don't mind the local papers reporting it, but I don't think we should let all the papers know...

**JAMIE** 

Why not?

LEANNE

I just don't. Will it mention our names?

**ANDY** 

Yes, but obviously not your addresses. Of course, there will be some people who know where you live though so we'll have to talk about strategy.

**DENISE** 

What's up love?

**LEANNE** 

Nothing, I just don't want people knowing my business that's all.

Andy hands Stuart his drivers licence back.

**ANDY** 

What we're aiming for is a nice big photo of you all together.

**DENI SE** 

It's going to be a bit tricky without Bob.

**ANDY** 

Well you never know, we'll see what we can do. We shouldn't mention anything about the robbery though.

**DENISE** 

Why not?

ANDY

It's a time to celebrate, we don't really want to mar it with anything negative.

LEANNE

(troubled) We'll have people begging us for money.

**ANDY** 

That's a bit of myth, you might get the odd letter, but after the first couple of weeks that usually stops.

JAMI E

What's up with you? You should be jumpin' for joy and shoutin' from 'rooftops, you've just won the bloody lottery.

**LEANNE** 

It's not as simple as that for some of us.

**ANDY** 

What we like Leah is every member...

LEANNE

My name's Leanne, I don't use Leah.

**ANDY** 

Sorry Leanne. What we like is all the winners to be happy with the way we're proceeding.

Clearly Leanne is torn.

ANDY CONT.

It seems to me the main issue to resolve right now is how many members there are in the syndicate?

Beat. Denise and Leanne can't meet Stuart's eye.

STUART

Fi ve.

**ANDY** 

Part of my job is to establish the actual winner, who is technically Denise as she is the ticket holder and it's her name and address on the

**ANDY** 

If I can just finish...and make sure there are no abnormalities, like unpaid-up members of the syndicate.

Beat.

STUART

You mean me.

**ANDY** 

Actually yes I do.

**STUART** 

Fuck! I thought it was too good to be true.

**ANDY** 

I gather you haven't paid for five consecutive weeks?

**DENISE** 

(to Stuart) I'm sorry.

**ANDY** 

It's not Denise's fault. It's my job to ask these questions.

STUART

I didn't pay, 'cos we've been having problems.

**ANDY** 

We're talking about eighteen million pounds, that's a life-changing amount of money.

STUART

(sarc. Angry) Yeh alright, I get it, I'm not entitled to a bloody thing!

ANDY

(placating)What we do in this situation is have a secret ballot. We ask each paid up member of the syndicate to decide if they think you should be included in the win or not. Obviously if the vote goes against you, the amount of money will be divided four ways instead of five, so there's a lot to consider. The bad news is unfortunately you have to make your minds up now, as we would like to hold the press conference tomorrow.

DENI SE

I don't understand why everything has to be such a rush?

**ANDY** 

We like things to be handled properly. We don't want the press on your doorstep. They already know there's been a win in the Yorkshire area and are fishing about so...

**DENISE** 

What about Bob?

**ANDY** 

Hopefully we won't need Bob's vote if it's unanimous. I have some pens and voting slips here. If you'd like to step outside Stuart.

Stuart shoots a Look at Jamie who winks at him to show his support. Stuart goes outside.

59 <u>EXT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - LOADING BAY - DAY.</u> 59 Stuart steps outside. His heart racing, he doesn't know what to do. He gets his mobile phone out, rings Amy.

STUART

(on the phone) Hi ya, what yer doing babe?

60 <u>INT. MOTHERCARE</u> - DAY.

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Amy, still wearing last nights clothes, has several carrier bags, she's looking at a very expensive pram, pushchair, car seat combination for their new baby. A saleswoman is nearby.

AMY

(on the phone) I'm in Mothercare, I've got Daisy Loads of Lovely things and I'm just Looking at prams now. The's a gorgeous one, it's really pretty and it's got a car seat that just clips on.

61 EXT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - LOADING BAY/ INT. MOTHERCARE 61 - DAY.

Stuart panicking that Amy's already out spending money.

**STUART** 

(on the phone) Listen Amy don't buy anything, not yet, not 'til we've got the money.

**AMY** 

(on the phone) But we need a car seat to bring her home from the hospital and we're gonna need a pram Stuart. STUART

I know, but we've just got to wait 'til after the press conference. If we start splashing money about, people'll put two and two together.

**AMY** 

Nobody's gonna think we've won the lottery silly. I've just had a baby, 'course we're gonna be buying a pram and car seat. Anyway, it's the last one so I'm gonna put it on the card. I've got to go, see you back at yer mam's.

And she finishes the call.

62 <u>EXT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - LOADING AREA - DAY.</u> Stuart's breathing becomes fast... 62

STUART

Amy!! Amy!!

He starts to cough and wheeze. He takes his inhaler out of his jacket pocket and has a puff. The door opens....

**ANDY** 

If you'd like to step back inside.

63 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - BACK OF SHOP - DAY.</u>
Nobody Looks at Stuart as he steps back inside, he thinks the worst. Denise, Leanne and Jamie congregate in a little group near the Lottery stand.

ANDY

Well I'm sorry to drag this out Stuart, but it seems like we're going to need Bob's vote after all.

**STUART** 

Oh...I'm still in with a chance then?

**ANDY** 

Absolutely. So I'm going to ring the hospital right now and see if it's possible for us to go down there.

64 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - CORRIDOR TO INTENSIVE CARE - DAY.</u>
Stuart, Andy, Jamie, Denise and Leanne walking down the corridor to the waiting area. They pass DCI Newall who's just been taking a statement from Bob.

**DENISE** 

How is he?

DCI NEWALL Like he's had his brain rattled. (to Stuart) I might need to speak to And Newall heads down the corridor towards the exit. Jamie and Stuart walk slowly towards the waiting area. Andy is talking to one of the doctors behind the desk. They head towards Leanne and Denise who are seated.

STUART

(whisper) He knows.

JAMI E

(whisper) Does he bollocks.

Beat.

**STUART** 

Did you vote me out?

JAMI E

Give me some credit mate, I'm yer brother. Why would I want that lot to have your share?

**STUART** 

'Cos it'd be four and a half million instead of three an' half for you.

Andy's back with the group after speaking with the doctor.

**ANDY** 

Okay, the doctor said that three of us can go through to see him. We've only got five minutes so who is it going to be? I have to be there.

**DENISE** 

I think Stuart should go in.

**ANDY** 

I'm afraid it can't be Stuart.

**STUART** 

What about Jamie?

JAMI E

No I don't mind letting someone else...

LEANNE

I don't wanna go in, I'm not good with blood and stuff.

DENI SE

And I'll only get upset again. Why can't Stuart go in?

## STUART I'd like to be there when you tell

**ANDY** 

Andy Faraday, I've got some very good news for you. Can you hear me Bob? It's good news...

Andy Looks at Stuart who is clearly upset.

66 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - INTENSIVE CARE - WAITING AREA - DAY.</u>
A worried looking Leanne is playing with her cigarette packet she's sat next to Denise. They're both contemplative.

**LEANNE** 

(looking at her watch) I've left Stacey at Mia's, I hope she'll be alright.

DFNI SF

She will be.

Beat.

**LEANNE** 

We've won the lottery Denise.

**DENI SE** 

I know

She starts to cry. Leanne looks at her. We hear a long beeping sound, the nurse rushes into Bob's Intensive care room.

67 <u>INT. NHS HOSPITAL - INTENSIVE CARE - BOB'S ROOM - DAY.</u> 67 Bob's eyes are closed - he is motionless. The long beep continues. Stuart, Jamie and Andy look shocked - thinking the worst.

STUART

Bob? Are you alright Bob?

JAMI E

Maybe it was the shock that...

The nurse comes racing in looks at one of leads to the machine sees it's become detached.

NURSE

It's okay, it's just to let us know one of the wires has come loose.

**STUART** 

Thank God, I thought he'd...

Jamie wipes the sweat from his brow. The nurse attaches the wire to the machine again as...

**NURSE** 

No he's fine, but very tired.

**ANDY** 

Could we just have one more minute please?...We need an answer Bob. Stuart's going to step outside..

Bob grabs Stuart's hand. His speech is slurred...

**BOB** 

No don't go lad...Give him the money, what does it matter..if...if he missed...a few weeks.

C/U on Stuart who's choked by Bob's kind words

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68 <u>INT. RIGHT BUY U - PRESS CONFERENCE - DAY</u>. Stay C/U on Stuart as he heads in through the back staff door into the main body of the supermarket. He's wearing chinos and a nice shirt and jacket.

**STUART** 

Sorry I'm late, 'taxi took ages.

DENI SE ANDY

Come on Stuart, we're all waiting for yer.

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ALL BUT LEANNE.

Yes!!!!

Andy opens the supermarket doors as...

**ANDY** 

Sorry to keep you waiting ladies and gentlemen, but as you can see we are very proud to announce...

The journalists are ahead of Andy and drown him out with a barrage of questions and camera flashes:

JOURNALI ST 1.

JOURNALI ST 2.

How did you find out you'd won?

How did you choose your numbers?

JOURNALI ST 1.

**PHOTOGRAPHER** 

What's yer names?

Look this way please

JAMI E/STUART

DENI SE

Jamie / Stuart Bradley

Deni se Simpson.

JOURNALIST 2.

What are you going to spend your money on Stuart?

JAMI E

He's just ordered two Ferraris

STUART

He's kidding. I'm gonna buy a nice house for me and my family.

JOURNALI ST 1.

What's your name love?

LEANNE

Leanne.

JOURNALI ST 1.

Leanne what?

**LEANNE** 

Just Leanne.

**ANDY** 

JOURNALIST 2.

There will be an official press Wh

Who picked the numbers?

statement.

**DENI SE** 

Me.

JOURNALI ST 2.

JOURNALIST 1. So what are you going to spend your money on Denise?

DENISE
Trying to get my husband back.

Silence. Leanne, Stuart, Jamie and Andy all look at Denise before a new barrage of journalists' questions bombard her about her husband. But we leave the Syndicate there - happy with their win, but each member tinged with a little sadness.

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